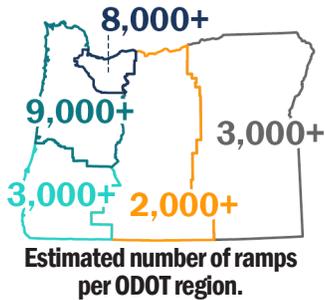


SPOTLIGHT: CURB RAMP CORNER

Spring 2021



In 2017, ODOT began working to bring 25,000+ curb ramps around the state into compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act standards by 2032. An agreement with the Association of Oregon Centers for Independent Living outlines our commitment to improving curb ramps and pedestrian signals along all state highways.

Read more about the ADA Program's curb ramp work on our [fact sheet](#).



Oregon Transportation Commission Funding Leads to Program Efficiencies

In January and March 2021, the OTC approved a total of \$247 million to design and construct curb ramps through 2024. This lump sum funding allows a more streamlined and cost-effective project contracting approach.

Before this funding was approved, our ADA Program relied on funding projects incrementally. For example, available funds would allow design work to begin, but delayed critical components such as right of way acquisition and environmental permitting.



Retrofit Design Guidance Effort

Staff from the ADA Program and Roadway are developing Retrofit Design Guidance for the 2021-2022 ADA projects that are funded by the program and will be a key element in the program's initiative to reduce costs statewide.

In addition, the guidance will provide more flexibility around curb ramp designs and will assist in reducing right of way, environmental and construction costs.



ADA Inspection Certification: Online Training Course

ADA inspection certification and re-certification training has moved to an online platform.

Here is what you need to know:



Open to Everyone

Anyone can take the course to gain an understanding of the underlying principles of curb ramp work. Follow the iLearn link to connect with the training: [ADA Curb Ramp Inspection Training](#)



Field Training

Online content is the same as the previous in-person course content with the exception of field training. Field training will resume at some point in the future.



Certification, Past and Present

Participants must pass a quiz after each of the nine units and then pass a final test with a score of 80% or better to receive a one-year certification. Extensions are not offered at this time.



Trainings On-Demand

The online training course is available 24/7, so participants can take it when it is most convenient to them. The course is self-paced, divided into several units and takes approximately eight hours to complete.



Read the most up-to-date information and submit comments, questions, concerns or requests at www.oregon.gov/ODOT/About/Pages/ADA.aspx



Local Agencies Certification Program: New Training Offered

Currently, local agencies can get certified to deliver federally-funded transportation projects through our Certifications Program. Starting this month, the Certification User Group (CUG) Training Subcommittee will offer ADA design training for local agencies. Local agency Traffic and Roadway engineers are encouraged to participate.

ODOT reviewed each certified local public agency's documented ADA design standards, design exception process and construction inspection process to ensure that they satisfy requirements of the ODOT Certification Program.

See our program bulletins here:

- [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\) Submittal Requirement Update for Certified LPAs](#)
- [ADA Design Exceptions and Inspections](#)



Local Agency Certification Program Q&A:

Q: Are Certified Local Public Agencies required to improve curb ramps?

A: Yes. When a certified LPA delivers a design and construction project through the Certification Program, they are required to include ADA-triggered curb ramps and pedestrian activated signals.

Q: What is an ADA triggered ramp?

A: It is a curb ramp identified as non-compliant in the 2017 updated curb ramp inventory or a curb ramp triggered by construction activities.

Q: What design standards do certified LPAs follow?

A: If work is on or along the state highway system, the agency is required to design to ODOT standards, follow the ODOT design exception process and submit completed ODOT curb ramp construction inspection forms. For projects that are not along the state highway system, the certified LPA follows its own ODOT/FHWA approved ADA-compliant design, design exception and inspection processes.



ADA Projects in Your Community

As we approach the 2021 construction season, we have approximately 2,000 curb ramps scheduled for improvement statewide. This is in addition to other ADA projects across the state.

ADA projects are occurring in the following cities:



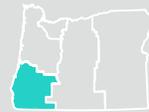
Region 1

- Beaverton
- Cornelius
- Estacada
- Gladstone
- Hood River
- Milwaukie
- Molalla
- Oak Grove
- Oregon City
- Portland
- Sandy
- Tigard



Region 2

- Aurora
- Carlton
- Corvallis
- Florence
- Harrisburg
- Hubbard
- Junction City
- Monroe
- Sweet Home
- Veneta



Region 3

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| • Bandon | • Ashland |
| • Camas Valley | • Cave Junction |
| • Canyonville | • Eagle Point |
| • Drain | • Gold Hill |
| • Elkton | • Grants Pass |
| • Green | • Jacksonville |
| • Powers | • Medford |
| • Roseburg | • Rogue River |
| • Sutherlin | • Talent |
| • Tri-City | • White City |
| • Winchester | |
| • Winston | |



Region 4

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| • Altamont | • LaPine |
| • Beatty | • Paisley |
| • Bly | • Prineville |
| • Bonanza | • Madras |
| • Condon | • Maupin |
| • Chiloquin | • Merrill |
| • Crescent | • Metolius |
| • Culver | • Moro |
| • Grass Valley | • Shaniko |
| • Klamath Falls | • The Dalles |
| • Lakeview | • Wasco |



Region 5

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| • Athena | • Lexington |
| • Baker City | • Ione |
| • Cove | • Lostine |
| • Elgin | • Milton-Freewater |
| • Enterprise | • Nyssa |
| • Helix | • Pendleton |
| • Heppner | • Pilot Rock |
| • Imbler | • Ukiah |
| • Island City | • Union |
| • Joseph | • Vale |
| • La Grande | • Wallowa |



Communications and Public Involvement Resources



View some of our online project information here, including archived open houses:

If you have questions about the ADA Program or its projects, contact Tiffany Hassler at: Tiffany.HASSLER@odot.state.or.us

[Region 2 Active ADA Project - Sweet Home](#)

[Region 1 Active ADA Projects](#) (coming soon)

[Region 5 Active ADA Projects - Union County](#) (coming soon)

[Region 5 Active ADA Projects - Malheur County](#) (coming soon)

Watch the latest program [video](#).



ADA Forms, Guidance & Standards Updates

An update to the ODOT standard detail (DET1752) was released in September 2020 for curb ramp running slope design requirements. Please utilize the detail in your current curb ramp designs. In most cases, this should not negatively impact your existing geometric layouts for curb ramps. It should improve storm water conveyance and reduce ponding and debris collecting at the curb ramp opening.



The release of the RD900's went into effect in December 2020.



Updates in RD170 related to curb ramps with truck aprons with pedestrian accessible route slope requirements are posted.



The ADA Curb Ramp Design Exception form was updated in May 2020. Changes are primarily related to the functionality of the form.

Coming Down the Pike

The ODOT Drafting Manual is being updated to include the design intersection condition type in the general construction note for curb ramps. Incorporate this information into your current projects as soon as practical for construction and inspection needs.



For questions, comments or concerns, please contact:
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We want to hear from you!

Please connect with us to share your feedback, ideas or questions. You can reach Tiffany Hassler at Tiffany.HASSLER@odot.state.or.us. To submit any comments, questions, concerns or requests, please visit our CQCR portal at www.oregon.gov/odot/About/Pages/ADA-Issue-Request-Form.aspx.

Useful Links

- The [Curb Ramp Design Exception](#) checklist
- The [Engineering for Accessibility](#) webpage
- The [Signal Design](#) manual

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