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Subject: Detectable Warnings implementation Memo

We have posted Interim Index 0304, Public Sidewalk Curb Ramps, Sheet 1 of 5, to the 2002 Design Standards and the 2000 Roadway and Traffic Design Standards (Metric) on the Roadway Design Office Web site. This Interim Index provides requirements and details for detectable warning ramp surfaces using truncated domes, replacing requirements and details for tactile ramp surfaces.

The inclusion of Interim Index 0304 in contract plans is mandatory on all projects beginning with the January 2003 letting. For contract plans let prior to January 2003, use is discretionary, although Districts should use this Interim Index to the extent practical without adverse impact to production schedules or budgets.

This revision is issued to comply with requirements for detectable warning surfaces in accordance with ADA 28 CFR Part 36 "ADA Standards for Accessible Design", as described in the "Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines" (ADAAG), Section 4.29.2. The ADA originally required detectable warnings to warn persons with vision impairments that they were leaving a pedestrian facility (sidewalk) and entering a vehicular facility (roadway.) However, this specific requirement has been under suspension by the US Department of Justice since June 20, 1994. This suspension expired July 26, 2001 and the requirement for truncated dome ramp surfaces has been reinstated.

Interim Index 0304 is not identified in the July 2002 Specifications Workbook. However, this does not preclude its use or inclusion in contract plans when deemed appropriate. We will include appropriate references to this Interim in the January 2003 Workbook.

The Roadway Design Office Web site is: <http://www11.myflorida.com/rddesign/>

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