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MEMORANDUM

TO: Raghavenderrao Badami, Assistant Director, Department of Inspections and Permits

FROM: Beth E. O'Connell, P.E., Deputy Director, Department of Public Works 

SUBJECT: Standard Details, Section VII, Roadway and Site Improvements; and Section XII, Pedestrian Facilities

DATE: October 12, 2022

The Department of Public Works is committed to providing accessible roadways and sidewalks for all network users. As part of this commitment, DPW has updated the following Standard Details:

- Replaced I-5 with I-5A, I-5B, and I-5C
- Removed I-14 through I-23
- Added PF-1 through PF-29

These changes provide for enhanced accessibility by replacing outdated standard details with new standard details that meet the adopted 2010 ADA minimum requirements as well as look to the future by incorporating elements proposed in the Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) published by the U.S. Access Board in 2011. This update seeks to introduce widely accepted concepts, elements, and geometric requirements for curb ramp, sidewalk, and driveway apron construction including detectable warning surfaces, level landing areas, sidewalk passing zones, and running and cross slope requirements as well as provide guidance for both new and retrofit construction activities.

DPW has added this to the forthcoming design manual update. This memo serves as a notice to expedite the implementation of these new standard details. DPW will also be advising contractors of this change in requirements during contract procurement. **All existing and approved Public Works Agreements for which construction of these facilities had not occurred prior to the above date shall be required to adhere to these new standard details.**