

DIB 82-06 Supplemental Guidance for Transit Stops

Background

On December 18, 2024, USDOT adopted the Architectural and Transportation Barrier Compliance Board's Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right of Way (PROWAG) as DOT's regulatory standards for new construction and alterations of transit stops in the public right of way. Elements required to be accessible under PROWAG for transit stops include boarding platforms, pedestrian access routes (PARs) that connect altered boarding and alighting areas or altered boarding platforms with existing pedestrian circulation paths, and, if provided, transit shelters and PARs connecting transit shelters with boarding and alighting areas or boarding platforms. Other PROWAG provisions applicable to transit stops in the public right of way include: fare vending machines (R210); operable parts of other fixed elements (R210); detectable warnings for boarding platforms (R205.5) and sidewalk and street-level trail boarding and alighting areas (R205.6); pedestrian signs (R208); PARs between newly constructed transit stops and accessible elements, spaces, and pedestrian facilities required to be accessible (R203.2.1); alternate transit stops (R204.2); and benches (R209.6).

Caltrans projects must comply with the regulatory standards beginning on the effective date of January 17, 2025, unless the project is in construction or all approvals for the RTL milestone have been obtained by the effective date.

This document serves as supplemental guidance for the changes affecting DIB 82-6 Pedestrian Accessibility Guidelines for Highway Projects.

Summary of Changes

All portions of section 4.3.16 (Bus Stops) will apply to transit stops with the revisions, additions, and deletions indicated below.

1. Boarding and alighting areas/platforms at a sidewalk or street-level transit stop, PARs that connect altered boarding and alighting areas or altered boarding platforms with existing pedestrian circulation paths, and, if provided, transit shelters and PARs connecting transit shelters with boarding and alighting areas or boarding platforms shall have a clear width of no less than 48 inches and slope no more than 2.1%. Access Board considers space less than 36 inches impassable.
2. Boarding platforms at transit stops that are not protected by screens or guards along the sides of the boarding and alighting areas facing the transit vehicles shall have detectable warning surfaces located at the boarding edge of the platform.
Exception: Where a curb is present at the boarding edge of the platform, the detectable warning surface may be placed at the back of the curb.

3. Boarding and alighting areas at sidewalk or street-level transit stops for rail vehicles that are not protected by screens or guards along the side of boarding and alighting areas facing the rail vehicles shall have detectable warning surfaces at the boarding edge of the platform.
Exception: Where a curb is present at the boarding edge of the platform, the detectable warning surface may be placed at the back of the curb.
4. Where vending machines are provided at transit stops and transit shelters, fare vending machines shall be provided complying with PROWAG R403 and section 707 of Appendix D to 36 CFR part 1191 (ADA & ABA Accessibility Guidelines), except for 707.2 and 707.3.
5. Where environmental controls such as light and heating are provided, environmental controls within transit shelters shall be proximity-actuated per PROWAG R309.2.3.

Required Documentation When Technically Infeasible

Projects must comply with the requirements to the maximum extent feasible where existing physical constraints make full compliance with the requirement technically infeasible per PROWAG R202.3. Examples of physical constraints include underlying terrain, underground structures, adjacent developed facilities, drainage, or the presence of a significant natural or historic feature.

When a determination has been made that meeting the requirements is technically infeasible, justification must be documented using the attachment provided in DIB 82-06, "Exception to Accessibility Design Standards."

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