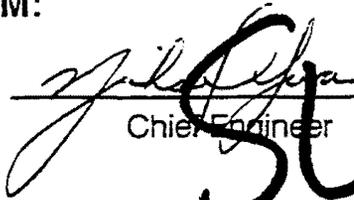


THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**ENGINEERING DIRECTIVE**

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Chief Engineer

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**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT NEW REQUIREMENT  
FOR SIDEWALK CROSS SLOPE**

The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), Section 4.3.7, reads in part, "Nowhere shall the cross slope of an accessible route exceed 1:50." By definition, a sidewalk is an accessible route.

I am directing therefore that 3/16 inch per foot be our standard cross slope. This order takes effect immediately and applies to all Department projects including those now under construction where sidewalk work has not started.