THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

ENGINEERING DIRECTIVE

FROM:

SUPERSEDED
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.