

DESIGNING PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility for Public Rights-of-Way in Metropolitan Chicago, Illinois
Monday-Tuesday, June 9-10, 2008

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course, developed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP), provides an overview of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Rehabilitation Act and teaches participants how to apply guidelines and policies to the public rights-of-way:

- Background to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Rehabilitation Act
- Characteristics of pedestrians
- Legal requirements; US DOT and FHWA policies and funding opportunities
- Accessible pedestrian corridor design elements
- Accessible driveways and curb ramps
- Street crossings, including crosswalks, overpasses and underpasses, medians & islands
- Intersections, including roundabouts
- Pedestrian signs and signals, including accessible pedestrian signals (APS)
- Temporary facilities and construction site safety

WHY THIS CLASS IS IMPORTANT

Substantial numbers of people in northeastern Illinois have physical disabilities. To fully integrate people with disabilities, our communities should be accessible. To focus our attention, laws and regulations require accessibility.

Despite recent progress, current practices in much of northeastern Illinois do not fully comply with requirements to provide accessible pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way. This deficiency reduces mobility for people with disabilities. This deficiency also raises very substantial liabilities for jurisdiction agencies and local communities.

The class will go through public right-of-way accessibility practice so that design, construction, and operations in your community, as well as local ADA Transition Plans, can be appropriately updated.





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EXPECTED OUTCOMES

At the end of the workshop, you will have learned:

- About accessibility guidelines and requirements
- About the availability of design resources
- About obligations to evaluate practices, policies, and activities for discrimination and to remove barriers to achieve program access
- The importance of documenting decisions
- The range of pedestrians with disabilities; how people with disabilities use pedestrian facilities and how restrictive designs affect mobility and safety
- How to enhance pedestrian mobility, independence and safety through accessible pedestrian designs

TARGET AUDIENCE

Local, state, federal, and consulting engineers and planners with responsibility for designing and/or building pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way; urban designers; public officials; and interested citizens. Design professionals working in the public right-of-way will be given priority for early registration. Registration is limited to 35 participants.

REGISTRATION

To register, mail or fax the attached form. It's also at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bikeped/accessibility.aspx> to download. For information, contact Tom Murtha at 312-386-8790 or at [tmurtha](mailto:tmurtha@cmapp.illinois.gov) "at" [cmapp.illinois.gov](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov)

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS & SPONSORS

The workshop will be taught at CMAP offices in Chicago by John LaPlante, P.E., P.T.O.E. of T.Y. Lin International with Scott Windley from the U.S. Access Board. This workshop is sponsored by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning as part of its Soles and Spokes Series. For information about this APBP Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals course, see "Training Courses" at <http://www.apbp.org>. This class is cosponsored by the *Chicagoland Bicycle Federation* and the *Illinois Department of Transportation*.

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Workshop Information Summary and Registration Form

DATE AND TIME:

Monday-Tuesday,
June 9-10, 2008
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (M)
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (T)

LOCATION:

CMAP
Sears Tower
233 South Wacker Drive, Suite 800
Chicago, Illinois 60606

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- 1.5 Days of Training
- 12 PDH Units
- Printed Materials and CD-ROM
- Continental Breakfasts and Boxed Lunch On-site
- Field Exercise with Wheelchairs

TRAINING CONTENT:

- Characteristics of pedestrians and the pedestrian environment
- Legal requirements, FHWA policies, and funding opportunities
- Pedestrian corridors – sidewalks and other linear facilities
- Driveways and curb ramps
- Crossings and intersections
- Pedestrian signs and signals
- Temporary facilities and construction site safety

PRIORITY PARTICIPANTS:

- Illinois engineers, planners, and other design professionals who plan, design, and/or build pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way

MAIL OR FAX REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is limited. To register via mail, please complete this form and mail it with a check or money order (no cash) to the address below. **Registration Priority:** "Priority Participants" registered by May 30, 2008 will receive preference. **Please print legibly.**

Name License/Certification

Title

Company/Affiliation

Address

City, State, Zip (+4 if known)

Phone

Fax

E-mail address

FEES:

- \$35: Form Received by 5/30/08
 \$40: Form Received after 5/30/08

PAYMENT: MADE PAYABLE TO:

CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING

- Check or Money Order Enclosed
 Purchase Order Enclosed
 Visa or Mastercard

Card Number

Expiration

Signature

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