



U.S. Access Board  
Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way  
**Current Status Update**  
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On July 26, 2011, the U.S. Access Board released proposed guidelines for accessible public rights-of-way for public comment as an appendix in the Federal Register. The guidelines are formally referred to as the "Proposed Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way," but they are more commonly known as the "Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines" (PROWAG).

**What are the Proposed Guidelines?**

- The proposed guidelines are designed to ensure accessibility for all pedestrians in the public right-of-way, including those with mobility impairments.
- The guidelines pick up where the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) leave off; ADAAG typically addresses accessibility within the building and the site property lines.
- The guidelines address key accessibility issues in the public way:
  - o Pedestrian Access Routes (sidewalks, street crossings, curb ramps, etc.)
  - o Detectable Warning Surfaces
  - o Pedestrian Signals (APS)
  - o Roundabouts
  - o On-Street Parking and Passenger Loading Zones
  - o Transit Stops and Shelters
  - o Street Furniture and Other Elements

**When will the Guidelines become Requirements?**

- Currently an ongoing public comment period is open; comments or concerns may be addressed concerning the guidelines. This official comment period will be open for 120 days, with all comments due November 23, 2011 (go to <http://www.regulations.gov> for instructions for submitting comments). The current proposed guidelines incorporate public feedback received in response to draft guidelines released in 2002 and 2005.
- Public hearings will be held later this year in Dallas and Washington, D.C., where the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed rule.
- When finalized, these requirements will apply to new construction or altered portions of the public right-of-way. When the guidelines are adopted as standards, compliance is mandatory.

Download the Proposed Guidelines:  
[www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)

Access Board Webinar on Proposed Guidelines:  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-1:30 (E)  
Register at: [www.accessibilityonline.org](http://www.accessibilityonline.org)

Public Hearings:  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, Dallas, TX  
November 9<sup>th</sup>, Washington, DC