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## **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Design Exception and Inspection Process Review for Certified Local Public Agency – ODOT Approval**

This is to confirm the Oregon Department of Transportation's review and approval of the City of Portland Bureau of Transportation's ADA-related design exception and curb ramp inspection processes for use on federally funded projects.

This review was conducted jointly and in consultation with the Federal Highway Administration Oregon Division pursuant to ODOT's November 30, 2015 request letter and December 28, 2016 Certification Program Bulletin 101\_19. An August 3, 2017 concurrence letter from FHWA Oregon Division is attached.

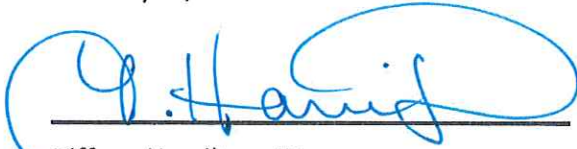
We appreciate the time and effort you put into developing PBOT's submittals, meeting with ODOT and FHWA, providing clarifying information, and refining PBOT's processes. Approval of PBOT's ADA-related design exception and inspection processes is based on our review of the following documents:

1. PBOT's April 13, 2017 letter and exhibits A – E from Senior Engineer, Eva Huntsinger, P.E., JD, and City Engineer, Steve Townsend, P.E.
  - A. PBOT ADA Ramp Report (March 27, 2017 version)
  - B. PBOT Standard Drawing Midblock Sidewalk Ramp P-547 (Effective Date: 04-03-2017)
  - C. PBOT Standard Drawing Sidewalk Ramp with Planter Strip Placement Options P-548 (Effective Date: 04-03-2017)
  - D. PBOT Curb Ramp Inspection Form (04/2017 version)
  - E. PBOT email dated 8/9/2016: Handy Reference Regarding Ped Push Button Locations, Curb Ramp Links and Keeping the PAR Clear
2. PBOT City Engineer Directive ST 001: Traffic Signal Improvements and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Upgrades (Effective Date: June 8, 2017)
3. PBOT City Engineer Directive ST 002: City of Portland ADA Cub Ramp Design Criteria and Approvals (Effective Date: August 2, 2017)

We also reviewed and provided comments on PBOT's December 11, 2015 letter and attachments A – D, F, and G from Capital Program Manager, Dan Layden. Attachment E, PBOT's ADA Transition Plan, was provided to ODOT Office of Civil Rights.

Further to this approval, PBOT may apply its approved design exception and curb ramp inspection processes on locally-owned facilities on federally funded projects, subject to the terms and conditions included in any certified project supplemental agreements. For those agreements that currently require PBOT to follow ODOT's processes on locally-owned facilities, PBOT may request an amendment. Note: PBOT is still required to follow ODOT's design exception and curb ramp inspection processes for work on or along the Oregon State Highway system.

Thank you,



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Attachment: FHWA concurrence letter dated August 3, 2017