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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 9, 2007

**TO:** Regional Directors

**FROM:** Paul D. Degges, P.E.  
Chief Engineer

**RE: Repair and/or Installation of Curb Ramps on Resurfacing Projects**

In order to assist local governments with compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, it will now be the department's intent to repair or install curb ramps which meet the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines whenever possible as we encounter them through resurfacing.

While according to TCA §54-5-202, the department is responsible, when resurfacing or performing any maintenance work on a roadway, for work from "curb to curb", due to the limited resources of some localities, the department will attempt to install or repair curb ramps whenever possible.

It is, however, still the responsibility of local governments to maintain the sidewalks, curb ramps, etc.

*Compliance with ADA requirements is a vital importance to the department, and as we work to ensure the safe travel of the motoring public, it is also our responsibility, along with local governments, to ensure the safe travel of pedestrians and individuals with disabilities.*

A revised PS&E worksheet will be developed in the near future for your use in dealing with this issue.

Please call me if you should have any questions.

PDD/cah

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