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Subject: Implementing Assembly Bill 1531 (DeSaulnier)

Effective July 1, 2008 Assembly Bill (AB) 1531 (DeSaulnier) requires changes to the standards for signing and marking of accessible parking. These changes have been incorporated in the attached revised standard plans (RSPs) A90A - Accessible Parking Off-Street, and A90B - Accessible Parking On-Street. All parking facilities that are under the jurisdiction or control of the California Department of Transportation are subject to the requirements of AB 1531.

The following changes to off-street and on-street accessible parking signs and markings were made:

1. Accessible Parking Only (R99 (CA)) with Minimum Fine $250 plaque below (R99B (CA)), or
2. Accessible Parking Minimum Fine $250 sign (R99C (CA)), and
3. Disabled Tow-Away sign (R100B (CA)), and
4. Blue border striping of the loading and unloading access aisle.

In addition to new construction (newly constructed accessible parking or buildings with accessible parking), AB 1531 requires the above signing and marking changes when the parking signs and/or the markings are replaced. AB 1531 also requires both signing and marking changes “as the State Architect deems necessary when renovations, structural repair, alterations, and additions occur to existing buildings and facilities.”

It is recommended that beginning on July 1, 2008 all project plans, specifications and estimates (PS&Es) submitted to the Division of Engineering Services – Office Engineer (DES-OE) and all Authority to Advertise District Delegation (AADD) projects should include RSP A90A and A90B; however, after September 2, 2008 these RSPs must be incorporated into all PS&E submittals to DES-OE and all AADD projects. For the purpose of implementing this legislation, projects with construction contract acceptance dates on and after July 1, 2008 will be considered “new construction.” The Division of Construction will be transmitting additional guidance on how to incorporate these new standards into on-going construction contracts.

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If you have any questions about these requirements or the revised standard plans, please contact David Cordova in the Office of Geometric Design Standards at (916) 653-0485.

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Attachments
NOTES:
1. Accessible parking spaces serving a particular building shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from the building to any accessible entrance. In parking facilities where this is not feasible, accessible parking shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from the building to the parking facility.
2. One in every eight accessible off-street parking spaces, not less than one, shall be served by an accessible route of travel of 5'-6" length. The 5'-6" route shall be provided with a curb ramp as required in Table A. Accessible parking spaces shall be designed to be accessible by persons using wheelchairs or other mobility aids.
3. In each parking space, a curb or bumpout shall be provided and located to prevent encroachment of vehicles over the required accessible area. Each accessible parking space shall be equipped with handrails and other necessary equipment to provide access to and within the accessible parking space.
4. Surface areas of accessible off-street parking spaces shall be the minimum possible and shall not exceed 2 percent in any direction.
5. Table A shall be used to determine the required number of accessible parking spaces in each parking lot or garage.
6. Where Plaque 999 (CA), Sign 999 (CA) or Sign RT-10 are installed, the location of the sign or plaque panel shall be a minimum of 4'-0" above the surrounding surface.
7. Curb ramps shall conform to the details shown on Revised Standard Plan (RSP) ADA.
8. Blue paint, instead of white, may be used for marking accessibility spaces in areas where snow may cause white markings to not be visible.
9. The words "NO PARKING," shall be painted in white letters no less than 1'-0" high and isolated so that it is visible to traffic enforcement officials. See Revised Standard Plan (RSP) ADA for further details.
10. A 9100B (CA) sign shall be placed in a conspicuous place of each entrance to off-street parking facilities or immediately adjacent to and visible from such entrance. The sign shall indicate the number of accessible parking spaces provided at the entrance and the number of accessible parking spaces provided within the parking facility. Additionally, the sign shall indicate the number of accessible parking spaces provided at the entrance and the number of accessible parking spaces provided within the parking facility.
11. Where a single accessible parking space is provided, the loading and unloading access shall be on the passenger side of the vehicle as the vehicle is moving forward into the parking space.
12. Where a van accessible parking space is provided, the loading and unloading access shall be on the passenger side of the vehicle as the vehicle is moving forward into the parking space.
13. Accessible Parking Only signage shall be provided, identify the accessible parking spaces. The sign shall be placed in a visible location and shall be in a conspicuous place of each entrance to off-street parking facilities or immediately adjacent to and visible from such entrance. The sign shall indicate the number of accessible parking spaces provided at the entrance and the number of accessible parking spaces provided within the parking facility.
NOTES:
1. Parking spaces shall be 6 feet wide.
2. Surface slopes of accessible on-street parking spaces shall be the minimum feasible.
3. Where Plaque R998 (CA) or Sign R995 (CA) are located, the bottom of the sign or plaque panel shall be a minimum of 7'-6" above the surrounding surface.
4. Curb ramps shall conform to the details shown on Revised Standard Plan RSP A90B.
5. Accessible on-street parking spaces shall not be smaller in width than that specified by the local jurisdiction and may not be narrower than 6'-6" wide.
6. Blue paint instead of white may be used for marking accessibility triangle in areas where snow may cause white markings to become invisible.
7. The words "NO PARKING" shall be painted in white letters no less than 1'-0" high on a contrasting background and painted on the curb adjacent to the parking space for enforcement officials. See Standard Plan RSP A90B for square foot area for painting.
8. There shall be no obstructions on the sidewalk adjacent to and for the full length of the parking space, except for the ISA parking sign shown.
9. The Conventional detail shall be the primary choice of accessible on-street parking; however, if the sidewalk lacks enough space for a conventional sign, the Restricted Right of Way detail should be used.
10. If the Restricted Right of Way detail is selected and it conflicts with a no-tow or other use, this detail may apply for part of the area.
11. Accessible Parking Only Signs shall be Sign R996 (CA) or Sign R995 (CA) with Plaque R998 (CA).

ISA = International Symbol of Accessibility