GENERAL NOTES:

- 1. Provide a separate directional curb ramp for each marked or unmarked crosswalk. Directional curb ramps are preferred over 45 degree ramps. Curb ramp location shall be placed within the width of the associated crosswalk, or as shown on the Contract Plans. The curb ramp centerline shall be parallel to the direction of the crossing. Forty-five (45) degree curb ramps shall be installed only after approval by the City's ADA Coordinator or the Street Operations Division Manager.
- Where "GRADE BREAK" is called out, the entire length of the grade break between the two adjacent surface planes shall be flush and perpendicular to the direction of travel. There shall be no vertical discontinuity between the base of curb ramp and gutter line.
- 3. Do not place grates, junction boxes, access covers, or other appurtenances in front of the curb ramp or on any part of the curb ramp or turning space. Placement on or in front of ramp flares is allowed.
- See Contract Plans for the curb design specified. See Standard Plan SU-03 and SU-03A for Curb, and Curb and Gutter Details.
- 5. A thickened edge shall be constructed to full depth of adjacent curb along entire curb radius.
- 6. For sidewalk and curb ramps within the North Slope Historical District area see North Slope Historic District Site Map, HD-NS01, Apply Lamp Black 1lb, per cubic yard of cement concrete or as required for discoloration in accordance with ASTM D209-81 Standard Specifications for Lamp Black pigment.
- 7. The running slope of a curb ramp shall not exceed 8.3% but does not require the ramp length to exceed 15 feet to avoid chasing the slope indefinitely when connecting to steep grades.
- 8. Curb ramp, turning space and flares shall receive a broom finish, see WSDOT Standard Specifications 8-14.
- Return curbs, (pedestrian curbs), may only be used with landscaping or railing. Return curbs, (pedestrian curbs), shall not be used to prevent pedestrians from crossing streets.
- 10. All curb ramp designs shall be stamped by a Washington State licensed Professional Engineer. If meeting the current design standards is not possible, curb ramps shall be constructed to the maximum extent feasible as indicated by an Engineer's note on the stamped drawings. Rationale supporting the design variance shall be provided by the Engineer and shall include a description of the scope of work, the site-specific factors affecting compliance, and the measures implemented to improve compliance.
- 11. Pedestrian traffic should be aligned to the receiving curb ramp. The existing curb ramps shall be evaluated using criteria in the City's Curb Ramp Installation Matrix.
- 12. Consult the City's Curb Ramp Installation Matrix and the Right Of Way Restoration Policy for additional requirements.
- 13. Conduit for APS equipment shall be installed during curb ramp construction at all signalized intersections and at intersections where signalization is anticipated within the next 6 years. Coordinate with Public Works - Engineering, Traffic Section.
- 14. A Pedestrian Accessibility Control Plan shall be developed in conjunction with each project-specific Temporary Traffic Control Plan for all work in the ROW.
- 15. Pedestrian traffic shall NOT be directed behind the stop bar.
- 16. Curb ramp alignment should be consistent with crosswalk alignment
- 17. Curb ramp shall be 5' minimum in width.
- 18. Catch basins shall be located upstream of curb ramps outside of flare/wing for new construction or when performing storm sewer upgrades.
- 19. For constructability purposes, the City recommends designing to less than the maximum allowable slopes.

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