NOTES:
1. The clearance between the face of curb and any obstruction, except mail boxes, shall be a minimum of 1'-6". The front of a mail box shall be 6" to 8" from the face of curb.
2. Sidewalk cafes, artwork, poles, ramps, etc., may not reduce the width of the sidewalk to less than 5' for residential streets and 7' for arterial streets and commercial areas, excluding the curb width.
3. All obstructions shall meet requirements for cane detection. See City of Tacoma Design Manual Chapter 12.
4. The following criteria shall only be used in rare circumstance when an obstruction cannot be relocated and does not allow the minimum required sidewalk width:
   a) If the sidewalk is new or replacement construction and the sidewalk cannot meet the minimum clearance requirements due to an existing obstruction then a maximum extent feasible (MEF) is required and shall be included in the Plans. Rational supporting the MEF 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.
   b) When placing a new obstruction in an existing sidewalk and the minimum clearance requirements cannot be met, a variance shall be submitted and approved by the City's Traffic Section prior to construction.
5. See Tacoma's Design Manual Chapter 8, Pedestrian Facilities, for additional information on Pedestrian Access Routes (PARs).