CITY OF SAINT PAUL GUIDE
for
CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN CURB RAMPS FOR THE HANDICAPPED

I. Pedestrian Curb Ramps will be constructed as per City of Saint Paul, Department of Public Works Standard Plate Nos. 3003, 3005D, or Standard Plate No. 3006D.

II. The degree of slope specified on the City of Saint Paul, Department of Public Works Standard Plate Nos. 3003, 3005D, and 3006D is 1” per foot or flatter. This specification will be met whenever possible, even though extra existing sidewalk removal is required. The exception being when this removal will cause damage to the adjacent properties.

III. Surface treatment shall consist of ADA required Truncated Dome tile inserts. Truncated Dome tile inserts must be cast iron and shall be provided by Neenah Foundry, East Jordan Iron Works, or approved equal.

IV. The City will not, as a matter of policy, install Pedestrian Curb Ramps in front of private residences. Requests for a ramp in front of commercial enterprises that serve the handicapped will be considered on an individual basis. The final decision for each individual request will be based on the following:

a. Volume of the existing potential users.

b. Cost and practicability of construction. (Existing walks that are encumbered with areaways or hearing systems are very costly.)

c. Evaluate the benefits of ramp installation against the liability increase resulting from grade changes.

d. Proximity to housing specifically designed for the handicapped.

V. Pedestrian Curb Ramps will be located as per City of Saint Paul, Department of Public Works Standard Plate No. 3003, with some exceptions. For example, the specific problems of individual quadrants will have to be considered. Utility conflicts will affect the location of some Pedestrian Curb Ramps.

VI. In project areas of partial street construction (e.g., street overlays, sewer trenching and restoration, sidewalk construction only in areas of existing curb, and curb construction only in areas of existing walk), the removal of extra existing walk or curb will be required to accommodate construction of a Pedestrian Curb Ramp.

VII. The Planning and Design Sections will consider this guide during the plan specification preparation phase of the project. Plans and specifications for all contracts shall specify the locations of required Pedestrian Curb Ramps for the Handicapped.