CITY OF SAINT PAUL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
RIGHT OF WAY MANAGEMENT DIVISION
Temporary Pedestrian Access Route (TPAR) Policy
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Background:

The need to create an inclusive environment for pedestrian facilities is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). When pedestrian facilities are impacted due to maintenance or construction, pedestrian accommodations must be provided to the maximum extent feasible. These accommodations must be made detectable and must have accessibility features in compliance with all ADA requirements. Signage and devices, as necessary, must be provided to direct pedestrians safely through or around the work zone. To protect pedestrians and to provide a safe route through or around work zones, the Public Works Department for the City of St. Paul has developed the following policy.

Policy:

When an existing pedestrian route is impacted by any work zone, establishing an alternate pedestrian route will be necessary so that pedestrians can navigate the work zone in compliance with the ADA act and its requirements. Pedestrians may be delayed for a short period of time for project personnel to move equipment and material to facilitate pedestrian passage. Work zone personnel may also provide assistance to the pedestrian as necessary, inclusive of those with disabilities.

Procedure:

- The Contractor shall refer to the MN MUTCD Pedestrian Accessibility Check List and ADA requirements when sidewalk impacts will result in sidewalk closures of intermediate-term or long-term duration.
- The Contractor shall provide the name and contact number on all permit applications with a TPAR plan of a person who can be contacted 24-hours a day for the purposes of taking corrective measures relative to the TPAR.
- The Contractor is responsible for maintaining the TPAR and all required devices by personnel trained or certified in Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) plans and devices.
- Unless absolutely necessary, intermediate-term or long-term concurrent sidewalk closures will not be allowed on opposite sides of a street. Concrete (or other approved) barriers will need to be placed in the street to provide a compliant pedestrian access route. Sloped ramps constructed from existing sidewalk/curb to barriers must provide a smooth slip-resistant surface. Barriers, ramps, signage and other devices must meet MN MUTCD Guidelines and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG) requirements.
- When sidewalks and/or trails are impacted such that they are closed for intermediate- term or long-term durations, as defined by the MN MUTCD Temporary Traffic Control Zone Layout Field Manual, the Contractor shall provide a Temporary Pedestrian Access Route (TPAR) plan to accommodate passage through or around the work zone. A TPAR plan shall be provided to the City's Right-of-Way (ROW) Permit Section seven (7) working days in advance of the anticipated closure.

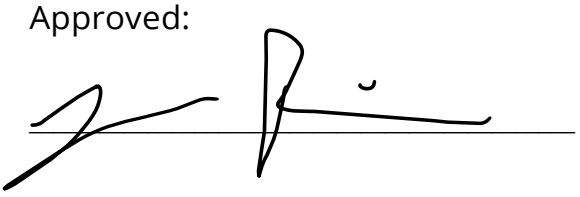
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- The minimum width of the TPAR shall be forty-eight inches (48"). Access to businesses, transit stops, and residences must be maintained at all times.
- Additional information regarding Guidelines for Accessible Public Rights-of-Way as adopted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, can be found at: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/trafficeng/workzone/apr.html
- Failure to comply an inadequate TPAR may result in permit revocation and/or additional fees including any additional correction costs to the City.

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