
	Department of Transportation	ENGINEERING INSTRUCTION	EI 25-011
Title: PROWAG ADOPTED FOR TRANSIT STOP PROJECTS			
SUPERSEDED BY EB 26-015 EFFECTIVE 12/31/26	Approved:  Richard D. Wilder, P.E. Deputy Chief Engineer, Design	4/8/2025 _____ Date	

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

- This Engineering Instruction (EI) is effective immediately.
- This issuance is applicable to local let projects.
- This EI does not supersede prior issuances or Shelf Notes/Special Notes.

PURPOSE: To announce that the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has issued a final rule amending its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations by adopting the *Accessibility Guidelines for Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way* (PROWAG) into USDOT’s regulatory standards for new construction and alterations of transit stops in the public right-of-way (ROW).

TECHNICAL INFORMATION:

- As of January 17, 2025, new construction and alterations of transit stops in the public ROW are required to comply with 49 CFR Part 37 accessibility specifications. These include requirements for boarding and exiting areas, boarding platforms, transit shelters, and accessible connections to existing pedestrian circulation paths.
- The USDOT’s final rule adopting PROWAG is limited to transit stop projects and is applicable to projects that are not in construction or have not received final design approval prior to the January 17, 2025 effective date.
- Prior to this issuance, transit stop projects within the public ROW were subject to ADA accessibility standards. USDOT’s final rule updates these standards via PROWAG. Refer to the final rule for changes to the ADA requirements per PROWAG.
- Updated Department guidance will be issued separately. In the interim, contact Lynn Godek lynn.godek@dot.ny.gov or Karen Lorf karen.lorf@dot.ny.gov for guidance regarding PROWAG and accessibility requirements for transit stop projects.

IMPLEMENTATION: Transit stop projects receiving final approvals after January 17, 2025 will need to comply with USDOT’s issued final rule. This includes capital projects, locally-let Federal aid projects and Highway Work Permitted actions.

BACKGROUND: The Access Board issued a final rule on August 8, 2023 publishing PROWAG as the minimum guidelines for accessible pedestrian facilities within the public ROW. USDOT has partially adopted PROWAG under its final rule for transit stops. Full adoption of PROWAG by USDOT and DOJ has not occurred as of this issuance.

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CONTACT: Questions regarding this EB should be directed to Lynn Godek, RLA at 518-485-8451 or lynn.godek@dot.ny.gov.

REFERENCES:

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) final rule
36 CFR Part 1190

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/08/08/2023-16149/accessibility-guidelines-for-pedestrian-facilities-in-the-public-right-of-way>

US DOT Final Rule 49 CFR Part 37

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/12/18/2024-29990/transportation-for-individuals-with-disabilities-adoption-of-accessibility-standards-for-pedestrian>

NYSDOT Engineering Directive 15-004

https://www.dot.ny.gov/portal/pls/portal/mexis_app.pa_ei_eb_admin_app.show_pdf?id=11986