

# Pedestrian Facilities: Accessible Network



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# A Snapshot of the ADA



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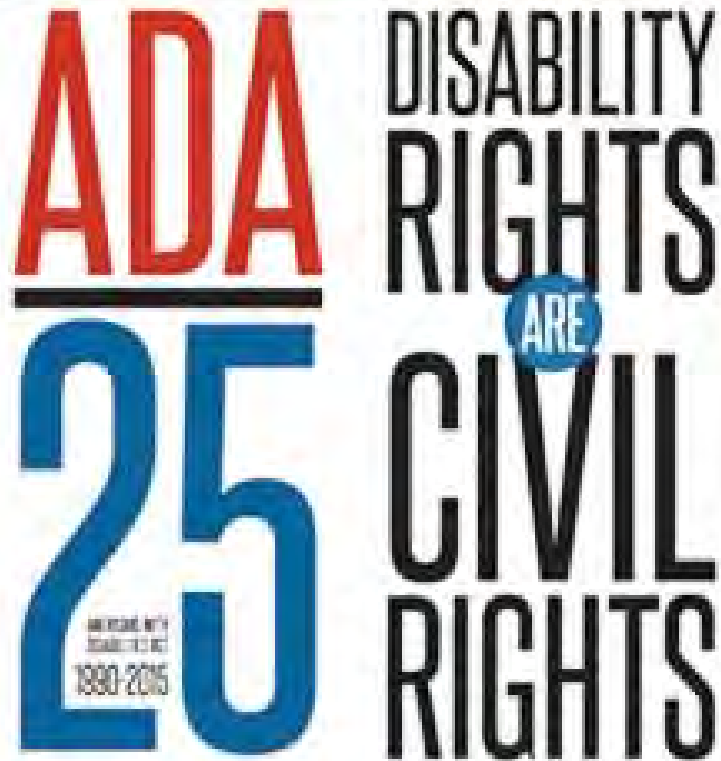


# A Snapshot: The Spirit of the ADA



*"The ADA is the civil rights act of the future."*

Justin Dart, Jr., A founder of the ADA



*"...The world's first comprehensive declaration of equality for people with disabilities."*

President George Bush, upon signing the ADA into law on July 26, 1990



# In summary: Legislative timeline

1964—Civil Rights Act (did not include disability)

1968—Architectural Barriers Act (ABA)



1973—Rehabilitation Act



1975—Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA)

1976—Higher Education Act Amendment (to include students with disabilities)

1986—Air Carrier Access Act

1988—Fair Housing Amendments Act

1990—Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

2008—ADA Amendments Act signed into law



# Timeline – Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines



1990—Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

1991—ADAAG – buildings and sites

2001—PROW Access Advisory Committee Report

2002—draft PROWAG

2005—draft PROWAG

2006 – FHWA memo - draft PROWAG is “recommended best practices”

2008—ADA Amendments Act signed into law

2011—draft PROWAG

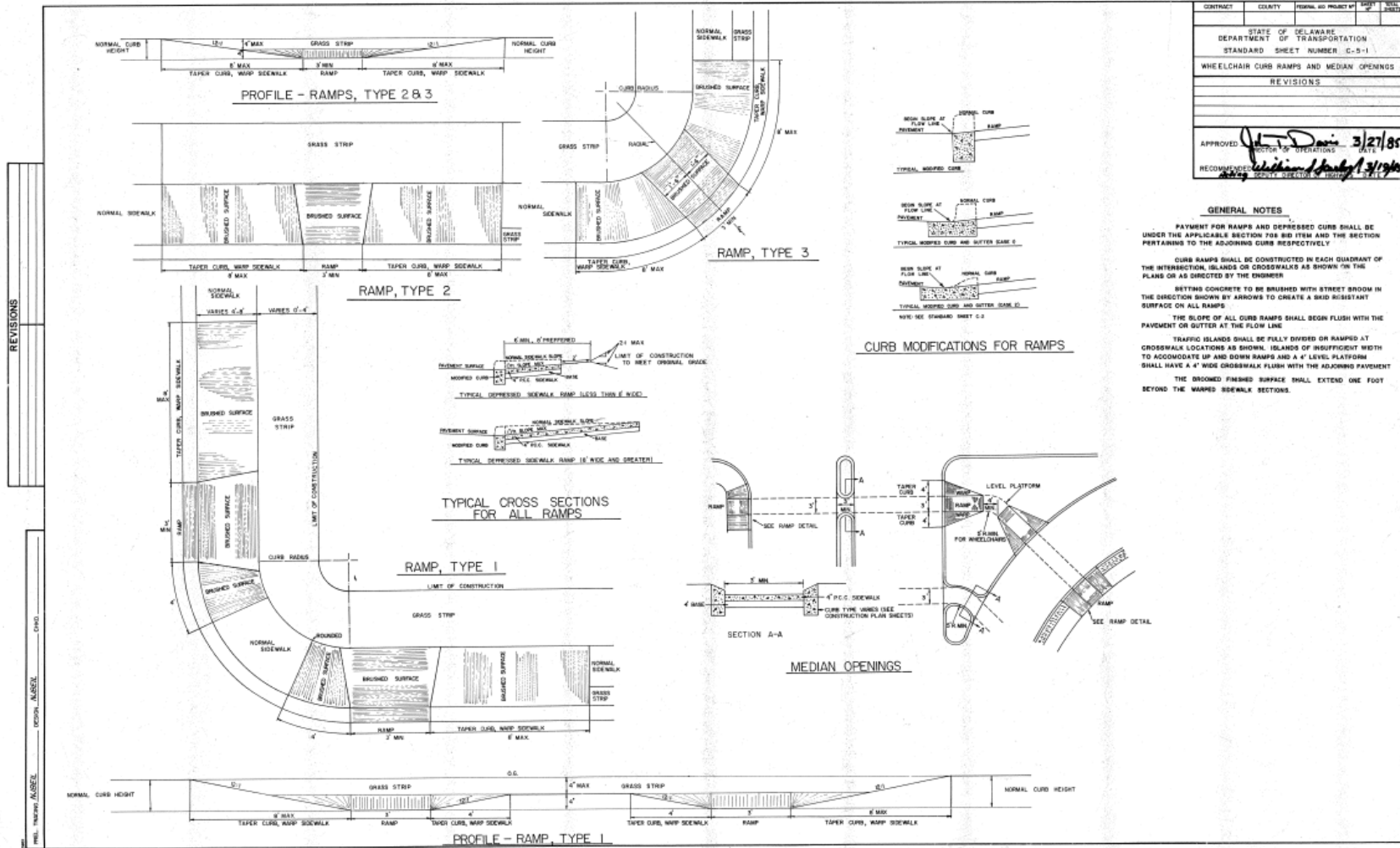
2013—PROW Shared Use Path Supplement

2015—PROWAG submitted to OMB for final regulatory assessment



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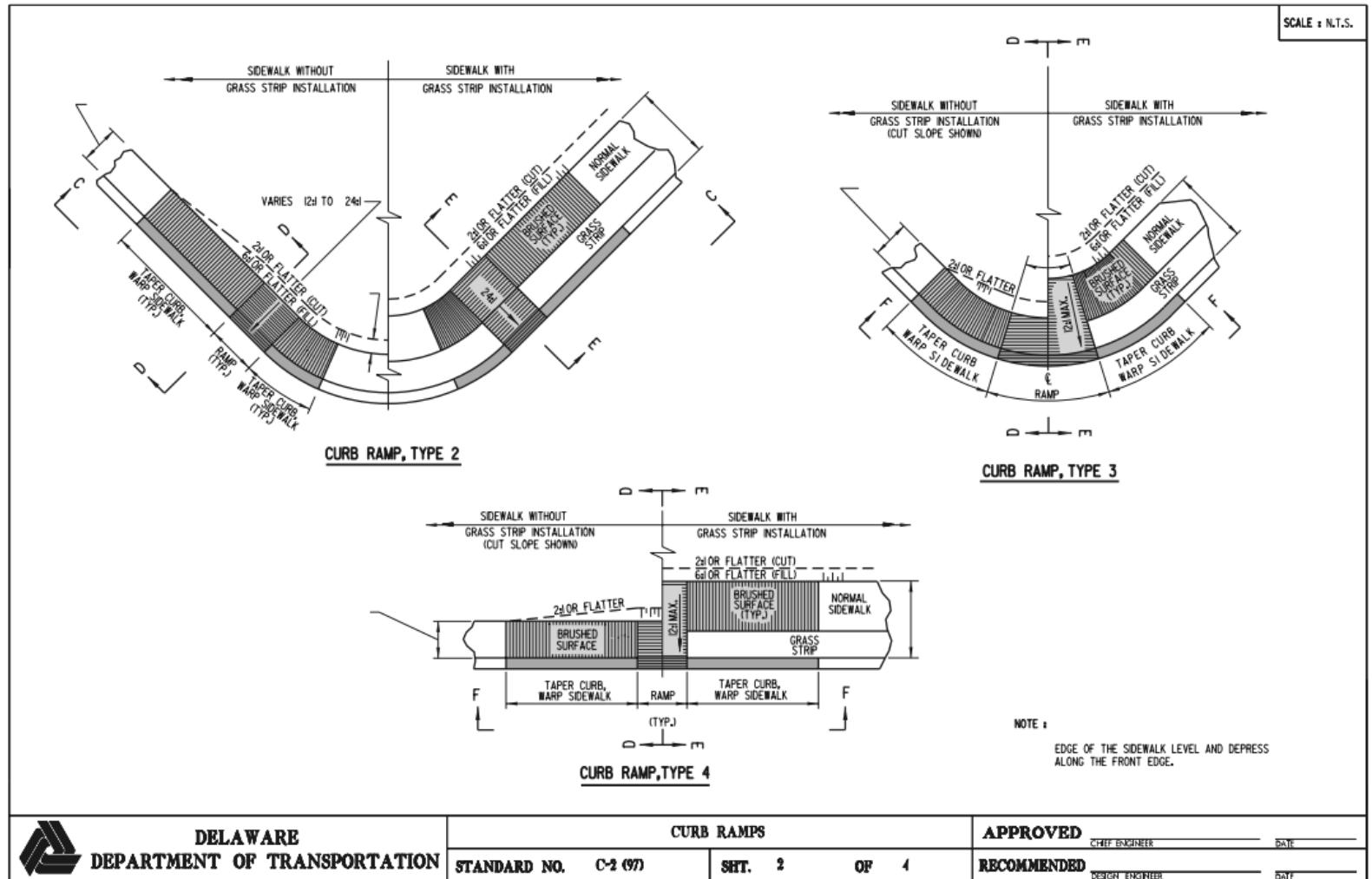
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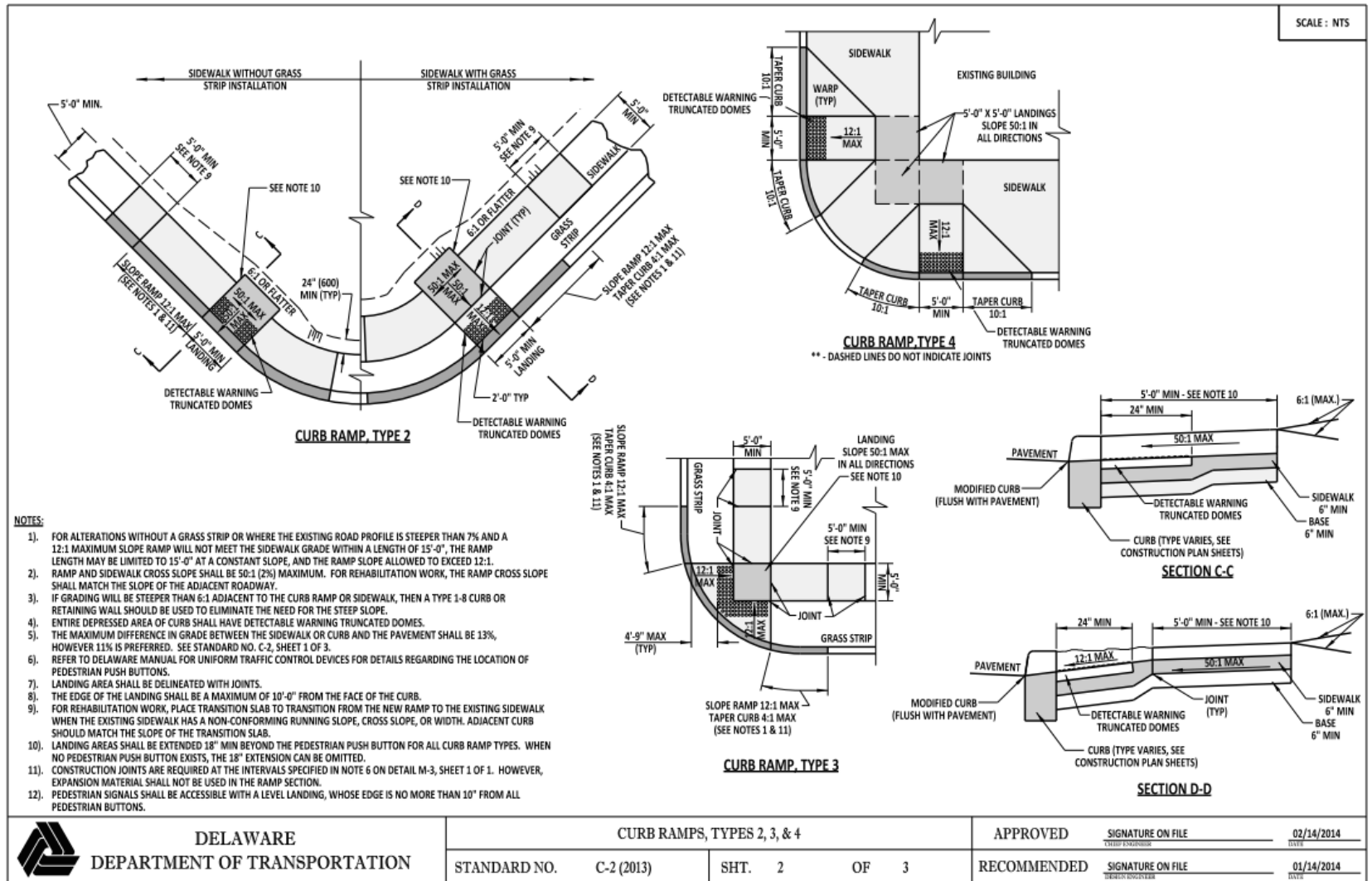
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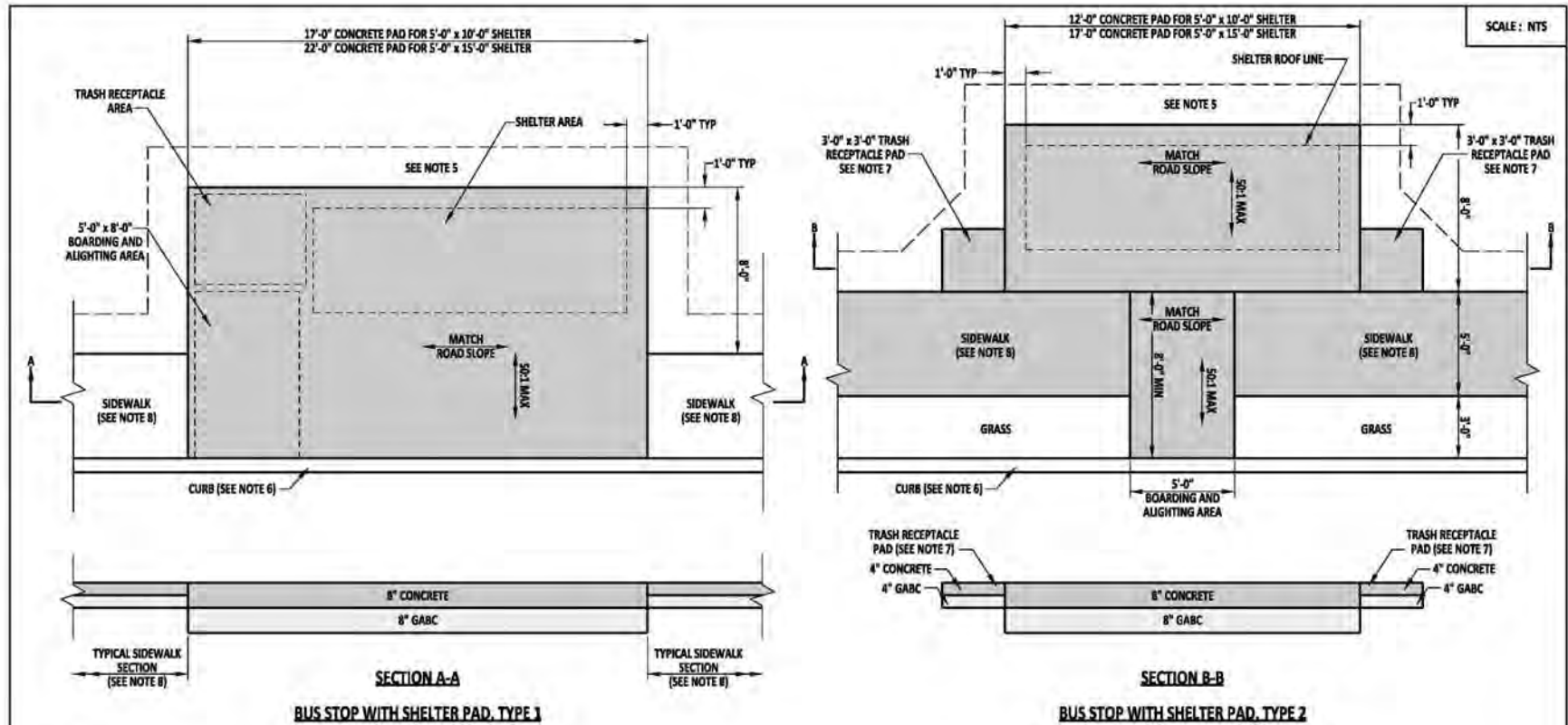
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2014



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2013



- NOTES:**
- 1). BUS STOP SHELTER PAD LOCATIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY DART AND DELDOT PRIOR TO ANY CONSTRUCTION.
  - 2). REFERENCE THE DELAWARE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ON PLACEMENT OF SIGNS.
  - 3). SEE CONSTRUCTION PLANS SIGNING AND STRIPING SHEETS FOR SPECIFIC SIGN AND SIGN LOCATION DETAILS
  - 4). BUS STOP CONFIGURATIONS MAY VARY DUE TO TOPOGRAPHIC OBSTRUCTIONS OR GRADES. CONSULT DART OR DELDOT FOR OPTIONAL PAD DETAILS.
  - 5). A 6:1 MAX SLOPE IS REQUIRED FOR 2'-0" ON ALL SIDES OF THE BUS STOP PAD AND APPROACHING SIDEWALKS. WHERE THIS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, AN APPROVED HANDRAIL OR HEADWALL IS REQUIRED.
  - 6). CURB TYPE VARIES. SEE PLANS FOR CORRECT CURB TYPE.
  - 7). TRASH RECEPTACLE PAD CAN BE PLACED ON EITHER SIDE OF THE SHELTER PAD, AT THE DIRECTION OF THE ENGINEER IN THE FIELD.
  - 8). SEE DETAIL M-3, SHEET 1 FOR ADDITIONAL SIDEWALK DETAILS.

<p>DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</p>	BUS STOP PAD WITH SHELTER DETAILS			APPROVED
	STANDARD NO.	M-9 (2013)	SHT. 2 OF 2	RECOMMENDED

# DelDOT Pedestrian Accessibility Standards

- December of 2015 – Delaware State Register
- March thru May of 2016 – Internal DelDOT review meetings
  - Major Change – Following draft PROWAG

# Who has rights under the ADA?

## Applies to people who:

- Have a disability
- Record of/regarded as having a disability
- Have an association with a person with a disability



## What is a “disability?”

*...A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities\**

\*[www.eeoc.gov/laws/regulations/ada\\_qa\\_final\\_rule.cfm](http://www.eeoc.gov/laws/regulations/ada_qa_final_rule.cfm)



# Everyone is Different:

## A Review of Types of Disabilities



# General Types of Disabilities

Neurological disabilities

Physical and Mobility disabilities

Speech disabilities

Learning disabilities

Psychiatric disabilities

Hearing disabilities

Visual disabilities

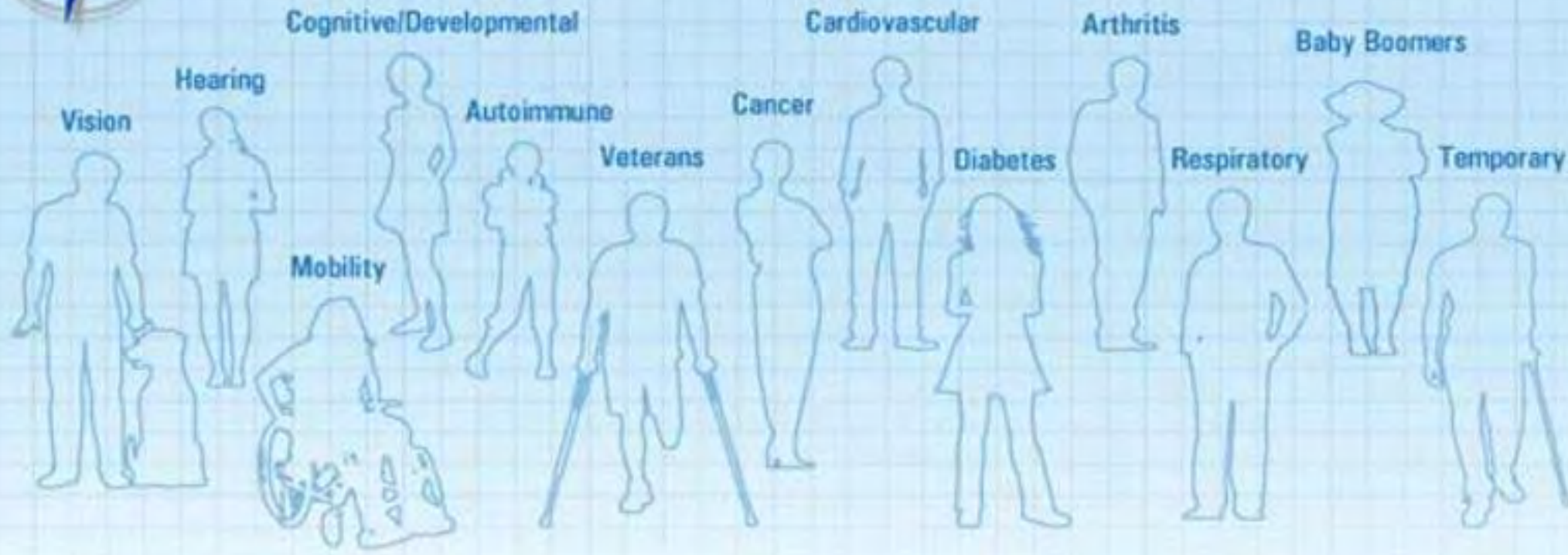
Intellectual disabilities







# The Market Case for Accessible Meetings, Events & Conferences





# Walking Aids



# Mobility Aids

- White Cane



Watch out... **cane about!**

If you can see my cane, I can't see you!

- Guide Dog
  - Seeing Eye Dog
  - [seeingeeye.org](http://seeingeeye.org)



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# Public Right-of- Way: Safe & Usable





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**clear of obstructions**







**Obstacle  
Width**

# Obstacle Horizontal Opening





**Obstacle**  
**Vertical**  
**Difference**



# Obstacle Protruding Object





**Obstacle  
Protruding  
Object**



# Obstacle - Vertical Clearance



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# Obstacle Crossing Information

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# Obstacle Drainage

# Obstacle - Continuous Network





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Exiting  
Ramp

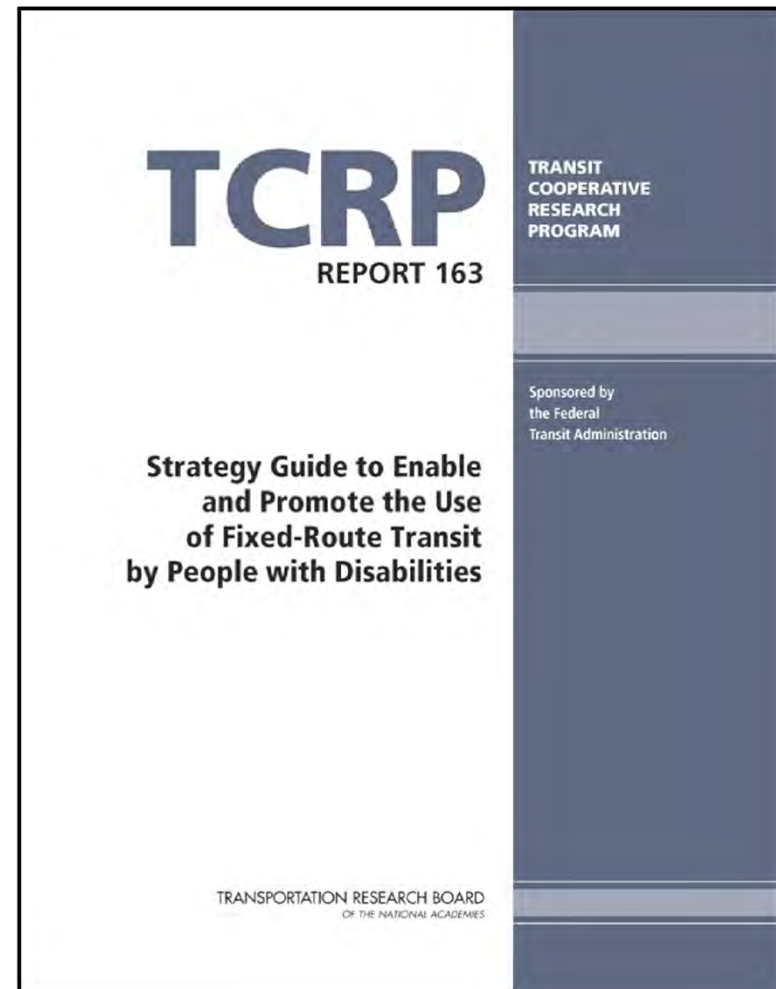




# TCRP Report 163

Sponsored by Federal Transit Administration

## Strategy Guide to Enable and Promote the Use of Fixed-Route Transit by People with Disabilities



# Benefits of Improving Pedestrian Infrastructure for Fixed Route Transit

## Pedestrian Safety

### Montgomery County, Maryland

Comparing 2011 to 2000

- Pedestrian collisions decreased by 4%
- Pedestrian fatalities decreased by 39%

Source: TCRP 163

# Montgomery County, Maryland

Travel trainers with *Independence Now* contact Manager of Passenger Facilities about bus stops and routes that need to be improved so that people with disabilities can use fixed route buses.

In general, bus ridership has increased following bus stop improvements because it is safer for pedestrians.

Source: Stacy Coletta

## Example of What Works

\$1.77 million FTA SOGR grant to DART

- Over 140 bus stop locations
- Experience, expertise and dedication of DART personnel Vinny Damiani and John Kotula
- Free communication to ask questions



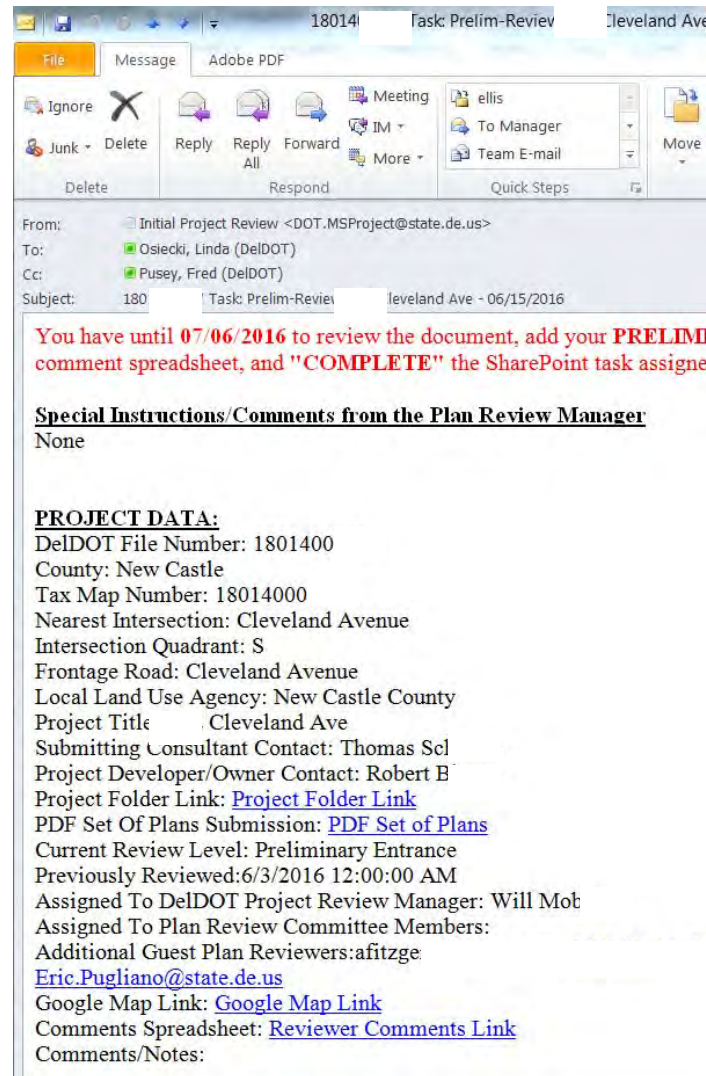
## Example of What Works

### Development Coordination Plan Review

#### New Castle County

- Subdivisions and commercial entrances
- Streamlined, interactive process:
  - Public Works permitting and construction staff
  - ADA review, Pedestrian Coordinator and Bicycle Coordination
  - New Castle County Land Use Department
- Experience, expertise and open communication

# Example of What Works



180140 Task: Prelim-Review Cleveland Ave

File Message Adobe PDF

Ignore X Meeting ellis  
Junk - Delete Reply Reply Forward IM - To Manager  
Delete Respond More - Team E-mail Move

From: Initial Project Review <DOT.MSProject@state.de.us>  
To: Osiecki, Linda (DelDOT)  
Cc: Pusey, Fred (DelDOT)  
Subject: 180 Task: Prelim-Review Cleveland Ave - 06/15/2016

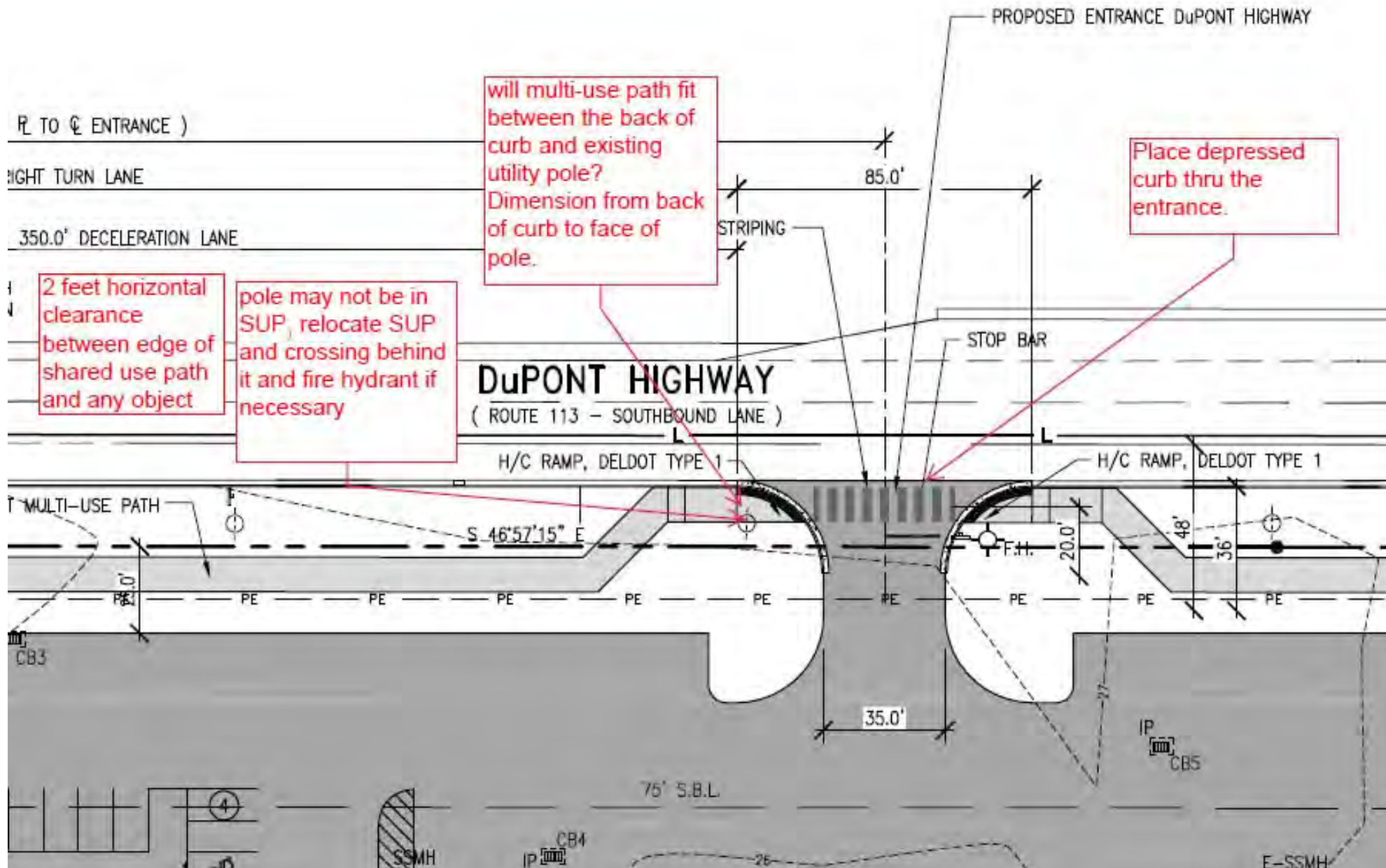
You have until **07/06/2016** to review the document, add your **PRELIM** comment spreadsheet, and "**COMPLETE**" the SharePoint task assigne

**Special Instructions/Comments from the Plan Review Manager**  
None

**PROJECT DATA:**  
DelDOT File Number: 1801400  
County: New Castle  
Tax Map Number: 18014000  
Nearest Intersection: Cleveland Avenue  
Intersection Quadrant: S  
Frontage Road: Cleveland Avenue  
Local Land Use Agency: New Castle County  
Project Title Cleveland Ave  
Submitting Consultant Contact: Thomas Sci  
Project Developer/Owner Contact: Robert B  
Project Folder Link: [Project Folder Link](#)  
PDF Set Of Plans Submission: [PDF Set of Plans](#)  
Current Review Level: Preliminary Entrance  
Previously Reviewed: 6/3/2016 12:00:00 AM  
Assigned To DelDOT Project Review Manager: Will Mot  
Assigned To Plan Review Committee Members:  
Additional Guest Plan Reviewers: afitzge  
[Eric.Pugliano@state.de.us](mailto:Eric.Pugliano@state.de.us)  
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# Example of What Works



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## Safe Routes to School

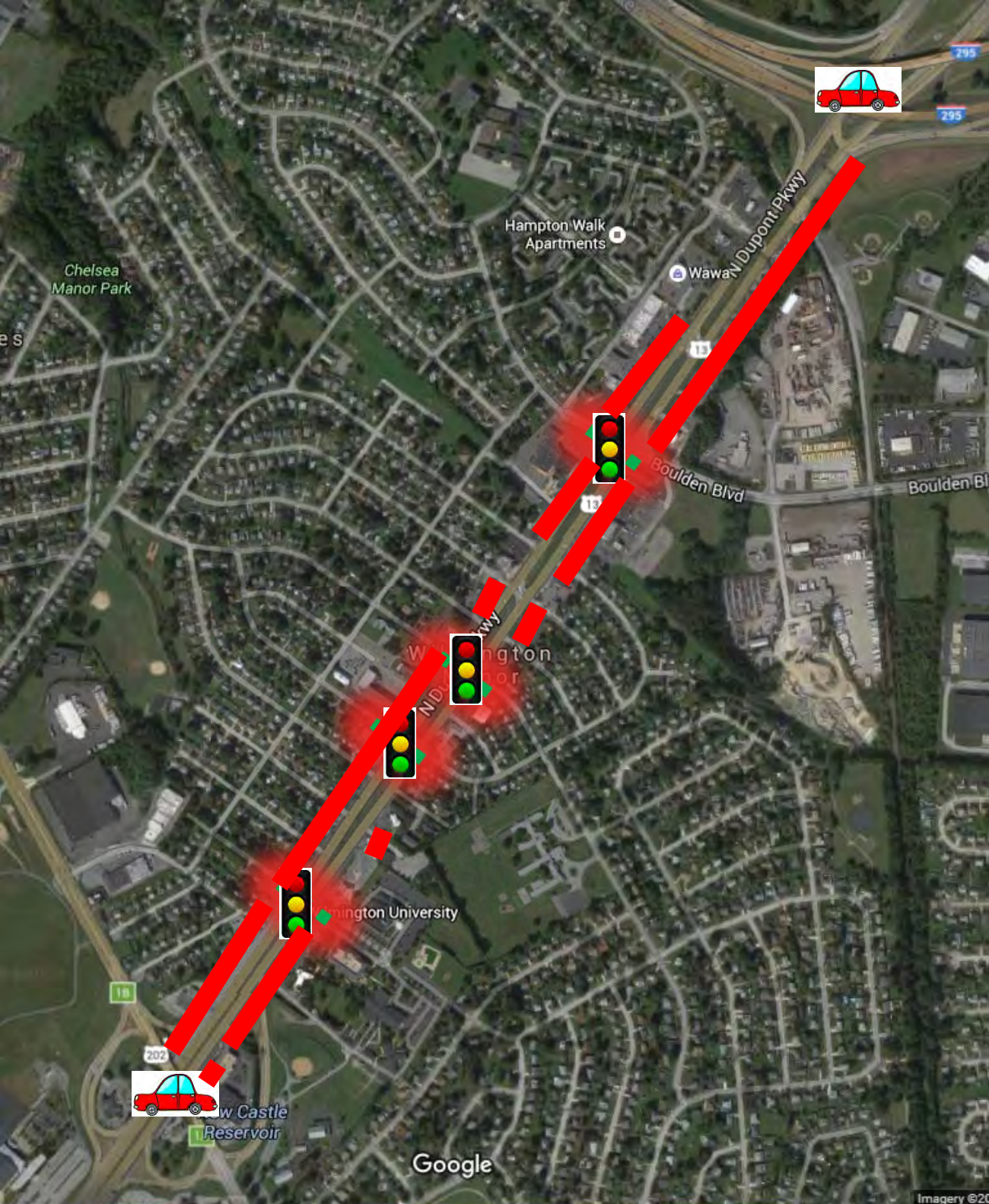
- Focus - student travel as pedestrians & bicyclists
- Open communication





# Example of What Works

Route 13,  
New Castle










# Example of What Works

## Route 13, New Castle

### LEGEND:

	PEDESTRIAN NON-INJURY CRASH		FIRE STATION
	BICYCLE NON-INJURY CRASH		EXISTING SIDEWALK
	PEDESTRIAN INJURY CRASH		EXISTING PED. OVERPASS
	BICYCLE INJURY CRASH		EXISTING LUMINAIRE
	PEDESTRIAN FATAL CRASH		EXISTING BUS STOP
	BICYCLE FATAL CRASH		EXISTING SIGNAL
	HOURLY PED VOLUME		

### BUS ROUTES:

	ROUTE 54
	ROUTE 25
	ROUTE 22
	ROUTE 15
	ROUTE 17



# Recommendations for Contracts to Improve Pedestrian Infrastructure

Contracts large enough for cost-effective,  
competitive contracting

- Intercity Transit of Olympia, Washington:  
15 to 20 stops

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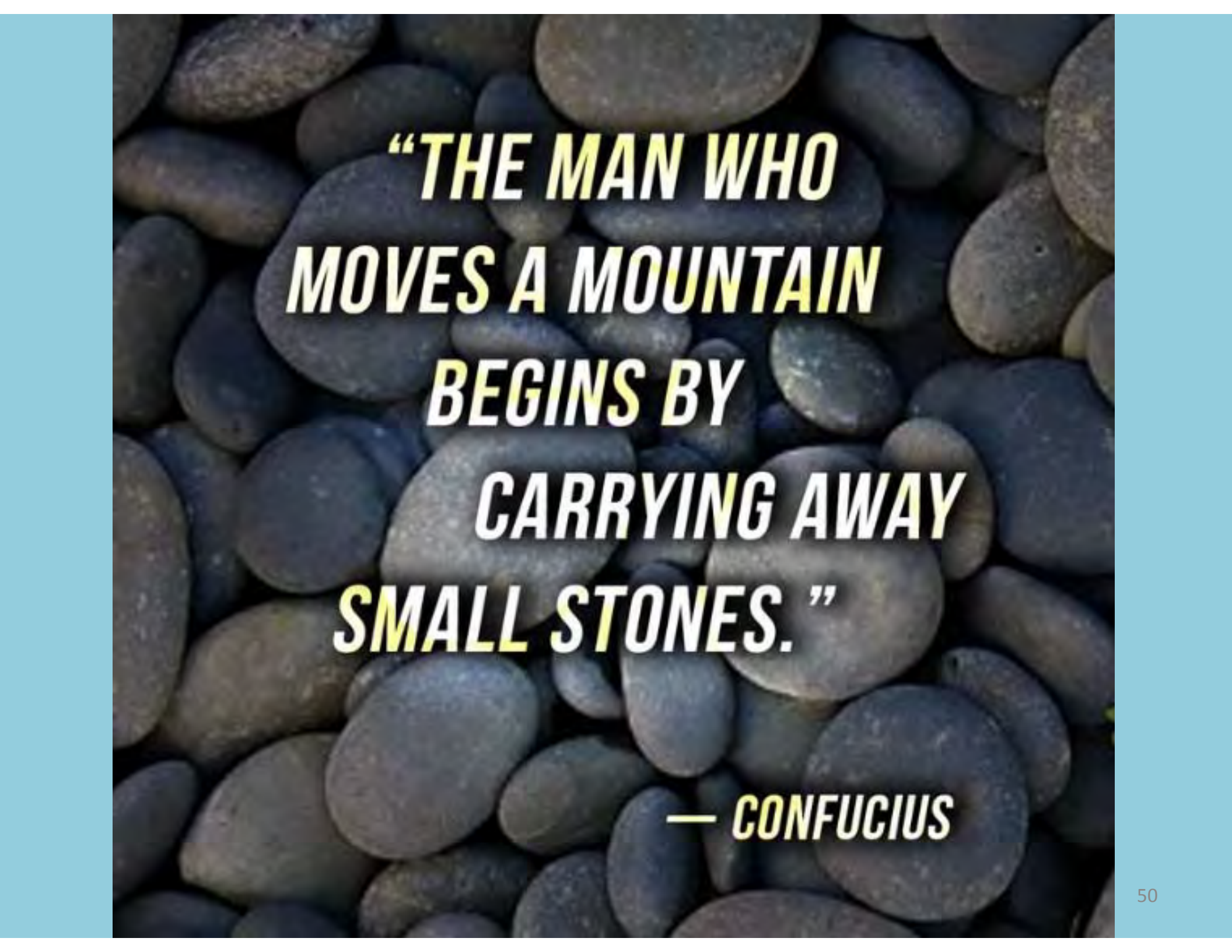
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Open end contracts:

- \$250,000 contract or 40+ isolated locations
  - Keep a construction crew busy for about a year
  - Flexibility in scheduling including geographic proximity







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MOVES A MOUNTAIN  
BEGINS BY  
CARRYING AWAY  
SMALL STONES.”***

***— CONFUCIUS***