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MEMORANDUM TO: Roadway Design Project Engineers
FROM: John Alford, PE *John Alford*
State Roadway Design Engineer
DATE: July 14, 2000
SUBJECT: Paving of Wheelchair Ramps

I have received a request from Steve DeWitt and at least one Division Construction Engineer to eliminate paving wheelchair ramps in areas behind curb and gutter in locations without sidewalk.

In reviewing this, I found that legally we are only required to provide the curb cut. On one of the Construction tours, it was observed that in some locations where the wheelchair ramp was not paved that soil had washed into the gutter thereby creating a potential maintenance problem. As I understand it, this is the primary reason it became standard practice to pave the ramps.

By copy of this memorandum, I am requesting Gary Lee to add a question to the Final Field Inspection Questions asking if the Division wants to pave the wheelchair ramps in areas without sidewalk. We will omit paving the wheelchair ramps in non-sidewalk locations when the Division requests.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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