**PEDESTRIAN ACCOMODATION AT CURB RAMP WORK LOCATIONS**

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This special provision only applies when the level of pedestrian accommodation is either Absence of Need or Basic as defined by the *NCDOT Guidelines for the Level of Pedestrian Accommodation in Work Zones* found at the following link:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/WZTC/Pages/PedSafety.aspx>.

The contractor shall not perform curb ramp work on multiple maps without prior approval of the Engineer.

Pedestrian accommodation during construction is not required at sidewalks and curb ramp locations that are determined by the Engineer to be non-continuous. This is defined by a lack of connectivity to existing pedestrian facilities (including worn foot paths) to pedestrian traffic generators and attractors. At these locations, close the existing pedestrian facility with an ADA compliant pedestrian channelizing device.

Continuous pedestrian facilities are sidewalks or worn foot paths that do connect pedestrian generators and attractors. The Contractor shall plan curb ramp work on continuous pedestrian facilities in a manner that minimizes the duration of any disruption to this connectivity. **At each curb ramp work location on a continuous pedestrian facility, the Contractor shall complete all work at that location within 7 calendar days. (See Intermediate Contract Time and Liquidated Damages.)**

While working at curb ramp work locations on continuous pedestrian facilities, the contractor shall maintain pedestrian accommodations as follows:

1. If the Contractor is on-site and actively working at a curb ramp location, the Contractor may provide a dedicated traffic control employee to assist/direct pedestrians around the work site or to the nearest intersection. This employee shall be capable of orally communicating with the visually disabled so that they understand the assistance being provided. If a dedicated employee is not available or used, the Contractor shall provide pedestrian accommodations by any of the other methods described below.
2. The contractor may provide a temporary pedestrian detour if the following conditions are met:
3. The pedestrian traffic control devices are compliant with Figure 1: Crosswalk Closures and Pedestrian Detours and the ADA Compliant Pedestrian Traffic Control Devices special provision found elsewhere in this Contract.
4. The pedestrian detour is approved by the Engineer.
5. The accessibility features of the detour are consistent with the closed facility.
6. The additional detour length is ½ mile or less.
7. There are no existing accessible pedestrian signals within ½ mile of the ramp work location. Accessible pedestrian signals have audible locator tones and may also have speech walk messages or tones indicating permissible crossing and/or audible countdowns.
8. ADA compliant pedestrian channelizing devices are used at the hard and soft closure locations and decision points along the detour route. A hard closure is a point at which there is no safe access for the user beyond it. A soft closure is a point in advance of the hard closure that indicates the need for the user to move to the detour to continue towards their destination and avoid obstacles in current path.
9. If the Contractor is not on-site and/or is unable to provide an escort and a pedestrian detour is not permitted, then the contractor shall close the pedestrian facility and provide a Pedestrian Transport Service and Audible Warning Devices as described elsewhere in this Contract. Safe pickup and drop off locations shall be approved by the Engineer before implementation.

