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Memorandum To: Mr. Jay Bennett, PE, State Roadway Design Engineer

Division Engineers,

Mr. Kevin Lacy, PE, State Traffic Engineer

REVIEW/DISCUSS WITH PREPARE REPLY FOR SIGNATURE

From:

R. A. Garris, PE

State Contract Officer

Subject: NCDOT Standard Drawings for Curb Ramps and Handicap Access

Based on concerns brought to our attention, it has been determined that modifications are needed for our current "Standard Drawings for Handicap Accessible Curb Ramps" to bring them into compliance with the latest ADA requirements. Our local FHWA representative has provided us with modifications for our existing drawings and he has also provided additional details that may be used for NCDOT projects. These changes will take effect and be included in all projects beginning with the August 16, 2011 letting. The details will be placed in all projects with curb and gutter as "Details in Lieu of Standards". Contact Joel Howerton, PE with the Contract Standards and Development Unit for these details.

The following changes have been made to Standard Drawing number 848.05 and 848.06:

- The drawings names have changed from "Wheelchair Ramps" to "Curb Ramps".
- 848.05 will only be used for projects that have proposed curb and gutter.
- 848.06 will be used for projects that have existing curb and gutter or existing Curb Ramps that need to be retrofitted with Detectable Warning Domes.
- The landing areas at the top of the ramps in our current drawings are inadequate. They have been increased.
- The ramp width has increased to 4' to match the landing width.
- Ramp side slopes have increased from 12:1 to 10:1.

There may be situations on projects where the Standard Drawings will not work. In those instances, contact Joel Howerton, PE in the Contract Standards and Development Unit. Some examples are as follows:

- In areas with limited right of way.
- Mid Block crossings.
- Small radius intersections.
- Urban areas with narrow sidewalks.

Changes to the Pay Items have also been made. The new pay item that will be used until the new Standard Drawings and Standard Specifications are published for the January 2012 letting is as follows:

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Generic Paving Item Concrete Curb Ramps EA

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## Attachments

CC: Mr. Ron Hancock, PE (w/ attachment)

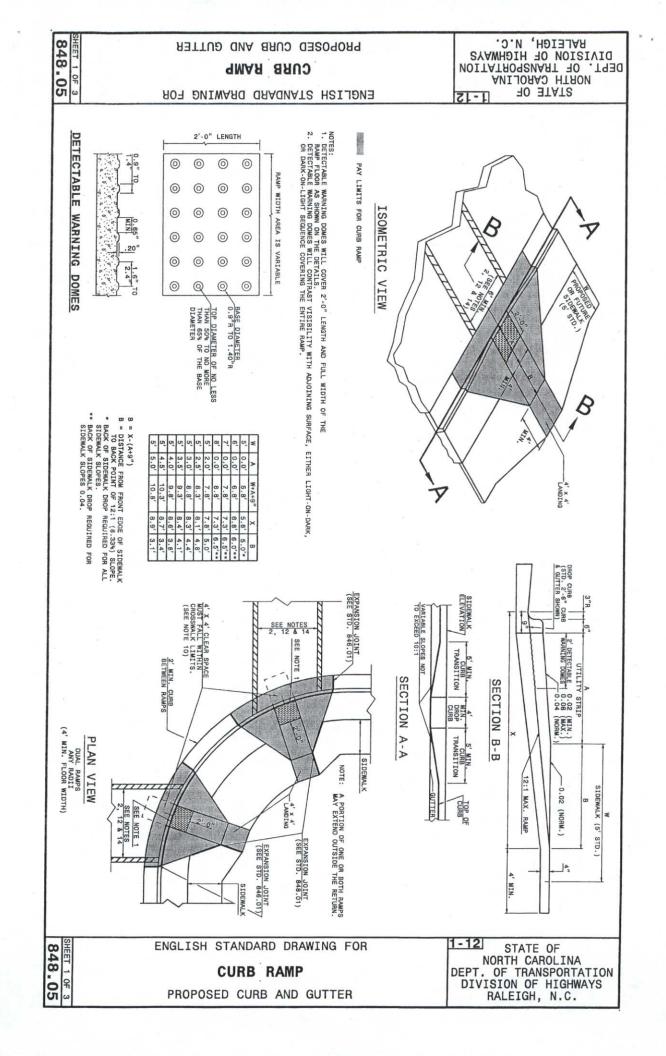
Mr. Chris Peoples, PE (w/ attachment)

Mr. R. A. Garris, PE (w/ attachment)

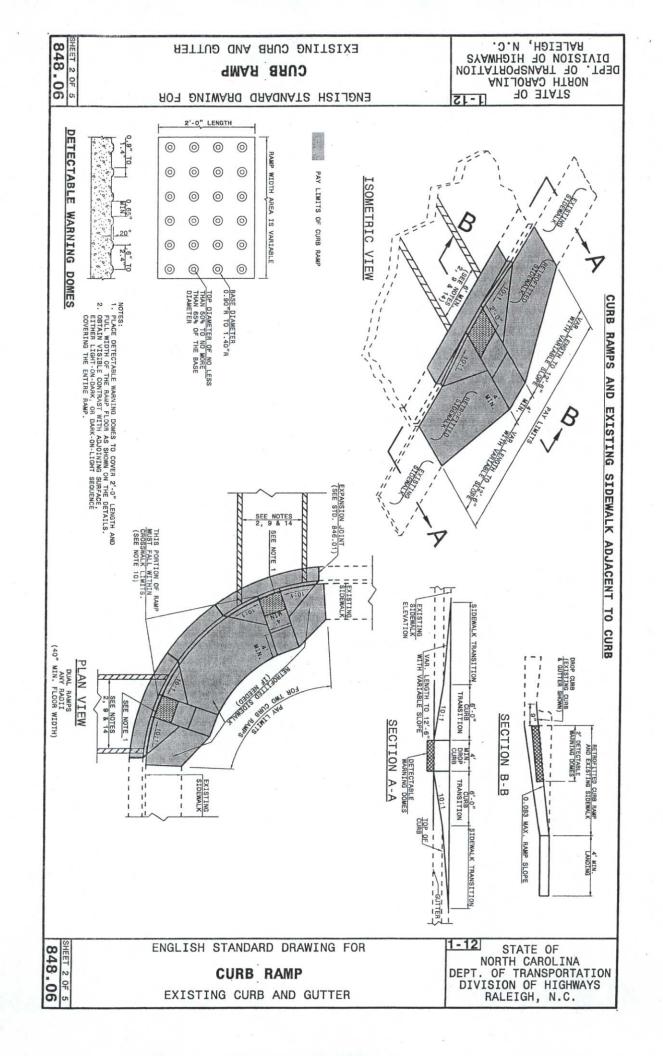
Ms. Cynthia Perry, PE (w/ attachment)

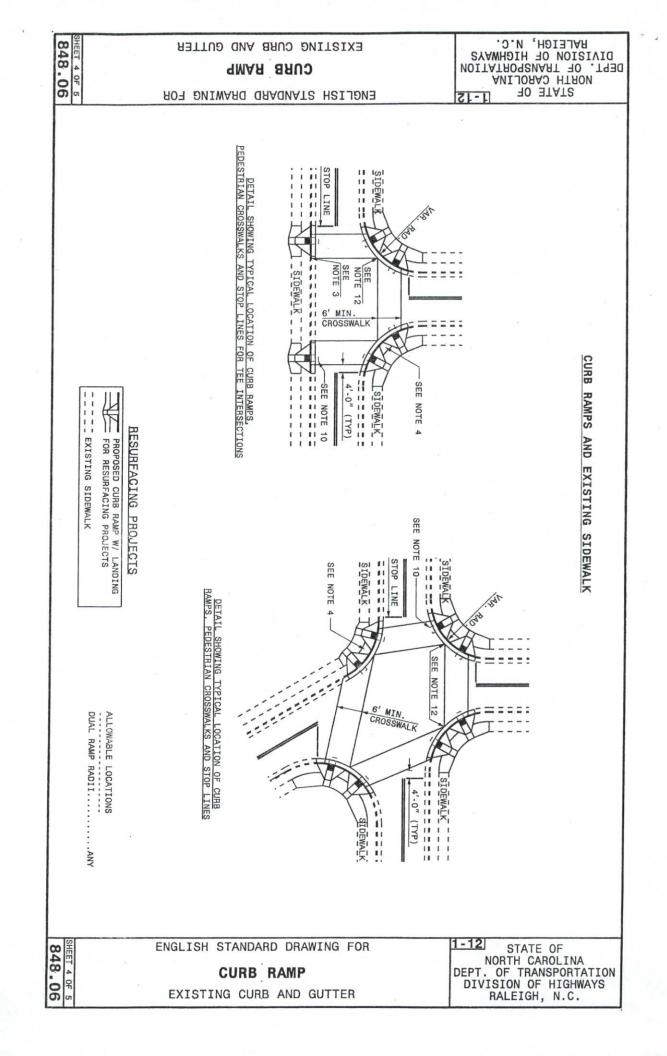
Mr. Brad Hibbs, PE, FHWA (w/ attachment)

Mr. Roger Rochelle, PE (w/ attachment)



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