



*City of Rochester, New
Hampshire*

CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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January 10, 2022

TO: Public Safety Committee

REGARDING: Public Safety Committee Meeting

There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on **January 19, 2022** at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes from December 15, 2021 Public Safety Meeting
2. Public Input
3. Meeting Dates
4. Flat Rock Bridge Road/Salmon Falls Road Intersection Safety Concerns (kept in committee)
5. Squamanagonic Gate Discussion (kept in committee)
6. 197 Columbus Avenue-Requesting Handicap Spot (kept in committee)
7. Discussion of the Ambulance Contract
8. E911 Update
9. Emergency Management Update
10. Other

cc.

Mayor and City Council
Chief Gary Boudreau
Deputy Chief Jason Thomas
Inter Fire Chief Perry Plumber
Assistant Chief Tim Wilder
Mr. Michael Bezanson
Mr. Timothy Goldthwaite
Ms. Lisa Clark

**Public Safety Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2021
6:00 PM
Council Chambers**

Members Present

Councilor Peter Lachapelle, Vice Chair
Councilor Palana Hunt-Hawkins
Councilor Chris Rice

Members Absent

Councilor Don Hamann, Chair (Excused)
Councilor Jeremy Hutchinson (Unexcused)

Others Present

Councilor David Walker
Michael Bezanson, PE, City Engineer
Deputy Chief Gary Boudreau, PD
Captain Jason Thomas, PD
Interim Fire Chief Perry Plummer, FD
Assistant Chief Tim Wilder, FD
Dan Camara, GIS Asset Mgmt. Technician
Robert Skinner, 2A Central Avenue
Larry Edgerly, 48 Lowell Street

Minutes

Councilor Lachapelle brought the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- 1. Approve Minutes from November 17, 2021, Public Safety Meeting.**
Councilor Rice made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hunt-Hawkins. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.
- 2. Public Input**
The members of the public present at the meeting were there to discuss specific items already on the agenda.
- 3. 2A Central Avenue-Parking Concerns Requesting “2 Hour” Parking Signs**
Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. Robert Skinner of 2A Central Avenue expressed concerns about the use of the parking spaces across the street from his apartment on Central Avenue. The tenants across the street have their own off-street parking spaces, but choose to use the spaces on Central Avenue. Mr. Skinner stated that sometimes he can't get into his parking space. He said that if there were “four hour” parking signs installed, the Police Department could enforce that. Sometimes big delivery trucks and trash trucks have difficulty getting down the road; Porter's Pub on Hanson Street gets deliveries every few days. He stated that spots are taken over at night. Councilor Walker said that parking enforcement typically stops after 5 PM. Mr. Skinner said they do not park up close to the curb in the spots, especially after snowstorms in the winter. Councilor Walker said that

the parking spaces belong to the public not to the apartment buildings. He also said that not parking within the striped parking spaces can be enforced. Councilor Rice asked if someone could speak to the landlord, Mr. Lee, or have someone send a letter asking the tenants to park in their parking spots, not in the public parking spots. Councilor Lachapelle will draft a letter for City staff review that could be sent to the landlord. Councilor Rice will get in touch with Mr. Skinner to get the landlords contact information so they can get something sent to the landlord.

4. Lowell Street-Signage Area of Arena (kept in committee)

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. Larry Edgerly was present to talk about signage on Lowell Street in the area of the Arena. Mr. Edgerly said because Lowell Street is so straight motorists tend to speed right by the Arena. The line-of-sight is limited for vehicles entering and leaving the Arena due to the vertical curvature of the road; speeding vehicles exacerbate the issue. Mr. Edgerly asked whether the speed limit sign at the beginning of Lowell Street could be moved down a little; people don't see it. ***Councilor Rice made a motion to relocate the current 30 MPH speed limit sign on the Columbus Avenue end of Lowell Street to a location closer to Great Falls Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hunt-Hawkins. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

Mr. Edgerly also asked whether another 30 MPH speed limit sign could be installed in the westbound direction near the conservation area. ***Councilor Rice made a motion to install a 30 MPH speed limit sign in the westbound direction on Lowell Street just beyond Goodwins Way at the discretion of DPW. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hunt-Hawkins. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

Mr. Edgerly provided copies of a sketch that he had drawn of a suggested yellow caution sign showing the street and side streets. Councilor Rice asked if there was a similar sign that can be adopted. Mr. Bezanson said he had looked up advance warning signs that would be applicable for this area. He said the MUTCD has an advance warning sign for "Double Side Roads", which is diamond shaped sign showing the road and two side roads and is very similar to what Mr. Edgerly has suggested. Mr. Bezanson said he is not sure that driveways could be added to the sign. Councilor Walker asked if there are any signs for frequent entering of vehicles. Mr. Bezanson said there is something like that for trucks but not really for an arena; he suggested that the advanced warning signs would be good for this area. ***Councilor Rice made a motion to install two advance warning signs for "Double Side Roads" to be placed on Lowell Street in advance of Harding Street and Edgerly Way at the discretion of DPW. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hunt-Hawkins. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

5. Flat Rock Bridge Road/Salmon Falls Road Intersection Safety Concerns (kept in committee)

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. Mr. Bezanson said he did not have an update on this agenda item.

6. Squamanagonic Gate Discussion (kept in committee)

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. No one was present to discuss this agenda item; this was kept in committee.

7. Charles Street-Request for “No parking between hours of 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM on Northbound side of Charles Street between Academy and Hope on Haven Hill Driveway (kept in committee)

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. The Superintendent of Schools was present last month to discuss this item; no action was taken. Mr. Bezanson updated the Committee that the infrastructure project for this area has been advertised for bids and construction should begin in the spring.

8. Tebbetts Road and Blackwater Road Intersection-Safety Concerns

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. He stated that the streetlight request was approved. Mr. Bezanson said guardrails are designed to redirect not to take head on collisions. Councilor Walker suggested chevron signs in the area. Mr. Bezanson stated that chevron signs are installed in the area. Mr. Bezanson said that he will talk to DPW staff about trimming back more of the woody growth, but that right now there are no leaves so it is easy to see through. Mr. Lachapelle will reach out to the owners to explain what has been done and the decision not to place a guardrail on this area.

9. Tebbetts Road-Renumbering

No action taken on this agenda item.

10. Street-light Request Corner of Hoover Street and Washington Street

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. Councilor Walker said this request came in from a constituent from 11 Washington Street. It's very dark around 98 Washington Street at the corner of Hoover Street, and people hang out in the area. Mr. Bezanson said there is a streetlight across the street; he suggested talking to Eversource to see if this could be moved to the utility pole on the corner of Washington and Hoover. ***Councilor Rice made a motion to move the current streetlight that is across the street to the utility pole on the corner of Hoover and Washington Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hunt-Hawkins. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

11. 197 Columbus Avenue-Requesting Handicap Spot

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. This is in front of the hair salon at the location of the old Lamper & Son Hardware store. ***Councilor Rice made a motion to approve installing a handicap spot near 197 Columbus Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hunt-Hawkins.*** Mr. Bezanson said there are already two handicap spaces nearby on Hanson Street and have recently added a handicap space in the municipal parking lot across the street. Councilor Walker asked if the driveway on the side was part of the lot. Chief Boudreau said he believes it is. ***Councilor Rice withdrew his motion. Councilor Hunt-Hawkins also withdrew her second.*** This was kept in committee to talk to the

Planning Department about on-site parking at this building.

12. E911 Update

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. Assistant Chief Wilder said that the E911 Committee will be meeting with the City Manager to discuss how to move forward with these types of issues in the future.

13. Emergency Management Update

Councilor Lachapelle summarized the issue. Interim Fire Chief Plummer said they have been busy at the state and local level with boosters. They coordinated boosters for school children and teachers at the schools, as well as boosters for City employees. The booster blitz happened on Saturday at the Armory with just under 1000 people and this is one of the 4 sites in the State that will continue to offer boosters. The Fire Department have been helping with staffing the operation at the Armory. The Seabrook emergency management non-graded exercise happened and Interim Fire Chief Plummer thanked Deputy Chief Boudreau for participating in the exercise. Emergency Management Performance Grant Program is currently on hold as they revamp the program, so currently no funds available from that program.

14. Other

Portable Speed Limit Signs Update

Council Rice asked about the portable speed feedback signs. Deputy Chief Boudreau got the specifications on the Evolis Radar Speed Limit sign. For two of them the cost will be \$5,950.00. Councilor Lachapelle asked Deputy Chief Boudreau if he sees a benefit in these signs. Chief Boudreau said yes there is a benefit. ***Councilor Rice made a motion to send to the Finance Committee a request to purchase two Evolis Radar Speed Limit signs. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hunt-Hawkins. Unanimous voice vote carried the motion.***

Spaulding Commons Booster Clinic

Councilor Rice wanted to thank the Chief and staff at the Booster Clinic at Spaulding Commons; he was in and out within 20 minutes. He encourages everyone to get theirs.

Councilor Lachapelle adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Laura J. McDormand, Admin. Assistant II.

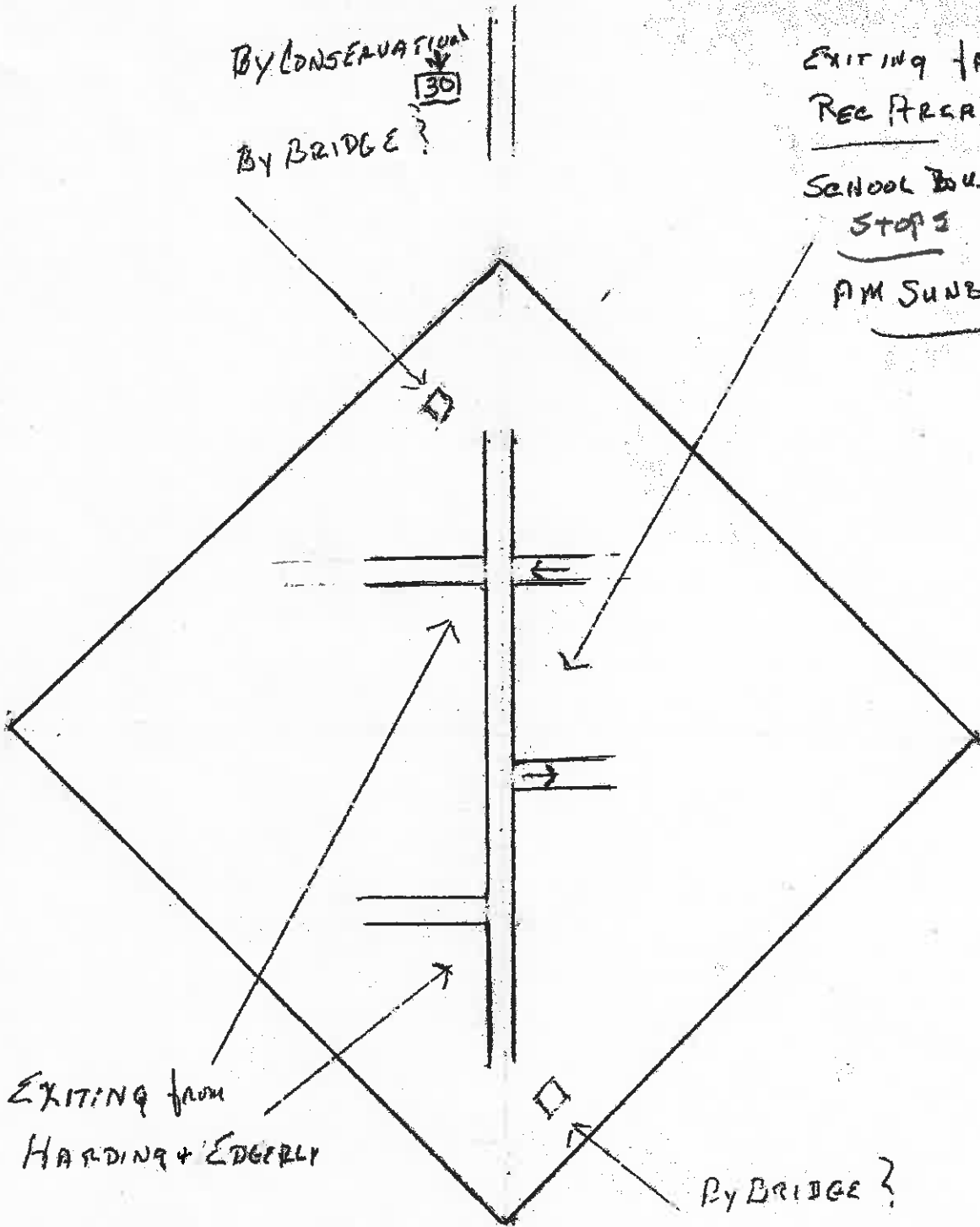
EAST

By CONSERVATION
30
By BRIDGE ?

EXITING from
REC AREA

SCHOOL BUS
STOPS

PM SUNBLINDNESS EB



EXITING from
HARDING + EDGERLY

By BRIDGE ?

SUGGESTIONS BY
LAWRENCE EDGERLY
48 Lowell ST
332-4496

WEST

February 2022

February 2022

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March 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 30	31	Feb 1 6:00pm City Council Meetings (Chambers) ✱	2 6:00pm Police Commission ✱	3 6:00pm Codes ✱	4	5
6	7 6:00pm Planning Board ✱	8 6:00pm Finance Committee ✱	9 6:00pm ZBA ✱	10 6:00pm School Board ✱	11	12
13	14 6:00pm Rec and Arena	15 6:00pm City Council (Chambers) ✱	16 6:00pm HDC 6:00pm Public Safety (Chambers) ✱	17 6:00pm Public Works ✱	18	19
20	21 6:00pm Community Dev Committee	22	23 6:00pm Conservation Commission	24 6:00pm Arts and Culture	25	26
27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5



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Public Safety Committee Dates:

January 19th, 2022

February 16th, 2022

March 16th, 2022

April 20, 2022

May 18, 2022

June 15, 2022

July 20, 2022

August 17, 2022

September 21, 2022

October 19, 2022

November 16, 2022

December 21, 2022 ** tentative **

Laura McDormand

From: Ronda Boisvert
Sent: Friday, November 19, 2021 10:38 AM
To: Laura McDormand
Cc: osuzyq31@yahoo.com
Subject: Handicap Parking

Hello,

Sue Harris called concerning her taking her mother to the Canbana Hair Salon located at 197 Columbus Ave. There currently are no handicapped parking spots in front of this location. This is creating an issue for her to get her mom into the hair dressers. She would appreciate the Council looking into making some handicapped parking at this location. She can be reached at 603-235-9724.

Thank you,
Ronda Boisvert
Administrative Assistant II
City of Rochester DPW
603-335-7563
ronda.boisvert@rochesternh.net



ADA Design Guide

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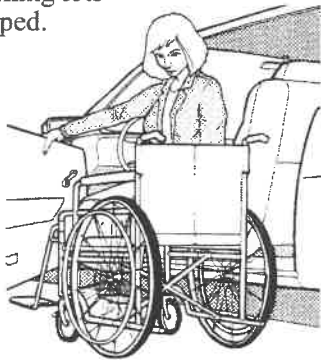
Restriping Parking Lots

Accessible Parking Spaces

When a business, State or local government agency, or other covered entity restripes a parking lot, it must provide accessible parking spaces as required by the ADA Standards for Accessible Design. Failure to do so would violate the ADA.

In addition, businesses or privately owned facilities that provide goods or services to the public have a continuing ADA obligation to remove barriers to access in existing parking lots when it is readily achievable to do so. Because restriping is relatively inexpensive, it is readily achievable in most cases.

This ADA Design Guide provides key information about how to create accessible car and van spaces and how many spaces to provide when parking lots are restriped.



Accessible Parking Spaces for Cars

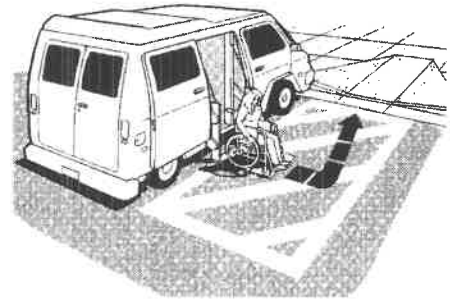
Accessible parking spaces for cars have at least a 60-inch-wide access aisle located adjacent to the designated parking space. The access aisle is just wide enough to permit a person using a wheelchair to enter or exit the car. These parking spaces are identified with a sign and located on level ground.

Van-Accessible Parking Spaces

Van-accessible parking spaces are the same as accessible parking spaces for cars except for three features needed for vans:

- a wider access aisle (96") to accommodate a wheelchair lift;
- vertical clearance to accommodate van height at the van parking space, the adjacent access aisle, and on the vehicular route to and from the van-accessible space, and
- an additional sign that identifies the parking spaces as "van accessible."

One of eight accessible parking spaces, but always at least one, must be van-accessible.



Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces

ADA Standards for Accessible Design 4.1.2 (5)

Total Number of Parking spaces Provided (per lot)	Total Minimum Number of Accessible Parking Spaces (60" & 96" aisles)	Van Accessible Parking Spaces with min. 96" wide access aisle	Accessible Parking Spaces with min. 60" wide access aisle
Column A			
1 to 25	1	1	0
26 to 50	2	1	1
51 to 75	3	1	2
76 to 100	4	1	3
101 to 150	5	1	4
151 to 200	6	1	5
201 to 300	7	1	6
301 to 400	8	1	7
401 to 500	9	2	7
501 to 1000	2% of total parking provided in each lot	1/8 of Column A*	7/8 of Column A**
1001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 over 1000	1/8 of Column A*	7/8 of Column A**

* one out of every 8 accessible spaces

** 7 out of every 8 accessible parking spaces

Location

Accessible parking spaces must be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible facility entrance. Where buildings have multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, the accessible parking spaces must be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances.

When accessible parking spaces are added in an existing parking lot, locate the spaces on the most level ground close to the accessible entrance. An accessible route must always be provided from the accessible parking to the accessible entrance. An accessible route never has curbs or stairs, must be at least 3-foot wide, and has a firm, stable, slip-resistant surface. The slope along the accessible route should not be greater than 1:12 in the direction of travel.

Accessible parking spaces may be clustered in one or more lots if equivalent or greater accessibility is provided in terms of distance from the accessible entrance, parking fees, and convenience. Van-accessible parking spaces located in parking garages may be clustered on one floor (to accommodate the 98-inch minimum vertical height requirement).

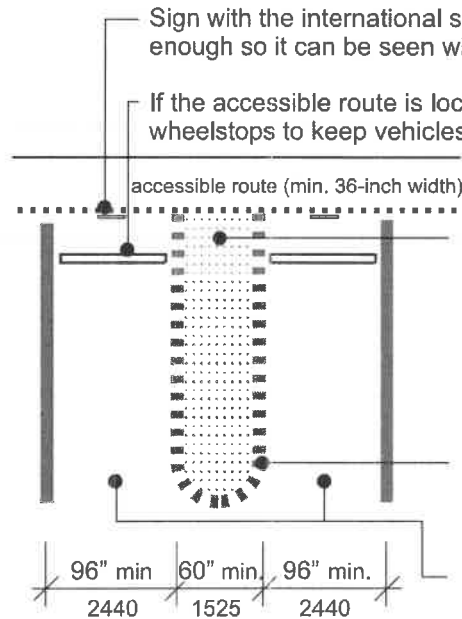
Free Technical Assistance

Answers to technical and general questions about restriping parking lots or other ADA requirements are available by telephone on weekdays. You may also order the ADA Standards for Accessible Design and other ADA publications, including regulations for private businesses or State and local governments, at any time day or night. Information about ADA-related IRS tax credits and deductions is also available from the ADA Information Line.

**Department of Justice
ADA Information Line**

**800-514-0301 (voice)
800-514-0383 (tty)**

Features of Accessible Parking Spaces for Cars

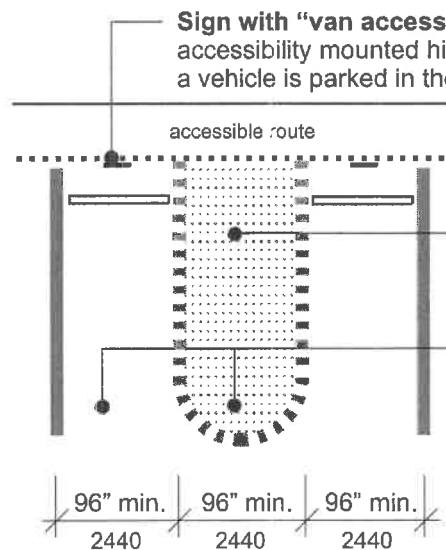


Access aisle of at least 60-inch width must be level (1:50 maximum slope in all directions), be the same length as the adjacent parking space(s) it serves and must connect to an accessible route to the building. Ramps must not extend into the access aisle.

Boundary of the access aisle must be marked. The end may be a squared or curved shape.

Two parking spaces may share an access aisle.

Three Additional Features for Van-Accessible Parking Spaces



96" min. width access aisle, level (max. slope 1:50 in all directions), located beside the van parking space

Min. 98-inch-high clearance at van parking space, access aisle, and on vehicular route to and from van space

Internet

You may also review or download information on the Department's ADA Internet site at any time. The site provides access to ADA regulations, technical assistance materials, and general ADA information. It also provides links to other Federal agencies, and updates on new ADA requirements and enforcement efforts. Internet address:

www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/adahom1.htm

Reference:

ADA Standards for Accessible Design (28 CFR Part 36):

- § 4.1.6 Alterations;
- § 4.1.2 Accessible Sites and Exterior Facilities: New Construction, and
- § 4.1.6 Parking and Passenger Loading Zones.