



CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Code Review Committee Question/Survey for October Results and Committee Supported Responses

Subject: Accessible Path of Travel

Given an accessible path of travel across a parking lot between building entrances on the same site,

1a. Does your jurisdiction require that the plans indicate accessible paths of travel?

YES		NO	
29	97%	1	3%

Comments by Spokespersons

- You do not indicate if the accessible path is at a commercial facility or a multi-family building. If at a multi-family and crossing a vehicle traffic lane then it is required to be marked 2007 CBC 1109A.7 #3. If you are at a commercial facility I recommend marking only when the obvious route is not accessible or only accessible for a portion of the route. In those cases it is smart for the owner to clearly identify (by marking and signs) where the accessible route is located.
- Path of travel need not be marked in areas where path of travel is obvious, ie: sidewalks.

1b. Does your jurisdiction require that the path of travel be physically marked in some manner?

YES		NO	
25	83%	5	17%

Comments by Spokespersons

- There are only specific locations that the path of travel needs to be marked.
- We require the path of travel to be marked with directional signage. I am not aware of any requirement to provide striping and we do not require it. There is a requirement the path of travel be "safe" and perhaps you could interpret that to mean striping is required if you were so inclined.
- We require some markings but not the entire path.

1c. If your jurisdiction requires that the path of travel be physically marked, then would your jurisdiction accept enhanced paving in lieu of striping or other marking for the accessible path of travel?

YES		NO	
18	60%	8	27%

Comments by Spokespersons

- Yes, but the enhanced paving must be very obvious and very contrasting with the adjacent pavement.
- We would accept enhanced paving only if its' appearance would be distinct enough to discourage parking on it or blocking it.

- Marking of the accessible path of travel is required only where a crossing vehicular way. We have accepted enhanced (distinctive) paving on previous submittals.
- Enhanced paving must meet threshold requirements (flush with pavement).
- There is a new definition within the 2007 CBC that addresses marked crossings. Some enhanced paving is visible during normal weather conditions but may disappear during wet conditions. The requirements for identifying the accessible POT is not just for the pedestrian use but provide a visual aide for vehicle operators who are distracted while driving through a parking lot. Even though enhanced paving makes a property look good it must also provide a degree of safety for both the pedestrian using the designated POT and vehicle user who may cross it.
- Need more carefully worded questions: physically marking is enhanced paving.
- It would be helpful to describe what is meant by enhanced paving. Some might be acceptable.
- This is more theoretical than actual since in the years that I have been here, this has never been a situation that needed to be addressed. Our commercial projects are extremely small.
- The code allows for that.

1d. Does your jurisdiction require the path of travel to be striped or otherwise physically marked even if the design indicates enhanced paving?

YES		NO	
11	37%	18	60%

Comments by Spokespersons

- Items 1c & 1d are n/a
- Need more carefully worded questions: striping is physically marking.
- We require the path of travel to be physically marked by signs at the areas of enhanced paving within the parking lot area.
- We require it only at vehicular crossings.

Code Review Committee Supported Responses

- 1a. Yes, it would be advisable to indicate the paths of travel on the plans.
- 1b. The code does not require that the path of travel be marked other than signage. However if it is marked it needs to meet requirements for accessibility. Generally plans mark the accessible path of travel throughout although the code only requires markings when the accessible path is through hazardous vehicular areas.
- 1c. and d. Yes, there are no restrictions as to what kind of marking is used.