

Route of Travel to a Public Way

2016 California Building Code, Section 11B-206 Accessible Route of Travel

When a building, or portion of a building, is required to be accessible or adaptable, an accessible route of travel shall be provided to accessible building entrances and between the building and the public way.

Existing building and site:

When a vehicular area is used as an accessible route; the accessible route shall be identified on the site. The route may be identified with painted stripes on each side of the route of travel. The route shall be 48 inches wide and meet all the requirements of the Section. The stripes shall be 4 inches wide and of contrasting color.

If the route travels along a landscaped area with a curb and the curb is part of the barrier, then only one stripe is needed. If the width of the route cannot be maintained at 48 inches for the entire distance, an alternate methods form may be submitted to the Permit Center for review along with a new site plan showing the grades; in no case can the width be less than 36 inches as allowed by the exception to 2016 CBC Section IIB-403.5.1

Interpretation for existing sites:

For existing sites when determining if an accessible route and/or detectable warnings are required; it must be determined if a “hazardous vehicular area” exists. Vehicular areas may be considered non-hazardous as determined by the Permit Center and the need for the detectable warnings eliminated for areas where traffic will be 5 miles per hour or less; such as the drive-up entrance area at a hotel or motel used for loading and unloading or at a mini-mart/gas station facility where traffic moves very slowly or other small parking lots.