

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

MEMORANDUM

June 28, 2005

TO: QIP Council

SUBJECT: Recommendation from QIP Council

The QIP Steering Committee accepts the QIP Council's recommendation to take the following action:

- Adopt and implement the proposed policies, as revised, for bicycle facilities and sidewalks developed by the QIP Team on Policy and Provisions for the Construction and Maintenance of Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities.



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QIP Steering Committee



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QIP Steering Committee

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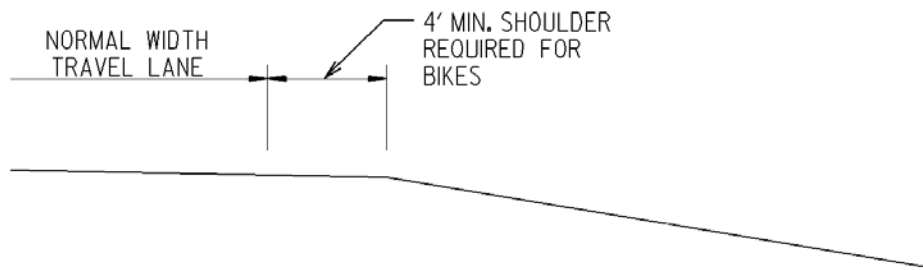
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AHTD Bicycle Facility Accommodation Policy

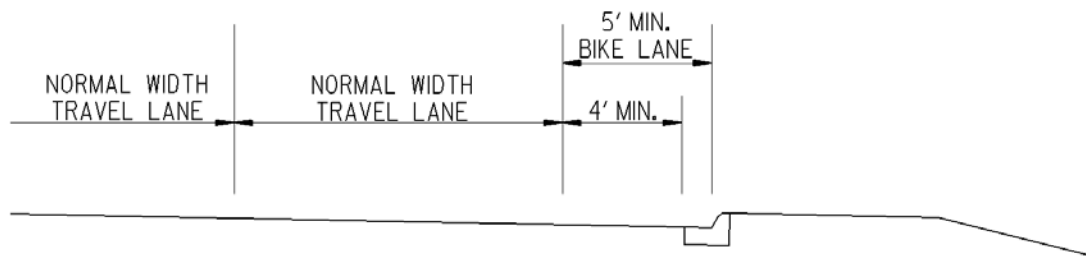
1. Accommodation of bicycles will be given due consideration when a proposed highway project is on a route that has been designated as a bicycle route by a locally adopted bicycle plan or master street plan and the Department concurs that the route should be a designated bicycle route. Coordination with local jurisdictions may be necessary to determine the recommended accommodations.
2. Bicycle accommodations on routes that have not been designated as bicycle routes by a locally adopted bicycle plan or a master street plan will be considered if the local jurisdiction will provide the required additional funds.
3. When bicycle accommodations are to be made on routes with an open shoulder section, the paved shoulder will be used to accommodate bicycles. Shoulder widths shall conform to the widths recommended in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Green Book.
4. When bicycle accommodations are to be made on routes with a curb and gutter section, the bicycle lane will be in accordance with recommendations in the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities. Generally, a bicycle lane width of 4 feet (measured from the lane edge to the edge of the gutter) will be considered.
5. If local or regional design standards specify bicycle facility widths greater than the standards noted above, the additional right-of-way and construction costs associated with the greater width shall be funded by the local jurisdiction that adopted the higher design standards.
6. Shared use paths (joint pedestrian/bicycle facilities separated from the roadway) are used primarily for recreational purposes, and as such will not normally be considered for bicycle accommodation on the state highway system. Exceptions will be considered when the local jurisdiction specifically requests the shared use path. In such cases, the minimum shared use path width shall be 10 feet and the local jurisdiction shall bear any additional right-of-way and construction costs required for the shared use path and shall assume all future maintenance of the facility.

AHTD Sidewalk Policy

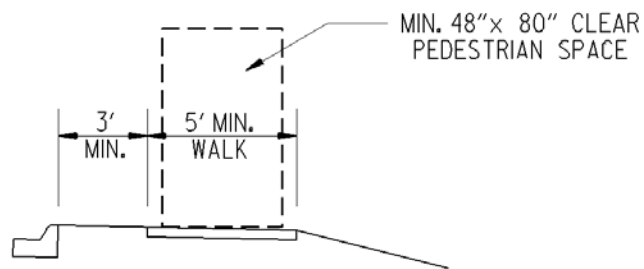
1. When curb and gutter sections are proposed along a highway with existing sidewalks, the sidewalks will be replaced in accordance with this policy.
2. When curb and gutter sections are proposed along a highway with no existing sidewalks, sidewalks will be constructed on both sides of the roadway in developed areas. In undeveloped areas, sidewalks will be considered on one side of the roadway unless evidence of pedestrian traffic warrants sidewalks on both sides of the roadway.
3. All sidewalk construction will conform to the latest edition of the *Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG)*.
4. The minimum sidewalk width will be 5 feet, and the minimum offset from the back of the curb to the sidewalk edge will be 3 feet. No obstructions (mailboxes, signs, etc.) will be allowed in the sidewalk. The minimum vertical clearance to the bottom of any obstruction overhanging the sidewalk will be 80 inches.
5. If local or regional design standards specify pedestrian facility widths greater than the standards shown above, the additional right-of-way and construction costs associated with the greater width will normally be funded by the local jurisdiction that adopted the higher design standards.



SHOULDER WIDTH DETAILS



BIKE LANE DETAILS



SIDEWALK DETAILS