

# Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Architectural Services for Roof and Parking Lot Project

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RFQ Response Due Date and Time: July 14, 2025, by 5 p.m. CST

Return Sealed Proposal to: St. Charles Public Library District

One South Sixth Ave. St. Charles, IL 60174-2195

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#### 1. Purpose and Intent

The Board of Trustees of the St. Charles Public Library District ("Library") seek professional architectural services under contract to implement a roof and parking lot project. The project will be comprised of a roof assessment, roof repair, and parking lot repair.

#### 2. Background Information

The Library building, which sits in the St. Charles historic district, consists of an original Carnegie building erected in 1908 with three additions (1963 & 1987 & 2020) and several renovations totaling approximately 66,800 square feet. The significant renovations that took place in 2020 did not include a full roof replacement and left several areas of the historic Carnegie wing untouched.

The upcoming project seeks an architect to lead updates and improvements to primarily the Carnegie portion of the roof and building. The Library worked with an outside consultant to provide an ADA Assessment of the building in late 2024. Several of the concerns cited in the report are also being included in the upcoming project. More details can be found in Appendix A. Specifically, details of the project include the following:

- The roof is roughly 40,000 sq ft broken into 4 different sections. See Appendix B for corresponding image.
  - o The original Carnegie area is around 3,400 sq ft. Last roof update was in 2005.

- o The 1963 addition is roughly 7,800 sq ft. Last roof update was in 2003.
- o The 1987 addition is roughly 22,200 sq ft. Last roof update was in 2003.
- o The 2020 addition is roughly 6,600 sq ft. Last roof update was in 2021.
- The Library parking lot, several sidewalks, and walkways need to be re-graded for ADA accessibility as well as a full seal and stripe.
- The Library has a parking agreement with St. Mark's Church and the shared parking area is included in the area to be resealed and striped.
- Interior renovation work involves potential conversion of two unused bathrooms into storage closets and additional minor interior improvements as funds may allow.

#### 3. Scope of Work for Architectural Services

The Library is requesting full architectural services for assessment, planning, design, cost estimating, preparation of construction documents, reproduction costs, bidding, bid evaluation, construction administration, periodical inspections by engineers employed by the architect, final inspection, and project acceptance.

A construction manager will be hired and this firm will be part of the planning during the design phase. As part of your services, the Library will require your firm to participate in the selection process of the construction manager. In summary, the successful architectural firm provides a full range of professional services, exclusive of soils test and special inspections, to assist in the successful completion of the project.

The anticipated start date for construction will be determined by the architect, construction team and Library upon hire, however, the Library has set a target date of completion for November 2026.

Detailed Scope of the Services includes, but is not limited to:

- Provide the schematic and conceptual design for needed repairs.
- Participate in the selection of construction company.
- Conduct a pre-construction conference and issue the notice to proceed.
- Provide construction engineering including regular on-site supervision of construction work, facilitating and recording construction meetings, construction administration and preparing inspection reports.
- Assure project compliance with all federal and state labor standards as applicable, including reviewing payroll reports to assure compliance with prevailing wage requirements.
- Prepare the construction bid package in conformance with applicable requirements and supervise
  the construction bid advertising, tabulation, and award process, including preparing the
  advertisements for bid solicitation, conducting the pre-bid conference, bid opening, and
  evaluation of bids.
- Provide quality control to ensure the contractor and subcontractors are providing materials, labor and products consistent with what is identified in the design and specifications.
- Provide quality control to ensure compliance with technical specifications and conformance with codes and standards.
- Review and approve all contractor requests for payment within approved budget and submit approved requests to the Library for payment processing, excluding change orders.
- Provide one complete set of as built, reproducible plan drawings to the Library upon project completion.
- Conduct final inspection, testing and approval of the completed project for acceptance, including successful completion of the punch list.

#### 4. Schedule

Below is the estimated timeline for the search for the architectural firm. The following schedule is subject to change. Except as provided below, changes will only be made by written amendment to this RFQ.

Estimated Date	Event
June 12, 2025	Release Request for Qualifications
June 26, 2025	Site visit (optional)
July 14, 2025	Proposals Due
July 21 – 25, 2025	Interviews conducted (if requested)
July 30, 2025	Library Board Awards Contract
	(subject to delay without notice to proposers)

#### 5. Site Visit

An optional pre-proposal site visit will be held at the Library (One South 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174) on June 26, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Firms are encouraged to use this opportunity to ask clarifying questions, obtain a better understanding of the project, and to notify the Library of any ambiguities, inconsistencies, or errors discovered upon examination of this RFQ. All responses to questions during the site visit will be oral and in no way binding to the Library.

#### 6. Questions

Questions must be submitted in writing to the Library Director no later than 5 p.m. CST, on July 3, 2025. Questions are best received and most quickly responded to when sent via email directly to kbuckson@scpld.org. Questions will not be accepted by telephone.

Only a letter of addendum may change the requirements of this RFQ. Oral responses to questions made outside of the addendum shall not be binding on the Library.

#### 7. Corrections and Addenda

- If a proposer discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in this RFQ, the proposer shall immediately notify the contact person of such error in writing and request clarification or modification of the document. Modifications will be made by addenda as indicated below to all parties in receipt of this RFQ.
- If a proposer fails to notify the contact person prior to the date fixed for submission of proposals of a known error in the RFQ, or an error that reasonably should have been known, the proposers shall submit a proposal at their risk, and if the proposer if awarded a contract they shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time by reason of the error or its subsequent correction.
- Addenda issued by the Library interpreting or changing any of the items in this RFQ, including all modifications thereof, shall be incorporated in the proposal. The proposers shall submit the addenda cover sheet with the proposal (or deliver them to the Library Director's Office, St. Charles Public Library, One South Sixth Street, St. Charles, IL 60174, if the proposer has previously submitted a proposal to the Library). Any oral communication by the Library's designated contact person or any other Library staff member concerning this RFQ is not binding on the Library and shall in no way modify this RFQ or any obligations arising hereunder.

#### **8. Selection Process**

The Library will consider the materials submitted by respondents, including references, and may include formal presentations and interviews. Proposals will be evaluated in part on the basis of the evaluation criteria below

#### **Evaluation Criteria:**

Selection criteria refers to the qualifications that the Library would require in order to award a contract for services, or qualifications that the Library intends on using to evaluate proposals in order to select the most qualified proposal for the project. At a minimum, respondents must provide all the requested information in this RFQ. The Library will consider:

- a. overall quality of the RFQ response
- b. qualifications and experience of the professional personnel to be assigned to the project, including reference checks
- c. understanding of project and scope
- d. demonstrated ability to perform services described
- e. architect's capability to meet time and project budget including present or projected workload that would affect completion of the project requirements and availability of personnel to respond and provide services in a timely manner
- f. satisfaction of former clients with competency of architect and quality of work as verified by references
- g. ability to communicate and build rapport with staff members and the Library Board
- h. related experience on similar projects
- i. recent or current work related to libraries

The Library may, during the evaluation process, request additional information from any proposer which the Library deems necessary to determine the proposer's ability to perform the required services. If such information is requested, the proposer shall be permitted two business days to submit the information requested.

The Library reserves the right to select the proposal which, in its sole judgement, best meets the needs of the Library. All firms responding to this RFQ will be notified of their selection or non-selection after the Library has completed the selection process.

Generally, the firm selected by the Library will be recommended to the Library Board for this project, but the Library Board is not bound to accept the recommendation or award the project to the recommended firm. After initial screening, the Library may select those firms deemed most qualified for this project for further evaluation. Interviews of these selected firms will be conducted as part of the final selection process. Interviews may have their own separate scoring during the evaluation process. Top ranked group (three to six firms) will be invited to participate in an interview with the Library, at the candidate's own expense.

Upon final selection after the interviews, negotiations will begin with the architect of first choice. If a satisfactory contract cost cannot be reached with the architect of first choice, the next architect(s) will be contacted.

#### 9. Other Conditions

• This RFQ is only an invitation to submit a Statement of Qualifications and does not commit the Library in any way to enter an agreement or to proceed with the project.

- The issuance of this RFQ does not obligate the Library to pay any costs whatsoever incurred by a respondent in connection with this RFQ, including without limitation (a) the preparation and presentation of a Statement of Qualifications, (b) any supplements or modifications to this RFQ, or (c) negotiations with the Library or other party arising out of or relating to this RFQ or the subject matter of this RFQ.
- All firms submit their proposals to the Library with the understanding that the recommended selection of the Library is final and subject only to review and final approval by the Library Director and the Library Board. Upon submission, all proposals shall be treated as confidential documents until the selection process is completed.
- The Library expressly reserves the right at any time, and from time to time, and for its own convenience, in the library's sole discretion, to do any or all of the following:
  - Waive or correct any minor or immaterial defect or irregularities or technical error in any response, proposal, or proposal procedure, as part of the RFQ or any subsequent negotiation process.
  - Reject any and all Statements of Qualifications for any reason at any time, including but not limited to false or incomplete statements in connection with a proposal, without indicating any reason for such rejection.
  - Request that certain or all respondents to this RFQ supplement or modify all or certain aspects of the information or Statements of Qualifications submitted.
  - Reissue a request for qualifications.
  - o Procure any service by any other means.
  - Modify the evaluation and selection procedure, the scope of the proposed project, or the required responses.
  - Extend deadlines for accepting responses, request amendments to responses after expiration of deadlines, or negotiate or approve final agreements.
  - Select an Architect based directly on the Statements of Qualifications or to negotiate with any, all, or none of the respondents without limiting any of its rights described in any section of this RFQ.
  - The selected firm will be chosen on the basis of its apparent ability to best meet the overall expectations of the Library. The Library will be the judge of which Statements of Qualifications offer the greatest benefit.

#### 10. Proposal Format and Submittal Requirements

Proposals should be submitted in bound form in an 8.5" x 11" format (generally). Please provide the Library with a concise statement of your firm's qualifications. It should include the following information and any other specific material that you feel is important in the Library's consideration of your firm as the architect for this project. Please provide the specific information requested in the order listed below.

- **a. Introduction**: Provide an introduction describing the respondent, including the following information:
- The firm's legal name, address, telephone and fax number and principal contact email address.
- The principal (s) of the firm and their experience and qualifications.
- The primary contact person who will be associated with the Library's project and the professional resume of this individual.
- A description of the firm's prior experience, including design and construction management of any similar renovation projects, location of project, and total construction cost.
- A description of the firm's current work activities and how these will be coordinated with the Library project, as well as the firm's anticipated availability during the term of the Library project.

- A list of key personnel, including their back-ups that may be associated with the Library's projects. For each person included on the list, provide a brief biographical sketch. Include the individual's relationship with the firm, current job title and employment with the firm, educational background, and number of years of relevant experience. It is required that, if your firm is selected for the final interviews, that the primary contact person and at least one other key personnel identified above will be the representatives from the firm making the presentation.
- References and completed projects of the team (primary contact person and key personnel).
   Please identify and designate three to five completed public library or other similar projects that team or members have done within the past five years.

For each reference project include:

- Brief description of project and date of occupancy;
- o Square footage and square foot actual costs (estimates) versus budgeted costs.
- o Client contact name, position, address, telephone number, and email address.
- Illustrative drawings of floor plans of similar type projects the firm has designed, if any, along with renderings and/or photographs of completed projects. The format should be 8.5" x 11" and only include enough material to be illustrative, not complete sets of drawings.
- Relevant information selected by the architect.
- b. Statement of Philosophy
- c. Description of Approach to Projects
- **d. Description of Services (Understanding of Scope)**: State the knowledge and understanding of the needs of the Library.
- **e. Certification**: Certify that all components of the proposal will remain firm for a minimum period of ninety days following the opening of the proposal.
- **f. Acceptance of Conditions**: Provide an acceptance-of-conditions statement that affirms the respondent's acceptance of all conditions and requirements contain in the RFQ.
- **g. Execution**: Sign the proposal in ink and provide the postal address of the respondent.
- **h. Supplementary Information** at the discretion of the firm.
- **i. Fee Structure**: Not applicable; please do not provide this information, pursuant to the provisions of section 5, "Evaluation Procedure," of the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act [50 ILCS 510 / 5]

### **Exterior: Parking**

### Finding: 2

The cross slopes (narrow dimension) and/or running slopes (long dimension) of the access aisle exceeds 2%.

The running slope and the cross slope in an accessible parking stall and the access aisle must not exceed 2%.

#### Citation:

2015 ABAAS Section: 502.4

2010 ADAS Section: 502.4

#### As Built:

Two spaces south of building: left stall - 3%, shared access aisle -2.4%, right stall - 2.5%; Four spaces on east side of building, south two spaces: south stall - 2.6%, south access aisle - 3.8%, north stall - 3%, north access aisle - 2.3%; Four spaces on east side of building, north two spaces: south stall -3.1%, south access aisle - 3%, north stall -3.7%, north access aisle - 3%

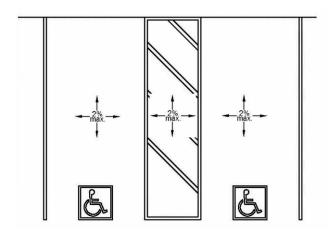
### **Recommendation:**

Repair or correct slope of parking space and access aisle to max 2.08% in any direction.

#### Phase:

## Finding #2 Continued





## **Finding #2 Additional Finding Photos**

















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### **Exterior: Parking**

## Finding: 3

The parking stall contains abrupt edges and surface irregularities over a 1/4 inch vertical.

Parking spaces and access aisles serving them shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted and shall not be sloped steeper than 2% in any direction.

Citation:

2015 ABAAS Section: 502.4

2010 ADAS Section: 502.4

#### As Built:

Two spaces south of building: CIL of .5" at head of both stalls and shared access aisle where blacktop meets cement gutter, left stall - manhole cover has gap of 1.25" on it; Four spaces on east side of building, south two spaces: gap of 1.5" at gutter at south stall/north access aisle

#### **Recommendation:**

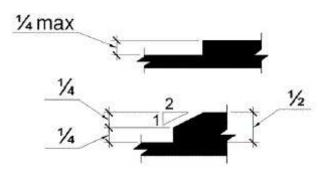
Repair, bevel and ramp CIL in stalls and access aisles.

Correct or fill gaps to max .5".

#### Phase:

## Finding #3 Continued





## Finding #3 Additional Finding Photos











**Exterior: Parking** 

Finding: 4

The accessible parking stall signage is incorrect and/or missing from each accessible parking space.

Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation "van accessible." Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.

Citation: As Built:

2015 ABAAS Section: 502.6 All four east side spaces lack signage

#### Recommendation:

Acquire or replace and mount at appropriate heights and locations accessible parking signs where incorrect or missing. We recommend R7-8 signage.

#### Phase:





## **Finding #4 Additional Finding Photos**



## **Exterior: Parking**

## Finding: 5

The van stall is missing a sign identifying it as a van accessible stall.

Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation "van accessible."

Citation: As Built:

2015 ABAAS Section: 502.6 Lacks any van signs

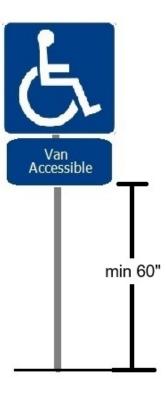
2010 ADAS Section: 502.6

### **Recommendation:**

Add one van parking sign to one accessible stall and ensure stall and access aisle are 11' and 5' or 8' and 8'.

#### Phase:





## **Finding #5 Additional Finding Photos**







## **Exterior: Parking**

## Finding: 6

The access aisle is not located on an accessible route of travel to the accessible building entrance.

Accessible parking spaces serving a particular building shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel from adjacent parking to an accessible entrance. In buildings with multiple accessible entrances with adjacent parking, accessible parking spaces shall be dispersed and located closest to the accessible entrances.

Citation:

2015 ABAAS Section: F208.3.1

2010 ADAS Section: 208.3.1

As Built:

All six accessible parking spaces require a route of travel via the

vehicular way

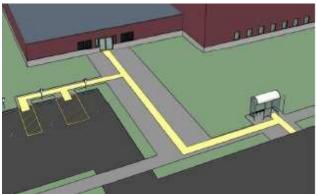
#### Recommendation:

Reconfigure accessible stalls on east side of building to avoid requiring pedestrians to cross vehicular way, in the alternative, leave as is with striped crosswalk.

Provide a curb ramp at the head of each access aisle at the two spaces on the south side of the building to connect to AR.

#### Phase:





## **Finding #6 Additional Finding Photos**





Finding: 32

The passenger drop-off and loading area is not accessible.

Drop-off and loading zone shall provide an access aisle at least 60 inches wide and 20 feet long adjacent and parallel to the vehicle pull-up space. The vehicular pull-up space must be 96 inches wide minimum and 20 feet long minimum. Access aisles shall adjoin an accessible route and shall not overlap the vehicular way. Vehicle standing spaces and access aisles shall be level with surface slopes not exceeding one unit vertical in 48 units' horizontal (2-percent slope) in all directions. If there are curbs between the access aisle and the vehicle pull-up space, a curb ramp shall be provided. Each passenger drop-off and loading zone designed for persons with disabilities shall be identified by a reflectorized sign permanently posted immediately adjacent to and visible from the passenger drop-off or loading zone stating "Passenger Loading Zone Only" and including the International Symbol of Accessibility, in white on dark blue background.

Citation: As Built:

2015 ABAAS Section: 503.1, 503.2, 503.4 Slope of 2.8% at south end of loading zone,

2010 ADAS Section: 503.1, 503.2, 503.4 slope of 3.5% for 10' at north end of loading

zone

#### Recommendation:

Correct or repair slope along passenger loading zone to max 2.08%.

#### Phase:



## Finding #32 Additional Finding Photos







## Finding: 7

The stripe on the stair tread does not contrast adequately with the stair tread.

Exterior and interior stairs are recommended to have the upper approach and lower treads marked by a stripe providing clear visual contrast.

Citation: As Built:

2015 ABAAS Section: Advisory 504.4 Exterior stairs between

The Terrace Garden
2010 ADAS Section: 504.4 and The Daily Bean
outdoor patio space 24 treads (including

contrast

landings) lack visual

### Recommendation:

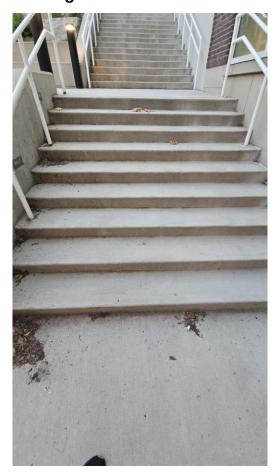
Install contrasting strip along front 2" of each tread.

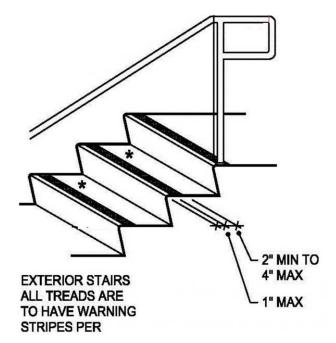
The stripe shall be a minimum of 2 inches wide to a maximum of 4 inches wide placed parallel to, and not more than 1 inch from, the nose of the step or upper approach. The stripe shall extend the full width of the step or upper approach and shall be of material that is at least as slip resistant as the other treads of the stair. A painted stripe shall be acceptable. Grooves shall not be used to satisfy this requirement.

### Phase:

5 (Smart Practice): Should be completed but not necessarily required. This category includes findings and or elements that were in compliance with previous editions of the codes and standards but have since changed. This category also includes techniques or elements that are not a part of the federal or state requirements, but are suggested in advisory language, or have been successfully implemented by other entities. Generally, these items are easily modified to provide the greatest degree of access as well as compliance with the most current codes and standards.

## Finding #7 Continued





## Finding: 8

The walkway contains abrupt vertical edges and/or variations over a 1/4 inch.

1/4 inch is the maximum vertical rise. Changes in level between 1/4 inch and 1/2 inch must be beveled at 1:2 or less.

Changes in level greater than 1/2 inch must be by way of a ramp.

Citation: As Built:

2010 ADAS Section: 303.2, 303.3 CIL of .5" on route to accessible employee

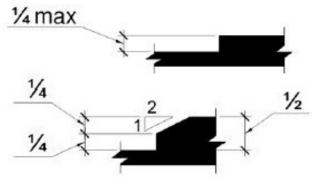
entry 3

#### Recommendation:

Repair, bevel or ramp change in level along accessible route.

#### Phase:





## **Finding #8 Additional Finding Photos**



### Finding: 9

The landing at the bottom of the ramp has a slope greater than 2%.

Bottom landings shall have a dimension in the direction of ramp run of not less than 60 inches and have a slope of less than 2% in any direction.

#### Citation:

2015 ABAAS Section: 405.7.1, 405.7.1

**EXCEPTION** 

2010 ADAS Section: 405.7.1, 405.7.1 Exception

1997 IAC Section: 400.310(e)(4)(a),

400.310(e)(4)(b), 400.310(e)(4)(c), 400.310(e)(4)(d), 400.310(e)(5), 400.310(e)(5)(a), 400.310(e)(5)(b), 400.310(e)(5)(c), 400.310(e)(5)(d), 400.310(e)(5)(e),

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#### As Built:

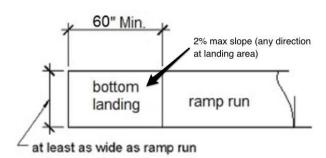
Curb ramp near accessible employee entry 3 - bottom landing is 56.25" long, slope of 2.3%

#### Recommendation:

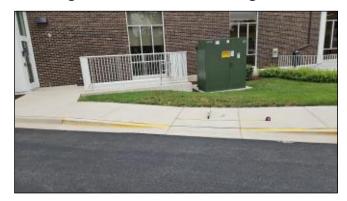
Correct ramp landing depth dimension to a minimum 60" with slope to max 2.08%.

#### Phase:





## **Finding #9 Additional Finding Photos**







Finding: 10

The running slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20. The cross slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:48.

Citation: As Built:

2010 ADAS Section: 403.3 Cross slopes of 2.9%

and 3.3% at both ends of west side of westernmost low garden bed

#### Recommendation:

Correct cross slopes to max 2.08%.

#### Phase:



## Finding #10 Additional Finding Photos







Finding: 11

The running slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20. The cross slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:48.

Citation: As Built:

2010 ADAS Section: 403.3 Cross slope of 3.1% adjacent to manhole

garden and employee

cover on route to

entrance 3

### **Recommendation:**

Correct cross slopes to max 2.08%.

#### Phase:



## **Finding #11 Additional Finding Photos**



Finding: 12

There is a gap spaced greater than a 1/2 inch.

Openings in floor or ground surfaces shall not allow passage of a sphere more than 1/2 inch diameter. Elongated openings shall be placed so that the long dimension is perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel.

Citation:

2015 ABAAS Section: 302.3

2010 ADAS Section: 302.3

1997 IAC Section: 400.310(a)(12)

As Built:

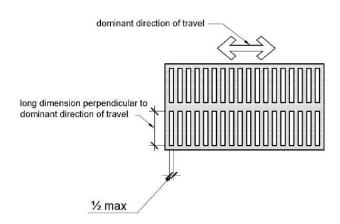
Gap of 1.25" adjacent to manhole cover on route to garden and employee entrance 3

### Recommendation:

Correct or fill gaps to be max .5".

#### Phase:





## **Finding #12 Additional Finding Photos**





## Finding: 13

The accessible route of travel that crosses or adjoins the vehicular way and the walking surface is not separated by curbs, railings, or other elements between the pedestrian areas and vehicular areas.

If a walk crosses or adjoins a vehicular way, and the walking surfaces are not separated by curbs, railings or other elements between the pedestrian areas and vehicular areas, the boundary between the areas shall be defined by a continuous detectable warning which is 36 inches wide.

Citation:

2010 ADAS Section: 705

1997 IAC Section: 400.310(t)(4)

As Built:

Lacks detectable warning at curb ramp near accessible employee entry 3

#### Recommendation:

Install detectable warning where accessible route crosses the vehicular way as a smart practice.

#### Phase:

5 (Smart Practice): Should be completed but not necessarily required. This category includes findings and or elements that were in compliance with previous editions of the codes and standards but have since changed. This category also includes techniques or elements that are not a part of the federal or state requirements, but are suggested in advisory language, or have been successfully implemented by other entities. Generally, these items are easily modified to provide the greatest degree of access as well as compliance with the most current codes and standards.



