
CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: 3/31/20

TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Alan Humphrey, Director of Public Works

CC: Jerene Watson, City Manager; Dawn Prince, Deputy City Manager; Leadership Team

SUBJECT: MID-BLOCK RAMPS ON G AVENUE BETWEEN 15TH AND 10TH

This report is in response to requests from citizens to Councilmembers Grijalva and Morales, asking that mid-block ramps be added for businesses along G Avenue, especially 10th – 15th Streets.



DISCUSSION

The curbs and gutters on this stretch of G Street are not the typical 6-inch curb and gutter. As you can see in the imbedded photo, the gutters are wider, deeper and curved to convey more water than the typical curb. Due to the extra depth, the difference in elevation between the low point in the gutter and the edge of the sidewalk is roughly one foot.

The distance from the low point in the gutter to the back of the sidewalk is typically 7 feet as shown by the red lines in the photo.

As a result, ramps installed in this area would be almost *twice as steep as allowed by ADA*. ADA requires the slopes to be 8.3% or flatter. These would average about 13%.

RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION

It is my recommendation that we do not install these ramps. They will not be ADA compliant (not even close) and installing them would leave the City exposed to a liability. If an accident occurred, the ramps would be blamed because they don't comply with ADA requirements.