

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



RECOMMENDED BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES GUIDELINES

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MOST DESIRABLE 10ft. SUP is district preferred.

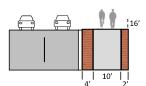
Recommended Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Along I-35 (Curbed)

5' 10'

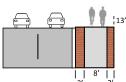
Edge of Pavement to Right of Way (ROW)

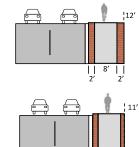
Set back Shared Use Path (SUP) and widen to 12 ft. only in high-volume bicycle/pedestrian locations, on a case-by-case basis, and with approval from TxDOT



If pedestrian volumes are expected to be significant, physical separation between pedestrian and cyclists may be considered.







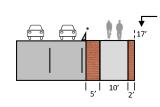
Reducing the path to less than 8 ft. should be done only when all other reasonable alternatives have been exhausted and will require specific TxDOT approval.

For short distances, due to physical or ROW constraints, 6-7 ft. narrowed pathway with buffer can potentially serve as a sufficient bicycle/pedestrian facility. 6 ft. is an absolute minimum.

0'-2' buffer is only for use in extremely constrained conditions.

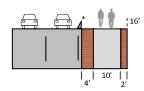
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Along I-35 (Uncurbed)

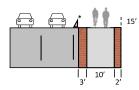


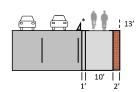
Available Width Edge of Pavement to Right of Way (ROW)

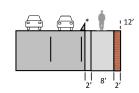
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Where buffers between shoulders and bicycle/pedestrian lanes are equal to or less than 5 ft., barriers are recommended, but not required.







Reducing the path to less than 8 ft. should be done only when all other reasonable alternatives have been exhausted and will require specific TxDOT approval.

For short distances, due to physical or ROW constraints, an 8 ft. narrowed pathway with buffer can potentially serve as a sufficient bicycle/pedestrian facility.

*Potential need for barrier to be evaluated on case-by-case basis

Notes

DESIRABLE

LEAST

- High-speed roadways are defined as operating at or over 45 MPH. Limited access is defined as limited opportunities for crossing the highway and infrequent driveway conflicts (ex. freeway/frontage roads and major highways).
- The SUP shall be unobstructed (signs, utilities, etc.) and properly designed, with proper sight distances, driveways, and intersections.
- Refer to Chapter 5: Design of Shared Use Paths in the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities 2012, Fourth Edition for additional design guidance including, but not limited to, horizontal alignment, SSD, vertical curves, cross slopes, side slopes, etc.
- Unless grading needs or utility conflicts will occur, the SUP should be located 2 ft. min. from the ROW.
- All SUP widths less than 10 feet require a design waiver. All buffer widths less than 5 feet require a design waiver.
- A SUP width less than 8 feet shall not be used without specific TxDOT approval, as noted above. 6.

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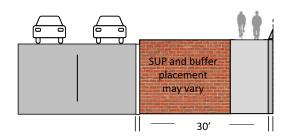
These are recommended widths, if site conditions permit larger buffer widths may be considered.

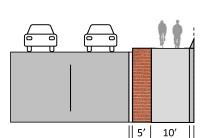


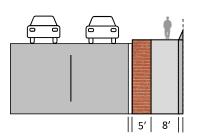
Recommended Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities on I-35 Cross Streets and Pedestrian Bridges

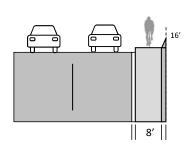
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CROSS STREET

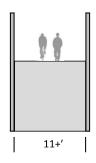








PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**



**Initial mockup of cross section for potential overhead pedestrian bridge

Notes

- . Bike lane width shall be 4 feet minimum, 5 feet desirable, measured from the lane stripe to the lip of gutter (TxDOT RDM).
- Buffer can be hardscape or landscape based on site conditions. Buffer widths less than 2' shall be hardscape.
- Bicycle facilities should be avoided on high-speed roadways. High-speed roadways are defined as operating at or over 45 MPH.
- Refer to AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities 2012, Fourth Edition for additional guidance on design elements including, but not limited to, horizontal alignment, SSD, vertical curves, cross slopes, design speed, and side slopes.
- 5. The goal of Mobility35 is to provide SUPs for bicycles and pedestrians along all frontage roads, and not provide separate bike lanes. The intent of this guidance for a separated bicycle and pedestrian facilities is only applicable where it is required to tie into an existing bicycle facility. If a SUP is provided, an additional bike lane or shared lane is not needed. If a SUP is not feasible, a bicycle lane is preferred over a shared lane.

LEAST DESIRABLE



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BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN AND SHARED USE PATH FACILITIES

Figures A.8-A.18 are representative of varying bicycle and pedestrian enhancements planned throughout the corridor. Bicycle and pedestrian facility aesthetic treatments apply to retaining walls, ADA handrails and roadway buffers, where necessary. For retaining wall applications along shared use paths, refer to Table A.1. Table A.2 specifies treatments of ADA handrails along sidewalks; refer to TxDOT standard PRD-13 for details. Where pedestrian rails are needed along shared use paths, TxDOT standard type "E" shall be used. Five treatments are proposed where a buffer or gap exists between the roadway and the shared use path. The varying treatments are defined by the distance between the two facilities and whether or not a physical barrier exists. The buffers are described as:

- less than two feet from curb (Fig A.13)
- less than two feet from traffic barrier (Fig A.14)
- two feet up to five feet from curb (Fig A.15)
- two feet up to five feet from traffic barrier (Fig A.16)
- greater than five feet from curb or traffic barrier

Corresponding hardscape figures illustrate the condition, paver laying pattern and color. Where the distance between the edge of the shared use path and back of curb or traffic barrier is greater than five feet, grass seed or sod shall be used. Refer to hardscape aesthetics for treatment under bridges in each city.

Design and construction of pedestrian and shared use paths shall be in accordance with all applicable standards. Treatments included herein are intended for aesthetic purposes only.

Curb ramps shall contain a detectable warning surface that consists of raised truncated domes per ADA and TAS requirements. Materials, width, depth and location of detectable warning surface shall be in accordance with TxDOT standards. Color shall be a dark brown or dark red in accordance with TxDOT standards.

WALL HEIGHT	SITE CONDITIONS
Less than 3 feet tall in Height	Smooth Concrete Finish
More than 3 feet tall in Height	Complement Aesthetic/Texture of Retaining Wall in Region

ı	DROPOFF HEIGHT	SITE CONDITIONS
]	Less than 30" in Dropoff	TxDOT Standard Type "C"
٦	More than 30" in Dropoff	TxDOT Standard Type "E"

Table A.1- Shared Use Path Wall Matrix

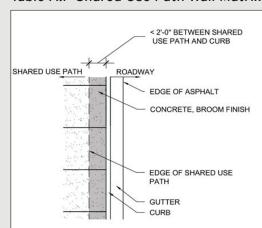


Fig A.13- Shared Use Path Roadway Buffer, Less than 2 Feet from Curb, No Traffic Barrier Present

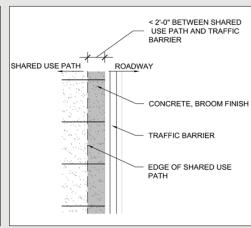


Fig A.14- Shared Use Path Roadway Buffer, Less than 2 Feet from Traffic Barrier

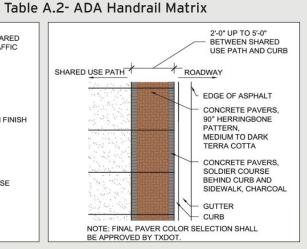
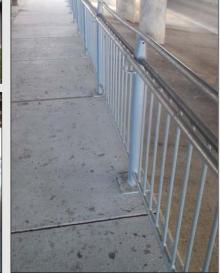


Fig A.15- Shared Use Path Roadway Buffer, 2 Feet to 5 Feet from Curb, No Traffic Barrier Present









Figs A.8-A.12 Pedestrian Facilities Include ADA Ramps, Crosswalks, Sidewalks, and Hardscape Paving (clockwise from upper left)

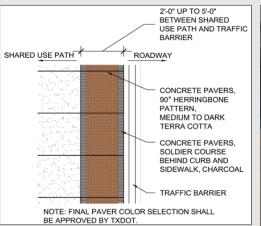


Fig A.16- Shared Use Path Roadway Buffer, 2 Feet to 5 Feet, from Traffic Barrier



Fig A.17- Bicycle Paths



Fig A.18- Bicycle Lanes



AESTHETIC GUIDELINES - CORRIDOR WIDE AESTHETICS





Mobility35 Shared Use Path (SUP) Striping, Signage, and Design Treatments Guidance

Condition	Minimum (Default) Treatment	Higher Need Area Treatment Options Parameters are still being considered for what triggers consideration as a "higher need area", but examples are provided. "Higher Need Areas" include but are not limited to: major shopping centers, high volume land uses such as gas stations and big box stores. Treatments may not be implemented based upon design and physical constraints, or engineering judgment. The area from Airport Boulevard to Riverside Drive is considered a "Higher Need Area" based upon land uses and bicycle and pedestrian traffic.		Based Upon Engineer Judgment	
		Shared Use Path Approach & Crossing	I-35 Frontage Road Approach	East-West Approach	
Driveways, private roads, and alleys without signals Examples Edgewood Avenue 31st Street (east of I-35) Maybe less than 500 ADT (sum of both directions). Up to 1000 ADT incl. Park ThirtyFive or Berrywood N of Braker.	No treatment beyond that required.	1	For new construction, the local city and developer may consider, in advance of driveway: TURNING VEHICLES TO R10-15	As necessary or required: Raised Detectable Pavers at each end of the crosswalk (ADA) In addition, for new construction, the local city and developer may consider, at crosswalk: W1-15	Additional treatment if deemed necessary (physical constraints, accident history, engineering judgment), including but not limited to: - Additional lighting - Plastic delineators The city, engineer, and TxDOT when consulted, should consider long-term maintenance and consistency with the rest of the path.
Public streets without signals Examples: • St. Edwards Drive • Teri Road • La Posada • Huntland Drive	Stop sign/bar for vehicles IN ADVANCE (upstream) of painted crosswalk: STOP R1-1 For SUP, painted crosswalk ("Continental"):	Consider: R15-8 As a general note, use sparingly, for example if crash history indicates some benefit.	See minimum, plus, in advance of street, if not in conflict with other required signage: TURNING VEHICLES TO TO R10-15	See minimum, plus, as necessary or required: Raised Detectable Pavers at each end of the crosswalk (ADA) In addition, at crosswalk: W11-15 W1-7	See above.
Public streets with Signals Examples: Rundberg 32nd Street Woodward Woodland	Signal stan bars and padastrian signals (with		(See minimum, plus, in advance of street: TURNING VEHICLES When signal includes a permissive left turn or a right-turn where yield compliance is low, give SUP a head-start (leading pedestrian interval).	See minimum, plus, as necessary or required: Raised Detectable Pavers at each end of the crosswalk (ADA) In addition, at crosswalk: W1-7 When signal includes a permissive left turn or a right-turn where yield compliance is low, give SUP a headstart (leading pedestrian interval).	See above.



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"Free-right" turns (FRT)	If reconstructing the FRT, apply: - Anticipated new RDM design guidelines for tightened radii and narrower FRTs - Signage: VIELD	Example: Riverside Drive - See Minimum	Example: Riverside Drive - See Minimum - Plus, in ADVANCE of minimum signage: TURNING PUBLICLES With additional yield triangle pavement markings just ahead of crosswalk: - At FRT crosswalk: - At FRT crosswalk: Compared C	Example: Riverside Drive - See Minimum - Plus, in ADVANCE of minimum signage: TURNING VEHICLES With additional yield triangle pavement markings just ahead of crosswalk: - At FRT crosswalk: sign below plus W16 yellow down arrow on both sides - At FRT crosswalk: Sign below plus W16 yellow down arrow on both sides - R1-5	See above. NOTE: Generally, apply same treatment to all four legs for consistency

