



December 1, 2016

Colorado Department of Transportation
Attn: Mr. Josh Laipply, Chief Engineer
c/o Civil Rights & Business Resource Center
4201 East Arkansas Avenue, Room 150
Denver, CO 80222

Dear Mr. Laipply,

On behalf of the Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities, we commend you and CDOT for our involvement and feedback regarding your comprehensive project to survey and categorize CDOT's 20,000 plus curb ramps throughout Colorado.

Greg Martinez, CDOT ADA Title II Analyst, Joshua Keith, CDOT Standards & Specifications Engineer, David Kosmiski, CDOT North Holly Engineer, and Steve Ruge, ADA Consultant, presented a detailed briefing on the methodology and geometrics of these surveys to the Governor's Council. We were most impressed with the thoroughness of this team effort and the leadership provided by Mr. Martinez.

The Advisory Council was shown the process in which CDOT categorized curb ramps statewide and were asked if they were "on the right track" with respect to the disability community and their priorities. As the Advisory Council has many members of both public and state entities that represent persons with disabilities as well as has members who are disabled, we emphatically agreed that CDOT's process was in line with our communities. The evaluation of the lack of curb ramps and evaluation of existing curb ramps on the CDOT right-of-way will make a material difference for people with disabilities and the ever-growing 60+ population to access goods and services throughout Colorado. We are optimistic that it may also prompt local municipalities to undertake similar surveys to remove barriers that are their responsibilities.

This notable accomplishment is a model that all Colorado State Agencies should emulate to assess their programs and services as required by The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). CDOT's 'curb ramp' project is another example how CDOT is leading the way!

With appreciation,

Julia Beems, Chair-Person
Colorado Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities

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