PROWAG:

WHAT IT MEANS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

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HISTORY OF THE DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

1973
Rehabilitation Act Passed

1990

ADA Passed

1999

Access Board organized the Public Right of Way Access Advisory Committee 2023

Public Right of Way
Accessibility Guidelines
Finalized



THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

• First major disability rights legislation to be passed, over 15 years prior to the ADA.

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT

No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States, as defined in section 705(20) of this title, shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance or under any program or activity conducted by any Executive agency or by the United States Postal Service.



AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Title I: Employment

Title II: State and Local Governments

Title III: Places of Public Accommodations









LONG ROAD TO PROWAG

2001 2002 2005 2011 2013 2023 1999 The Board publishes final rule Board organizes the Public The Public Rights of Way The Board releases draft The Board releases revised · The Board issues notice • The Board issues a **Advisory Committee submits** Rights of Way Advisory guidelines for public coment. draft guidelines for purposes of proposed rule on supplemental notice to in the Federal Register its report to the board. of gather information for a Shared Use Path address shared use paths Comittee. in its rulemaking on public cost analysis. Accessibility Guidelines. • The Board issues notice right of way. of proposed rulemaking • The Board publishes a on Accessibility Proposed Draft Guidelines for Pedestrian **Accessibilities Guidelines** Facilities in the Public for the Public Right of Way

Right of Way.

• The Board issues notice

of reopening proposed

rule for public comment.



in its rulemaking on public

right of way.

COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE BARRIERS

- Lack of curb cuts or poorly designed curb ramps
- Inadequate sidewalk width or obstructions
- Poorly maintained sidewalks and pathways



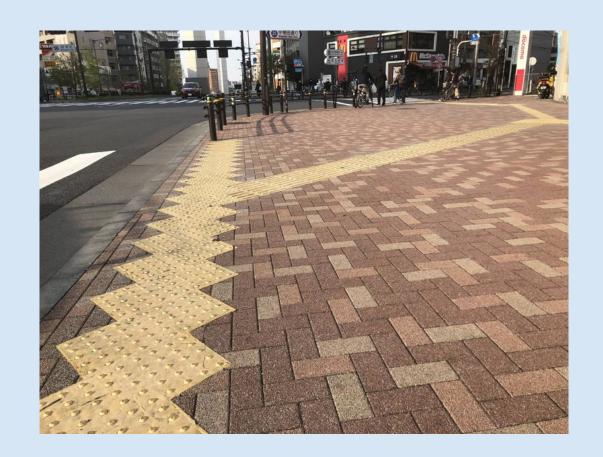






COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE BARRIERS CONT.

- Absense of or poorly placed tactile markings
- Lack of or poorly placed accessible pedestrian signals



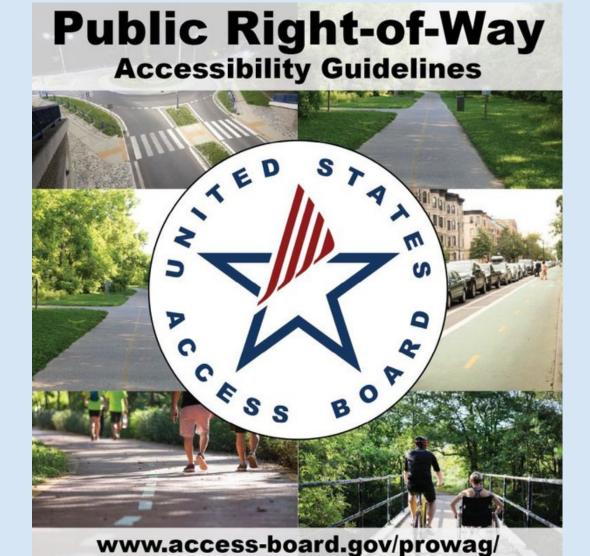






NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US

- PROWAG was informed by disabled people
- PROWAG provides standards for the design and construction of pedestrian facilities in public rights of way.







NOTHING ABOUT US WITHOUT US CONT.

- Seek input from the disability community from the beginning
- Keep the community engaged throughout the different stages of a project
- Be open to feedback and be willing to change
- Disabled people know what disabled people need





Thank you!

PLEASE REACH OUT!

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