

# PROWAG:

## WHAT IT MEANS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

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# HISTORY OF THE DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

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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

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

# SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT

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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

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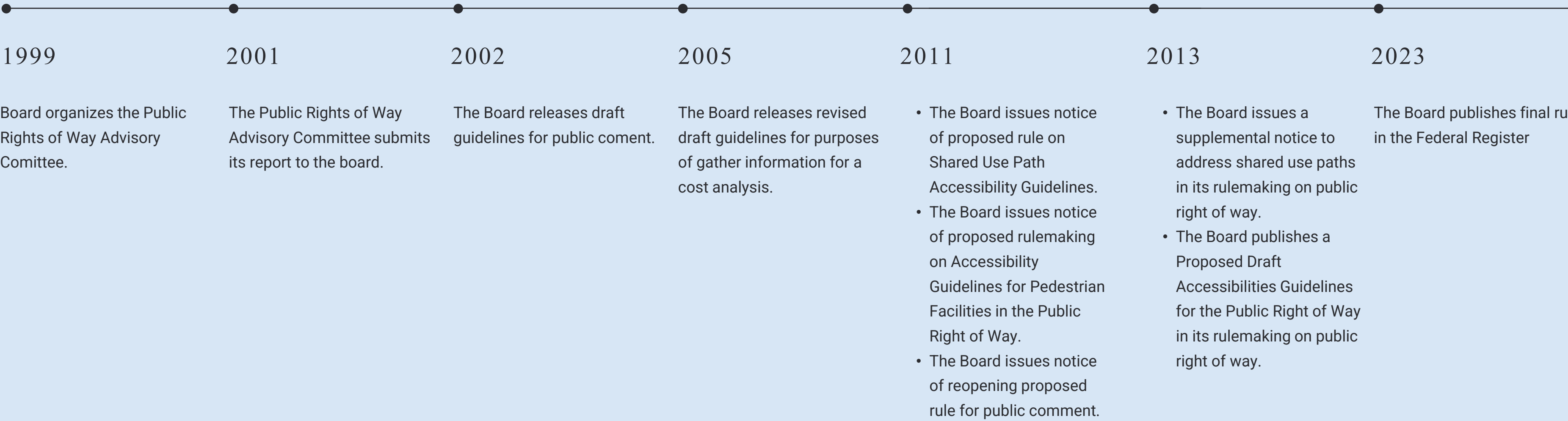
Title I: Employment

Title II: State and Local Governments

Title III: Places of Public Accommodations



# LONG ROAD TO PROWAG





# COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE BARRIERS

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





# COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE BARRIERS CONT.

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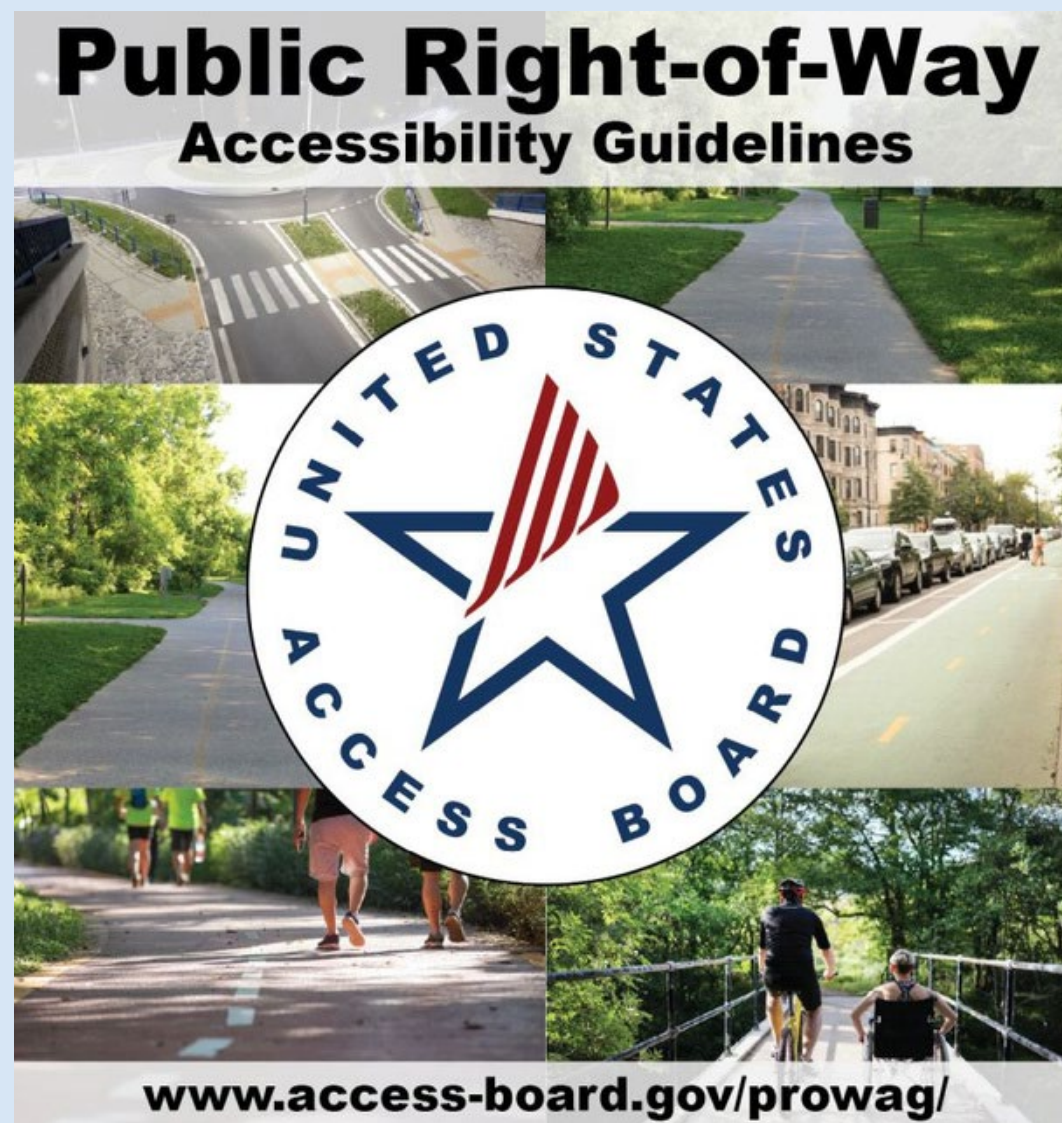
- Absence of or poorly placed tactile markings
- Lack of or poorly placed accessible pedestrian signals





# 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.

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- 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!

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PLEASE REACH OUT!

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