

Appendix B - APS Policy



MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS AND PUSHBUTTONS (APS) INSTALLATION

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Intent:

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments to provide "effective communication" for those using or accessing public programs, services, and activities. For pedestrians living with visual and/or hearing impairments, audible and vibrotactile communication may be provided by means of Accessible Pedestrian Signals and Pushbuttons (APS) at signalized intersections. These signals can provide information in an "effective" or accessible format to assist in making signalized street crossings easier to use for all pedestrians.

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish reasonable and consistent policy for installing APS.

Policy:

The City of Bellingham will install APS under the following conditions:

- New construction: All new construction of traffic signal projects, including HAWKS and enhanced crosswalks, requires installation of APS when pedestrian signals are installed.
- Alteration: Existing pedestrian signals shall be upgraded to APS when the signal controller and software are altered or any individual signal or pedestrian head is replaced.
- Citizen requests: Individuals living with disabilities or those who directly care for individuals living with disabilities can request installation of APS at signalized intersections, including HAWKS and enhanced crosswalks. Requests will be logged and considered for improvement outside of a new construction or alteration project.
- In addition to the above conditions, signalized intersections will be retrofitted with APS according to the City's ADA Transition Plan prioritization process.

Technical Requirements:

APS shall be installed in compliance with technical requirements specified in Section 4E.08 through 4E.13 of the 2009 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and Section R403 of the Proposed Guidelines for Pedestrians Facilities in the Public Right of Way (PROWAG DRAFT 2011).