Accessibility Guidelines

(to be added to the BRA Development Review Guidelines)

The goal of the Accessibility Plan is to support the inclusion of people with disabilities as a general priority when reviewing impacts of the proposed project. You should provide specific details, including descriptions, diagrams and data, of the universal access elements that will ensure all individuals have an equal experience that accommodates full participation in the built environment throughout the proposed buildings and open space.

The Accessibility Plan will focus on ideal design for access that meets, and potentially exceeds, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ADAAG Guidelines and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (AAB) 521 CMR compliancy requirements.

Means of supporting the inclusion of people with disabilities include, but are not limited to, assessment of existing infrastructure, analysis of surrounding site conditions, ensuring accessible parking, circulation and accessible routes and planning for accessible units.

1. Complete and submit an Accessibility Checklist in Appendix 8 with the Project Notification Form (PNF) filing. The Checklist requires all projects to consider site infrastructure, existing and proposed surrounding conditions and materials, accessible parking and drop-off areas, circulation, visit-ability and accessible units. Consideration of people with disabilities and accessible design should not be limited to those listed on the Checklist.
2. Incorporate accessible strategies into all relevant components of the project such as Transportation, Urban Design, Landscape, Urban Development, Accessible Routes and Signage and Way-findings.
3. Accessibility Checklist and Responses will be reviewed by the Commission for Persons with Disabilities. The Project Proponent will be notified in writing of any comments by the Commission.