



City of Boston
Public Works Department

Permittee's Checklist to Receive Return of Sidewalk Deposit

In order to pass inspection, a sidewalk must meet all of the listed criteria. This list is based on the current regulations and is subject to change. For more information about standards with which a sidewalk must comply in order to pass inspection, please see 521 CMR for a complete list of MAAB standards, and the Rules and Specifications for Excavation within Boston.

Sidewalk

- Less than 2% cross-slope on all sidewalks
- A compliant path of travel that is at least 3 feet wide
- Transition panels to existing non-compliant sidewalks of no more than 5 feet in length unless approved by PWD prior to construction
- Sidewalk flags maximum of 36 square feet
- Finished surface is flush with existing sidewalk, has no damages (broken flags, scraping, chips, cracks, spalling, defects), and is ADA compliant
- Concrete free of graffiti (handprints, footprints, bicycle tracks, writing/drawing in the wet concrete)
- Backline (property line/back of sidewalk) is repaired as needed
- Edgestone reset as necessary to achieve ADA compliance, with joints mortared and trench patched sufficiently
- Street lighting/BTD pullboxes upgraded to composite version
- Expansion joints every 30 feet and around hydrants, utility poles, and lights

Ramp

- Less than 8.33% ramp slope (7.5% recommended)
- Less than 2% cross slope level landing in each direction (1.5% recommended)
- Level landing area is a minimum of 4 feet deep and is as wide as the ramp slope
- Ramp opening greater than or equal to 4 feet wide
- Tactile warning pad correct color (yellow, unless in designated historic districts) installed correctly
- Correct location/positioning of ramp in regards to direction of traffic and traffic crossings
- Less than 2% slope where roadway meets ramp and ramp opening flush with roadway

Driveway

- Driveway width is equal to permitted size (no larger)
- Driveway lip at roadway is no more than 1" in height
- Driveway ramp slope is less than 15 percent, and maintains a compliant path of travel at least 3 feet wide with a cross slope of less than 2%

Street Trees

- Tree pits to grade, in loam
- Tree pits are a minimum of 24 square feet

General

- Castings are set to grade
- All roadway work (if applicable) is smooth and level, castings are to grade, drainage is working, and wire loops and striping are restored
- Full compliance with latest versions of ADA/MAAB regulations
- MA Architectural Access Board (MAAB) variances provided to the City, if applicable
- Other (LMI's, variances, special conditions)

These criteria are current as of January 1, 2019.