Detectable Warnings at Hazardous Vehicular Areas

2007 California Building Code, Section 1133B.8.5. Detectable Warnings

Section 1133B.8.5. Detectable warnings are required where the accessible route of travel crosses or adjoins a vehicular way and the walking surface of the route is not separated by curbs, railings or other elements between the pedestrian areas and vehicular areas.

The boundary between the pedestrian areas and the vehicular areas shall be defined by a continuous detectable warning which is 36 inches wide, complying with the 2007 California Building Code, Section 1121B.3.1, Item 8 (a).

Interpretation for existing sites:

When determining where detectable warnings are required, it must be determined what is a “hazardous vehicular area”. Vehicular areas can be considered non-hazardous and the need for the detectable warnings eliminated for areas where traffic will be 5 miles per hour or less; such as the drive-up entrance area at a hotel or motel where the area is typically used for loading and unloading or at a mini-mart/gas station facility where traffic moves very slowly or other small parking lots.

Detectable Warning Examples

See also..... CI-31 Route of Travel to a Public Way

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