CITY OF SAN DIEGO M E M O R A N D U M

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July 2, 2003

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FROM:

P. Lamont Ewell, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT:

Maximizing Pedestrian Safety

In our continuing efforts to improve our method of marking City construction locations, the use of yellow tape and light-weight cones as a barricade will no longer be used on City projects or facilities, projects funded by the City or those performed by City crews. This applies to all work that may encroach on a sidewalk, walkway or crosswalk area and any interior repair or renovation projects in public facilities. Protective barricades, fencing and temporary bridges, together with warning and guidance devices and signs need to be used so that the passageway for pedestrians is safe and well defined (pictures attached).

The Subcommittee for Architectural Barrier Removal (SCRAB) recommends that a barrier that is detectable at ground level and not easily moved be used, as it provides increased safety to all pedestrians. They suggest OSHA mesh which is reusable, however, other similarly designed barriers may work as well.

Disability Services, Engineering and Capital Projects and the City Attorney's Office are currently working on specific language to include in our construction contracts and are exploring other ideas to ensure appropriate enforcement (i.e. Council Policy, Ordinance, etc.). We will be advising you on an ongoing basis of this process. Once the contract language is finalized, it will be made available to include in all construction contracts.

Disability Services staff will be providing awareness/technical training specific to this issue at the July 18, 2003 Citywide Trainers Meeting. In addition, a short training video will be developed and made available later this year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Debra Fischle-Faulk at 236-6172.

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Attachment

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(No longer use these types of protective barricades)





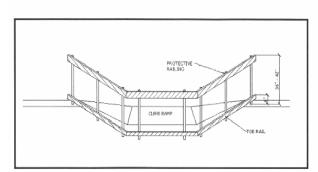


(Acceptable Temporary Barrier – "Orange Mesh" conforming with MUTCD/ Cal OSHA Standards and/or "Chain Link Fence")

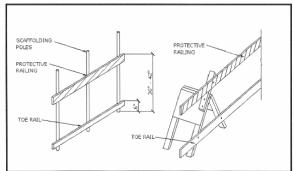


(Acceptable Temporary Barrier – "Concrete Barrier")

Curb Ramp Barricade for Cane Detection



Barricades for Cane Detection



(Acceptable Temporary Barrier - "Wood Fence")