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## **SUBJET: Accessibility Upgrades for Commercial Projects**

**OBJECTIVE:** The summary of upgrades added to the plan documents will clarify the specific path of travel elements to be altered as part of the scope of work. This will assist the property owner, contractor, tenant, and inspector in removing barriers to comply with the California Building Code accessibility requirements.

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### **POLICY:**

The provisions of Section 11B-202.4 of the 2022 California Building Code Exception 8 apply to existing buildings or facilities used as public buildings, public accommodations, commercial buildings or public housing. When these buildings or facilities undergo alterations, structural repairs, or additions, an accessible path of travel must be provided to the specific area of construction.

When the adjusted construction cost<sup>1</sup> of **alterations, structural repairs, or additions to existing buildings and facilities** within three years of the original alteration does not exceed a valuation threshold of **\$200,399.00**, the cost of compliance with Section 11B-202.4 of the 2022 California Building Code shall be limited to 20% of the adjusted construction cost of alterations, structural repairs or additions.

In choosing which accessible elements to provide, priority should be given to those elements that will provide the greatest access in the following order:

1. An accessible entrance;
2. An accessible route to the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition (see definition of accessible route Section 202 & 11B-206.2.1 for more information on accessible routes and site arrival points);
3. At least one accessible restroom for each sex serving the area of alteration, structural repair or addition;
4. Accessible telephones, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition;
5. Accessible drinking fountains, if provided, serving the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition; and
6. When possible, additional accessible elements such as additional parking, storage, signs and alarms.

The second page of this Information Bulletin provides an example showing a Summary of Accessibility Upgrades.

# Summary of Accessibility Upgrades for Commercial Projects

*(For existing buildings where the adjusted construction cost is less than or equal to \$195,358.00 (rev. 6/23) Sec. 11B-202.4 Exception 8)*

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted cost of construction does not include the cost of alterations to path of travel elements required to be upgraded outside the area of alteration, structural repair, or addition.

<b>Project Address:</b>		<b>Application No.</b>	
<b>Project Description/Location:</b> Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration <input type="checkbox"/> Structural Repair <input type="checkbox"/> Addition		<b>Permit Valuation:</b> <b>*Adjusted Cost of Proposed Construction:</b>	
<b>PATH OF TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR AREA OF ALTERATION, STRUCTURAL REPAIR, OR ADDITION</b>			
Accessible Features	Does existing feature meet accessibility standards of Chapter 11B of the current CBC?	Will this feature be replaced or altered to meet Chapter 11B of the current CBC?	If so, how much will be spent to make this feature accessible?
1. Accessible entrance			\$
2. Accessible route to the altered area			\$
3. Accessible restroom for each sex or a unisex restroom			\$
4. Accessible telephones			\$
5. Accessible drinking fountains			\$
6. Other (Any of the below)			
A. Accessible parking spaces			\$
B. Signs			\$
C. Alarms			\$
D. Other:			\$
Cost of All Features Provided (A)	Summary of costs of Accessible Features Nos. 1-6 provided above.		\$
Adjusted Cost of Proposed Construction (B)	Construction cost for all proposed work on this permit application <b>except</b> Accessible Features Nos. 1-6 provided above.		\$
Percentage Upgrades Provided (A / B)	Cost of all Features Provided / Total Cost on Same Path of Travel.		%
<b>Description of Access Features Provided:</b>			
<b>Applicant Certification</b>			
I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.			
Signature:		Date:	Company:
Name:(print)		Address:	
Title:	Architect of Record	City, State Zip:	
Agent for:	<input type="checkbox"/> Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Architect <input type="checkbox"/> Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor	Phone No.:	
<b>For Building Official Use Only</b>			
Approved by:	Title:	Date:     /     /	

\*If an area has been altered without providing an accessible path of travel to that area, and subsequent alterations of that area or a different area on the same path of travel are undertaken within three years of the original alteration, the total cost of alterations to the

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<b>PATH OF TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS FOR AREA OF ALTERATION, STRUCTURAL REPAIR, OR ADDITION</b>			
Accessible Features	Does existing feature meet accessibility standards of Chapter 11B of the current CBC?	Will this feature be replaced or altered to meet Chapter 11B of the current CBC?	If so, how much will be spent to make this feature accessible?
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2. Accessible route to the altered area			
3. Accessible restroom for each sex or a unisex restroom			
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