

# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



**d.** Public Space Regulation Division (PSRD)

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## DDOT Announces Update to the Design and Engineering Manual Requirements

*Updated Guidelines are in Effect as of March 28, 2024*

**Washington, D.C.** – The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) today announced recent updates to the [Design and Engineering Manual \(DEM\)](#), which will impact multiple stakeholders in the District of Columbia. These updates, which comprise various aspects of design and engineering for District projects, are intended to ensure compliance with the latest standards, and enhance safety measures for construction projects in the public space. The DEM serves as a comprehensive guide, empowering engineers, architects, consultants, and developers to create projects aligning with District policies and standards, offering flexibility for innovative solutions and sound engineering practices.

Effective Thursday, March 28, 2024, developers are required to comply with the updated guidelines and revisions issued by DDOT on December 14, 2023.

Users of the DEM should note the following:

- New applications must comply with the new DEM guidelines starting March 28, 2024.
- Applications submitted prior to March 28 will continue to be reviewed under existing DEM guidelines.
- The updates were made in the following sections: curb cuts, crosswalks, and parking lines.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to visit [DDOT's website](#) for a comprehensive list of standards and manuals that must be followed when undertaking work in the public space.

At the Public Space Committee (PSC) hearing on March 28, the chair will emphasize that developers are required to adhere to the most recent standards and manuals at the time their permits are approved. DDOT remains committed to fostering safe and prosperous environments for all stakeholders involved in construction projects in the District of Columbia.

Please contact DDOT's Public Space Regulation Division, Customer Relations, and Experience Branch at (202) 442-4670 with any questions.

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