

To: Disabled  
Minnesotans  
From: MNDOT

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No Go



Danger

STAY HOME!



## MNDOT – NO ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR DISABLED

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The law: Minnesota Statute controlling wheelchair use provides:

“Pedestrians ... moving in a wheelchair shall...move on the Left side of the roadway or its shoulder giving way to Traffic.”

At the locations identified - 244 Between Meadow and Ordway; 244 between Echo and Peninsula; 244 between Oak and Echo; 120 south of Century College – there is no sidewalk, path or trail and little or no shoulder. It is simply not possible for a wheelchair user to “give way” to traffic

DANGER

At all locations marked danger, there is no protection for wheelchair users, or MNDOT has permitted pre-existing sidewalks to be destroyed. Some areas are special cases. They include:



- 244 from 120 to Old Wildwood – Sidewalks exist, but there is only a street marked crosswalk at Wedgewood. No center island, no road narrowing. Traffic at this location exceeds 16,000 vehicles per day, or one every five seconds. Try that with no adequate crosswalk!
- 244 from Old Wildwood to County 12 – Wheelchair users are on a decent shoulder, but trapped inside a guard rail. The guard rail protects cars from leaving the road, not pedestrians from the cars
- 96 west of 244. The shoulder is taken up with the right turn lane, leaving virtually no safe area for a wheelchair or walker

### A NUMERICAL MEASURE OF MNDOT COMMITMENT TO THE ADA:

The Americans With Disabilities Act became law more than 26 years ago. MNDOT proudly announced that as of 2015 “Of the 19,324 curb ramps on MNDOT’s right of way, of those 3,543 or 18% are compliant” MNDOT ADA Transition Plan, 2015, p.24. This works out to compliance in 2133.

IS THIS LEGAL? Probably not. Barden v Sacramento and Willitts v Los Angeles found ADA violations in sidewalk abandonment - \$1.3 billion in LA. Both Department of Justice and FHWA suggest work of the nature done by MNDOT is enough to require compliance with ADA requirements.