



ACCESSIBILITY PRE-CONSTRUCTION / PLANCHECK PROGRAM

**CITY OF PALO ALTO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**
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Due to the high number of Accessibility compliance corrections at the time of Final Inspection, an **Accessibility Pre-construction/Plancheck Program** has been implemented to reduce this trend.

CPA ORDINANCE 16.04.115 SECTION 110.2.1 PRELIMINARY ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE INSPECTION:

Before issuing a permit, the building official or designee is authorized to examine or cause to be examined the pre-construction accessibility compliance conditions of the buildings, structures, and sites for which an application has been filed.

The goal of the program is to address readily apparent accessibility issues before the plans are approved and the permit has been issued, thereby reducing time delays as a consequence of inspection corrections, reinspections, job cost overruns, plan revisions.

The City of Palo Alto Building Division will assign a City building inspector that is also a *Certified Access Specialist (CASp). The inspector will contact the project architect or design professional of record and schedule a preconstruction accessibility walkthrough inspection.

During this preconstruction inspection, the City CASp inspector will identify project scope accessible deficiencies and share this information with the project design professional and the assigned City of Palo Alto Building Division plans examiner.

The City of Palo Alto Building Division plans examiner will add the items to the review comments to assure that these minimum requirements are included on the permit plan sets.

In addition to the pre-construction access inspection, an IN-PROGRESS ROUGH frame, electrical, plumbing, and concrete forms accessibility inspection will be performed during construction.

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***DISCLOSURE: This is NOT a "CASp Report" as defined in the DSA "CASp Program". Information about the DSA CASp Program can be found at: www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa/Home.aspx** The City of Palo Alto Development Services makes no claim, express or implied, that, in performing the accessibility inspection will be able to identify every deficient element. The goal of this program is to address readily apparent accessibility issues before the plans are approved and the permit has been issued. The main focus is to identify whether or not existing path of travel, building and facilities elements are accessible with the current State codes.