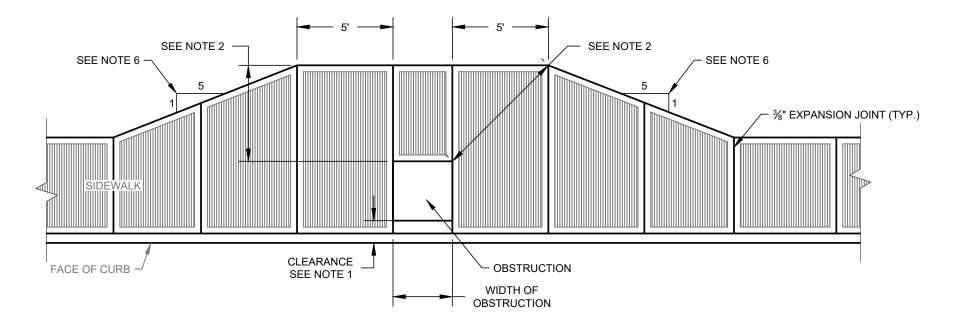
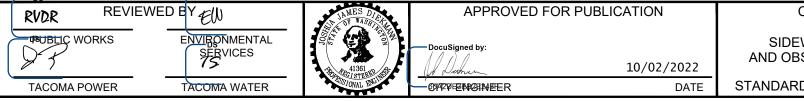
NOTES

- 1. The clearance between the face of curb and any obstruction, except mail boxes, shall be a minimum of 1'-6" and shall be in accordance with applicable standards. The front of a mail box shall be 6" to 8" from the face of curb.
- 2. Sidewalk cafes, artwork, poles, mailboxes, vault lids, ramps, etc., may not reduce the width of the sidewalk to less than 5' for residential streets and 7' for arterial streets and commercial areas, excluding the curb width.
- 3. All obstructions shall meet requirements for cane detection. See City of Tacoma Design Manual Chapter 8.
- 4. The following criteria shall only be used in rare circumstance when an obstruction cannot be relocated and does not allow the minimum required sidewalk width:
 - a) If the sidewalk is new or replaced and cannot meet the minimum clearance requirements due to an existing obstruction, then a maximum extent feasible (MEF) justification shall be included in the Plans. Rationale supporting the MEF shall be provided by the Engineer and shall include a description of the scope of work, the site-specific factors affecting compliance, and the measures implemented to improve compliance. The MEF shall be submitted and approved by the City of Tacoma Traffic Engineering Division and ADA Coordinator prior to requesting project bids or permit approval.
 - b) When placing a new obstruction in an existing sidewalk and the minimum clearance requirements cannot be met, a MEF shall be submitted and approved by the City of Tacoma Traffic Engineering Division and ADA Coordinator prior to requesting project bids or permit approval.
- 5.See Tacoma's Design Manual Chapter 8, Pedestrian Facilities, for additional information on Pedestrian Access Routes (PARs).
- 6. Sidewalk taper around obstructions shall be 5:1. If a 5:1 taper cannot be achieved, then an MEF justification shall be included on the Plans for review and approval by City Staff. Sidewalk shall comply with SU-04.





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