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RULE NO. R161-26.19

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE **POSTING DATE: August 24, 2026**

The Director of Austin Transportation and Public Works proposes to adopt the following rule on October 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED RULE

A rule proposed in this notice may not become effective before the effective date established by a separate notice of rule adoption. A notice of rule adoption may not be posted before September 25, 2026, or after November 2, 2026 (the 70th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before the 70th day, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of proposed rule.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULES

The City requests comments from the public with respect to the proposed rules included in this Notice. Comments must be submitted in writing to the contact person below no later than September 24, 2026. A summary of the written comments received will be included in the notice of rule adoption that must be posted for the rule to become effective.

Contact Person:

Amber Hutchens, Capital Program Consultant
Austin Transportation and Public Works
Amber.Hutchens@austintexas.gov
512-947-5646

TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE

The text of the proposed rule indicating changes from the current text is attached to this Notice.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE

Rule R161-26.19 deletes a concrete urban trail contraction joint detail.

An affordability impact statement regarding the proposed rule is available by contacting Amber Hutchens, amber.hutchens@austintexas.gov or 512-974-5646.

AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE

The authority and procedure for adoption of a rule to assist in the implementation, administration, or enforcement of a provision of the City Code is provided in City Code Chapter 1-2 (*Adoption of Rules*). The authority to regulate design and construction of sidewalks, driveway approaches,

pavements, appurtenances on public property, or other facilities to provide access to adjoining property is established in City Code Section 25-6-292 (*Design and Construction Standards*).

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Proposed Rule R161-26.19, the City Attorney certifies the City Attorney has reviewed the rule and finds that adoption of the rule is a valid exercise of the Director's administrative authority.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

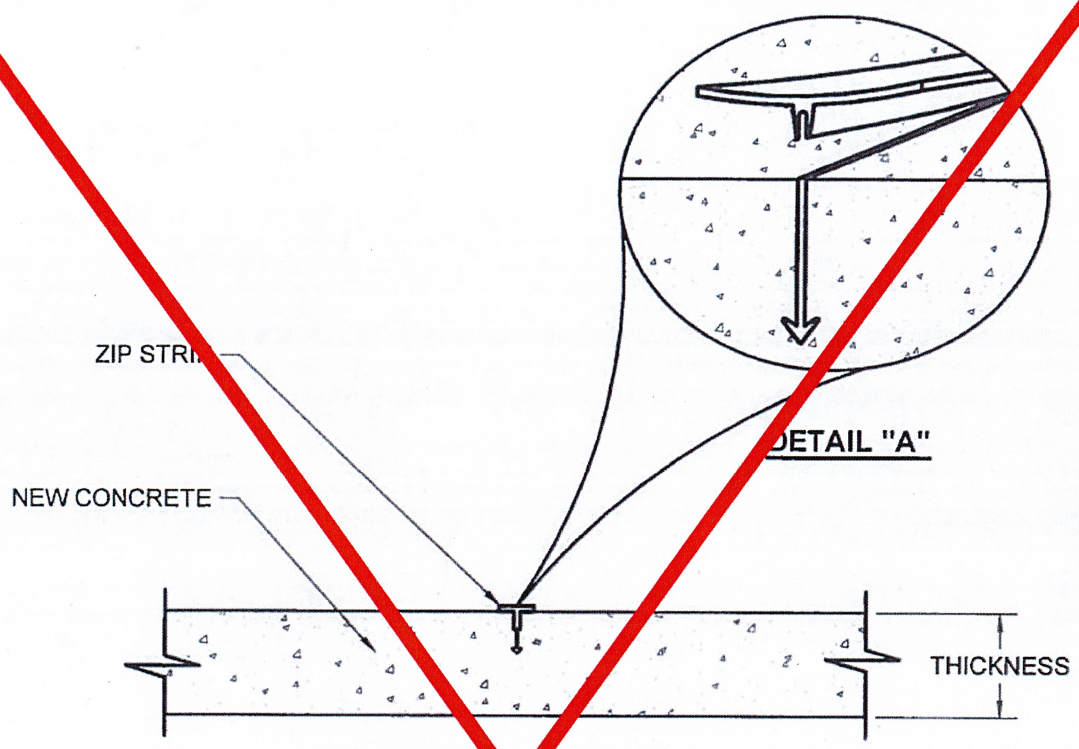
Richard Mendoza, P.E., Director
Austin Transportation and Public Works

Date: 8-21-26

Deborah Thomas, City Attorney

Date: 8-24-26

Delete Standard 1302S-2



DETAIL "A"

CONTRACTION JOINT

SLAB THICKNESS IN INCHES (T)	JOINT DEPTH
LESS THAN 8"	1½
8" OR MORE	2"

NOTES:

1. A STRAIGHT EDGE OR OTHER TYPE OF THIN BLADED DEVICE SHALL BE USED TO DISPLACE THE AGGREGATE IN THE FRESHLY PLACED CONCRETE. THE AGGREGATE CAN BE DISPLACED BY USING A BACK AND FORTH MOTION APPROXIMATELY 2-INCHES DEEP.
2. THE ZIP STRIP (OR APPROVED EQUIVALENT) SHALL BE INSERTED INTO THE CONCRETE WHEN THE CONCRETE IS STILL WET.
3. THE TOP PORTION OF THE ZIP STRIP SHALL BE REMOVED LEAVING THE VERTICAL PORTION IN THE CONCRETE, PRIOR TO THE BROOM FINISH (SEE DETAIL "A" ON THIS SHEET).
4. THE NEW JOINT FORMED SHALL BE BROOM FINISHED OVER THE TOP OF THE JOINT.
5. THE CONTRACTION JOINT PATTERN SHALL BE DETERMINED UPON FINAL CONFIGURATION OF TRAIL DESIGN OR AS APPROVED OTHERWISE BY THE ENGINEER OR THEIR DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

CITY OF AUSTIN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS	CONCRETE URBAN TRAIL CONTRACTION JOINT DETAIL - OPTION 1	
12/7/2018 ADOPTED	THE ARCHITECT/ENGINEER ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROPRIATE USE OF THIS STANDARD.	STANDARD NO. 1302S-2 1 OF 1