

AMTRAK ENGINEERING PRACTICES Structures Department Standard Design Practices (SDP)	Section 3 – Minimum Technical Requirements	EP4000
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Accessibility

I. Building Applicability:

- A. By default, all buildings shall be designed to comply with the accessibility provisions within applicable building codes, as informed and influenced by ADA standards, which are in force, per Amtrak Policy 3.22.
- B. Design Exception Requests (DERs) may be submitted to specific requirements depending on the project-specific constraints or intended utilization, but a blanket exception will not be considered.

II. Legacy Structures:

- A. Amtrak was founded in 1971 through the government-sponsored consolidation of most of the preexisting passenger rail companies in the United States. The majority of Amtrak’s stations/facilities, which it owns or is responsible for, are legacy stations/facilities built prior to the enactment of either of the ADA, ADAAG and associated statutory regulations creating particular challenges for compliance with accessibility. Many of Amtrak’s stations and platforms are also qualified historic structures posing additional challenges. The Design Consultant will identify any hardships related to incorporation of code-required accessibility provisions, notify the Amtrak Design Manager, and process all exemptions per Section 2.00, Amtrak Adopted Codes and Standards.

III. PUMP Act (Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers Act)

- A. The PUMP Act workplace accommodations are to be considered when programming building space for Amtrak.