

Jan 17, 2014, email to MCC from DPW:

We have received and reviewed the two memos provided by the MCC on Jan 9, 2013. Please see the following in regards to each item.

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Item # 2: **Color of Tactile Paving at Pedestrian Curb Ramps:**

It is common practice that smaller agencies adopt design standards set forth by the larger agency to avoid the costly process of evaluating and vetting new products and in an effort to have uniformity. The State of California has adopted standards that are based on federal requirements and the County of San Mateo has adopted the standards set forth by the state of California with regards to detectable warning surfaces (bright yellow). In order to use any new material, an agency has to follow the procedure set by the state to test and obtain approval. This procedure is described in detail at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/NewProducts/detectable\\_warning\\_surface.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/Translab/NewProducts/detectable_warning_surface.htm)

At this juncture of time, it is not feasible for the county to assign limited resources to test/evaluate new products and go through the process with the state to obtain required approval. In addition, introducing new materials can have a confusing effect on the general public and will add undue cost of stocking and installing a variety of products.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions or concerns with the above items.

Thank you.

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