

## **Title 27. Transportation**

### **Chapter V. Arkansas Department of Transportation, State Highway Commission**

#### **Subchapter A. Generally**

#### **Part 70. Bicycle Facility Accommodation and Sidewalk Rule**

#### **Subpart 1. Generally**

##### **27 CAR § 70-101. Bicycle facility accommodation policy.**

(a)(1) Accommodation of bicycles will be given due consideration when:

(A) A proposed highway project is on a route that has been designated as a bicycle route by a locally adopted bicycle plan or master street plan; and

(B) The Arkansas Department of Transportation concurs that the route should be a designated bicycle route.

(2) Coordination with local jurisdictions may be necessary to determine the recommended accommodations.

(b) Bicycle accommodations on routes that have not been designated as bicycle routes by a locally adopted bicycle plan or a master street plan will be considered if the local jurisdiction will provide the required additional funds.

(c)(1) When bicycle accommodations are to be made on routes with an open shoulder section, the paved shoulder will be used to accommodate bicycles.

(2) Shoulder widths shall conform to the widths recommended in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Green Book.

(d)(1) When bicycle accommodations are to be made on routes with a curb and gutter section, the bicycle lane will be in accordance with recommendations in the AASHTO Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities.

(2) Generally, a bicycle lane width of four feet (4'), measured from the lane edge to the edge of the gutter, will be considered.

(e) If local or regional design standards specify bicycle facility widths greater than the standards noted above, the additional right-of-way and construction costs associated with the greater width shall be funded by the local jurisdiction that adopted

the higher design standards.

(f)(1) Shared use paths (joint pedestrian/bicycle facilities separated from the roadway) are used primarily for recreational purposes, and as such will not normally be considered for bicycle accommodation on the state highway system.

(2)(A) Exceptions will be considered when the local jurisdiction specifically requests the shared use path.

(B) In such cases, the minimum shared use path width shall be ten feet (10') and the local jurisdiction shall:

(i) Bear any additional right-of-way and construction costs required for the shared use path; and

(ii) Assume all future maintenance of the facility.

**Authority.** Arkansas Code § 27-65-107.

### **27 CAR § 70-102. Sidewalk policy.**

(a) When curb and gutter sections are proposed along a highway with existing sidewalks, the sidewalks will be replaced in accordance with this policy.

(b)(1) When curb and gutter sections are proposed along a highway with no existing sidewalks, sidewalks will be constructed on both sides of the roadway in developed areas.

(2) In undeveloped areas, sidewalks will be considered on one (1) side of the roadway unless evidence of pedestrian traffic warrants sidewalks on both sides of the roadway.

(c) All sidewalk construction will conform to the latest edition of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG).

(d)(1) The minimum sidewalk width will be five feet (5'), and the minimum offset from the back of the curb to the sidewalk edge will be three feet (3').

(2) No obstructions (mailboxes, signs, etc.) will be allowed in the sidewalk.

(3) The minimum vertical clearance to the bottom of any obstruction overhanging the sidewalk will be eighty inches (80").

(e) If local or regional design standards specify pedestrian facility widths greater than the standards shown above, the additional right-of-way and construction costs associated with the greater width will normally be funded by the local jurisdiction that adopted the higher design standards.

**Authority.** Arkansas Code § 27-65-107.

## **Appendix A. Shoulder Width and Bike Lane Details**

**Link:**

<https://CodeOfARRules.arkansas.gov/docs/CARCodeAppendices/Appendices/230/27CARpt.70Appendix.pdf>