

# **Accessible Transportation: View of Accessible Samples of Design in Urban/ Small Towns from Selected Countries**

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# Examples of Accessible Transport and Pathways in Urban Areas

From:

US

Europe

Mexico

India

# Accessibility Into Transport Modes Requires

- *Accessible entry into & exit from all forms of public transport modes:*

## *In general*

*Level entryway/ exit* –feasible in modes such as light rail /subways/ boarding a vehicle from a platform

*Ramped entry / exit* allows all passengers to easily access and exit

# Accessibility into Buildings/Transport Mode Requires:

- *Entry into and exit from buildings via a ramp*
- *Ability to maneuver without endangering self and others (width of walkway)*
- *Accessible space for wheel chair/ mobility device to park inside a public transport mode and/or transfer into a regular seat (Aircraft/Rail)*
- *Ability to use wash rooms /toilets in long distance transport modes*

# **Some Examples of Various levels of Accessible Pathways-Europe**

# Historic Area, Esslingen, Germany

## Designed by Architects



**Accessible Moveable ramp  
from the Garage**



**Inaccessible Shopping Area**

# Road and Pavement Design

**Esslingen: Smooth transition  
from Pavement to road**



**Central Stuttgart: Historic Area**



# Safety & Accessibility in US

## Achieved through

- *Civil rights Legislations and Financial Incentives*
- *Enforcements through penalties for non compliance or through law suites ( by organizations /individuals )*
- *American with Disabilities Act 1990*
- *ISTEA (1991)*
- *Executive Order 12898 (Clinton) on Environmental Justice (1994)*



# US: Examples of Accessible Design

Ramp into Restaurant in the Historic District



Retrofitting Lift to ADA requirements



# Accessible Walkway : The Aquarium Moody Gardens, Galveston



# Transportation Terminals' Compliance with ADA

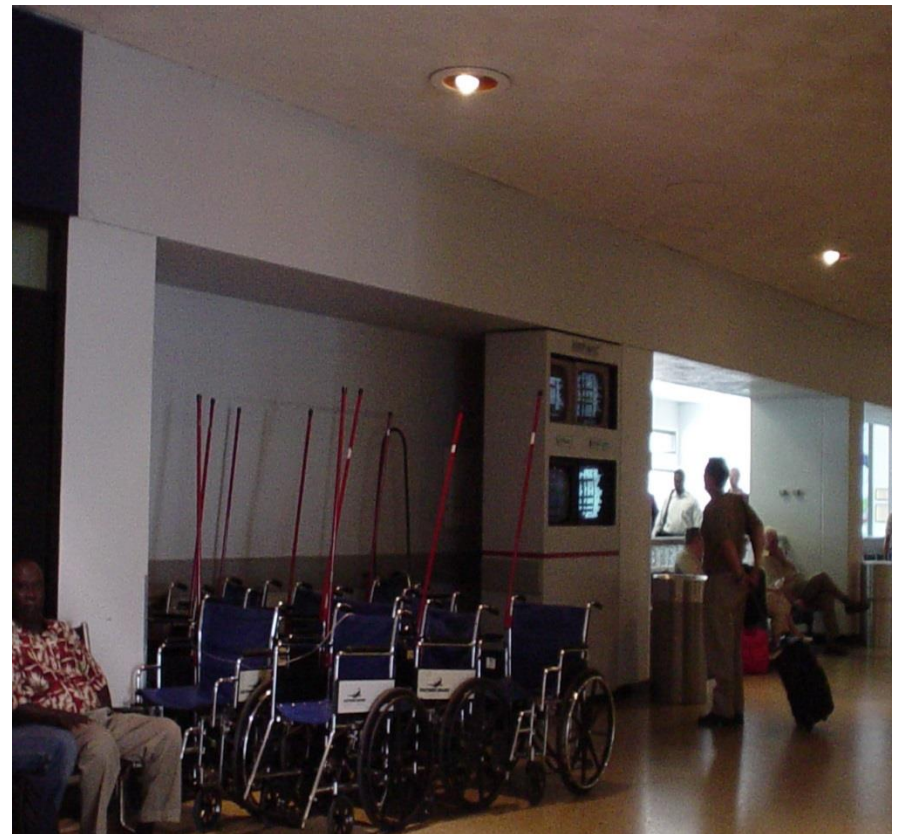
- *Airports appear to have the most advanced design features for the disabled/ Seniors/Children*
- *However there is limited accessibility for the visually impaired (no guide tracks are installed or planned)*
- *Although most transportation terminals are subsidized there is significant variation in accessible designs between them*

# Accessibility in Major Air Terminals in Houston

## Hobby Airport Curbside Checking



## Hobby-Storage of Wheel Chairs



# Intercontinental Airport, Houston (IAH)

## Adjustment of Facilities

Water Fountain adjusted for height  
(children/ wheel chair user)



Visual Pager (hearing impaired)



# Intercontinental Airport, Houston- Electric Cart for Mobility Assistance





**Level Curbside for Passenger Pickup**

Accessibility Elsewhere:  
The Example of local and tourist sites  
in the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico



# Local Transport in Yucatan Peninsula: Typical in small town





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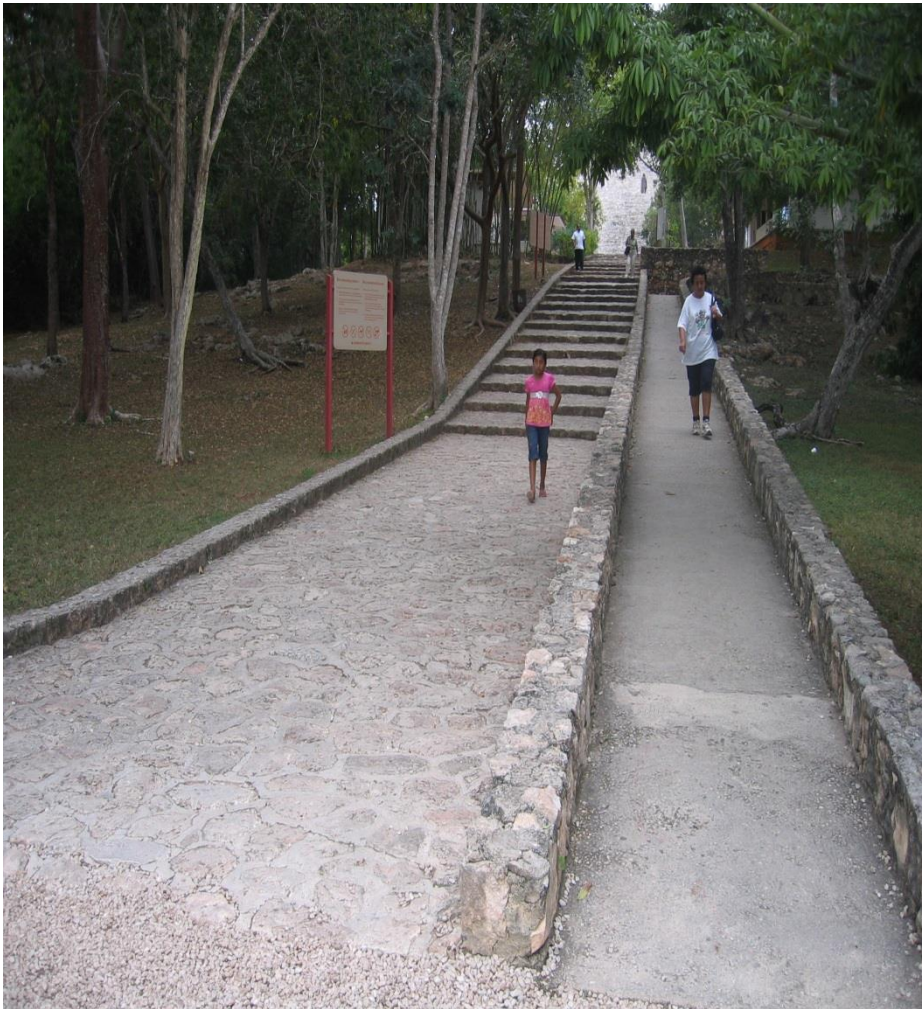


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# Ramped Entry ways into Tulum- Yucatan Peninsula



**India-Examples of  
compliance/ non compliance  
with the PWD Act of 1995**

# Accessible Crossing-Delhi



# New National Highway with high curb— outskirts of Delhi



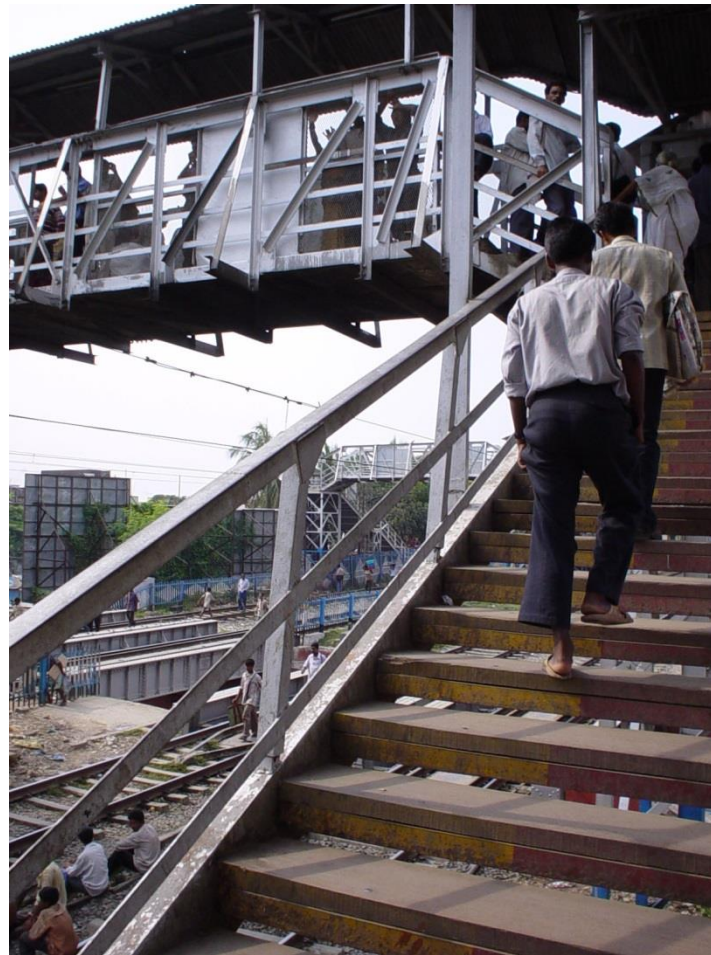
# Walking in a small town, South India



# Public Transport Vehicles



# Train Station Overhead Bridge Crossing



# Commuter Trains



# Accessible Bus



# New Low Floor Buses in Mumbai



# Trip Chain-Access to a Transportation Mode-Delhi



# Accessible Bus in New Delhi-2012



# Delhi Metro



## Scooter/ Autorickshaw





# The Value of Accessible Design for Urban and Transport Infrastructure

- Accessible/ Universal design reflects items that can be used by any one from a child to an adult with or without disability with ease
- This allows for ease of production, and benefits the entire society without requiring any major adjustments to the production unit
- This also allows for readjustment of infra structure to enable uses under altered situations i.e. an accident or the need to move large commodities or a change in environmental conditions etc
- Universal design also allows innovation for reuse of material , commodities allowing reuse, cost savings, and minimize waste

# Essential Challenges Remain

Although the UNCRPD passed on December 16, 2006, accepted by many countries –

- Actions show vary depending on the size of the country , region , city and population density
- Most countries have chosen to improve capital cities, government offices, key tourist sites, and public buildings.
- Most countries have addressed accessibility at airports, bus stations, metro station, and in some cases major train stations
- Some subways and metros if they have been build more recently or expanded, have some accessible stations allowing disabled passengers to independently maneuver without problems- one such example is the DuPont Circle subway station in Washington, DC, in the US

# Why is Accessibility Important ?

- In most countries laws have been adopted to provide inclusive transportation / education and opportunities for everyone including those with disabilities
- In every society , every adult is expected to attend training (in schools/colleges ) and engage in productive work.
- Even individuals with disabilities are expected to be gainfully employed in some type of work for monetary compensation
- People are living longer, and could develop disability any time in life.
- Hence the need for “Accessible Transport” is imperative for a productive society