

ICC A117 Proposed Task Group 2022-3-17

Name of Task Group: Accessible Communications Features for the Built Environment

Scope: Evaluate the current technical and, where provided, scoping requirements in the Standard related to communication. Include all requirements that are intended to serve people with disabilities involving communications. Make recommendations for changes to those requirements to facilitate greater accessibility, reduce cost, or to reconcile them with requirements in other codes and standards. Make additional recommendations to address the unmet needs of individuals with communications disabilities that are potentially within the scope of the Standard.

Tasks:

1. Review and make recommendations to the Full Committee on proposals to revise Chapter 7 that were submitted for the current cycle.-Suggest language to clarify the installation standards for tactile signs that identify rooms and spaces.
2. List and review the current technical and scoping requirements intended to serve individuals with communications disabilities.
3. Evaluate the current requirements identified in Task 2 to ensure their adequacy in terms of clarity, accessibility provided, cost effectiveness, feasibility, and continued need. Recommend any changes to the current Standard to improve, retain, or drop existing requirements.
4. Identify inconsistencies between the current requirements and related codes and standards and make recommendations to resolve those inconsistencies, including making recommendations to other standards development bodies e.g., ICC Codes, where appropriate.
5. Determine whether there are opportunities within the scope of the Standard to address additional communications barriers not currently addressed by the Standard.
6. Recommend new requirements or areas for further study based on the results of Task 5 and specifically investigate advanced technology like digital and audible signs, touch screens, smart information kiosks, smart phones, sensors, smart labels, QR codes and other devices that might be integrated into the architecture of buildings as communications aids to those with sensory disabilities.

Reason: Communication within and of the built environment is at the core of public access for people with sensory disabilities who constitute the largest part of the population with disabilities. That includes people with cognitive disabilities and elderly people with the disabilities of aging. It is time for the Committee to engage in a major effort toward improved access to the built environment for this large group.

Timeline: While there are some short-term tasks that can possibly be accomplished during this session, like addressing Task 1, this Task Group is envisioned as a long term project that would project into the next cycle, and could have multiple sub-groups.

Objective:

1. Recommend proposed technical criteria for the A117.1 standard, and other organizations as appropriate.
2. Submit proposed scoping to A117.1 and other organizations as appropriate.

Volunteers: The following people expressed interest in either an informal work group or a more formal Task Group.

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7.	Jim Chapman	Sign Form Systems	PD
8.	Michael Conover	General contractor	PD
9.	Susan Morgan	ASID	P
10.	Richard Roberts	Honeywell Fire Safety	PD
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13.	Sarah Presley	Access Board	R
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