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Update on Progress on Implementation of March 2024 Recommendations²

(March 2024 Recommendations in standard back font. Updated observations *in red italics.*)

1. This is a challenging site. The following are the recommendations.
2. Parking is available on the grass/dirt parallel to the road on the southwest side of the beach. It is recommended that one accessible spot be created in that area, if possible closest to the beach. The space itself will have to be level or at least no grade/slope greater than 2% and be on a firm surface with no abrupt rises more than a ½ inch. Currently there is drop from the edge of the pavement to the dirt parking space over a ½ inch, but easily addressed. The rest of the area seems suitable in terms of these other criteria.

An accessible spot parking space was not created and designated. There are markings on adjacent railings indicating space 1, 2, & 3, respectively, but none were changed to reflect an accessible space.

3. Given that the beach is part of the VTA bus route and because of the limited parking, consider creating an accessible drop off area at the parking area or at the other beach opening on the northeast side of the beach.

Not done.

4. The more difficult challenge will be creating an accessible route from the parking or drop off area to the water's edge. It may be more feasible to create the accessible route from the southwest parking area as the slope/grade from that opening to the water's edge is gentler and may be close to or under 5%. It should be measured in determining whether and how the route should be designed. In addition to making sure the slope complies with the required specifications, see the note below regarding the other requirements, regarding the width of route, cross slope and firmness and stability of route. Based on current nature and topography of that side of the beach, it would appear doable. A beach mat may be part of the solution, again as long as the slope issue is taken care of. *No progress.*

1. *For an update on the progress made on the cross-cutting recommendations with respect to this beach and other beaches, see accompanying Progress report on those recommendations.*

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¹ For specifications/dimensions for beaches, see attached resource sheet or the USDA's Forest Service *Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails, 8/2012* <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Accessibility-Guide-Book.pdf>.

² This update was based on a 10/22/24 site visit and earlier visits. Observations and findings were based the USDA's Forest Service *Accessibility Guidebook for Outdoor Recreation and Trails, 8/2012*. <https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/Accessibility-Guide-Book.pdf>.

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