



# Agenda Item Report

**Legislative Board:** Historic Preservation Commission  
**Date:** September 18, 2025  
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**ITEM TITLE:** Deliberation and possible action to approve a request from Edward Vercelli for a metal ramp at 118 W Goforth Street.

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The applicant would like to add a metal ramp to the front of the structure connecting the parking area to front porch.

## 2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The structure located at 118 W Goforth was constructed in 1970, it is identified in the Historic Resources Survey as one of the two Spanish Colonial Ranch style homes in Buda and the Survey classifies this structure as a low priority.

## 3. ANALYSIS

The applicant is proposing a metal ramp coming off the front porch of the structure towards the parking area. The applicant would like to install the ramp as the structure is being used for office space.

The applicant has stated that they will plant landscaping to obscure the ramp from the view of the street if approved. The applicant has also stated that this ramp might be temporary, as their long term plans may change to add more parking in the rear, at which time they might move the ramp to the back.

The Guidelines discuss ADA ramps in Chapter 4 Section G.

### HANDICAPPED ACCESS RAMPS

1. Handicapped ramps are sometimes needed to provide access to dwellings for those who are ill or have disabilities.
  - *A ramp is needed to provide access to this building as it is elevated.*
2. They should be added in such a way that original historic materials are not removed and that the ramp construction can be reversible.
  - *The applicant has installed the ramp in a manner that that did not require removal of historic materials (ramp has not been inspected for building code compliance at this time).*
3. They should be located at the rear or sides of buildings. If a handicapped ramp must be placed on the front of a dwelling it should be of wood construction rather than of brick, concrete, or metal. Brick, concrete, and metal ramps are more acceptable at rear and sides of dwellings.
  - *Ramp is located at the front of the building, and is constructed of metal, rather than wood, brick, or concrete. Metal is not a recommended material.*
4. Ramps of wood construction should be of simple traditional design and configuration or

designed to match the original porch railing in materials, dimensions, and detailing. Ramps should be painted to match the color of the porch railing or to match the overall paint color of the building.

- *Ramp is constructed of metal and does not match the design, color, or materials of the original porch.*

5. Use handrails in keeping with historic character.

- *Handrails are metal and not in keeping with historic character.*

6. When required and outlined for historic buildings, comply with Texas Accessibility Standards per the TDLR.

- *Applicant has not had the ramp inspected yet to confirm compliance with TDLR, however applicant has stated that it will meet these standards.*

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Not Applicable

#### **5. STRATEGIC PLAN/GOALS**

HISTORIC AND VIBRANT DOWNTOWN

#### **6. STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES**

Historic and Vibrant Downtown

#### **7. PROS AND CONS**

#### **8. ALTERNATIVES**

#### **9. REQUESTED ACTION / SUGGESTED MOTION / RECOMMENDATION**

If the Commission chooses to approve this request, Staff recommends that the following conditions be required. 1. Landscaping is installed to obscure visibility of the ramp from the street. 2. The ramp railing is painted to decrease visibility. 3. The ramp is relocated to the side or rear of the structure if additional parking is added to the property.

#### **Attachments:**

[HPC 25-13-goforth ramp \(1\).pdf](#)

[HPC 25-13-goforth ramp bushes \(1\).pdf](#)

[HPC 25-13-vercelli letter to hpc \(1\).pdf](#)