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Re: Accessible route from an accessible parking access aisle.

Parking access aisles must connect to an accessible route leading to an accessible entrance of a facility. Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) Figure 9 illustrates an access aisle shared by two accessible spaces. The access aisle adjoins an accessible route at the front of the vehicular parking spaces. This route does not require pedestrian travel behind other parking spaces.

The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board has "strongly recommended that the accessible route not require travel behind other parking spaces since persons who use wheelchairs are not easily visible to drivers."

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This reasoning leads this office to require that: **The accessible route provided from an accessible parking access aisle shall not compel the user to travel behind any parking space other than his own.**

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