

City of Ottawa Accessibility Design Standards

Rest Areas 2.6

Application

This section applies to rest areas provided along accessible paths of travel within a facility or throughout exterior environments. Benches and seating are provided at rest areas and waiting areas for people who may have difficulty with standing or walking for extended periods or limited stamina.

2.6.1 Consultation Requirements

When constructing new or redeveloping existing exterior paths of travel that will be maintained, consultation on the design and placement of rest areas must occur with:

- the public and persons with disabilities; and
- the City of Ottawa Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Note:

Where rest areas are located in exterior environments, ensure surface has a slope no greater than 1:50 (2%) to allow suitable drainage, as well as maneuverability for users of mobility aids.

2.6.2 Design and Placement

To determine the provision and placement of rest areas, consider the input received through the consultation process and other factors such as available space, property requirements, location of transit stops, and volume of pedestrian traffic. Consider providing rest areas, spaced no more than 30 metres apart, to maximize the usability of the paths of travel for people with reduced stamina.

Where rest areas are provided:

- ensure ground and floor surfaces are firm, stable and slip-resistant;
- consider providing contrast through ground finish, texture and/or tone to distinguish the rest area from the accessible path of travel;
- provide clear floor space of 915 mm wide by 1370 mm long (minimum) (**Figure 17**); and
- where seating is provided, ensure seating offers both armrests and backrests.

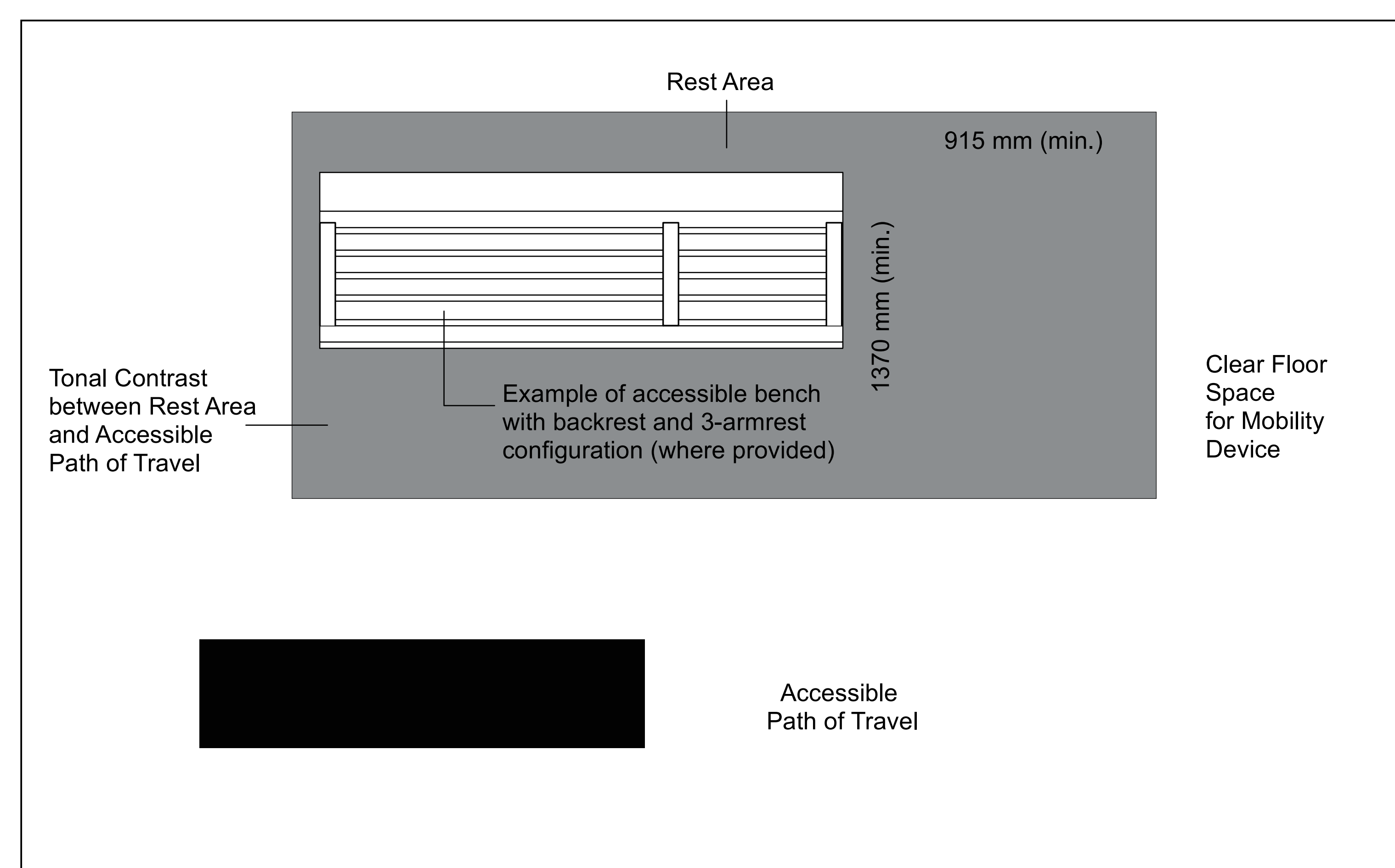


Figure 17: Rest Area - Plan View

3.1.5 On-Street Parking

When constructing new or redeveloping existing on-street parking spaces, consultation on the need, location and design of accessible on-street parking spaces must occur with:

- the public and persons with disabilities; and
- the City of Ottawa Accessibility Advisory Committee.

3.1.6 Additional Considerations - On-Street Parking

The City of Ottawa provides special parking privileges in public parking areas and on public roadways to holders of a valid Accessible Parking Permit. Any person who holds an Accessible Parking Permit (APP) is eligible. Detailed information on the City's APP program, including on-street privileges, off-street privileges, and restrictions of the program can be found on the City of Ottawa website.