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This is a summary of the requirements for adding accessible handrails to existing monumental stairs, as adopted by the State of Oregon and the City of Portland. The interpretation provided below is not a substitute for a review of specific circumstances under the current building code which is updated periodically.

The main entries of many existing schools were built with a set of monumental stairs raising the to additions. An addition that affects accessibility to contains an area of, a primary function shall comply with the requirements of Section 3411.7. OSSC 3411.6 Alterations. A building facility or element that is altered shall comply with the applicable provisions in Chapter 11 of this code and ICC A117. Unless technical infeasible. Where compliance with this section is technically infeasible, the alteration shall provide access to the maximum extent technically feasible.

Exceptions:

1. The altered element or space is not required to be on an accessible route, unless required by 3411.7.
2. Accessible means of egress required by Chapter 10 are not required to be provided in existing buildings and facilities.

OSSC 3411.7 Alterations affecting an area containing a primary function. Where an alteration affects accessibility to, or contains an area of primary function, the route to the primary function area shall be accessible.

4. This provision does not apply to alterations undertaken for the primary purpose of increasing the accessibility of an existing building, facility or element.

OSSC 3411.8.1 Entrances. Accessible entrances shall be provided in accordance with Section 1105.

Exception: Where an alteration includes alterations to an entrance, and the building or facility has an accessible entrance, the altered entrance is not required to be accessible, unless required by Section 3411.7. Signs complying with Section 1110 shall be provided.

OSSC 3411.14 Thresholds. The maximum height of thresholds at doorways shall be 3/4 inch.

undergo alterations or a change in occupancy, unless technically infeasible. Where compliance with accessible routes, entrances or toilet facilities would threaten or destroy the historic significance of determined by the building official after consultation with the appropriate historic preservation official, the requirements of Sections 3411.9.1 through 3411.9.4 for that element shall be permitted.

OSSC 3411.9.1 Site arrival points. At least one accessible route from a site arrival point to an ac



