UM System AHJ Code Determination

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Code Section: Section 3310.2 Maintenance of means of egress.

# Question (from GBA):

# **The section states that an exception can be made to the existing means of egress system where an *approved* temporary means of egress are provided. It is assumed that this requires the approval of the Building Official.**

As it often occurs with many projects across all campuses that construction causes a disruption to the egress path that the occupants are familiar with. It has also proven difficult to track timelines and which measures are in place for which periods.

What is the proper way for a temporary means of egress plan to be approved by the AHJ?

# ****Answer (from UM System):****

Where the existing means of egress is altered: temporary means of egress must be approved by the UM AHJ prior to placing the temporary means of egress in use or altering existing egress paths.

As part of the approval process, the temporary means of egress and duration (start date/end date) of the alteration shall be in plan view (part of the construction drawings) and reviewed/approved as part of the plan review process.

During construction, the temporary means of egress and duration shall be in plan view, in the form of an ASI, and reviewed/approved by the UM AHJ. Contact UM FPD to coordinate a review meeting and obtain approval prior to issuance of the ASI.

Third party inspection agencies may use a submission form for purposes of obtaining UM AHJ review and approvals.