

Statewide Meeting of
Project Managers and Resident Engineers

Access Management Program Update

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Access Management Issues



Access Management

- Where We've Been
- Where We Are
- Where We're Going

Need for Access Management

- Arizona has experienced unprecedented growth throughout the State during the past decade creating challenges for the transportation system statewide.
- Nationally, access management has proven to preserve the function, efficiency and safety of state highways.

State Transportation Board Policy #12

“The purpose of which is to preserve the functional integrity of the State Highway System through the development and implementation of a comprehensive access management program.”

Access Management Plan

Establishes a system of access categories to guide ADOT in decisions on the level of access provided to land abutting state highways.



Access Management Plan *(cont.)*

Ensures approaches to state highways consistent with the intended roadway purpose and functional level.

Access Management Plan (*cont.*)

Maintains the integrity of ADOT's right-of-way and transportation facilities, reduces potential liability and balances public safety, land development, local roads and regional mobility.

Components of Access Management Plan

- State Highway Access Categories
- Access Category Assignment Schedule
- Access Location And Design Criteria
- Access Plans for Corridors and Traffic Interchanges

Where We Are...

- Program Development transferred to ITD
- Components of Program
- Moratorium on Rulemaking
- Continued Use of Current Guidelines

Program Development by ITD

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Program to Have These Elements

- Access Management Manual
- Interactive Web-Based Application
- Access/Encroachment Permit Process

Moratorium on Rulemaking

- The Governor instituted a moratorium on all rulemaking, prohibiting state agencies from adopting rules.
- Prohibition signed into Session Law extends through July 1, 2010.

Continued Use of Current Guidelines

Until such time as the Department has Administrative Rules in effect, the Department will not impose criteria separate from current Department guidelines.

Where Are We Going...

- Internal Working Committee
- External Working Committee
- Administrative Rules

Where Are We Going...(cont.)

- Statewide Informational Forums
- Additional Information

Internal Working Group

Internal Working Group began meeting in November 2009.



External Working Group

Consist of these stakeholders:

- Valley Partnership
- Central Arizona Association of Governments
- Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Communication with tribes will be facilitated by MPD's Tribal Planner

Administrative Rulemaking

- ADOT anticipates beginning the rulemaking process during the summer of 2010.
- As part of the rulemaking process, opportunities to comment on the proposed rules will be provided on several occasions and at several locations statewide.

Statewide Informational Forums

Additionally, ADOT will conduct statewide public informational forums...after filing of the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening.



External Stakeholder Involvement



Important for stakeholders in the Access Management Program to attend public meetings/hearings, and to voice ideas and concerns.

To get more information, see

- Federal Highway Administration
www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/access_mgmt/
- Transportation Research Board
www.accessmanagement.info
- Arizona Department of Transportation
www.azaccessmanagement.com


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 **ARIZONA ACCESS MANAGEMENT**

Arizona has experienced unprecedented growth throughout the State during the past decade. This rapid growth has created challenges for the transportation system statewide.

In accordance with the policy of the State Transportation Board, ADOT is developing a statewide Access Management Program, to preserve the functional integrity of the State Highway System.


Access management has proven to preserve the function, efficiency and safety of state highways by the careful planning and control of the location and design of access points along the State Highways.

This program includes the development of an access management classification system for state highways, design guidelines, a comprehensive manual, and a web-based application to guide the uniform application of access management throughout the State.

Included within the Program will be the establishment of Administrative Rules. Once ADOT begins the formal rulemaking process, the public and stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed rules.

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