

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)

Intermodal Transportation Division
(ITD)

Access Management Program
Development Update

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Access Management

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



Where We've Been...

- Determining the need for Access Management
- State Transportation Board Policy



Where We've Been (*cont.*)

- ADOT's Access Management Plan
- Plan Components

The Need for Access Management

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



State Transportation Board

Policy #12

(adopted August 2003)

“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.”

Development of the Plan

- A consultant group was selected to conduct a Study and develop the Access Management Plan for ADOT (Sept. 2005)
- External stakeholder meetings conducted over the next few years.
- Access Management Plan is completed (June 2009)

Goals of the Access Management Plan

- Planned & Controlled Access
- Consistency
- Balance

Planned & Controlled Access

Establishes a system of access categories which will guide the Department in decisions regarding the level of access to be provided to land abutting state highways.

Consistent Statewide Application

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

Achieving a Balance

Maintains the integrity of ADOT's right-of-way and transportation facilities and reduces potential liability while achieving a reasonable balance with the needs of public safety, abutting land development, local road networks and regional mobility

Components of ADOT's Access Management Plan

- State Highway Access Categories
 - 8 categories assigned based on functionality of road
- Access Category Assignment Schedule
 - Vast table and maps which lists highway segments by mile posts, and assigned access category



Components of ADOT's Access Management Plan *(cont.)*

- Access Location And Design Criteria
 - Assists in determines the location, type, and design of approach encroachments
- Access Plans for Corridors and Traffic Interchanges
 - Provides for traffic operation criteria for specifically selected segments of a state highway corridor or traffic interchange

Where We Are...

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

Program Development & Implementation Transferred to ITD

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Program to consist of the following components

- Access Management Manual
 - Administrative Rules
 - Policies, Guidelines, & Procedures
 - Intergovernmental Agreements
 - Access Category Schedule
 - Design Standards
 - Forms, Tables, Maps, Etc

Program to consist of the following components *(cont.)*

- Interactive Web-Based Application

- Manual
- Links
- Forms
- Maps
- Tables

Program to consist of the following components *(cont.)*

- Access / Encroachment Permit Process

The Department is conducting an analysis to determine whether possible changes to the current Encroachment Permit Process are warranted

Moratorium on Rulemaking

- In January 2009, the Governor instituted a Moratorium on all rulemaking, prohibiting state agencies from adopting rules, with few exceptions
- During the last legislative session, the Governor signed into law a Bill extending the prohibition on rulemaking, through July 1, 2011

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, to develop the Department's Access Management Manual



Internal Working Group

(cont.)

The Department will continue to meet internally to develop the Program, so that we are able to fully consider the interests of the State, Developers, Land Owners, Local Municipalities, and the Motoring Public

External Working Group

- Meetings between ADOT and select external stakeholder to begin after Notice of Rulemaking Docket published

- Consisting of the following 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 upon the expiration of the Moratorium on Rulemaking in 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
- Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening published by Secretary of State's Office @ www.azsos.gov, and noticed on the Access Management website



Statewide Informational Forums

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



External Stakeholder Involvement

It will be important for you as a stakeholder in the Access Management Program, to attend public meetings and hearings, and to voice your ideas and concerns.





Where to obtain additional information

- 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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