



# TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING DESIGN STANDARDS MANUAL

December 2023

Updated by:

FEHR PEERS

With support from:

Kimley » Horn

## CONTENTS

<b>29.01 INTRODUCTION</b>	..... 3
<b>29.04 STREET CLASSIFICATION AND STANDARDS</b>	..... 6
<b>29.08 TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDIES</b>	..... 7
<b>29.12 ACCESS MANAGEMENT</b>	..... 19
<b>29.20 LOCAL &amp; MINOR COLLECTOR STREETS, LANDSCAPING &amp; TRAFFIC CALMING</b>	..... 31
<b>29.24 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS</b>	..... 44
<b>29.28 ARTERIAL AND COLLECTOR GEOMETRIC DESIGN</b>	..... 45
<b>29.32 PAVEMENT AND TRUCK ROUTES</b>	..... 63
<b>29.36 STREET LIGHTING UTILITIES AND MAILBOXES</b>	..... 65
<b>29.40 STRIPING AND SIGNING</b>	..... 70
<b>29.44 TRAFFIC SIGNALS &amp; CONSTRUCTION ZONES</b>	..... 78
<b>29.48 TRANSIT, BICYCLE, AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES</b>	..... 79
<b>29.56 ALLEY STANDARDS</b>	..... 89
<b>29.64 DESIGN EXCEPTIONS</b>	..... 90
<b>29.68 ALTERNATE STREET STANDARDS</b>	..... 92

## 29.01 INTRODUCTION

### 29.01.010 Forward

#### Applicability

The standards contained herein regulate all transportation improvements within the public rights-of-way, and all private work to be dedicated to the public, either as right-of-way or as an easement, and to site circulation. The standards are to be treated as law and applied to all development as defined by the [Zoning and Development Code](#) (Title 21 of the Grand Junction Municipal Code). To that extent they are imposed to provide for coordinated, modern development with safe and efficient transportation facilities for the benefit of and to serve and protect users. The standards apply within the City of Grand Junction Urban Development Boundary, which includes all areas within the city limits and portions of unincorporated Mesa County. The Urban Development Boundary can be seen on the Urban Development Boundary layer on the [Grand Junction GIS Development Map](#).

All facilities and improvements within the public rights-of-way shall be designed by or under the direct supervision of a registered professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Colorado. All drawings, designs, sections, detail and supporting data submitted to the City for approval must bear the engineer's seal and signature and a statement that:

*This design complies with Grand Junction Municipal Code Title 29, the current Transportation Engineering Design Standards, dated December 6, 2023.*

All designs submitted shall be in accordance with the current edition of the TEDS manual.

Some projects financed wholly or in part with state or federal funds are subject to the standards prescribed by agencies other than the City. Such standards may be more or less restrictive than the City of Grand Junction. The City requires that the more restrictive standards shall be met.

The TEDS addresses frequent construction and development problems and questions. The standards by adoption and application ensure consistent transportation engineering design practices for new development and redevelopment of land within the City of Grand Junction Urban Development Boundary. Some of the material contained in this document has been drawn from standards of other cities and states and nationally established texts and publications.

The TEDS applies to all new developments, except in special cases as noted, limited and defined herein or defined in the [Zoning and Development Code](#). Infill development within the City of Grand Junction Urban Development Boundary may be constrained by existing improvements. If such a condition exists, where existing infrastructure has been built but does not meet current TEDS, the Director may allow the existing infrastructure

to remain if it is adequate to serve the existing and proposed traffic (vehicle, ped, bicycle) and in good working condition. If it is in poor condition or inadequate, all requirements shall be constructed unless an affirmative waiver of TEDS is obtained in accordance with Chapter 29.64.010.

On Colorado highways within the Urban Development Boundary, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) [Roadway Design Guide](#), the [State Highway Access Code](#), and any corridor-specific access control plan shall apply but only if more restrictive than TEDS.

If a proposed development within the City of Grand Junction Urban Development Boundary requires access to a County roadway or work will be performed in the County right-of-way, approval from the County must first be obtained.

## **29.01.020 Companion Documents and Software Recommended for Use with the Transportation Engineering Design Standards**

### **Publications**

City of Grand Junction:

- [Municipal Code, Title 21 - Zoning & Development Code](#)
- [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#)
- [Circulation Plan](#)
- [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#)
- [Pedestrian Crossing Treatment Installation Guidelines](#)
- City of Grand Junction [Fire Department Access](#)

County:

- Mesa County [Design Standards](#)
- Mesa County Transit Design Standards and Guidelines

State:

- Colorado Department of Transportation [Roadway Design Guide](#)
- Colorado Department of Transportation [State Highway Access Code](#)
- Colorado Department of Transportation [Pedestrian Crossing Installation Guide](#)
- Colorado Department of Transportation [M-E Pavement Design Manual 2021, 6.3.2](#)
- Colorado Department of Transportation [Light Design Guidelines](#)
- Colorado Department of Transportation [M & S Standards](#)

Federal:

- Transportation Research Board [Highway Capacity Manual](#)
- Transportation Research Board [NCHRP 1043 Guide for Roundabouts](#)
- Federal Highway Administration [Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#)
- Federal Highway Administration [Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide](#)

## Professional Organizations

- Institute of Transportation Engineers [Trip Generation Manual](#)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers [Traffic Engineering Handbook](#)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials [A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets](#)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials [Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities](#)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials [Roadside Design Guide](#)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials [A Guide for Erecting Mailboxes on Highways](#)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials [Guide for Design of Pavement Structures](#)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Ware *DARWin in 3.1 Pavement Design and Analysis System*.
- National Association of City Transportation Officials [Urban Bikeway Design Guide](#)
- National Association of City Transportation Officials [Designing for All Ages and Abilities](#)
- National Association of City Transportation Officials [Don't Give Up at the Intersection](#)
- National Association of City Transportation Officials [Urban Street Design Guide](#)
- U.S. Access Board's [Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines \(PROWAG\)](#)
- Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association [Guideline for the Design and Use of Asphalt Pavements for Colorado](#)

## Software

- *Synchro* or other software as approved by the city transportation engineer that aligns with methodologies from the current [Highway Capacity Manual](#) (Signal Timing and Analysis)
- *SIDRA* or other software as approved by the city transportation engineer (Roundabout Analysis)
- AASHTO93 and M-E Design (Asphalt Pavement Design)
- *WinPAS* from American Concrete Pavement Association
- AASHTO Ware *DARWin in 3.1 Pavement Design and Analysis System*.

## 29.04 STREET CLASSIFICATION AND STANDARDS

### 29.04.010 Street Classifications and Standards

All streets have different functions. The primary function of local streets is to serve land uses directly while the primary function of major streets is to move vehicles quickly and efficiently from one point to another. Ensuring that each street type can meet or maintain its primary function is crucial to the overall operation of the street system.

The streets in the Grand Junction urbanized area are classified according to their function in the transportation network. The major street types are Principal Arterial, Minor Arterial, Major Collector and Minor Collector. All others are local streets. The functionally classified streets have been identified on a functional classification map that has been adopted by the City of Grand Junction and accepted by Mesa County. Reference to the *Street Plan Functional Classification Map*, Figure 3 in the [Grand Junction Circulation Plan](#) and on the Grand Junction Circulation Plan and the Street Classifications layers on the [Grand Junction GIS Transportation Map](#). Different access controls and design standards apply to different roadway classifications. The purpose is to preserve or enhance safety and traffic flow.

Roadway segments with existing access management plans provide specific access control requirements on those roadways and should be referenced when applicable. The streets within the City of Grand Junction Urban Development Boundary with access control plans are shown on the Access Management Plans layer on the [Grand Junction GIS Transportation Map](#). These include:

- [The Patterson Road Access Management Plan](#)
- [The Pear Park Plan](#)
- [Access Control Plans on CDOT Highways](#)
  - Clifton Access Control Plan
  - CO 340 Access Control Plan
  - US 50 Access Control Plan
  - US 6 and I-70B Access Control Plan

The City Council have adopted standard drawings and details for the construction of streets and location for utilities. These standards include minimum right-of-way and street width requirements and include construction details for major and local streets. These street section drawings will be referenced throughout the document and can be found in the Appendix.

The adopted Street Classification Map in the [Grand Junction Circulation Plan](#) as well as the Street and Utility Standard drawings are available online and in various formats including AutoCAD Files.

## 29.08 TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDIES

### 29.08.010 Transportation Impact Study

The Transportation Impact Study (TIS) will assess the impacts of proposed development on the existing and planned street system. Comprehensive and coordinated transportation planning is critical to providing a balanced transportation system. The application of sound design principles for new streets, preserving street capacities in existing areas, ensuring smooth traffic flow, accommodating all transportation modes, and preserving or increasing safety are part of the TIS. To evaluate the impacts of development proposals on the transportation system, a professionally prepared TIS shall be required. This chapter provides standards for the preparation of a TIS. In addition, the following documents shall be referenced for more detailed information:

- (a) Street Classification Map, figure 3 in the [Grand Junction Circulation Plan](#), or on the Grand Junction Circulation Plan and the Street Classifications layers on the [Grand Junction GIS Transportation Map](#).
- (b) [Mesa County Functional Classification Map](#).
- (c) [City of Grand Junction Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#).
- (d) [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#).
- (e) Mesa County Transit Design Standards and Guidelines.
- (f) [Corridor Guidelines](#).

For Projects with direct or indirect access onto a state highway:

- (g) [CDOT State Highway Access Code](#).
- (h) [CDOT Roadway Design Guide](#).

The primary responsibility for assessing the transportation impacts associated with a proposed development rests with the developer, and including but not limited to the City, County, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) or Regional Transportation Planning Office (RTPO) which operates Grand Valley Transit (GVT) serving in a review capacity.

### 29.08.020 Procedure

The following required steps describe the procedures required for the preparation and submittal of a TIS. This process can be altered slightly depending on the complexity of the project:

- (a) General Meeting or Pre-Application Meeting.
- (b) Determination of Base Assumptions.
- (c) Submittal.
- (d) Review Agency Comments and Recommendations.

## **29.08.030 General Meeting or Pre-Application Meeting**

As a general rule, a TIS shall be required for all land use applications for new development in the City. The requirement to prepare a TIS - or portions of a TIS - may be waived by the Transportation Engineer if the peak hour vehicle trip generation of the proposed project is less than 100 trips.

If the peak hour vehicle trip generation is estimated to be between 10 trips and 99 trips and the TIS requirement is waived by the Transportation Engineer, the applicant may still be required to complete a Traffic Assessment to determine if turn lanes are needed and if the proposed circulation serves pedestrians, bicyclists, and access to transit. A Traffic Assessment may include the following portions of a TIS:

- (a) Project Description.
- (b) Trip Generation.
- (c) Site Design and Circulation Evaluation.
- (d) Turn Lane Warrant Analysis.
- (e) Sight Distance Evaluation.
- (f) Pedestrian and Bicycle Analysis.

If the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Transportation Engineer that no other concerns exist with the transportation aspects of the proposed project, then a memo shall be prepared by the engineering consultant documenting the trip generation and safety improvements of the project and conclusions of the TIS.

The peak hour trip threshold of 100 is consistent with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) thresholds for requiring impact studies on state highways. The peak hour trip threshold of 10 – 99 for completing a Traffic Assessment is also consistent with CDOT thresholds on state highways. The methodology documented in the current edition of the [Institute of Transportation Engineers' \(ITE\) Trip Generation Manual](#) should be used to identify the peak hour vehicle trip generation rates for a project. The current edition of ITE [Trip Generation Manual](#) is adopted and incorporated by this reference.

The applicant shall provide, to the Development Engineer and the Transportation Engineer, information regarding:

- (g) The project, including type of land use (single family, townhomes, multi-family, office, retail, etc.) and size (number of dwelling units, square footage, etc.).
- (h) The project site plan, showing all proposed access locations and proposed land uses in relation to the accesses.
- (i) Anticipated project completion date and project phasing.
- (j) Any other information necessary or required to evaluate the project.

The appropriate agencies shall review the project information and provide comments regarding transportation issues including, but not necessarily limited to, accesses (locations/type), impacts on adjacent neighborhoods, the size of the study area and the study methodology.

## **29.08.040 Determination of Base Assumptions**

The consultant preparing the TIS shall complete the Base Assumptions form (see Appendix). The Transportation Engineer will evaluate the TIS. The assumptions, once approved, shall confirm the base parameters and assumptions to be utilized by the traffic consultant in preparation of the TIS.

A Base Assumptions Form shall specify:

- (a) Study Area Boundaries.
- (b) Study Years.
- (c) Future Traffic Growth Rates.
- (d) Study Intersections.
- (e) Time Period for Study.
- (f) Trip Generation Rates.
- (g) Trip Adjustment Factors.
- (h) Overall Trip Distribution.
- (i) Mode Split Assumptions.
- (j) Committed Roadway Improvements by other projects, CDOT, Grand Junction, and Mesa County.
- (k) Other Relevant Transportation Impact Studies.
- (l) Areas Requiring Special Study.

## **29.08.050 Pedestrian & Bicycle Analysis Impact**

As part of the Pedestrian and Bicycle Analysis the Applicant shall complete the Pedestrian & Bicycle Analysis Worksheet (see Appendix) and document the existing conditions of adjacent pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. The Pedestrian and Bicycle Analysis Worksheet is intended to identify impacts (if any) and potential mitigations (if needed) to existing or planned pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure by the proposed development. A transportation engineer is not required to complete the Pedestrian and Bicycle Analysis Worksheet.

Documentation of the existing pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure should include the following areas near the development:

- (a) Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure adjacent to the proposed development.
- (b) Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure between the proposed development and the nearest adequate facilities if there are no or substandard pedestrian or bicycle facilities adjacent to the development.
- (c) Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure to destinations within a quarter mile of the development that will likely generate pedestrian or bicycle trips (such as grocery stores, transit stops, housing, employment centers, recreational facilities, services, and schools).

As part of this analysis the Applicant shall identify missing or substandard pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure by specifically noting the following conditions for each.

For pedestrian infrastructure:

- (d) Pavement width.
- (e) Pavement condition.
- (f) Pavement material.
- (g) Whether the walkway is attached (directly adjacent to the street), detached (separated by a landscaped or hardscaped buffer), part of a multiuse trail independent of a street, or missing.
- (h) Width of the buffer (between the sidewalk and the street) as applicable.
- (i) Presence of obstructions in the walkway (such as street poles, etc.).
- (j) Presence of pedestrian crossings and whether they are marked or unmarked, controlled (by a stop sign or signal) or uncontrolled.
- (k) ADA compliance of pedestrian ramps at crossings.
- (l) Number of conflicting driveways and lengths.

For bicycle infrastructure:

- (m) Presence of a bicycle facility and type of facility. (Bicycle facilities are defined by the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#) and described in section 29.48 Transit, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Facilities of the TEDS Manual.)
- (n) Width of the bicycle facility and width of the buffer, if applicable.

Pedestrian and bicycle standard widths and buffers by street type or context can be found in Chapter 29.20 for Local, Industrial, and Commercial Streets, and 29.28 for Collector and Arterial Streets, and Trails.

The analysis shall also discuss how pedestrians and bicyclists would access the proposed project to/from the adjacent neighborhood(s), and the need for special facilities to enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.

The Pedestrian & Bicycle Analysis Worksheet (which can be found in the Appendix) will also identify existing pedestrian and bicycle facilities that may be impacted by the development and the extent of the impact, such as whether those facilities will result in an improvement, degradation, or no change to pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The form will also identify whether there is a proposed bicycle facility identified in the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#) on or adjacent to the proposed development and whether the development will impact the planned bicycle facility.

The form will also identify whether the proposed development is within an existing or planned shared micromobility zone as identified by the city. If so, the applicant should identify how the proposed development will include or accommodate storage space for shared micromobility devices. Similarly, the form will identify if the proposed development is within an overlay zone and whether the site plan is within compliance of the pedestrian and bicycle elements of the overlay zone.

## **29.08.060 Submittal**

Copies of the TIS shall be submitted to the City Community Development as part of the required planning information. Revisions to the TIS shall be made as required if:

- (a) Necessary to have a complete TIS; or
- (b) When changes to the development necessitate additional revisions to the study. Electronic files of capacity analyses must be submitted with the TIS.

## **29.08.070 Review Agency Comments and Recommendations**

The review agency or designee shall analyze, evaluate and/or review the TIS according to the adopted standards. Evaluative comments concerning the TIS shall be forwarded to the Project Planner. The Project Planner shall provide all review agency comments to the applicant. As a result of the engineering review the applicant may be required to:

- (a) Perform and submit supplemental analyses and/or address specific transportation issues; or
- (b) Prepare, perform, and submit a new study. Engineering review, shall to the extent practicable, cite references to this Manual, the Code, laws, rules, or regulation deficiencies in the TIS.

Review and evaluation of TISs are, and shall be, initially and principally based on local conditions and community expectations as articulated by local government and its officials. An example of such a local expectation is that eliminating existing left-turn phasing of a traffic signal at a nearby impacted intersection would not be a satisfactory solution to improving traffic level of service at that intersection.

If the TIS is based on assumptions that conflict with local conditions, and/or community expectations which may affect the usefulness or predictions proven by the TIS, the TIS will be rejected.

## **29.08.080 Transportation Impact Study Report Contents**

A Colorado licensed Professional Engineer shall prepare the TIS. The engineer shall have experience in traffic and transportation engineering. A statement of qualifications must be included in the submitted study. Certification as a Professional Traffic Operations Engineer by the [\*Institute of Transportation Engineers\*](#) is preferred. Each TIS shall address:

- (a) Project Description.
- (b) Existing Conditions.
- (c) Future Background Traffic Projections.
- (d) Project Traffic.
- (e) Total Traffic Projections.
- (f) Future Total Traffic Projections.
- (g) Site Circulation and Design Evaluation.
- (h) Transportation Impact Analysis.
- (i) Mitigation Measures.
- (j) Neighborhood Transportation Impact Analysis.
- (k) Conclusions.
- (l) Recommendations.
- (m) Any other information necessary or required to evaluate the project.

## **29.08.090 Project Description**

A description of the proposed project shall be prepared and include the type of land use and size of the proposed project, generally known as density and intensity. Intensity may be described in terms of floor area ratio or square footage of proposed development. Phasing plans shall be proposed, including the anticipated completion date. The proposed site plan shall be included; the site plan shall include a description of all proposed vehicular access locations, dimensions, and movements. The project description shall include how pedestrian and bicycle travel shall be accommodated. This shall include a discussion of types of sidewalks (attached/detached), pathways, trails, and connections to local and perimeter destinations.

## **29.08.100 Existing Conditions**

The TIS shall identify the existing transportation system conditions. Existing conditions shall include a description of the surrounding roadway network, bicycle facilities, and pedestrian facilities, an evaluation of the peak hour capacity and level of service at the study intersections, and traffic crash history.

## **29.08.110 Description of Existing Transportation System**

The study description of the existing roadway network shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the number of travel lanes, presence or lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities, posted speed limits, and adjacent land use(s). Traffic and intersection data compiled by the City and/or County Engineering Departments may be available. All recent (within two years) average daily traffic data that is available for the roadway network shall be shown on a figure in the study. Intersection peak hour traffic data shall

be no older than one year; if new counts are necessary this is the sole responsibility of the applicant. The applicant may, at the direction of the Transportation Engineer, be required to collect data at a shorter interval. All traffic count data shall be included in an appendix to the TIS.

The TIS shall describe the existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities as defined in Section 29.48 and shall include any facilities described in Section 29.08.050.

Special attention shall be given to the bicycle and pedestrian connections to specific uses including, but not limited to, schools, parks, employment centers, commercial areas, shopping, and adjacent land uses.

#### **29.08.120 Capacity Analysis and Level of Service**

The procedures set forth in the current edition of the *Highway Capacity Manual* (HCM) shall be used in analyzing the capacity and operational characteristics of vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

HCM delay and queuing reports (such as Synchro or Sidra reports) shall be included in the appendices to the TIS report.

Roundabout analyses shall use SIDRA software or approved methodology. All worksheets shall be included in the appendices of the TIS report.

#### **29.08.130 Future Traffic Projections**

The future traffic projections shall be determined for each of the study years identified earlier as part of the base assumptions. Future traffic projections for the TIS analysis shall include:

- (a) Planned System Improvements – Capital Projects.
- (b) Planned or in Process Development Projects.
- (c) Background Traffic Growth.

A description of project-specific planned transportation system improvements identified in City, County or CDOT capital improvement plans shall be provided. This shall include, but not be limited to: signalization, intersection improvements, roadway widening, bicycle/pedestrian projects, and transit capital and operating/service improvements.

The future traffic analysis shall include known development projects that are within the study area and would impact the study intersections. Projects outside the study area currently being developed shall also be considered. Every project(s) and the cumulative effect shall be listed in the TIS and include location, size, and proposed land use.

The background traffic growth within the study area shall also be accounted for when determining future traffic projections. Background traffic growth is defined as the expected growth in traffic from regional changes to land use and the transportation

network exclusive of the project. Growth factors suggested by the consultant in the Base Assumptions form will be reviewed by the appropriate agency prior to use in the TIS.

The resulting future peak hour traffic projections at the study intersections shall be depicted on a figure in the TIS.

## **29.08.140 Project Traffic**

The transportation impacts of the project shall be generally determined based upon the following three-step process:

- Determination of Trip Generation
- Determination of Trip Distribution
- Assignment of Project Traffic

### **(a) Trip Generation**

The trips generated by the project shall be determined and provided in tabular form. The trip generation shall be determined for total build-out conditions and for any development phases. The trip generation table shall indicate the number of average daily trips and AM and PM peak hour trips and any other peak hour periods relevant to the development type.

The development of trip generation estimates for the project shall be based upon data from the current edition of the ITE [Trip Generation Manual](#). This includes using the selection process identified in the ITE [Trip Generation Manual](#) to identify the appropriate land use code and trip generate rate. However, other data sources or trip generation rate studies may be utilized if the manual does not contain data for the type of project or other reliable data exists which better reflects the trip generation characteristics of the project. The use of other trip generation sources shall be discussed with the Transportation Engineer before being used, and if agreed, shall be memorialized in writing signed by the Transportation Engineer.

Adjustments to the standard trip generation of the proposed project may be made to account for internal site trips, pass-by trips, or other site specific/project specific characteristics of the proposed project. Adjustments for these characteristics shall be discussed with the City before use; in most cases the TIS shall follow guidelines set forth in documents such as the ITE [Trip Generation Manual](#). The adjusted trip generation for the proposed project shall be provided in tabular form or illustrated on figures.

Pass-by trip percentages represent the percent of expected trips generated from the site that would have traveled along the adjacent roadway network even if the land use did not exist. The percent of pass-by trips may be deducted from the expected trip generation from a proposed development of the corresponding land use. The ITE [Trip Generation Manual](#) should be used to identify any applicable pass-by trip percentages.

**(b) Trip Distribution**

The trip distribution for the proposed project shall be identified in the TIS. The distribution pattern shall be based upon: the project's location within the urban area, the traffic model maintained by the MPO, existing traffic volume data, project marketing data, and engineering judgment. A figure showing the percentage of site traffic on each street shall be provided as part of the traffic study graphic material.

**(c) Trip Assignment**

The project traffic shall be assigned to the roadway system according to the established trip distribution. The resulting project site generated traffic shall be depicted on figures for build-out conditions and any project phases. Daily and peak hour traffic volume information shall specifically be included.

### **29.08.150 Total Traffic Projections**

The total traffic projections shall be determined for each of the study years identified in the base assumptions. The project-related traffic shall be added to the existing peak hour traffic. The resulting total traffic projections shall be depicted on a figure in the TIS. For each of the study years, the total traffic projections shall include the future traffic plus the project-generated traffic. The future total traffic projections shall be depicted on figures for each study year.

### **29.08.160 Site Design and Circulation Evaluation**

The project shall be analyzed to determine if the proposed circulation serves pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles. The site design shall be evaluated to determine if facilities for vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles are consistent with the location and facility type as shown in the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#).

The project shall be evaluated to determine if traffic flows are properly designed. Proper design shall minimize areas where motorists would tend to speed, minimize potential conflict areas between vehicles and pedestrians/bicyclists, and to establish circulation patterns that avoid unnecessary traffic congestion, cut-through traffic and conflict points. Adequate throat lengths for on-site stacking at exit points is required (see 29.16.100). At signalized driveways, the HCM 90th percentile worst lane queue model shall determine the necessary storage. Businesses with drive-thrus must conduct a queuing analysis for the drive-thru to demonstrate that the queue will not extend back onto the public street.

## **29.08.170 Transportation Impact Analysis**

The TIS shall determine if the project creates any significant impacts at the study intersections and/or corridors within the study area boundaries. The peak hour capacity and level of service at each of the study intersections and/or corridors shall be evaluated for:

- (a) Future Background Traffic Conditions for each Study Year.
- (b) Total Existing Traffic Conditions.
- (c) Future Total Traffic Conditions for each Study Year.

The capacity and level of service analysis for each traffic scenario and each study year needs to include mode split assumptions, if any. The findings shall be shown in the TIS in tabular form or illustrated on figures.

## **29.08.180 Calculations for Capacity and Level of Service**

HCM delays and queues shall be calculated for signalized intersections using the current version of the [Highway Capacity Manual](#). Synchro is the preferred software, however additional software that utilize the current HCM methodologies may be utilized with prior approval from the Transportation Engineer. The HCM delay and queues shall be calculated for the identified peak hours for existing conditions, the projected traffic with build-out of the project, or at completion of phases of larger projects. An appropriate 15-minute peak hour factor shall be used. The performance evaluation of signalized intersections shall include the following:

- (a) Critical movements shall be identified and must meet or exceed the threshold requirement of 35 seconds of delay or less.
- (b) No movements shall have an adverse effect on the coordinated progression of the street system as determined by an approved coordination model consistent with the methods of HCM.
- (c) HCM 90<sup>th</sup> percentile worst lane queues shall be calculated and shall not obstruct upstream intersections or major driveways.
- (d) The analysis of a signalized corridor must show a reasonable progression band, identified as a usable (unblocked) band for major traffic movements.

Unsignalized intersections shall be analyzed using the current [Highway Capacity Manual](#) methods. In the performance evaluation of stop-controlled intersections, measures of effectiveness to consider include the delay, volume/capacity ratios for individual movements, average queue lengths and 95<sup>th</sup>-percentile queue lengths to make appropriate traffic control recommendations. The [Highway Capacity Manual](#) recognizes that the delay equation used in the capacity analysis procedure will predict Level of Service F for many urban intersections that allow minor-street left-turn movements, regardless of the volume of minor-street left-turning traffic. In recognition of this, the TIS should evaluate the results of the intersection capacity analysis in terms of all of the measures of effectiveness.

Roundabouts shall be analyzed using the current version of SIDRA or approved methodology.

### **29.08.190 Mitigation Measures**

The TIS shall include feasible measures that would mitigate the project's vehicular traffic impacts. The mitigation measures shall be in addition to the required improvements necessary to preserve corridor and intersection capacity. The acceptable mitigation measure(s) shall minimize the demand for trips by single occupant vehicles and increase the use of alternative modes. Mitigation listed in order of priority includes:

- (a) Transportation Demand Management Measures.
- (b) Traffic Signal Operation Improvements.
- (c) Street Widening and Other Physical Improvements.

### **29.08.200 Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Measures**

Transportation Demand Management measures are designed to facilitate the use of alternate transportation modes in order to decrease demand on the roadway system by single occupant vehicles. Example of TDM measures include:

- (a) Vehicle trip reduction incentives and services offered by employers to encourage employees to utilize alternative modes of travel such as carpooling, vanpooling, riding public transit, bicycling, walking and telecommuting.
- (b) Provision of a mix of land uses in close proximity, facilitating walking, bicycling or transit trips.

A detailed description of the proposed TDM measures and implementation plan shall be included in the TIS for any project seeking TDM-related trip reductions. If the proposed TDM program is acceptable to the Transportation Engineer, the applicant shall be allowed to reduce total project vehicle trips by an amount commensurate with applicable trip reduction policies.

The intersection capacity and level of service shall be calculated to reflect the application of the proposed mitigation measures; the calculation shall show that the project-related impacts have been reduced to an acceptable delay (see thresholds identified in 29.08.180) for all movements and transportation modes (vehicle, bicycles, pedestrians). The findings shall be shown in tabular form.

### **29.08.220 Traffic Signal Operational Improvements**

Required traffic signal operational improvements may include upgrading signals with additional signal phases and/or signalization of an unsignalized intersection, addition of turn lanes and/or construction of a roundabout.

The need for new traffic signals shall be based on warrants established in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, [MUTCD](#). In determining the location of a new signal, traffic progression is of paramount importance. On arterial streets a spacing of one-half mile for all signalized intersections is necessary to achieve reasonable operating speed, capacity and optimum signal progression. Pedestrian movements shall be considered in the evaluation and adequate pedestrian clearance provided in the signal phasing assumptions.

The applicant shall submit an analysis addressing proposed access, proposed signals and capacity and level of service based on the City's operational practices. All assumptions shall be documented in the TIS. An approved traffic engineering analysis must be made to properly locate all proposed accesses that may require signalization. The roadway to be analyzed for signal progression shall be established by the City and shall include all existing and proposed signalized intersections.

- (a) The progression pattern calculations must match the existing cycle length on the corridor under analysis.
- (b) Signal phasing assumptions must relate to traffic volumes in the capacity analysis of individual intersections.
- (c) Approved computerized progression analysis techniques must be of the type which utilize turning movement volume data and pedestrian clearance times in the development of timing plans.
- (d) The green time allocated to the cross street shall be considered no less than the time which is required for a pedestrian to clear the main street using [MUTCD](#) standards.
- (e) Existing timing and phasing data for City and/or County signals on the corridor(s) being analyzed will be provided to the consultant on written request.
- (f) Elimination of or substantial changes to existing phases and/or timing will not be allowed without written approval of the Transportation Engineer.
- (g) Existing signal operations shall be presumed to reflect the local conditions and community expectations as determined and directed by the Transportation Engineer.
- (h) If optimum usable bandwidth, as that term is defined by the Transportation Engineer, would be reduced if a traffic signal were installed then the intersection shall remain unsignalized and turning movements shall be limited.

### **29.08.230 Street Widening and Other Physical Improvements**

Mitigation measures that include street widening and other physical improvements must be physically feasible and must meet minimum standards and Code(s) for both on-site and off-site improvements.

### **29.08.250 Conclusions**

The findings of the TIS shall be provided in a summary report.

### **29.08.260 Recommendations**

The TIS should include an executive summary including recommendations. Recommended improvements/mitigation measures to achieve standards and safety improvements shall be stated. The recommendation section of the report shall describe the location, nature, and extent of proposed improvements. A sketch of each improvement shall be provided showing the length, width, and other pertinent geometric features of the proposed improvement.

## 29.12 ACCESS MANAGEMENT

### 29.12.010 Access Management

Access management is a means to protect the safety, traffic operations, and the assigned functional purpose of the street system while considering the access needs of the various elements of the system. Access management addresses the problems of congestion, capacity loss, and accidents. Providing access to land development while simultaneously preserving the flow of traffic, bicycles, and pedestrians on the surrounding road system in terms of safety, capacity needs, and speed, is the goal of access management. Access is defined as any driveway or other point of ingress/egress such as a driveway, alley, street, road, or highway that connects to the public street system.

The street system provides mobility to the traveling public. This travel may serve one of two distinct purposes. The first is to provide throughput, allowing travelers to move efficiently. The second is to provide direct access to properties. Arterial streets are traditionally designed to prioritize throughput for motor vehicles by intentionally limiting access. In contrast, local streets provide direct access to properties, but do not provide high throughput for motor vehicles. To accommodate throughput for motor vehicles on city streets, access on collectors and arterials must be intentionally managed.

However, limiting access on collector and arterial streets can also limit mobility of non-motorized and mass transit modes along those corridors. Therefore, the design of streets should consider the impacts to active transportation and transit users and how they may use the system differently. The Active Transportation Corridors defined in the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#) are along a mix of arterial, collector, and local streets, but are effectively the arterial street network for people walking and biking. Thus, travel for these users should be prioritized on these corridors. In some cases, limiting access for motor vehicles can improve throughput for both motor vehicles and active transportation users, such as limiting driveways and turning movement conflicts along an arterial street. However, in other cases, they may conflict. For example, long gaps in an arterial road without a traffic signal can improve throughput for motor vehicles along that corridor but can decrease mobility for active transportation users trying to cross the street. Therefore, access control measures must be sensitive to the mobility needs of all modes of transportation.

The existing and future function of each street is critical in determining the number, location, and design of access points and access control. Access management extends beyond simply specifying the number and separation of driveways and access points. Included are roadway design, such as auxiliary lanes, medians, stopping sight distance, channelization, and land development issues such as sign standards, internal site circulation, driveway layout, and alternative travel modes.

Appropriate access management strikes a balance in preserving the functional integrity of the street and providing access. Speed, capacity, and safety are the significant reasons for instituting access management. With proper access management, the speed differential between vehicles can be minimized or separated and proper access management will reduce the number of conflict points, resulting in fewer accidents. When the traffic on the street system can travel safely and efficiently, capacity is preserved. Access management recognizes the interests of both landowners and roadway users in providing a transportation system that better meets the needs of all interests.

### **29.12.020 State Highways**

Refer to the current edition of [The State Highway Access Code](#). Under that code, all accesses constructed on a State Highway require an access permit approved by the State. The Access Code requires owners of land adjacent to a State Highway that is being developed or redeveloped to apply for an Access Permit for each access to the State Highway if the use of the property is being changed or the existing access modified. The definition of property change is included in Section 2.6 of the Code.

### **29.12.030 City or County Streets**

Local jurisdictions approve the design, number, and location of access points. When changes in land use occur which result in changes in the type or nature of access operation, the access shall be approved with the development plans and constructed to meet current standards.

### **29.12.040 Backing into the Right-of-Way**

Parking pods that require backing maneuvers [into](#) a public street will be allowed only on streets posted at 25 mph or less and with an ADT of 3000 vehicles or less. Parking pods shall be privately owned, or a revocable permit obtained if in public right of way, and privately maintained. Landscape islands shall be required every 8 spaces.

Backing into alleys will be allowed from normal parking stalls, regardless of land use, under the following conditions:

- (a) The parking is designed so the parking stall and aisle meet the requirements of section 21.06.090 of the [Zoning and Development Code](#). The needed aisle width can include the existing alley.
- (b) A maximum of four spaces in a row will be allowed. This standard is designed for perpendicular parking spaces and a 50' wide lot. Wider lots can create more spaces, up to a maximum of 8 spaces. Angle parking will be addressed on a case-by-case basis to achieve the intent of this standard.

### **29.12.050 Provision of Access**

If a property has frontage on more than one street, access will be permitted only on those street frontages where design and safety standards can be met. The primary access shall be on the lower-order street. Refer to the current edition of the [State Highway Access Code](#) for access requirements off a state highway.

### **29.12.060 Restriction of Turning Movements**

Turning movements may be limited where necessary for the safe and efficient movement of traffic, both on and off-site.

### **29.12.070 Number of Access Points and Joint Access**

Each development applying for access to a collector or arterial street shall analyze its own internal circulation system and access points, as well as impacts to the surrounding properties and street system as part of the required TIS.

Cross-access connections and/or stub streets to abutting properties will be required between commercial and residential properties unless it can be shown that this won't facilitate better circulation or it creates safety hazards. The project site design shall include a circulation and access system that will safely and efficiently accommodate traffic from adjacent properties.

One access point per property ownership will be permitted, unless an approved site plan or TIS shows that additional access points are required to adequately handle driveway volumes and that the additional access points will not be detrimental to safety, traffic flow, and pedestrian and bicycle travel on adjacent public streets. Additional access points may also be allowed at the discretion of the director. Temporary access may be granted to accommodate phased development of a site. Temporary accesses are subject to removal, relocation, redesign or reconstruction after permanent approved access is constructed.

### **29.12.080 Cross-Access Corridors**

Cross-access corridors shall be designed to provide common access and circulation among parcels, to assist in local traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle movement. Cross access should be designed to include the following elements:

- (a) Sufficient separation between the public street and the cross-access corridor to allow storage and circulation to occur within the site.
- (b) Sufficient width to accommodate **two-way travel** aisles designed to accommodate automobiles, service and delivery vehicles.
- (c) Stub-outs to the abutting properties that will be tied in to provide cross-access.
- (d) Linkage to other cross-access corridors in the area, if applicable.
- (e) Sidewalks and/or trails to connect pedestrians and bicycles from existing facilities to, or through, the parcel to surrounding properties that will develop in the future and/or to existing facilities in a nearby location.

Wherever a cross-access corridor is designated on a subdivision plat, site plan or other development application, the property owner shall grant and record an easement allowing cross-access to and from the other properties in the area.

### **29.12.090 Stub Streets**

A stub street is an existing or planned street that is or will be extended to the property line(s) of a development for the purpose of future extension onto adjacent property. A stub street may be for access and/or as a part of the comprehensive circulation system.

### **29.12.100 Abandoned Accesses**

Existing driveways shall not be abandoned, relocated, altered, or reconstructed without a permit from the appropriate agency.

### **29.12.110 Exclusive Turn Lanes**

Exclusive turn lanes are described in detail in the [CDOT State Highway Access Code](#) and in Chapter 29.28.

### **29.12.120 Field Access**

Field access is defined as access used solely for agricultural purposes and traffic generation does not exceed one vehicle (two trip ends) per day when averaged over one calendar year. When an agricultural property changes to a new or more intensive land use, all field accesses to the property shall be considered abandoned and access points for the new or more intensive use will be determined by the standards contained within this document.

### **29.12.130 Access Exceptions**

Exceptions to these standards shall be allowed only as set forth in Chapter 29.64.

## 29.16 ACCESS DESIGN & SITE CIRCULATION

### 29.16.010 Access and Site Design

Access is defined as any driveway or other point of ingress/egress such as a street, road, highway or driveway that connects to the public street system. This chapter defines the types of accesses, their locations, and geometric requirements.

Acceptable site design is achieved when three major elements – access location and design, site circulation and parking, building footprint and location – are integrated. Site circulation can directly affect the safety, traffic operations and the assigned functional purpose of the street system. Good site circulation is necessary to protect the integrity of the public streets as well as public safety within the site.

On collector and arterial streets, shared accesses will be required wherever possible to minimize the number of access points along a street. Shared access provides for safer and more efficient operation of the flow of traffic on the street and shall minimally meet the above requirements. Access easements are required.

### 29.16.020 Access Locations

All entrances and exits to vehicular traffic areas shall be located and constructed to minimize traffic congestion on the public street system.

### 29.16.030 Spacing and Offsets

On local residential streets, single-family residential driveways on the same side of the street shall be located a minimum of 5 feet, from property line, to allow for maneuvering to occur without trespass. In locations where the 5 feet minimum spacing cannot be met due to limited lot frontage or other field constraint, the Development Engineer may permit a variance from the spacing standard.

On local commercial and industrial streets, driveways on the same (spacing) or opposite side (offset) of the street shall be spaced a minimum of 50 feet apart, measured from edge of access to edge of access. On collector streets, driveways on the same or opposite side of the street shall be spaced a minimum of 150 feet apart. (see [Driveway Spacing, Width, and Offset Requirements by Street Classification](#)). On minor arterial streets where no other access to lower order streets is available, driveways on the same or opposite side of the street may be allowed but must be spaced a minimum of 150 feet apart and may be restricted to right-in, right-out movements. On principal arterial streets where no other access to lower order streets is available, driveways on the same or opposite side of the street may be allowed but must be spaced a minimum of 300 feet apart and may be restricted to right-in, right-out movements. Greater distances may be required for left turn storage lanes.

No new residential driveways shall be allowed on arterial streets serving less than three units and allowable driveways must be designed so vehicles are not backing into the street.

## 29.16.050 Corner Clearance

Corner clearances are defined as the distance between the edge of a driveway (exclusive of the taper) and the edge of the nearest intersecting street. The clearance is necessary so that accesses do not interfere with street intersection operations and should provide drivers with adequate perception-reaction time to potential conflicts. On corner lots, the access location shall be on the street of lowest functional classification.

### Minimum Corner Clearance (ft)

Measured from Flowline to Near Edge of Access

Street Classification of Street Where Access is Proposed	Clearance From Unsignalized Intersections	Clearance From Signalized Intersections	Single Family Residential Driveways
Local ( $\leq$ 300 ADT)	50'	150'	35'
Local ( $>$ 300 ADT)	50'	150'	50'
Collector	150'	150'	100'
Minor Arterial	150' *	300' *	N/A*
Major Arterial	300' *	300' *	N/A*

\*May be restricted to right-in, right-out only access. Single family access to arterial streets is not acceptable practice and will be permitted only in extreme hardship cases.

## 29.16.060 Access Design - Types of Access

Generally, all new private property access shall be designed as curb cuts. Radii type curb returns with handicap ramps will be required for accesses when the peak hour right turn entering volume exceeds 20 vehicles in the peak hour. Auxiliary lanes shall be constructed when turn volumes meet the minimum criteria in the right turn warrant chart in section 29.28.170.

## 29.16.070 Design Vehicles

All accesses shall be designed to accommodate the turning characteristics of the largest vehicle that will most commonly utilize the proposed access. Most residential and small commercial driveways only need to accommodate passenger cars; other commercial or industrial developments will usually require at least one access that can accommodate the efficient entry or exit of larger vehicles.

## 29.16.080 Curb Cut Width

The width of the curb cut for a driveway will be wider than the driveway width to accommodate the turning radius of the entering and existing vehicles. The design turning radius shall be at least 15 feet. The effective turn radius (which accounts for on-street bike lanes or parking if applicable) shall be 20 feet for multi-family residential access and 25 feet for commercial access. The effective radii for industrial uses or truck delivery accesses shall be individually designed for the type of truck that will frequently use the access, with a maximum required radius of 50 feet.

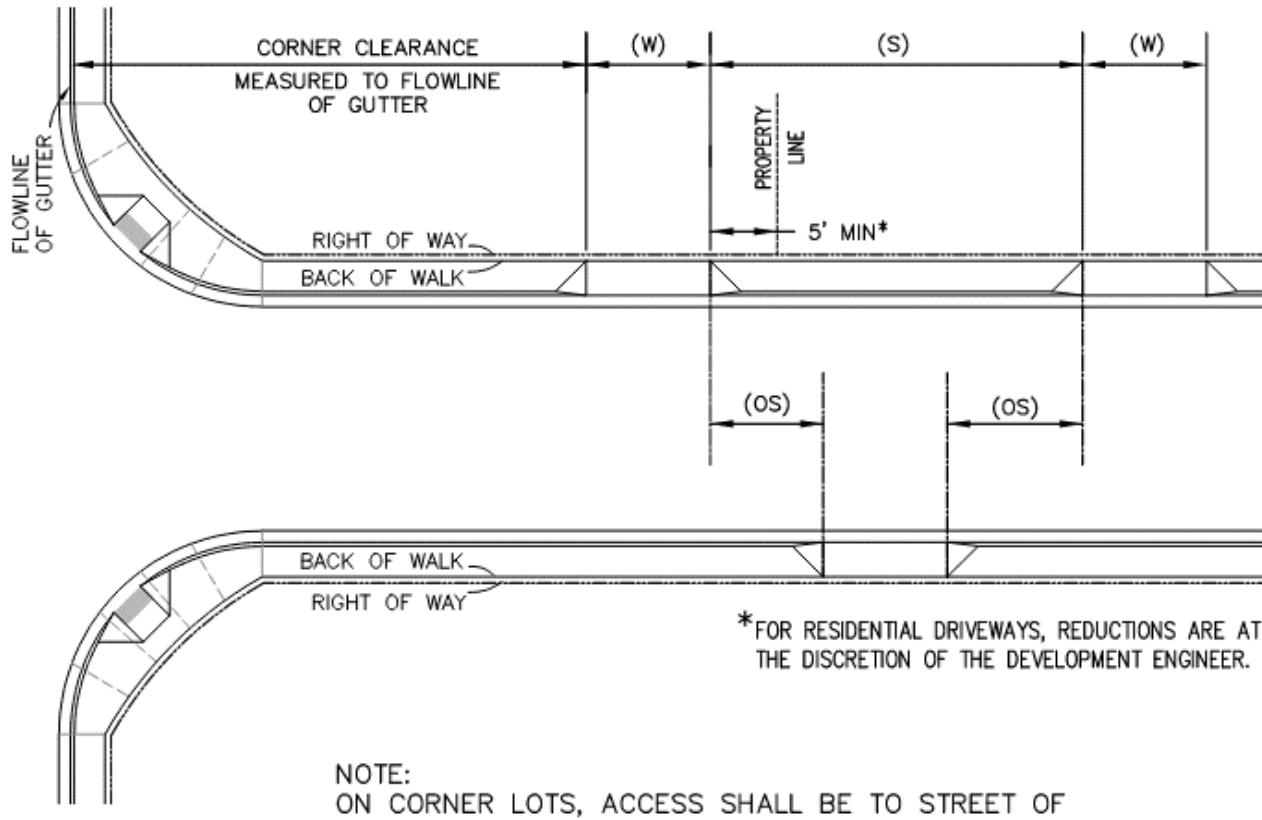
## 29.16.090 Driveway Width

Single-family residential driveway widths shall be between no more than 33 feet. All other access drive widths shall be between 25 feet and 36 feet. Multi-lane driveways shall be designed to accommodate a standard ingress lane of 14 feet and egress lanes of 11 feet.

### Driveway Spacing, Width, and Offset Requirements by Street Classification

Street Classification (Land Use)	Driveway Spacing (S)	Driveway Width (W)	Offset (OS)
Local (Residential)	10' Min.	33' Max.	No Requirement
Local (Commercial and Industrial)	50' Min.	25' Min. 36' Max.	50' Min.*
Collector	150' Min.	25' Min. 36' Max.	150' Min.*
Minor Arterial	150' Min	25' Min. 36' Max.	150' Min.*
Principal Arterial	300' Min.	25' Min. 36' Max.	300' Min.*

\* Greater offsets may be required for left turn storage lanes.



### **29.16.100 Throat Lengths and Vehicle Storage**

Adequate vehicle storage capacity shall be provided for both inbound and outbound vehicles. Adequate storage facilitates the safe and efficient movement of vehicles between the street and the development.

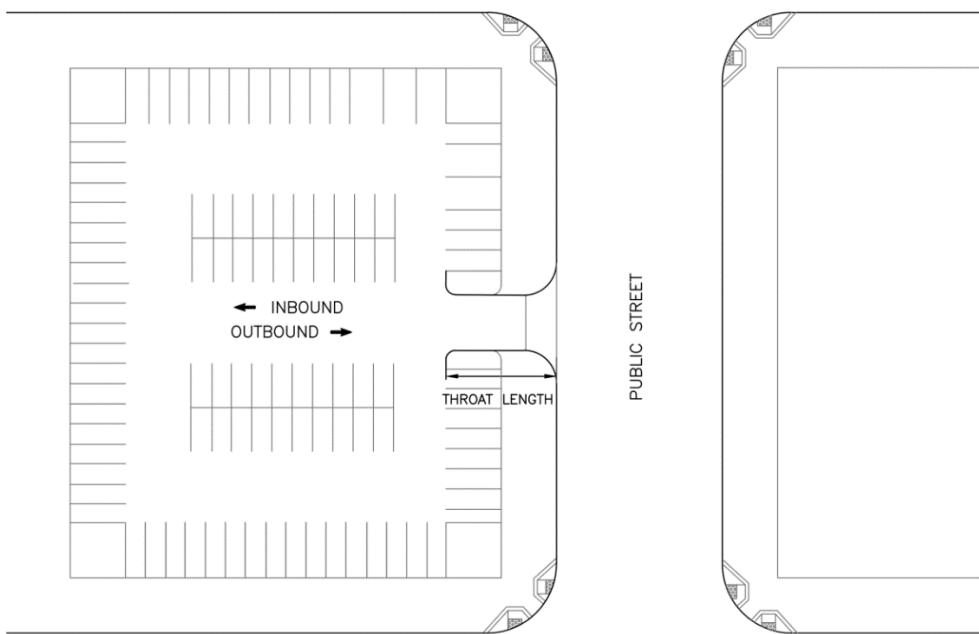
The access throat shall be of sufficient length to prevent vehicles from spilling onto the public street system. Inbound vehicle storage areas shall be of sufficient size to ensure that vehicles will not obstruct the adjacent street, sidewalk, or circulation within the facility. The throat shall be of sufficient length to provide adequate storage of outbound vehicles without them interfering with on-site circulation. Outbound vehicle storage areas shall be provided to eliminate backup and delay of vehicles within the development. At signalized intersections, adequate storage for the outbound movement must be provided to enable vehicles to exit efficiently on green.

The requirements for vehicle storage (see [On-Site Driveway Vehicle Storage Lengths](#)) in parking lots and at drive-up type facilities are generally based on a typical vehicle spacing of 20 feet, but may be increased where larger vehicles can be expected.

### **29.16.110 Accesses Serving Off-Street Parking Lots**

[On-site storage](#) is measured from the flowline of the street to the first parking stall or aisle of a parking lot (see [Throat Length Extents](#)). Vehicle storage equivalent to or greater than the minimum distances shall be provided at accesses serving the site. The recommended distance for accesses with two approach lanes may be adjusted, subject to the TIS findings, roadway geometry, traffic volumes, and site layout.

#### **Throat Length Extents**



### On-Site Driveway Vehicle Storage Lengths (feet)

Parking Spaces Per Exit Lane	Storage Length Required <sup>1</sup>			
	Multi-Family Residential	Retail	Office	Industrial
0-50	25	25	25	25
50-200	40	40	40	40
201-400	40	75	100	150
401-600	50	150	200	More Lanes
601-700	100	200	More Lanes	More Lanes
> 700	200	More Lanes	More Lanes	More Lanes

1 High volume land uses or streets may necessitate greater storage lengths than shown.

### Vehicle Storage Requirements for Drive-Up Facilities

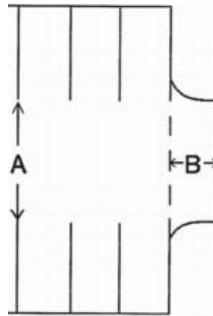
Type of Facility	Vehicle Storage
Automated Tellers	4 spaces per machine
Drive-In Bank	3 spaces per 1,000 sf
Drive-In Restaurant	Identified through TIS
Automatic Car Wash	7 spaces per wash line
Self-Service Car Wash	2 spaces per wash line
Drive-In Theater	15% of the total parking capacity
Service Stations	1 space per nozzle + 1 space/island/direction
Drive-In Liquor Store	3 spaces per window <sup>1</sup>
Drive-In Dry Cleaners	2 spaces per window <sup>1</sup>

Adapted from Table 9-4, NCHRP 348 Access Management Guidelines for Activity Centers

<sup>1</sup>Measured from the pick-up window and includes the vehicle at the window.

### 29.16.115 Dead-End Parking Aisles

Parking stalls located at the end of a dead-end parking aisle must be provided with adequate backing and turnaround space. The required depth of the turnaround space shall be determined as follows:



#### Depth of Dead-End Parking Aisles

Width of Driving Aisle (A)	Depth of Turnaround Space (B)
24' or less	6'
25'	5'
26'	4'
27'	3'
28'	2'
29'	1'
30' or more	0'

### 29.16.120 Commercial Uses

The vehicle storage area that shall be provided for various drive-through commercial uses shall be:

- (a) Based on a 20' length vehicle and a 12' wide lane.
- (b) Separated from normal parking circulation aisles.
- (c) Designed using the appropriate design vehicle turning template.

### 29.16.130 Grades

Access grades shall meet the same standard grades identified for intersections in Chapter 29.28.

### 29.16.140 Sight Distance

Adequate sight distance (see GJMC 29.28.140) and sight zones (see GJMC 29.28.150) shall be provided at all access intersections and internal street or drive aisle intersections within a development.

### **29.16.150 Channelization Islands**

Channelizing islands are discouraged. Use of medians to control turning movements will be required where physical conditions allow.

Channelized islands will only be allowed in situations where medians to control access are not feasible. If allowed, the islands shall not be smaller than 100 square feet and shall provide vertical curb and exposed colored aggregate or patterned concrete treatment. Patterns and color shall match those of any nearby islands or medians. Additional right-of-way or easement may be required to accommodate these designs. The ends of the islands shall typically be constructed with 2-foot flowline radii.

Refer to the Intersection Chapter (Chapter 8 in the 2023 version) of the [CDOT Roadway Design Guide](#) for additional guidance.

### **29.16.160 Pedestrians and Bicycles**

Pedestrians and bicyclists are especially vulnerable to turning vehicles at access drives. The consolidation of access points benefits pedestrians and bicyclists by reducing the number of conflict points along the roadway. Access designs for pedestrian and bicycle facilities shall conform to Chapter 29.20 and Chapter 29.28 requirements and with the Grand Junction [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#).

### **29.16.170 Transit**

Where applicable, accesses shall be designed to accommodate busses or other transit vehicles in accordance with the Mesa County Transit Design Standards and Guidelines. These accommodations shall occur at shopping centers, malls, multifamily developments, or other mixed-use developments where transit vehicles may be frequent users of the on-site circulation system.

### **29.16.180 Emergency Vehicles**

All accesses shall be designed to readily accommodate emergency vehicles that would ordinarily respond at the particular establishment (Refer to the current version of the Grand Junction [Fire Department Access](#) standards and the locally adopted fire code).

### **29.16.190 Utilities and Lighting**

Accesses shall be located to ensure that utility poles, electric boxes, and signs do not interfere with the visibility of the access or available sight distances. The design of site lighting shall maximize the visibility and location of the access.

### **29.16.210 Delivery and Service**

Proposed development that includes truck loading/unloading shall provide adequate space for all truck operations. Adequate space minimally means that all truck operations be performed entirely on-site and off the public street system. Sufficient apron space shall be provided at all loading/unloading areas. Sufficient apron space is the area required for truck backing maneuvers. Delivery areas shall be separated from general traffic areas. Separation of delivery vehicle traffic from customer traffic shall occur entirely on-site. On-site roadways used by delivery vehicles shall be designed to accommodate the heavier payloads and turning characteristics of the largest vehicle expected to use the site.

### **29.16.220 Transit and Pedestrians**

In larger mixed-use developments, multi-family developments, shopping centers, and malls, on-site roadways shall be designed to accommodate transit. This includes the design of pick-up/drop-off areas as well as the circulating roadways. Transit stops shall be located within a reasonable walking distance of the main building entrance while minimizing potential conflicts with circulating vehicles. Continuous pedestrian walkways and crossings that meet ADA standards and follow a direct (non-circuitous alignment) must be designed on-site and connected with each other and to the adjacent pedestrian network to reduce conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles and provide convenient access between the land uses and transit.

### **29.16.230 Inter-parcel Circulation**

Inter-parcel circulation with shared access is required between adjacent commercial properties for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. Inter-parcel circulation with shared access may be required between residential and commercial. This will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to consider the context of the situation. This will reduce the number of curb cuts on public streets and will increase the safety and comfort for all modes of transportation on the adjacent street and capacity of the street system. Within larger development sites public streets may be required as part of a connected network to facilitate inter-parcel circulation of vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

### **29.16.240 Landscaping**

Site landscaping requirements are detailed in the [Zoning and Development Code](#). Landscaping at access points must meet the requirements for sight distance (see GJMC 29.28.140) and the sight zone (see GJMC 29.28.150). Landscaping islands shall also consider the same requirements.

## 29.20 LOCAL & MINOR COLLECTOR STREETS, LANDSCAPING & TRAFFIC CALMING

### 29.20.010 Street Standards

Geometric street standards have been developed to provide livability for residents, safety for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic and efficient movement. This chapter sets the minimum standards for geometric design of local and minor collector streets that provide access to residential, commercial, and industrial land uses. These streets deserve special discussion because they are the most common streets built for development. Local streets are defined as streets whose primary function is to serve the abutting land use. Design criteria for both horizontal and vertical alignments are established in this chapter. Design criteria for major collector and higher classification streets are discussed in Chapter 29.28.

### 29.20.020 Local and Minor Collector Streets

Streets shall conform with the adopted Street Plan Functional Classification Map, Figure 3 in the [Grand Junction Circulation Plan](#). Minimally, the plan identifies locations where collector street connections are desired and identifies general alignments for local streets. Street layouts shall continue streets in adjoining subdivisions or their anticipated locations when adjoining property is not yet developed to provide interconnectivity.

### 29.20.030 Block and Lot Dimensions

Refer to the [Zoning and Development Code](#) for block and lot dimension requirements.

### 29.20.040 Right of Way, Street Lane Widths, and Street Lengths

The required right-of-way width for a street is stated in the Street Sections. Additional widths may be required for needed through lanes, turn lanes, speed change lanes, and where it is necessary to accommodate slopes, irrigation crossings, drainage structures, and timing of adjacent development.

## **29.20.050 Cul-de-Sacs and Dead-End Streets**

No cul-de-sac shall be more than 750 feet long, measured from the center of the intersection to the center of the turnaround.

No more than 30 single family/duplex units shall be located on a cul-de-sac street. All cul-de-sacs shall have a turnaround at the terminus point. For single or two-family residential developments that exceed 30 units, a separate and approved fire apparatus access road will be required. If it is a multi-family residential development, the number of units can exceed 30 units and the fire code will govern.

Surface drainage of a cul-de-sac shall be conveyed toward the intersecting street, if possible, and if not possible, a drainage easement shall be provided leading out of the cul-de-sac.

[Fire Department Access](#) standards contain additional details to assist developers and designers in meeting the requirements of the fire department (Fire department Access B.2-5) When two fire apparatus access roads are required, they shall be placed a distance apart equal to not less than one half of the length of the maximum overall diagonal dimension of the lot or area to be served, measured in a straight line between accesses.

Unless the street meets all of the requirements for a cul-de-sac, no dead-end streets shall be allowed except in cases where such streets are designed to connect with future streets on adjacent land. In that case, if any lots in the subdivision are dependent upon the dead-end street for access, the plat shall include a temporary turnaround easement at the terminus of the street.

A single access street system shall be allowed for a maximum 100 dwelling units. Before the 101<sup>st</sup> unit can be platted, a secondary access is required to be constructed or financially secured. This secondary access must be platted as public right-of-way and constructed to public street standards to the property line of the subdivision. A temporary turnaround shall be constructed if the stub street access is longer than 150 feet.

Pedestrian pathways or trails may be required off the end of cul-de-sacs to adjacent streets or cul-de-sacs to provide direct pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. See the [Zoning and Development Code](#) for pathway and trail connection requirements.

## 29.20.060 Alignments

### (a) Horizontal Alignment

Designs must conform to the pattern of thoroughfares designated in the Street Plan Functional Classification Map in the [Grand Junction Circulation Plan](#). Proposed streets align with existing or platted streets with which they are to connect.

Local streets (if not ending in a cul-de-sac) shall extend to the property lines of the project. A temporary turnaround area capable of supporting a fire truck (HS-20 loading) shall be required at the end of the street improvement if a cul-de-sac is not provided and the street is longer than 150' from the flowline of the intersecting street. Proposed streets with widths different from existing streets to which they are being connected must be transitioned using the pavement transition taper standards.

### (b) Curve Radii

(1) All curve designs shall be based on the Horizontal Curve Design Criteria.

#### Horizontal Curve Design Criteria

Design Criteria <sup>1</sup>	Local		Minor Collector <sup>3</sup>
	Hillside <sup>2</sup> / Residential	Industrial <sup>3</sup> / Commercial <sup>3</sup>	
Design Speed (mph)	20	25	25
Center <sup>4</sup> Line Radius (ft)	110	200	200
Horiz. Sight Dist. (ft)	150	200	200
Reverse Curve Tangent (ft)	0	0	0
Approach <sup>5</sup> Tangent at Intersections	50	75	75

<sup>1</sup> These criteria are to be used without super-elevation.

<sup>2</sup> Hillside is defined as having grades of 10% or greater, as defined in section 21.06.010(f) of the City Zoning and Development Code.

<sup>3</sup> Design speeds and associated horizontal curve design criteria shown for Local Industrial/ Commercial Streets and Minor Collector Streets are typical, but may vary depending on context. In situations where design speeds are different than what is shown in the table, consult the current edition of the "A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets," AASHTO for associated design criteria.

<sup>4</sup> Radii shown are based on the street having a crown section with a pavement cross-slope of 2% on each side of the crown.

<sup>5</sup> Where a curved road approaches an intersection, these tangent sections must be provided on the approach to the intersection to provide for adequate sight distance for traffic control devices at the intersection. The distance shall be measured from the flowline of the through street.

(2) Intersections shall meet the minimum effective turn radii at public street intersections (which accounts for on-street bike lanes or parking if applicable) and must meet a minimum curb return flowline radius of 15 feet.

**Minimum Effective Turn Radii at Public Street Intersections**

Through Street <sup>2</sup>	Intersecting Street				
	Arterial	Collector	Local Residential	Local Commercial	Local Industrial <sup>1</sup>
Local Residential	30'	25'	20'		
Local Commercial	30'	30'	20'	30'	30'
Local Industrial		30'		30'	30'

<sup>1</sup> Radii at intersections with industrial streets shall be designed on a case-by-case basis considering the turning requirements for the type of truck that will most commonly use the street.

<sup>2</sup> At signalized intersections where right turn channelization islands are provided or high truck and bus volumes may use the access, a larger flowline radius may be required.

<sup>3</sup> When bike lanes or parking are present consider a reduced flowline radius to match the effective flowline of the intersection, with a minimum flowline of 15'.

**(c) Bulb-Outs**

If on-street parking is present on minor collectors and local commercial streets, steps should be taken to prevent vehicles from parking too close to the intersection. Bulb-outs should be used to reduce the intersection width and prevent parking in the sight zone. This will result in shorter crossing distances for pedestrians, increased sight distance, and increased visibility of pedestrians especially for turning vehicles, which will increase pedestrian safety and comfort at intersections. Bulb outs are not required on local residential or industrial streets but can be used as a traffic calming device.

**(d) Tangent Distance Between Curve**

There is no minimum tangent distance between curves for residential or commercial street design.

**(e) Superelevation**

Superelevation is not allowed on residential street curves.

**29.20.070 Vertical Alignment - Grades**

Design grades and vertical sight distance address drainage and/or safety concerns for vehicles and pedestrians. Grades of streets shall not be less than 0.5%, nor more than 8%. In hilly terrain (defined as having grades of 10% or greater, as defined in section 21.07.020 of the City [Zoning and Development Code](#)), the maximum grade for local residential streets is 12% for a maximum distance of 500 feet. To help keep the grade of gutters at a minimum of 0.5% a maximum allowable grade break of 1% is allowable in sags and on crests. See section [29.20.150](#) for requirements for grades at intersections. See GJMC 29.28.050 for design control requirements for vertical curves.

## **29.20.080 Cross Section**

### **(a) Street Cross Slopes**

The typical cross slope is 2% crown to provide for adequate drainage to the pavement edge. The minimum cross slope is 1% and the maximum is 4%. At the discretion of the City Engineer, the cross slope may deviate based on demonstrated physical constraints. Typical sections are shown in the Grand Junction [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#).

### **(b) Roadside Barrier and Bridge Rails**

Roadside barriers shall be required in accordance with warrants, design criteria and standards for roadside barriers and bridge rails as defined in the most recent version of the AASHTO [Roadside Design Guide](#).

## **29.20.090 Stopping Sight Distance**

Stopping sight distance is defined as the length of roadway ahead visible to the driver. The minimum stopping sight distance available on a roadway must be sufficiently long to enable a vehicle traveling at or near the roadway design speed to stop before reaching a stationary object in its path or react to a traffic control device such as a stop sign.

The appropriate stopping sight distance (see GJMC 29.28.070) shall be provided. The distances shown assume vehicles traveling on wet pavement on flat grades. Factors that take into account the effect of grade on stopping sight distance shall be used in determining appropriate stopping sight distance where the grades are 3% or higher.

## **29.20.100 Bicycle Treatments**

The location and type of bicycle facilities shall be consistent with the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#). The design of bicycle facilities shall comply with Section 29.48.

## **29.20.110 Intersections**

There are two general types of intersections: unsignalized and signalized. Each of these shall have several different configurations and levels of traffic control. A roundabout is a form of an unsignalized intersection and is specifically discussed in GJMC 29.28.220 All intersection design shall conform to the guidelines set forth in [AASHTO](#) and the [MUTCD](#).

### **29.20.120 Unsignalized Intersections**

There are two appropriate levels of traffic control at unsignalized intersections: two-way stop controlled and all-way stop controlled. The appropriate use of each of these is discussed in the following sections.

(a) Two-way Stop-Controlled Intersections:

(1) Two-way stop-controlled intersections shall be installed in new subdivisions.

(2) STOP signs shall be installed in accordance with the [MUTCD](#).

(3) At intersections of two different types of roadways, a STOP sign shall be used on the minor street to stop the lesser flow of traffic. STOP signs will generally be used at all intersections that do not meet the all-way stop control or traffic signal warrants.

(b) All-way Stop-Controlled Intersections:

An all-way or "multi-way" stop installation shall be used only as warranted in Part II of the [MUTCD](#).

### **29.20.130 Signalized Intersections**

Signals will not normally be considered for residential streets or commercial streets. Where signals may be warranted, the criteria in GJMC 29.28.130 shall be followed, and documented in a Transportation Impact Study (see Chapter 29.08).

### **29.20.140 Angles**

Public streets shall intersect at 90° angles or as close to 90° as topography permits, in any event no less than 80°. Intersections on horizontal curves shall be avoided.

When an intersection is on a curve the center line of the intersection must be radial to the curve.

### **29.20.150 Grades at Intersections**

Intersections shall be on grades as flat as practical. At unsignalized intersections, the maximum allowable grade in the intersections is 4% and extends a minimum of 50 feet in each direction from the outside edge of the traveled way of the intersecting street. At signalized intersections, the maximum grade is 2% within the intersection and extends 200 feet in each direction from the centerline of intersecting roadway. Grades above 4% will only be allowed on local and collector streets in areas with steep topography or other unusual circumstances that prevent a flatter grade, and must be documented as a design exception (see Chapter 29.64).

When intersecting with State Highways, refer to Section 4 of the [State Highway Access Code](#).

## **29.20.160 Spacing and Offsets**

### **(a) Commercial Streets**

Four legged intersections shall be spaced at least 300 feet apart from centerline to centerline. Where T-intersections are used, the centerlines of streets not in alignment shall be offset a minimum of 150 feet and be 150 feet from the nearest four-legged intersection. If the left turn storage requirements for adjacent intersections overlap, the minimum spacing must be increased to provide adequate left turn storage in both directions. If exclusive turn lanes are required, the design shall conform to the criteria in GJMC 28.28.170.

### **(b) Local Residential Streets**

Four legged intersections shall be spaced at least 300 feet apart from centerline to centerline. Where T-intersections are used, the centerlines of streets not in alignment shall be offset a minimum of 150 feet.

## **29.20.170 Intersection Sight Distance**

Street intersections and private access to public streets shall be planned and located to provide as much sight distance as possible. At a minimum, there must be sufficient sight distance for the driver on the minor street or driveway to cross or turn onto the intersecting street. Minimum sight distance values are provided (see GJMC 29.28.140) for passenger cars turning left or right from a minor street. When grades are steeper than 3.0%, adjustment factors must be applied.

The operating speed on each approach is assumed to be, in order of desirability, a) the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed, b) the posted speed if based on an engineering study, or c) in the case of a new facility, 80 percent of the design speed.

## **29.20.180 Sight Zones**

The location of sight zones at intersections are identified in GJMC 29.28.140 and sight zones along streets are identified in the Street Sections (see appendix). Within the sight zone there shall be no sight obscuring sign, wall, fence, berming, or other object higher than 30 inches, or in the case of trees, no foliage lower than 8 feet (trees of any diameter may be planted as long as no foliage is lower than 8 feet). Vertical measurement shall be made from the flowline of the adjacent gutter or, if no gutter exists, from the edge of the nearest traveled way. Objects that may be located in the sight zones are items such as hydrants, utility poles, and traffic control devices. These shall be located to minimize visual obstruction.

## **29.20.190 Pedestrian Treatments**

In order to provide pedestrian safety, comfort, and access, accommodations for pedestrians shall be designed into all intersections per Section 29.28.110; including sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian refuge islands and accessible ramps. The design shall conform to the standards set forth by the Americans with Disabilities Act and meet the details specified in the Grand Junction [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#).

## **29.20.200 Landscaping – Site Distance at Intersections**

Any landscaping in the sight distance triangles at intersections shall be low growing and shall meet the sight distance requirements in Section 29.20.180.

## **29.20.210 Traffic Calming**

According to the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE), “Traffic calming is the combination of mainly physical measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for non-motorized street users.” This differs from standard traffic control devices such as stop signs, which are regulatory. Traffic calming strategies are engineered to be self-enforcing physical measures.

This section provides guidance for appropriate applications of traffic calming on the existing street system, as well as the application of traffic calming measures during the planning and design stages of new sub-divisions. Refer to ITE’s [Traffic Calming Measures](#) for additional guidance on design and considerations of each traffic calming tool.

## **29.20.220 Methods to Divert Traffic from Residential Streets**

Residents frequently complain that their residential street is being used by high speed and/or cut through traffic. One treatment of the traffic is the use of closures, diverters, and one-way treatments. Multiple treatments can be implemented on one street as part of a formal “Slow Streets Program” along with supporting signage such as “Local Traffic Only.”

### **(a) Street Closure**

Streets may be fully or partially closed from one end to give drivers no choice but to travel another route, with vehicle access provided from the end that is not closed. A street closure is the most drastic form of traffic calming and shall be carefully considered before implementation. Street closures can lead to increased traffic on nearby streets as drivers are re-routed to other routes. Closures should be made passable by pedestrians and bicyclists.



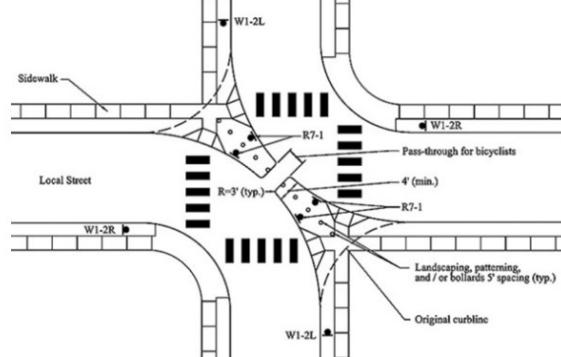
*Permanent Partial Closure*



*Retrofit Partial Closure*

### (b) Diagonal Street Diverters

A diagonal street diverter can also be considered a partial street closure. With a diverter, traffic traveling in one direction is not given access to a street. As with street closures, implementation of diverters may shift traffic to another street where access is not regulated. Street diverters should provide cut throughs for pedestrians and bicyclists.



Source (drawing): Delaware Department of Transportation

### (c) One-Way Streets

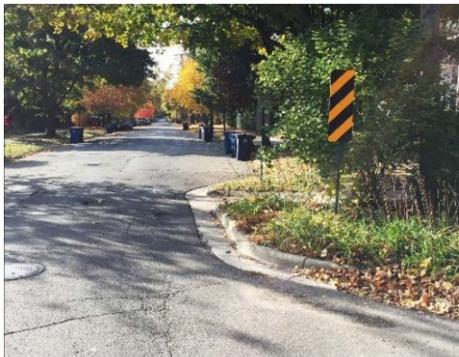
One-way streets may be effective in decreasing the number of vehicles traveling on a given roadway. Traffic patterns shall be assessed to determine the effects of a one-way street on a given circulation pattern. Although traffic volumes are generally decreased by one-way treatments, speeds can often increase as drivers are channelized through the street.

## 29.20.230 Methods to Slow Traffic on Residential Streets

Where speed is the recognized problem, the following methods can be effective in slowing existing traffic on residential and collector streets. These treatments are appropriate on streets where the block length is at least 600 feet. For blocks less than 600 feet traffic circles at the intersections are the preferred traffic calming tool.

### (a) Chokers

Research has shown that traffic moves slower on narrow streets. Chokers reduce the width of a street by narrowing the road at a 'choke point'. Depending on the road segment length, one or several chokers can be used.



Permanent Choker  
(source: City of Ann Arbor, Michigan)



Retrofit Choker  
(source: City of Denver, Colorado)

**(b) Medians**

A median can be installed on a street where width tends to encourage speed. Medians narrow the lanes, reducing the comfort of the driver while driving at higher speeds. Median treatments are particularly effective with landscaping.



*Permanent Median*  
 (source: James Barrera, Harrocks New Mexico)



*Retrofit Median*  
 (source: City of Denver, Colorado)

**(c) Chicanes**

A chicane is essentially half of a choker. A chicane is placed on one side of the road to narrow a lane of traffic. A chicane can be used singly but is usually placed as a series on both sides of the road.



*Permanent Chicane*  
 (source: City of Denver, Colorado)

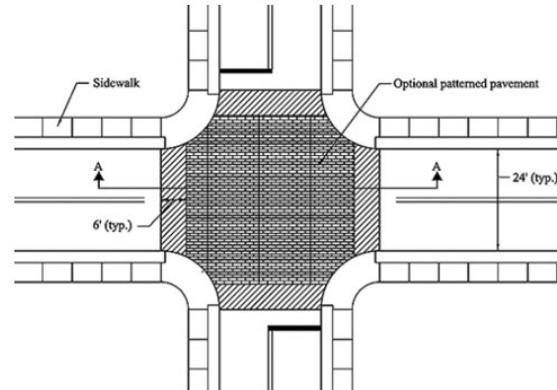


*Retrofit Chicane*

## 29.20.240 Methods to Slow Traffic at Intersections

### (a) Raised Intersections

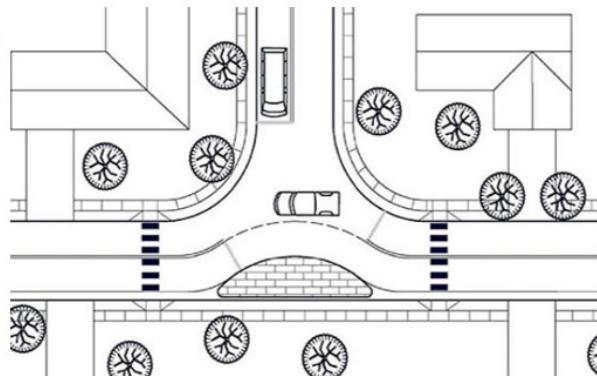
Raised intersections are flat raised areas covering entire intersections, with ramps on all approaches and often with brick or other textured materials on the flat section.



Source: (photo) Chuck Huffine, Phoenix AZ; (drawing) Delaware Department of Transportation

### (b) Realigned Intersections

Realigned intersections are changes in alignment that convert T-intersections with straight approaches into curving streets meeting at right angles – a straight shot along the top of the T becomes a turning movement.



Source: Delaware Department of Transportation

**(c) Traffic Circles**

Traffic circles are set in the center of a three- way (driveways excluded) or four-way intersection to slow traffic coming from each direction. A traffic circle can be effective in creating a neighborhood gateway by providing a unique feature that can be creatively landscaped. This includes mini traffic circles which can be applied as a retrofit to existing STOP controlled intersections.



Example of a Mini Traffic Circle

**(d) Bulb-Out/Corner Extension**

A bulb-out or corner extension is the horizontal extension of the sidewalk and curb at an intersection, typically in place of on-street parking, resulting in a narrower roadway. Bulb-outs are most feasible on streets with on-street parking and are effective at narrowing the crossing distance for pedestrians, increasing visibility of pedestrians, slowing turning vehicles, and preventing drivers from parking too close to an intersection and blocking sight lines and/or the crosswalk.



Permanent Bulb-Out



Retrofit Bulb-Out  
(source: City of Denver, Colorado)

**(e) Other Methods**

Other methods may be considered (such as hardened center lines) as approved by the jurisdiction.

## **29.20.250 Traffic Calming in New Developments**

Long, wide streets with limited parking will generally increase speeds. As new developments occur, traffic calming can be planned as a feature of the neighborhood to keep vehicle travel speed low for maximum livability and safety of all street users. In large developments and developments that connect to existing residential streets, designs to control speeds and volumes are required. Design features such as curvilinear streets, T-intersections and entry treatments can reduce the need for traffic calming devices such as speed humps and chokers. Generally, horizontal calming measures will provide greater efficiency and livability in new developments.

The design speed of residential streets shall be 20 MPH. The design of local streets shall include positive traffic calming measures and devices. They are required when a straight street exceeds 600 feet in length. Horizontal curves used for traffic calming must achieve an offset of at least five feet (half the width of the lane - which equates to a length of curve of at least 35 feet assuming the minimum horizontal radius is used) and be consistent with the [Horizontal Design Criteria Table](#) in 29.20.060(b)(1). Such measures and devices shall be sufficient to minimize the ability of the average motorist to exceed 20 MPH. Narrow streets may not need specific measures.

## 29.24 FIRE DEPARTMENT ACES

### 29.24.010 Fire Department Access

The Grand Junction Fire Department responds to a multitude of emergencies in various types of buildings and occupancies. To provide effective fire-fighting operations, the Fire Department must be able to reach all structures by way of approved access. Thus, street design and access must meet the requirements established in the current version of the Grand Junction [Fire Department Access](#) standards and the locally adopted fire code. The only potential exceptions to the requirements identified in Fire Department Access standards that would be considered are modifications of the Alternative Street Designs (see Chapter 29.68).

## 29.28 ARTERIAL AND COLLECTOR GEOMETRIC DESIGN

### 29.28.010 Geometric Standards

Geometric standards have been developed to provide adequate safety for the traveling public. This chapter sets the minimum standards for geometric design of streets classified as major collector and above, as shown on the Street Plan Functional Classification Map, Figure 3 in the Grand Junction Circulation Plan. These streets are intended for higher traffic volumes and throughput than the local streets and minor collector streets discussed in Chapter 29.20. They function in transition from direct land use access to movement of traffic.

Roundabouts provide safety improvements, less delay than other forms of control, community enhancement and increased traffic circulation at some intersections. Roundabouts can efficiently handle many intersections with decreased delay and greater efficiency than traffic signals. This section defines the roundabout and provides a link to general design criteria.

### 29.28.020 Arterial and Collector Streets

#### (a) Arterial Streets

Principal arterials shall be designed to provide a high degree of mobility and serve longer trips, implying a higher operating speed and level of service. These streets are designated on the Street Plan Functional Classification Map in the Grand Junction Circulation Plan. Minor arterial streets interconnect with and augment the Principal Arterial system. These streets accommodate trips of shorter lengths and may also serve more access functions than principal arterial streets.

#### (b) Collector Streets

Collector streets provide both land access and movement within residential, commercial and industrial areas. Operating speeds are lower than arterial streets.

#### (c) Pedestrians and Bicyclists

Pedestrians and bicyclists are users of the street system and street design needs to include consideration for them. The adopted [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#) shows existing and future pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

### 29.28.030 Right of Way, Street Lane Widths, and Street Lengths

The required right-of-way width for a street is indicated in the Street Sections located in the Appendix. Additional widths may be required for needed through and turn lanes, and where it is necessary to accommodate slopes and drainage structures.

## 29.28.040 Alignments - Horizontal Alignment

Streets shall extend to the boundary lines of the land to be subdivided. Proposed streets with widths different from existing streets to which they are being connected must be transitioned using [pavement transition taper standards](#).

All designs shall be based on the [Horizontal Curve Design Criteria](#).

### Horizontal Curve Design Criteria

Design Criteria	Major Street <sup>1</sup>		
	Low Speed Collector	Collector/Arterial	Arterial
Min. Design Speed (mph)	30	35	40
Min. Center Line Radius <sup>2</sup> (ft)	335	510	SEE <sup>4</sup>
Min. Horizontal Sight Distance (ft)	200	250	325
Min. Reverse Curve Tangent (ft)	0	200	200
Min. Approach Tangent at Intersections <sup>3</sup>	100	200	300

<sup>1</sup> These criteria are to be used without super-elevation.

<sup>2</sup> Radii shown are based on the street having a crown section with a pavement cross-slope of 2% on each side of the crown. For minimum radii required for other cross-slopes or where super-elevation is provided and approved, see Table 3-13 in "[A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets](#)," AASHTO, 2018 Edition or most current edition.

<sup>3</sup> Where a curved road approaches an intersection, these tangent sections must be provided on the approach to the intersection to provide for adequate sight distance for traffic control devices at the intersection.

<sup>4</sup> The maximum super-elevation rate allowed is  $e=6\%$ . Where super-elevation is used, runoff lengths shall conform to Table 3-9 in "[A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets](#)," AASHTO, 2018 Edition or most current edition.

## 29.28.050 Alignment - Vertical Alignment - Grades

Grades, curve length and vertical sight distance shall be designed to ensure proper drainage, sight distance and safety for vehicles and pedestrians. Grades of streets shall not be less than 0.5%. The grade of a street may be reduced only when matching existing streets or property. Maximum street grades shall be 8%. For algebraic differences of 0.5% or less, grade breaks shall be required for adequate drainage.

### Design Controls for Vertical Curves

Design Speed MPH	Stopping Sight Distance (feet)	Crest "K" Values	Sag "K" Values
20	115	7	17
25	155	12	26
30	200	19	37
35	250	29	49
40	305	44	64
45	360	61	79
50	425	84	96
55	495	114	115
60	570	151	136

From Table 5-3, AASHTO A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 2018

<sup>1</sup> All minimum stopping sight distances for vertical curves with crests must be shown on the construction plans. Sight distances are based on design speeds.

## 29.28.060 Clearance of Structures

A minimum of 17.5 feet shall be provided for all overhead sign structures. The clearance shall be measured from the crown of the street to the lowest portion of the structure. A minimum vertical clearance of 16.5 feet for all other structures shall be provided on all arterial streets and designated truck routes. A minimum clearance of 14.5 feet may be allowed on collector streets per [CDOT Roadway Design Guide](#).

## 29.28.070 Stopping Sight Distance

Stopping sight distance is defined as the length of roadway ahead visible to the driver. The minimum stopping sight distance available on a roadway must be sufficiently long to enable a vehicle traveling at or near the roadway design speed to stop before reaching a stationary object in its path or react to a traffic control device such as a stop sign.

The appropriate [stopping sight distance](#) shall be provided. The distances shown assume vehicles traveling on wet pavement on flat grades. Factors that take in to account the [effect of grade on stopping sight distance](#) shall be used in determining appropriate stopping sight distance where the grades are 3% or higher.

### Minimum Stopping Sight Distance

Design Speed (MPH)	Stopping Sight Distance (Ft.)
20	115
25	155
30	200
35	250
40	305
45	360
50	425
55	495
60	570

Based on Table 5-3, AASHTO A Policy on Geometric Design of Streets and Highways, 2018

### Effect of Grade on Stopping Sight Distance

Design Speed (MPH)	Downgrades			Upgrades		
	3%	6%	9%	3%	6%	9%
20	116	120	126	109	107	104
25	158	165	173	147	143	140
30	205	215	227	200	184	179
35	257	271	287	237	229	222
40	315	333	354	289	278	269
45	378	400	427	344	331	320
50	446	474	507	405	388	375
55	520	553	593	469	450	433
60	598	638	686	538	515	495

From Exhibit 3-2, AASHTO A Policy on Geometric Design for Highways and Streets, 2018

## 29.28.080 Cross Section

### (a) Cross Slopes

The typical cross slope is 2% crown to provide for adequate drainage to the pavement edge. The maximum cross slope on the tangent sections shall not exceed 4%. The minimum cross slope shall be 1%.

### (b) Super-elevation

Super-elevation shall be designed in accordance with the [Horizontal Curve Design Criteria](#).

### (c) Clear Zones

All roadways shall meet clear zone requirements as set forth in the current edition of the AASHTO [Roadside Design Guide](#). Where under-improved streets are constructed (for example, a half-street construction), the minimum shoulder width shall be provided.

### (d) Roadside Barrier and Bridge Rails

Roadside barriers shall be required in accordance with warrants, design criteria and standards for roadside barriers and bridge rails as defined in the current edition of the AASHTO [Roadside Design Guide](#).

## 29.28.090 Tapers and Transitions- Road Width Transition Tapers

When constructing a roadway that will connect with an existing roadway of a different width, a transition taper is required. These ratios are not to be used in the design of [exclusive turn lanes](#).

**Minimum Road Width Transition Tapers**

Design Speed (MPH)	Transition Run/Offset (Ft/Ft)
30 or less	15 / 1
35	20 / 1
40	25 / 1
45	45 / 1
50	50 / 1
55	55 / 1
60	60 / 1

Table based on Section 3B-8, MUTCD.

### **29.28.100 Bicycle Treatments**

Bicycle facilities are required as shown on the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#) and the street sections included in the Appendix. Provisions for bicycle facilities and crossings shall be in accordance with the [AASHTO](#) Guide for Development of Bicycle Facilities. Refer to Chapter 28.48 for design guidance on bicycle facility types, and minimum adherence standards. Refer to the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#) for additional guidance on designing bikeway facilities and bikeway crossings.

### **29.28.110 Intersections**

Generally, there are two types of intersections: unsignalized and signalized. Each of these may have several different configurations and levels of traffic control. A roundabout is a form of an unsignalized intersection and is specifically discussed in [Section 29.28.220](#). All intersections shall conform to the guidelines set forth in [AASHTO](#) and the [MUTCD](#). For streets with bicycle facilities, refer to Chapter 29.48 for additional guidance on bicycle intersection treatments as well as the street sections located within the Appendix.

### **29.28.120 Unsignalized Intersections**

There are three acceptable levels of traffic control at unsignalized intersections: yield controlled, two-way stop controlled and all-way stop controlled. The appropriate use of each of these is discussed in the following sections.

(a) Yield Controlled Intersections

Yield controlled intersections will not generally be allowed, except at roundabouts.

(b) Two-way Stop Controlled Intersections

Stop signs shall be used in accordance with the [MUTCD](#).

(c) All-way Stop Controlled Intersections

An all-way or “multi-way” stop installation shall be used only where the criteria of the [MUTCD](#) are met.

### **29.28.130 Signalized Intersections**

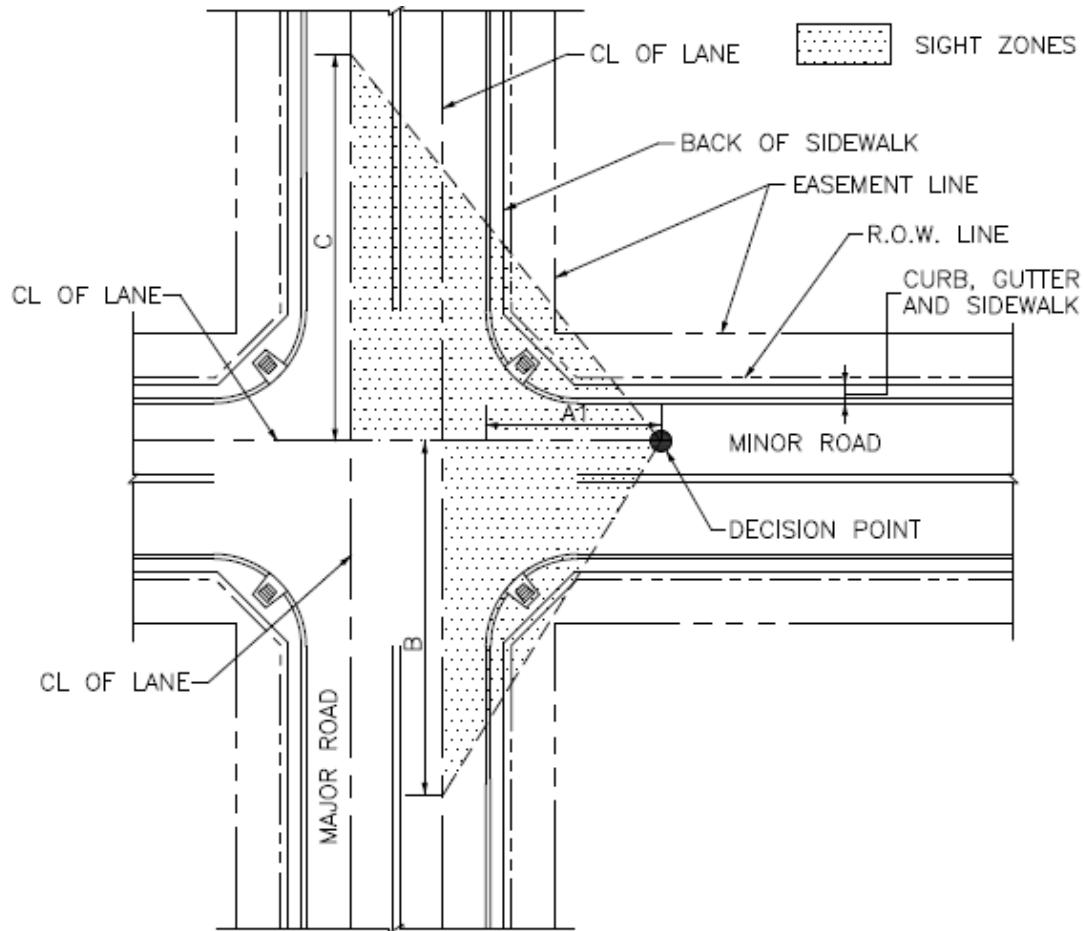
A signalized intersection shall only be installed after a careful analysis and engineering study of the roadway and traffic conditions at the intersection and on the corridor. When a signal is proposed on a corridor where signals are coordinated, the TIS (see Chapter 29.08) shall analyze the impacts to the progression of traffic on the corridor and on surrounding land uses. This analysis shall include the progression bandwidth, efficiency and level of service determinations, signal timing and phasing including pedestrian movements, and an analysis of the storage queue lengths for exclusive turn lanes. Signal installations shall meet the spacing criteria in [Section 29.28.200](#). Traffic signal warrants and design criteria are thoroughly discussed in the [MUTCD](#), Part IV.

### **29.28.140 Sight Distance**

Street intersections and private access to public streets shall be planned and located to provide as much sight distance as possible. At a minimum, there must be sufficient sight distance for the driver on the minor street or driveway to cross or turn onto the intersecting street. Minimum sight distance values are provided for passenger cars turning left or right from a minor street. When grades are steeper than 3.0%, [adjustment factors](#) must be applied.

The operating speed on each approach is assumed to be, in order of desirability, a) the 85th percentile speed, b) the speed limit if based on an engineering study, or c) in the case of a new facility, 80 percent of the design speed.

**Minimum Sight Distance for Left and Right Turns onto Major Street by Passenger  
Cars at Stop-Controlled Intersections**



APPROACH SPEED	B	C
15 MPH	145 FT	170 FT
20 MPH	195 FT	225 FT
25 MPH	240 FT	280 FT
30 MPH	290 FT	335 FT
35 MPH	335 FT	390 FT
40 MPH	385 FT	445 FT
45 MPH	430 FT	500 FT
50 MPH	480 FT	555 FT

\*BASED ON AASHTO FIGURE 9-15

NOTES:

SIGHT ZONE SHOULD BE EVALUATED FOR ALL APPROACHES.

A1 IS 18' MEASURED FROM THE MAJOR ROAD LIP OF GUTTER. IN CONSTRAINED SCENARIOS, A1 MAY BE REDUCED TO A MINIMUM OF 14.5' WITH CITY APPROVAL.

DISTANCE B MAY BE UTILIZED WITH CITY APPROVAL, WHEN THE INTERSECTION CONTROL ONLY ALLOWS RIGHT TURNS OUT FROM THE MINOR LEG.

### Factors for the Effect of Grade on Sight Distance

Approach Grade (%)	Design Speed (MPH)									
	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
-6	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
-5	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
-4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
-3 to +3	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
+4	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
+5	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
+6	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9

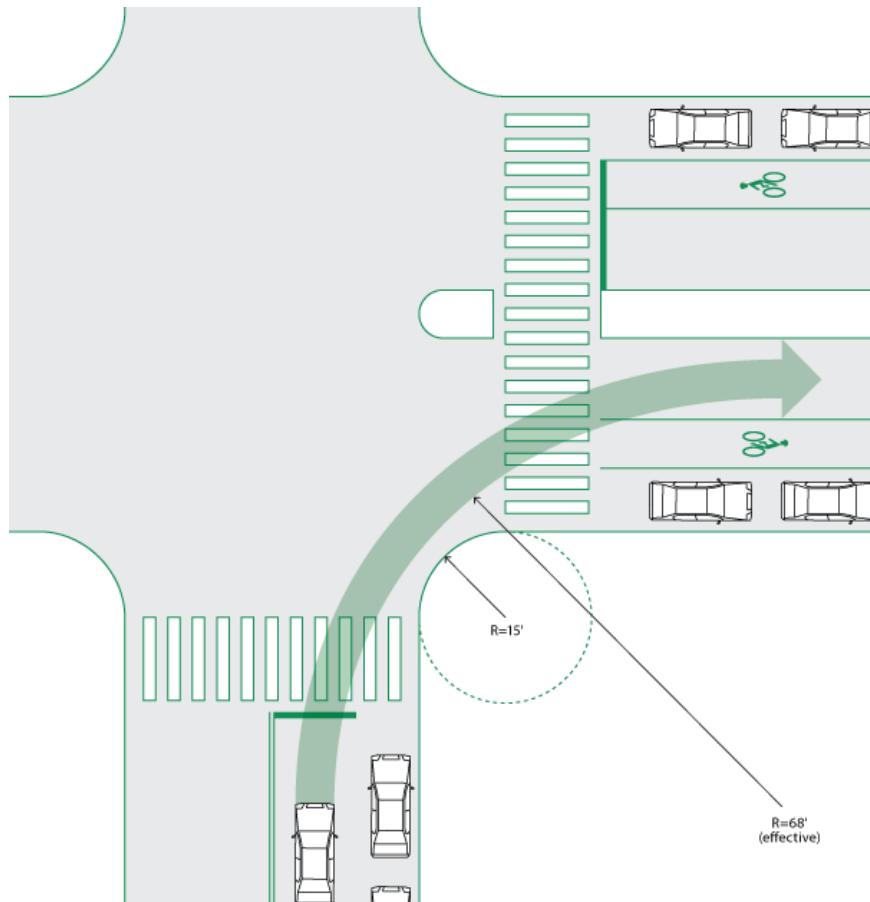
Based on Table 9-5, AASHTO A Policy on Geometric Design for Highways and Streets, 2018.

### 29.28.150 Sight Zones

The location of sight zones at intersections are identified in GJMC 29.28.140 and sight zones along streets are identified in the Street Sections (see appendix). Design requirements within the sight zone for major collector and arterial streets are the same as for local and minor collector streets. Refer to GJMC 29.20.180.

### 29.28.160 Intersection Radii

Minimum intersection effective radii must be maintained at public street intersections and a 15-foot minimum flowline radius is required to allow for proper drainage in situations where flowline radii is less than the effective radii. The “effective” radius is different than the flowline radius in that effective radius accounts for on-street parking or bike lanes which can cause the effective radius for a turning vehicle to be much larger than the flowline radius. An effective turn radius that is too large can encourage drivers to maintain a high speed while turning, which can compromise the comfort and safety of pedestrians crossing in the crosswalk. The [NACTO Urban Street Design Guide](#) recommends design corner radii to limit turning speeds to 15 mph to support a comfortable pedestrian environment. Thus, when a bike lane or parking lane is present on one or both of the intersecting streets, either a bulb-out (see 29.28.165) should be provided to maintain the desired effective radii or the flowline radius should be designed to be less than the minimum intersection effective radius in order to encourage slower turning vehicle speeds.



Example of “Effective” Turn Radius (source: NACTO Urban Street Design Guide).

#### Minimum Intersection Effective Radii

Through Street <sup>2</sup>	Intersecting Street				
	Arterial	Collector	Local Residential	Local Commercial	Local Industrial <sup>1</sup>
Arterial	35'	30'	30'	30'	30'
Collector	30'	30'	25'	30'	30'

<sup>1</sup> Radii at intersections with industrial streets shall be individually designed based on the turning requirements for the type of truck that will most commonly use the street.

<sup>2</sup> At signalized intersections where right turn channelization islands are provided or high truck and bus volumes may use the access, a larger flowline radius may be required.

<sup>3</sup> When bike lanes are present consider a reduced flowline radii to match the effective flowline of the intersection, with a minimum required flowline radius of 15 feet.

#### 29.28.165 Bulb-Outs

If on-street parking is present, steps should be taken to prevent vehicles from parking too close to the intersection. Bulb-outs should be used to reduce the intersection width and prevent parking in the sight zone. This will result in shorter crossing distances for pedestrians, increased sight distance, and increased visibility of pedestrians especially for turning vehicles, which will increase pedestrian safety and comfort at intersections.

## 29.28.170 Lane Requirements

Lane design through an intersection shall be consistent with the lane design of the streets forming the intersection.

(a) Lane Widths

Lane widths shall be consistent with the cross-sections as shown in the City Standard Street Details.

(b) Exclusive Turn Lanes

- (1) The purpose of an exclusive turn lane is to expedite the movement of through traffic, increase intersection capacity, permit the controlled movement of turning traffic, and promote the safety of all traffic. The provision of left-turn lanes is essential from both capacity and safety standpoints where left turns would otherwise share the use of a through lane. Right-turn lanes remove the speed differences in the main travel lanes, reducing the frequency and severity of rear-end collisions.
- (2) Separate right turn lanes shall be required in accordance with the [right turn warrant chart](#). Separate left turn lanes shall be required at all new signal locations and at unsignalized locations in accordance with the [left turn warrant chart](#).

### Warrants for Right Turn Lanes

#### Two Lane Roadways

#### Number of Peak Hour Turning Vehicles

DDHV <sup>1</sup> (vph)	≤ 35 MPH	40 MPH	45 MPH	50 MPH	55 MPH
200				73	35
300			120	41	24
400	200	200	50	30	19
500	150	125	35	25	16
600	75	50	25	20	14
800	50	30	15	15	11
1000	25	25	15	11	9
1200	20	20	15	9	8

<sup>1</sup> DDHV – Directional Design Hourly Volume; volume of vehicles in the design hour using the through lane adjacent to which the right turn lane is to be constructed.

**Warrants for Right Turn Lanes**

**Four Lane Roadways**

**Number of Peak Hour Turning Vehicles**

DDHV <sup>1</sup> (vph)	≤ 35 MPH	40 MPH	45 MPH	50 MPH	55 MPH
300					75
400			145	75	40
500			95	57	32
600	170	160	65	42	26
800	80	70	37	28	19
1200	50	25	20	18	14
1600	20	15	14	13	10
2000	15	10	9	9	8

<sup>1</sup> DDHV – Directional Design Hourly Volume; volume of vehicles in the design hour using the through lane adjacent to which the right turn lane is to be constructed.

Charts developed based on studies conducted by Kansas Department of Transportation and University of Nebraska.

**Warrants for Left Turn Lanes**  
**Number of Peak Hour Turning Vehicles**

DDHV <sup>1</sup> (vph)	30-35 MPH	40 + MPH
100	30	14
200	15	12
300 +	12	12

<sup>1</sup> DDHV – Directional Design Hourly Volume; volume of vehicles in the design hour using the through lane adjacent to which the left turn lane is to be constructed.

- (3) Construction of turn lanes on state highways shall be determined in accordance with the State Highway Access Code.
- (4) Dual left turn lanes at signalized intersections shall be considered when the peak hour left turn volume exceeds 300 vehicles/hour. An analysis of the signal timing is required to measure the effects of the protected movement on the rest of the intersection movements. Intersection geometry shall allow for the operation of dual lefts. Permissive dual left turns are prohibited.

(c) Left and Right Turn Lane Design

(1) The components of a left turn lane consist of a taper and the full width lane for storage as shown in the [turn lane elements](#) and design criteria. Right turn lanes shall be 11' in width (not including the gutter pan) and two-way left turn lanes shall be 12' in width.

**Minimum Left-Turn Tapers for Redirecting Through Lanes**

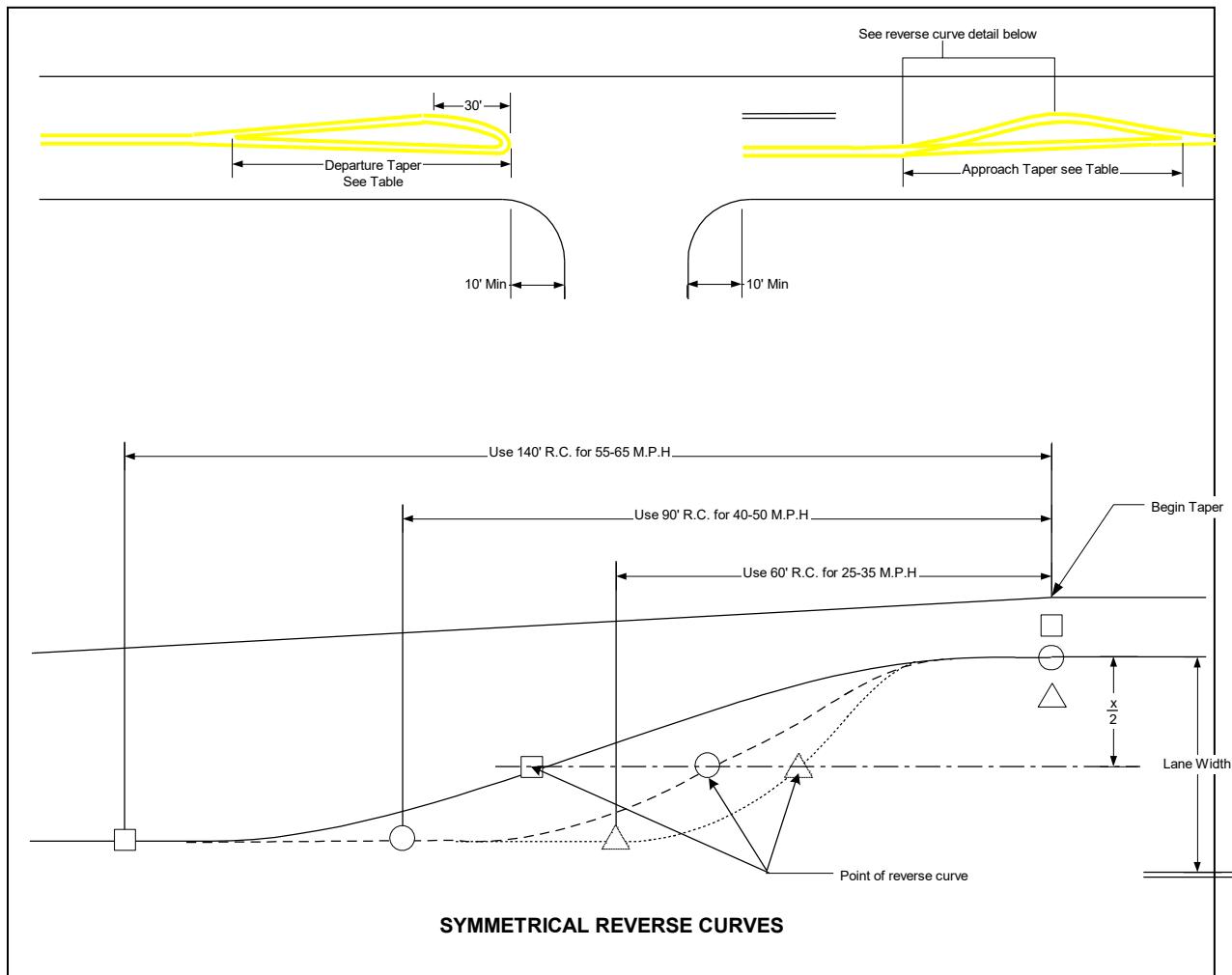
Design Speed (MPH)	Tapers
25	10:1
30	15:1
35	20:1
40	30:1
45	45:1
50	50:1
55	55:1
60	60:1

Based on Table 4-9 CDOT Access Code

(2) Use the same ratio for both approach and departure tapers.

(3) Bay tapers shall be symmetrical reverse curves in accordance with the following:

- i. Use 60' Reverse Curve for 25-35 MPH.
- ii. Use 90' Reverse Curve for 40-50 MPH.
- iii. Use 140' Reverse Curve for 55-65 MPH.



(4) Storage lengths for turn lanes at signalized intersections shall be determined based on a signal timing analysis that predicts the 90% queue length required for the turn lane. At unsignalized intersections, the turn lane storage will be determined in accordance with the [storage length table](#). Tapers for right turn lanes shall be designed in accordance with the right-turn lane [taper table](#). Use of the reverse curve is encouraged as part of the taper length to allow vehicles to decelerate in the full lane width. If used, the difference in length between the required taper and the reverse curve shall be added to the required storage length of the turn lane.

#### Minimum Storage Lengths for Unsignalized Turn Lanes

Turning VPH	$\leq 60$	100	200	300
Required Storage Length	50	100	175	250

Based on Table 9-7 CDOT Design Guide

#### Minimum Right-Turn Tapers

Design Speed (MPH)	Tapers
25	7.5:1
30	8:1
35	10:1
40	12:1
45	13.5:1
50	15:1
55	18.5:1
60	25:1

Excerpted from Table 4-6, CDOT Access Code

Standards for State Highway right turn and left turn speed change lanes are found in the [State Highway Access Code](#).

#### 29.28.180 Angles

Proposed public streets must intersect at 90° angles or as close to 90° as topography permits (no less than 80°). Intersections on sharp horizontal curves shall be prohibited based on sight distance and viewing angle for the driver.

#### 29.28.190 Grades at Intersections

See GJMC 29.20.150 for design requirements for grades at intersections.

## **29.28.200 Spacing and Offsets of Intersections**

### **(a) Principal Arterials**

Signalized intersections shall be spaced at  $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile intervals. Unsignalized intersections must be T-intersections spaced at least 600 feet apart, measured centerline to centerline. Unsignalized four legged intersections may be allowed on arterial streets provided that the design of the intersection precludes left turns onto and through movements across the arterial. If the overlap of left turn storage requirements for two T-intersections exceeds 600 feet, the minimum spacing must be increased to provide adequate left turn storage in both directions.

### **(b) Minor Arterials and Major Collectors**

Signalized intersections shall be spaced no closer than 1/4-mile intervals. Unsignalized four-legged intersections must be spaced at least 300 feet apart. When T-intersections are used, the centerlines of streets not in alignment shall be offset a minimum of 150 feet and be 150 feet from the nearest four-legged intersection. If the left turn storage requirements for adjacent intersections overlap, the minimum spacing must be increased to provide adequate left turn storage in both directions. For spacing and offset requirements of driveways, see GJMC 29.16.030.

## **29.28.210 Pedestrian Treatments**

Accommodations for pedestrians must be designed into all intersections. Pedestrian accommodations include, but are not limited to sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian refuge islands, and accommodations for disabled pedestrians. Sidewalks are an integral part of urban streets and shall be included in the intersection design. Refer to the Bicycle and Pedestrian plan or city staff recommendations for detailed improvements at identified intersections. The Grand Junction [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#) shall be followed in designing and constructing pedestrian facilities. The intersection design shall conform to the standards set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act. More information on the requirements can be found at <http://www.access-board.gov/>. Design of pedestrian facilities should also adhere to the current guidance according to the U.S. Access Board's Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines ([PROWAG](#)). Where sidewalks are provided, accessible ramps must also be provided. Utility boxes, drainage inlets, signs, and other fixed objects shall not be located within the path defined by ramp. The ramp shall align with the sidewalk and must be located entirely within the marked crosswalk area.

### **(a) Crosswalks**

Crosswalks shall be marked at signalized intersections and designed as part of the markings for the traffic signal. All crosswalk markings must conform to [MUTCD](#) standards. Crosswalks at un-signalized intersections or mid-block locations will only be considered when an engineering study is conducted in accordance with [Institute of Traffic Engineers](#) guidelines and indicates crosswalks would increase pedestrian safety. Refer to the current edition of the Grand Junction Pedestrian Crossing Treatment Installation Guidelines for guidance on applicability of pedestrian crossing treatments in different contexts, including at uncontrolled crossings. Refer to CDOT's [Pedestrian Crossing Installation Guide](#) for uncontrolled pedestrian crossings on state highways.

### **(b) Pedestrian Refuge Islands**

Pedestrian refuge islands may be constructed where mid-block crosswalks are proposed. Islands should be at least 6' wide and 6' length in advance and departing of crosswalk. All Islands must conform to the minimum standards established in the [MUTCD](#), and must meet the design criteria for curbing and medians.

## 29.28.220 Roundabouts

### (a) Design Criteria

A roundabout brings together conflicting traffic streams, allows the streams to safely merge and traverse the roundabout, and exit in the desired directions. The geometric elements of the roundabout provide guidance to drivers approaching, entering, and traveling through a roundabout.

Good roundabout design places a high priority on speed reduction and speed consistency. Low vehicle speed provides safety benefits including reduced numbers and severity of crashes; more time for entering drivers to judge, adjust speed for and enter a gap in circulating traffic; and safer merging. Roundabout intersections typically operate with lower vehicle delays than other intersection control types.

A capacity analysis of any proposed roundabout shall be conducted in accordance with Highway Capacity methods. The analysis shall include consideration for the largest motorized vehicle likely to use the intersection.

Roundabouts shall be designed in conformance with the guidelines set forth in the [NCHRP 1043 Guide for Roundabouts](#). All roundabout design is unique and the City will require review of the preliminary geometry prior to final design.

### (b) Signing, Striping, and Pavement Markings

All signing, striping, and pavement markings shall follow the [MUTCD](#) standards.

### (c) Lighting

Adequate lighting is essential for drivers to perceive the general layout and operation of the intersection in time to make the appropriate maneuvers. A lighting plan will be required as part of the construction drawings for roundabouts.

### (d) Landscaping

Landscaping in the central island, the splitter islands and along the approaches is a benefit to both public safety and community enhancement. Landscaping shall follow these general principles:

- Make the central island more conspicuous.
- Improve the aesthetics of the area while complementing surrounding streetscaping as much as possible.
- Avoid obscuring the form of the roundabout or the signing to the driver.
- Maintain adequate sight distances.
- Clearly indicate to the driver that they cannot pass straight through the intersection.
- Discourage pedestrian movements through the center of the roundabout.

## 29.28.230 Landscaping – General Requirements

All new developments must provide landscaping that meets the requirements of the City's [Zoning and Development Code](#). Any landscaping in the sight distance triangles at intersections shall meet the sight distance requirements in the [Sight Distance](#) detail.

## 29.32 PAVEMENT AND TRUCK ROUTES

### 29.32.010 Design Methods and Procedures

The following pavement design methods and procedures shall be followed to create a consistent pavement thickness design throughout the urban area.

This chapter references the Truck Route map developed for the urban area of the City and County (see [Grand Junction GIS Transportation Map](#)). The truck route map must be consulted prior to beginning pavement design to assure that the design will accommodate anticipated truck loading.

### 29.32.010 Pavement Types

Pavement types which may be used for construction of City streets include asphalt concrete (AC) for flexible pavement design and plain jointed (JCP), jointed reinforced (JRCP), and continuously reinforced (CRCO) concrete pavements for rigid pavement design. The City shall approve in advance the type of pavement.

### 29.32.020 Design Input Variables

Parameters that must be evaluated in order to design an adequate pavement structure include subgrade soil properties, surface and sub-surface drainage, materials properties, environmental factors and traffic loading over the analysis period.

The minimum traffic analysis period to be used for the design of pavements for City streets is 30 years. Traffic growth rates vary depending upon the street classification, zoning location and other variables. Growth rates for most major streets are available from the Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Organization, phone 970-244-1830.

Traffic distribution by vehicle type shall be determined from, actual traffic counts and projections based on land uses and future build-out of area serviced by the road.

Classification of vehicles derived from traffic counts are available for most major streets from the City of Grand Junction, Transportation Engineering Division, phone 970-256-4110.

All other pavement design parameters including 18 kip equivalency factors, lane distribution factors, Resilient Modulus ( $M_R$ ) conversion equations, drainage coefficients, reliability factors and serviceability indices shall be determined in accordance with the [Guideline for the Design and Use of Asphalt Pavements for Colorado Roadways](#) published by the Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association.

## **29.32.040 Pavement Design Procedures**

### **(a) Flexible Pavement Design Procedure**

Flexible pavement design includes asphalt concrete (AC) surfaces and surface treatments (ST). Flexible pavements shall be designed in accordance with the principles and procedures illustrated in the AASHTO [Guide for Design of Pavement Structures](#) (current edition). The computer software for the AASHTO guide is AASHTO Ware are DARWin in 3.1 Pavement Design and Analysis System. All use of flexible pavement should have a design life of at least 30 years. Perpetual pavements may be used where appropriate. Perpetual pavement design should follow the recommendations of [CDOT M-E Pavement Design Manual 2021, 6.3.2.](#)

### **(b) Rigid Pavement Design Procedure**

Rigid pavement design includes plain jointed (JCP), jointed reinforced (JRCP), and continuously reinforced (CRCO) concrete pavements. Rigid pavements shall be designed in accordance with the principles and procedures illustrated in the AASHTO [Guide for Design of Pavement Structures](#) (current edition). Approved software for design of rigid pavement includes AASHTOWare [DARWin 3.1](#) and [WinPAS](#) developed by the American Concrete Pavement Association. All use of rigid payment should have a design life of at least 30 years.

## **29.32.050 Truck Routes**

Primary and secondary trucks routes are shown on the Truck Route layer of the [Grand Junction GIS Transportation Map](#), additional information on truck routes can be found [here](#).

## 29.36 STREET LIGHTING UTILITIES AND MAILBOXES

### 29.36.010 Requirements

This chapter outlines the requirements for street lighting, including whether lighting is required, installation, maintenance responsibilities, and acceptable poles and luminaries. Utilities are discussed for their placement in the rights-of-way.

### 29.36.015 Telecommunication Facilities

Small cell telecommunication facilities shall be designed and implemented in accordance with the Grand Junction Small Cell Infrastructure Standards.

### 29.36.020 Street Lighting

Street lighting shall be installed on all new public streets at the expense of the developer. Streetlights shall be designed, furnished, and installed by the utility company responsible for supplying electrical power to the development or area. The location of all streetlights shall be shown on the traffic plan or street plan, or other design drawings as required by the City.

### 29.36.030 Luminance Requirements

Street lighting shall provide average illuminance in accordance with [Table 29.36-1](#). A lighting plan is required for all street designs with the exception of local residential streets.

**Table 29.36-1 Average Maintained Illuminance (Foot Candles) on Public Streets**

Street Classification	Area Classification		
	Commercial	Intermediate	Residential
Arterial	1.7	1.3	0.9
Collector	1.2	0.9	0.6
Local	0.9	0.7	*

\* On local residential streets, a standard light shall be located at each street intersection, at or near the throat of each cul-de-sac, and at a maximum spacing of 250 feet measured along the centerline of the roadway. Additional lights may be required on horizontal curves and at other locations.

### 29.36.040 Acceptable Poles and Luminaires

The standard streetlights are shown in [Table 29.36-2](#).

**Table 29.36-2 Standard Street Lights**

Street Light Style	Used on Street Classification	Wattage	Pole Color
GE Salem Luminaire Full-Cutoff	Local Residential, Residential Collector	N/A	Black
Cobra Head Full-Cutoff – Flat Lens	Collectors, Arterials, Commercial	250-400	Black
Cobra Head Full-Cutoff – Flat Lens	Arterials (for existing overhead power), State Highways	100-400	Black, Silver, Galvanized or existing wood pole

Height and wattage shall be determined by Utility Company in accordance with current IES standards. Where these standards conflict with existing lighting, design consideration will be given to consistency in the area. Supply chain or other circumstances may require substitutions which must be approved by the City.

### 29.36.050 Pedestrian and Bikeway Lighting

When required, lighting for detached public pedestrian and bicycle pathways and trails shall be designed, furnished, and installed by the utility company responsible for supplying electrical power to the development or area. The lighting standard shall be the cutoff luminaire style that meets the illuminance requirements. Commercial grade solar lighting may be an option when A/C power is cost prohibitive.

Lighting for pedestrian walkways and bikeways should be considered in the following scenarios:

- Stairs and access ramps.
- Pedestrian underpasses.
- Conflict points along pathways.
- Other locations, depending on the context of the situation.

Lighting levels can be set based on the level of pedestrian activity in the area as indicated in [Table 29.36-3](#).

**Table 29.36-3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathways and Trails Illuminance Standards**

Conflict Type	Average Horizontal Illuminance (fc)	Average Vertical Illuminance	Horizontal Uniformity (avg:min)
Average illuminance with anticipated pedestrian activity (typically > 10 pedestrians per hour)	0.5	0.2	4
Average illuminance with minimal pedestrian activity (typically < 10 pedestrians per hour)	0.2	0.1	10

Based on Section 2.2.8 of the CDOT Light Design Guidelines.

Refer to section 2.2.8 of the [CDOT Light Design Guidelines](#) for additional guidance and best practices on lighting applications for pedestrian walkways and bikeways.

Pedestrian lighting is not considered in street light illuminance calculations. Attached sidewalk lighting is often provided by adjacent street lighting. On streets where there is a sidewalk only on one side, lighting must be provided on that side of the street. The need for pedestrian lighting should be considered as part of the lighting process.

Pedestrian lighting is not normally required in residential subdivisions. The primary exception is along pedestrian pathways, typically located mid-block or at cul-de-sacs that provide pedestrian connectivity to adjacent streets. On these pathways pedestrian-scale bollard lighting may be required to enhance safety and visibility at night. Streetlights are recommended at each end where a pathway meets the street.

Bollard lighting is only required in the following locations along these pathways:

- Locations where the pathway is greater than 100 feet in length from where the pathway meets a street. This assumes a streetlight is present at least one end.
- Locations where there is a bend or horizontal curvature in the pathway.
- Locations where there is insufficient adjacent street lighting where the pathway meets the street.

When required along pedestrian pathways, bollard lighting should provide an average illuminance consistent with the standards set in [Table 29.36-3](#) for minimal pedestrian activity. Commercial grade solar powered bollard lights are considered acceptable so long as they are demonstrated to reliably meet the illuminance standards.

Pedestrian lighting that is installed for decorative purposes or is along pathways (connecting cul-de-sacs or adjacent streets) that are not along a designated Active Transportation Corridor (see the Active Transportation Corridor layer on the [Grand Junction GIS Transportation Map](#)) shall be the responsibility of the homeowner's association or private developers for installation, cost of utilities, and maintenance.

### **29.36.060 Breakaway Structures and Lateral Clearances**

All fixed objects such as utility, street light poles, fire hydrants, telephone junction boxes, installed in the right-of-way shall be of the breakaway type meeting [AASHTO](#) construction specifications regardless of roadway classification, with the exception of locations with high pedestrian activity. The breakaway type of design may not be appropriate in contexts with high pedestrian activity. In locations where required, if breakaway type construction cannot be provided, a minimum of 10 feet horizontal clearance shall be provided between the flowline of the street (or the edge of the paved traveled way) and any new or relocated non-breakaway structure in excess of 4 inches in height. For local streets, a 5-foot lateral clearance is recommended. If sufficient right-of-way or easement is not available for the 10-foot clear zone, all installations must be placed "as near as practical" to the edge of the public right-of-way. This policy is applicable to all local and collector roadways whose posted speed limit is in excess of 30 miles per hour and is intended to provide minimum standards for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare. Dynamic performance for breakaway objects shall be evaluated in accordance with current [AASHTO](#) specifications. Arterial and major collector classifications should evaluate clear zone requirements per current AASHTO clear zone standards.

### **29.36.070 Utilities**

All utilities shall be placed in the roadway section as set forth in the City of Grand Junction [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#).

### **29.36.080 Mailboxes - Location**

- (a) Mailboxes may be located within public rights-of-way so as not to obstruct pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- (b) In no case shall a mailbox obstruct a sidewalk, the traveled way of a roadway, the road shoulder, or impede maintenance activities associated with the facility. Mailboxes shall not be permitted within sidewalks, pathways, or roadside ditches.
- (c) On roads without a curb, the mailbox face shall be located a minimum of eight feet from the traveled way and adequate shoulder areas shall be provided for mail pickup and delivery.
- (d) Streets with a curb and detached sidewalk: the mailbox face shall be located a minimum of 2 foot behind the curb face. Mailboxes must not pose an obstruction to the site zone. The mailbox should have a rear-facing door to facilitate mail removal without stepping into the street. Streets with attached sidewalk: the mailbox face shall be located a minimum of 2 foot behind back of walk.
- (e) Group, gang mailboxes, or neighborhood box units shall not be placed in the area designated for sight distance or sight zone. Neighborhood mailboxes shall be considered a commercial location and must maintain the required driveway setback from intersections. Neighborhood mailboxes shall be shown on the utility composite and road plans. Group mailboxes should be placed a minimum of 2ft behind the sidewalk. Group mailboxes shall be illuminated by a streetlight.

### **29.36.090 Mailbox Construction Standards**

Mailboxes erected on public right-of-way shall be of light sheet metal or plastic construction conforming to the requirements of the U.S. Postal Service. Construction of supports and details shall be in accordance with the current [CDOT standards](#).

### **29.36.100 Mailbox Support Standards**

- (a) A single 4-inch x 4-inch square wooden post embedded no more than 36 inches into the ground; a single 4½ inch diameter wooden post embedded no more than 36 inches into the ground; a single metal post with a strength no greater than a 2-inch standard strength steel pipe (2 3/8" O. D.) and embedded no more than 24 inches into the ground will be acceptable as a mailbox support.
- (b) A metal post shall not be fitted with an anchor plate, but it should have an anti-twist device that extends no more than 10 inches below the ground surface.
- (c) Supports shall not be set in concrete unless the support design has been shown to be safe by crash tests when so installed.
- (d) The post-to-box attachment details should be of sufficient strength to prevent the box from separating from the post top if a vehicle strikes the installation.
- (e) No more than two mailboxes may be mounted on a support structure unless the support structure and mailbox arrangement have been shown to be safe by crash testing, or meet the requirements set forth in the above [AASHTO](#) guidelines.
- (f) Mailbox support designs that differ from the [AASHTO](#) guidelines are subject to the exception process outlined in Chapter 14.
- (g) Lightweight newspaper boxes may be mounted below the mailbox on the side of the mailbox support. Newspaper delivery boxes shall be of light sheet metal or plastic construction of minimum dimensions suitable for holding a newspaper.

## 29.40 STRIPING AND SIGNING

### 29.40.010 Signs and Markings

Signs and markings must communicate to the users a clear and definitive message. Signs and markings must conform to industry standards given in the [MUTCD](#).

Modifications to signing and striping on the Colorado State Highway System shall be submitted to the [Colorado Department of Transportation](#) for approval.

### 29.40.020 Signing and Striping Plan

Preparation of a detailed traffic control plan, showing the locations of all traffic control devices, is required as part of the development plans. A signing and striping plan is required for all public street improvements. The signing and striping plan must be clear and it must contain all relevant information. Example striping plans may be found in the [CDOT M & S Standards](#).

### 29.40.030 Signing Specifications

All roadway signs shall conform to the current edition of the [MUTCD](#) and any Colorado supplement. See [attached illustration](#) for street name sign specifications.

### 29.40.040 Materials Specifications

#### (a) All Signs

All signs shall be retroreflectorized sheeting on .125" thick tempered and anodized aluminum with radius corners. Letters and background shall faithfully reproduce their respective colors when illuminated at night.

#### (b) All Other Signs:

(1) Shall conform to [MUTCD](#) standard sign sizes.

(2) Shall be High Prismatic grade materials.

#### (c) Posts:

(1) 12' length 3#/foot U-channel posts shall be used for:

- i. Single signs less than 7 sq. ft. wind loading area.
- ii. Double post mounting for signs 8 sq. ft. wind loading area.

(2) 14' length 3#/foot U-channel posts shall be used for:

- i. Warning sign assembly (2 signs) up to 9 sq. ft. wind loading area.
- ii. Single square or diamond shaped signs 9 sq. ft. wind loading area.
- iii. Double post mounting for all signs 10 - 16 sq. ft. wind loading area.

(3) 8' length 3#/foot U-channel posts shall be used for:

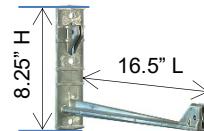
- i. End of road markers.
- ii. Object markers.

(4) All other signs use [MUTCD](#) lateral clearance specifications. See 29.40.050 Installation Specifications: (c) Lateral Clearance Restriction.

(d) Fasteners:

(1) Street Name Signs:

- i. 180-degree or 90-degree U-channel Post Cap: cast aluminum 12" length & 5/16" set screws, attached to channel post with 1"x 5/16" bolts
- ii. 90-degree cross cast aluminum 12" L x .875" D x .200" W with 5/16" set screws



1. Cantilever Wing Bracket: 16.5" L x 8.25" H x 2" W. For attaching to wood utility/light pole use 2" x 5/16" lag bolts and flat washer. *Each sign requires an individual bracket (i.e. Two signs require two brackets).*

(2) All other Signs:

- i. 3/8", grade 5 bolts with nylon lock nuts and flat washers. The bolt shall protrude beyond the lock nut by a full thread after assembly.

(e) Street Name Sign Specifications: [MUTCD](#) Sign Code D3-1; D1-1; D1-2

(1) Logo:

- i. All street name signs (D3-1) shall have the City Logo or the Private Logo on the left side of the sign blank. D1-1 and D2-1 do not have logo. *Logos are provided by the City of Grand Junction Traffic Department for City owned signs. Privately owned signs shall not display the City Logo.*

(2) Color & Font:

- i. Sign blank is White High Prismatic Sheeting
- ii. Background is 3M Blue 1175 C.
- iii. Border is White, 1/2" thickness.
- iv. Font is White FHWA Series C2000EX.
- v. Font size on post mounted D3-1 & D1-1: 9" sign blank is 6" tall upper & lower case letters with 4" abbreviation.
- vi. Font size on post mounted D3-1 & D1-1: 12" sign blank is 8" tall upper & lower case letters with 6" abbreviation.
- vii. Font size on post mounted D1-2 18" sign blank is 6" tall upper & lower case letters with 4" abbreviation.
- viii. Font size on overhead 24" sign blank is 12" tall upper & lower case letters with 10" abbreviation.

(3) Sign Blank Size:

- i. Post mounted on local residential and collector streets: 9" X 24"-30"-36"-42"-48"-54"
- ii. Post mounted on Arterials and Multi Lane Roads with speed limits greater than 40 MPH: 12" X 30"-36"-42"-48"-54"-
- iii. Overhead signs 24" X 48" up to a maximum of 120" L
- iv. Exceptions may be made on longer street names with approval from the Traffic Supervisor.

(4) Abbreviations:

Avenue; Av	Boulevard; Blvd	Circle; Cir	Court; Ct
Road; Rd	Street; St	Way; Way	Run; Run
			Drive; Dr
			Trail; Trl

## 29.40.050 Installation Specifications

- (a) Minimum driven depth of post shall be 30 inches for all sign installation.
- (b) Mounting Height Restrictions: The mounting height is measured from the bottom of the sign to the top of the curb, or in the absence of curb, to the elevation of the near edge of the traveled way: See [MUTCD Chapter 2A Figure 2A-2-C](#).
- (1) Street Name Signs (D3-1); Dead End Placard (W14-1a) & No Outlet Placard (W14-2a): 9ft min., 9.5ft max.
- (2) End of Road Markers: 4ft min., 5ft max.
- (3) All other signs: 7ft min., 7.5ft max.
- (c) Lateral Clearance Restriction: The near edge of sign shall not be less than 2 feet behind the face of curb or edge of sidewalk. Exceptions may be made on roads with a landscape strip with the approval of the Traffic Supervisor. On roads without curb, the near edge of sign shall not be less than 6 feet from the shoulder or 12 feet from the travel way. See [MUTCD Chapter 2A Figure 2A-2 & 2A-3](#)
- (d) To maintain sign uniformity, no substitute or decorative materials will be allowed. The use of concrete for mount stabilization will not be allowed. If a stable mount cannot be achieved at the minimum driven depths, greater depths must be used in conjunction with longer posts. Minimum sign heights shall be maintained.
- (e) All signs (other than street name signs) shall be mounted on the wide, or open, side of the channel post. Care should be taken when tightening the bolts so as not to create a "dimple" in the aluminum sign.
- (f) At least two 'end of road' markers "OM4-2" signs shall be used where there is no alternate vehicular path. More than two markers may be required. Where a hazard exists such as an open ditch, the engineer may require permanent Type III Barricades to mark the roadway terminus. The design criteria for the permanent Type III barricade shall be the most recent [Colorado Department of Transportation Standard Plan No. S-630-2](#)
- (g) The developer shall bear all expenses for the fabrication and installation of permanent barricades and/or signs for implementing the approved project design (i.e. one way, no parking, dead end and private drive).

**D3-1-D1-2 Examples**

9x	D3-1	12x
24 		30 
30 		36 
36 		42 
42 		48 
48 		54 
54 		60 

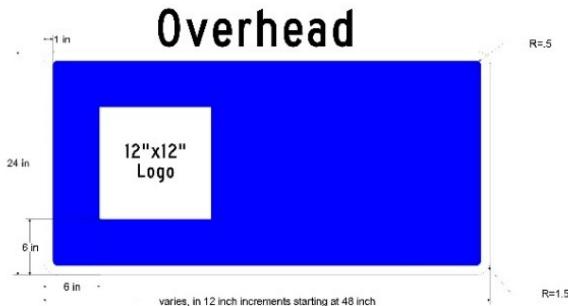
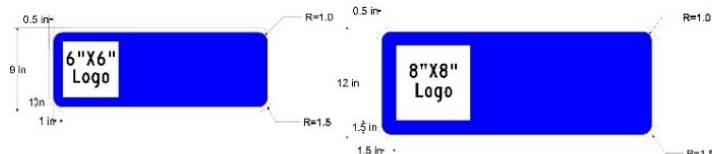
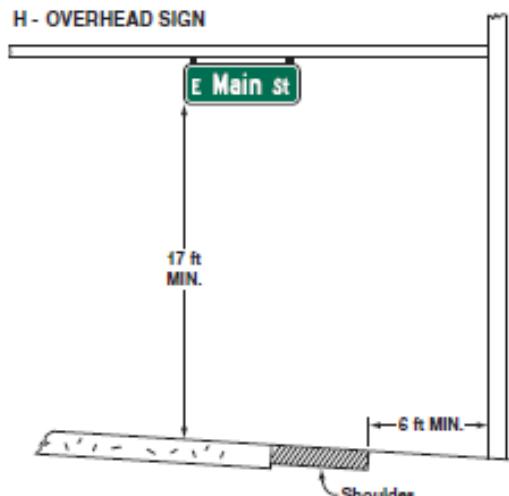
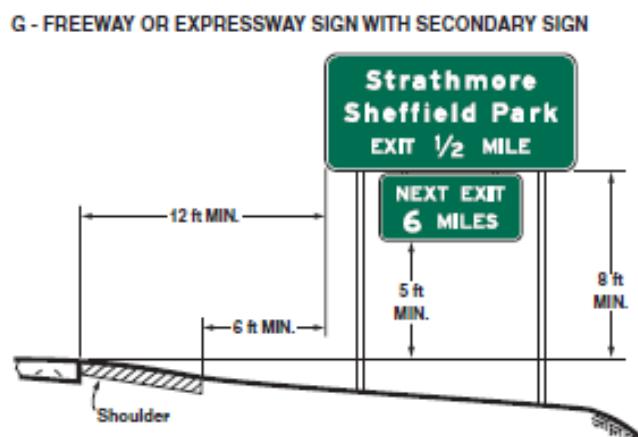
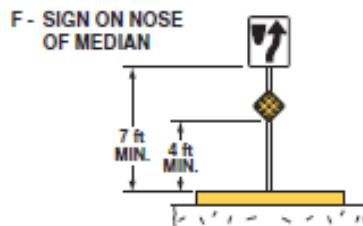
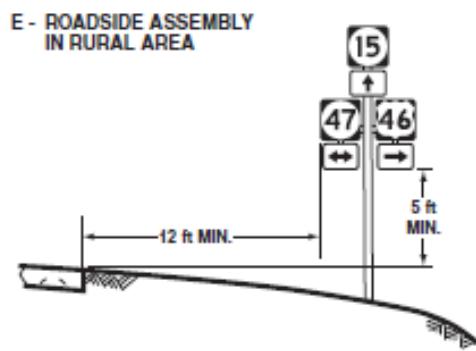
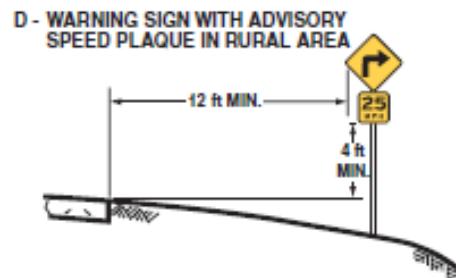
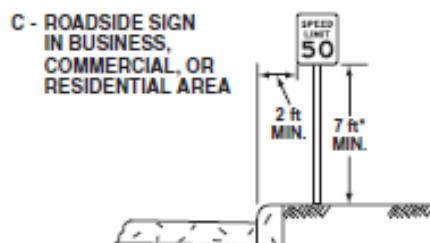
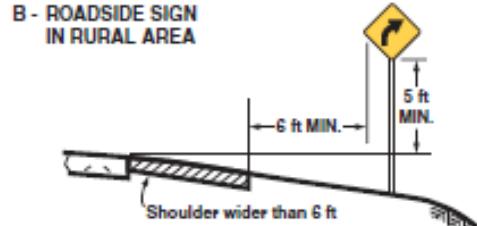
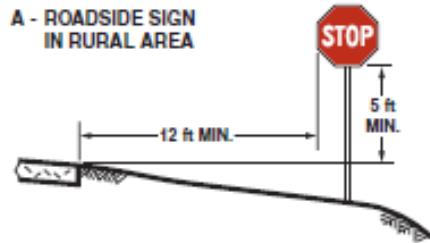


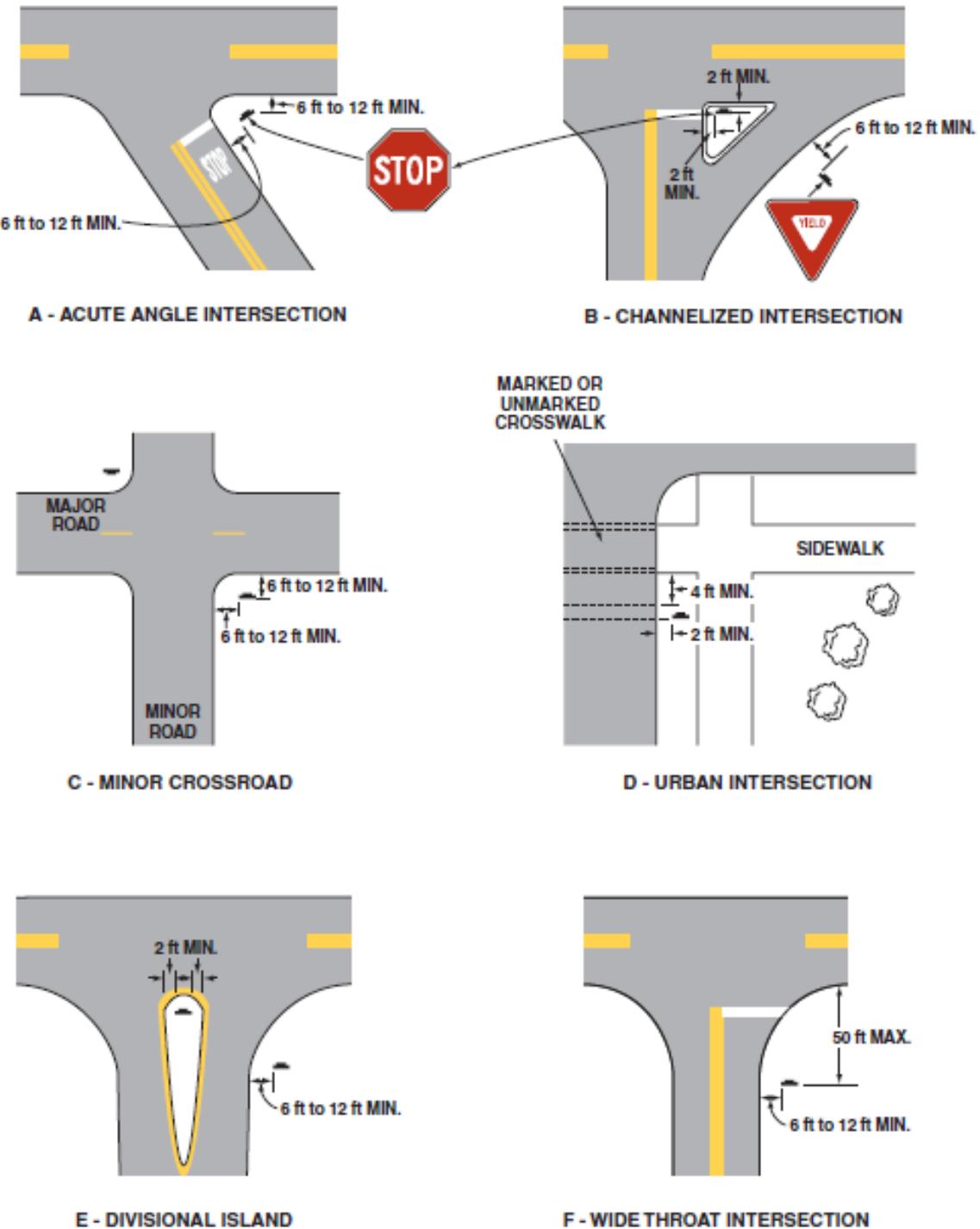
Figure 2A-2. Examples of Heights and Lateral Locations of Sign Installations



**Note:**

See Section 2A.19 for reduced lateral offset distances that may be used in areas where lateral offsets are limited, and in business, commercial, or residential areas where sidewalk width is limited or where existing poles are close to the curb.

Figure 2A-3. Examples of Locations for Some Typical Signs at Intersections



## **29.40.060 Striping Specifications**

All striping shall conform to the current edition of the [MUTCD](#) and any Colorado supplement.

All words, letter, symbol and arrow markings shall be installed in accordance with the design details in the Pavement Markings chapter of the current edition of the [Standards Highway Signs and Markings](#) book adopted by the Federal Highway Administration.

(a) Striping and Marking Materials:

- (1) All painted lines shall be applied at a minimum thickness of 15 mils, with 6-8 pounds of reflective glass beads applied per gallon of paint.
- (2) All permanent markings such as elongated arrows, stop lines, yield lines, crosswalks, preferential and bike lane markings must be an approved type thermoplastic material, applied a minimum of 125 mils thickness.

(b) Colors

Markings shall be yellow, white, red, blue, black or purple. The colors for markings shall conform to the standard highway colors.

WHITE: Longitudinal lane lines, edge lines along the right side of the roadway or any ramp, transverse lines (except for cross-hatching markings in medians or safety zones separating opposing traffic flows or in left shoulders). Arrows, words and symbol markings (except the special interstate route shield symbol marking). Speed hump markings and parking space markings.

YELLOW: Centerlines separating lanes traveling in opposing directions. Edge lines along the left edge of a one-way roadway or one-way ramp. Cross-hatching markings in medians or safety zones separating opposing traffic flows or in left shoulders.

BLACK: Black in conjunction with one of the standard colors shall be a usable color where a light-colored pavement or concrete does not provide sufficient contrast with the markings. When used in combination with other colors, black is not considered a marking color, but only a contrast-enhancing system for the markings.

BLUE: Used for special markings that supplement white markings in a parking space specifically designated as reserved for the disabled. Blue raised pavement markers used to indicate the location of a fire hydrant adjacent to the road. Exception is for interstate route shield pavement markings, which is red, white, and blue.

RED: The only markings that are red are special raised pavement markers that are placed to be visible to "wrong way" drivers. These special markers warn drivers not to enter one-way roadways or one-way ramps in the wrong direction.

PURPLE: Shall supplement lane line or edge line markings for toll plaza approach lanes that are restricted to use only by vehicles with registered electronic toll collection accounts.

GREEN: Interim approval for bike lanes.

(c) Re-Striping

When the removal of pavement striping or markings is necessary, the old striping/markings must be ground off, sand-blasted or covered with a chip-seal. Covering the markings with black paint is prohibited.

## 29.44 TRAFFIC SIGNALS & CONSTRUCTION ZONES

### 29.44.010 Installation/Relocation of Traffic Signals

New traffic signal installations and relocations of existing signal equipment may be required in the developer's public improvement agreement. New signals will be installed only when warranted as specified in the [MUTCD](#) and when the new signal will not have a detrimental effect on the traffic flow. The need for a traffic signal will be addressed in the Transportation Impact Studies (see Chapter 29.08) and be designed in accordance with the criteria in GJMC 29.28.130.

The installation, modification or relocation of a traffic signal must follow the specifications defined in the City of Grand Junction Traffic Signal Specifications document.

### 29.44.020 Signal Design Plans

Signal design plans shall be submitted as part of the development plans. The design of the traffic signal shall follow the [MUTCD](#) standards and the Traffic Signal Specifications of the City.

Signal design plans shall contain all necessary information. Typical traffic signal installation and design details are included in the City of Grand Junction Traffic Signal Specification.

New signals or improvements to existing signals shall be required to install conduit for fiber optic cable and all necessary fiber optic equipment to connect to adjacent signals on streets as shown on the Signal Communications Plan.

### 29.44.030 Traffic Control Plans for Construction Zones

All maintenance of traffic plans for construction areas shall be submitted to and approved as part of the permitting process for work in the public right of way. All plans shall conform to the [MUTCD](#) and be prepared by a certified traffic worksite supervisor. On State Highways, the [Colorado Department of Transportation](#) shall approve work area traffic control signing and detour plans.

## 29.48 TRANSIT, BICYCLE, AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

### 29.48.010 Planning and Implementation

Transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities are an integral part of the transportation system. This chapter establishes how to plan and implement these facilities.

### 29.48.020 Transit Facilities

All transit facilities shall conform to the current version of the Mesa County RTPO Transit Design Standards and Guidelines. As part of the development review process, the city may require the developer to accommodate transit. Transit facilities could include provision of infrastructure for bus stop amenities including concrete pads, signposts, and easements in order to allow for the installation of benches, shelters, bike and micro-mobility parking, and other similar amenities. If a bus pullout is needed to accommodate transit, the city may require the developer to provide the pullout and/or related easements, or additional right-of-way.

### 29.48.030 Planning and Design Standards for Bicycles

Refer to the current version of bicycle facility design guides from [AASHTO](#), [NACTO](#), and [FHWA](#) to address planning and design of bike facilities. Presently that includes the AASHTO [Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities](#), the NACTO Urban Design Guide, the FHWA [Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide](#), as well as NACTO [Designing for All Ages and Abilities](#), and [Don't Give Up At The Intersection](#), which provides guidance on low-stress corridor and intersection design, and may be applicable when implementing bike facilities in Grand Junction.

The location and type of bicycle facilities shall be consistent with the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#). The design of the bicycle facilities shall comply with Section 29.48.

## 29.48.040 Facility Type

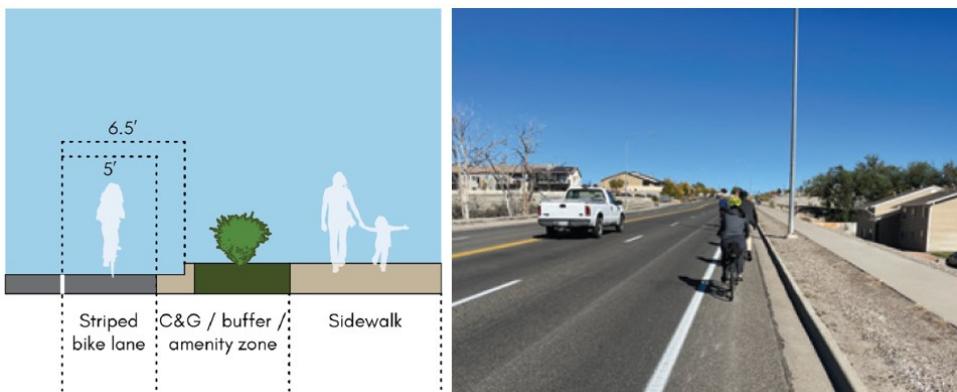
(a) The [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#) identifies six bicycle facility types. They are:

(1) **Bicycle Boulevard.** A street which is officially designated and marked [by signage and/or sharrow markings in the pavement] as a bicycle route, but which is open to motor vehicle travel and upon which no bicycle lane is designated. A bicycle boulevard may include other traffic calming features to mitigate the speed and volume of motor vehicle traffic on the street to create a more comfortable environment for bicyclists, such as curb extensions, mini roundabouts, speed humps, and traffic diverters. Generally, streets designated as bike boulevards should be designed for 15 to 20 mph, and the average daily traffic volume should not exceed 1,000 vehicles per day.

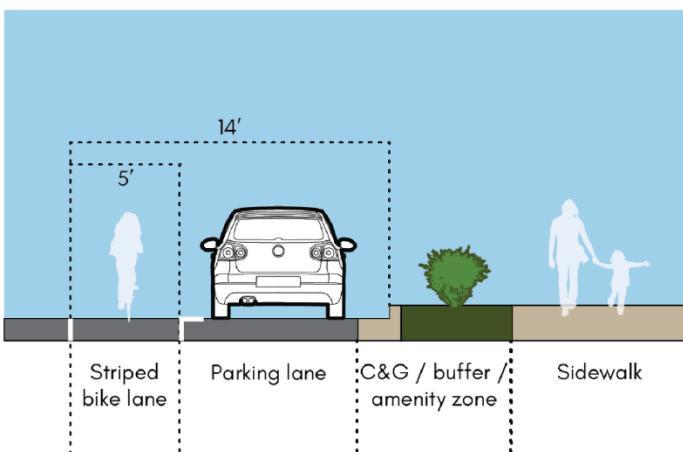


Mini roundabout on a Bicycle Boulevard.

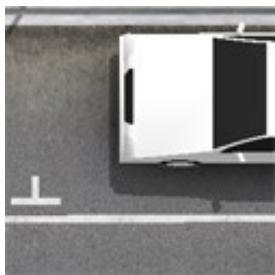
(2) **Bike Lane.** A portion of street, which has been designated (by pavement markings and signage) for use by bicyclists. The bike lane is typically 5 feet wide, measured from the lip of gutter pan when adjacent to the curb and is 6.5 feet wide when measured from the face of the curb. When adjacent to a parking lane (and on the outside of the parking lane) the outside stripe of the bike lane is typically 14 feet from the face of the curb (and a minimum of 12.5 feet from the lip of the gutter pan). A buffer between the parking lane and the bike lane may also be implemented when there is a heightened “door zone” concern either through the use of a separate solid lane at least 18 inches from the bike lane or parking “T”s to delineate parking spaces.



Bike lane adjacent to a curb.

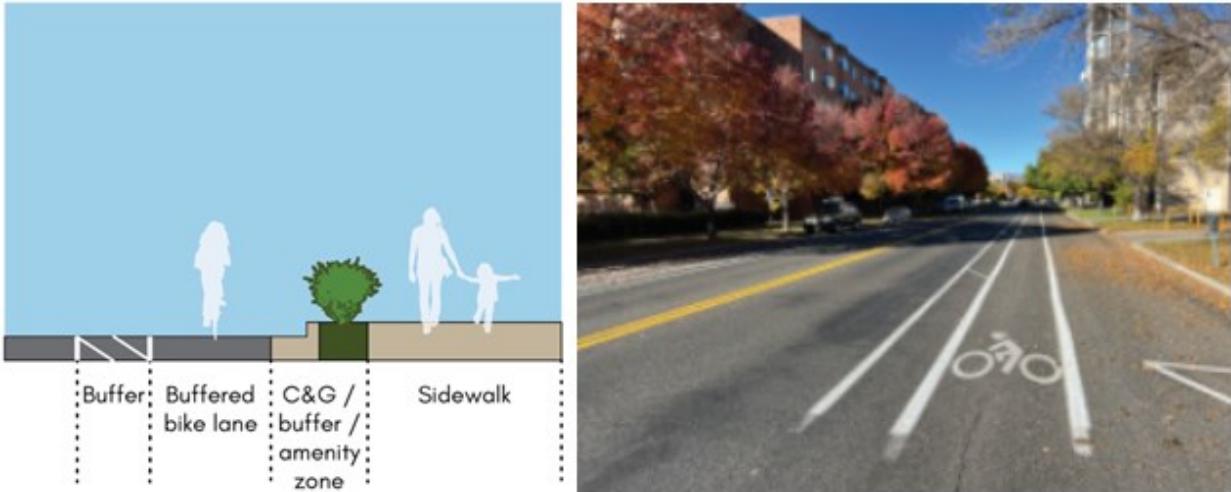


Bike lane adjacent to a parking lane.



Example of a Parking “T” adjacent to a bike lane (source: NACTO).

(3) **Buffered Bike Lane.** A portion of street, which has been designated (pavement markings and signage) for use by bicyclists with a painted buffer between a general-purpose travel lane and the bike lane. The buffer width is typically 3 feet.



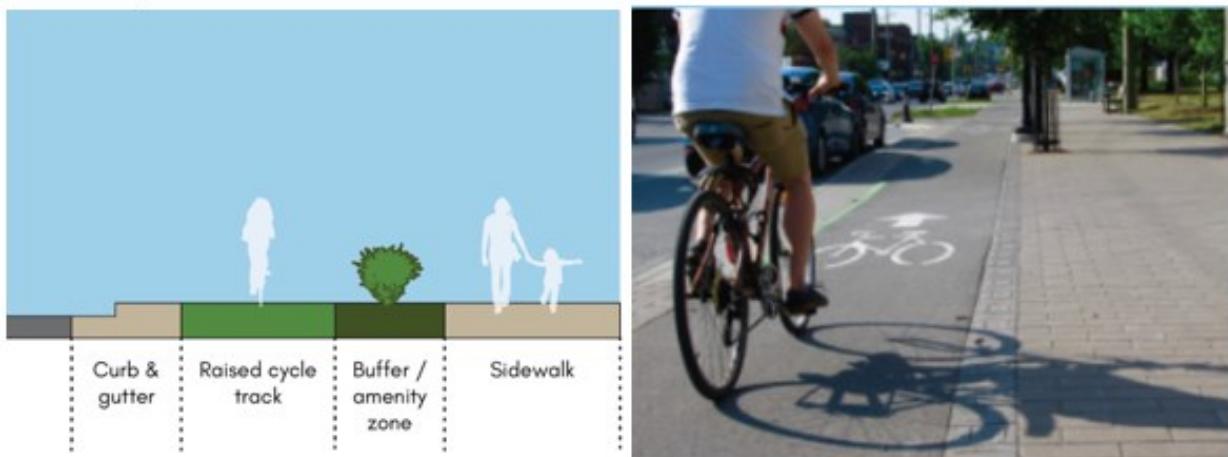
(4) **Protected Bike Lane.** A portion of street, which has been designated (by paint stripe, pavement markings, and signage) for use by bicyclists with a physical buffer between the general-purpose travel lanes and the bike lane. The physical buffer may be delineator posts, planters, rigid bollards, a parking strip (parked cars), or a concrete barrier. The lane is typically 6.5 feet wide from the curb and the buffer is typically 3 feet.



(5) **Multi-use Trail.** A separate two-way trail from which motor vehicles are prohibited and which is for the shared use of bicycles and pedestrians. The trail is typically 10 feet wide but may be 12' wide to meet anticipated demand and to mitigate conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians. The width can be greater than 12 feet where bicycle and pedestrian demand warrants or conflicts between pedestrians and bicyclists are more frequent, for example, the Riverfront Trail.



(6) **Raised Cycle Track.** A separate trail or pathway from which motor vehicles are prohibited and raised from the general-purpose travel lanes, and which is for the exclusive use of bicycles and other allowable micro-mobility devices (such as electric scooters). The trail is typically 6.5 feet wide or wider.



(b) The design standards for bike lanes and multiuse trails are contained in the [AASHTO manual](#) and additional design guidance for these facilities are contained in the NACTO [Urban Bikeway Design Guide](#) and FHWA [Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide](#). Typical widths and locations of bicycle facilities on the street are also provided in the street sections in Chapters 29.20 and 29.28. The list below are the minimum bicycle facility design standards to be provided:

- (1) Uniformity in on-street facility design, signage, and pavement markings for bicyclist and motorist safety.
- (2) Absolute minimum widths are 4 feet on an open shoulder and 5 feet against a curb or guardrail or next to a parking lane. Bike lanes must provide at a minimum 4 feet of width from lip of gutter when adjacent to the curb. When adjacent to a parking lane the outside painted line of the bike lane must be at least 12 feet from the edge of the curb. Minimum widths should not be the default, but should only be applied in environments with constrained right-of-way. On most street segments, typical widths will be provided.
- (3) Cross railroad tracks perpendicular to direction of bike travel with appropriate treatment to ensure smooth and safe crossings.
- (4) On-street bicycle facilities shall provide bicycle-safe curb inlet grates.
- (5) Avoid diagonal on-street parking on streets with a striped bike lane (unless the bike lane is between the parking lane and the curb).
- (6) Implement bicycle detection at all traffic signal approaches with an existing or planned on-street bicycle facility at an actuated signal.
- (7) Carry the bike lane through all intersections to the extent that is feasible.

#### **29.48.045 Bicycle Intersection Treatments**

Refer to the AASHTO [Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities](#), as well as the [NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide](#), and [Don't Give Up At The Intersection](#) for guidance on designing bicycle facilities through intersections. Effective treatments may include [bike boxes](#), [intersection crossing markings](#), [two-stage turn queue boxes](#), [median refuge islands](#), or other paint, signage, or vertical elements. Active transportation corridors and bike routes will likely require context sensitive treatments.

(a) **Trail Crossings.** Where multiuse trails intersect driveways or side-street STOP controlled minor streets, trails should bend away so that they are set back from the major street. The total setback from the edge of the travel lane (or bike lane if present) to the edge of the trail should be 15 to 25 feet (one vehicle length).

## **29.48.050 Pedestrian Facilities**

Pedestrian facilities are required as a part of the street cross-section, as detailed in the Grand Junction [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#) and street cross section in Chapters 29.20 and 29.28. Additional guidance on pedestrian design is included in the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#) and reflected in the typical street cross sections. Detached walkways that are constructed must conform to these details as well.

Environmental factors that contribute to the walking experience and therefore to the perceived level of service include:

- (a) Comfort factors that include weather protection, climate control, transit shelters, and other pedestrian amenities.
- (b) Convenience factors such as walking distances, walkway directness, grades, sidewalk ramps, directional signing, directory maps and other features that make pedestrian travel easy and uncomplicated.
- (c) Safety that is provided by separation of pedestrians from vehicular traffic, or traffic control devices that can provide for time separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- (d) Security features include lighting, open lines of sight, and the degree and type of street activity.
- (e) Economy aspects related to user-costs associated with travel delays and inconvenience, and to the rental value and retail development as influenced by the pedestrian environment.

The quality of the pedestrian environment should be evaluated in three broad areas:

- (f) Walking along the street – includes continuity, capacity, and comfort.
- (g) Crossing the street – includes safety, sufficient space, delay, and route deviation.
- (h) Some place to walk to – in terms of travel time on foot, destinations, and how much of an area can be reached within a reasonable time or distance.

The [Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan](#) includes pedestrian design recommendations for sidewalk and buffer widths in different street contexts to provide sufficient space and separation from traffic in order to achieve a high level of pedestrian comfort given the speed and volume of traffic. These recommendations are reflected in the typical street sections included in Chapters 29.20 and 29.28.

## **29.48.060 Pedestrian Intersection Treatments**

All pedestrian crossings shall comply with the Grand Junction [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#) and be designed in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, including accessible ramps, accessible push buttons when applicable, detectable surfaces, and other universal design features. Refer to the current edition of the Grand Junction Pedestrian Crossing Treatment Installation Guidelines for guidance on applicability of pedestrian crossing treatments in different contexts, including at uncontrolled crossings. Refer to CDOT's [Pedestrian Crossing Installation Guide](#) for uncontrolled pedestrian crossings on state highways.

Potential pedestrian treatments at uncontrolled crossings may include:

(a) Advance Warning Signing and Striping.

See Chapter 2C of the [MUTCD](#) for guidance on advance warning pedestrian crossing signs and Chapter 3B for yield line pavement markings.



(b) High Visibility Marked Crosswalks.

According to FHWA [high-visibility crosswalks](#) use patterns such as bar pairs, continental, or ladder that are visible from farther distances to drivers and pedestrians. Additionally, consider using inlay or thermoplastic tape instead of paint for highly reflective markings.

(c) Raised Crossings.

A raised mid-block crossing or raised intersection treatment may be installed as a treatment to slow vehicle traffic and function as an extension of the sidewalk to allow a pedestrian to cross the street at a constant grade. According to [FHWA](#) raised crossings are typically a candidate on 2-lane or 3-lane roads with speed limits of 30 mph or less and AADTs below 9,000.

(d) Pedestrian Refuge Medians.

A pedestrian refuge median is a location in the middle of a pedestrian crossing where a pedestrian can take refuge, thereby separating their crossing into two steps and must include some type of raised median. Additional design guidance can be found in the Grand Junction Pedestrian Crossing Treatment Installation Guidelines.



(e) Bulb-Outs.

A bulb-out (or corner extension) is a roadway edge treatment where a curb line is bulged out toward the middle of the roadway to narrow the width of the street. Bulb-outs are often used at the location of a pedestrian crosswalk to minimize the distance and time that a crossing pedestrian must be in the roadway and are typically implemented on streets with on-street parking. Bulb-outs also increase visibility of pedestrians waiting to cross and are an effective means to slow vehicles, including slowing turning vehicles when implemented at intersections.



(f) Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons (RRFB).

RRFBs are small rectangular yellow flashing lights that are deployed with pedestrian crossing warning signs. They are typically actuated by a pedestrian push button and flash for a predetermined amount of time, to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway, before going dark. RRFBs are warning devices and do not themselves create a legal requirement for a vehicle to stop when they are flashing. Guidance on the appropriate context for RRFBs are provided in the Grand Junction Pedestrian Crossing Treatment Installation Guidelines.



(g) Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons (also known as HAWK beacons).

A pedestrian hybrid beacon is used to both warn and control traffic at a pedestrian crossing. It is actuated by a pedestrian push button and uses a combination of circular yellow and red traffic signal displays to first warn motorists of a pedestrian that is about to cross the street, then require the motorist to stop for the pedestrian crossing, and then release the motorist to proceed once the pedestrian has cleared the crossing. The Beacon is a hybrid between a pedestrian traffic signal and a stop sign.



(h) Traffic Signals.

Depending on factors defined in the Grand Junction Pedestrian Crossing Treatment Installation Guidelines, such as vehicle traffic volume, vehicle speed, and the number of lanes, or other contextual factors (such as pedestrian volume, crash history, or adjacent land use), it may be appropriate to signalize a pedestrian crossing.

## 29.56 ALLEY STANDARDS

### 29.56.010 Alley Construction

Alleys are a useful alternative for accessing properties, especially in the Central Business District (CBD). The construction of new alleys shall follow the design standards defined in the standard detail for alleys located in the Appendix. Any variation from the specifications defined in this drawing must go through the design exception process.

## 29.64 DESIGN EXCEPTIONS

### 29.64.010 Design Exceptions

This manual establishes standards for the construction of transportation and infrastructure improvements in the City and within the Urban Development Boundary. There may be certain circumstances where those standards do not adequately meet the public's needs. The public needs, as defined by these standards, may conflict with constraints on the property or a new or innovative development proposal.

This chapter describes an exception process. It may be that an exception is a one-time event, or it may be that the Manual will be revised to incorporate the exception.

The [flowchart](#) depicts the design exception process.

The burden in the development process shall be on the applicant to demonstrate that the proposed exception, if granted, will not result in a dangerous condition as determined by the City. No exception shall be allowed if the resulting design is dangerous or otherwise fails to meet the fundamental needs of the community. The fundamental needs of the community shall be determined by the City, but primarily are the provision of safe, efficient, and effective transportation.

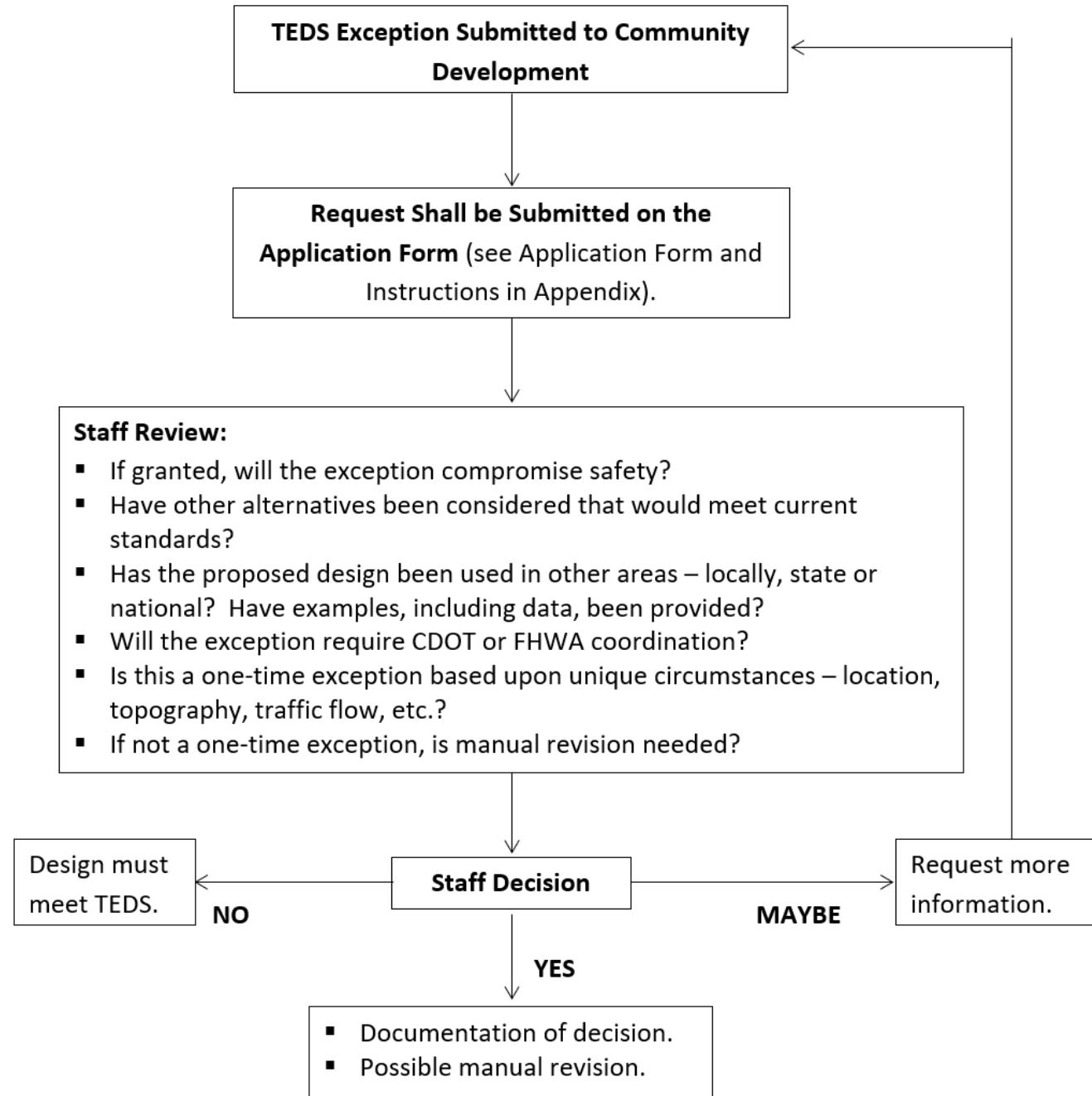
Any exceptions to the TEDS manual should be clearly proposed as early as possible in the project development and review process. Exceptions to TEDS should be identified no later than preliminary plan submittal.

If a design exception is to be a permanent modification to the TEDS Manual, it will be the responsibility of the City staff to update TEDS and disseminate the change to CDOT, other municipal or county departments and the development community.

When geometric standards or other design criteria are not specifically addressed in the City standards, then the current editions of the following standards and criteria shall govern the design.

- [Colorado State Highway Access Code](#)
- [CDOT Roadway Design Manual](#)
- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) [Traffic Engineering Handbook](#)
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) [A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets](#)

## Design Exception Process



## 29.68 ALTERNATE STREET STANDARDS

### 29.68.010 Intent of Provisions

The intent of this chapter is to provide flexibility in the creation, approval and use of public street infrastructure that varies from the cross-sectional standards provided in Chapter 29.20, and to accommodate such proposals under administrative approval procedures. This resulting alternate street standard may be used to create neighborhood character, enhance visual appeal, and to accommodate unique topographical or site features. Further, implementation of these standards should result in “a better solution,” allowing alterations to the standard street section that produce benefit to the community.

### 29.68.020 Performance Criteria

All public streets considered for alternate cross-sections shall meet certain minimum performance-based standards and meet all intent for function of a public right-of-way. Each proposal must be framed within the specific context of the use.

#### (a) Horizontal Geometry

- (1) The horizontal geometry of street, pathway, and trail layouts must meet TEDS requirements elsewhere herein. The design must accommodate large vehicles such as fire trucks, trash trucks and semi-trucks at an appropriate level of service.
- (2) A minimum pavement width of 20 feet, from flow line of gutter to flow line of gutter, is required for all streets. Pathway and trail widths or pedestrian walkways shall meet minimum widths as required in the [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#) by pathway and trail classification.
- (3) Horizontal curb radii must be 15 feet minimum for chicanes, parking bulb-outs and other similar features to maintain proper drainage (see GJMC 29.28.160).
- (4) Intersection geometry is as required elsewhere herein.

#### (b) Vertical Geometry

The vertical geometry of street, pathway, and trail layouts must meet TEDS requirements elsewhere herein and ADA requirements.

#### (c) Sight Distance

The design must achieve all sight distance requirements listed elsewhere in TEDS.

(d) Connectivity

- (1) Minimum connectivity requirements remain unchanged, including pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. Provision of access to adjacent parcels is required. Additional inter- or intra-parcel connectivity may be necessary where reduced street width is considered.
- (2) Example: One case where narrow streets and the concept of “queuing” are frequently and successfully used is in older downtown neighborhoods across the country. The streets typically have a grid layout, short block length, and possibly an alley, all providing a high-degree of connectivity, thus allowing a narrow street with fairly high density and high use of on-street parking to function satisfactorily.

(e) Parking

- (1) Adequate parking must be provided both on- and off-street. [Zoning and Development Code](#) minimums are required on-site. The on-street parking range is required at 0.5 to 1.5 on-street parking spaces per dwelling unit (see the Local Street Section Notes in Chapter 29.20). Higher density development will demand on-street parking in the upper end of that range.
- (2) Clustering of on-street parking in pods is encouraged where full on-street parking is not provided. The provision of on-street parking shall consider availability of parking for long vehicles or vehicles with trailers.
- (3) Adequate parking outside of the travel lane must be provided. On the other hand, excessive availability of parking contributes to higher speeds due to width of travel lane available as well as to increased construction and maintenance costs.

(f) Pedestrian Facilities

- (1) The design must provide adequate pedestrian facilities equal to or better than existing adopted street sections. Detached walk and additional walk width are encouraged.
- (2) Sidewalk is required to create continuous pedestrian walkways parallel with the public roadway. Generally, if lots front both sides of the street, sidewalk will be required on both sides of the street.

(g) Drainage

- (1) Curb and gutter is generally considered necessary. However, in limited instances, other options may be considered. Examples include an inverted crown as typically used in concrete alley applications and areas where attached curb and gutter may not be practical due to certain soil conditions. In these cases, adequate drainage facilities must be provided per the Stormwater Management Manual ([GJMC Title 28](#)). Alternate drainage facilities must not require additional maintenance effort above conventional facilities.
- (2) Surface drainage at bulb-outs and chicanes is preferred along a continuous gutter without drain troughs or otherwise inaccessible sections of gutter.
- (3) Narrower street sections will not carry the same amount of water as the standard street sections. Analysis of the street stormwater carrying capacity by use of the SWMM nomographs will not be permitted.

(h) Surfacing and Construction Requirements

Hard surfacing (Portland cement concrete or asphalt pavement) is required and shall meet the structural design requirements contained in Chapter 29.32 GJMC. Gravel surfacing is not allowed. Construction requirements are contained in the Grand Junction [Standard Contract Documents for Capital Improvements Construction](#).

(i) Right-of-Way and Multi-Purpose Easements

- (1) Right-of-way and infrastructure dimension and configuration must provide adequate room for all necessary public facilities including, but not limited to, storm drainage; water lines and meters; sanitary sewer lines; electrical, natural gas, cable, telephone supply lines, service lines, pedestals and appurtenances; traffic control signage; irrigation supply and drainage; cut or fill slopes; and other public utility lines and appurtenances.
- (2) The standard 14-foot multi-purpose easement may be reduced in width if adequate space is shown to exist within the right-of-way. The standard multi-purpose easement width on streets with a buffer between the sidewalk and the curb is 10-feet.
- (3) Right-of-way configuration must provide adequate access to public utilities. Fencing of easement areas is discouraged as it reduces access to utilities and improvements.

- (j) Private Streets, Shared Drives and Alleys.
  - (1) Nothing in this section shall expressly prohibit the use of private streets and shared drives, as allowed elsewhere herein, to be used in conjunction with alternate standard streets.
  - (2) The use of alleys is likewise permitted and may be used in conjunction with alternate standard streets to achieve utility service delivery, alternate access to off-street parking or enhance connectivity.
- (k) Traffic Calming  
Traffic calming requirements are the same as required elsewhere herein. Elements of narrowed streets may be considered part of the traffic calming system.
- (l) Other Right-of-Way Elements  
All elements of the function of the right-of-way must be considered in the design process.
  - (1) Mail Receptacles. Streets shall include design elements necessary to meet USPS requirements for access to mail receptacles. Mail receptacles will not be permitted within sight distance triangles at intersections or located such that they interfere with the safe and normal function of the street. Parking shall be provided adjacent to the mail receptacle.
  - (2) Urban Trails. Where urban trails, primary school walk routes, bike lanes, or other non-motorized transportation routes are indicated on adopted City, school district, or other plans, these elements must be incorporated into the design. The design must meet all requirements of City, State and federal standards, including ADA.

### **29.68.030 Application**

The process for an alternative street request is similar to the Design Exception Process depicted on the flowchart in Chapter 29.64. The applicant shall submit a written report requesting alteration of the standard as a part of a pre-application conference, preliminary plan or other application process. The applicant is encouraged to make this application as early in the process as feasible. The report and plan shall contain the following:

- (a) A specific request for alteration of the standard, detailing elements of the standard that are altered and the proposed alternative.
- (b) A narrative explaining the reasons for requesting the alteration and proposed benefits.
- (c) A narrative, individually addressing each criterion in the performance criteria above.
- (d) A site plan showing limits and extents of proposed alterations.
- (e) A site plan indicating proposed density, approximate lot size and frontage, access locations, street network, and other pertinent elements. Approximate horizontal and vertical geometry may be required, dependent on topography or other site constraints.
- (f) A parking plan demonstrating on-street and off-street parking to demonstrate conformance with parking standards listed above.
- (g) A fire site plan demonstrating that a fire truck can negotiate the development with the proposed on-street parking from both directions.

### **29.68.040 Approval**

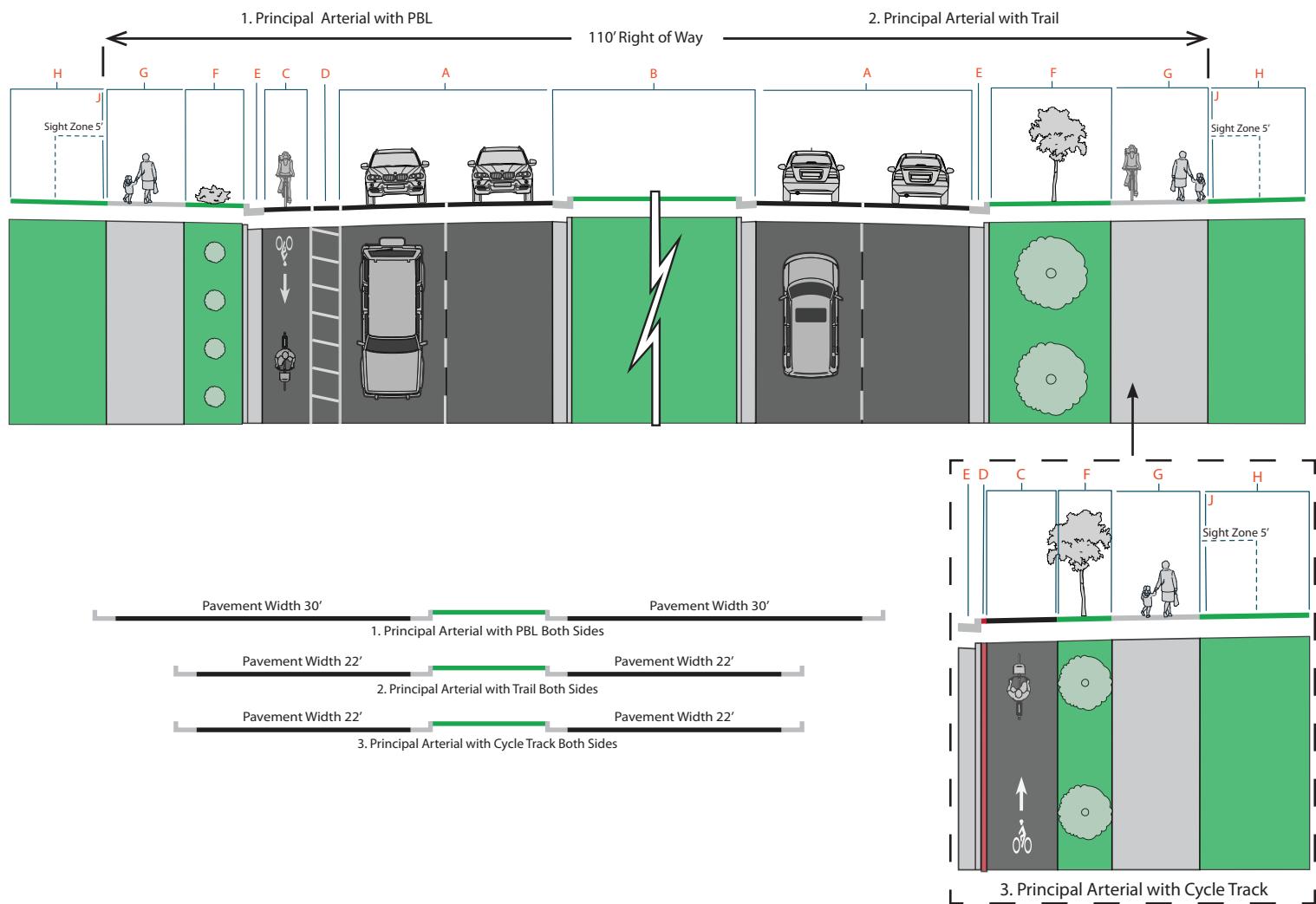
The Director or his/her assigned representative(s) shall make a final determination of adequate conformance to these criteria and have the authority to approve or reject each proposed alternative. Staff or agency members may provide comment or modification to the proposal. The Director may consult with or delegate review and approval authority to City Staff, outside review agencies, or outside consultants.

Where the proposed alternate may affect utility placement, approval of the Utility Coordinating Committee is required prior to the consideration by the Director or his designee.

Deviation from the standard street cross-sections may continue to be accomplished through a variance or a planned development procedure as permitted in the [Zoning and Development Code](#).

**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**  
**TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING DESIGN STANDARDS (TEDS)**  
**APPENDIX**

# Principal Arterial



Principal Arterial ROW 110'

Type	A Travel Lanes	B Median/ Turn Lane	C Bike Lane (On Street)	D Bike Lane (Off Street)	E Bike Buffer	F Curb and Gutter	G Sidewalk Buffer*	H Sidewalk/ Trail	I Multi- Purpose Easement	J Frontage
1. Principal Arterial with PBL	11	17	5		3	2	6	8	10	.5
2. Principal Arterial with Trail	11	17			0	2	12	10	10	.5
3. Principal Arterial with Cycle Track	11	17		6.5	.5	2	7	8	10	.5

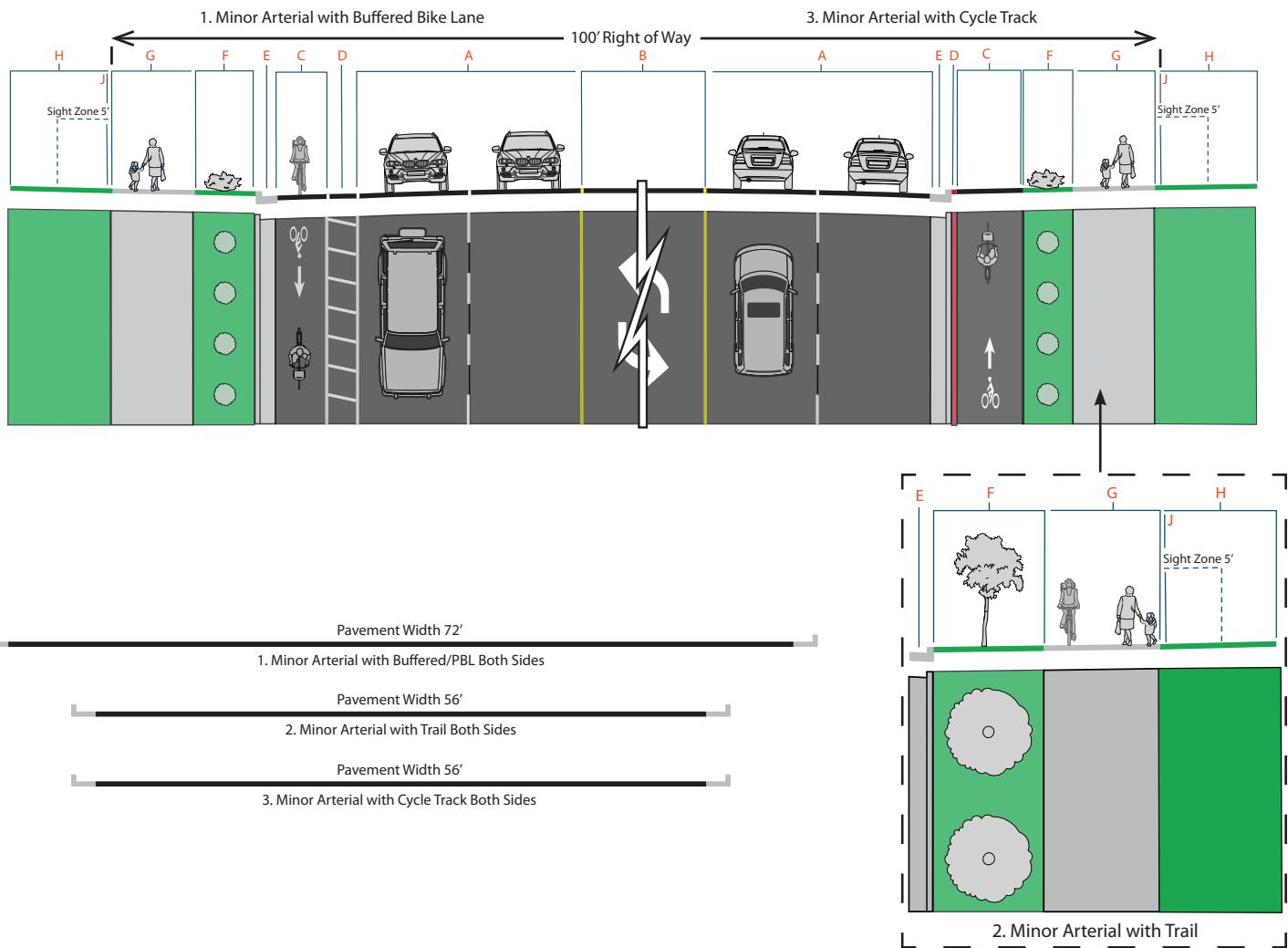
\*The Sidewalk Buffer allows space for landscaping, street furniture (benches, bike, racks), and utility polls

# Principal Arterial

## Notes

- See Grand Junction Urbanized Area Functional Classification Map for principal arterial street designation.
- Vertical curbs, gutters and sidewalks are required on both sides of all arterial streets.
- Attached sidewalks may be approved where existing development precludes construction of detached sidewalks.
- All arterial streets shall be surfaced with Hot Bituminous Pavement (HBP) or Portland Cement Concrete (PCC).
- Additional right-of-way width will be required for construction of dedicated right-turn lanes. See chapters of the City's Transportation Engineering Design Standards for Speed Change Lane Dimensions.
- See details of Multi-purpose Easement Adjacent to Right-of-Way in the standard contract documents.
- For Sight Zone requirements refer to 29.28.150 of the TEDS Manual.
- Vertical elements required in the buffer zone between the travel lane and bike lane to satisfy the condition of a protected bike lane (PBL) when speed is  $\geq 40$  mph. Buffered bike lane (without vertical elements) may be acceptable when  $<40$  mph.
- Vertical separators would only be used between intersections.
- The standard design for a street with a trail includes a 10' trail on both sides of the street. In situations where there are ROW constraints, higher bicycle demand on one side, or differing land uses on one side, an 8' sidewalk can be provided on one side with a 12' or 14' trail on the other side.
- The standard design for a street with buffered bike lanes or a cycle track includes a one-way bikeway on both sides of the street. In some contexts where land use or other constraints dictate a two-way bikeway on one side of the street can be implemented. Refer to the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide and the FHWA Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide for special design considerations, particularly at driveways and intersections, when designing two-way protected bikeways.
- A trail is considered multi-use for wheeled traffic and pedestrians.
- The minimum sidewalk buffer width is 7 feet for planting trees.

# Minor Arterial



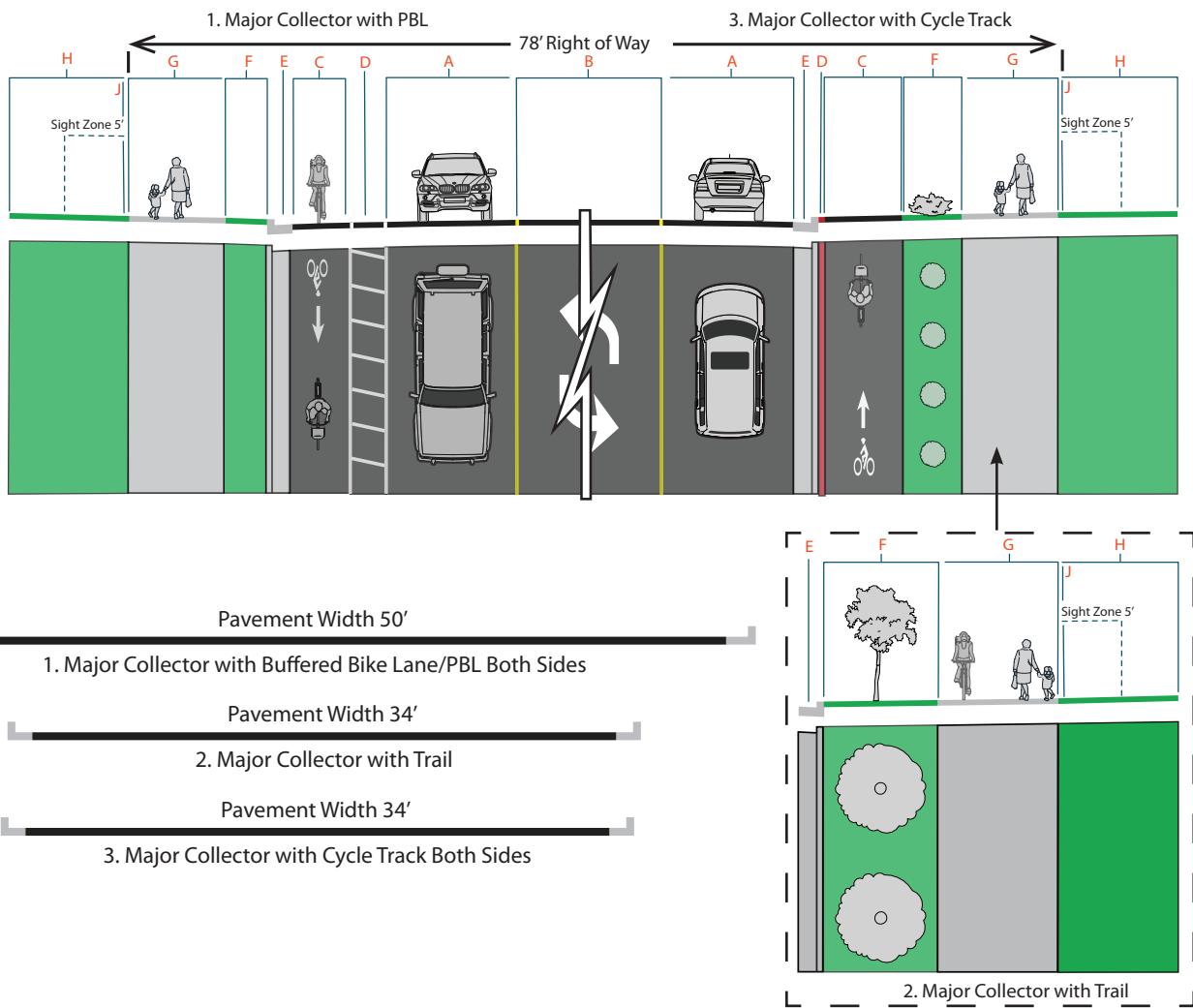
Minor Arterial ROW 100'											
Type	# of Travel Lanes	A	B	C		D	E	F	G	H	J
1. Minor Arterial with Buffered Bike Lane/ PBL	4	11	12	5		3	2	3.5	8	10	.5
2. Minor Arterial with Trail	4	11	12			0	2	9.5	10	10	.5
3. Minor Arterial with Cycle Track	4	11	12		6.5	.5	2	4.5	8	10	.5

# Minor Arterial

## Notes

- See Grand Junction Urbanized Area Functional Classification Map for minor arterial street designation.
- Vertical curbs, gutters and sidewalks are required on both sides of all arterial streets.
- All arterial streets shall be surfaced with Hot Bituminous Pavement (HBP) or Portland Cement Concrete (PCC).
- Additional right-of-way width will be required for construction of dedicated right-turn lanes. See chapters of the City's Transportation Engineering Design Standards for Speed Change Lane Dimensions.
- See details of Multi-purpose Easement Adjacent to Right-of-Way in the standard contract documents.
- For Sight Zone requirements refer to 29.28.150 of the TEDS Manual.
- Vertical separators can be added to a buffered bike lane where additional cyclist protection is deemed necessary to achieve Level of Traffic Stress standards.
- Vertical elements required in the buffer zone between the travel lane and bike lane to satisfy the condition of a protected bike lane (PBL) when speed is  $\geq 40$  mph. Buffered bike lane (without vertical elements) may be acceptable when  $<40$  mph.
- Vertical separators would only be used between intersections.
- The standard design for a street with a trail includes a 10' trail on both sides of the street. In situations where there are ROW constraints, higher bicycle demand on one side, or differing land uses on one side, an 8' sidewalk can be provided on one side with a 12' or 14' trail on the other side.
- The standard design for a street with buffered bike lanes or a cycle track includes a one-way bikeway on both sides of the street. In some contexts where land use or other constraints dictate a two-way bikeway on one side of the street can be implemented. Refer to the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide and the FHWA Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide for special design considerations, particularly at driveways and intersections, when designing two-way protected bikeways.
- When necessary, the two way left turn lane can be a raised median.
- The minimum sidewalk buffer width is 7 feet for planting trees.
- A trail is considered multi-use for wheeled traffic and pedestrians.

# Major Collector 78' ROW $\geq 35$ MPH



## Major Collector ROW 78' $\geq 35$ MPH

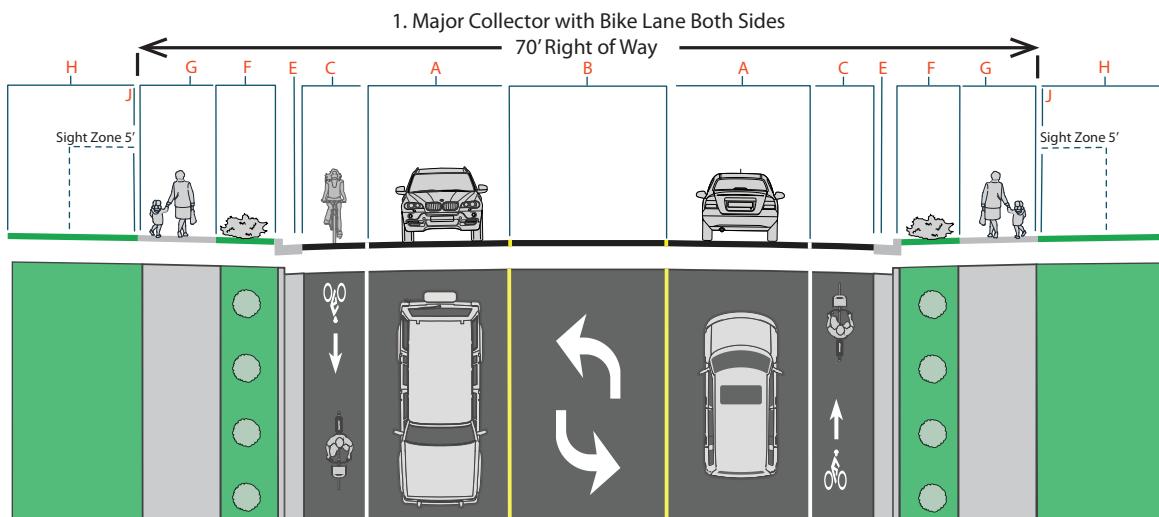
	A	B	C		D	E	F	G	H	J
Type	Travel Lanes	Median/Turn Lane	Bike Lane (On Street)	Bike Lane (Off Street)	Bike Buffer	Curb and Gutter	Sidewalk Buffer	Sidewalk/Trail	Multi-Purpose Easement	Frontage
1. Major Collector with Buffered Bike Lane/PBL	11	12	5		3	2	3.5	8	10	.5
2. Major Collector with Trail	11	12	0		0	2	9.5	10	10	.5
3. Major Collector with Cycle Track	11	12		6.5	.5	2	4.5	8	10	.5

# Major Collector 78' ROW $\geq$ 35 MPH

## Notes

- See Grand Junction Urbanized Area Functional Classification Map for collector street designation.
- Vertical curbs, gutters and sidewalks are required on both sides of all collector streets.
- Attached sidewalks may be approved where existing development precludes construction of detached sidewalks.
- All collector streets shall be surfaced with Hot Bituminous Pavement (HBP) or Portland Cement Concrete (PCC).
- Additional right-of-way width will be required for construction of dedicated right-turn lanes. See chapters of the City's Transportation Engineering Design Standards for Speed Change Lane Dimensions.
- See details of Multi-purpose Easement Adjacent to Right-of-Way in the standard contract documents.
- For Sight Zone requirements refer to 29.28.150 of the TEDS Manual.
- Vertical separators can be added to a buffered bike lane where additional cyclist protection is deemed necessary to achieve Level of Traffic Stress standards.
- Vertical elements required in the buffer zone between the travel lane and bike lane to satisfy the condition of a protected bike lane (PBL) when speed is  $\geq$  40 mph. Buffered bike lane (without vertical elements) may be acceptable when  $<40$  mph.
- Vertical separators would only be used between intersections.
- The standard design for a street with a trail includes a 10' trail on both sides of the street. In situations where there are ROW constraints, higher bicycle demand on one side, or differing land uses on one side, an 8' sidewalk can be provided on one side with a 12' or 14' trail on the other side.
- The standard design for a street with buffered bike lanes or a cycle track includes a one-way bikeway on both sides of the street. In some contexts where land use or other constraints dictate a two-way bikeway on one side of the street can be implemented. Refer to the NACTO Urban Bikeway Design Guide and the FHWA Separated Bike Lane Planning and Design Guide for special design considerations, particularly at driveways and intersections, when designing two-way protected bikeways.
- In segments of the street where there is lower left turn demand (at low volume intersections, low volume driveways, or where there are no driveways) the center turn lane can be removed and replaced with a painted buffer between the bike lane and the travel lane to provide additional comfort to bicyclists and/or the pavement width can be narrowed and the buffer between the sidewalk and curb widened.
- The minimum sidewalk buffer width is 7 feet for planting trees.
- A trail is considered multi-use for wheeled traffic and pedestrians.

# Low Speed Major Collector 70' ROW < 35MPH



## Major Collector ROW 70' < 35 MPH

		A	B	C		D	E	F	G	H	J
Type	Criteria	Travel Lanes	Median/ Turn Lane	Bike Lane (On Street)	Bike Lane (Off Street)	Bike Buffer	Curb and Gutter	Sidewalk Buffer	Sidewalk	Multi-Purpose Easement	Frontage
1. Major Collector with Bike Lane Both Sides	<35 MPH	11	12	5		0	2	4.5	6	10	.5

Pavement Width 44'

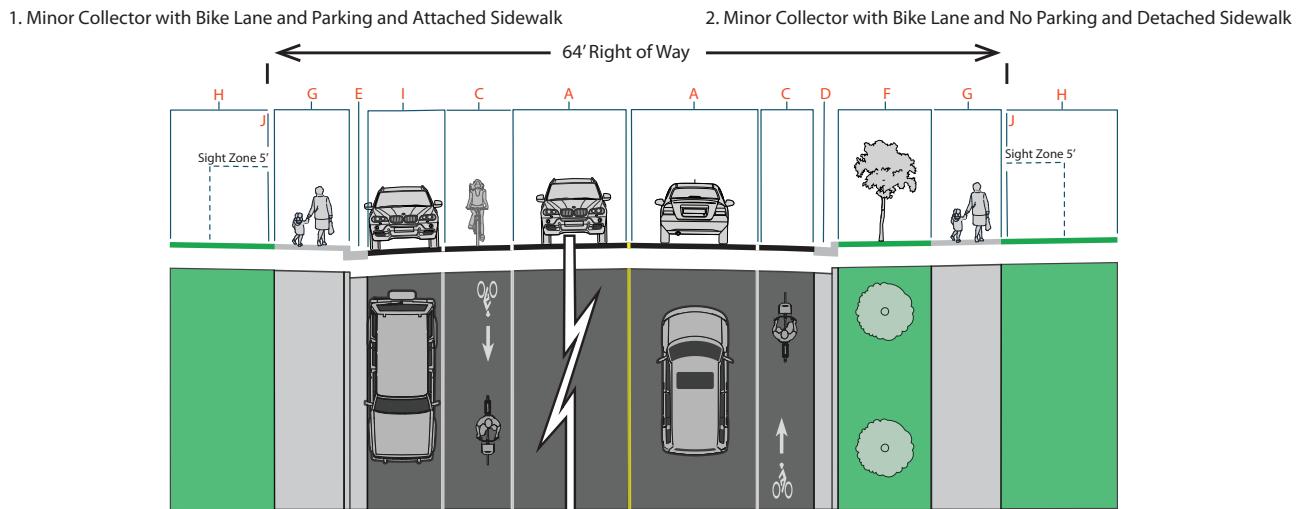
1. Major Collector with Bike Lane Both Sides

## Low Speed Major Collector 70' ROW < 35MPH

### Notes

- See Grand Junction Urbanized Area Functional Classification Map for collector street designation.
- Vertical curbs, gutters and sidewalks are required on both sides of all collector streets.
- Attached sidewalks may be approved where existing development precludes construction of detached sidewalks.
- All collector streets shall be surfaced with Hot Bituminous Pavement (HBP) or Portland Cement Concrete (PCC).
- Additional right-of-way width will be required for construction of dedicated right-turn lanes. See chapters of the City's Transportation Engineering Design Standards for Speed Change Lane Dimensions.
- See details of Multi-purpose Easement Adjacent to Right-of-Way in the standard contract documents.
- For Sight Zone requirements refer to 29.28.150 of the TEDS Manual.
- In segments of the street where there is lower left turn demand (at low volume intersections, low volume driveways, or where there are no driveways) the center turn lane can be removed and replaced with a painted buffer between the bike lane and the travel lane to provide additional comfort to bicyclists and/or the pavement width can be narrowed and the buffer between the sidewalk and curb widened.
- If the Major Collector street corridor has a posted speed of 35 mph or higher within a mile of a particular location design may need to meet the standards of the Major Collector 78' ROW.
- The minimum sidewalk buffer width is 7 feet for planting trees.

# Minor Collector



## Minor Collector ROW 64'

Type	Criteria	A Travel Lanes	B Median/ Turn Lane	C		D	E	F	G	H	I	J
				Bike Lane (On Street)	Bike Lane (Off Street)	Bike Buffer	Curb and Gutter	Sidewalk Buffer	Sidewalk	Multi- Purpose Easement	Parking	Frontage
1. Minor Collector with Bike Lane with Parking and Attached Sidewalk	≤30 MPH	11	0	5		0	2	0	6	14	7.5	.5
2. Minor Collector with Bike Lane No Parking and Detached Sidewalk	≤30 MPH	11	0	5		0	2	7.5	6	10	0	.5

Pavement Width 47'

1. Minor Collector with Bike Lane and Parking on Both Sides

Pavement Width 32'

2. Minor Collector with Bike Lane Both Sides (No Parking)

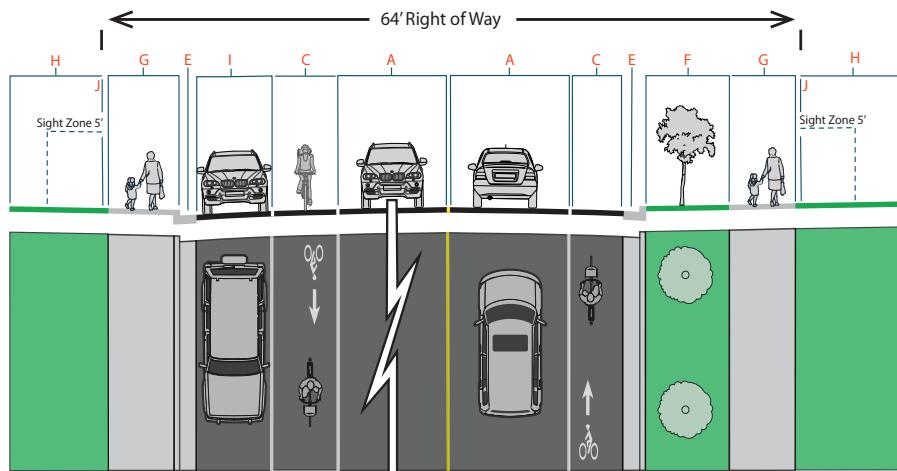
# Minor Collector

## Notes

- If the street classification changes, efforts should be made to maintain the facility type for the entire length of the corridor.
- See Grand Junction Urbanized Area Functional Classification Map for collector street designation.
- All collector streets shall be surfaced with Hot Bituminous Pavement (HBP) or Portland Cement Concrete (PCC).
- Additional right-of-way width will be required for construction of dedicated right-turn lanes. See chapters of the City's Transportation Engineering Design Standards for Speed Change Lane Dimensions.
- When a bike lane is adjacent to a parking lane, separation may be provided between the bike lane striping and parking boundary by marking the parking spaces to mitigate conflicts by bikers with the "door zone" of parked cars.
- See details of Multi-purpose Easement Adjacent to Right-of-Way in the standard contract documents.
- On Street parking may be prohibited as required to provide left turn lanes at intersections.
- For Sight Zone requirements refer to 29.28.150 of the TEDS Manual.

# Local Commercial

1. Local Commercial with Bike Lane and Parking and Detached Sidewalk      2. Local Commercial with Bike Lane and No Parking and Attached Sidewalk



Local Commercial ROW 64'

	A	B	C		D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Type	Travel Lanes	Median/ Turn Lane	Bike Lane (On Street)	Bike Lane (Off Street)	Bike Buffer	Curb and Gutter	Sidewalk Buffer	Sidewalk	Multi-Purpose Easement	Parking	Frontage
1. Local Commercial with Bike Lane with Parking and Attached Sidewalk	11	See note	5		0	2	0	6	14	7.5	.5
2. Local Commercial with Bike Lane No Parking and Detached Sidewalk	11	See note	5		0	2	7.5	6	10	0	.5

Pavement Width 47'

1. Local Commercial with Bike Lane and Parking on Both Sides

Pavement Width 32'

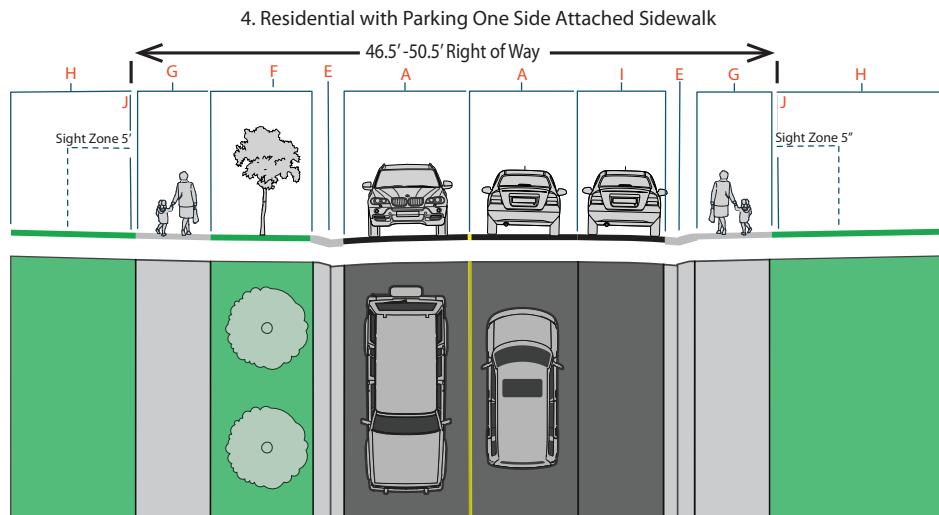
2. Local Commercial with Bike Lane Both Sides (No Parking)

## Local Commercial

### Notes

- See Grand Junction Urbanized Area Functional Classification Map for collector street designation
- All collector streets shall be surfaced with Hot Bituminous Pavement (HBP) or Portland Cement Concrete (PCC). All pavement shall be designed in accordance with the AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures.
- Additional right-of-way width will be required for construction of dedicated right-turn lanes. See chapters of the City's Transportation Engineering Design Standards for Speed Change Lane Dimensions.
- See details of Multi-purpose Easement Adjacent to Right-of-Way in the standard contract documents.
- (On Street) parking may be prohibited as required to provide left turn lanes at intersections.
- For Sight Zone requirements refer to 29.28.150 of the TEDS Manual.
- Parking may be prohibited on streets with high traffic volumes, or based on other contextual factors.
- If turn lanes are warranted, they will be 11 feet in width for right turn lanes (exclusive of the gutter pan) and 12 feet for left turn lanes.

# Residential and Industrial Local Street



## Residential Street ROW 38'- 63'

Type	Criteria	# of Travel Lanes	A	E	F	G	H	I	J	ROW
1. Residential No Parking Attached Sidewalk	<1000 ADT, ≤ 20 MPH	2	10	2.5	0	6	14	0	.5	38
2. Residential with Parking One Side Attached Sidewalk	<1000 ADT, ≤ 20 MPH	2	8.5	2.5	0	6	14	7	.5	42
3. Residential Attached Sidewalk	<1000 ADT, ≤ 20 MPH	2	7	2.5	0	6	14	7	.5	46
4. Residential Attached Sidewalk 1 Side Detached Sidewalk 1 Side	<1000 ADT, ≤ 20 MPH	2	8	3	4-8 One Side	6	10 and 14	7 One Side	.5	45.5-49.5
5. Residential Detached Sidewalk	<1000 ADT, ≤ 20 MPH	2	7	3	4-8	6	10	7	.5	55-63

## Local Industrial ROW 53'

6. Local Industrial Attached Sidewalk		2	12	Vertical Curb 2	0	6	10	7	.5	55
---------------------------------------	--	---	----	-----------------	---	---	----	---	----	----

ROW Width 38'; Pavement Width 20'

1. Residential No Parking

ROW Width 46', Pavement Width 28'

3. Residential Attached Sidewalk

ROW Width 55'-63'; Pavement Width 28'

5. Residential Detached Sidewalk

ROW Width 42', Pavement Width 24'

2. Residential Parking On One Side

ROW Width 45.5-49.5'; Pavement Width 23'

4. Residential Attached Sidewalk 1 Side Detached Sidewalk 1 Side

ROW Width 55'; Pavement Width 38'

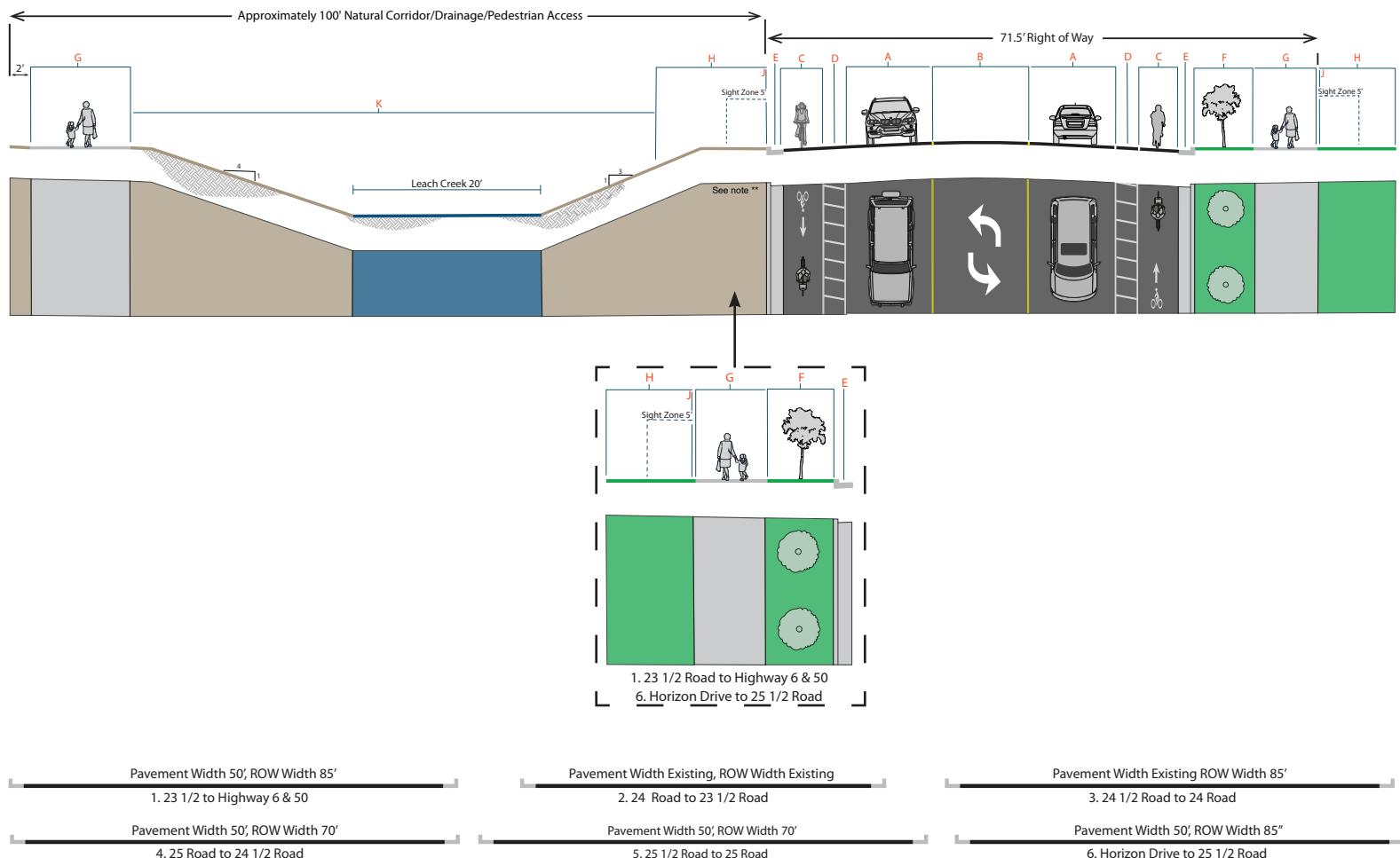
6. Local Industrial Street

# Residential and Industrial Local Street

## Notes

- A sidewalk can be provided on only one side of the street only if a sidewalk, trail, or pathway is located behind the houses/businesses on the side of the street without a sidewalk.
- If an attached sidewalk is included on a side of the street with no on-street parking the street must be designed for speeds of 20 mph or less and have less than 1,000 average vehicles per day.
- When parking is restricted, an off-lot parking plan (showing on-street and parking pods) is required. When density is R-4, 0.5 off lot parking spaces are required per unit, R-5 requires 1.0 space per unit, and R-8 requires 1.5 spaces per unit.
- When asphalt width is narrower than 28', a fire site plan is required demonstrating designated GJFD design apparatus can maneuver the site with on-street parking.
- Drive over curb, gutter and sidewalk shall be installed only on urban residential streets with less than 1,000 A.D.T.
- Vertical curb and gutter can be used instead of drive over, but driveway cuts must be built with the subdivision and efforts should be made to maintain grade at sidewalks.
- Street sections can be changed to include detached sidewalks using the buffer in street section 5. Right of way width will change accordingly.
- The minimum sidewalk buffer width is 7 feet for planting trees.
- An Exception Request can be considered for sidewalks under 6 ft. width within a constrained environment and/or where low volume of 10 peak hour (vehicular) trips or less can be shown and no through access is provided or planned.
- Where driveways cross detached sidewalks, sidewalks shall be 6" thick concrete for residential and 8" thick concrete for industrial.

# G Road



G Road ROW 70' - 85'											
Type	A Travel Lanes	B Median/ Turn Lane	C Bike Lane	D Bike Buffer	E Curb and Gutter	F Sidewalk Buffer	G Trail/ Sidewalk	H Multi-Purpose Easement	J Frontage	K Stream Channel/ Drainage	
1. 23 1/2 Road to Highway 6 & 50	11	12	5	3	2	7 minimum both sides	8 both sides	10	0.5	0	
2. 24 Road to 23 1/2 Road	24 road to 23 1/2 road is newly constructed. Only requirement is to install meandering sidewalk, along the North side of 24 road to 23 3/4 road mimicking the sidewalk to the west.										
3. 24 1/2 Road to 24 Road	Newly Constructed						Existing on North, 12 on South side of Leach Creek <i>see note*</i>	14 South 10 North	0.5	20' stream channel with 4:1 slope on non- roadway side and 3:1 on roadway side	

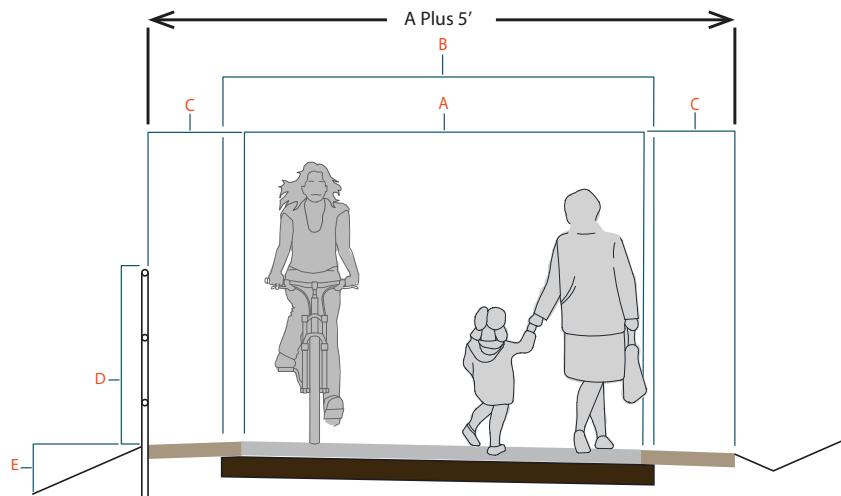
# G Road

G Road ROW 70' - 85'											
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	
Type	Travel Lanes	Median/ Turn Lane	Bike Lane	Bike Buffer	Curb and Gutter	Sidewalk Buffer	Trail/ Sidewalk	Muli-Purpose Easement	Frontage	Stream Channel/ Drainage	
4. 25 Road to 24 1/2 Road	11	12	5	3	2	7 minimum North side	8 on North side, 12 on the South side, of Leach Creek.	14 South 10 North	0.5	20' stream channel with 4:1 slope on non-roadway side and 3:1 on roadway side	
5. 25 1/2 Road to 25 Road	11	12	5	3	2	7 minimum North side	8 on North side, 12 along Leach Creek	14 South 10 North	0.5	Developable land	
6. Horizon Drive to 25 1/2 Road	11	12	5	3	2	7 minimum both sides	8 both sides	10	0.5	0	

## Notes

- G Road is classified as a minor arterial but will be built to a modified major collector section as depicted herein.
- Vertical curbs, gutters and sidewalks are required on both sides of all collector streets
- All collector streets shall be surfaced with Hot Bituminous Pavement (HBP) or Portland Cement Concrete (PCC).
- Additional right-of-way width will be required for construction of dedicated right-turn lanes. See chapters of the City's Transportation Engineering Design Standards for Speed Change Lane Dimensions.
- See details of Multi-purpose Easement Adjacent to Right-of-Way in the standard contract documents.
- For Sight Zone requirements refer to 29.28.150 of the TEDS Manual.
- From 23 1/2 road to Highway 6 & 50, the ditch along the North side will need to be piped.
- 24 road to 23 1/2 road is existing. Only requirement is to install meandering sidewalks, along the North side of 24 road to 23 3/4 road mimicking the sidewalk to the west.
- 25 1/2 to 25 has developable ground in place of the channel.
- As ROW varies in G road segments so does the width of the vegetated buffer.
- The trail on the South side of Leach Creek is part of the active transportation corridor.
- Vertical elements required in the buffer zone between the travel lane and bike lane to satisfy the condition of a protected bike lane (PBL) when speed is => 40 mph. Buffered bike lane (without vertical elements) may be acceptable when <40 mph or a parallel trail with a width of 10 feet or more is provided.
- \* At approximately 24 1/4 road Leach Creek moves South, the detached sidewalk is required on the South side of G road.
- \*\* Where Leach Creek is adjacent to G Road, the south right of right-of-way line shall be established 6" north of the top of the bank.

# Trail/Pathway



## Trail/Pathway

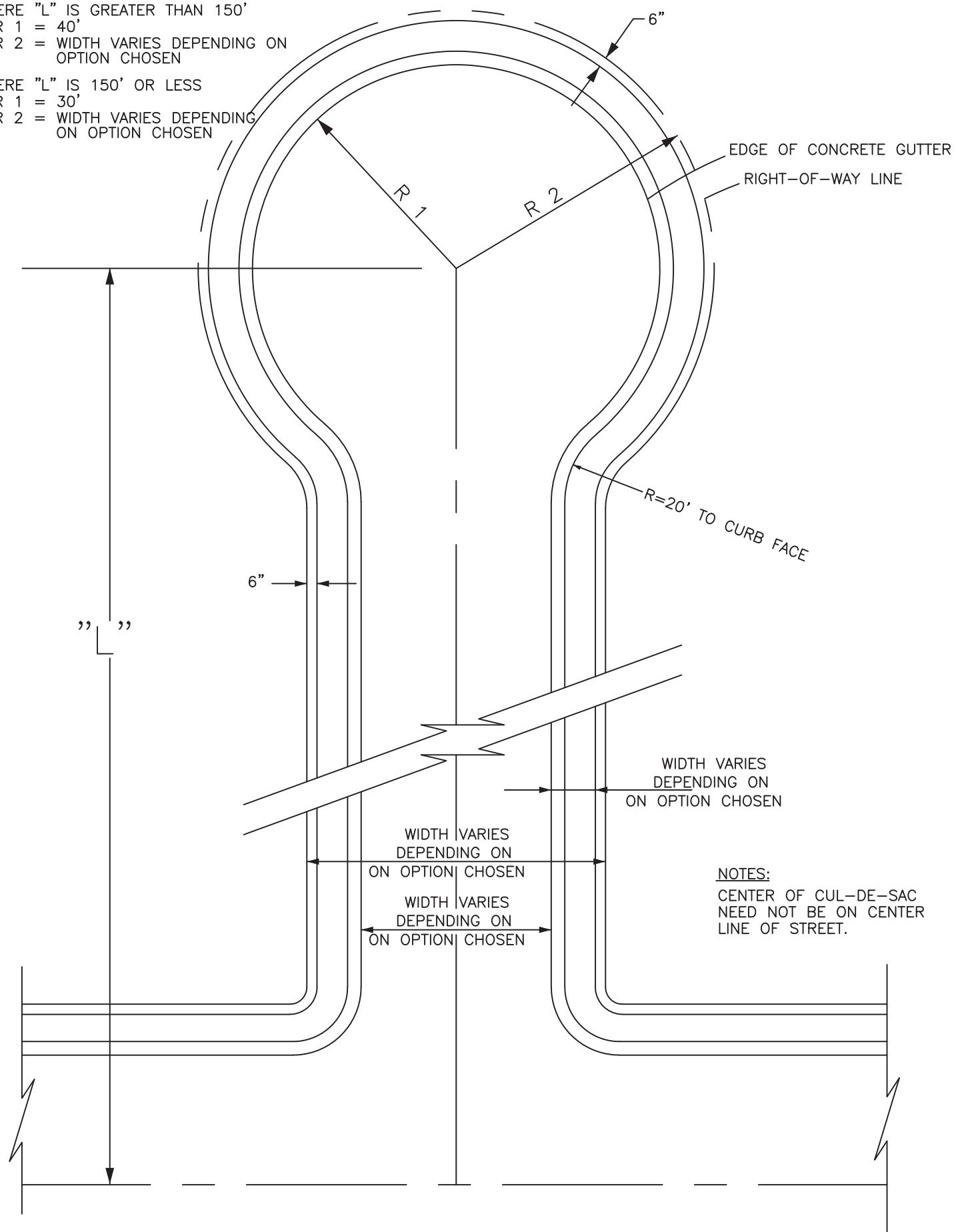
		A	B	C	D
Type	Ownership	Width	Subgrade/Base Width	Shoulder	Railing
Trail	Right of Way, Tract, or Public Easement	Varies	Width of Trail + 12"	2.5 Base Course or Landscaping	42" High
Pathway	HOA Tract with Public Easement	6	7	2.5 Base Course or Landscaping	42" High

### Notes

- A Trail/Pathway shall be designed in accordance with the AASHTO "Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities" current edition.
- A minimum width of 8' may be allowed were physical constraints preclude the standard width.
- Trail/pathway has a maximum slope of 2%.
- Shoulder has a max slope of 6:1.
- Where slopes exceed 3:1 and  $E > 2'$  a railing is required.
- Drainage should be designed for 2 year storm.
- If the trail/pathway is along an Active Transportation Corridor or is near a high volume destination like a school or hospital, a 12 foot width may be required to meet demand and mitigate conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians..
- Refer to Zoning and Development Code for fencing requirements.
- Trails/pathway shall be a minimum of 4" of concrete on 6" of class 6 base course on 6" of reconditioned subgrade.

WHERE "L" IS GREATER THAN 150'  
R 1 = 40'  
R 2 = WIDTH VARIES DEPENDING ON  
OPTION CHOSEN

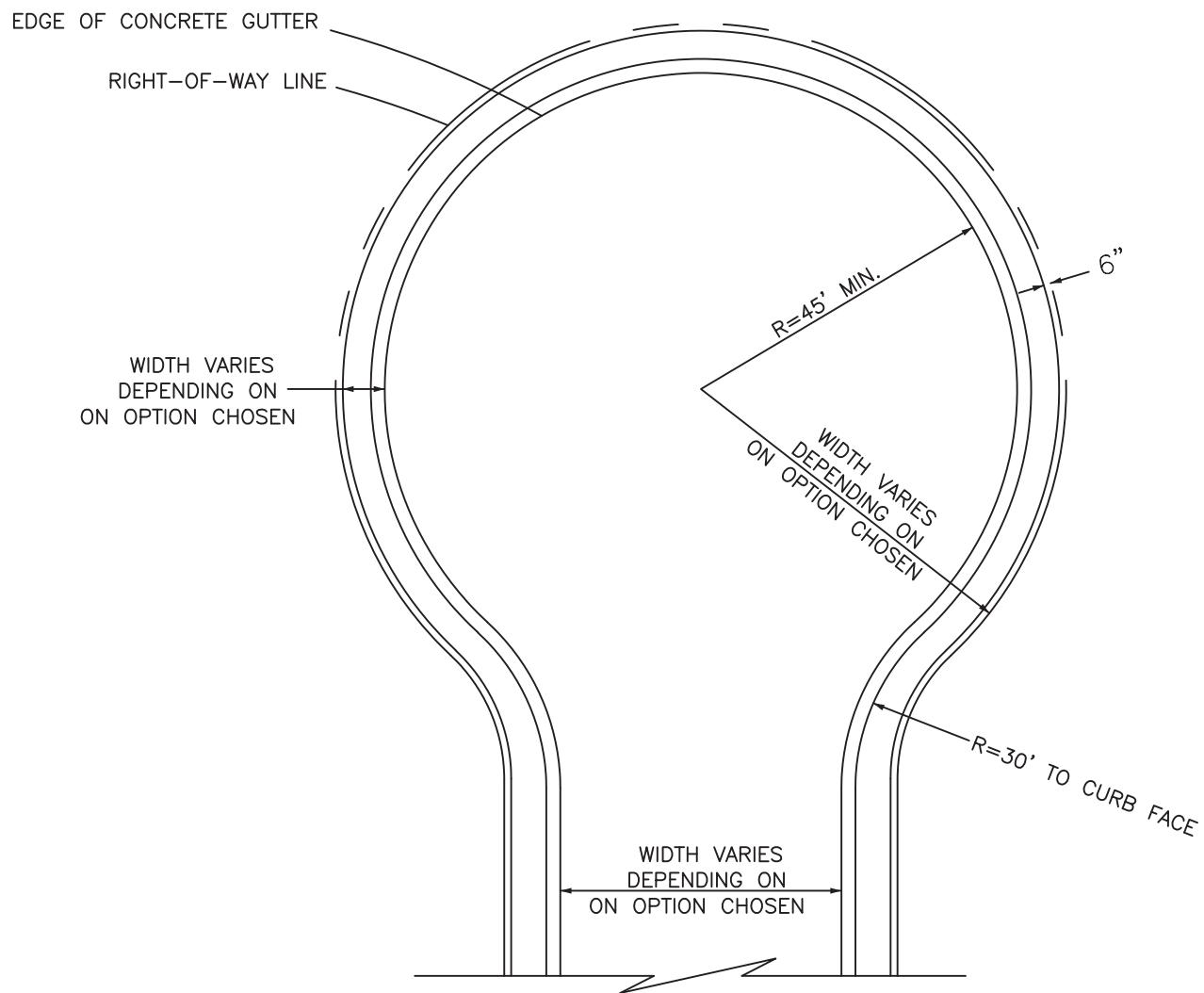
WHERE "L" IS 150' OR LESS  
R 1 = 30'  
R 2 = WIDTH VARIES DEPENDING  
ON OPTION CHOSEN



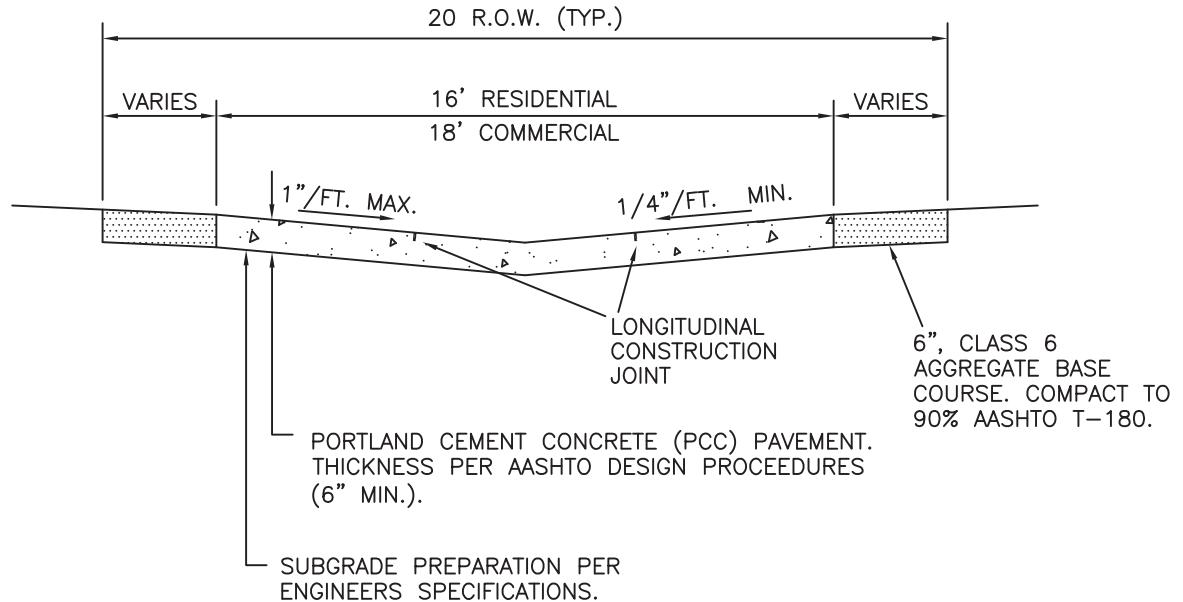
CUL-DE-SAC TURN AROUND – RESIDENTIAL COURT

NOTES:

CENTER OF CUL-DE-SAC  
NEED NOT BE ON CENTER  
LINE OF STREET.



CUL-DE-SAC TURN AROUND – MIN. DIMENSIONS – COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL COURT



THE NOTES BELOW PERTAIN TO THE STANDARD CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTION:

- ① SAW CUT LONGITUDINAL CONTRACTION JOINTS SPACED AT 1/3 PAVEMENT WIDTH. (SEE DETAIL ON PAGE C-29)
- ② SAW CUT TRANSVERSE CONTRACTION JOINTS AT 10' SPACING (SEE DETAIL ON PAGE C-29)
- ③ SEE PAGE C-06 FOR EXPANSION JOINT SPACING.
- ④ ALL EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION JOINTS SHALL BE SEALED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DETAILS ON PAGE C-28.
- ⑤ PCC PAVEMENT SHALL BE DESIGNED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AASHTO GUIDE FOR DESIGN OF PAVEMENT STRUCTURES.

**PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE ANALYSIS WORKSHEET**

**IMPACTED PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE FACILITIES**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>	<b>If answered YES, please describe.</b>	<b>Identify mitigations (where applicable)</b>
Does the proposed land use change existing pedestrian or bicycle facilities?			
Is the land use on or adjacent to a proposed bicycle facility identified in the <a href="#"><u>Pedestrian &amp; Bicycle Plan</u></a> ?			
Does the project conflict with a proposed bicycle facility identified in the <a href="#"><u>Pedestrian &amp; Bicycle Plan</u></a> ?			
Is the site within an existing or proposed shared micromobility zone? If so, does the site plan include dedicated space for storage of shared bicycles and scooters?			
Is the project within an overlay zone? If so does it comply with pedestrian and bicycle elements of the overlay zone?			

DATE:

TRANSPORTATION PLANNER/ENGINEER:



# APPLICATION

## Transportation Engineering Design Standards (TEDS) Exception Request

City File No.: TED- (To be filled in by City Staff)

Project:

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Project:

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City File No.: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Referenced chapter in TEDS and a brief description of the request(s)

## Request #1 -

## Request #2 -

### Request #3 -

## 2. Site Description

## REQUEST #1 -

#### A. Description:

## B. Exception Considerations

## 1. How will the exception affect safety?

2. Have other alternatives been considered that would meet the standard?
3. Has the proposed design been used in other areas?
4. Will the exception require CDOT or FHWA coordination?
5. Is this a one-time exception or a request to change the TEDS manual?

**REQUEST #2 -**

- A. Description:
- B. Exception Considerations
  1. How will the exception affect safety?
  2. Have other alternatives been considered that would meet the standard?
  3. Has the proposed design been used in other areas?
  4. Will the exception require CDOT or FHWA coordination?
  5. Is this a one-time exception or a request to change the TEDS manual?

**REQUEST #3 -**

- A. Description:
- B. Exception Considerations
  1. How will the exception affect safety?

2. Have other alternatives been considered that would meet the standard?
3. Has the proposed design been used in other areas?
4. Will the exception require CDOT or FHWA coordination?
5. Is this a one-time exception or a request to change the TEDS manual?

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Transportation Engineering Design Standards (TEDS) Exception Request

Submit the application and associated drawings, in electronic format, using the following instructions.

City File No.: \_\_\_\_\_ *(To be filled in by City Staff)*

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ *Fill in all lines in this section unless otherwise noted*

Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City File No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Referenced chapter in TEDS and a brief description of the request(s)**

Cite the section of TEDS for which the exception is being sought and briefly state what the request is. Examples are shown below:

Request #1 - Chapter 29.12.040 - Allow backing into the right of way

Request #2 - Chapter 29.20.060(b)- Reduce the centerline radius of a street

Request #3 - Chapter -.

**2. Site Description**

Describe the site in detail as necessary to explain the project and the TEDS exception request(s). Include a description of surrounding properties and access points when necessary. There should be plenty of detail in this section. Better to include too much than not enough.

Include pictures and drawings as necessary. NOTE: aerial pictures from the City's GIS system, including contours, can be copied and pasted into the document. [www.gjcity.org](http://www.gjcity.org)

**For each TEDS exception request, please complete A and B below**

## REQUEST #1

### A. Description

Describe the request in detail using the applicable section(s) of the TEDS. Why should this request be granted? What does it do for the project? Describe problems created by not granting the TEDS exception; Why can't the TEDS requirement be met? Describe benefits created by granting the TEDS exception.

### B. Exception Considerations

1. How will the exception affect safety?  
Do you believe the exception will compromise safety? If not, explain why and be specific.
2. Have other alternatives been considered that would meet the standard?  
Show as many alternatives as possible including those that meet TEDS. This is critical. Think out of the box. The committee will ask questions like "Can they buy an adjoining parcel and design it to meet TEDS requirements?"

#### **Include pictures and drawings.**

Any applications submitted without examples will be returned. Only in rare instances are there requests that don't have alternatives.

3. Has the proposed design been used in other areas?  
Describe how this request has been used in other areas; here or in other locales. Be sure to describe the advantages or disadvantages seen in these areas. Pictures and drawings would be helpful.
4. Will the exception require CDOT or FHWA coordination?  
"No" or "Yes" and a description of what the agency will be looking for.
5. Is this a one-time exception or a request to change the TEDS manual?  
Explain if this is a one-time exception or if you think the TEDS manual should be modified to allow this request permanently.

**REQUEST #2 –Provide complete information for each request as shown for REQUEST #1 above.**

**TRANSPORTATION IMPACT STUDY  
BASE ASSUMPTIONS**

Project Information				
Project Name				
Project Location				
TIS Assumptions				
Study Area Boundaries	North:		South:	
	East:		West:	
Study Years				
Future Traffic Growth Rate				
Study Intersections	1. All Access Drives		2.	
	3.		4.	
	5.		6.	
	7.		8.	
Time Period For Study	AM	PM	Sat Noon	
Trip Generation Rates				
Trip Adjustment Factors	Pass by:		Captive Market:	
Overall Trip Distribution	North	South	East	West
Mode Split Assumptions				
Committed Roadway Improvements				
Other Traffic Studies				
Areas Requiring Special Study				

DATE:

TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER: