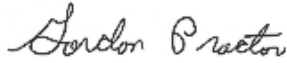


Approved:

Policy Number 21-002(P)
Effective: March 31, 2005
Responsible Division: Production
Management Roadway Engineering



Gordon Proctor
Director

STATE HIGHWAY ACCESS MANAGEMENT POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT:

The State Highway Access Management Policy establishes procedures and standards, through the Adoption and incorporation of the State Highway Access Management Manual, to promote traffic safety and efficiency, and to maintain proper traffic capacity and traffic flow on the state highway system. The state highway system constitutes an integrated network of highways interconnecting all areas of the state and serving the safe, efficient movement of people and goods. The State highway system represents an irreplaceable public asset essential to the public health, welfare, and safety. The Director of Transportation has general supervision of all roads and highways comprising the state highway system. This supervision includes the duty to preserve, maintain, and repair this system, protect the public investment in this system, and ensure its continued use in meeting national, state, regional and local transportation needs. The Director also has the right to grant permits that allow access to the right of way as will not incommode the traveling public. This policy will allow the Director to fairly and consistently implement the principles of Access Management throughout the state highway system, thereby, reducing highway congestion, minimizing traffic delay, improving traffic flow, and preserving highway capacity.

AUTHORITY:

Sections 5501.31 and 5515.01 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC)

REFERENCES:

The State Highway Access Management Manual

A Policy on Geometric Design of Highway and Streets (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington, D.C.)

Transportation and Traffic Engineering Handbook (Institute of Transportation Engineers, Washington, D.C.)

Manual on Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (M.U.T.C.D.), U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration, Washington, D.C.

Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus, Ohio

Location and Design Manual, Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus, Ohio

Construction and Materials Specification Manual, Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus, Ohio

Standard Construction Drawings, Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus, Ohio

Trip Generation, Institute of Transportation Engineers, Washington, D.C.

Roadside Design Guide, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Washington, D.C.

Highway Capacity Manual, Transportation Research Board, Washington, D.C.

Property Management Manual for the Real Estate Disposal Function, Ohio Department of Transportation, Columbus, Ohio

SCOPE:

All Districts, Divisions and Offices of the Ohio Department of Transportation.

BACKGROUND:

By establishing Access Management as policy, ODOT accomplishes one of its goals of gaining capacity and enhancing the safety of the state highway system without reconstruction. The policy also promotes the use of Access Management as a means of mitigating its Safety and Congestion programs. The policy also provides for consistency in application of Access Management across the state. With adoption of this policy, ODOT will demonstrate its commitment to fiscal responsibility.

TRAINING:

The Division of Roadway Engineering Services will provide training for District and Central Office personnel to implement the policy and the use of the Highway Access Management Manual.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Access Management policy will have no initial cost for the Department since it will be implemented within the Department. Compliance with this policy will standardize the process by which the Department addresses the type, design, location, and frequency of access points to state highways. It provides engineering features necessary to the effective maintenance and protection of the state highway system. It does not violate any property owner rights to access to the public highway system, and maintains the Department's authority to regulate the access to the highway system to the public trust in addressing safety and congestion.