Access Management

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Where We’ve Been…

- Determining the need for Access Management
- State Transportation Board Policy
Where We’ve Been (cont.)

- ADOT’s Access Management Plan
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The Need for Access Management

- Arizona has experienced unprecedented growth throughout the State during the past decade creating challenges for the transportation system statewide.

- Access management has proven to preserve the function, efficiency and safety of state highways.
State Transportation Board
Policy #12
(adopted August 2003)

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

- A consultant group was selected to conduct a Study and develop the Access Management Plan for ADOT (Sept. 2005)

- External stakeholder meetings conducted over the next few years.

- Access Management Plan completed (June 2009)
Goals of the Access Management Plan

- Planned & Controlled Access
- Consistency
- Balance
Planned & Controlled Access

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

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

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

- State Highway Access Categories
  - 8 categories assigned based on functionality of road

- Access Category Assignment Schedule
  - Vast table and maps which lists highway segments by mile posts, and assigned access category
Components of ADOT’s Access Management Plan (cont.)

- Access Location And Design Criteria
  - Assists in determines the location, type, and design of approach encroachments

- Access Plans for Corridors and Traffic Interchanges
  - Provides for traffic operation criteria for specifically selected segments of a state highway corridor or traffic interchange
Where We Are…

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

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Program to consist of the following components

- Access Management Manual
  - Administrative Rules
  - Policies, Guidelines, & Procedures
  - Intergovernmental Agreements
  - Access Category Schedule
  - Design Standards
  - Forms, Tables, Maps, Etc
Program to consist of the following components (cont.)

- Interactive Web-Based Application
  - Manual
  - Links
  - Forms
  - Maps
  - Tables
Program to consist of the following components (cont.)

- Access / Encroachment Permit Process

The Department is conducting an analysis to determine whether possible changes to the current Encroachment Permit Process are warranted
In January 2009, the Governor instituted a Moratorium on all rulemaking, prohibiting state agencies from adopting administrative rules, with few exceptions.

The Moratorium has been extended several times, by both the Governor and the Legislature, and is currently in effect through December 31, 2014.
Continued Use of Current Guidelines

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

- Internal Working Committee
- External Working Committee
- Administrative Rules
Where Are We Going… (cont.)

- Statewide Informational Forums
- Additional Information
Internal Working Group began meeting in November 2009, to develop the Department’s Access Management Manual.

The Manual is completed.
The Department will continue to discuss further development of the Program, so that we are able to fully consider the interests of the State, Developers, Land Owners, Local Municipalities, and the Motoring Public.
External Working Group

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

- Consisting of the following stakeholders:
  - Valley Partnership
  - Central Arizona Association of Governments
  - Central Yavapai Metropolitan Planning Organization
  - Communication with tribes will be facilitated by MPD’s Tribal Planner
Administrative Rulemaking

- ADOT anticipates beginning the rulemaking process upon the expiration of the Moratorium on Rulemaking.

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

Statewide Informational Forums

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

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

- Federal Highway Administration
  www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/access_mgmt/

- Transportation Research Board
  www.accessmanagement.info

- Arizona Department of Transportation
  www.azdot.gov/accessmanagement