

OBJECTIVES

Land development has so greatly increased in recent years that maximum protection to the highway system must be assured by the regulation of ingress and egress to properties abutting State Highways. The enactment of "Standards and Regulations for Access to State Highways" is intended to provide guidelines for the orderly and safe movement of traffic in and out of public and private properties with minimum interference to through highway traffic. Control dimensions, location restrictions and drainage criteria are essential parts of entrance design. These Standards and Regulations are intended as guidelines for the development of a safe access provision for the intended use of the abutting property.

These guidelines apply to access for land development projects or the expansion of existing land uses. Existing entrances affected by highway construction will be designed using engineering judgement in order to obtain as safe an access facility as possible given the restrictions peculiar to the site. It is not the intent of this Department to destroy the viability of existing commercial establishments by the application of standards and regulations found in this policy.

MANUAL UPDATE

It is recognized that revisions to these standards and regulations will be required from time to time. Proposed revisions shall be recommended to the Director of Highways and the Secretary of Transportation. Upon their approval the revisions shall be incorporated into the Manual and the revised pages distributed to all persons who have obtained copies of the Manual.