SUMMARY: This Bulletin is being issued to advise Designers, Planners, Construction Managers/Engineers and Development and Planning Technologists of revisions to Alberta Transportation Highway Geometric Design Guide 1995, Updated 1999, Chapter I - Access Management Guidelines. The revisions are to the rural commercial developments type accesses on freeway and major expressway corridors. Access to Rural Commercial developments via right in-right out ramps will no longer be permitted. Instead, access to these developments will be via future interchanges, where access to all directions can be ultimately provided. Highway commercial sites should be located at future interchange sites to minimize access disruption once freeway operations are achieved. This will improve safety of the future freeway by reducing U turns or crossing of the highway median to access this type of development.

1. Implementation of Revisions

Implementation
The new guidelines as indicated in this Bulletin are to be implemented immediately as per the usual practice. The revisions are to the access management guidelines to rural commercial type access on freeway and major expressway corridors. The guidelines should be implemented as indicated here unless the cost or timing does not allow such a change to be made on the specific project. The decision to revise or not will be made at the discretion of the Project Sponsor. The attachments circulated under this Bulletin will also be issued as part of the next update to the Highway Geometric Design Guide.

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This Bulletin is effective immediately.
2. Contact

Any outstanding questions should be directed to Technical Standards Branch (Attention: Bill Kenny or Peter Mah, fax (780) 422 2846).

3. Attachments
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These attachments supersede the ones with the same page number in the Highway Geometric Design Guide 1995, Updated 1999.