

Summary


Key Changes

Changes to the department practice for access management have been made, these include the following:

- Provincial highways are divided into four groups, namely Freeway/Expressway, Multi-lane, Major Two-lane and Minor Two-lane based on “future” needs.

- Highway Classification for Roadside Management Map (Protection for Ultimate Configuration). The Map is used to identify where each highway segment fits within the four groups.

- Guidelines for each access type (spacing, permitted or not, etc.) based on four access management groups.

- Setback of the access road intersection at interchanges, measured along the minor road, shall be a minimum of 400 m away from the nearest interchange ramp intersection or 150 m from end of taper treatment, whichever is greater.

- A permit is required for the placement of any “development” within 300 m of a controlled highway or 800 m from the centre point of a controlled highway and another highway or public roadway as per the Highway Development Control Regulation (HDCR, s. 2).

- This Design Bulletin supersedes Design Bulletin #12/2003

- This Design Bulletin supersedes the current guidelines, Chapter I – Access Management Guidelines.

The new guidelines as indicated in this Bulletin are to be implemented immediately as per the usual practice. The decision to revise or not on any particular project 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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Attachments