INDOT Statewide Access Management Study

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What is Access Management?

The Control and Regulation of the Spacing and Design of:
- Driveways
- Medians
- Median Openings
- Traffic Signals
- Freeway Interchanges

What Happens If You Don’t Manage Access?

What are the Benefits of Access Management?
- Fewer Accidents
- Increased Capacity
- Shorter Travel Time

What are the Principles of Access Management?
- Limit the number of conflict points
- Separate the conflict points
- Remove turning volumes and queues from through movements

Right-In / Right-Out / Left-In

6 Conflicts
Techniques to Separate Conflict Points

- Driveway separation
- Corner clearance
- Median opening spacing
- Signal spacing

What techniques are available to remove turns and queues from the through-movement?

- Turn lanes / tapers
- Turn radii / driveway flare
- Driveway width
- Internal site design

Movement / Access Balance

How Can We Institute Access Management?

- Permitting
- Road improvements
- Cooperation with local governments

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- Permitting
  - New developments
  - Expanded developments
How Can We Institute Access Management?

- **Road Improvements**
  - Widenings
  - Intersection upgrades
  - Installing new restrictive medians
  - New roads

- **Cooperation with Local Governments**
  - Site plan review
  - Improved subdivision regulations
    - Larger minimum frontages
    - No more “flag” lots
  - Joint access/Cross access

**Improved Subdivision Regulations**

- Larger Minimum Frontages
- Alternate Access

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Tasks 1 to 3
- Project Coordination & Assessment of Current Conditions

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Work Task No. 1
- Establish a Study Advisory Committee made up of INDOT, MPO, and local land use planning representatives to provide oversight to the study process
- INDOT Representatives:
  - Planning
  - Engineering Assessment
  - Program Development
  - Operations Support
  - District Permits Representatives
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**Work Task No. 2**
- Review Indiana access management related state legislation and rules
- Compare with national access management practices
- Recommend potential enhancements to improve Indiana procedures

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**Work Task No. 3**
- Review the relationship of the INDOT access management process with the local land development process (access permits, zoning and subdivision approvals)
- Recommend potential improved procedures

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**Tasks 4 to 6**
**Classification System**
- Develop an access management classification system based on the INDOT Long Range Plan’s statewide mobility corridor concept
- Recommend acceptable access, spacing, and design criteria
- Refine the roadway classification system of statewide mobility corridors, regional mobility corridors, and local access roadways to provide a classification for Special Transportation Areas
- Consider context-sensitive solutions and special access management treatments to deal with unique characteristics of an area

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**Work Task No. 4**
- Identify access management techniques for implementing the classification scheme
- Examples:
  - Access Spacing
  - Signal Spacing
  - Median Treatment
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Tasks 7 to 10
Products

• Develop an Implementation Plan for strengthening access management in Indiana
  • Steps
  • Authority
  • Organizational Responsibilities
  • Process

State of Indiana
INDOT
MPOs
City and County Governments

• Develop a pilot project for a US 31 corridor preservation program which will:
  • Focus on access management techniques
  • Provide recommendations for right-of-way reservation and advance acquisition

Miles
Planning Classification
Greater than 5000 Population
Local Access Corridors
Regional Corridors
Statewide Mobility Corridors

Corridor Hierarchy

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Work Task No. 8

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INDOT Access Management Guide

• Produce an Indiana Access Management Guide including content for web pages on the INDOT website
  • Explaining the INDOT Process used for managing access
  • Identifying access management techniques and benefits
  • Coordinating local land development and access management processes
  • Identifying how access management fits into the Long-Range Transportation Plan

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Work Task No. 9

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Work Task No. 10

• Conduct a 1-day access management course at up to three locations to include:
  • Introduction and course objective
  • Overview of access management
  • Issues with current policy and practices
  • Recommended changes
  • Draft implementing mechanisms

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