

Design Standards Letter

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Subject: Policy on Maintenance Responsibility and Designation of Outer Roadways, Service Roads, and Relocated Local Roads

Body

ALL DIVISION AND DISTRICT ENGINEERS AND CHIEF COUNSEL:

Attached hereto is a policy on Maintenance Responsibility and Designation of Outer Roadways, Service Roads, and Relocated Local Roads consisting of situation sketches and instructional or explanatory narratives for each situation.

The attached policy was approved by the Design Committee and was previewed during the Surveys and Plans Division session of the Highway Engineers Association Meeting on February 7, 1966.

The following is an attempt to set out guides for the uniform implementation of the policy.

This policy introduces a new term "Service Road" which is distinguishable from Outer Roadways and other designated roadways as explained by the following definitions:

1. Roads to be designated "Outer Roadways" on the plans must (a) provide direct access to the freeway or expressway by means of an interchange or at-grade intersection, (b) be constructed fully within the limited access right-of-way of the freeway or expressway, and (c) must be maintained by the State. The inside shoulder line of all Outer Roadways must be marked with the "No Right of Access" symbol.
2. Roads to be designated "Service Roads" on the plans (a) do not necessarily provide direct access to the freeway or expressway but do provide access to other established road systems, (b) may be located wholly or partially within the limited access right-of-way of the freeway or expressway, (c) must be maintained by the State where located within the limited access right-of-way and may be maintained by the State where located or constructed on non-limited access right-of-way. The inside shoulder line of Service Roads located within limited access right-of-way must be marked with the "No Right of Access" symbol.

3. Roads not meeting the criteria for (1) Outer Roadways or (2) Service Roads must (a) be constructed on right-of-way outside the limits of the normal freeway limited access right-of-way and (b) be maintained by the local political subdivision. These roads should be designated by a term descriptive of their function, i.e., relocated local road, relocated city street, county road extension, etc.

Proper procedure is to determine, at the strip map stage, the responsibility for the maintenance of all approximately parallel roads necessitated by the construction of the freeway or expressway. Agreements with the local political subdivisions should be obtained as soon as possible after final strip map approval. Each road should then be properly designated on the design plans with respect to its function and the right-of-way established consistent with the policy. In order to write separate descriptions in the deed for limited access rights-of-way and non-limited access rights-of-way, it will be necessary to compute and show on the plans the areas required for each.

The limited access highway notes which are placed on the titled sheets of plans by the Main Office have been revised to include provisions for access to Service Roads in addition to Outer Roadways. These notes have been attached for your information. The Main Office will continue to place these notes on the title sheets of applicable projects.

All plans which have not has right-of-way approval should be reviewed for conformity with this policy and revisions made as applicable.

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