

What is Access Management?

A road may have several access points, including entries to businesses, farms, and residences. Each one creates several potential conflict points where accidents can occur.

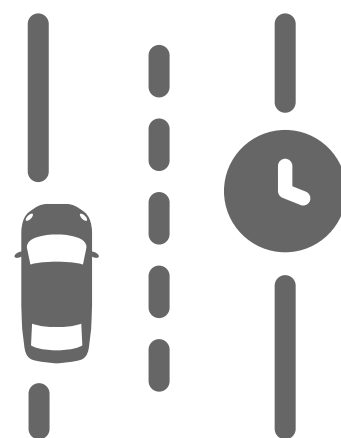
Access management is the systematic control of the location, spacing, design, and operation of driveways, median openings, intersections, and interchanges on state roadways. The core purposes of access management are to balance traffic and access, improve safety, and maintain capacity.

Improve Safety



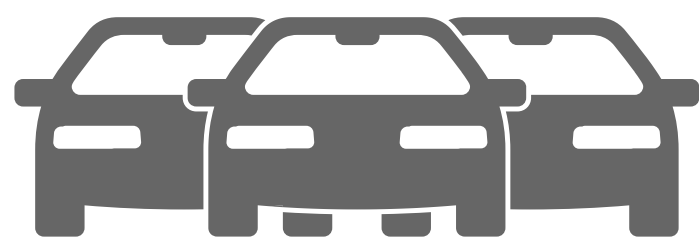
Properly spacing access points reduces “conflict points” where vehicles cross paths, lowering the risk of crashes, injuries, and driver confusion.

Balance Traffic and Access



Roadways serve two competing purposes — allowing through-traffic to move quickly and safely, and providing access to adjacent properties. Access management finds the proper balance between these needs.

Maintain Capacity



Limiting and organizing driveway connections reduces congestion and delays, allowing roads to carry higher volumes of traffic smoothly.