

4 - Safety

- Are safety and operational issues with main road or local street connections avoided?
- Are there acceleration or deceleration lanes if needed?
- Is the sight distance adequate?
- Are substandard vertical and horizontal curve and geographic constraints avoided?
- Are the number of conflict points reduced?

7. Design Strategies

The stakeholder group reviewed literature and garnered information from experienced professionals to provide ideas and options for access on SH 94 that may be consistent with a segment's goals and criteria for access. These design options provide a list of ideas for allowing mobility and access without signalized intersections. At appropriate locations and designs, these types of access should be considered for the SH 94 corridor.

Options for Unsignalized Intersections

- Rural Interchange
- Channelized T
- Jug Handles
- Texas Turnaround/Texas U-turn
- Pork Chop Islands
- Directional T
- Less than full movement – Right in right out, $\frac{3}{4}$ Access

Other Physical Options to Avoid the Need for Signals

- U-turns
- Center Medians
- Traffic Signal Phasing Adjustments (one direction of mainline always green)
- Frontage Roads
- Internal Roads built within new developments
- Backage Roads
- Joint Access Agreement/Shared Driveways
- Parallel Arterials

8. Application Process

When an applicant or landowner seeks access to this segment of SH 94 they will need to complete the access permit process as identified within the State Highway Access Code, Volume 2, Code of Colorado Regulations 601-1. For this segment of SH 94, El Paso County will be the issuing authority and all access permit applications must first be submitted to El Paso County, with the corresponding development plan and traffic study (if required) to justify the access.

All permit applications submitted to the County will be reviewed and acted upon by County Staff. Staff will make the final recommendation for access based on the principles of this document. If the Staff recommends approval of an access, the permit application will be forwarded to CDOT for final action. If the County Staff does not approve the access, the application will be returned to the applicant. Staff may postpone a final decision to request additional information. Otherwise, all access permit requests will be reviewed within 45 calendar days of submittal to the County.

Any access application submitted to CDOT without a County referral will be returned to El Paso County for review.

9. Appeal Process

If an application is denied by Staff, the applicant has the right to submit an appeal to the Board of County Commissioners.

If CDOT denies an access application, the applicant may appeal the decision according to Section 2.9 of the State Highway Access Code.

10. Plan Implementation

El Paso County agrees to review access requests and recommend access decisions to CDOT based on the principles outlined in this document. The document will be implemented in conjunction with the development review process, the Land Development Code, and Board of County Commissioner resolution.

CDOT agrees to adhere to the recommendations of El Paso County in regards to access determination for this section of SH 94 and will refer access applications lacking such a recommendation back to the County. CDOT's final access decisions will be consistent with the goals of this Access Management Plan and the State Highway Access Code.