

Access Management Short Course/Workshop

The Center for Urban Transportation Research (CUTR) offers a short course/workshop on Access Management. The co-authors of the *Access Management Manual* published by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) in 2003 -- Vergil G. Stover, Ph.D., P.E. and Kristine M. Williams, AICP – are the instructors. The course is typically 3 days in length. However, it can be 2 days, 4 days or 4 ½ days in length depending upon the sponsoring agency's interests. The training can be directed to local governments, state DOT's, or a combination of agencies and individuals involved in access management issues.

Description

The TRB Access Management Manual is used as the basic course reference. However, the short course workbook includes a variety of supplementary materials that have become available since the Manual was published or elaborate upon information in the Manual. Topics addressed include the following: 1) Benefits of access management, 2) Retrofit experience, 3) Access management by a state DOT, including access classification of the state highway system, 4) Land development and access management strategies (local strategies, state/local coordination) 5) Public involvement, 6) Corridor access management plans and cooperative agreements, 7) Access management in the land development process, 8) Roadway classification for access management, 9) Access connection permitting, coordination and training, 12) Design principles, 13) Access location, 14) Driveway design, 15) Medians and median treatments, 16) Access management techniques, and 17) State access management regulations and local government ordinances.

Diagrams, sketches and photographs are used to illustrate procedures, concepts and access management practices. Exercises and discussion sessions are used to obtain participant involvement and to facilitate understanding of the material. Participants are encouraged to ask questions relative to material presented by the instructors or included in the Manual and how it might relate to current agency practice.

The instructors attempt to obtain guidance as to probable interest by providing the short course coordinator with a list of topics and subtopics to use in rating the topics/subtopics being of: 1) great interest, 2) some interest, or 3) little interest.

Depending upon the expressed interests, topics such as the following might be addressed in more detail than contained the Manual: 1) The source and rationale for information in the TRB Manual, 2) Regulatory issues (including content for state regulations and local ordinances), 3) Inclusion of access management in local government's general (comprehensive) plan, zoning, subdivision regulations and other land development ordinances and practices, 4) Warrants for, and design of, left-turn and right-turn lanes, 5) Access connection spacing, 6) Driveway design, 7) Access

management techniques and practices, 8) Traffic impact assessment and developer contributions, 9) Accomplishing alternative access through street network, cross access and connectivity requirements; 10) Review of current agency access management regulations, policies, designs and practices.

Who Should Attend

This course is relevant to personnel concerned with roadway classification for access management purposes and the development and implementation of access management regulations, practices, procedures and standards at the state, county or municipal level. Individuals for whom the course is designed include the following: 1) planners and engineers involved with the preparation of a general (comprehensive) plan for a municipality or county, 2) persons drafting land development ordinances, 3) persons concerned with access location and design criteria, 4) engineers, planners and consultants involved in the preparation of corridor plans, and 5) engineers, planners and architects involved in the preparation, review or approval of site access location and circulation plans for development abutting public roadways.

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