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Purpose:

To Define the Types of Highways Constructed

Summary:

Three (3) types of highways and four (4) types of access control are defined.

The full text of the proposed rule is:

All cites herein refer to the most current version of the cited document.

TYPE 1. FREEWAY

A freeway is defined as a highway or section thereof with full control of access which has been designated as such by order of the Commission. On Freeways, no vehicular access from the abutting property to the through traffic lanes is permitted except at interchanges constructed at intersecting streets and highways. Frontage roads may be constructed on controlled access highways and where constructed vehicular access from the abutting property to the frontage road will be permitted. The frontage road will then carry such traffic to a cross road or street with an interchange for entry into the through traffic lanes. Pedestrians crossing controlled access highways at grade is not permitted. Utility lines may be located on the right of way of controlled access highways when such location conforms with the requirements of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Policy on the Accommodation of Utilities on Freeway Rights-of-Way and the regulations set out in the Standard Operating Procedures. Freeways may be developed by stage construction.

TYPE 2. PARTIALLY CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAYS

Partially controlled access highways or sections thereof vary in degree of control according to the traffic problems present or anticipated. They are defined as follows:

- A. Highways or sections thereof designated by the Commission as TYPE 2A may have frontage roads - constructed on one or both sides of the highway or rights of way may be or have been provided for future construction of frontage roads on one or both sides of the highway. Until such frontage road or roads are constructed, vehicular access from abutting property directly to and from the traffic lanes may be permitted in the same manner as for conventional highways unless the right of access was purchased with the right of way. Upon construction of the frontage road or roads, vehicular access from abutting property may be permitted into the frontage road only and then is brought into the through traffic lanes over intersecting streets and highways or over approved connections of the frontage

road with the through traffic lanes. The rights of way of TYPE 2A highways may be used for the construction and maintenance of utility lines and other approved installations in accordance with the Department's Standard Operating Procedures.

- B. On highways or sections thereof designated by the Commission as TYPE 2B vehicular travel from and to through traffic lanes is permitted only at established entrances and exits. The abutter's access rights between such entrances and exits has been or is to be purchased with the rights of way. Rights of way purchased so as to deny access from abutting property may be used for the construction and maintenance of utility lines; however, such construction and maintenance must be accomplished without vehicular travel from and to the traffic lanes or ramps and comply with the Department's Standard Operating Procedures.

TYPE 3. CONVENTIONAL HIGHWAYS

Conventional highways are those highways consisting of two traffic lanes or divided highways with two or more lanes in each direction without frontage roads on either sides, and which have not been designated by the Commission as either Freeways or Partially Controlled Access Highways. On conventional highways, vehicular ingress and egress from abutting property directly to and from the through traffic lanes is permitted. The rights of way conventional highways may be used for the construction and maintenance of utility lines or other approved installations in accordance with the Department's Standard Operating Procedures.

This policy is based on:

Section 65-5-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated
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