Chapter 04018 Access Management Manual

Purpose

100 To establish a Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) Access Management Manual that constitutes the Mississippi Department of Transportation’s policy for access location determination and procedures for coordinated development between state highways and the abutting properties which they serve.

101 The manual will provide clarification of the administrative procedures and standards as contained in Rules 37.I.7501.04002 “Right of Way Encroachment Permits”; 37.I.7501.04013 “Driveway and Street Connections, Median Openings, Frontage Roads”; and 37.I.7501.03001 “Processing of Permit Applications.”

General

200 The primary purpose of the MDOT Access Management Manual is to establish access management standards that will:
1. Maintain the overall safety of the transportation system.
2. Minimize congestion.
3. Minimize crashes.
4. Provide for efficient traffic flow.
5. Preserve existing system capacity.
6. Provide for pedestrian safety.
7. Maintain roadway aesthetics.
8. Provide appropriate access to adjacent business properties.

201 The access management standards found in the MDOT Access Management Manual will apply to all state highways.

202 All new construction and reconstruction projects shall incorporate the access management guidelines found in the MDOT Access Management Manual.

203 The access management policy found in the MDOT Access Management Manual will apply to all developments or re-permitting of existing access points due to changed land use.

Methods of Modification

301 The Maintenance Division will have the responsibility of maintaining the manual. Modifications to the manual will be made by the State Maintenance Engineer and approved by the Deputy Executive Director/Chief Engineer.

Hard copies of the MDOT Access Management Manual, Current Edition can be obtained from the Maintenance Division of the MDOT Central Office and the MDOT District Offices.