



## **May 21 CTB Meeting**

### **Status Report on the Proposed Access Management Regulations and Standards for Minor Arterials, Collectors, Local Streets**

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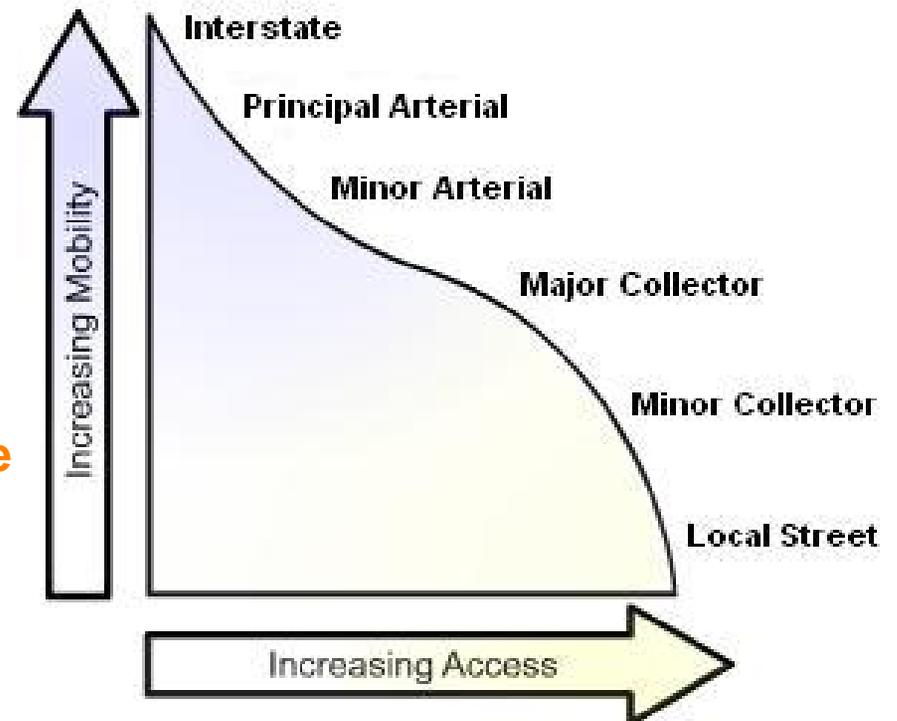
# Access Management

Regulations and standards for location, number, spacing, and design of:

- Commercial entrances
- Intersections/median openings
- Traffic signals
- Entrances near interchange ramps

Based on functional classification of the highway for:

- Access to property
- Through traffic mobility



## Background

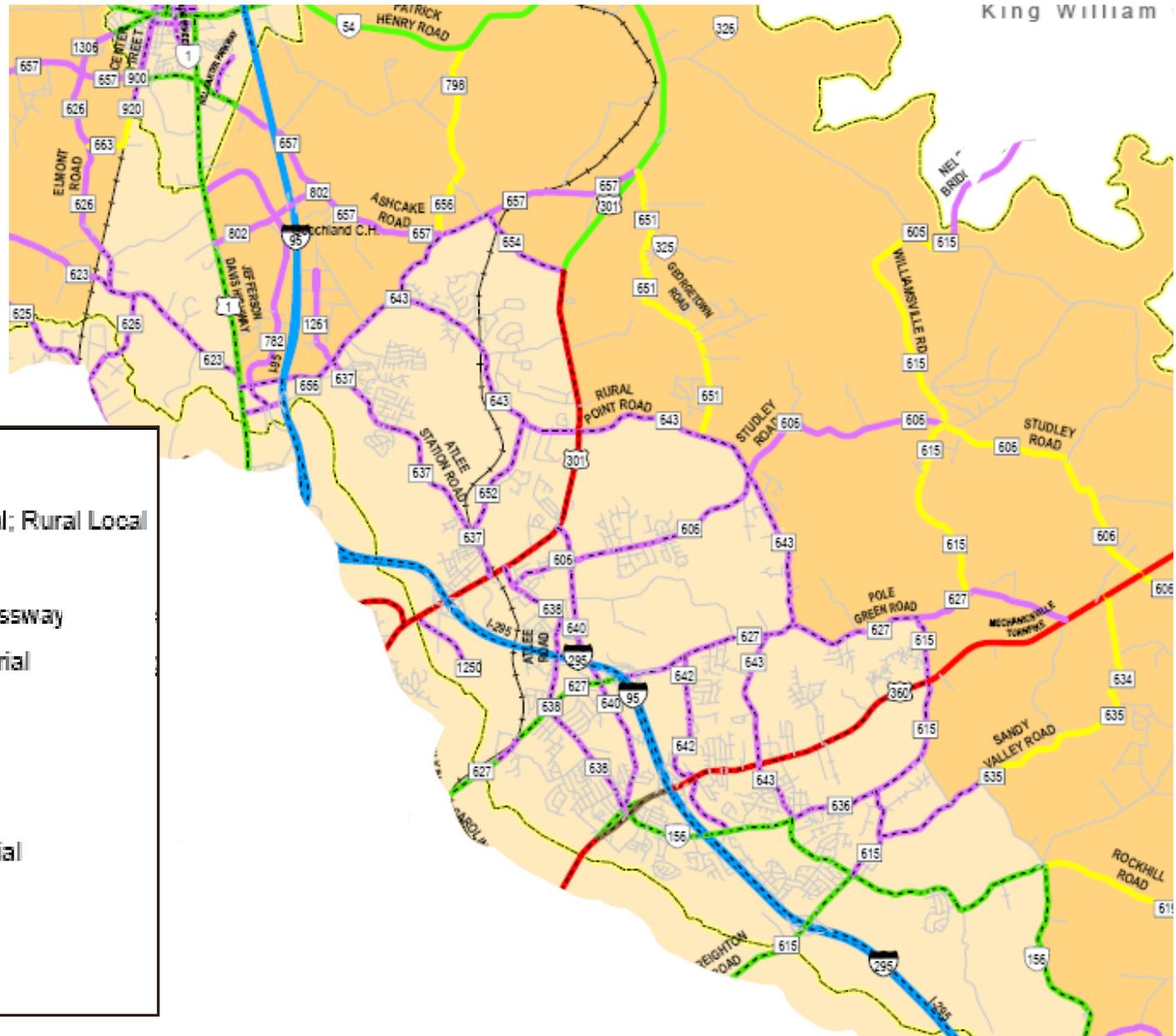
### 2007 General Assembly

- **Directed Commissioner to develop and implement access management regulations and standards**
  - For all VDOT Highways
- **Commissioner approved regulations December 31, 2007**
  - To be effective on July 1, 2008

### 2008 General Assembly: Phased Implementation

- **Phase I: Principal Arterials**
  - Regulations/standards for principal arterials took effect July 1, 2008
- **Phase II: Minor Arterials, Collectors, Local Streets**
  - Regulations/standards to undergo public review according to the Administrative Process Act
  - Take effect October 1, 2009

## Example of Principal & Minor Arterial, Collector, Local Street Network



**Legend**

- Not Classified; Urban Local; Rural Local
- Urban Interstate
- Urban Freeway and Expressway
- Urban Other Principal Arterial
- Urban Minor Arterial
- Urban Collector
- Rural Interstate
- Rural Other Principal Arterial
- Rural Minor Arterial
- Rural Major Collector
- Rural Minor Collector

## Proposed Access Management Regulations: Minor Arterials, Collectors, Local Streets

### Public Comment Period

- October 13 to December 15, 2008
- Encouraged the public to provide comments via the internet, the mail, and at the public hearings

### Public Hearings: 70 people attended

- Richmond – October 28
- Staunton – October 30
- Northern VA – November 5
- Southwest VA (Pulaski) – November 12

### Results of the Public Input Process

- Over 200 written and public hearing comments were received
- From local govt., developers, transportation consultants, business & environmental organizations, pedestrian/bicyclist groups, other state agencies, and several individuals.

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### VDOT Responses to Public Comments

- Each commenter received a copy of the comments & VDOT responses
- Comments and responses are posted on the VDOT web site

### Regulations/Standards Revised Based on Public Comments

- Urban collector entrance/intersection spacing standards reduced
- Clarified spacing standards for roundabouts
- Entrance/intersection location to be considered during rezoning, site plan, subdivision plat review
- Greater emphasis on roundabouts, pedestrians & bicyclists
- Easier to understand regulatory exception process
- Shorter deadlines for decisions on appeals and exception requests
- New low volume commercial entrance design: reduce construction cost

## Proposed Access Management Regulations: Minor Arterials, Collectors, Local Streets

### Commissioner Reviews and Approves Regulations

- Approval late May
- Revised regulations posted on VDOT web site

### Complete APA Process: A.G, DPB, Secretary, Governor Review

- From June through September
- Regulations published in VA Register end of August
- Regulations take effect Oct. 1, 2009

### Training Workshops on New Regulations and Standards

- To be scheduled in each District during September

### Repeal of Minimum Standards of Entrances (MSE)

- Replaced by these regulations & standards for all highways
- CTB action to enact repeal MSE to coincide with new reg. effective date

**Questions?**