

ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Title

These regulations together with all future amendments shall be known as the "Pueblo County Roadway Design and Construction Standards" (hereafter called STANDARDS).

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of these STANDARDS is to provide a uniform set of minimum standards for the design and construction of roadways and related improvements within Pueblo County. The intent of these STANDARDS is to provide for a minimum standard level of service. If it can be shown that an alternate design, material or procedure will provide a level of service equal to or better than the required design, material, or procedure, said alternate may be approved by the Director of Public Works.

1.3 Applicability

These STANDARDS apply to all new roadway facilities to be constructed within Pueblo County except where other jurisdictions have direct authority (e.g., Colorado Department of Transportation, City of Pueblo, etc.). It is recognized that improvements to existing roadway facilities and construction of new roadway facilities within old townsites or subdivisions may not be possible in complete conformance with these STANDARDS because of existing alignment or grades, poorly laid out lots, right-of-way restrictions or other conditions. In such conditions the Director of Public Works may approve variations from these STANDARDS where safety is not compromised, and where no increase in expected maintenance cost to the County would result.

1.4 Authority

These STANDARDS have been adopted pursuant to the authority conferred within: Article 28 of Title 30; Article 2 of Title 43 and other applicable sections of the Colorado Revised Statutes of 1973, as amended.

1.5 Amendments and Revisions

These STANDARDS may, when deemed necessary, be altered, amended, or revised upon recommendation of the Director of Public Works and upon resolution of the Pueblo County Board of County Commissioners after the appropriate public review.

ARTICLE 2 - ADMINISTRATION

2.1 The County Road System

The Board of County Commissioners has adopted a Pueblo County Road Map showing all roads that have been officially made a part of the County Road System. This map is updated annually to reflect all additions, deletions and alterations to the County Road System. All open, used and maintained public highways in the un-incorporated area of the County are shown.

2.2 Traffic Control Devices

All traffic control devices installed on County roads shall conform to the most recent edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and any manual or supplement thereto approved and distributed by the Colorado State Highway Commission. The Pueblo County Public Works Department shall be responsible for conducting any accident studies, traffic analysis, traffic control studies or other engineering studies required by state law or by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices which are prerequisite for the installation of traffic control devices on County roads, except as otherwise provided in a condition of a land use approval.

2.3 Road System Additions

The Board of County Commissioners is authorized by Section 43-2-112, C.R.S. 1973, to layout, widen, alter or change any County road and to acquire lands of private persons for County roads. The Public Works Department has staff responsibility for the planning, design, right-of-way acquisition, construction and inspection of all improvements to the existing County Road System. Roads constructed by others will ordinarily pass through six steps: planning, design, right-of-way acquisition/dedication, construction, inspection recommendation for acceptance of maintenance responsibilities, and acceptance of maintenance responsibilities.

2.3.1 Planning

The planning or layout of a new road shall be in accordance with the Pueblo Regional Comprehensive Development Plan. If a road is created through the subdivision process, all provisions of the Pueblo County Subdivision Regulations must be met.

2.3.2 Design

The design of any new road shall be in accordance with Article 5 of these STANDARDS. Road plans and specifications shall be prepared by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Colorado. Plans and specifications are subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works. Plan approval shall be good for one year, after which the Director of Public Works may require that revised plans be submitted to reflect any changes in these STANDARDS or referenced specifications.

2.3.3 Right-of-Way Dedication/Acceptance

A road created through the subdivision process shall have a specified right-of-way width shown on the plat along with a dedication statement. Acceptance of the plat by Pueblo County constitutes acceptance of the right-of-way, but does not constitute acceptance of the road for maintenance. The road does not become accepted for maintenance and part of the County Road System until it is constructed according to these STANDARDS and specifically accepted for maintenance by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

In certain circumstances a public road right-of-way may also be deeded to the County outside of the subdivision process. Any right-of-way conveyed by deed shall meet the same standards relative to width, alignment, etc. as roads created through the subdivision process. Prior to recommending acceptance of any deed for right-of-way, the Public Works Department may

require the submittal of a survey plat, prepared by a professional land surveyor licensed to practice in the State of Colorado. Acceptance of the deed by Pueblo County constitutes acceptance of the right-of-way, but does not constitute acceptance of the road for maintenance. The road does not become accepted for maintenance and part of the County Road System until it is constructed according to these STANDARDS and specifically accepted for maintenance by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

2.3.4 Construction

Construction of new County roads shall comply with the provisions of Article 8.

2.3.5 Inspection

Adequate inspections by the Public Works Department ensure compliance with these STANDARDS and are the basis for the recommendation of the Director of Public Works for acceptance of the roads for maintenance and release of performance guarantees required by the Pueblo County Subdivision Regulations. Requirements for inspections are contained in Article 8.

2.3.6 Acceptance of Public Roads for Maintenance

Roads within the jurisdiction of Pueblo County are accepted for maintenance by the Board of County Commissioners by resolution only after the following requirements are met:

- a. The Public Works Department has inspected the road in accordance with Article 8, and the Director of Public Works has recommended acceptance for maintenance.
- b. The road connects to another maintained County road, state highway or city road.
- c. If within a subdivision, the road terminates at an intersection or is constructed with an approved cul-de-sac.
- d. All required road signs and traffic control devices have been installed in accordance with these STANDARDS.
- e. A performance bond for 15% of the total cost of construction of the road has been submitted to the County to warrant the road construction for one year after the date of acceptance, OR at the developer's option:

The final 15 % of the collateral securing a subdivision improvements agreement covering construction of the road in question will not be released until the one year warranty period is over, OR

The road will not be accepted for maintenance for a one year period after the time of completion of all improvements. At the conclusion of the one year period the Public Works Department will inspect the improvements and notify the developer in writing of any necessary repairs. All such repairs shall be completed by the developer prior to acceptance of the road for maintenance by Pueblo County.

f. All required subsurface utilities, including service stubs, under or within three feet (measured horizontally) of the physical road (including shoulder and curb and gutter) have been installed prior to finishing sub-grade. Utility installations that will be located within the right-of-way but which involve no roadway cuts may be installed later, subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works.

g. As-built plans signed by a licensed professional engineer have been submitted to the Public Works Department, which depict all approved design modifications or significant departures from the original approved plans and specifications.

2.4 Traffic Estimates for Design

All traffic estimates for design required within these STANDARDS shall be based upon estimates provided in Trip Generation, latest edition, by the Institute of Traffic Engineers. Traffic estimates for uses or facilities not covered within that publication will be as approved by or supplied by the Director of Public Works.

ARTICLE 3 - CONSTRUCTION DRAWING REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General Requirements

The construction drawing submittal shall be a complete package which includes all details and documentation necessary for the construction of the proposed improvements. All plans shall be prepared by or under the direction of a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Colorado.

3.2 Cover Sheet

A cover sheet shall be provided with each submittal involving multiple roads or sheets. Cover sheets shall contain:

- a. A vicinity map at a minimum scale of 1" = 2000' which shows the location and name of all arterial or collector roads within one mile of the development and all roads within the proposed development.
- b. Legend.
- c. Name or company name, address and phone number of the engineer preparing the plans.
- d. General notes.
- e. Description and location of permanent vertical bench mark based on U.S.G.S. datum. Where it is not practical due to lack of available existing benchmarks in the area of the development, the plans may reflect an assumed bench elevation upon approval of the Director of Public Works. In the case of an assumed bench elevation a minimum of two benchmarks will be established and identified on the plan. All such bench marks shall be located within the proposed development or within public right-of-way adjoining the development.
- f. Name and phone number of all utility companies with mains, lines, or facilities potentially impacted by the construction.

3.3 Plan and Profile Sheets

Plan and profile sheets shall be submitted for all proposed roadway construction.

Plan view shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. The scale shall be a minimum of 1" = 50'.
- b. Locations and dimensions of existing and proposed property lines, easements, and rights-of-way.
- c. Lot numbers and lot lines and dimensions if the road is within a platted subdivision.
- d. Road names.
- e. Survey and project centerline stationing.
- f. Centerline stations for all intersecting roads, public and private, and for commercial or industrial driveways.
- g. Existing improvements shall be depicted by dashed lines and proposed improvements by solid lines. Existing and proposed road improvements include curb and gutter, sidewalk, pavement,

culverts, guardrail, etc., and includes all structures and appurtenances whether public or private within the right-of-way.

- h. Curve information including radius, interior angle, curve length, and tangent.
- i. Elevation and stationing for all curb returns, points of curvature, points of tangency, angle points and high or low point of vertical curves.
- j. Rate of superelevation if applicable.
- k. Match lines and adjoining sheet numbers.
- l. Existing and proposed utilities, both overhead and underground, including but not limited to water, sewer, electric, gas, telephone, storm sewer and cable television.
- m. Stations and critical elevations of all utility and drainage appurtenances, existing and proposed.
- n. Traffic control signing and striping.
- o. Erosion control measures.
- p. Landscaping.
- a. Location of all existing and proposed signs, clearly indicating if existing signs are to remain.
- b. Legend with reference to standard MUTCD designations.
- c. Typical detail of installation dimensions.
- d. Blank gauge and material of signs.
- e. Note reflectorization provided.

The striping plan shall show at a minimum as applicable:

- a. Striping material (paint, thermoplastic, etc.).
- b. Color designation and line width.
- c. Lane width.
- d. Line type (solid, skip, etc.).
- e. Typical details for any acceleration/deceleration lanes, turning lanes, cross walks, etc.

3.6 Details

Pueblo County Standard Details or Colorado Department of Transportation Standard Details may be referenced without being reproduced on the plans where no modification to a standard is proposed or required. Any modifications to standards will require a specific detail to be included.

3.7 Standard Notes

The following general notes shall appear on the cover sheet or first sheet of all construction plan sets:

- a. The contractor shall provide all signs, barricades, flaggers and devices necessary to comply with the requirements of the latest edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. No work within any County right-of-way may begin until a traffic control plan has been submitted to and approved by the Public Works Department.
- b. The contractor shall notify the Pueblo County Public Works Department at least seven days before starting construction of any public improvements or any construction within the County right-of-way.

3.8 Record Set Drawings

No set of construction plans will be considered to have final approval, nor will construction be allowed to begin until two complete record set copies of the plans have been submitted to the Public Works Department. The record set will be clearly marked "Record Set", and shall bear the signature and seal of the professional engineer responsible for their preparation on every sheet of the plans.

ARTICLE 4 - FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION

4.1 General

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has classified all roads within Pueblo County in conformance with Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Pueblo County believes it to be in the best interest of the public at large for Pueblo County's functional classification system and classification of each road to be as consistent as possible with the CDOT classification system. To better define and establish certain design requirements (right-of-way width, roadway width, etc.) the local road system classification has been sub-classified as Local Access, Local Minor Residential, Local Industrial, and Local Commercial.

4.2 Pueblo County Roadway Classification Study

Pueblo County has adopted the Pueblo County Roadway Functional Classification Study and Pueblo County Roadway Functional Classification Map. The Study and Map are periodically revised and updated.

4.3 Functional Classifications

There are nine road classifications based upon the type and level of service for which the roads are intended. Table 1 in Appendix 2 lists the key design requirements for each of the classifications, and typical cross sections are found in Figures 1 through 9 in Appendix 1.

4.4 Urban and Rural Designations

For the purposes of these standards and specifically for determining the appropriate cross-section to be used for a specific road the term urban - and therefore the urban cross-section - shall apply for any road or subdivision where one or more of the following is true:

1. The site lies within an area covered by an approved master drainage plan adopted into the Pueblo Regional Comprehensive Development Plan, and said master drainage plan recommends curb and gutter and/or storm sewer for the road or site in question.
2. The site or road in question carries any of the following zone designations per the Pueblo County Zoning Resolution: residential zones R-1 through R-8 (not including R-A), neighborhood office zone O-1, business zones B-1 through B-4, industrial zones I-1 through I-4.
3. Predominate design grades for the road or roads in question are 1 percent or less.
4. A roadside drainage ditch adequate to accommodate the 25 year storm event (with maximum 3:1 side slopes and conforming to all other applicable County standards) would be too large to fit within the available road right-of-way without decreasing the width of the roadway itself from the minimum standard.
5. Prevailing character of the surrounding area is consistent with an urban setting – roads are constructed in general conformance with the urban cross-section.

6. The combination of drainage control, access control, pedestrian protection and other factors specific to the site are such that the Board of County Commissioners deems curb and gutter and sidewalk to be in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare.

ARTICLE 5 - DESIGN STANDARDS

5.1 General

This section describes the geometric requirements for each road classification and the maximum and minimum standards applicable to the horizontal and vertical layout of the roads. The Section also covers subjects such as driveway entrances, pavement transitions and design, roadway structures, construction, etc. Almost all requirements are based on safety considerations; therefore, standards which provide a greater degree of safety may be used within reasonable economic limits, but standards which could provide conditions less safe than those described in this Section shall not be used.

5.2 Design Period

Geometric designs shall be based on estimated traffic volumes projected 20 years into the future. Variations in this design period may only be authorized by the Director of Public Works.

5.2.1 Level of Service

All collector and arterial roads shall be designed to provide a level of service C or higher at the 20 year design point. Local roads may be designed to a level of service D.

5.3 Policy on Use of Standards

AASHTO Standards

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) has published policies on highway practice. These are approved references to be used in conjunction with this Section. AASHTO policies represent nationwide standards which do not always satisfy local conditions. When standards differ, the instruction in this Section shall govern.

MUTCD Standards

All traffic control devices and road striping must be in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) prepared by the U. S. Department of Transportation.

ITE Standards

Unless otherwise approved by the Director of Public Works, all traffic generation estimates shall be in accordance with the publication Trip Generation by the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

CDOT Standards

Unless otherwise specified herein or specifically modified herein, the Colorado Department of Transportation's M & S Standards and Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction shall control the design and construction of roadway improvements or details not specifically covered by these Standards.

5.4 Road Right-of-Way

The right-of-way requirements shown in Figures 1 through 9 of Appendix 1 and Table 1 of Appendix 2 are based on the minimum space needed for each classification of road when it is constructed to meet ultimate development requirements. The right-of-way must also be adequate to accommodate those utility lines which should be laid outside the road pavement areas. Adequate right-of-way must be provided for cut or fill slopes, bike paths, sidewalks, traffic control, drainage structures, fire hydrants and other public facilities when required.

5.5 Exception to Right-of-Way Standards

Reduced road right-of-way widths may be approved by the Board of County Commissioners when it can be demonstrated that for a specific location the standard width would be in excess of all known road improvement requirements or when existing or proposed development in the immediate area would make the standard width inappropriate. Normally, when reduced right-of-way widths are allowed a public utility and drainage easement is required between the reduced width and the standard width.

Right-of-way widths in excess of the standard width may be required in special circumstances such as when:

- Cut or fill slopes cannot be confined within the standard width;
- Minimum sight distance lines on horizontal curves are not within the standards;
- Minimum sight distances at intersections are not within the standards;
- Auxiliary lanes are to be provided;
- Additional right-of-way is required to accommodate storm water drainage facilities.

5.6 Curb and Gutter

5.6.1 Type of Curb and Gutter

Vertical curbs are also called "barrier curbs". They deter vehicle operators from driving onto areas not intended for vehicular use, control parking and provide a channel for longitudinal road drainage. Vertical curbs are required on urban roads. Vertical curbs with gutters are to be constructed in accordance with CDOT Standard M-609-1, Type 2, Section IIB.

The "alternate ramp curb and gutter" depicted in Figure 27 of Appendix 1 may be approved by the Director of Public Works for certain urban roads subject to the following conditions:

- The road on which the curb is proposed is a low volume, low speed road classified as Local Access or Local Minor Residential.
- The proposed road improvements are fronting a predominately undeveloped area or new subdivision, making it difficult or impossible to ascertain eventual driveway locations.
- It can be demonstrated that all storm drainage entering onto the road will be handled in accordance with County standard criteria.

5.6.2 Curb Returns at Road Intersections

The minimum radii for curb returns measured to the back of the curbs shall be in accordance with the following:

Minimum 15 feet when both roads are classified local access.

Minimum 25 feet when one of the roads is classified minor collector or higher.

Minimum 25 feet when one or both are classified local commercial.

Minimum 30 feet when one or both are classified local industrial.

Minimum 30 feet when both are classified minor collector or above.

All curb returns shall be provided with sidewalk from PC to PT of the same width as that provided for the sidewalk behind the tangent curb section.

5.7 Horizontal Curves

Horizontal alignment should provide for safe and continuous operation of motor vehicles at uniform design speed for substantial lengths of road. A horizontal curve is required when the angle of change in horizontal alignment is equal to or greater than one degree. The minimum radius of curvature will be determined by the design speed or by the stopping sight distance.

5.8 Minimum Radii Based on Design Speed

The table shown below provides a minimum radius of curvature for each of several selected design speeds with and without superelevation of 0.02 ft/ft. Wherever possible, the radii used in design should be larger. If stopping sight distance conditions require a larger radius than one shown in the following table, then the larger radius shall be used. All listed radii are to centerline.

Design Speed (MPH)	Minimum Radii (ft)	
	Normal Crown	0.02 ft/ft Superelevation
20	125	105
25	250	180
30	400	310
35	600	450
40	850	650
45	1,100	850
50	1,400	1,050
55	1,800	1,350
60	2,200	1,650
65	2,700	2,000

5.8.1 Consideration of Stopping Sight Distance

When items such as walls, buildings, bridge piers, cut slopes, or vegetation growth are near the roadway on the inside of a curve, they can block a driver's view of the road ahead. If they are too close, the driver will not have sufficient distance along the curved roadway to stop when a hazardous condition comes into view. It is assumed that the driver's eye is 3.5 feet above the center of inside lane (the driving lane closest to the inside of curve) and that the hazardous condition is an object 0.5 feet high in the center of the inside lane. The line of sight is assumed to intercept the view obstruction at the mid-point of the line of sight 2.0 feet above the center of the inside lane. The clear distance, M, is measured from the center of the inside lane to the view obstruction. The following is a table of minimum stopping sight distances for various design speeds:

Design Speed (MPH)	Minimum SSD (FT)
20	125
25	155
30	200
35	245
40	300
45	370
50	450
55	545
60	645
65	750

The following equations are to be used when the length of the curve on the center of the inside lane must be equal to or greater than the stopping sight distance for the roadway:

- Assuming that the roadway geometry and design speed are fixed, the stopping sight distance, S, and the radius to the center of the inside lane, R, will be known. The distance, M, found by the following equation will be the closest that an obstruction can be placed to the center of the inside lane:

$$M = R[1 - \cos(28.65 S/R)]$$

- If the radius R (for example the minimum radius based on design speed) and the distance, M, are tentatively selected, then the length, L, of the arc in the middle of the inside lane may be found by the following equation:

$$L = (R/28.65) \cos^{-1}[(R-M)/R]$$

If the length, L, is less than the stopping sight distance for the desired design speed, either the radius, R, or the distance, M, must be increased.

5.8.2 Reduced Design Speed on Curves

The reduction of a road design speed on a curve should be avoided; however, where physical restrictions prohibit increasing the radius of the curve or the clear distance, M, the design speed for the curved section may be reduced with the approval of the Director of Public Works. In such circumstances, signing in accordance with the MUTCD is required. The difference between the design speed for the roadway approaching the curve and the design speed for the curve must not be greater than 10 MPH. The design speed for a curved roadway section must not be reduced if the reduction would occur at the end of a long tangent or at any location where high approach speeds may be expected.

5.8.3 Central Angles Not Requiring Curves

For central angles smaller than 1 degree no curve is required. In no event shall sight distance nor other safety considerations be sacrificed when a curve is not provided.

5.8.4 Compound Curves

A compound curve should be avoided; however, if site conditions make the use of a compound curve unavoidable, the shorter radius shall be at least 2/3 the longer radius when the shorter radius is 1,000 feet or less. Compound curves are not permitted when design speeds require the shorter radius to be greater than 1,000 feet.

5.8.5 Tangent Sections Between Curves in the Same Direction

On two-lane roads, tangent sections are needed between two curves in the same direction. If the pavement cross sections through the curves do not have superelevation, the minimum lengths for tangent sections are listed in the following table:

Design Speed (MPH)	Tangent Length (FT)
20	---
25	250
30	300
35	400
40	500
45	500

Design Speed (MPH)	Tangent Length (FT)
50	500
55	660
60	660
65	660

If superelevation is provided in the curved portions of the roadway, then the tangent lengths will be determined by the superelevation transition lengths, which shall be in accordance with the AASHTO publication, A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Roads.

5.8.6 Tangent Sections Between Reverse Curves & Approaching Intersections

A tangent section must be provided between two curves that curve in the opposite direction. A tangent section must also be provided between an intersection and a curve. If the pavement cross sections through the curves do not have superelevation, the minimum lengths for such tangent sections are listed in the following table:

Design Speed (MPH)	Tangent Length (FT)
20	---
25	100
30	150
35	200
40	250
45	250
50	300
55	300
60	400
65	500

If the curve radii are at least 50% greater than the radii required by the design speed, the tangent sections may not be required, depending on grades, topography and vegetation. If the curves are superelevated the superelevation transition lengths indicated in Table 1 will determine the minimum length of tangent sections between reverse curves.

5.8.7 Spiral Curves

Spiral curves are not permitted.

5.9 Vertical Alignment

The use of changes in the vertical alignment or grade of a road is necessary for many reasons including changes in topography, drainage requirements and aesthetic factors. A vertical curve is required when a grade change equal to or greater than 2.0% occurs. All sections of a road's vertical alignment must meet stopping and passing sight distance requirements for the design speed established for the road. When considering alternative grade profiles, economic and aesthetic comparisons should be made. For further details, see the AASHTO publication, A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Roads.

5.9.1 Longitudinal Road Grades

Maximum and minimum grades for each functional classification are listed in Table 1. Longitudinal road grades which do not comply with Table 1 must be approved by the Director of

Public Works. Approval will not be granted if safety is compromised, or in the absence of compelling physical constraints.

5.9.2 Steep Grades in Mountainous Areas

In mountainous areas, often it is not physically or economically feasible to design a grade profile that will allow uniform operating speeds for all vehicles. Sometimes a long, sustained gradient is unavoidable. A grade profile with sections of maximum gradient, broken by lengths of flatter grade, is preferable to a long, sustained grade only slightly below the maximum allowable.

5.9.3 Vertical Curves

Properly designed vertical curves should provide adequate sight distance, safety, comfortable driving, good drainage, and pleasing appearance.

Flat vertical curves may develop poor drainage at the level section. This difficulty may be overcome by a slight adjustment in the grade of gutter or other roadside drainage facility or by shortening the vertical curve. On 2-lane roads where extremely long vertical curves are necessary (over 1,320 feet), it is sometimes more economical to use 4-lane construction than to obtain passing sight distance by the use of a long vertical curve. Broken-back vertical curves (two vertical curves in the same direction separated by a short grade tangent) should be avoided.

Curve Criteria

1. Type of Curve

A parabolic vertical curve is to be used. Figure 10 in Appendix 1 gives all the necessary mathematical relations for computing a vertical curve, either crest or sag.

2. Sight Distance Requirements

Sight distance is the continuous length of road ahead which is visible to the driver. In design, two sight distances are considered: passing sight distance and stopping sight distance. Stopping sight distance is the minimum sight distance to be provided at all points on multi-lane roads and on two-lane local roads where passing sight distance is not required. Stopping sight distance shall also be provided for all elements of intersections at grade, including private road connections.

a. Stopping Sight Distance

The minimum stopping sight distance is the distance required by the driver of a vehicle, traveling at a given speed, to bring the vehicle to a stop after an object on the road becomes visible. Stopping sight distance is measured from the driver's eyes, which are assumed to be 3.5 feet above the road surface, to an object 0.5 feet high on the road.

b. Passing Sight Distance

Passing sight distance is the minimum sight distance that must be available to enable the driver of one vehicle to pass another vehicle safely and comfortably, without interfering with the speed of an oncoming vehicle traveling at the design speed should it come into view after the passing maneuver is started. The sight distance available for passing at any location is the longest distance at which a driver whose eyes are 3.5 feet above the road surface can see the top of an object 4.25 feet high on the road.

c. Sight Distance Standards

The following table shows the minimum sight distances to be used for specific design speeds:

Design Speed (MPH)	Minimum Sight Distance	
	Stopping (ft)	Passing (ft)
20	125	800
25	155	950
30	200	1100
35	245	1300
40	300	1500
45	370	1650
50	450	1800
55	545	1950
60	645	2100
65	750	2300

Basic considerations regarding these sight distances are covered in the AASHTO publication A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Roads.

3. Minimum Vertical Curve Length

Minimum vertical curve lengths are determined by sight distance requirements for a given design speed and the algebraic difference in grade for which the curve is being designed.

a. Crest Vertical Curve Lengths

Minimum crest vertical curve lengths are determined by either the stopping sight distances or the passing sight distances. A minimum curve length based upon passing sight distance for a given road design speed and algebraic grade difference will be several times greater than the curve length based upon stopping sight distance using the same parameters.

1. Roads with Four or More Traffic Lanes

Because these roads have traffic lanes in which vehicles may pass without meeting traffic moving in the opposite direction, the minimum crest vertical curve lengths must only meet stopping sight distance requirement; however, it is desirable that they also meet passing sight distance requirements.

2. Roads with Two Traffic Lanes

The minimum crest vertical curve lengths for two-lane roads shall meet passing sight distance requirements. When crest curve construction in accordance with passing sight distance requirements would result in the creation of drainage problems or excessive cuts or fills, the curve length may be reduced with the approval of the Director of Public Works and the installation of no-passing signs and pavement markings.

3. Minimum Curve Length Determined by Stopping Sight Distance

The following equations are to be used to determine the minimum crest vertical curve lengths based upon stopping sight distance requirements:

$$\text{When } S_s < L, L = AS_s^2 / 1329$$

$$\text{When } S_s > L, L = 2S_s - 1329 / A$$

Where:

S_s = Stopping sight distance in feet for a given design speed

L = Length of curve in feet

A = Algebraic grade difference in percent

4. Minimum Curve Length Determined by Passing Sight Distance

$$\text{When } S_p < L, L = AS_p^2 / 3093$$

$$\text{When } S_p > L, L = 2S_p - 3093 / A$$

Where:

S_p = Passing sight distance in feet for a given design speed

L = Length of curve in feet

A = Algebraic grade difference in percent

b. Sag Vertical Curve Lengths

Minimum sag vertical curve lengths are determined by either the stopping sight distance or by comfort factors. The longer of the two possible minimum curve lengths will be used.

1. Minimum Curve Length Determined by Stopping Sight Distance

The following equations are to be used to determine the minimum sag vertical curve lengths based upon stopping sight distance requirements:

$$\text{When } S_s < L, L = AS_s^2 / (400 + 3.5S_s)$$

$$\text{When } S_s > L, L = 2S_s - (400 + 3.5S_s) / A$$

Where:

S_s = Stopping sight distance in feet for a given design speed

L = Length of curve in feet

A = Algebraic grade difference in percent

2. Minimum Curve Length Determined by Comfort Factors

The following equation is to be used to determine the minimum sag vertical

curve length based upon comfort factors:

$$L = AV^2 / 46.5$$

Where:

L = Curve length in feet

A = Algebraic grade difference in percent

V = Design speed in miles per hour

5.10 Intersections

5.10.1 Angle of Intersections

A right-angle intersection provides the shortest crossing distance for intersecting traffic streams. It also provides the most favorable condition for drivers to judge the relative position and speed of intersecting vehicles. Intersection angles which vary from a right-angle by more than 4 degrees are not permitted except on local roads where a divergence up to 15 degrees is permitted when approved by the Director of Public Works.

5.10.2 Alignment and Profile

Intersections occurring on horizontal or crest vertical curves are undesirable from the standpoint of operation and sight distance. When there is latitude in the selection of intersection locations, vertical or horizontal curvature should be avoided. A line or grade change is frequently warranted when major intersections are involved. If a curve is unavoidable, it should be as flat as site conditions permit. Where the grade of the through roadway is steep, flattening through the intersection area is desirable as a safety measure.

5.10.3 Intersection Sight Distance

In order to provide the opportunity for vehicles on a stop-controlled intersection leg to safely cross or make left or right turns onto a non-controlled intersection leg, adequate sight distance must be provided. Two sight distance triangles may be drawn to represent the areas which must be free of all objects, vegetation and topography in excess of two feet above the road surface below the driver's eye on the stop-controlled intersection leg. The AASHTO publication, A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Roads identifies the acceptable means for determining the size of the sight distance triangles based upon many variables, including speed, width of the non-controlled leg, etc. It is not practical to attempt to tabulate all possible combinations of the many variables. Each new road intersection or proposed modification of an existing road intersection shall be evaluated in accordance with the AASHTO procedure.

5.10.4 Median Openings at Road Intersections

1. Spacing and Location

If a road has a raised median, it may not be possible to have an opening in the median for every road intersection. Generally, median openings in arterial roads should be provided only for major cross roads. Median openings should be spaced at intervals no closer than 660 feet. If a median opening falls within 50 feet of an access driveway, it should be placed to include the access driveway.

2. Configuration of Openings

The configuration of median openings is to be determined by the AASHTO publication, A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Roads.

3. Cross Slope

The cross-slope in the median opening shall be limited to a maximum of 0.02 foot per foot. Median openings on curves with superelevation rates exceeding 0.02 foot per foot will not be permitted.

5.10.5 Use of Cross Pans at Road Intersections

1. Locations Where Cross Pans are Prohibited

Cross pans may not be used across roads in the following types of intersections:

Arterial - Arterial
Arterial - Collector
Collector - Collector

Exceptions to this restriction must be approved by the Director of Public Works. The purpose of this restriction is to prevent the flow of nuisance water across arterial and collector roads on a frequent basis, and to maintain the traffic flow for which these classifications are required. The gutter profiles for arterial roads and collector roads should be designed with sag curves or sump conditions located as far away from the intersection as practical. This will allow the interception or removal of light storm water and nuisance water, with only the larger flows still reaching and passing through the intersection.

2. Cross Pan Widths

Where cross pans are normally allowed, they shall be designed and constructed in accordance with Colorado Department of Transportation M Standards. If the Director of Public Works approves the use of a cross pan across arterial or collector roads the width must be designed to meet road design speed requirements. In no case will cross pans be less than 8 feet in width at road intersections on the stop controlled road, nor less than 12 feet in width for all other locations.

5.11 Cul-de-Sac Road Lengths

A cul-de-sac is a road that serves more than one property owner and has only one intersection with the public road system. The following requirements apply the creation by plat or deed of new cul-de-sac roads, both public and private. The length of a cul-de-sac is measured between the centerline of the intersecting road and the radius point of the cul-de-sac. The minimum length of a cul-de-sac road is two times the radius. A cul-de-sac road shall not be longer than 660 feet and it shall not serve more than 20 single family dwelling units (and shall not serve uses projected to generate more than 200 vehicle trips per day in areas where the land use is other than single family residential).

5.12 Dead End Roads

Dead end roads will be allowed only where a future extension of the road would be necessary to serve adjacent properties when developed at a future date. When a dead end road is allowed, a temporary turn-around shall be provided. The maximum length of a dead end road shall be the same as the maximum length of a cul-de-sac road. Temporary turn-arounds shall match the physical requirements for cul-de-sac roads, and shall be provided with a temporary easement allowing for maintenance. Traffic control devices will be required that are designed to advise the motoring public of the existence of the dead end and to mark the end of the road.

5.13 Pavement Cross Section Slopes

The typical road cross sections are found between road intersections where there are no dip sections for drainage flow across the road. Undivided roads should have a normal crown which is a two-way cross slope with the cross section high point on the road centerline. Divided roads should have a cross slope on each pavement section with the high point of each section on the edge of the pavement nearest to the median. Unusual conditions may cause cross slope requirements to vary, but normally the cross slope should be in accordance with the following:

Standards for Pavement Cross Slopes

Surface Type	Road Type	Slope (%)
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Portland Cement Concrete	All	2.0
Bituminous Mix Pavements	All	2.0-2.5
Gravel	Local	2.0-3.0

5.14 Cross Section in Road Dip Sections

Where storm drainage runoff flows must cross the road, dip sections are required. The pavement through the dip section to carry the flow shall have a one-way slope (no crown) and curbing and medians must not be raised. Transitions back to normal road cross slopes will be required at both ends of the dip section.

5.15 Medians

5.15.1 Measuring Median Widths

The width of a median is measured from back of median curb to back of median curb. If the median has no curb, the width is measured between the centers of the continuous, painted median stripes.

5.15.2 Median Widths

Median widths are shown in Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix 1 for principal arterials and minor arterials. The widths shown shall be considered the minimum allowable widths. In special circumstances, the Director of Public Works may approve widths other than those listed, but in no case shall a median be constructed with a width less than 5 feet. If a median is to be landscaped, it shall not be less than 8 feet wide.

5.15.3 Paved Medians

A median less than 8 feet wide shall be paved. The paved surface should be crowned and have the same cross slope as the road pavement.

5.15.4 Unpaved Medians

Medians that are 8 feet or more wide are normally not paved. The grading of the unpaved areas shall be subject to the approval of the Public Works Department and shall assure positive drainage away from the traveled roadways via storm sewer, culverts or other means that do not result in runoff flowing on or across the roadway surface. Additionally, unpaved medians shall be vegetated pursuant to a vegetation plan approved by the Director of Public Works.

5.16 Design Speed

The design of geometric features such as horizontal and vertical curves will depend upon the design speed selected for the road. The choice of the design speed is primarily determined by the road classification. The design speed is the maximum speed for safe operation of a vehicle that can be maintained over a specific section of a road when conditions are so favorable that the design features of the road govern. Design speeds for the various classifications of roads may be found in Table 1. The use of design speeds other than those shown in Table 1 in Appendix 2 must be approved by the Director of Public Works.

5.17 Superelevation in Curves

5.17.1 Superelevation Rates

Superelevation rates of 0.02 ft/ft may be used on all classes of roads. Superelevation rates greater than 0.02 ft/ft may not be used except when specifically approved by the Director of Public Works. In no case may it exceed 0.06 ft/ft.

5.17.2 Transition for Superelevation

The length of superelevation transition shall be based upon the superelevation rate and the width of rotation. The axis of rotation shall generally be about the pavement centerline. The transition lengths for a superelevation of 0.02 ft/ft are provided in Table 1 in Appendix 2.

With respect to the beginning or ending of a horizontal curve, one-third (1/3) of the transition will be on the curve and two-third (2/3) of the transition will be on the tangent section.

5.17.3 Drainage on Superelevated Curves

Whenever superelevation is allowed on a divided road, a storm drainage system to collect the runoff along the median curb shall be provided. In no case shall nuisance water from the higher traveled way be allowed to cross over the lower traveled way.

5.18 Bridges

For the purposes of this section the term bridge shall mean any structure for the purpose of allowing a public road or trail to cross over any stream, gulch, ditch, drainageway, etc. and having a span of 4 or more feet. This shall include box culverts and pipe culverts 48 inches or larger in diameter.

All bridge structures to be constructed within the public right-of-way shall be designed by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Colorado and qualified to perform such work. All bridge designs will be in accordance with the Standard Specifications for Highway Bridges adopted by AASHTO, latest edition, and the Colorado Department of Transportation's design and detail memos. Design loading for all bridge structures within a public right-of-way shall be HS 20-44.

5.18.1 Bridge Hydraulic Capacity

The required minimum hydraulic capacity for bridges shall be determined using a design storm frequency based on the following criteria (Q_{50} = peak flow from a 50 year storm event):

<u>Road type</u>	<u>Q_{50}</u>	<u>storm frequency (yr)</u>
Expressway	---	100
Principal Arterial	---	100
Minor Arterial	---	100
Major Collector (urban)	---	100
Major Collector (rural)	> 4000 cfs < 4000 cfs	50 25
Minor Collector (urban)	---	100
Minor Collector (rural)	> 4000 cfs < 4000 cfs	50 25
Local	> 4000 cfs < 4000 cfs	50 25

5.18.2 Bridges Within FEMA Designated Flood Hazard Areas

For any structure to be located within a FEMA designated flood hazard area, documentation will be submitted by the design engineer demonstrating that no increase in the 100 year flood elevation will occur due to the structure. Documentation will include Hec 2 analysis and an approved flood hazard area development permit.

5.18.3 Acceptance for Maintenance

No bridge structure will be accepted for maintenance by Pueblo County until the Public Works Department has been provided with inspection reports prepared by a state approved bridge inspector demonstrating a minimum sufficiency rating of 95 pursuant to the CDOT Structure Inventory Coding Guide. At the discretion of the Director of Public Works the County may have the bridge inspected along with other County structures during a regular inspection year and bill the bridge owner for the cost of the inspection and resulting report.

5.19 Guardrail

Installation of guardrail may be required by the Public Works Department. The AASHTO publication Roadside Design Guide and CDOT M standards will be used as guidelines by the Public Works Department in evaluating the need for guardrail. When required, the installation of guardrail shall comply with CDOT specifications and M standards.

5.20 Private Roads within Previously Dedicated Public Right-of-Way

There are numerous road rights-of-way within Pueblo County which were created and dedicated to the public by subdivision plats that pre-date the present regulations (i.e. prior to August 1972). In many instances the roads were never actually constructed or were constructed too poorly to be accepted by the County for maintenance. Instances arise where a private property owner has no

legal access to his/her property except over and across a platted, deeded or dedicated right-of-way in which no road exists. Pueblo County will not issue building permits nor certificates of occupancy for any property whose sole access is a public right-of-way not maintained by Pueblo County unless the person or persons desiring to use the right-of-way do one of the following:

A. Construct the road from its intersection with a maintained public road to a point along the frontage of the property to be accessed which would provide a road frontage equal to or greater than the minimum lot width required by the zone district the property is located in, or the entire frontage of the property, whichever is less. Construction shall be in compliance with all County standards applicable to the road's functional classification. Upon completion of the construction in accordance with all applicable sections of these STANDARDS, application may be made to the Board of County Commissioners for acceptance of the road for County maintenance.

B. Apply to the Board of County Commissioners for a vacation of the public road right-of-way. Prior to issuance of the building permit, the person or persons wishing to use the resulting private road for the sole access to their property will be required to record at the Pueblo Clerk and Recorder's office a waiver of maintenance, acknowledging that Pueblo County does not and will not maintain the road.

5.21 Mailboxes

Mailboxes may be located within the public road right-of-way provided they do not create a roadside hazard, do not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic, and do not unreasonably interfere with road maintenance activities such as snow plowing and weed mowing. On roads with traffic volumes in excess of 2000 vehicle trips per day, mailboxes shall be located at least 8 feet away from the edge of the traveled way and shoulder areas shall be provided which are adequate to support all weather vehicular traffic without damage to the public roadway, shoulder, or edge of roadway. Any variance to this requirement will be at the sole discretion of the Director of Public Works, and will be due to physical restraints beyond the control of the mailbox owner. In high density areas group or clustered mailboxes may be required. Mailboxes and their supporting structures shall not be allowed within sidewalks.

Installation of mailboxes shall comply with Figures 12 through 14 in Appendix 1.

ARTICLE 6 - PAVEMENT STRUCTURE DESIGN

6.1 General Policy

The procedure for the design of pavement structure sections shall be based upon the most recent edition of the Colorado Department of Transportation's Roadway Design Manual and the AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures. Minor modifications to the CDOT manual procedure and specific minimum values of constants or factors are specified herein.

6.1.1 Road Surfaces

It is the policy of Pueblo County that the surface of all new roads constructed within a public right-of-way shall be hot bituminous pavement (asphalt) or Portland cement concrete pavement. The sole exception to this policy is any road classified as a Local Minor Residential road, which may be constructed with a final gravel surface - subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works - provided:

- a. The projected traffic volume 20 years in the future does not exceed 100 vehicles per day.
- b. The proposed road profile and other design details combined with the surrounding topography and other characteristics will not create the potential for erosion and loss of gravel due to storm run-off.
- c. No special maintenance problems or difficulties due to the gravel surface are anticipated by the Public Works Department considering the location and proposed use of the road.

6.1.2 Pavement Thickness

The required thickness of pavement shall be based upon the provisions of this Article 6. In no case, however, shall the thickness of hot bituminous pavement for a road to be maintained by the County be less than three inches.

6.2 Pavement Structure Design Report

A pavement design report shall be submitted prior to the approval of any roadway construction plans involving new pavement, overlay of existing pavement or widening of existing pavement. The report shall be prepared by a professional engineer licensed to practice in the State of Colorado.

The pavement design report shall include the following minimum information:

- a. Soil logs along the proposed roadway alignment at a maximum of 500 foot intervals. Logs shall include a soil profile for a minimum depth of four feet below the proposed sub-grade elevation.
- b. Each representative sample shall be classified according to the AASHTO Unified Soil Classification Table, and shall have an Atterberg Limits Test and sieve analysis performed.
- c. The pavement design procedure is based upon the resilient modulus, M_R , of the sub-grade soils. The value of M_R may be obtained from a HVEEM Stabilometer test "R" value by the following formulae:

to convert HVEEM "R" to soil support, S_1

$$S_1 = [("R" - 5)/11.29] + 3$$

to convert S_1 to M_R

$$M_R = 10^{(S_1 + 18.72)/6.24}$$

d. Proposed average daily traffic volumes (ADT) for each road based on 100% of full development plus a 10% adjustment for construction traffic. Traffic analysis for the purpose of pavement design shall be as specified in Article 2.

e. Recommended structural sections, based on the design considerations, proposed typical sections, and sections of roadway which may require additional stabilization or treatment.

6.3 Design Considerations

The following elements are to be used in the design procedure:

a. The design procedure is based on the number of 18,000 pound single axle equivalent load applications (18K EDLA) per traveled lane. In no case shall the design 18K EDLA be less than the following values:

Local Minor Residential	5
Local Access	10
Local Commercial	30
Local Industrial	60
Minor Collector	50
Major Collector	100
Minor Arterial	200
Principal Arterial/expressway	300

b. The serviceability loss, ΔPSI , for local roads and minor collectors shall be 2.5; for major collectors and arterials it shall be 2.0.

c. The reliability factors used shall be the following:

Local Minor Residential	75
Local Access	75
Local Commercial	75
Local Industrial	75
Minor Collector	80
Major Collector	85
Minor Arterial	90
Principal Arterial/expressway	95

d. Overall standard deviation, S_o , shall be 0.44 for all designs.

e. An adjustment to the structural layer coefficients for drainage conditions will not normally be needed for new construction. (Less than the fair drainage assumed under the CDOT method would not be allowed under new construction). In no case will structural layer coefficients be modified by a factor greater than 1.0. In those instances where, due to existing constraints or physical conditions, occasional moisture levels within the base or sub-base may approach saturation, the following factors will apply:

quality of drainage	percent of time pavement is exposed to moisture levels approaching saturation		
	< 1%	1 - 5%	5 - 25%
fair	1.0	1.0	0.80
poor	1.0	0.80	0.60
very poor	0.95	0.75	0.40

f. Strength coefficients per one inch layer of a given material for layered pavement design purposes shall be as follows:

hot bituminous pavement	0.44
class 6 base course	0.12
class 2 sub-base course	0.10

Strength coefficients for specially treated base materials for design purposes must be approved by the Director of Public Works.

6.4 Full Depth Asphalt

Full depth asphalt designs will only be allowed with the approval of the Director of Public Works, and will not be allowed on clay sub-grade soils.

6.5 Layered Design Analysis

Layered structures (asphalt on aggregate base course) shall be designed in accordance with the principles shown in Figure 16 in Appendix 1. First, the structural number required over the sub-grade soil is computed. In the same way, the structural number required over the sub-base layer should also be computed, using the applicable strength values for each. By working with differences between the computed structural numbers required over each layer, the maximum allowable thickness of any layer can be computed. For example, the maximum allowable structural number for the sub-base material would be equal to the structural number required over the sub-base subtracted from the structural number required over the sub-grade soil. In a like manner, the structural numbers of the other layers may be computed. The thickness for the respective layers may then be determined as indicated in Appendix 1, Figure 15.

Required nomographs and tables are contained in Appendix 1, Figures 16 and 17. An example pavement structure design can be found in Appendix 3.

6.6 Gravel Road Design

The procedure accepted by Pueblo County for selection of base and sub-base thickness for gravel roads is based upon the AASHTO Guide for Design of Pavement Structures. Portions of this section including the tables and nomographs in Appendix 1, Figures 18, 19 and 20 are taken from that publication.

6.6.1 Factors

The allowable values for factors used in gravel road design are as follows:

- Allowable rutting, RD = 2 inches
- Gravel loss, GL = 2 inches
- Serviceability loss, Δ PSI = 3.0

d. Quality of roadbed soils for use in the table in 6.6.1 f shall be based upon HVEEM Stabilometer "R" value as follows:

R < 15	Very Poor
R = 15 - 25	Poor
R = 25 - 35	Fair
R = 35 - 55	Good
R > 55	Very Good

e. Season lengths, in number of months, shall be based upon U. S. climatic region VI, and are as follows:

Winter (roadbed frozen)	3.0 months
Spring thaw (roadbed saturated)	1.5 months
Summer (roadbed dry)	4.5 months
Spring/fall (roadbed wet)	3.0 months

f. Seasonal roadbed soil resilient moduli, M_R (psi), as a function of the relative quality of the road bed material shall be as follows:

Quality of roadbed soil	Season (roadbed soil moisture condition)			
	Summer	Winter	Spring-thaw	Spring/fall
very good	20,000	2,500	8,000	20,000
good	20,000	2,000	6,000	10,000
fair	20,000	2,000	4,500	6,500
poor	20,000	1,500	3,300	4,900
very poor	20,000	1,500	2,500	4,000

6.6.2 Gravel Design Example

An example of a gravel roadway design is contained within Appendix 3, including text descriptions of the design steps in the AASHTO method.

ARTICLE 7 - ROADWAY ACCESS

7.1 Authority

Pursuant to Section 43-2-147(1), C.R.S., local governments are authorized to regulate vehicular access to and from any public roadway under their respective jurisdiction from or to property adjoining the roadway.

7.2 Purpose

It is the purpose of this section to provide the procedures and standards necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare, to maintain smooth traffic flow, to maintain proper roadway drainage and to protect the functional level of the County road system while meeting state, regional, local and private transportation needs and interests.

7.3 Implementation

No person shall construct any access providing direct movement to or from any Pueblo County maintained roadway to or from property adjoining the roadway without an approved access permit issued by the Pueblo County Public Works Department.

Access permits shall be issued only in compliance with this Article. In no event shall an access be allowed or permitted if it is detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare.

7.4 Application for a Permit and Issuance of Permits

- 7.4.1 Persons wishing to apply for direct access to a County roadway shall apply to the Public Works Department on a standard form provided by the Department. In addition to the form, the Public Works Department may require any or all of the following items:
- a. Site plan showing location of proposed access and proposed improvements. Plan shall show any existing access.
 - b. Roadway and driveway plan and profile.
 - c. Drainage plan of the site demonstrating mitigation of impact to the County roadway and drainage system.
 - d. Any proposed improvements, modifications or structures within the County right-of-way.
- 7.4.2 Upon receiving a complete application for an access permit, the Public Works Department shall inspect the site and inform the applicant of the site specific requirements for construction of the access. Such requirements may include surface treatment of driveway, culvert or other drainage structures, width of access, etc.
- 7.4.3 The actual access permit will not be finalized nor issued to the applicant until construction of the access has been completed in accordance with the specifications of this Article and in compliance with the site specific requirements as determined by the Public Works Department after field inspection.
- 7.4.4 If construction of an access does not commence within 1 year of the date of application, the application will become null and void. Re-application will be required.

7.5 Access Control Standards

It is the policy of Pueblo County that private direct access to the public road system will be provided by way of the lowest classified road possible. For example, no private direct access shall be granted to a property from an arterial road when the property can be accessed from a collector or lower classified road. Similarly, no private direct access shall be granted to a property from a collector road when the property can be accessed from a local access road. Exceptions to this policy will be made only when it is demonstrated that a severe hardship would be caused the property owner by strict enforcement of the policy, a hardship arising from the unique circumstances or characteristics of the particular site.

7.5.1 Principal and Minor Arterials

When private direct access is allowed to an arterial road, the following restrictions shall apply:

- a) No more than one access approach shall be provided to an individual parcel or to contiguous parcels under the same ownership, unless it can be demonstrated that additional accesses would be beneficial to the safety and operation of the road system.
- b) On two lane arterials access approaches may be limited to only right-in and right-out turning movements if the access is within 500 feet of the nearest intersection.
- c) No access shall be permitted within 300 feet of a median opening unless the access is directly aligned with the median opening.
- d) No access configuration will be allowed that requires a vehicle to back out onto the roadway.

Intersections shall be spaced no less than one half mile apart on principal arterials and one quarter mile apart on minor arterials, unless such spacing is impractical or impossible due to topographic or other physical limitations.

7.5.2 Major Collectors

When private direct access is allowed to a major collector road, the following restrictions shall apply:

- a) No more than one access approach shall be provided to an individual parcel or to contiguous parcels under the same ownership, unless it can be demonstrated that additional accesses would be beneficial to the safety and operation of the road system.
- b) On two lane major collectors access approaches may be limited to only right-in and right-out turning movements if the access is within 500 feet of the nearest intersection.
- c) No access shall be permitted within 300 feet of a median opening unless the access is directly aligned with the median opening.
- d) No access configuration will be allowed that requires a vehicle to back out onto the roadway.

Major intersections - those with another collector or higher classified road - shall be spaced no less than one quarter mile apart on major collectors, unless such spacing is impractical or impossible due to topographic or other physical limitations. Spacing of public and private local access roads shall be no less than 300 feet.

7.5.3 Minor Collectors and Local Access Roads

Intersections shall be spaced no less than 150 feet apart unless such spacing is impractical or impossible due to topographic or other physical limitations.

7.6 Construction of Access

- 7.6.1 The expected dates of construction and use of the access shall be included on the application for the permit. The applicant shall notify Public Works at least 72 hours prior to any construction within the County right-of-way.
- 7.6.2 Public Works shall inspect the access during construction as needed and upon completion of construction to ensure that all terms and conditions of the permit application are met.
- 7.6.3 The construction of the access and its appurtenances as required by the terms and conditions of the permit application shall be completed at the sole expense of the applicant. Pueblo County will not supply either materials or labor for the construction of the access and appurtenances.
- 7.6.4 It is the responsibility of the applicant to complete the construction of the access according to the terms and conditions of the permit. Public Works may order a halt to any unauthorized construction or use of an access.
- 7.6.5 All construction within the County right-of-way shall be performed only by a licensed, bonded, and insured contractor, pursuant to Pueblo County Resolution No. 86-283.
- 7.6.6 Adequate traffic control and construction signing in conformance with the most recent edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices is required at all times during construction of the access. All such traffic control and signing shall be at the applicant's expense and shall not be provided by Pueblo County.
- 7.6.7 The allowable hours of work within the County right-of-way may be restricted due to peak hour traffic demands, storm water flow, or other pertinent operating restrictions.
- 7.6.8 All roadway access improvements including pavement, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, drainage structures, ditches and auxiliary lanes shall be within the County right-of-way. Any additional right-of-way required for such improvements must be dedicated or deeded to Pueblo County prior to construction beginning.

7.7 Use of Access

- 7.7.1 It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure that the use of the access is in compliance with this Article and all conditions and terms of the permit.
- 7.7.2 Access permits are issued for a specific use or type of service. No change in the type of use or service (for instance from single family residential to commercial) may be made without the property owner applying for an amended access permit and securing approval from the Public Works Department. Any change in the land use of the property served by the access which, in the opinion of the Public Works Department, can be reasonably expected to result in a significant change in the volume or type of traffic using the access may necessitate issuance of a new or amended access permit.
- 7.7.3 Any access, whether constructed before, on, or after the date of adoption of these STANDARDS, may be required by the County to be reconstructed or relocated to conform to this Article, either at the property owner's expense if the reconstruction or relocation is necessitated by a change in the use of the property which results in a change in the type of access operation; or at the expense of the County if the reconstruction or relocation is necessitated by changes in road or traffic conditions.

7.8 Illegal Accesses

For the purposes of these STANDARDS any access for which any of the following statements is true shall be considered an illegal access:

- a. The access was installed after the enactment of these STANDARDS without an access permit being applied for and issued.
- b. The access was installed or is being used contrary to the terms and conditions of an access permit application or an approved access permit.
- c. The land use of the property or the type of the service for which the access is being used has changed significantly since these STANDARDS were enacted without an access permit or amended permit being granted.

7.8.1 Policy for Correcting Illegal Accesses

Upon discovery of an access considered illegal under the terms of this section, the Public Works Department will send written notice to the property owner. The notice will be sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the owner as shown in the records of the County Assessor's Office. Such notice will include a description of all steps necessary to bring the access into compliance. If the property owner fails to bring the access into compliance within 30 days of the written notice the Public Works Department may, at its option, install barriers across the access or remove the access.

7.9 Drainage

The roadway drainage system is for the protection of the Pueblo County roadway and right-of-way. It is not designed or intended to serve the drainage requirements of abutting properties beyond the levels which have historically flowed to the County right-of-way. Drainage to the County right-of-way shall not exceed the undeveloped historical flow.

- 7.9.1 Drainage structures constructed as part of an access shall not restrict or obstruct the existing drainage system, and shall be in accordance with approved drainage plans or studies where applicable. Culverts shall be a minimum of 18 inches in diameter. Length, diameter, cover, type, and inlet and outlet elevation of all culverts is subject to approval of the Public Works Department.
- 7.9.2 Accesses shall be constructed in such a manner that does not cause erosion and will not result in deposition of silt and debris upon the County roadway. Accesses which slope down toward the public road will be constructed to include suitable means of assuring water does not run onto or across the traveled public way. This may include crown, borrow ditches, pans, etc. along the access sufficient to direct water to the existing drainage facilities along the public road.

7.10 Driveways

7.10.1 Geometric Standards

Driveways shall conform to the geometric standards illustrated in Appendix 1, Figures 21 through 23. Any variation from the requirements shown due to physical site restrictions or unusual circumstances must be approved by the Director of Public Works.

7.10.2 Location

Location of driveways shall be in accordance with Figure 24 in Appendix 1

7.10.3 Miscellaneous Requirements

- a. Only one residential access per lot or parcel will be allowed unless lot frontage is of sufficient width to allow a minimum spacing of 50 feet between driveways on one parcel or lot.
- b. If the road which will be accessed is paved, the Applicant shall pave the full width of the driveway access from the edge of the roadway asphalt a distance toward the property line which is the largest of any of the following which apply:
 1. Top of the borrow ditch bank on the property line side of the ditch.
 2. Back of sidewalk.
 3. High point of driveway swale on the property line side of the driveway swale.

In no case will the driveway paving extend less than 5 feet from the edge of the roadway asphalt. The minimum depth of asphalt paving shall be two lifts of two inches each of grade C or CX hot bituminous paving. The paving shall be placed on top of a minimum 6 inches of class 6 aggregate base course material which has been compacted to 95% standard Proctor density.

- c. If the road which will be accessed is not paved, the driveway shall be constructed with class 6 aggregate base course material a minimum of 9 inches in depth from the edge of the road to the property line.
- d. If an unlined drainage ditch exists along the road to be accessed, the Applicant must supply and install a culvert pipe in the driveway. The length and diameter of the pipe shall be as determined by the Public Works Department, but in no case shall the pipe be smaller than 18 inches in diameter nor less than 20 feet in length. The pipe will be bedded with a minimum of 6 inches of class 6 aggregate base course material with a minimum of 1 foot of cover over the pipe, compacted to 95% standard Proctor density. A swaled access is a permissible alternative assuming all other conditions are met, at the discretion of the Public Works Department.
- e. Culvert pipes shall be given one of the following end treatments at both the inlet and outlet ends at the discretion of the Director of Public Works:
 - * Concrete slope paving - see Figure 25 in Appendix 1.
 - * Concrete headwall - see Figure 26 in Appendix 1.

7.11 Driveway Location Limitations

A NEW driveway access will not be allowed:

1. Within 10 feet of any commercial property line except when it is a joint-use driveway serving two abutting commercial properties and access agreements have been exchanged between, and recorded by, the two abutting property owners;
2. When the total width of all driveways, existing and proposed, serving a given property would exceed 50% of the curb line frontage where such frontage is 100 feet or less;
3. Within 50 feet of the right-of-way line of an intersecting non-arterial road;
4. Within 100 feet of the right-of-way line of an intersecting arterial road;
5. Within 100 feet of an approved median opening location on an arterial road;

6. Within 25 feet of a guardrail ending;
7. Within 100 feet of a bridge structure;
8. Within the minimum spacing as established by Figure 24 in Appendix 1; or,
9. When adequate sight distance cannot be provided to vehicles on the driveway attempting to access the road.

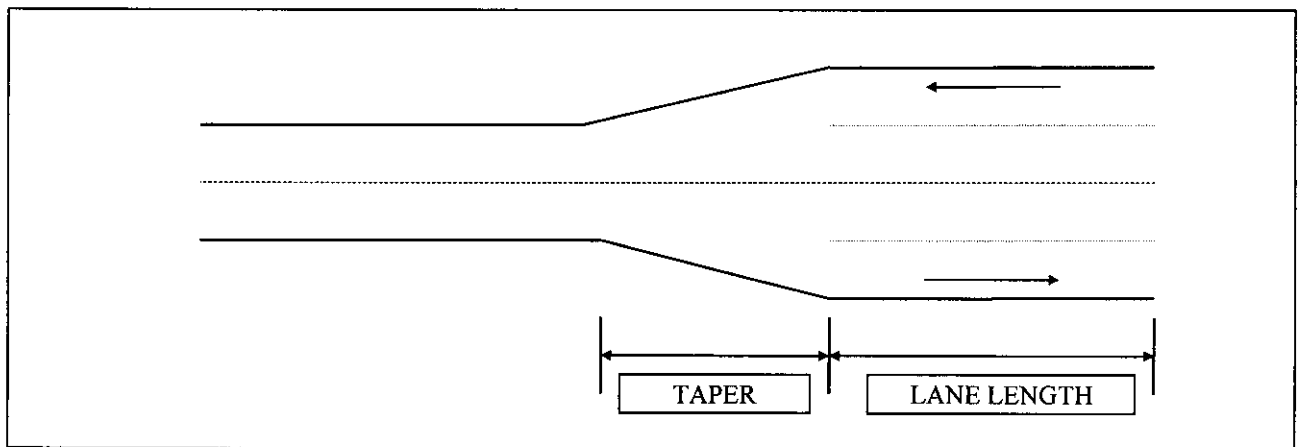
Exceptions may be made by the Director of Public Works where the application of these standards would create undue hardship to the abutting property owners.

7.12 Speed Change Lanes

Speed change lanes for right turning movements are required for any access (including public and private roads, driveways, etc.) based upon posted speed limits and traffic volumes according to the warrants listed in the following table.

RIGHT TURN LANE WARRANTS					
Posted Speed of Main Road in MPH					
	25	30 to 40	45 to 50	55	For a
If the DHV of the main road is	500 1400	400 1200	200 800	150 600	2 lane road 4 or more lanes
DHV/ADT					
and the DHV or ADT of the access or minor road is	50/140 70/625	40/350 60/550	20/175 40/350	15/150 25/225	2 lane road 4 or more lanes
a) For roads with four travel lanes, DHV values of the main road will be only in the direction of the access approach.					
b) A right turn acceleration lane is not required if the posted speed is 40 mph or less, nor at a signalized intersection.					
c) DHV of the road may be obtained from the Public Works Department and is considered to be the average peak hourly volume for a twenty year projection.					

When required, speed change lanes for right turning movements shall be constructed in accordance with the following figure and table:



RIGHT TURN LANE

Posted Speed	<u>Acceleration Lane</u>		<u>Deceleration Lane</u>	
	Lane Length	Taper	Lane Length	Taper
30	90	100	105	80
35	165	125	130	105
40	200	180	150	140
45	270	210	190	160
50	440	240	225	180
55	500	300	250	240

Speed change lanes for left turning movements are required for any access (including public and private roads, driveways, etc.) based upon posted speed limits and traffic volumes according to the warrants listed in the following table.

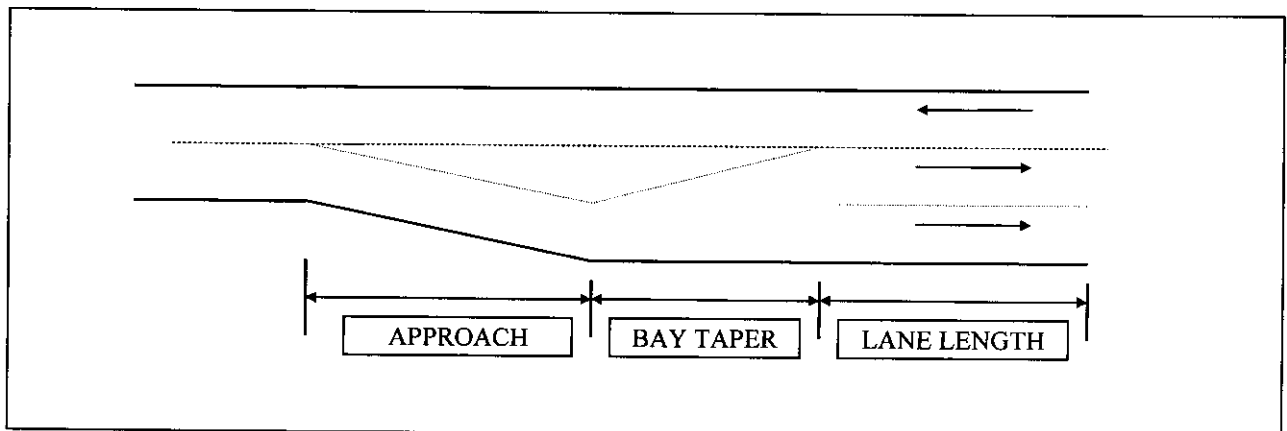
LEFT TURN LANE WARRANTS					
Posted Speed of Main Road in MPH					
	25	30 to 40	45 to 50	55	For a
If the DHV of the main road is	500	400	200	150	2 lane road
	1000	900	600	400	4 or more lanes
DHV/ADT					
and the DHV or ADT of the access or minor road is	30/250	20/175	15/125	12/100	2 lane road
	45/375	30/250	20/175	12/100	4 or more lanes

a) For roads with four travel lanes, DHV values of the main road will be only in the direction of the access approach.

b) A left turn acceleration lane is not required if the posted speed is 40 mph or less, nor at a signalized intersection.

c) DHV of the road may be obtained from the Public Works Department and is considered to be the average peak hourly volume for a twenty year projection

When required, speed change lanes for left turning movements shall be constructed in accordance with the following figure and table:



LEFT TURN LANE

Posted Speed	Approach Taper	Bay Taper	Lane Length
30	280	100	135
35	350	125	150
40	420	150	165
50	630	200	235
55	700	250	250

For use of the above figures and tables and the design of speed change lanes, the following notes apply:

- Minimum width of speed change lanes shall be 12 feet, exclusive of shoulder.
- The design hour volume, DHV, shall be considered the average peak hour volume.
- Applicants for residential accesses serving more than 10 dwelling units, commercial accesses, and industrial accesses shall submit a traffic study which includes estimates of the volume and type of traffic to be using the access at build-out, turning movements into and out of the access, the effect of the proposed access on the existing traffic on the public road to be accessed, and any other information deemed by the Public Works Department to be necessary to evaluate the specific site requirements.
- The lengths shown for speed change lanes are minimum lengths which may need to be increased due to grade, sight distance, topography, etc. For grades of 3 percent or more the lane length shall be increased in accordance with the factors contained in the Colorado Department of Transportation's Roadway Design Manual.
- For deceleration lanes where vehicle turning movements are 30 DHV or more, additional storage length is required according to the following:

DHV of Deceleration Lane	Additional Storage Length
30	25
60	50
100	100
200	175
300	250

7.13 Application Fees

Minimum administrative and inspection fees shall be charged to the applicant for any access permit. The fee is intended to cover the actual cost incurred by the Department of Public Works in administration of the permit and inspection of the proposed location of the access and construction of the access for compliance with the standards outlined in this policy.

7.13.1 The minimum permit fee for an access permit shall be as follows:

<u>Type of Access (based on use)</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Residential	\$ 25.00
Agricultural	\$ 25.00
Commercial	\$ 50.00
Industrial	\$ 50.00

7.13.2 The minimum application fees listed in 7.13.1 are due and payable at the time of application and prior to the issuance of any permit.

7.13.3 In addition to the minimum fees listed in 7.13.1, the applicant will be billed for additional costs incurred by the Public Works Department as a result of the applicant's failure to comply with the conditions and terms of an access permit application or the requirements for notification prior to construction as stated herein. The additional costs will be based upon the actual time spent by the Construction Inspector or other designated representative in inspecting the construction of the access when more than the initial field inspection of the construction is required due to the failure of the applicant or his hired contractor to comply with the requirements and specifications of this policy. The actual cost will be determined based upon the actual time spent in such additional inspections, including travel time, multiplied times the loaded wage rate for the inspector involved.

7.14 Damage to County Roadway and Improvements

Any damage to the pre-existing County roadway, drainage ways, structures, traffic control devices, etc. within the County right-of-way arising from or occurring during the construction of the roadway access, or performed on the property served in connection with the use for which the permit is applied, shall be promptly repaired by the applicant prior to the final issuance of the permit. All debris, rubble, excess material, etc. will be removed from the County right-of-way.

ARTICLE 8 - CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

8.1 General Policies

For the purposes of this Article “work” shall be defined as the providing of labor, materials and equipment necessary for the completion of the construction, re-construction, repair, modification or relocation of road, drainage, traffic control, utility and other structures, appurtenances, or improvements within the right-of-way or related easements as required by a land use approval or allowed by an access or excavation permit.

Pueblo County and Colorado Department of Transportation Construction Specifications.

During the prosecution of the work all materials, performance, and quality of work shall conform to the requirements of these STANDARDS and the most recent edition of the Colorado Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Specific modifications to the CDOT Specifications are made within this Article.

If these STANDARDS or the CDOT Specifications do not cover a specific situation during the course of work, applicable specifications must be approved by or obtained from the Director of Public Works. The Director of Public Works shall be the final authority on the meaning or interpretation of all specifications. In the event of a conflict between these STANDARDS and CDOT Specifications, these STANDARDS shall control.

8.2 Control of Work

All work done within County road right-of-way and applicable work done on private property shall be inspected and documented by Pueblo County to ensure compliance with these STANDARDS, the approved plans, and any subdivision improvements agreement. The Pueblo County Public Works Department shall have the authority to control work as determined by these STANDARDS, decide all questions which may arise as to the quality and acceptability of materials furnished or the work performed, or as to the rate of progress of the work, and to decide all questions as to the interpretation of the approved plans.

The Public Works Department shall, in writing, suspend the work in whole or in part due to the failure of the contractor to correct conditions unsafe for the general public; for failure to carry out provisions of these STANDARDS and approved plans; for failure to carry out written or verbal orders as a result of unsatisfactory work found during inspections; for periods of time due to unsuitable weather conditions; for conditions considered unsuitable for the proper prosecution of the work; or for any other condition or reason deemed to be in the public interest or to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

8.3 Authority of the Inspector

The Public Works Department shall be represented by the Construction Inspector, or other official as designated by the Director of Public Works, who is authorized to inspect all work done and materials furnished. The inspector shall not be authorized to waive any provisions of these STANDARDS or the approved plans, nor to issue instructions contrary to these STANDARDS or the approved plans. The inspector shall not act as a foreman for the contractor nor supervise or direct the work.

8.4 The Project Engineer

The Project Engineer shall be the duly authorized agent of the developer and/or the contractor and has immediate charge of the engineering details of the work. It shall be the responsibility of the Project Engineer:

- a. To provide to the Construction Inspector any engineering details, documentation, or any other information regarding the prosecution of the work.
- b. To provide to the Public Works Department, for written approval, any proposed alterations to the approved plans and specifications before any such modifications are incorporated into the work.
- c. To provide "as-built" plans to the Public Works Department upon completion of all work to be performed on the project as a condition of final approval of the work.
- d. To furnish and set construction stakes and marks establishing all lines, grades and measurements necessary to the proper prosecution of the work in its final location as shown on the approved plans.

8.5 Inspection and Testing

To ensure compliance with these STANDARDS and the approved plans, adequate in-progress inspection and testing is required.

All materials and each part or detail of the work shall be subject to the inspection of the Construction Inspector. The Construction Inspector shall be allowed access to all parts of the work and shall be furnished with such information and assistance by the Project Engineer and Contractor as required to make a complete and detailed inspection.

When the construction specifications of other jurisdictions (such as water or sewer districts) are used to govern a portion of the work or are included within the approved plans, written approval shall be provided by the other jurisdictions and made available to the Construction Inspector prior to final acceptance of the work. Regular in-progress materials testing shall be provided to the Construction Inspector in a timely manner during the course of the work, and shall be a requirement of final acceptance. The interval of in-progress materials testing shall conform to the most current testing schedule established by the Colorado Department of Transportation, Materials Testing Section. The number of tests and their location are subject to approval of the Construction Inspector. All materials testing shall be performed by an independent laboratory under the supervision of a Colorado licensed professional engineer at the expense of the developer, Project Engineer or Contractor. Pueblo County Public Works may at its option perform such additional quality control testing as it deems appropriate and necessary or desirable at its own expense.

Any work done or materials used without inspection or testing may be ordered removed or replaced. The Construction Inspector may, at any time before acceptance of the work, direct the contractor to remove or uncover any portion of the finished work. After examination, and after approval of the work by the Construction Inspector, the Contractor shall restore the portions of the work disturbed to the standard required by the plans and specifications.

8.6 Removal of Unacceptable or Unauthorized Work

All work which does not conform to these STANDARDS and the approved plans shall be considered unacceptable work, whether the result of poor workmanship, use of defective materials, damage through carelessness or any other cause found to exist prior to final acceptance of the work. Unacceptable work shall be removed and replaced according to these STANDARDS prior to acceptance of the work.

Work shall not be done without lines and grades per Section 8.4 of this Article. Any work done contrary to the instructions of the Project Engineer or Construction Inspector shall be considered unauthorized and may be ordered removed.

8.7 Use of Approved Plans and Specifications

Any work performed without approved (record set) plans and specifications shall be considered unauthorized and may be ordered removed and the prior existing conditions restored.

The approved plans, specifications, supplementary specifications, standards, supplementary standards and any special provision required or approved by the Public Works Department shall be considered complimentary to describe and provide for complete work.

The Contractor shall not take advantage of any error or omission in the approved plans, standards and specifications. In the event an apparent error or omission is discovered, the Project Engineer and the Construction Inspector shall be notified. The Project Engineer shall make corrections required, subject to approval by the Director of Public Works.

8.8 Final Acceptance

Upon written notice from the developer of the completion of all work, the Construction Inspector shall make a final inspection. If all construction provided for in the approved plans, performance guarantee and/or subdivision improvement agreement is found by the Director of Public Works to be satisfactory, the procedure for acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners for maintenance or release of the performance guarantee may be initiated. If, however, the inspection discloses any work in whole or in part as being unsatisfactory or incomplete, the Director of Public Works shall notify the developer in writing of the deficient items. In the event the work is not complete, the developer is responsible for maintenance of the work until such time as all such items are completed or corrected and a re-inspection has been made.

8.9 Modifications to CDOT Specifications

The following modifications or additions are made to the Colorado Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. These modifications and additions shall apply to all work covered under these STANDARDS.

a. Class 6 aggregate base course material shall be crushed material, with at least 50 per cent of the material remaining upon the #4 sieve having at least two fractured faces. No slag based Class 6 aggregate base course material will be allowed as a final surface treatment. Slag based Class 6 aggregate base course will be acceptable for base material under a final asphalt or concrete paving course.

b. Aggregate for Hot Bituminous Paving shall conform to the following:

Grading C - 50 per cent of the material passing through the 3/4 inch sieve and retained upon the # 4 sieve shall have a minimum of two fractured faces.

Grading CX - 50 per cent of the material passing through the 1/2 inch sieve and retained upon the # 4 sieve shall have a minimum of two fractured faces.

c. Borrow material - All borrow material used within the right-of-way shall meet the following requirements and be subject to approval of the Public Works Department:

All borrow material shall be non-organic, and contain no trash or perishables nor particles exceeding 4 inches in size, and shall have a minimum dry density of 90 lbs./cu. ft.

All borrow material shall consist of material which is essentially a granular soil with a minimum "R" value of 40, a maximum liquid limit of 30, a maximum plasticity index of 6, and the following grain size distribution:

Sieve Designation	% Passing
4 inch	100
# 200	3-20

d. Culvert pipe - All culvert pipe installed within the public right-of-way shall conform to one of the following:

Corrugated steel pipe - 16 gauge or heavier, annular or spiral with annular ends, in compliance with AASHTO designation M 36.

Reinforced concrete pipe - compliance with AASHTO designation M 170.

High density polyethylene pipe - type "s" smooth interior wall, in conformance with AASHTO designation M 294.

e. Aggregate base course material for final surface of gravel roads shall have a maximum liquid limit of 25, a plasticity index of 6 or less, and shall consist of a crushed naturally occurring rock material (no slag) with at least 50 per cent of the material remaining on the number 4 sieve having at least two fractured faces. In addition the material will meet the following gradation:

Sieve Designation	% Passing
1"	100
1/2"	75 - 85
no. 4	30 - 65
no. 8	25 - 55
no. 200	12 - 18

All other CDOT specifications for aggregate base course not modified above shall apply.

ARTICLE 9 - DEFINITIONS

9.1 Wherever the following words, phrases or abbreviations appear in these STANDARDS they shall have the following meanings.

AASHTO - The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

ASTM - The American Society for Testing Materials.

CDOT - The Colorado Department of Transportation.

Construction Plans - Detailed working plans including plan and profile, details, notes and any other information necessary for complete construction of the required improvements.

Contractor - Shall mean a person, partnership or corporation performing work within the public right-of-way.

County - Pueblo County, Colorado.

Design Speed - A speed determined for design and correlation of physical features of a road that influence vehicle operation; the maximum safe speed maintainable on a specified section of road when conditions permit design features to govern. Design speed is generally higher than the posted speed limit in order to provide a factor of safety and consider other conditions or uses of the road which may affect vehicle operation.

Developer - Person, partnership or corporation legally responsible for the construction of roads within a subdivision or development.

Construction Inspector - Authorized representative of the Public Works Department assigned to make inspections for assurance of compliance of construction with the approved plans and these STANDARDS.

May - A permissive condition. No requirement for design or application is intended.

New road and new road construction – terms which may apply to any and all of the following:

- a) Road created by new subdivision process where no road previously existed.
- b) Road which previously existed physically on the ground but was not accepted for maintenance by Pueblo County, and where request is being made that the County accept the road for maintenance.
- c) Road where a platted or deeded right-of-way has previously existed but the road was never physically constructed.

Shall - A mandatory condition. Where certain requirements in the design or application are described with the "shall" stipulation, it is mandatory that these requirements be met.

Should - An advisory condition. Where the word "should" is used, it is considered to be advisable with deviations allowed when evidence or reasons are provided that the intent of the design standards is met.

Sub-base - The layer or layers of specified or selected material of designed thickness placed on the sub-grade to support a base course.

Sub-grade - The top surface of a roadbed upon which the pavement structure and shoulders including curb and gutter are constructed.

Superelevation - The raised portion of a roadway above the normal cross slope to prevent a vehicle from sliding outward from centrifugal force.