

County Functional Class Descriptions

Table V-2 Clackamas County Roadway Classifications and Guidelines

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FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION	PURPOSE	LAND ACCESS	ROADSIDE PARKING
Freeway / Expressway	Serves interregional and intraregional trips. Carries heavy volume at high speed.	Extremely limited	Emergency Only
Major arterial	Carries local and through traffic to and from destinations outside local communities and connects cities and rural centers. Moderate to heavy volume; moderate to high speed.	Restricted	Restricted
Minor Arterial	Connects collectors to higher order roadways. Carries moderate volume at moderate speed.	Restricted if an alternative is available	Generally restricted
Collector	Principle carrier within neighborhoods or single land use areas. Links neighborhoods with major activity centers, other neighborhoods, and arterials. Generally not for through traffic. Low to moderate volume; low to moderate speed. New collectors should intersect minor arterials rather than major arterials.	Generally allowed- Residential driveways are limited.	Generally allowed*
Connector	Collects traffic from and distributes traffic to local streets within neighborhoods or industrial districts. Usually longer than local streets. Low traffic volumes and speeds. Primarily serves access and local circulation functions. Not for through traffic. Traffic calming measures may be appropriate. A connector should connect to a collector or minor arterial.	Allowed	Allowed if width is sufficient
Local	Provides access to abutting property and connects to higher order roads. New local roads should intersect collectors, connectors, or, if necessary, minor arterials. Traffic calming measures may be appropriate. Not for through traffic.	Allowed	Allowed if width is sufficient
Alley	May be public or private, to provide access to the rear of property. Alleys should intersect local roads or connectors. Not for through traffic.	Allowed	Generally not allowed