



ACCESS CATEGORY STANDARDS

WestConnect Coalition PEL

Each state highway segment in Colorado is assigned a State Highway Access Category as defined in the State Highway Access Code. Operation and design standards within each category ensure that the highway will continue to function at the level (category) assigned.

The applicable categories for the roadway segments of the WestConnect Coalition PEL Study are:

- » **F-W (Interstate Freeway)** - This category is appropriate for use on highways that have the capacity for high speed and relatively high traffic volumes over medium and long distances. They provide for interstate, interregional, intra-regional, intercity and, in larger urban areas, intracity travel. Interstate freeways are typical of this category.
- » **E-X (Expressway)** - This category is appropriate for use on highways that have the capacity for high speed and relatively high traffic volumes. They provide for interstate, interregional, intra-regional, and intercity travel needs and to a lesser degree, some intracity travel needs. Direct access service to abutting land is subordinate to providing service to through traffic movements.
- » **R-A (Regional Highway)** - This category is appropriate for use on highways that have the capacity for medium to high speeds and relatively medium to high traffic volumes over medium and long distances. They provide for interregional, intra-regional, and intercity travel needs. Direct access service to abutting land is subordinate to providing service to through traffic movements. This category is normally assigned to National Highway System routes, significant regional routes in rural areas, and other routes of regional or state significance.