

Entrances Affected by Highway Construction Projects

Title 33.1-89 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, requires that projects have the alignment, profile, and grade of **commercial and*** private entrances shown on plans.

This information is to be shown as follows:

1. When the proposed entrance is to be placed in the same location as the existing entrance, no alignment will be shown. The proposed entrance will be shown graphically. A note is to be included on the general notes sheet as follows: "When no baseline alignment is shown for a proposed entrance, the entrance is to be constructed in the same location as the existing entrance."
2. Where a proposed entrance is to be on a location different from the existing, the proposed location will be shown graphically on the field inspection plans. After the field inspection party has reviewed the proposed location, the Right of Way and Utilities Division will contract the property owner and determine that the proposed location is satisfactory or that the property owner desires some other location. The designer will then request the centerline and profile to be run by the survey party when this cannot be secured from existing notes. This alignment is to be shown on the plans.
3. A profile and proposed grade is to be shown for each entrance where it is necessary to re-grade on existing or new location. The survey party runs a profile along every existing entrance using a data collector and converting the information for placement into a graphics file. The profile is generally run along the center of the existing entrance, although usually no alignment is taken. The proposed grade can be a spline grade with an approximate percent of grade shown. The proposed grade will begin at the edge of shoulder; back of curb; or back of sidewalk, sidewalk space, or bikeway whichever is the outermost permanent construction. If it is necessary to use some other beginning point, it should be identified on the profile.

It is desirable that projects with a large number of entrances contain a separate profile sheet or sheets devoted to entrances.

4. The above information does not apply to "No Plan" Projects.

Title 33.1-199 of the Code of Virginia, Replacing entrances destroyed by Commissioner. The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner shall review the existing access to any parcel of land having an entrance destroyed in the repair or construction of the systems of state highways and shall provide access to the systems of state highways in a manner that will serve the parcel of land and ensure efficient and safe highway operation.

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