

## LIMITED ACCESS ESTABLISHMENT AND CHANGE GUIDELINES

### **Background**

[24VAC30-72-10](#) provide the following definition: "Limited access highway" means a highway especially designed for through traffic over which abutting properties have no easement or right of light, air, or access by reason of the fact that their property abuts upon the limited access highway.

Section [33.2-401\\*](#) provides the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) with the power and authority to designate and regulate the use of limited access (L/A) highways.

By resolution, the CTB designates a section or all of a proposed or existing highway or street as a limited access facility within the limits described in the resolution, less any access breaks that may be excepted in the resolution.

The actual width of the limited access portion of the right of way is established by the Chief Engineer as a part of the design approval process. The Right of Way Division is responsible for the actual acquisition of the right of way and limited access rights and the disposal of same when authorized by the CTB.

Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Section [24VAC30-401-10](#) requires CTB action on any limited access control changes that "occur" after a project is completed, finalized and serving in its intended capacity."

### **Establishing New Limited Access Control**

Proposed limited access lines and limits shall be shown on the proposed project plans for public hearing and throughout the plan development process. Evaluation of the effect of the L/A control and proposed refinements should be considered through field inspection stage and after the public hearing should L/A concerns be raised as a comment.

The proposed right of way plans incorporating the public hearing changes should show the limited access lines and limits and be used to request CTB approval. The date of the CTB approval as well as any previous CTB L/A approval shall be shown on the appropriate plan sheets prior to approval for Right of Way.

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\* Rev. 10/14