

# TRN-1.09 - Design Standards for Public Streets

Administrative Rules Adopted by Bureaus Pursuant to Rule Making Authority (ARB)

## **Policy category**

[Streets & Sidewalks](#)

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### **I. Discussion**

Public street design is based on a number of national and local engineering standards.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has developed a booklet, *PBOT Development Review Manual to Creating Public Streets and Connections* which incorporates existing street design standards and identifies other relevant design manuals. Where possible, information has been simplified for easier understanding, and it is presented based on zoning designations.

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### **II. Design Standards for Public Streets**

Public streets shall be designed using the standards provided in the booklet, *PBOT Development Review Manual to Creating Public Streets and Connections*.

Any appeals of Public Works Permits shall follow City Code Title 17.06.

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### **III. Connectivity**

Connections should create short blocks, streets, and pedestrian/bicycle accessways (where streets are not feasible). These should connect to transit routes, schools, parks, and between residential neighborhoods and other activity centers. Spacing standards are a maximum of 530 feet for streets and 330 feet for pedestrian/bicycle ways where streets are not possible. A new street extension or pedestrian/bicycle connection may be required as a condition of approval as part of a land use review.

When a land use review is not associated with the development, such connections may still be required. In these cases, applicants are encouraged to contact PBOT to determine whether such connection requirements are likely to be imposed. This is especially true for projects in multi-dwelling or mixed-use sites, and on single-dwelling zoned sites over 10,000 sq ft, are located in a master street plan area, or are proposing more than 4 dwelling units.

Connectivity requirements follow Title 17.88 Street Access.

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#### **IV. Reference**

Pursuant to Rulemaking Authority under Chapter 3.12

Title 17.24.005 Jurisdiction and Management of Public Right-of-Way

Title 17.88.040 "Street Access"

Title 33 Section 33.654.110 "Connectivity and Location of Rights-of-Way", Section 33.120.330 "Street and Pedestrian Connections" and Section 33.130.292 "Street and Pedestrian Connections."

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