

14.0 DESIGN EXCEPTIONS

This manual establishes standards for the construction of transportation and infrastructure improvements in the City and urban areas of the County. There may be certain circumstances where those standards do not adequately meet the public's needs. The public needs, as defined by these standards, may conflict with constraints on the property or a new or innovative development proposal.

This chapter describes an exception process. It may be that an exception is a one-time event or it may be that the Manual will be revised to incorporate the exception.

The [flowchart](#) depicts the design exception process.

The burden in the development process shall be on the applicant to demonstrate that the proposed exception, if granted, will not result in a dangerous condition as determined by the City or County. No exception shall be allowed if the resulting design is dangerous or otherwise fails to meet the fundamental needs of the community. The fundamental needs of the community shall be determined by the City or County, but primarily are the provision of safe, efficient and effective transportation.

Any exceptions to the TEDS manual should be clearly proposed as early as possible in the project development and review process. Exceptions to TEDS should be identified no later than preliminary plan submittal.

If a design exception is to be a permanent modification to the TEDS Manual, it will be the responsibility of the City and County staff to update TEDS and disseminate the change to CDOT, other municipal or county departments and the development community.

When geometric standards or other design criteria are not specifically addressed in the City or County standards, then the latest editions of the following standards and criteria shall govern the design.

- [Colorado State Highway Access Code](#)
- [CDOT Roadway Design Manual](#)
- [Institute of Transportation Engineers](#) "Traffic Engineering Handbook"
- [American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials](#) "A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets"

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