

Routt County Road & Bridge

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Guidelines for Private Driveways on County Roads

WORK IN THE RIGHT OF WAY is permitted between May 1 and November 1. All work in County and / or Public Rights of Way must be reviewed and permitted through the Road & Bridge Department before work of any kind commences. Call 970-870-5344 for more information or to set up an appointment.

The County is in no way responsible for the construction or maintenance of a private driveway. Unless the County has entered into an agreement with a property owner to relocate a driveway due to road construction, the expense of the driveway culverts, gravel, labor and maintenance are the complete responsibility of the property owner. All private driveways adjoining a county road must be approved by a Road & Bridge representative, who will inspect the proposed driveway before signing a driveway permit.

Finished Grade of any driveway shall be below the grade at the edge of roadbed, at the edge of the public right of way. Any driveway shall have a finished surface of at least 6 inches of gravel when within a public road right of way.

Drainage Facilities shall be designed for a 25 year frequency flood. The minimum size culvert shall be 18 inches in diameter, designed for AASHTO H-20 loading. If corrugated pipe is used, it shall extend a minimum of 2 feet beyond the toe of any fill.

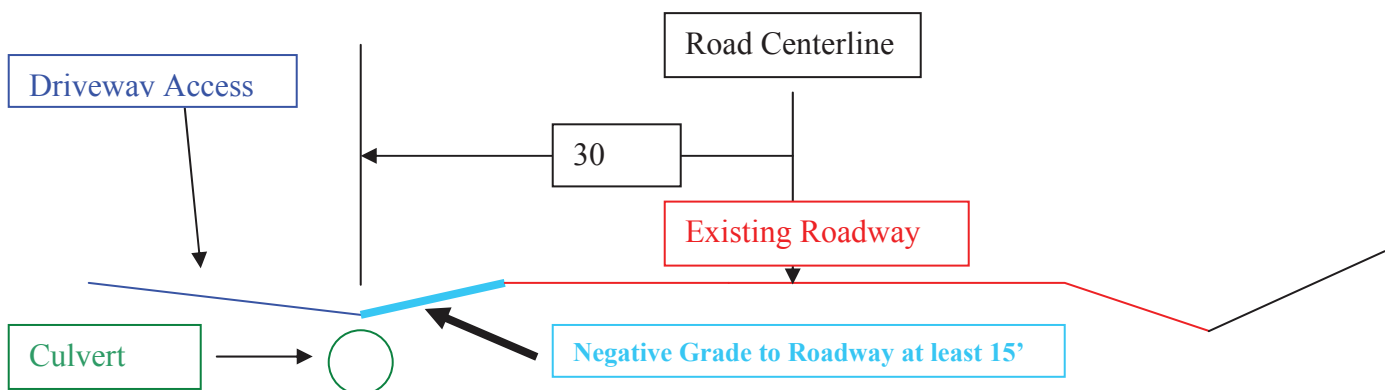
Stopping Sight Distance shall be designed as per "A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets".

Minimum Specifications

1. Width of driving surface of driveway must be a minimum of 20 feet.
2. Culvert diameter must be 18 inches minimum unless otherwise specified by Road & Bridge.
3. Routt County road Right Of Way easement is 30 feet from Centerline of Roadway.
4. Top of culvert must be lower than existing roadway surface.
5. Cover over culvert must be a minimum of 12 inches or ½ the culvert diameter.
6. Flow line of culvert must match flow line of drainage ditch. Drainage ditch may be modified to accept culvert upon approval.
7. Negative Grade from roadway to control drainage onto roadway for at least 15'.
8. Driveway must approach roadway at a 90 degree angle.

DRIVEWAY SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUCTED TO ALLOW DRAINAGE TO FLOW ONTO THE EXISTING ROADWAY.

Cross Section of Typical Driveway



Questions regarding details should be directed to the Road & Bridge office at (970) 870-5344.