



REQUIREMENTS FOR SHARED ACCESS RIGHT-OF-WAYS

This standard is intended to apply to trail improvements within an easement or street right-of-way that is shared with vehicle access to a maintenance facility, single family dwelling, or commercial property.

This standard provides the minimum requirements at a typical trail section. This standard is to be used in conjunction with other Parks and Recreation design standards. Other Park Standards may apply, which may include requirements for landscaping at trail entrance, other signage, trail cross section, slopes, and others details as determined by the Park Project Manager.

The standard included herein permits exceptions to AASHTO and WSDOT provisions for trail separation from vehicles if any of the following apply:

1. Shared driveway to a single residence, business or maintenance facility
2. Extreme low volume and dead-end road (daily traffic of less than 100 vehicles per day)

If none of the above applies, the trail shall be designed to WSDOT and AASHTO minimum standards for shared use paths.

Where exceptions to the AASHTO and WSDOT provisions are allowed by the Park Project Manager, the following shall apply:

1. The minimum requirements for shared trail access shall be as shown in Figure 1, 2 and 3 of this standard. Reference other Park design standards for typical details that may also apply.
2. Park standard way-finding signs shall be placed at the entrance and terminus of all trails and at all trail intersections. Location of way-finding post shall be set back 3 feet adjacent to the trail.
3. All pavement markings shall be per current City of Bellingham Public Works and current MUTCD standards.
4. Where determined by the Park Project Manager, 3-man rock shall be placed along the trail or at trail entrances as landscaping features and to deter unauthorized vehicle access.
5. Street standard "No Parking" signs shall be placed at intervals and locations determined by the Park Project Manager.
6. If a landscaping buffer is provided, the design of the landscaping buffer plants, grading, and other details shall be preapproved by the Park Project Manager during the conceptual design phase. A street tree permit may also be required.

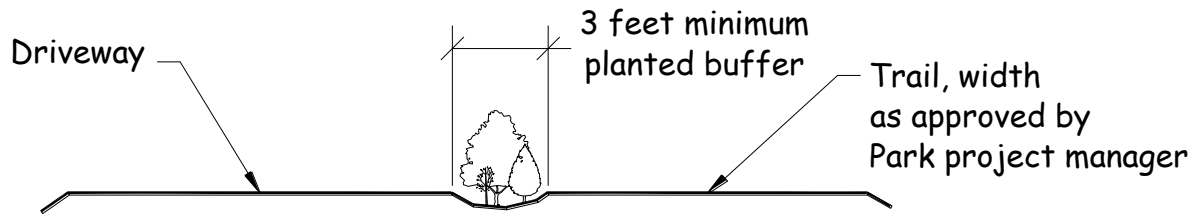


Figure 1 - Trail with landscape buffer

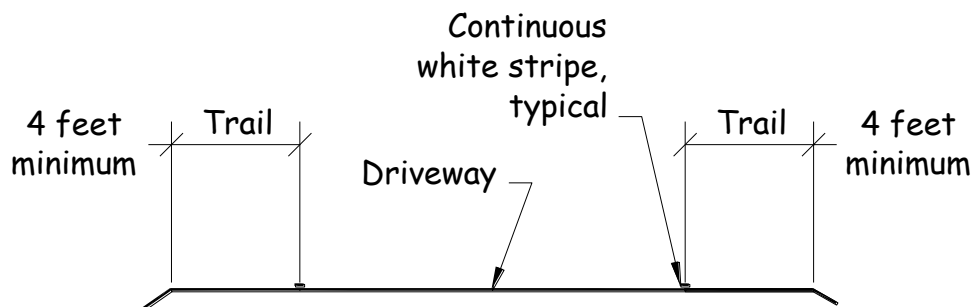


Figure 2 - Paved trail with no buffer

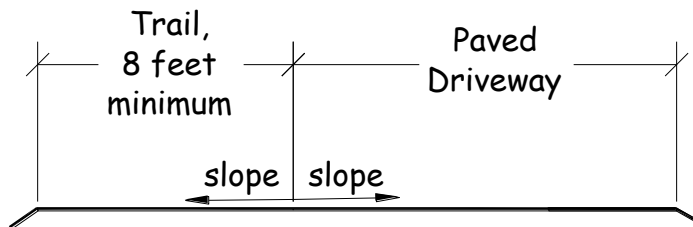


Figure 3 - Trail on gravel shoulder