

ARTERIAL STREET RAISED MEDIAN POLICY

CITY OF TULSA

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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PRIMARY ARTERIALS shall be 6-lane divided roadways with continuous raised medians. Median openings shall be provided at approximately 500 foot spacing. Priority for median openings shall be given first to public streets, then to major private streets or driveways, and lastly to minor private streets or driveways. An attempt will always be made to serve the higher volume access points and to serve as many land parcels as possible from the limited number of median openings available.

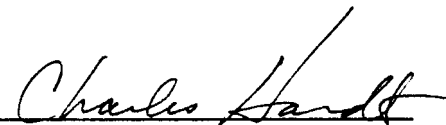
SECONDARY ARTERIALS shall be 4-lane or 5-lane undivided roadways EXCEPT at primary arterial intersections, freeway interchanges, and dual left turn locations. Raised medians 100 feet in length shall be used on secondary arterials at intersections with primary arterials. Raised medians shall be used on secondary arterials within and 200 feet either side of a freeway interchange. Raised medians shall be used the entire length of the left turn storage area at all dual (side-by-side) left turn locations.

OTHER PROVISIONS

1. New construction of City funded street projects will follow this policy. Projects involving Oklahoma Department of Transportation and/or Federal Highway Administration participation will be designed according to this policy in as much as ODOT and FHWA concurrence will allow.
2. Requests for removal of existing medians on secondary arterials will be processed through the City's Privately Financed Public Improvement (PFPI) procedures. All engineering and construction costs would be the responsibility of the requesting party. Proposed median removals or modifications will be reviewed on a case by case basis to assure that the project would not result in a dysfunctional, hazardous, or illogical median segment being left or median gap being created.
3. Flush medians which will replace raised medians at many locations on secondary arterials will be delineated by thermoplastic striping and raised reflective markers. The size and shape of the flush medians would normally mirror what would have been the dimensions of a raised median.

4. Medians on secondary arterials which are either ineffectual or in such a state of disrepair that removal is more practical than repair will be considered for removal when major repairs and/or overlay is proposed for that street segment. Many factors, including cost, will be considered in those situations. The City will not undertake a massive program to remove secondary arterial medians on a wholesale basis.

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