

# PUBLIC ROADS, PRIVATE ROADS, AND ALLEYS

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## PUBLIC ROAD

A public road is a road that was dedicated to the County and accepted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for public use. Public roads accepted into the county road network system are maintained by Public Works Agency Transportation Department (PWATD). Public roads not accepted into the road network are maintained by the adjacent property owners or other entities. Public roads may not be closed for public access, unless the BOS has approved restricted access. PWATD can only use Road funds for work on County maintained Roads.

## PRIVATE ROAD

A private road is a road not accepted by the BOS for public use. A private road is usually owned and maintained by an organization, most commonly a homeowners' association. Or an adjacent property owners as individuals. Private roads may be gated to prevent public access.

## ALLEYS

An alley is a narrow lane which usually runs between or behind properties, permitting access from the street to backyards and garages. Alleys may serve as public access, but they have not been accepted by the BOS for maintenance. The adjacent property owners are responsible for maintenance.

## HOW DO I DETERMINE WHETHER A ROAD IS A PUBLIC ROAD MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY?

Please visit PWATD home web page <http://vcpublicworks.org/transportation-department/transportation> and click on the [map](#) to locate whether or not your road is maintained by the Transportation Department. If the road is shown in a solid color or dashed line then the road is a public road maintained by the PWATD.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For question relation to roads relating to roads maintained by PWATD contact PWATD: (805) 654-2049.

For Questions relating to private roads contact PWA Real Estate Services (RES) at (805) 654-2402

