

17 AAC 15.131. Utility accommodation on controlled-access highways

(a) A utility facility may not be installed within the controlled-access limits of a highway unless the utility demonstrates to the satisfaction of the department that

(1) a feasible alternative does not exist; and

(2) the proposed utility facility will not adversely affect the design, construction, maintenance, safety, or operation of the highway.

(b) Access for maintenance of a utility facility located within controlled-access limits of a highway or from the entrance or exit ramp of a highway is prohibited, except if

(1) alternate locations and means of access are unavailable or impractical due to terrain and environmental constraints; and

(2) that use will not adversely affect safety and traffic operation, or damage the highway, a highway structure, or a department installation.

(c) Where an existing highway will be or has been converted to a controlled-access highway, the department may

(1) relocate any existing facility that can be maintained only from the proposed controlled access of a highway or its entrance or exit ramps; or

(2) make other provisions to maintain any existing facility without using access from the highway or its entrance or exit ramps; or

(3) allow access as set out in (b) of this section.