

ROADS & TRAFFIC FACT SHEET

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

WHAT IS THE ROAD HIERARCHY OF BRISBANE?

The Road Hierarchy of Brisbane is the way Council has classified its roads so that we can provide a convenient, accessible and safe road network for the residents and visitors of Brisbane.

The road hierarchy discourages the use of neighbourhood and local access roads by through traffic, but allows for interconnectivity between neighbourhoods for locally generated trips.

WHAT TYPES OF ROADS MAKE UP THE ROAD HIERARCHY OF BRISBANE?

- Motorway
- Arterial Route
- Suburban Route
- District Access
- Neighbourhood Access
- Local Access

HOW CAN I TELL WHAT TYPE OF ROAD I AM ON?

MOTORWAY

Motorways are controlled by the state government or Queensland Motorways and link major inter-city and regional areas and are usually primary freight routes.

Typical characteristics of this type of road include:

- carrying over 30,000 vehicles per day
- signage indicating speed limits of up to 110 kilometres per hour
- no direct property access.

ARTERIAL ROUTE

Arterial routes connect major centres of the city and form important links in Brisbane's bus and freight network. Some arterial roads in Brisbane are controlled by Queensland's Department of Main Roads.

Typical characteristics of this type of road include:

- carrying between 20,000 and 30,000 vehicles per day
- signage indicating speed limits of up to 80 kilometres per hour
- limited direct property access
- lack of suitability for Local Area Traffic Management (traffic calming).

Some examples include:

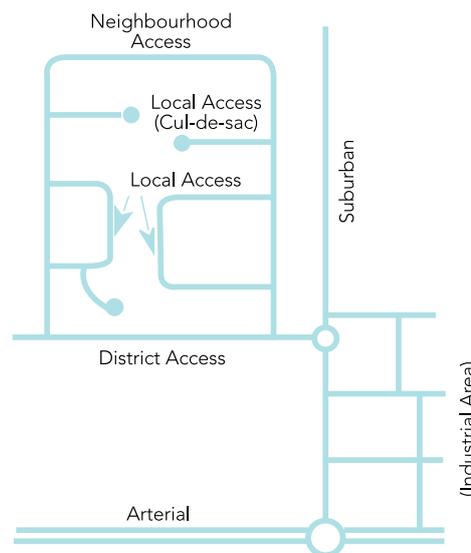
- Logan Road, Mt Gravatt
- Gympie Road, Lutwyche
- Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo.

SUBURBAN ROUTE

Suburban routes connect arterial routes in and around suburbs and form important links in the public transport and inter-suburban freight network.

Typical characteristics of this type of road include:

- carrying between 10,000 and 20,000 vehicles per day
- signage indicating speed limits of up to 80 kilometres per hour
- lack of suitability for Local Area Traffic Management (traffic calming).



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Some examples include:

- Hamilton Road, Chermside
- Winstanley Street, Carina
- Webster Road, Stafford
- McCullough Street, Sunnybank.

DISTRICT ACCESS

District access roads provide access to neighbourhood access roads and allow for the movement of people and goods within and through suburbs, and access to local streets.

Typical characteristics of this type of road include:

- carrying traffic volumes of between 3,000 and 10,000 vehicles per day
- signage indicating speed limits of up to 60 kilometres per hour
- ideal routes for buses, pedestrian and bike facilities
- two traffic lanes
- lack of suitability for Local Area Traffic Management (traffic calming).

Some examples include:

- Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne
- Bilsen Road, Wavell Heights
- Wilgarning Street, Stafford Heights
- Watson Road, Acacia Ridge.

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACCESS

Neighbourhood access roads primarily provide access to residential buildings and local access streets and may be used to carry public transport.

Typical characteristics of this type of road include:

- carrying less than 3000 vehicles per day
- signage indicating speed limits of up to 50 kilometres per hour
- possible suitability for Local Area Traffic Management (traffic calming).

LOCAL ACCESS

Local access roads primarily provide access to single family dwellings and cul-de-sacs with limited neighbourhood traffic movement and limited through traffic. While the main function of streets is to provide vehicle access, local streets also have an open space function that residents use for other activities like walking, cycling or to simply speak with neighbours.

Typical characteristics of this type of road include:

- carrying less than 1000 vehicles per day
- speed limits of up to 50 kilometres per hour
- possible suitability for Local Area Traffic Management (traffic calming).

MORE INFORMATION AND RELATED LINKS

The Brisbane Road Hierarchy Map may help you to classify the type of road you live on.

Visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/transport or phone Council on 07 3403 8888 for advice.

ROAD CORRIDOR PLANNING

Council's corridor planning assists:

- direct planning work to major road corridors in Brisbane and the surrounding catchments to these roads
- considering how best to manage bicycle travel demand through the corridor, including extra road space, more public transport, walking and cycling facilities, improved signal coordination and a range of projects to manage congestion.

For more information on transport planning in Brisbane, visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and search 'transport plan'.

