

140 MESA COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE GENERAL ROAD MAINTENANCE POLICY

140 - General Road Maintenance

The following list of road classifications determines the level of maintenance performed by Mesa County on various county roads.

I. Primitive Roads, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Code 10:

Primitive Roads are public roads usually found in remote regions of the county and are not recommended for travel by conventional vehicles. These roads are **not** maintained by Mesa County and often may not be passable during adverse weather conditions.

II. Unimproved Roads (Bladed), CDOT Code 20:

Unimproved Roads are roads using the natural surface and maintained by Mesa County to permit bare passability for motor vehicles but not conforming to the requirements for a graded and drained road. These roads are maintained biannually. These roads have little or no gravel, very little drainage, and are *primitive* in nature. These roads are not recommended for travel during adverse weather conditions. Roads with this classification have a low priority for maintenance when competing with roads in higher categories. Improvements to a higher classification are not planned by Mesa County unless financed by funding sources other than Mesa County maintenance revenues.

III. Graded and Drained Roads, CDOT Code 30:

Graded and drained roads are roads of natural earth aligned and graded to permit reasonably convenient use by motor vehicles and with drainage systems (natural and artificial) sufficient to prevent serious impairment of the road by normal surface water. They are without dust palliative treatments or a continuous course of special borrow material to protect the roadbed. These roads are maintained on an *as needed* basis (more than twice each year). These roads may be temporary in nature (such as detour route to facilitate immediate traffic service). Improvements to a higher classification are not planned by Mesa County unless financed by funding sources other than Mesa County maintenance revenues.

IV. Gravel Surfaced Roads, CDOT Code 40 (Soil, gravel or Stone):

These roads have a surface that has mixed soil, stabilized soil, gravel or stone. These road surfaces may be stabilized with dust palliatives such as magnesium chloride. Gravel surfaced roads are maintained as needed with drainage systems, gravel or stone, and are graded when weather permits. (Not generally graded dry or when muddy). These roads are not planned for paving (item VI below, but may be surfaced as described in item V below, pending road conditions, funding availability, and maintenance history). Improvements beyond those mentioned above are not planned by Mesa County unless financed by funding sources other than Mesa County maintenance revenues.

V. Bituminous Surfaced Roads (Low Type), CDOT Code 51:

An earth road, a soil-surfaced road, or a stone road to which has been added by any process a bituminous surface course with or without a seal coat having a total compacted thickness of less than one inch. Seal coats include those known as chip seals, drag seals, plant-mix seals and rock asphalt seals. These roads are maintained as needed to provide a dust free and reasonably smooth riding surface. Improvements to a higher classification are not planned by Mesa County unless financed by funding sources other than Mesa County maintenance revenues.

VI. Bituminous Surfaced Roads (High Type) Old CDOT Code 6:

Roads having a mixed bituminous surface course that is one inch or greater in thickness having a high load-bearing capacity. These roads are maintained as necessary with pot-hole patching, crack sealing, and other major patching. These roads will be chip and sealed at least once before repaving (overlay). These roads will be overlaid at least once every twenty years. Improvements beyond normal maintenance are not planned by Mesa County unless financed by funding sources other than Mesa County maintenance revenues.

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