

**CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING DIVISION**



Policy Statement

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| Subject: Gated Communities | |
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The City of Denver is asked occasionally to consider allowing gated communities within the corporate boundaries. The nature of public Right-of-Way is such that Right-of-Way is used to promote connectivity, better air quality, allow for drainage, as well to convey utilities of all kinds.

More than most suburban communities the City and County of Denver is planned for connectivity in a grid and disruption to the pattern can lead to traffic in excess of expectations in the disjointed area as well as delays to City safety services. When Streets are removed from the network a burden is placed on the other streets in the vicinity to absorb those trips that have been denied, resulting in out of direction travel and additional VMT. This results in deterioration of the system and is inherently counter to the mobility goals of the City and County of Denver's comprehensive plan.

The residents in an area see only the local conditions as paramount, the City Engineers Office is responsible to all of the area including in some cases areas outside the City and County of Denver boundaries.

For these reasons, the policy of the City and County of Denver is to deny the request for Gated or closed communities on **existing Public Streets.**