

## Planned Arterials Map Legend Definitions

**Principal Arterials:** Serve as the principal route for the movement of traffic through the City. Connects Interstate Freeways to major activity centers, to minor and collector arterial streets and directly to traffic destinations. Serve major traffic generators such as the Central Business District, major shopping or commercial districts and move traffic from community to community. Changes to this classification require City Council approval and would be based on factors such as changes in land use.

**Minor Arterials:** To distribute traffic from Principal Arterials to Collector Arterials and Access streets, directly to secondary traffic generators such as community shopping areas, high schools, community centers and athletic fields, and to serve trips between neighborhoods within a community. Generally located on neighborhood boundaries except when necessary to provide adequate service to traffic generators located within neighborhoods. Changes to this classification require City Council approval and would be based on factors such as changes in land use.

**Collector Arterials:** To collect and distribute traffic from Principal and Minor Arterials to Access Streets or directly to local destinations. Collector arterials are typically located within neighborhood boundaries and serve small group of stores, schools, small apartment complexes, and residential land uses. Changes to this classification require City Council approval and would be based on factors such as changes in land use.

**Interstate Freeways:** provide the highest capacity and least impeded traffic flow for the movement of longer distance vehicle trips (5 miles or more). Typically limited access facilities that are located adjacent to and provide access to major private and public developments of regional significance, such as shopping centers and the Central Business District. Changes to this classification require City Council approval and would be based on factors such as changes in land use.

**Access Streets** (both residential and commercial): Access streets are not part of the arterial network. They provide direct access from the arterial network to local land uses. Seattle identifies access streets in two categories: Commercial Access Streets and Residential Access Streets. Commercial Access Streets provide access to commercial and industrial land uses and provide localized traffic circulation. They serve commercial, manufacturing and industrial zoned properties. Residential Access Streets provide access to low and medium density residential land uses. Changes to this classification require City Council approval and would be based on factors such as changes in land use.

**Arterials--Planned access:** Streets indicated as this category are currently part of the arterial network, but may be reclassified as access streets in the future based on changes to adjacent land uses that have occurred since they were originally classified. Changes to this classification require City Council approval and would be based on factors such as changes in land use.

**Access--Planned arterial:** Streets indicated as this category are not currently part of the arterial network, but may be reclassified as arterial streets in the future based on changes to adjacent land uses that have occurred since they were originally classified. Changes to this classification require City Council approval and would be based on factors such as changes in land use.