



# COOS COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

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## TYPES OF PUBLIC ROADS

A public road is a road that everyone has a right to use and which is a matter of legal record. State highways and city streets are types of public roads. Coos County has two types of public roads within its jurisdiction. The degree of county responsibility depends on the status of the road and applicable state and county law.

### **County Road**

A county road must have been accepted into the county road system. The county's jurisdiction covers the entire right-of-way. If accepted into the system, Coos County Roads is responsible for maintaining it, setting standards and specifications for road work, processing permits for driveways or other road approaches, utility installations, and any other work within the right-of-way.

### **Local Access Road**

A local access road is a public road that has not been accepted into the county road system or any other road system. A local access road has been dedicated to the public, but it has not been accepted as part of the publicly-maintained road system. The county still has jurisdiction within the rights-of-way of local access roads, but local landowners have the primary responsibility for maintenance.

Other types of roads serving property in Coos County include forest roads and private roads.