

5.6 Access Control Plan

This section presents the Access Control Plan which has been formulated through the considerable input of the governing agencies, organized business owner groups, and the public. After considering both existing and future conditions in the corridor, the plan defines how access for future development should be planned.

Conceptual level cost estimates for the recommended access improvements have been prepared. The narratives included in this chapter are meant to serve as a summary of the key features of the plan. A detailed explanation of state highway mainline access in the corridor is presented in the Intergovernmental Agreement. The Access Control Plan is also illustrated on aerial photographs (Figures 5-10 through 5-15).

The recommended improvements for Mulberry Street are divided into two sections, from Riverside Avenue to Timberline Road and from Timberline Road to I-25. This procedure was used so that the recommendations of the I-25/SH 14 Interchange Area Study could be documented separately. Each section provides a list of improvements that represent the more significant access changes for the corridor.

Riverside Avenue to Timberline Road

This is the westerly section of the corridor. Between Riverside Avenue and Link Lane, Mulberry Street is within the City of Fort Collins, while between Link Lane and Timberline Road, Mulberry Street is in Larimer County. Following is a list of improvements that should be undertaken.

- Develop a six-lane roadway between Riverside Avenue and Timberline Road. Where the Cache La Poudre River crosses Mulberry Street (between Riverside Avenue and Lemay Avenue), the existing bridge would require replacement.
- Construct dual left turn lanes for both the eastbound and westbound directions of Mulberry Street at Lemay Avenue and at Timberline Road. Projected traffic volumes indicate that these improvements will be required to service the level of left turn movements at these intersections.
- Relocate the frontage road intersections along both the north and south sides of Mulberry Street a minimum of 150 feet from the state highway. By doing so, the additional space will allow for vehicle movements at these two intersections to operate in a more safe manner while also providing more stacking distance for vehicles waiting to access the highway.
- Close the opening in the existing median about 200 feet to the east of Riverside Avenue.
- Construct a raised median island in the intersection of the proposed 12th Street to restrict the access to two $\frac{3}{4}$ movements (right-in, right-out and left-in).





