



County of San Diego Department of Public Works (DPW)

Traffic Control and Road Design Frequently Asked Questions

1. Does the County design or modify private roads under a PRD?

No. The County of San Diego's DPW does **not** design or redesign private roads in a Permanent Road Division (PRD).

If you wish to modify your private road (e.g., add speed humps, bike lanes, signage, or other traffic-calming features), you will need to work with a **licensed private engineer**. The contract for this work must be between the engineer and the property owner(s).

2. Will DPW implement design features if someone else has already completed the design?

No. While DPW **does not implement** design features, it **may maintain** those features—such as speed humps or bike lanes—if **they have already been designed and installed by others**, and if they are considered part of the PRD's ongoing maintenance needs.

3. Can the County conduct engineering studies or design work for PRD roads?

No. DPW does **not** perform studies, planning, or design services for PRD roads. Property owners must hire external professionals to conduct all necessary engineering work. This may include local fire department approval for modifications.

4. What does DPW maintain as part of a PRD?

DPW provides **maintenance services** only. Depending on the specific PRD ordinance that is adopted by the Board of Supervisors upon formation, this may include:

- **Roadway surface** (asphalt, signing and striping)
- **Subgrade and structural layers** (gravel, rock, and soil beneath the pavement)
- **Drainage infrastructure**, including:
 - Culverts
 - Storm drains
 - Headwalls
 - Pipes and systems to carry water away from the road

5. Who maintains underground utilities (like water, gas, or electricity)?

DPW does **not** maintain underground utilities. These are managed by the appropriate **utility organizations and districts**.

6. Does DPW maintain or replace culverts under PRD roads?

Depending on the specific PRD ordinance, the **maintenance of culverts and other stormwater drainage structures** under PRD roads may be included.

Do you still have questions?

Please contact the **County of San Diego Department of Public Works – Private Road Division** at: SPDIST.LUEG@sdcounty.ca.gov or 858-694-2691