

PublicCoordinate Mapping Tool - Roadway Classifications

These definitions are from the City's Master Thoroughfare Plan.

Major Arterial

Principal street within the network for the provisions of both intercity and intracity traffic movement within the Chicagoland Region. The Major Arterial provides for efficient traffic flow and a restricted level of access to fronting properties. Access is limited to impede the movement of traffic.

Minor Arterial

Secondary street within the network for the purpose of traffic movement between the neighborhoods and other areas of the City. While a major function of this arterial is efficient traffic flow, access is provided to adjacent commercial properties with no direct access to residential properties.

Collector Street

Collector streets connect residential, local and neighborhood connector streets through or adjacent to more than one neighborhood and have continuity between arterial streets.

Collector streets convey traffic out of the neighborhoods to the arterial streets. The positive benefit of collector streets is to reduce the traffic on other residential streets in the neighborhood.

Collector streets, with their wider widths and speed limits higher than residential streets, are planned as the route of choice in and out of neighborhoods.