

The Washington County Transportation System Plan describes and characterizes arterials in the following manner:

- **Arterial streets** interconnect with the Principal Arterial highway system. Arterials provide general mobility for travel within the Washington/Multnomah/Clackamas County area. Correctly sized Arterials at appropriate intervals allow through-trips to remain on the Arterial system thereby discouraging use of Local streets for cut-through traffic. Arterials streets link major commercial, residential, industrial and institutional areas. General characteristics of Arterials can include:
  - Arterials serve as primary connections to Principal Arterials, and connect to other Arterials, Collector and Local streets, where appropriate.
  - Arterials in the rural area provide connections to neighboring cities, and farm-to-market access between urban and rural areas. Most rural Arterials serve a mix of rural-to-urban and farm-to-market traffic. In some cases rural Arterials, especially in rural/urban fringe areas, accommodate significant amounts of urban-to-urban through-traffic during peak commuting time periods. This is not the intended function of the rural Arterial designation and is often the result of congestion on urban Arterials.
  - Arterials may provide freight movement similar to Principal Arterials.
  - Arterials have moderate access control for cross streets and driveways. Typically, residential driveways are not allowed access to Arterials.