

## 7 What types of road construction projects require highway system revisions during the project's preconstruction phase?

- A road widening project on an existing county road or city street on which the DOT is purchasing right-of-way
- A new road construction project involving the relocation of a State Route

## 8 What crucial information does the Systems & Classification Branch need from a DOT District Office?

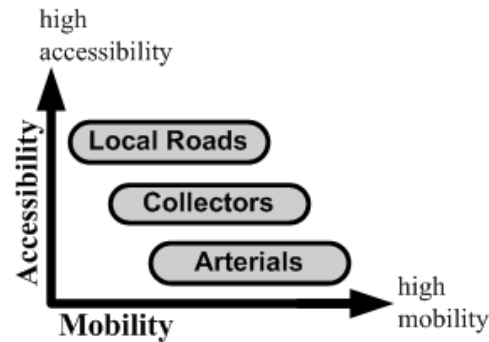
The Branch needs to know the proposed date that a new section of roadway will open for State Route service. This will ensure the legal transfer of roadways to the appropriate State or local jurisdiction.

## 9 When should the Systems & Classification Branch be contacted?

- When the construction project is approaching the right-of-way acquisition phase
- If the local government has any concerns or issues
- If there are any question that you may have

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## 10 What are the road classifications?



- Local Road - A local road is typically a residential road.
- Collector - A collector collects trips from local roads and streets to feed the arterial system.
- Arterial - An arterial is a major highway that is primarily for through traffic and is usually on a continuous route.



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# Highway Systems Management: Frequently Asked Questions

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**1** In Georgia, who are the coordinators of the State's Highway Systems?

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The Systems & Classification Branch is a part of the DOT's Office of Transportation Data.

The Branch acts as the liaison between local government officials and the DOT Commissioner in the establishing and updating of the four major highway systems:

- State Highway System
- US Route Numbering System
- Highway Functional Classification System
- National Highway System

**2** What are the general guidelines for determining road classifications?

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The key State Codes covering DOT's administration of the State Highway System are:

- OCGA 32-4-20: Composition of the State Highway System
- OCCA 32-4-2/21: Adding Roads to the State Highway System
- OCGA 32-7-2: Procedure for Abandonment
- OCGA 32-5-2: Appropriation of Funds for ROW acquisition

**3** What roads are eligible for capital improvement funds under the federal-aid Surface Transportation Program?

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- In rural areas, roads classified as a rural major collector or higher
- In urban or urbanized areas, roads classified as an urban collector street or higher

**4** What is the process for removing a road from the State Highway System?

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If a road is not going to be obliterated during construction and will remain open as a public road, the road must be accepted by the appropriate County or City government as part of their public road network.

- The principal elected officials must execute a Local State Route Acceptance Resolution by which they agree to adopt the roadway for maintenance as well as the road's right-of-way.
- The DOT Commissioner executes an Order officially removing the roadway from the State Highway System.

**5** What is the next course of action if a local government disagrees with a proposed State Highway System revision?

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The local government must respond in writing to the DOT Commissioner (sending a copy to the DOT District Engineer and the Administrator of the DOT's Office of Transportation Data) as soon as possible explaining why they do not agree with the proposed plan.

The Systems & Classification Branch will review the correspondence from the local government and research other alternatives, while coordinating with the DOT Commissioner and the DOT District Engineer.

**6** What is the responsibility of the DOT in regard to administrative State Routes?

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**B**

When a road has been designated as an administrative (temporary) State Route, it is the responsibility of the appropriate County or City government to provide routine maintenance and utility permitting. However, the DOT has control over all other permitting and enforcement associated with the road.

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