

# PUBLIC ROADS, PRIVATE ROADS, AND ALLEYS

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## **PUBLIC ROADS**

A public road is a road that was dedicated to the County and accepted by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for public use. Public roads accepted into the county road network system are maintained by Ventura County Public Works Agency – Roads & Transportation (VCPWA–RT). Public roads not accepted into the road network are maintained by the adjacent property owners or other entities. Public roads may not be closed for public access unless the BOS has approved restricted access. VCPWA–RT can only use Road funds for work on County maintained roads.

## **PRIVATE ROADS**

A private road is a road not accepted by the BOS for public use. A private road is usually owned and maintained by an organization, most commonly a homeowners' association or an adjacent property owner. Private roads may be gated to prevent public access.

## **ALLEYS**

An alley is a narrow lane which usually runs between or behind properties, permitting access from the street to backyards and garages. Alleys may serve as public access, but they have not been accepted by the BOS for maintenance. The adjacent property owners are responsible for maintenance.

## **HOW DO I DETERMINE WHETHER A ROAD IS A PUBLIC ROAD MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY?**

Please visit the VCPWA–RT web page at <http://www.vcpublicworks.org/rt> and click on the [map](#) to assess whether or not your road is maintained by Roads & Transportation. If the road is shown in a solid color or dashed line, then the road is a public road maintained by the PWA-RT.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For questions relating to roads maintained by VCPWA–RT, please contact Roads & Transportation at **(805) 654-2049** or through the "Contact Us" link at: <https://vcpublicworks.org/rt>.

For questions relating to private roads, contact VCPWA Real Estate Services (RES) at (805) 654-2026.