



# PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WAY POLICY GUIDELINE PAPER

**Pedestrian Access Ways (PAWs)** are rights-of-way or easements that provide connectivity for non-vehicular transportation modes between public streets (and other public uses) where this access would otherwise be precluded due to barriers from private development.

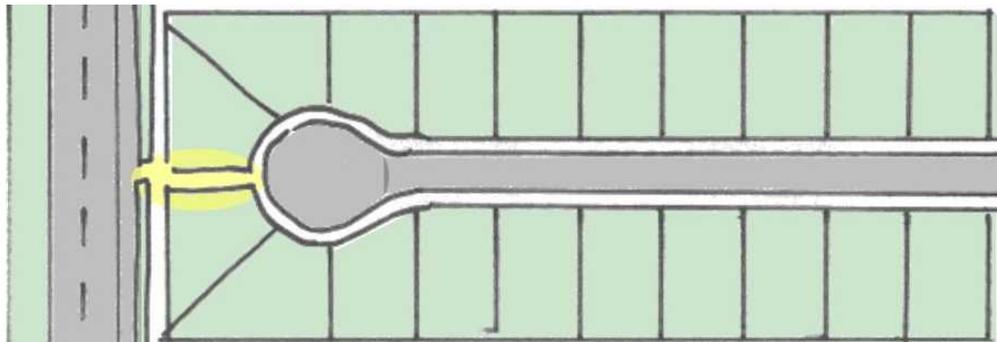
**Policy Guideline:** The City of College Station will encourage the use of non-vehicular transportation modes by increasing pedestrian access between residential and adjacent land uses through the use of PAWs.

## Examples of PAW locations:

- Between the bulbs of two cul-de-sacs
- At mid-block locations between long blocks
- At mid-block locations or dead end streets that abut a public land use (e.g., schools, park, library, neighborhood retail center, etc.) or a public street

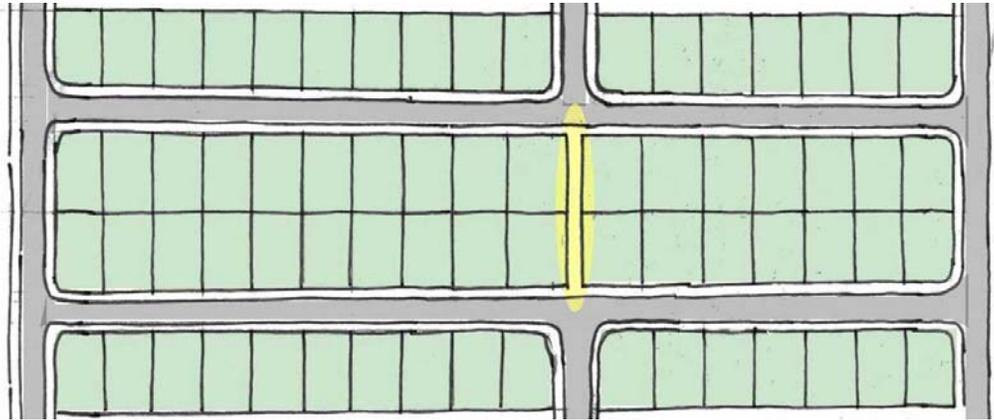
## Example PAW Requirement Criteria:

- A PAW shall be provided on all dead end streets that are longer than 200 feet (unless abutting land use is incompatible).



**Dead End Street PAW:** In this case, the PAW provides access to the primary thoroughfare behind the subdivision. The PAW could also connect the ends of two dead end streets.

- A PAW shall be provided at mid-block locations when the block length exceeds 800 feet (unless abutting land use is incompatible).



**Mid Block PAW:** In this case, the PAW provides access through a neighborhood across a long block.

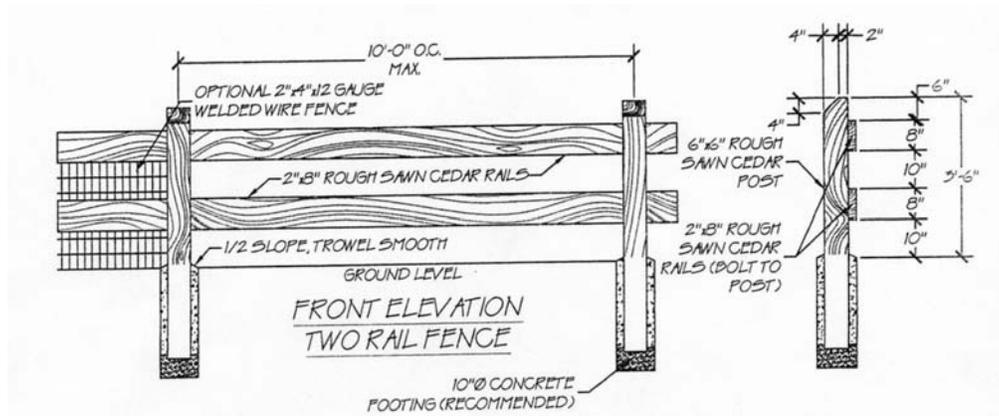
- PAWs shall be provided through a residential block at intervals of not more than 400 feet when the block backs up to a public use (e.g., school, park, or library).



**Public Area PAW:** In this case, the PAW provides access through a neighborhood to a city park.

#### **Design Considerations:**

- Maximum PAW length between cul-de-sac bulbs.
  - The maximum PAW length between cul-de-sacs shall be 100 feet.
- Desirable PAW widths (easement and pavement).
  - The PAW easement shall be 20 feet wide with a 6-foot sidewalk. The sidewalk shall either be located in the center of the easement, or may meander through the access way.
- Landscaping requirements within PAW.
  - Canopy trees shall be planted at intervals of 30 feet through the access way. Shrubs are prohibited within access ways.
- Adjacent fencing requirements.
  - Open type fences (as shown below) will be required adjacent to PAWs. These fences will be constructed by the developer and dedicated to the City of College Station with other public infrastructure such as streets and utility lines.



**Open Fence:** Open fences will allow a view of the PAW from adjacent homes, increasing security of the PAW.

- Compatible adjacent land uses.
  - PAWs shall be required as described by the above criteria when the adjacent land use is residential, park, floodplain/stream, institutional. PAWs connecting residential areas to retail land uses may be required by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Requirement based on future or existing adjacent land use.
  - PAWs shall be required based on the planned future land use of the adjacent property. In many cases, PAWs will be constructed that lead to undeveloped land, but the opportunity for these pedestrian connections will be preserved for the future. Until the PAW connects to the adjacent developed parcel, the PAW fencing shall be continuous across the opening.