

# MAJOR STREET PLAN

CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA  
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- URBAN AREA BOUNDARY
  - MAJOR ARTERIAL
  - MINOR ARTERIAL
  - MAJOR COLLECTOR
  - MINOR COLLECTOR
  - HUNTSVILLE CITY LIMITS
  - OTHER MUNICIPALITIES
- Solid lines indicate existing streets.  
Dashed lines indicate proposed streets.

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Facility	Minimum	Maximum	Right of Way Width
Major Arterial	180'	300'	180' - 300'
Minor Arterial	100'	180'	100' - 180'
Major Collector	80'	100'	80' - 100'
Minor Collector	60'	80'	60' - 80'

**DEFINITIONS**  
Four major street classifications are defined by the Huntsville Subdivision Regulations.

**Major Arterials.**  
Major Arterials are streets and highways of great continuity designed to accommodate the highest traffic volumes and longest trip distances. Routes to existing trip distances are subdivided to provisions of level service to major traffic movements. Major arterials carry the major portion of trips entering, leaving or bypassing the urban area. Also, because of the nature of travel served by the major arterial system, almost all fully and partially controlled access facilities are part of this system. Examples include such highways as I-565, Memorial Parkway and University Drive.

**Minor Arterials.**  
Streets and highways of considerable continuity interconnecting with and engaging the major arterial system and providing service to moderate length trips at a somewhat lower level of mobility are designated as minor arterials. The system places more emphasis on land access and destination traffic to smaller geographic levels than those facilitated by the higher system. Minor arterials include all arterials not classified as major, such as Spanglers Drive, Patton Drive and Nelson Road.

**Major Collectors.**  
Major collectors are streets of reasonable continuity that channel traffic between arterials and from other collector streets to the arterial system. Such a street may provide retail and service establishments along its route, and may carry relatively high traffic volumes. Examples include Oldwood Avenue, Holmes Avenue and Drake Avenue.

**Minor Collectors.**  
Streets that conduct traffic from a number of local streets to the major collector / arterial system between other collectors, and from activity centers to a street of higher classification, are designated as minor collectors. Minor collectors generally have lower traffic volumes, shorter trip lengths and fewer through trips than major collectors. Minor collectors include all collectors not classified as major.

