

## Van Nimwegen, Hannah

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**From:** Sword - CDOT, Valerie <valerie.sword@state.co.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 4, 2020 2:12 PM  
**To:** Frisbie, Todd  
**Cc:** Nelson - CDOT, Jason; Van Nimwegen, Hannah; Easton, Travis W.; Alazzeh, Zaker; Lacey, Brett  
**Subject:** Re: Emergency Access to Powers Boulevard  
**Attachments:** A-Line Definition.pdf

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Todd,

Thank you for reaching out to CDOT regarding Council's inquiry on emergency access to Powers Blvd ( SH 21) at or very near Bright Moon Drive. Below are a few facts that drive CDOT's response.

1. Powers Blvd, in its entirety has an Access Category of Freeway, the highest and most restrictive highway classification. Access to Freeways are by grade-separated interchanges and at 1 mile spacing.
2. Section 3.3(1) of the State Highway Access Code, Volume 2, Code of Colorado Regulations 601-1 states; *Emergency access may be permitted on categories R-A, R-B, NR-A, NR-B, NR-C and F-r where required by local safety regulations...*Please note that the Freeway Category is excluded from this list.
3. CDOT obtains the Access Rights along Freeway facilities for the express purpose of prohibiting requests for access to the roadway except at interchange locations. Attached is a definition of the Access Deed or A-line.

For the reasons listed above, CDOT would not allow emergency access to Powers Blvd. Please contact me if any clarification is required.

Respectfully,

**Valerie Sword**

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On Thu, Jun 4, 2020 at 10:27 AM Frisbie, Todd <[Todd.Frisbie@coloradosprings.gov](mailto:Todd.Frisbie@coloradosprings.gov)> wrote:

Valerie / Jason – As we discussed earlier today, there is interest from City Council to explore the possibility of emergency only access to Powers Boulevard north of the Old Ranch Road interchange. The attached file shows the location of the proposed emergency access. Please provide a response from CDOT that states whether CDOT would or would not approve of an emergency access on Powers Boulevard. If CDOT would not approve of this access, then please provide the justification for such action.

An email response will do and please provide a response prior to our June 9 City Council hearing.

Thank you,

**Todd Frisbie, P.E., PTOE**

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