A. What is a Road Modification?

A “Road Modification” is a variance to county transportation standards. Clark County Code (CCC) 40.550 specifies three classifications of modifications, typical examples, and approval criteria.

B. Are there different types of Road Modifications?

Yes. There are three classifications of road modifications depending on the complexity of the request.

**Minor Deviation**: Common minor variations that have minimal, if any, impacts. See CCC 40.550.010 B(1).

**Technical Road Modification**: This category is for changes to the standards related to access, safety, cross-sections, or construction materials. These variances have greater impacts onsite or offsite so require more documentation and analysis. See CCC 40.550.010 B(2).

**Major Road Modification**: This category is for requests with the potential of significant impacts to the public. These requests tend to be unique requiring more extensive documentation and analysis. Examples include the addition or elimination of medians, cross-circulation changes, and design changes concerning traffic or pedestrian safety. See CCC 40.550.010 B(3).

C. Is a professional engineer required to stamp the application?

1. Minor deviations and technical road modifications require preparation by a Washington professional engineer, unless the applicant requests a waiver of this requirement and the county’s responsible official approves the request.
2. All major road modifications must be stamped by a professional engineer licensed in Washington.

D. When will I receive a decision on my application?

When the road modification is requested during a preliminary land use process, the road modification decision is issued with the underlying development land use decision. Stand-alone road modifications are issued within 21 days of the fully complete submittal.

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**Note**: This handout is not a substitute for county code. For more detailed information, please refer to Clark County Code, Section 40.550 Modifications and Variances.