

# Frequently Asked Questions on the City of Kent's Road Classification Map

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## **How are roads classified?**

Road classifications are proposed by the city's Transportation Engineering staff, and officially adopted by City Council. Classifications are based on the anticipated traffic volume of the road, the topography and safe travel speeds for the area, and the desirability of the route.

## **The road I'm interested in is not classified. What does that mean?**

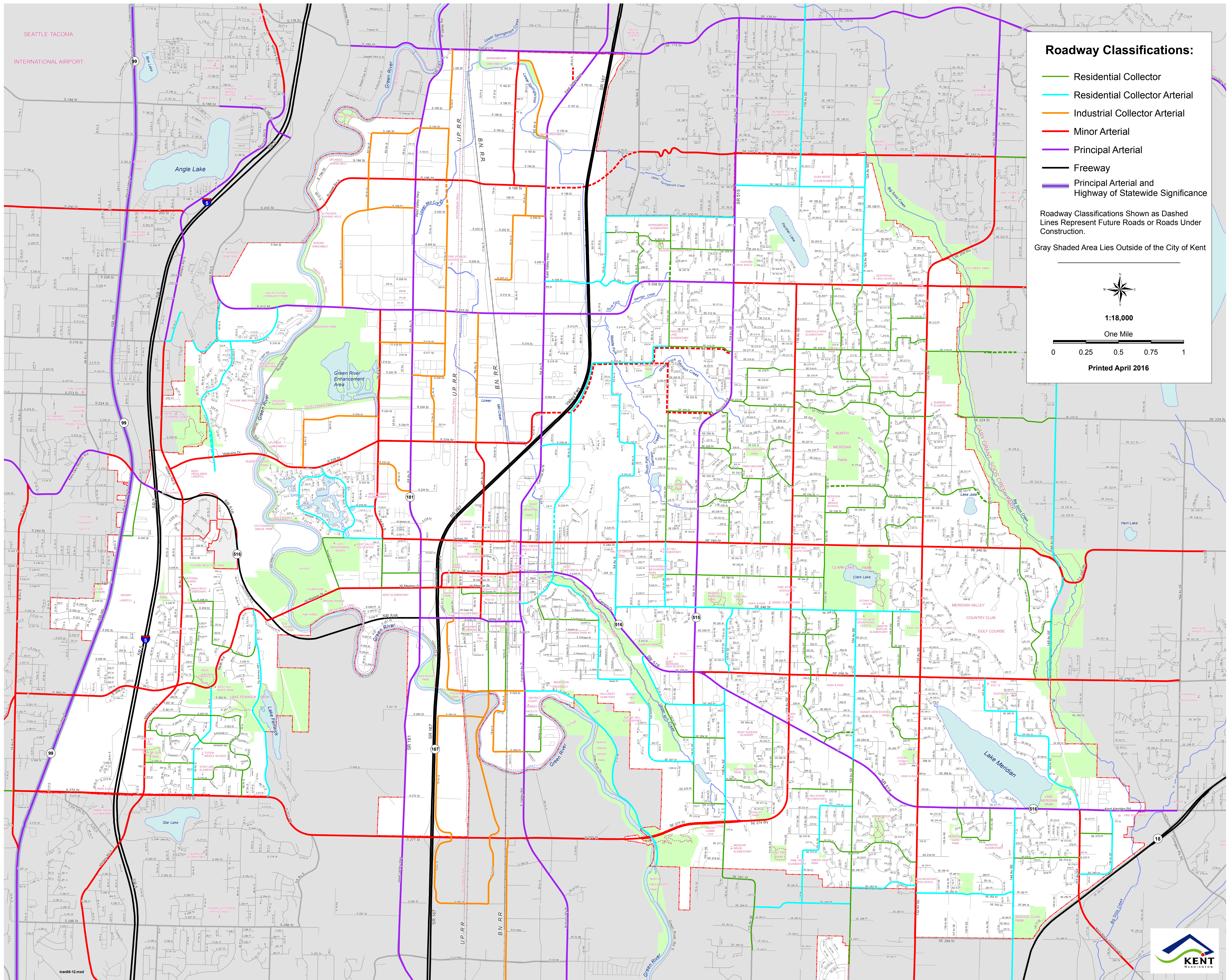
By default, Kent's unclassified roadways considered residential roads. On this map, solid gray lines denote public residential roads and dashed gray lines denote private residential roads.

## **Why do you classify roads? What is the significance of these classifications?**

Probably the greatest impact of a road classification is in construction standards. A major roadway requires higher standards than a minor roadway, both in terms of width, the need for sidewalks and planter strips, and other design characteristics. This becomes significant when the city builds or widens a street, or when a private developer is required to improve their street frontage. Road classifications also have impacts on other engineering and planning decisions, such as the safe placement of bike lanes, bus routes, or school walking routes.

## **Who can I contact if I have other questions on Kent's road classes?**

Send us a message at [publicworks@kentwa.gov](mailto:publicworks@kentwa.gov), or call us at 253-856-5500.

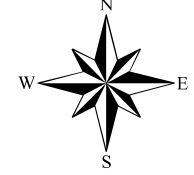


**Roadway Classifications:**

- Residential Collector
- Residential Collector Arterial
- Industrial Collector Arterial
- Minor Arterial
- Principal Arterial
- Freeway
- Principal Arterial and Highway of Statewide Significance

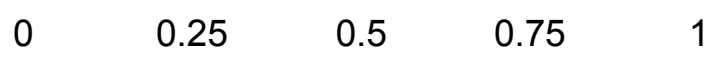
Roadway Classifications Shown as Dashed Lines Represent Future Roads or Roads Under Construction.

Gray Shaded Area Lies Outside of the City of Kent



1:18,000

One Mile



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