GENERAL NOTES

- 1. Details apply to both rural and urban intersections under stop sign control or flashing beacon control. For full signal controlled intersections see Design Note No 4.
- 2. Sight distance (d) applies to normal and skewed intersections (intersecting angles between 60° and 120°), and where vertical and/or horizontal curves are not present. Sight distance (d) is measured along the major roadway from the center of the entrance lane of the minor roadway to the center of the near approach lane (right or left) of the major roadway. Distances d_L and d_r are measured from the centerline of the entrance lane of the minor roadway to a point on the edge of the near side outer traffic lane on the major roadway. Distance d_m is measured from the centerline of the entrance lane of the minor roadway to a point on the median clear zone limit or horizontal clearance limit for the far side roadway of the major roadway.
- 3. a. The limits of clear sight define a corridor throughout which a clear sight window must be preserved. See WINDOW DETAIL, Sheet 2.
- b. Clear sight must be provided between vehicles at intersection stop locations, and vehicles on the major roadway within dimension 'd'.
- c. Since observations are made in both directions along the line of sight, the reference datum between roadways is 3'-6" above respective pavements.
- 4. Barrier systems within intersection sight corridors, where penetration into the sight window might occur, shall be located to provide the least adverse affect practical.
- 5. The corridor defined by the limits of clear sight is a restricted planting area. Drivers of vehicles on the intersecting roadway and vehicles on the major roadway must be able to see each other clearly throughout the limits of 'd' and ' d_d '. If in the Engineers judgement, landscaping interferes with the line of sight corridor prescribed by these standards the Engineer may rearrange, relocate or eliminate plantings. Plants within the restricted areas are limited to selections as follows:

Ground Cover & Trunked Plants (Separate or Combined):

Ground Covers — Plant selection of low growing vegetation which at maturity does not attain a height greater than 18" below the sight line datum.

For ground cover in combination with trees and palms; the following heights below the sight line datum will apply: 24" for trees and palms ≤ 11" dia.; and, 18" for sabal palms > 11"≤18" dia. (dia.—within Sight Window).

Trunked Plants – Plant selection of a mature trunk diameter 4" or less measured at 6" above the ground. Canopy or high borne foliage shall never be lower than 5' above the sight line datum. These selections shall be spaced no closer than 20'.

Trees:

Trees can be used with lawn; pavers; pavement; gravel, bark or wood chip beds; ground covers or other Department approved material. The clear sight window must be in conformance with the 'WINDOW DETAIL' modified to attain the height requirements listed in 'Ground Covers' above. Tree size and spacing shall conform to the following tabular values:

						Sp	eed	(mph)					
Description		30		3 <i>5</i>	4	10	4	5	E	50	5	55	ϵ	60
Description							(Inch	es)						
Diameter (Within Limits Of Sight Window)	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4 <i>≤</i> 11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18
							(Fee	et)						
Minimum Spacing (c. to c. Df Trunk)	22	91	27	108	33	126	40	146	45	165	52	173	60	193

Sizes and spacings are based on the following conditions:

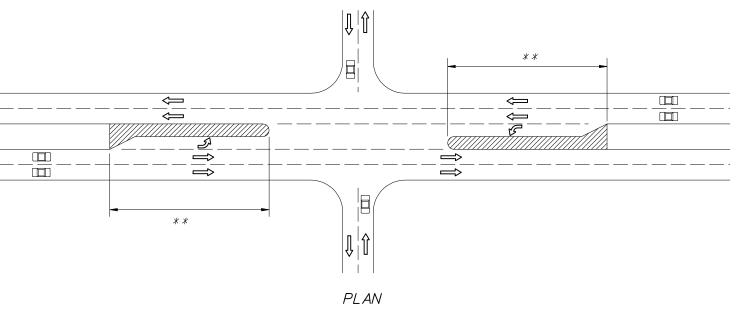
- (a) A single line of trees in the median parallel to but not necessarily colinear with the centerline,
- (b) A straight approaching mainline, within skew limits as described in No. 2 above.
- (c) 1. Trees and palms ≤ 11"in diameter casting a vertical 6' wide shadow band on a vehicle entering at stop bar location when viewed by mainline driver beginning at distance 'd'; see SHADDW DIAGRAM, Sheet 2.
 - 2. Sabal palms with diameters >11" to ≤ 18" spaced at intervals providing a 2 second full view of entering vehicle at stop bar location when viewed by mainline driver beginning at distance 'd'; see PERCEPTION DIAGRAM, Sheet 2.
- (d) Trees with diameters \leq 11" intermixed with trees with diameters >11" \leq 18" are to be spaced based on trees with diameters > 11" \leq 18".

For any other conditions the tree sizes, spacings and locations shall be detailed in the plans; see Design Note No. 5.

DESIGN NOTES

- 1. The information shown on this index is intended solely for the purpose of clear sight development and maintenance at intersecting highways, roads and streets, and is not intended to be used to establish roadway and roadside safety except as related to clear sight corridors. An analysis of sight distance shall be documented for all intersections.
- 2. Details are based on the AASHTO 'A Policy On Geometric Design Of Highways And Streets, 2001', CHAPTER 9, INTERSECTION SIGHT DISTANCE, CASES B and F, and Department practices for channelized median openings (left turns from major roadways).
- 3. The minimum driver eye setback of 14.5' from the edge of the traveled way may be adjusted on any intersection leg only when justified by a documented, site specific field study of vehicle stopping position and driver eye position.
- 4. For SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS sight distances should be developed based on AASHTO 'Case D-Intersections With Traffic Signal Control'. 'At signalized intersections, the first vehicle stopped on one approach should be visible to the driver of the first vehicle stopped on each of the other approaches. Left-turning vehicles should have sufficient sight distance to select gaps in oncoming traffic and complete left turns. Apart from these sight conditions, there are generally no other approach or departure sight triangles needed for signalized intersections.

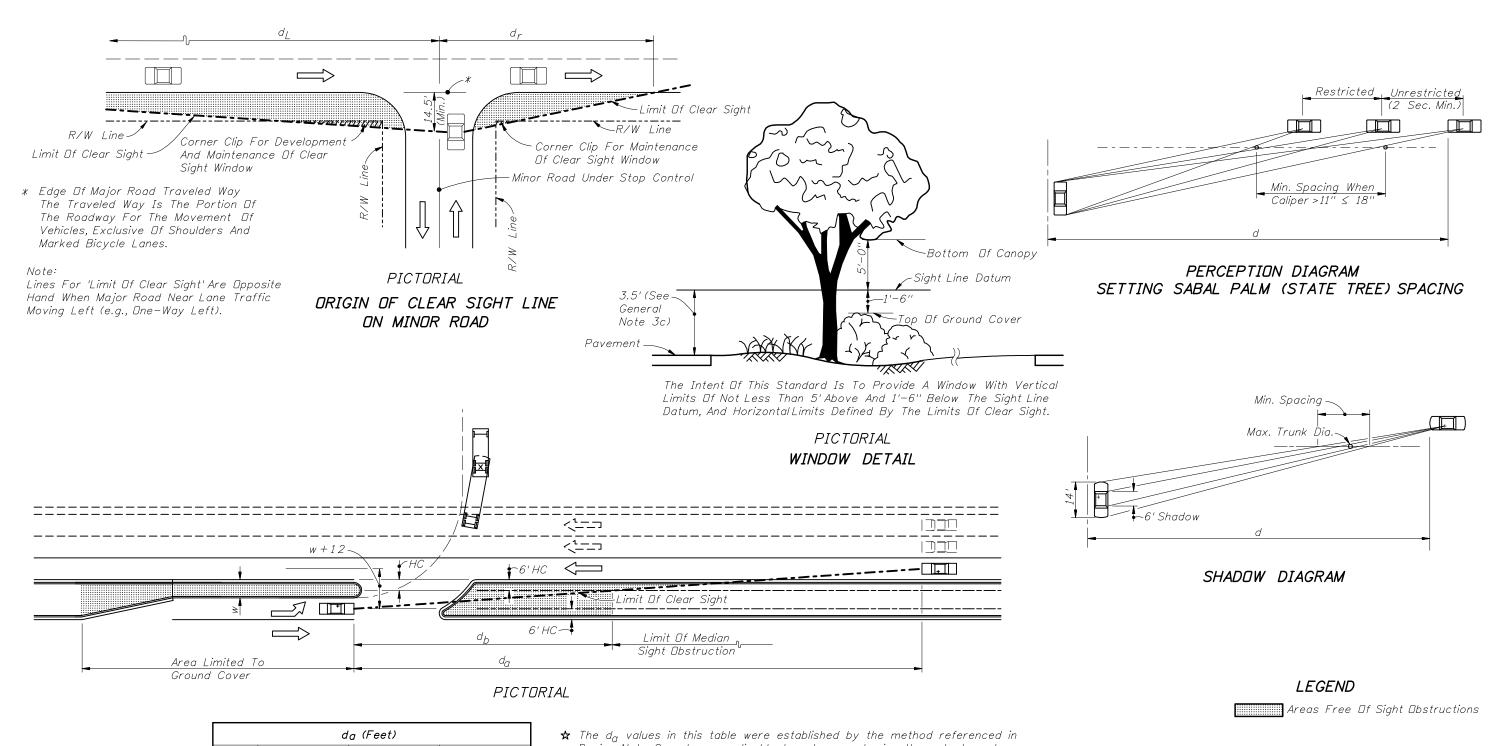
 However, if the traffic signal is to be placed on two-way flashing operation (i.e. flashing yellow on the major-road approaches and flashing red on the minor-road approaches) under off-peak or nighttime conditions, then the appropriate departure sight triangles for Case B, both to the left and to the right, should be provided for the minor-road approaches. In addition, if right turns on a red signal are to be permitted from any approach, then the appropriate departure sight triangle to the left for Case B2 should be provided to accommodate right turns from that approach.'
- 5. Where curvature, superelevation, adverse split profiles or other conditions preclude the use of standard tree sizes and spacing, proof of view and shadowing restraints must be documented and the size and location of trees in medians detailed in the plans.
- 6. Intersection sight distance values are provided for Passenger Vehicles, SU Vehicles and Combination Vehicles. Intersection sight distance based on the Passenger Vehicle is suitable for most intersections. Where substantial volumes of heavy vehicles enter the major-road, such as from ramp terminals with stop control or roadways serving truck terminals, the use of tabulated values for SU Vehicles or Combination Vehicles should be considered.



Special Areas Limited to Ground Cover

** For Signalized and unsignalized intersections, the median area along left turn lanes, including the taper, shall be limited to ground cover with height not greater than 18" below the sight line datum regardless of whether or not the area is within the limit of clear sight.





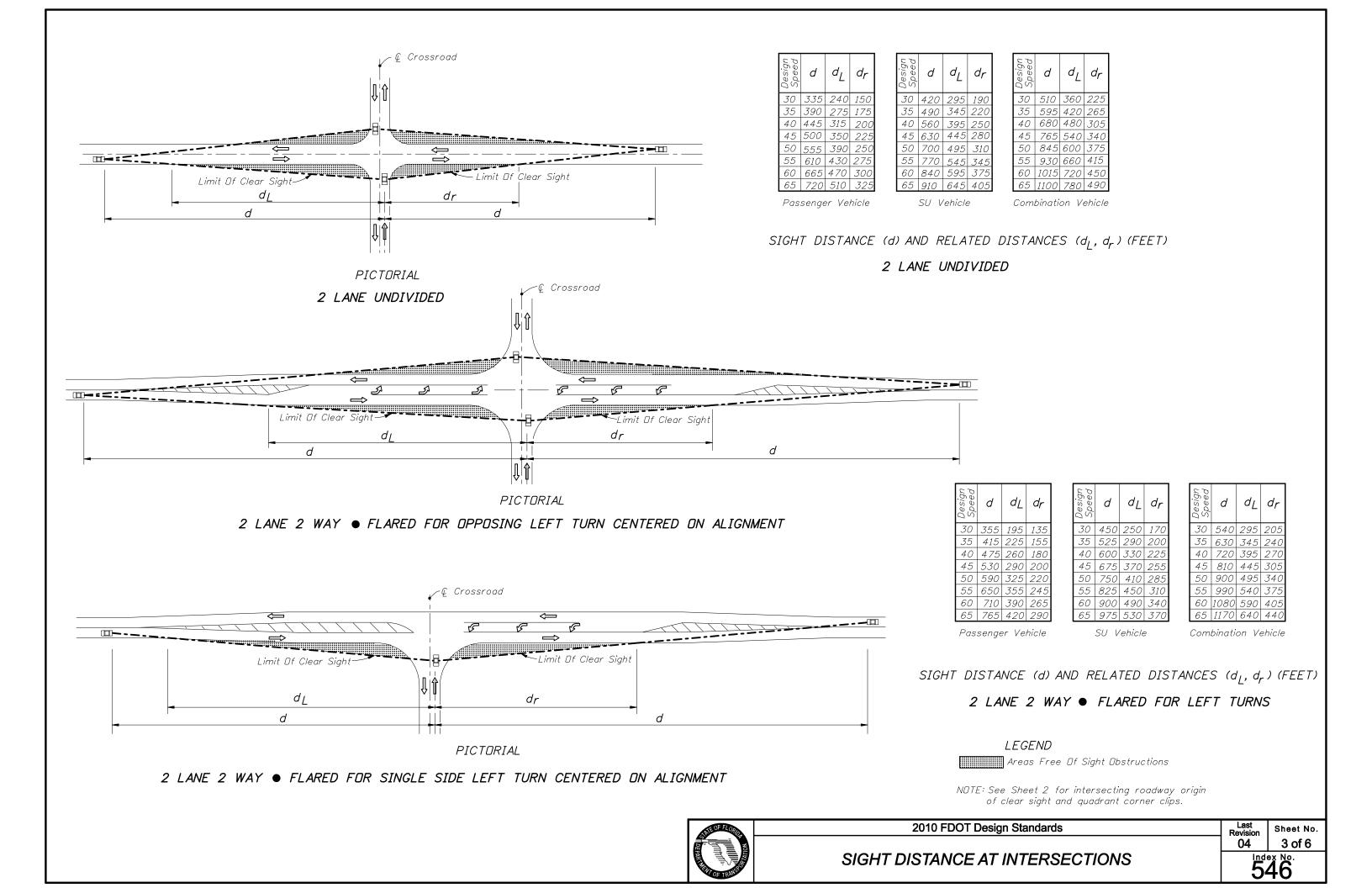
Design Speed	1 Lane Crossed			2 Lanes Crossed			3 Lanes Crossed		
MPH	Р	SU	Comb.	Р	SU	Comb.	Р	SU	Comb.
30	245	285	330	265	320	360	285	350	390
35	285	335	385	310	370	420	335	405	460
40	325	380	440	355	425	480	380	465	525
45	365	430	495	395	475	540	430	520	590
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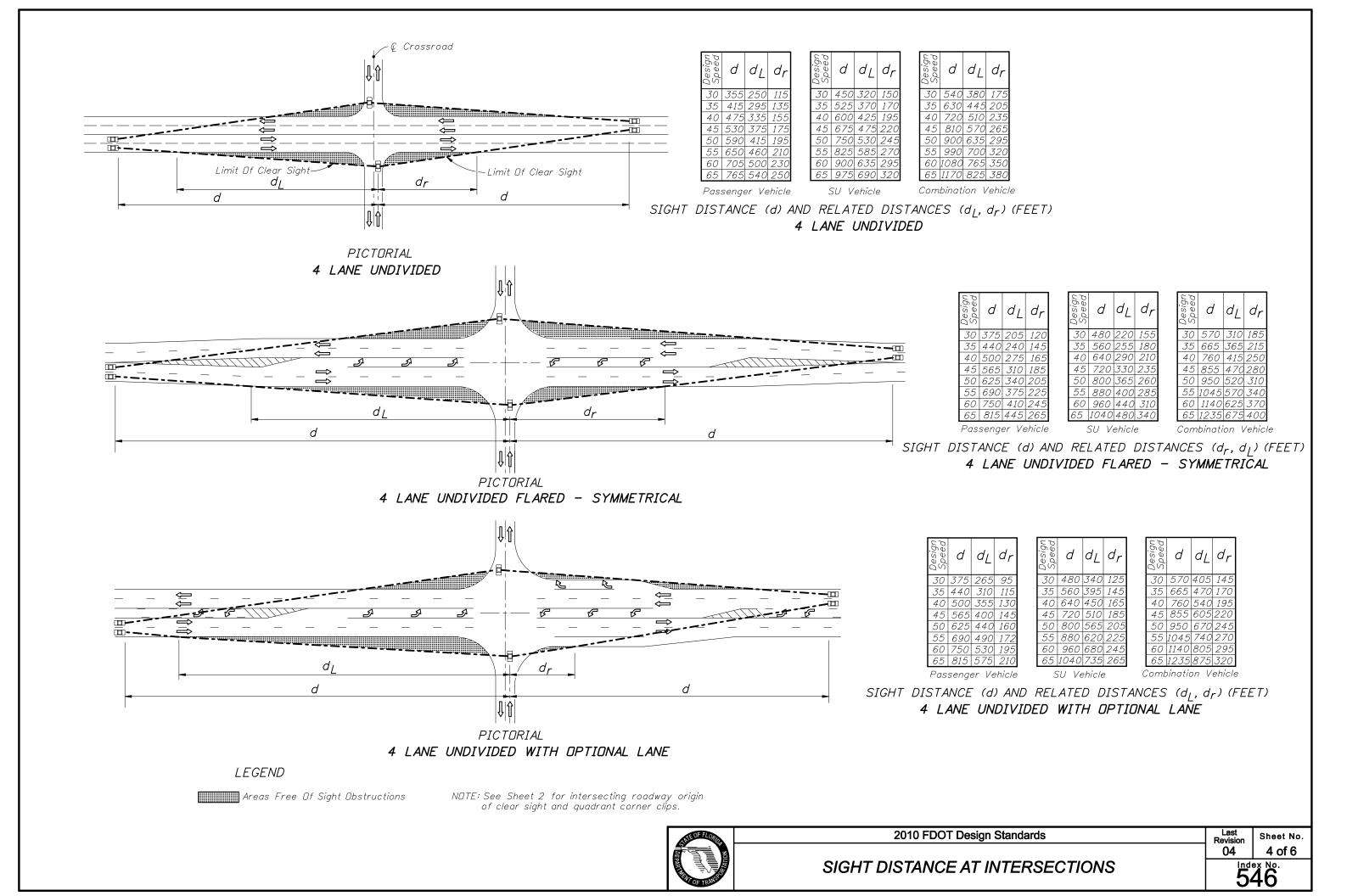
The d_a values in this table were established by the method referenced in Design Note 2, and are applicable to urban, predominantly curbed roadways with design speeds of 45 mph or less and meeting the restricted conditions defined in Index No. 700. For horizontal clearance (HC) of six feet (6'), the values for d_b may be determined by the equation $d_b = d_a(w/(w+12))$. For roadways with nonrestricted conditions, d_a and d_b should be based on the geometry for the left turn storage and on clear zone widths (See Index No. 700).

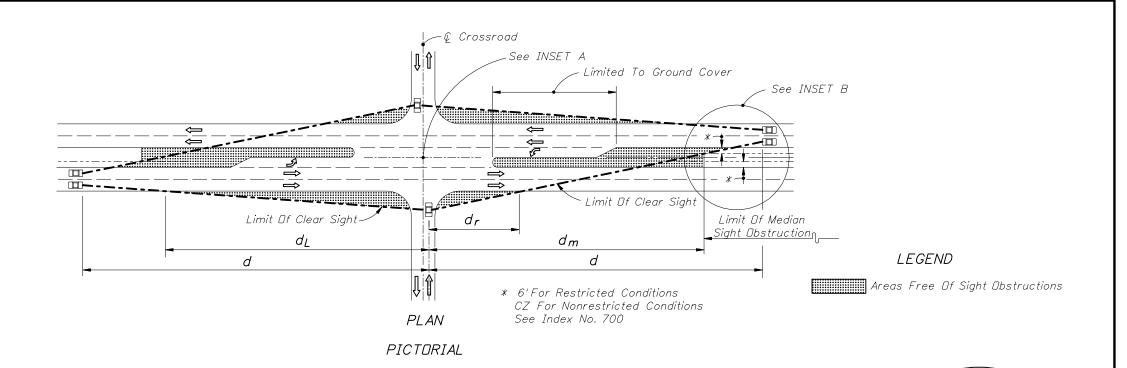
For wide medians where the turning vehicle can approach the through lanes at or near 90°, use d_V values from tables on sheets 5 or 6. (The clear sight line origin is assumed to be 14.5' from the edge of the near lane.)

CHANNELIZED DIRECTIONAL MEDIAN OPENINGS









MEDIAN 22' OR LESS $d \mid d_L$ $d_r \mid d_m$ 30 390 280 90 320 35 460 330 100 380 40 520 370 110 430 45 590 420 130 480 50 650 460 140 530 55 720 510 160 590 60 780 550 170 640 65 850 600 190 700

	25'-64' MEDIAN							
Design Speed	d	dL	dv	d _V L				
30	290	210	330	230				
35	330	230	390	280				
40	380	270	440	310				
45	430	300	500	350				
50	480	340	550	390				
55	530	370	610	430				
60	570	400	660	470				
65	620	440	720	510				

PASSENGER VEHICLE (P)

MEDIAN 35'OR LESS						
Design Speed	d	d_L	dr	d _m		
30	540	380	100	460		
35	630	450	110	530		
40	720	510	130	610		
45	810	570	150	690		
50	900	640	160	760		
55	990	700	180	840		
60	1080	760	200	920		
65	1170	830	210	990		

	40'-64' MEDIAN						
Design Speed	d	dL	d _v	d _V L			
30	370	260	420	300			
35	440	310	490	350			
40	500	350	560	400			
45	560	400	630	450			
50	620	440	700	500			
55	690	490	770	540			
60	750	530	840	590			
65	810	570	910	640			

SINGLE-UNIT TRUCK (SU)

ME	MEDIAN 30'OR LESS						
Design Speed	d	dL	dr	dm			
30	620	440	120	520			
35	720	510	140	600			
40	820	580	160	690			
45	930	660	180	780			
50	1030	730	200	860			
55	1130	800	220	950			
60	1240	880	240	1040			
65	1340	950	260	1120			

	35'-50' MEDIAN						
Design Speed	d	dL	dr	dm			
30	670	470	100	580			
35	780	550	120	680			
40	890	630	140	780			
45	1000	710	150	870			
50	1110	790	170	970			
55	1220	860	190	1070			
60	1330	940	200	1160			
65	1440	1020	220	1260			

INTERMEDIATE SEMI-TRAILERS (WB-40 & WB-50)

50' ME	DIA	٧		64	' MEL	IAN	
dL	dr	dm	Design Speed	d	dL	d _V	d _v
470	100	580	30	460	330	510	36
550	120	680	35	540	380	590	42
630	140	780	40	620	440	680	48
710	150	870	45	690	490	760	54
790	170	970	50	770	540	850	60
860	190	1070	55	850	600	930	66
940	200	1160	60	920	650	1020	72
1020	220	1260	65	1000	710	1100	78

Where The Median Is Sufficiently Wide For The Design Vehicle To Pause In The Median (Vehicle Length Plus 6' Min.) The Clear Line \Box f Sight To The Right (d_V) Is Measured From The Vehicle Pause Location, i.e., Not From The Cross Road Stop Position; Distances dr & dm Do Not Apply.

INSET A

Vehicle Type	Vehicle Length (Ft.)
Passenger (P)	19
Single Unit (SU)	30
Large SchoolBus	40
WB-40	45.5
WB-50	55

NOTES FOR 4-LANE DIVIDED ROADWAY

2. Values shown in the tables are the governing (controlling) sight distances calculated based on 'AASHTO Case B - Intersection with Stop Control on the Minor Road.'

1. See Sheet 2 for origin of clear sight line on the minor road.

INSET B

SIGHT DISTANCES (d) & (d_v) AND RELATED DISTANCES $(d_L, d_r, d_m \& d_{VL})$ (FEET)

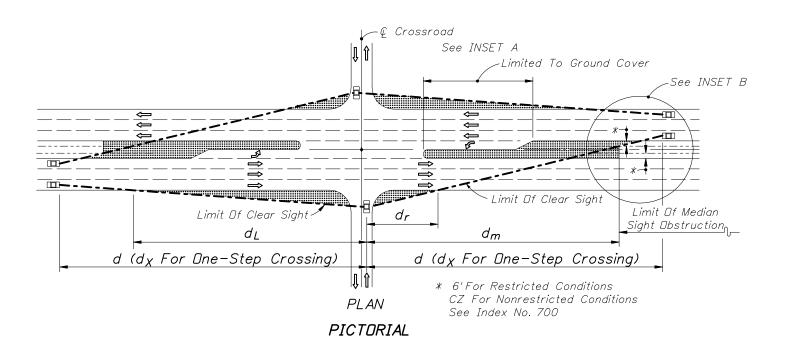
4 LANE DIVIDED ROADWAY



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SIGHT DISTANCE AT INTERSECTIONS



65 900 640 170 760 65 670 470 720 510 PASSENGER VEHICLE (P)

MEDIAN 35' OR LESS						
Design Speed	d _X	dL	dr	dm		
30	590	420	90	510		
35	690	490	110	600		
40	780	550	120	680		
45	880	620	140	760		
50	980	690	160	850		
55	1080	760	170	940		
60	1170	830	190	1020		
65	1270	900	200	1100		

MEDIAN 22' OR LESS

30 | 410 | 290 | 80 | 350

35 480 340 90 410

40 550 390 100 470

45 620 440 110 530

50 690 490 130 580 55 760 540 140 640

60 830 590 150 700

 $d_X \mid d_L \mid d_r \mid d_m$

	40'-64' MEDIAN					
Design Speed	d	dL	d _v	d_{VL}		
30	410	290	420	300		
35	470	330	490	350		
40	540	380	560	400		
45	610	430	630	450		
50	680	480	700	500		
55	740	520	770	540		
60	810	570	840	590		
65	880	620	910	640		

25'-64' MEDIAN

 d_L

30 | 310 | 220 | 330 | 23

40 410 290 440 310

45 460 330 500 350 50 510 360 550 390

55 570 400 610 430

60 620 440 660 470

 $d_V | d_{VL}$

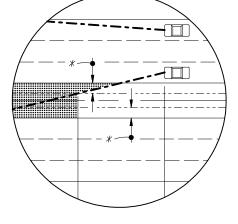
SINGLE-UNIT TRUCK (SU)

ME	MEDIAN 30' OR LESS						
Design Speed	d _X	d_L	dr	dm			
30	670	470	110	580			
35	780	550	130	670			
40	890	630	150	770			
45	1000	710	170	860			
50	1110	790	190	960			
55	1220	860	200	1050			
60	1330	940	220	1150			
65	1440	1020	240	1240			

	35'-50' MEDIAN							
Design Speed	d _X	dL	dr	d _m				
30	720	510	100	640				
35	830	590	110	740				
40	950	670	130	840				
45	1070	760	150	950				
50	1190	840	160	1060				
55	1310	930	180	1160				
60	1430	1010	190	1270				
65	1550	1100	210	1380				

64' MEDIAN								
Design Speed	d	dL	d_V	d _{vL}				
30	490	350	510	360				
35	580	410	590	420				
40	660	470	680	480				
45	740	520	760	540				
50	820	580	850	600				
55	910	640	930	660				
60	990	700	1020	720				
65	1070	760	1100	780				

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LEGEND

Areas Free Of Sight Obstructions

INSET B

INSET A

NOTES FOR 6-LANE DIVIDED ROADWAY

- 1. See Sheet 2 for origin of clear sight line on the minor road.
- Values shown in the tables are the governing (controlling) sight distances calculated based on 'AASHTO Case B - Intersection with Stop Control on the Minor Road.'

INTERMEDIATE SEMI-TRAILERS (WB-40 & WB-50)

SIGHT DISTANCES (d), (d_V) & (d_X) AND RELATED DISTANCES (d_L , d_r , d_m & d_{VL}) (FEET)

6 LANE DIVIDED



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