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, streets and driveways, 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. For the purpose of this Index, Minor Road is defined as all intersecting highways, roads, streets and driveways.

3. 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 road).

4. 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.

5. 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.'

6. 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.

7. 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.

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. At intersections listed in the Department's High Crash Intersection Report, designers shall give attention to keeping to a minimum, objects that distract or affect sight distance.

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 road from the center of the entrance lane of the minor road to the center of the near approach lane (right or left) of the major road. Distances 'd_L' and 'd_r' are measured from the centerline of the entrance lane of the minor road to a point on the edge of the near side outer traffic lane on the major road. Distance 'd_m' is measured from the centerline of the entrance lane of the minor road to a point on the median clear zone limit or horizontal clearance limit for the far side road of the major road.

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 road 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 road and vehicles on the major road must be able to see each other clearly throughout the limits of 'd' and 'd_a'. 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:

5. (Cont.)
   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" but ≤ 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 installed with sod; pavers; gravel, mulch; 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.

   A. Size and spacing shall conform to the Tree Spacing Table.

   B. Requirements for placement within medians at median openings and at unsignalized and signalized intersections:

      a. Horizontal clearance for the mature specimen shall be maintained as specified in Index 700. Specimens whose mature trunk diameter is greater than 18" shall not be permitted,

      b. Where left turns from the major road are permitted, no trees shall be located within the distance 'd_b', Sheet 2 of 6; and not less than the distances called for in (c) or (d), as applicable,

      c. For safety, these additional setbacks are required:

         1. Where no left turn lane is present, size and spacing shall conform to the Tree Spacing Table. No trees shall be permitted within 100' of the restricted median nose (measured from the edge of pavement),

         2. Where left turn lane(s) are present, the following requirements apply:

            - For low speed facilities (design speed less than 50 mph), size and spacing shall conform to the Tree Spacing Table. No trees shall be permitted within 100' of the restricted median nose (measured from the edge of pavement).

            - For high speed facilities (design speed 50 mph or greater), no trees shall be permitted within 200' of the restricted median nose. Beyond this limit, size and spacing shall conform to the Tree Spacing Table.

TREE SPACING TABLE **

Description	Design Speed (mph)													
	30		35		40		45		50		55		60	
Diameter	(Inches)													
(Within Limits Of Sight Window)	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18	>4≤11	>11≤18
	(Feet)													
Minimum Spacing (c. to c. Of Trunk)	25	90	30	105	35	120	40	135	50	150	55	165	60	180

** 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.

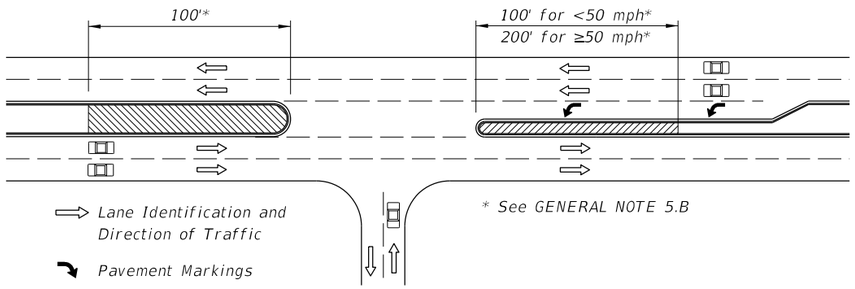
b. A straight approaching mainline, within skew limits as described in No. 2 above.

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 SHADOW DIAGRAM, Sheet 2.

   2. Sabal palms with diameters > 11" ≤ 18" spaced at intervals providing a 2 second full view of entering vehicle at stop bar location when viewed by the mainline driver beginning at distance 'd'; see PERCEPTION DIAGRAM, Sheet 2.

d. Trees with diameters ≤ 11" intermixed with trees with diameters > 11" ≤ 18" are to be spaced based on trees with diameters > 11" ≤ 18".

For any other conditions the tree sizes, spacings and locations shall be detailed in the plans; see Design Note 5.



PLAN
Special Areas Limited to Ground Cover

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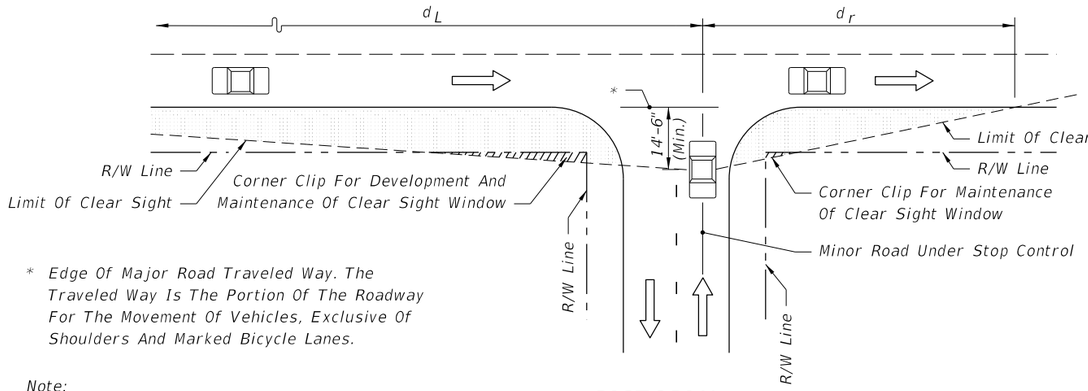

* Edge Of Major Road Traveled Way. The Traveled Way Is The Portion Of The Roadway For The Movement Of Vehicles, Exclusive Of Shoulders And Marked Bicycle Lanes.

Note:
Lines For 'Limit Of Clear Sight' Are Opposite Hand When Major Road Near Lane Traffic Moving Left (e.g., One-Way Left).

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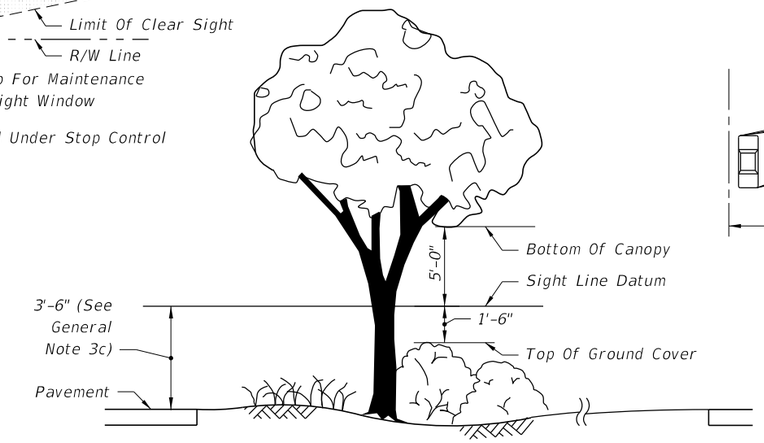
ORIGIN OF CLEAR SIGHT LINE ON MINOR ROAD



The Intent Of This Standard Is To Provide A Window With Vertical Limits Of Not Less Than 5' Above And 1'-6" Below The Sight Line Datum, And Horizontal Limits Defined By The Limits Of Clear Sight.

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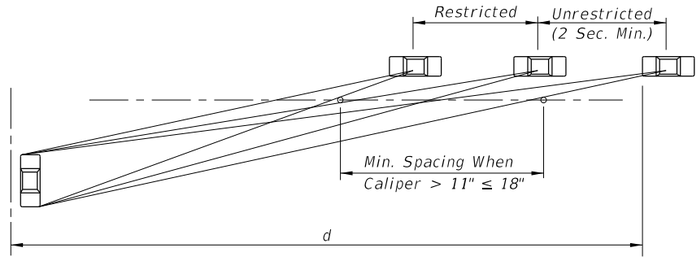
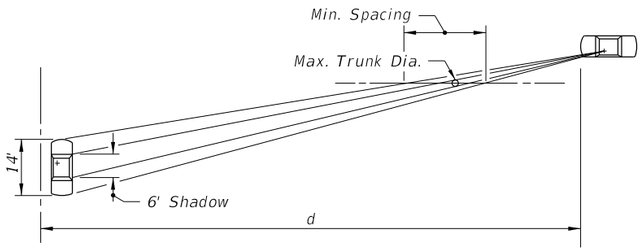
WINDOW DETAIL

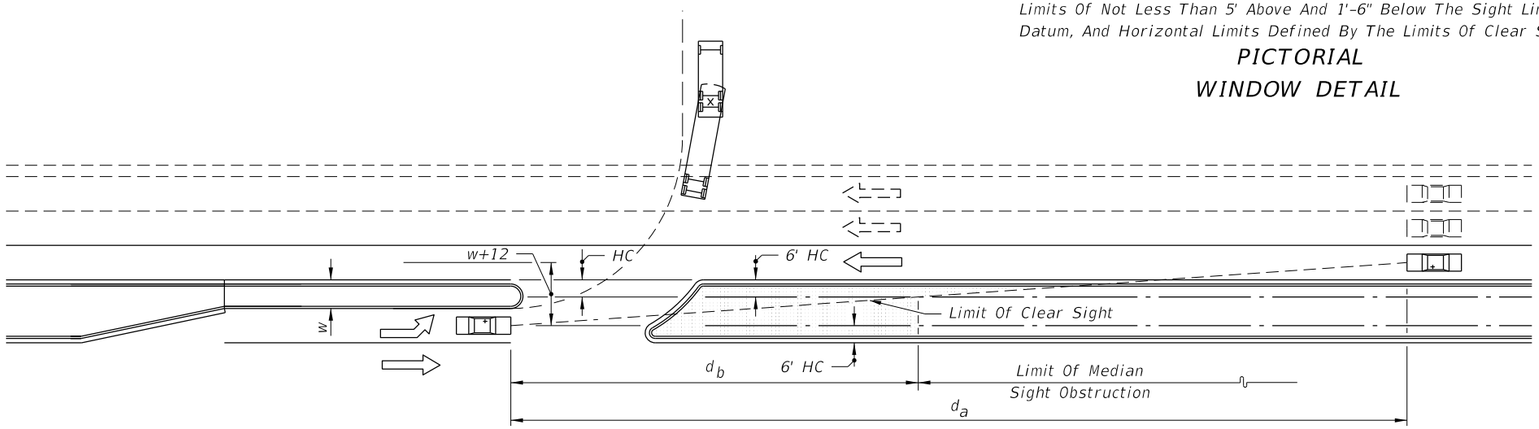


PERCEPTION DIAGRAM

SETTING SABAL PALM (STATE TREE) SPACING



SHADOW DIAGRAM



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d_a (Feet)									
Design Speed MPH	1 Lane Crossed			2 Lanes Crossed			3 Lanes Crossed		
	P	SU	Comb.	P	SU	Comb.	P	SU	Comb.
30	245	290	330	265	320	365	290	350	395
35	285	335	385	310	370	425	335	410	460
40	325	385	440	355	425	485	385	465	525
45	365	430	495	400	475	545	430	525	590

☆ See Note

☆ 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 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'-6" from the edge of the near lane.)

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Areas Free Of Sight Obstructions

CHANNELIZED DIRECTIONAL MEDIAN OPENINGS

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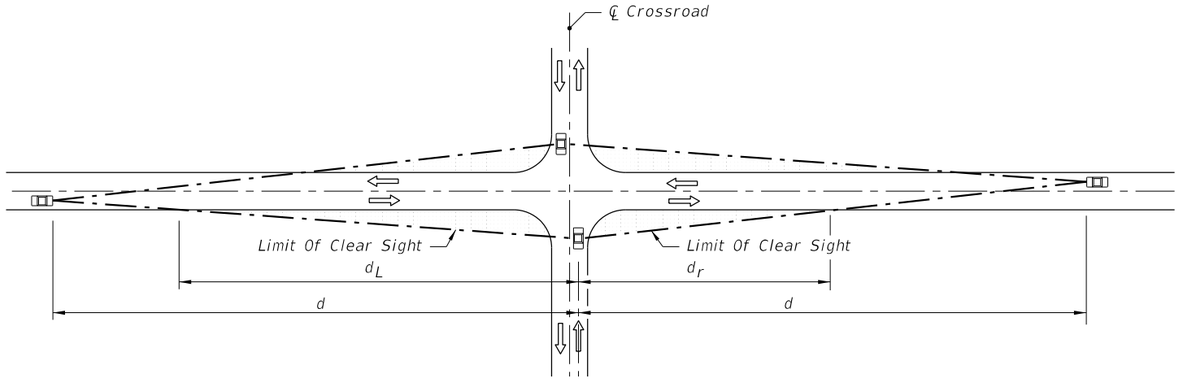

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2 LANE UNDIVIDED

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	335	240	155
35	390	275	175
40	445	315	200
45	500	355	225
50	555	395	250
55	610	435	275
60	665	470	300
65	720	510	325

Passenger Vehicle

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	420	300	190
35	490	350	220
40	560	400	250
45	630	450	285
50	700	495	315
55	770	545	345
60	840	595	375
65	910	645	410

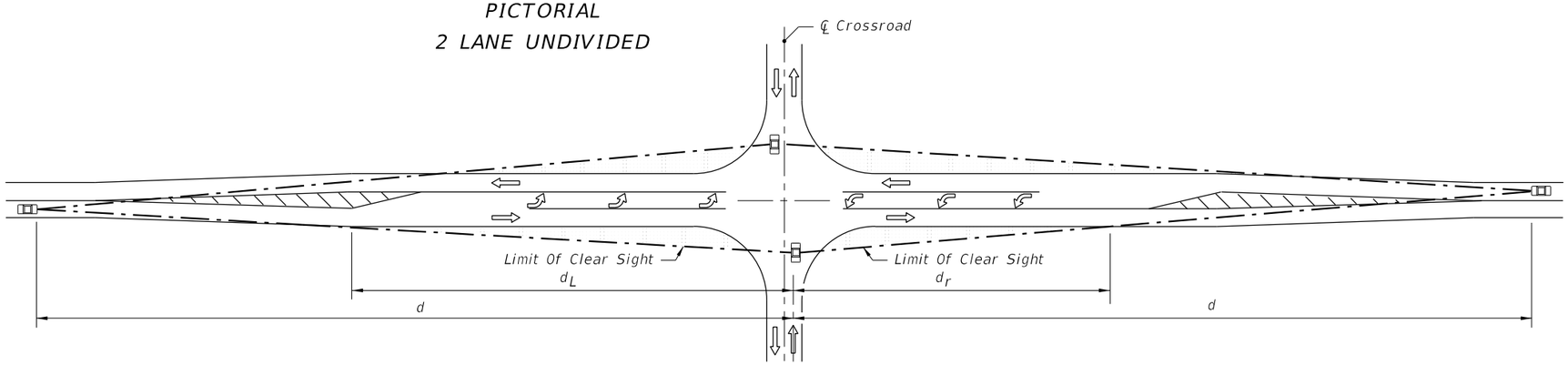
SU Vehicle

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	510	365	230
35	595	420	265
40	680	480	305
45	765	545	345
50	845	600	380
55	930	660	415
60	1015	720	455
65	1100	780	495

Combination Vehicle

SIGHT DISTANCE (d) AND RELATED DISTANCES (d_L, d_r) (FEET)

2 LANE UNDIVIDED



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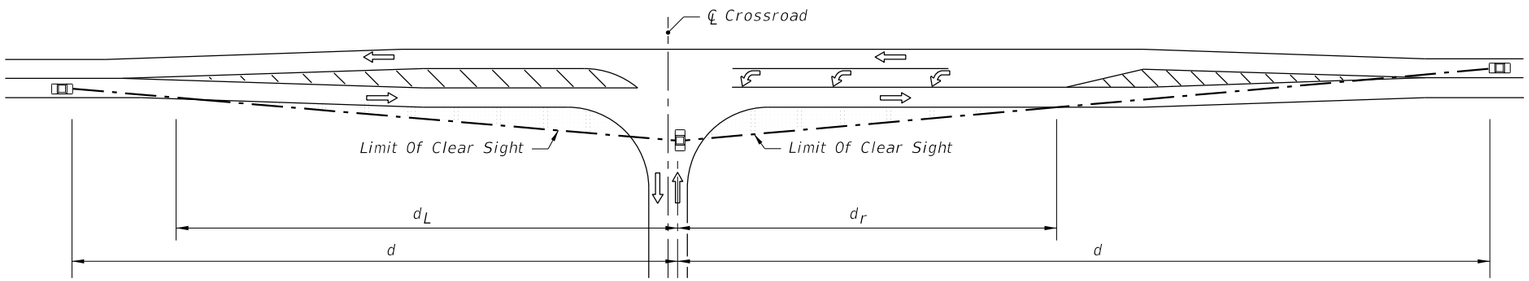
2 LANE 2 WAY • FLARED FOR OPPOSING LEFT TURN CENTERED ON ALIGNMENT



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2 LANE 2 WAY • FLARED FOR SINGLE SIDE LEFT TURN CENTERED ON ALIGNMENT

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	355	195	135
35	415	230	160
40	475	260	180
45	530	290	200
50	590	325	225
55	650	355	245
60	710	390	270
65	765	420	290

Passenger Vehicle

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	450	250	170
35	525	290	200
40	600	330	230
45	675	370	255
50	750	410	285
55	825	455	315
60	900	495	340
65	975	535	370

SU Vehicle

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	540	295	205
35	630	345	240
40	720	395	275
45	810	445	305
50	900	495	340
55	990	545	375
60	1080	590	410
65	1170	640	440

Combination Vehicle

SIGHT DISTANCE (d) AND RELATED DISTANCES (d_L, d_r) (FEET)

2 LANE 2 WAY • FLARED FOR LEFT TURNS

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Areas Free Of Sight Obstructions

NOTE: See Sheet 2 for intersecting roadway origin of clear sight and quadrant corner clips.

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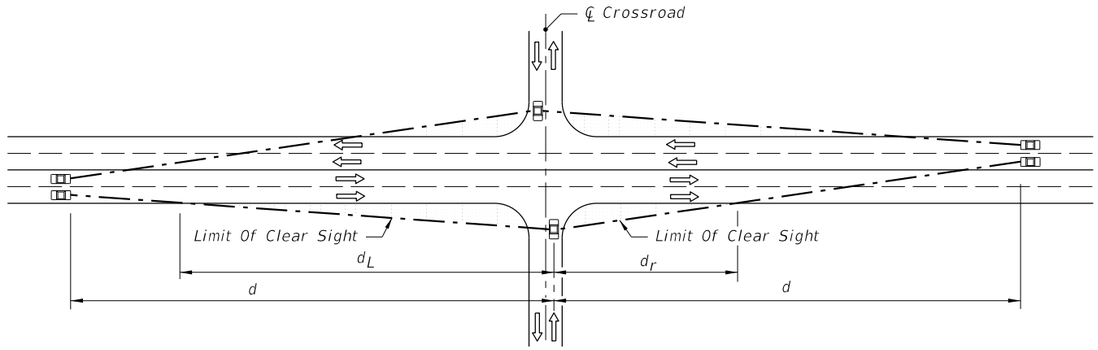

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4 LANE UNDIVIDED

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	355	255	120
35	415	295	135
40	475	335	155
45	530	375	175
50	590	420	195
55	650	460	215
60	705	500	230
65	765	545	250

Passenger Vehicle

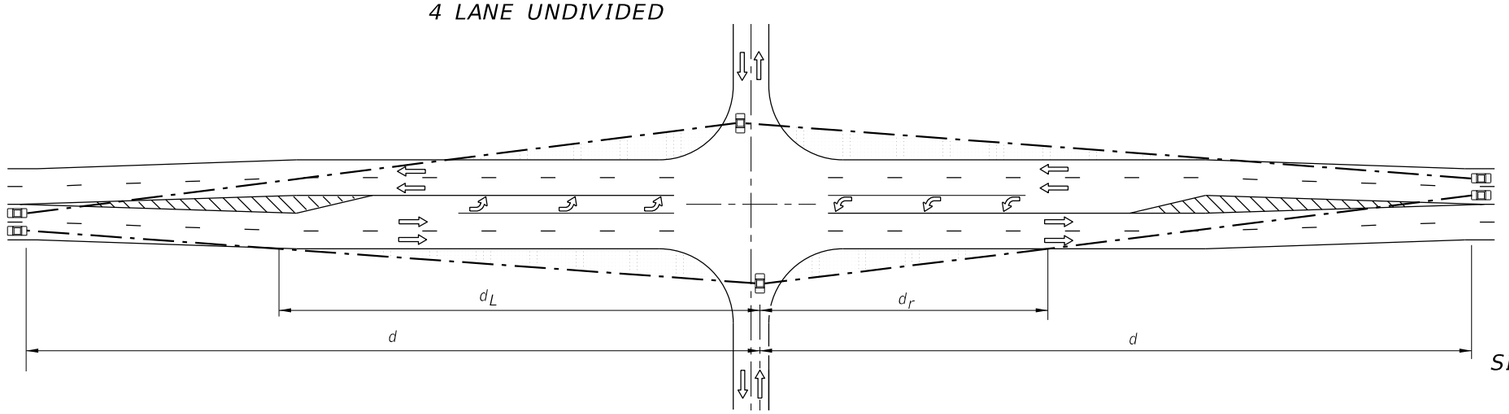
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	450	320	150
35	525	375	175
40	600	425	200
45	675	480	220
50	750	530	245
55	825	585	270
60	900	640	295
65	975	690	320

SU Vehicle

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	540	385	180
35	630	450	205
40	720	510	235
45	810	575	265
50	900	640	295
55	990	700	325
60	1080	765	355
65	1170	830	385

Combination Vehicle

SIGHT DISTANCE (d) AND RELATED DISTANCES (d_L, d_r) (FEET)
4 LANE UNDIVIDED



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4 LANE UNDIVIDED FLARED - SYMMETRICAL

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	375	205	110
35	440	245	130
40	500	275	145
45	565	310	165
50	625	345	180
55	690	380	200
60	750	410	215
65	815	450	235

Passenger Vehicle

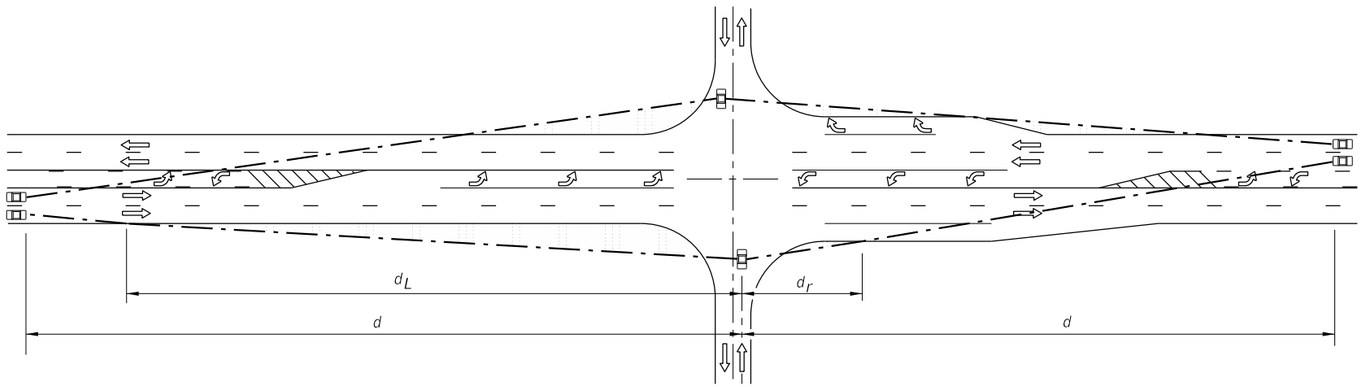
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	480	265	140
35	560	310	165
40	640	350	185
45	720	395	210
50	800	440	230
55	880	485	255
60	960	525	280
65	1040	570	300

SU Vehicle

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	570	315	165
35	665	365	195
40	760	420	220
45	855	470	245
50	950	520	275
55	1045	575	300
60	1140	625	330
65	1235	675	355

Combination Vehicle

SIGHT DISTANCE (d) AND RELATED DISTANCES (d_L, d_r) (FEET)
4 LANE UNDIVIDED FLARED - SYMMETRICAL



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4 LANE UNDIVIDED WITH OPTIONAL LANE

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	375	265	80
35	440	315	95
40	500	355	110
45	565	400	120
50	625	445	135
55	690	490	150
60	750	530	160
65	815	580	175

Passenger Vehicle

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	480	340	105
35	560	400	120
40	640	455	135
45	720	510	155
50	800	570	170
55	880	625	190
60	960	680	205
65	1040	740	220

SU Vehicle

Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r
30	570	405	125
35	665	470	145
40	760	540	165
45	855	605	185
50	950	675	205
55	1045	740	225
60	1140	810	245
65	1235	875	265

Combination Vehicle

SIGHT DISTANCE (d) AND RELATED DISTANCES (d_L, d_r) (FEET)
4 LANE UNDIVIDED WITH OPTIONAL LANE

LEGEND

Areas Free Of Sight Obstructions

NOTE: See Sheet 2 for intersecting roadway origin of clear sight and quadrant corner clips.

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MEDIAN 22' OR LESS				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r	d_m
30	395	280	90	325
35	460	325	100	380
40	525	375	115	430
45	590	420	130	485
50	655	465	145	540
55	720	510	160	590
60	785	555	175	645
65	850	605	185	700

25'-64' MEDIAN				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_v	d_{vL}
30	355	255	330	240
35	415	295	390	280
40	470	335	445	320
45	530	375	500	360
50	590	420	550	400
55	650	460	610	440
60	705	500	665	480
65	765	545	720	520

PASSENGER VEHICLE (P)

MEDIAN 35' OR LESS				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r	d_m
30	540	385	110	460
35	630	450	125	535
40	720	510	145	615
45	810	575	160	685
50	900	640	180	760
55	990	700	195	840
60	1080	765	215	915
65	1170	830	230	990

40'-64' MEDIAN				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_v	d_{vL}
30	450	320	420	330
35	525	375	490	385
40	600	425	560	440
45	675	480	630	490
50	750	530	700	545
55	825	585	770	600
60	900	640	840	655
65	975	690	910	710

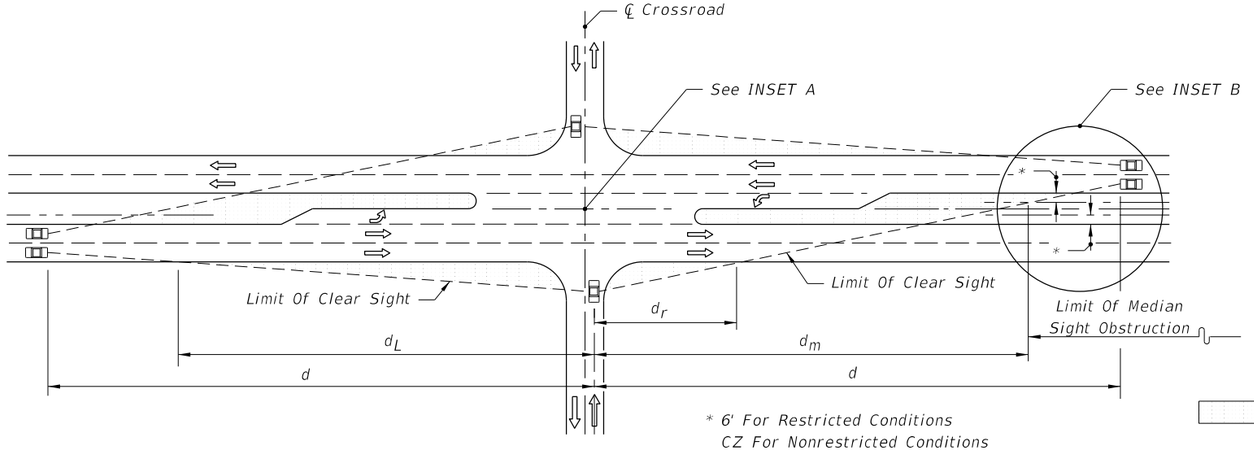
SINGLE-UNIT TRUCK (SU)

MEDIAN 30' OR LESS				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r	d_m
30	615	435	120	520
35	720	510	140	605
40	820	580	160	690
45	925	655	180	780
50	1025	725	200	860
55	1130	800	220	950
60	1230	870	240	1035
65	1335	945	260	1120

35'-50' MEDIAN				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_r	d_m
30	670	475	105	585
35	780	555	120	680
40	890	630	140	780
45	1000	710	155	875
50	1110	790	170	970
55	1225	870	190	1070
60	1335	945	205	1165
65	1445	1025	225	1265

64' MEDIAN				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_v	d_{vL}
30	540	385	510	435
35	630	450	595	500
40	720	510	680	575
45	810	575	760	645
50	900	640	845	720
55	990	700	930	790
60	1080	765	1015	865
65	1165	825	1100	935

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



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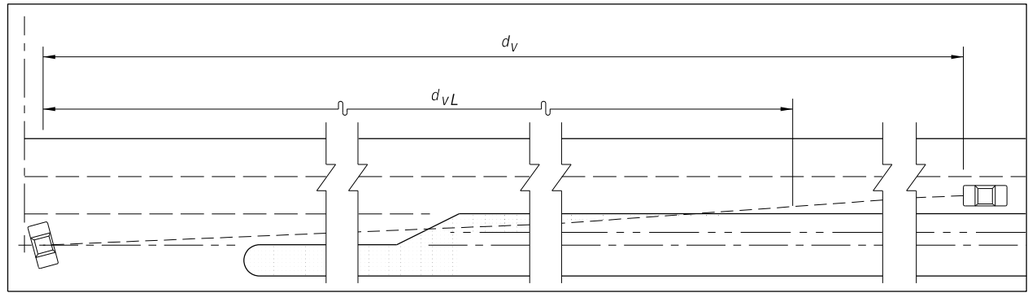
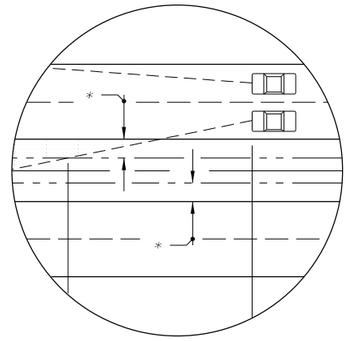
Areas Free Of Sight Obstructions



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

INSET A



INSET B

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

NOTES FOR 4-LANE DIVIDED ROADWAY

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

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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MEDIAN 22' OR LESS				
Design Speed	d_x	d_L	d_r	d_m
30	415	295	80	355
35	485	345	90	415
40	555	395	105	470
45	625	445	115	530
50	690	490	130	585
55	760	540	140	645
60	830	590	155	705
65	900	640	170	765

25'-64' MEDIAN				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_v	d_{vL}
30	375	265	330	240
35	440	315	385	280
40	500	355	445	320
45	565	400	500	360
50	625	445	555	400
55	690	490	610	440
60	750	530	665	480
65	815	580	720	520

PASSENGER VEHICLE (P)

MEDIAN 35' OR LESS				
Design Speed	d_x	d_L	d_r	d_m
30	570	405	90	495
35	665	470	105	580
40	760	540	120	660
45	855	605	135	745
50	955	675	155	830
55	1050	745	170	915
60	1145	810	185	995
65	1240	880	200	1080

40'-64' MEDIAN				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_v	d_{vL}
30	480	340	420	330
35	560	400	490	385
40	640	455	560	440
45	720	510	630	490
50	805	570	700	545
55	885	625	770	600
60	965	685	840	665
65	1045	740	910	710

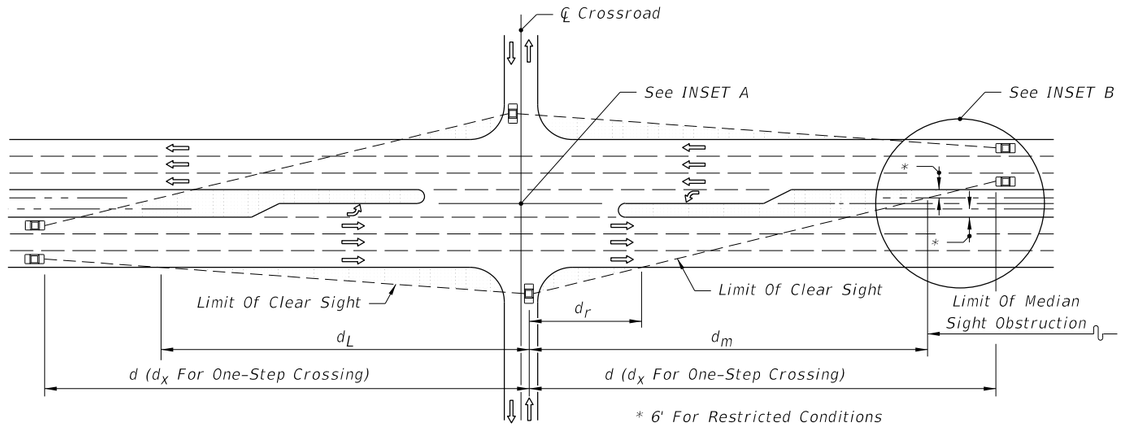
SINGLE-UNIT TRUCK (SU)

MEDIAN 30' OR LESS				
Design Speed	d_x	d_L	d_r	d_m
30	650	460	110	560
35	755	535	130	655
40	865	615	145	745
45	970	690	165	835
50	1080	765	185	930
55	1185	840	200	1025
60	1290	915	220	1115
65	1400	990	235	1210

35'-50' MEDIAN				
Design Speed	d_x	d_L	d_r	d_m
30	700	495	95	625
35	815	580	115	725
40	930	660	130	825
45	1045	740	145	930
50	1165	825	160	1035
55	1280	905	175	1140
60	1395	990	190	1240
65	1510	1070	210	1340

64' MEDIAN				
Design Speed	d	d_L	d_v	d_{vL}
30	570	405	510	435
35	665	470	590	500
40	760	540	680	575
45	855	605	760	645
50	950	675	845	720
55	1045	740	930	790
60	1140	805	1015	865
65	1235	875	1100	935

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



PLAN

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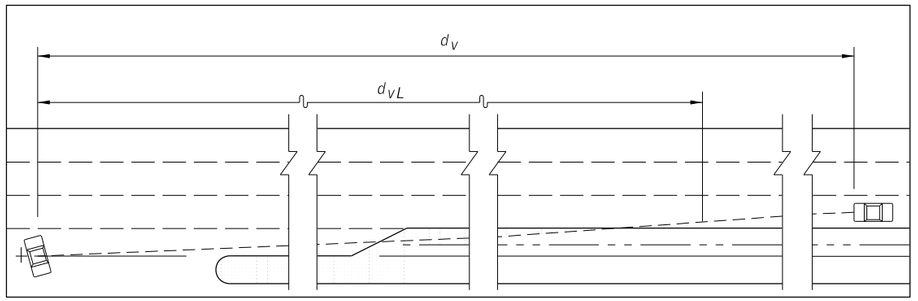
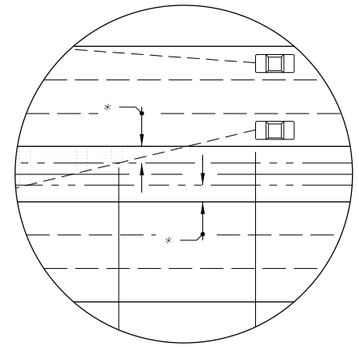
LEGEND

Areas Free Of Sight Obstructions



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

INSET A



INSET B

NOTES FOR 6-LANE DIVIDED ROADWAY

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

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

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