CURVE WIDENING TABLES

SU DESIGN VEHICLE

COMPONENT	SIZE	
OVERALL WIDTH (u)	8.5 ft	
WHEELBASE (L)	20 ft	
FRONT OVERHANG (A)	4 ft	

LATERAL CLEARANCE

LANE WIDTH	CLEARANCE (C)	
8 ft	1 ft	
9 ft	1.5 ft	
10 ft	2 ft	
11 ft	2.5 ft	
12 ft	3 ft	
16 ft	5 ft	

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RELATIVE GRADIENTS

FFFECTIVE WIDTHS

NUMBER	NUMBER EFFECTIVE WIDTHS (W)					EFFECTIVE	
OF LANES	8 ft LANES	9 ft LANES	10 ft LANES	11 ft LANES	12 ft LANES	16 ft LANES	WIDTH FACTOR (f)
1	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	16.0	1
1.5	9.6	10.8	12.0	13.2	14.4	19.2	1.2
2	12.0	13.5	15.0	16.5	18.0	24.0	1.5
3	16.0	18.0	20.0	22.0	24.0	32.0	2
4	32.0	36.0	40.0	44.0	48.0	64.0	4
5	40.0	45.0	50.0	55.0	60.0	80.0	5
6	48.0	54.0	60.0	66.0	72.0	96.0	6
7	56.0	63.0	70.0	77.0	84.0	112.0	7
8	64.0	72.0	80.0	88.0	96.0	128.0	8

RELATIVE GRADIENTS						
DESIGN SPEED VD MPH	RELA GRADIEI		MIN. TRANSITION LENGTH IN FEET 2 SECOND RULE			
	UP TO	4 OR MORE				
	LANES	NES LANES	URBAN	RURAL		
20	0.75	1.14	100	60		
25	0.71	1.07	100	80		
30	0.67	1.00	100	100		
35	0.63	0.93	120	120		
40	0.58	0.86	120	120		
45	0.54	0.81	140	140		
50	0.50	0.75	160	160		
55	0.47	0.69	180	180		
60	0.45	0.67	180	180		
65	0.41	0.62	200	200		
70	0.40	0.60	220	220		

DEFINITIONS

- FRONT OVERHANG OF DESIGN VEHICLE FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE.
- C LATERAL CLEARANCE OF DESIGN VEHICLE FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE.
- E SUPERELEVATION RATE IN DECIMAL FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE OR CALCULATED PER AASHTO METHOD 5.
- FA CALCULATED WIDTH OF OVERHANG FOR DESIGN VEHICLE.
- L WHEELBASE OF DESIGN VEHICLE FROM APPROPRIATE TARIF.

- LS LENGTH OF SPIRAL OR SUPERELEVATION TRANSITION LENGTH.
- M MULTIPLE LANE (2+) FACTOR.
- N NUMBER OF LANES.
- Pw PAVEMENT WIDTH.
- R RADIUS OF CURVE.
- rg RELATIVE GRADIENT FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE.
- U CALCULATED TRACK WIDTH OF DESIGN VEHICLE.

- u TRACK WIDTH OF DESIGN VEHICLE FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE.
- VD DESIGN VELOCITY.
- w CALCULATED WIDENING.
- W EFFECTIVE WIDTH FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE.
- Wo CALCULATED TOTAL CURVE WIDTH.
- Wn WITDH OF LANE.
- Z CALCULATED EXTRA WIDTH ALLOWANCE.

GENERAL DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. WHERE PAVEMENT WIDENING IS REQUIRED, THE APPROPRIATE WIDENING IS ADDED TO THE LANE WIDTH WHEN CALCULATING THE TRANSITION LENGTH (LS).
- THE COMPUTED TRANSITION LENGTH (LS) IS ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST TWENTY FOOT INCREMENT. COMPUTED LENGTHS THAT FALL ON THE TWENTY FOOT INCREMENT ARE NOT ROUNDED.
- 3. WHEN THE TRANSITION LENGTH (LS) IS CALCULATED, IT MUST BE COMPARED WITH THE MINIMUM VALUE LISTED IN THE APPROPRIATE COLUMN ON THE RELATIVE GRADIENT TABLE.
- 4. CROWN RUNOFF IS ALWAYS ACHIEVED OUTSIDE OF THE TRANSITION.
- 5. NO PAVEMENT WIDENING IS REQUIRED FOR URBAN ROADWAYS.
- NO PAVEMENT WIDENING IS REQUIRED FOR RURAL ROADWAYS WITH A CURVE RADIUS GREATER THAN 2865 FEET.

- 7. NO PAVEMENT WIDENING IS REQUIRED FOR RURAL ROADWAYS WITH 12 FOOT WIDE LANES AND A CURVE RADIUS GREATER THAN 881 FEET.
- 8. PAVEMENT WIDENING IS APPLIED ONLY WHEN CALCULATED WIDENING (w) IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2 FEET.
- 9. WHEN CALCULATING WIDENING (w) FOR MULTI-LANE RURAL ROADWAYS, WIDENING IS FIRST CALCULATED USING THE SINGLE LANE WIDTH FOR "W" AND THE ANSWER (w) IS THEN MUTIPLIED BY THE MULTIPLE LANE FACTOR (M). FOR FOUR LANE UNDIVIDED PAVEMENTS (48"), THE LS IS 1.5 TIMES (M-1.5) THE CORRESPONDING LENGTH FOR TWO LANE HIGHWAYS; AND FOR SIX LANE UNDIVIDED PAVEMENTS (72"), THE LS IS TWO TIMES (M-2) THE CORRESPONDING LENGTH FOR TWO LANE HIGHWAYS.
- 10. CALCULATED WIDENING IS ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST 0.1 FOOT.

FORMULAS USED TO CALCULATE TRANSITION LENGTH (LS) AND WIDENING (W)

LS = (100WE)/rg (NO WIDENING REQUIRED)

LS = [100(W + w/2) E]/rg (WIDENING REQUIRED)

 $U = u + R - \sqrt{R^2 - L^2}$

 $Z = (V_D / \sqrt{R})$

 $W = W_C - 2W_D$

LS = M[100(Pw/N + w/N) E]/rg (MULT-LANE WIDENING REQUIRED)

 $F = \sqrt{R^2 + A(2L + A)} - R$

 $W_C = N(U+C)+F+Z_A$

FOR SOLVED PROBLEMS USING THIS METHODOLOGY, SEE THE EXAMPLES ON PAGE 801.19.

METHODOLOGIES FOR CALCULATING TC-5 VALUES

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