

CONDEMNATION - The process by which property is acquired for public purposes through legal proceedings under power of eminent domain.

CORRIDOR - A strip of land between two termini within which traffic, topography, environment and other characteristics are evaluated for transportation purposes.

CULVERT - A conduit which provides a passage for water, vehicles, animals, or people through highway or railroad embankment (For detailed definition refer to VDOT's Drainage Manual).

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DESIGN SPEED - A selected speed used to determine the various geometric design features of the roadway.

DESIGN VEHICLE - A design vehicle is a selected motor vehicle whose weight, dimensions and operating characteristics are used to establish highway design.*

DETOUR - A detour is a temporary rerouting of road users onto an existing highway.

DISPOSABLE MATERIAL - Material that is not adequate for use on the project and must be disposed of off the project.

DIVERSION – A diversion is a temporary rerouting of road users onto a temporary highway.

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EASEMENT - A grant of the right to use property for a specific use.

EMBANKMENT - A structure of soil, soil-aggregate or broken rock between the existing ground and the subgrade.

ENGINEER - The Engineer representing the Virginia Department of Transportation.

EXPRESSWAY - A divided arterial highway for through traffic with limited access and generally with grade separations at major intersections.

EXTRA WORK - An item of work not provided for in the contract as awarded but found by the engineer to be essential for the satisfactory fulfillment of the contract within its intended scope.

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FEE SIMPLE - Full ownership of property (Right of way).

FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT - A pavement structure comprised of aggregates, as opposed to rigid portland cement concrete pavement.

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