Highway Construction Project

As part of a highway construction project, median crossover spacing less than shown as minimum in Tables 2-2 through 2-4, will be considered when required by existin g intersecting public highways or streets with a current ADT of 100 or greater and must be submitted for approval to the District Loc ation and Design Engineer using F orm AM-W. All plans at the public hearing stage are to show only those median crossovers at public highways and streets whic h meet these criteria or at other locati ons that preliminary planning and traffic studies hav e warranted. The determination of additional m edian crossover locations or closing of a median cros sover shall be the result of fiel d inspection recommendations of the District Engineer/Administrator and the * responsible District Traffic Engineer.

The approval of median crossovers that do not meet engineering standards shall be the responsibility of the r esponsible District Traffic Engineer and the State Location and Design Engineer, with the final responsibility for the location of median crossover layout on plans resting with the State Location a nd Design Engineer. Plans at r ight-of-way stage are to indicate the median crossovers as determined and approved by the above criteria. Any plans that are revised during construction for the addi tion or deletion of median crossovers where spacing standards or engineering standards are not met shall be approved by the District Location and Design Engineer, the responsible District Traffic Engineer, and/or the State Loc ation and Design Engineer in accordance with the approval process outlined above.

Signalized and Unsignalized Intersection Design (Corner Island Designs)

At-grade intersections must provide adequat ely for anticipated turning and crossing movements.

For shoulder (Rural) applications, Figures 2-11 and 2-12 provides the Engineer with the basic types of intersection designs and minimum dimensions, radii, skews, angles, and the types of island separations, etc. Also see AASHTO Green Book, Chapter 9, Section 9.6.3, page 9-102, Figure 9-39.

For curb and gutter (Urban) applications see AASHTO Green Book, Chapter 9, Section 9.6.3, page 9-101, Figure 9-38 (Intersections). This chapter provides additional information to be considered in the design since the site conditions, alignment, grades, sight distance and the need for turning lanes and other factors enter into the type of intersection design.

Sufficient offset dimensions, pav ement widths, pluses, and radii s hall be shown in the plans by the designer to insure that the sign island is properly positioned.

Care should be taken in the design of fou r-lane roadways with intersecting two-lane roadways. If traffic conditions clearly warrant a four-lane divided design for the two-lane road at the intersection, the divided design must be constructed for a sufficient distance to allow for the approaching divided design and the subsequent stop condition ahead to be properly signed. The four-lane divided design should not be constructed unless it is clearly warranted and the approaches can be properly signed or the minor road is expected to be improved to a divided status in the near future.