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CURVE WIDENING TABLES

SU DESIGN VEHICLE

COMPONENT	SIZE
OVERALL WIDTH (u)	2.4 m
WHEELBASE (L)	6.1 m
FRONT OVERHANG (A)	1.2 m

LATERAL CLEARANCE

LANE WIDTH	CLEARANCE (C)
2.7 m	.45 m
3.0 m	.60 m
3.3 m	.75 m
3.6 m	.90 m
4.8 m	1.5 m

ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

NUMBER OF LANES ROTATED n ₁	ADJUSTMENT FACTOR (b _w)
1	1.00
1.5	0.8333
2	0.75
2.5	0.70
3	0.6667
3.5	0.6425

RELATIVE GRADIENTS

DESIGN SPEED VD Km\h	MAXIMUM RELATIVE GRADIENT (rg)	MIN. TRANSITION LENGTH IN METERS 2 SECOND RULE RURAL CONDITIONS WITH PAVEMENT WIDENING AND REVERSE CURVES FOR ALL CONDITIONS	
		URBAN	RURAL
30	0.75	20	30
40	0.70	25	30
50	0.65	30	30
60	0.60	35	35
70	0.55	40	40
80	0.50	45	45
90	0.47	50	50
100	0.44	60	60
110	0.41	65	65

- A FRONT OVERHANG OF DESIGN VEHICLE FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE.
- b ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FROM TABLE.
- C LATERAL CLEARANCE OF DESIGN VEHICLE FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE.
- E SUPERELEVATION RATE FROM APPROPRIATE
 TABLE OR CALCULATED PER AASHTO METHOD 5.
- F_A CALCULATED WIDTH OF OVERHANG FOR DESIGN VEHICLE.
- L WHEELBASE OF DESIGN VEHICLE FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE.
- Lt LENGTH OF TANGENT RUNOUT SECTION.

DEFINITIONS

- Lr LENGTH SUPERELEVATION RUNOUT SECTION.
- M MULTIPLE LANE FACTOR.
- N NUMBER OF LANES.
- n₁- NUMBER OF LANES ROTATED (FROM TABLE).
- Pw PAVEMENT WIDTH.
- R RADIUS OF CURVE.
- rg RELATIVE GRADIENT FROM APPROPRIATE TABLE.
- U CALCULATED TRACK WIDTH OF DESIGN VEHICLE.

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- Vp DESIGN VELOCITY.
- w CALCULATED WIDENING.
- W PAVEMENT WIDTH
- Wc CALCULATED TOTAL CURVE WIDTH.
- Wn WIDTH 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 (Lr).
- 2. THE COMPUTED SUPERELEVATION RUNOFF LENGTH (LR) IS ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST METER.
- WHEN THE SUPERELEVATION RUNOFF LENGTH (LR) IS CALCULATED, IT MUST BE COMPARED WITH THE MINIMUM VALUE LISTED IN THE APPROPRIATE COLUMN ON THE RELATIVE GRADIENT TABLE.
- 4. TANGENT RUNOUT (Lt) 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 850 METERS.

- 7. NO PAVEMENT WIDENING IS REQUIRED FOR RURAL ROADWAYS WITH 3.6 METERS WIDE LANES AND A CURVE RADIUS GREATER THAN 230 METERS.
- 8. PAVEMENT WIDENING IS APPLIED ONLY WHEN CALCULATED WIDENING (w) IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 0.6 METERS.
- 9. WHEN CALCULATING WIDENING (w) FOR MULTI-LANE RURAL ROADWAYS, WIDENING IS FIRST CALCULATED USING THE SINGLE LANE WIDTH FOR "W".
- 10. AN ALTERNATE METHOD FOR MULTI-LANE UNDIVIDED PAVEMENTS (14.4 m). THE LR IS 1.5 TIMES (M-1.5) THE CORRESPONDING LENGTH FOR TWO LANE HIGHWAYS; AND FOR SIX LANE UNDIVIDED PAVEMENTS (21.6 m), THE LR IS TWO TIMES (M-2) THE CORRESPONDING LENGTH FOR TWO LANE HIGHWAYS.
- 11. CALCULATED WIDENING IS ROUNDED UP TO THE NEAREST 0.1 METER.

NO WIDENING REQUIRED

FORMULAS USED TO CALCULATE TRANSITION LENGTH (Lr) AND WIDENING (w)

 $Lr = b_w(W n_1E/rq)$

Lr = M (WE/rg) (ALT. MULTI-LANE)

Lr = m[E(W + w/N)/rg] (ALT. MULTI-LANE)

WIDENING REQUIRED

 $Lr = b_w [E n_1(W + w/N)/rg]$

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

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

v = W_C - 2W_r

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

 $W_C = N(U+C)+F_A+Z$

FOR SOLVED PROBLEMS USING THIS METHODOLOGY, SEE THE EXAMPLES ON PAGE 802.23

METHODOLOGIES FOR CALCULATING TC-5.01 VALUES

SPECIFICATION REFERENCE

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