

## **SECTION 1B – 2 - HIGHWAY TERMS**

### **DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of highway terms that follow have been approved by the Department or adopted by AASHTO and are by no means a complete listing. However, it is felt that this list embraces the range of definitions applicable to design requirements.

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**ABANDONMENT** - The relinquishment of the public interest in right of way or activity thereon with no intention to reclaim or use again for highway purposes.

**ACCELERATION** - The rate of change of velocity with respect to time.

**ACCESS MANAGEMENT** - The process that provides (or manages) access to land development while simultaneously preserving the flow of traffic on the surrounding road system in terms of safety, capacity and speed.

**ACQUISITION OR TAKING** - The process of obtaining right of way.

#### **ASPHALT COATING**

**Prime coat** - An application of a low viscosity liquid asphalt material to coat and bind mineral particles preparatory to placing a base or surface course.

**Seal coat** - A thin treatment consisting of asphalt material, usually with cover aggregate, applied to a surface course. The term includes but is not limited to sand-seal, chip seal, slurry seal, contrast seal, fog seal, and blot seal.

**AUXILIARY LANE** – See “LANE”\*

**AVERAGE RUNNING SPEED** - The summation of distance divided by the summation of running times.

**AXLE LOAD** - The total load transmitted by all wheels, the centers of which may be included between two parallel transverse vertical planes 1 meter (40 inches) apart, extending across the full width of the vehicle.

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