APPENDIX C

SECTION C-1 DESIGN FEATURES

SAFETY REST AREAS

Design guides for safety rest areas are shown on Figure C-1-5 and Figure C-1-6. Rest areas along the roadways are functional and desirable elements on heavily traveled roads and on those carrying recreational traffic. They are a part of the complete highway development provided for the safety and convenience of the roadway users. The design and location of rest areas depends much on the character and volume of traffic, type of highway and adjacent land use and should consider the scenic quality of the area, accessibility and adaptability to development. Other essential considerations include an adequate source of water and a means to treat and/or properly dispose of sewage. Site plans should be developed by the use of a comprehensive site planning process that should include the location of ramps, parking areas, buildings, picnic areas, water supply, sewage treatment facilities and maintenance areas. The objective is to give maximum weight to the appropriateness of the site rather than adherence to constant distance or driving time between sites.

Principles of ramp terminal design apply generally at the points of access to or from these areas. The designer is to refer to Section C-8 in this Appendix for the design of ramp terminal and speed change lane criteria. Figures C-1-4 and C-1-7 are to be used as guides for the selection of the parking space arrangement for cars and trucks. Parking spaces and access aisles shall be designed with surface slopes not to exceed 1:50 (2%) in all directions.