

Median Opening (Directional): An opening in a restrictive median that provides for specific movements and physically restricts other movements.*

Median Opening (Full): See “Crossover”.

Median, Traversable (Nonrestrictive Median): A median that by its design does not physically discourage or prevent vehicles from entering upon or crossing over it, including painted medians.

Merge: The process by which two separate traffic streams moving in the same direction combine or unite to form a single stream.

Minor Arterial: The functional classification for highways that interconnect with and augment the principal arterial system. Minor arterials distribute traffic to smaller geographic areas providing service between and within communities.

Operating Speed: The speed at which drivers are observed operating their vehicles during free-flow conditions with the 85th percentile of the distribution of observed speeds being the most frequently used measure of the operating speed of a location or geometric feature.

Passing Sight Distance: The length of roadway that the driver of the passing vehicle must be able to see initially, in order to make a passing maneuver safely.

Partial Access Entrance: Entrance with movements limited to right-in or right-out or both, with or without left-in movements.

Peak Hour Volume: The largest number of vehicles passing over a designated section of a street during the busiest 60-minute period within a 24-hour period.

Phase (Signal): That portion of a traffic signal cycle allocated to a specific traffic movement or combination of movements.

Primary Highway: The system of state highways assigned route numbers under 600.

Principal Arterial: The functional classification for a major highway intended to serve through traffic where access is carefully controlled, generally highways of regional importance, with moderate to high volumes of traffic traveling relatively long distances and at higher speeds.

Private Subdivision Road or Street Entrance: A commercial entrance for a road or street that serves more than five individual properties and is privately owned and maintained.

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