

Grade Separation: A crossing of two highways or a highway and a railroad, or a highway and a pedestrian walkway, at different elevations.

Gradient or Grade: The rate or percentage change in slope, measured along the centerline of the highway or entrance, either ascending or descending from or along the highway.

Highway, Street, or Road: A public right of way for purposes of vehicular travel, including the entire area within the right-of-way.

Ingress: The entrance of vehicular traffic into a property from a highway.

Interchange: A grade-separated system of access to and from highways that includes directional ramps for access to and from crossroads.

Intersection: An at-grade crossing of two or more highways in a “T” three leg design or four leg design, a median crossover, or full access entrances directly across from each other on an undivided highway.

Intersection Sight Distance: The sight distance required at entrances and intersections to allow the driver of a stopped vehicle a sufficient view of the intersecting highway to decide when to enter, or cross, the intersecting highway.

Legal Speed Limit: The speed limit set forth on signs lawfully posted on a highway or in the absence of such signs the speed limit established by Title 46.2, Chapter 8, Article 8 of the Code of Virginia

Limited Access Highway: A highway especially designed for through traffic over which abutters have no easement or right of light, air, or access by reason of the fact that their property abuts upon the limited access highway.

Local Streets/Roads: The functional classification for highways that comprise all facilities that are not collectors or arterials. Local streets serve primarily to provide direct access to abutting land and to other streets.

Low Volume Commercial Entrance: Any entrance, other than a private entrance, serving five or fewer individual residences or lots for individual residences on a privately owned and maintained road or land uses that generate 50 or fewer vehicular trips per day using the methodology in the Institute of Transportation Engineers Trip Generation.

Median: That portion of a divided highway that separates opposing traffic flows, not including center two-way left-turn lanes, can be traversable or non-traversable.

Median Crossover: An opening in a nontraversable median that can be designed to provide for crossing, left turns and U -turns. See “Median Crossover (Directional)” and “Median Crossover (Full)”.