

Design Element		Manual Section	Design Values (By Type of Area)				
			Suburban	Intermediate	Built-up		
Design Controls	Design Forecast Year		55-4.01	20 Years (1)	20 Years (1)	20 Years (1)	
	*Design Speed (mph) (2)		55-4.01	Posted Speed Limit	Posted Speed Limit	Posted Speed Limit	
	Access Control		40-5.01	Partial Control / None	None	None	
	Level of Service		40-2.0	Des: B; Min: D	Des: C; Min: D	Des: C; Min: D	
	On-Street Parking		45-1.0	None	Optional (3)	Optional (3)	
Cross Section Elements	Travel Lane	*Width (4)	55-4.05	Curbed: Des: 12 ft.; Min: 11 ft. Uncurbed: Des: 12 ft.; Min: 11 ft.	Curbed: Des: 12 ft.; Min: 11 ft. Uncurbed: Des: 12 ft.; Min: 11 ft.	Curbed Des: 12 ft. Curbed Min: 10 ft.	
		Typical Surface Type (5)	Ch. 52	Asphalt / Concrete	Asphalt / Concrete	Asphalt / Concrete	
	*Curb Offset (6)		55-4.05	Des: 2 ft.; Min: 1 ft.	Des: 2 ft.; Min: 1 ft.	Des: 2 ft.; Min: 1 ft.	
	Shoulder	*Paved Width (7)	55-4.05	Curbed Des: 10 ft; Min. 1 ft Uncurbed: Des: 10 ft; Min. 6 ft	Curbed: Des: 8 ft; Min: 1 ft Uncurbed: Des: 8 ft; Min. 4 ft	Des: 6 ft.; Min: 2 ft.	
		Typical Surface Type (5)	Ch. 52	Asphalt / Concrete	Asphalt / Concrete	Asphalt / Concrete	
	Cross Slope	*Travel Lane (8)	55-4.05	2%-3%	2%-3%	2%-3%	
		Shoulder (9)	55-4.05	4%-6%	Paved Width ≤ 4 ft: 2%-3%; Paved Width > 4 ft: 4%-6%	Paved Width ≤ 4 ft: 2%-3%; Paved Width > 4 ft: 4%-6%	
	Auxiliary Lanes	Lane Width	55-4.05	Des: 12 ft.; Min: 11 ft.	Des: 12 ft.; Min: 11 ft.	Des: 12 ft.; Min: 10 ft.	
		Curb Offset		Des: 1 ft.; Min: 0 ft.	Des: 1 ft.; Min: 0 ft.	Des: 1 ft.; Min: 0 ft.	
		Shoulder Width		Des: 10 ft.; Min: 2 ft.	Des: 8 ft.; Min: 2 ft.	Des: 6 ft.; Min: 2 ft.	
		Typical Surface Type (5)		Ch. 52	Asphalt / Concrete	Asphalt / Concrete	Asphalt / Concrete
	TWLTL Lane Width		46-5.0	Des: 16 ft.; Min. 14 ft.	Des: 16 ft.; Min: 12 ft.	Des: 16 ft.; Min: 11 ft.	
	Parking Lane Width		45-1.04	N/A	Des: 10 ft.; Min: 8 ft. (10)	Des: 10 ft.; Min: 8 ft. (10)	
	Sidewalk Width (11)		45-1.06	4 ft. with 5 ft. Buffer (Des)	Des: 6 ft.; Min: 4 ft.	Des: 6 ft.; Min: 4 ft.	
	Bicycle Lane Width (12)		51-7.0	Curbed: 5 ft. Uncurbed: Shld. Width +4 ft.	Curbed: 5 ft. Uncurbed: Shld. Width +4 ft.	Curbed: 5 ft.	
	Obstruction Free Zone		55-5.02	See Section 55-5.02	See Section 55-5.02	See Section 55-5.02	
	Typical Curbing Type (where used) (13)		55-5.0	Vertical / Sloping	Vertical / Sloping	Vertical / Sloping	
	Side Slopes (Uncurbed)	Cut	Foreslope	55-5.0	2:1 or Flatter (14)	2:1 or Flatter (14)	N/A
			Ditch Width		(14)	(14)	N/A
			Backslope		2:1 or Flatter (14)	2:1 or Flatter (14)	N/A
		Fill	2:1 or Flatter (14)		2:1 or Flatter (14)	N/A	
Side Slopes (Curbed)	Cut (Backslope)	55-4.05	(15)	(15)	(15)		
	Fill		2:1 or Flatter (14)	2:1 or Flatter (14)	2:1 or Flatter (14)		

Des: Desirable; Min: Minimum.

\* Controlling design criteria (see Section 40-8.0).

**GEOMETRIC DESIGN CRITERIA FOR TWO-LANE URBAN ARTERIAL  
(3R Project)**

**Table 55-3F**

Design Element			Manual Section	Design Values (By Type of Area)					
				Suburban	Intermediate	Built-up			
Bridges	New or Reconstructed Bridge	*Structural Capacity (16)	Ch. 60	HS-25		HS-25		HS-25	
		*Clear Roadway Width(17)	55-6.03	Curbed: Full Approach Curb-to-Curb Width Uncurbed: Full Approach Paved Width					
	Existing Bridge to Remain in Place	*Structural Capacity	Ch. 72	HS-20		HS-20		HS-20	
		*Clear Roadway Width	55-6.02	Curbed: Full Approach Curb-to-Curb Width; Uncurbed: Travelway Plus 2 ft. on Each Side					
	*Vertical Clearance (Arterial Under)	New or Replaced Overpassing Bridge (18a & 18c)	44-4.0	16.5 ft.		16.5 ft. (18b)		16.5 ft. (18b)	
		Existing Overpassing Bridge (19)		14 ft.		14 ft.		14 ft.	
		Sign Truss / Pedestrian Bridge (18a & 18c)		New: 17.5 ft.; Existing: 17.0 ft.		New: 17.5 ft.; Existing: 17.0 ft.		New: 17.5 ft.; Existing: 17.0 ft.	
Vertical Clearance (Arterial over Railroad) (20)		Ch. 69	23.0 ft.						
Alignment Elements	Design Speed			25 mph	30 mph	35 mph	45 mph	50 mph	55 mph
	*Stopping Sight Distance		55-4.02	150 ft.	200 ft.	275 ft.	350 ft.	425 ft.	525 ft.
	Decision Sight Distance	Speed / Path / Direction Change	42-2.0	U: 525 ft. SU: 425 ft.	U: 650 ft. SU: 550 ft.	U: 775 ft. SU: 675 ft.	U: 900 ft. SU: 775 ft.	U: 1025 ft. SU: 875 ft.	U: 1200 ft. SU: 1025 ft.
		Stop Maneuver		425 ft.	500 ft.	650 ft.	825 ft.	875 ft.	1075 ft.
	Intersection Sight Distance		55-4.06	P: 280 ft SU: 360 ft	P: 350 ft SU: 450 ft	P: 410 ft SU: 530 ft	P: 500 ft SU: 610 ft	P: 600 ft SU: 770 ft	P: 760 ft SU: 920 ft
	*Minimum Radii		55-4.03	See Section 55-4.03					
	*Superelevation Rate		55-4.03	See Section 55-4.03					
	*Horizontal Sight Distance		55-4.03	See Section 55-4.03					
	*Vertical Curvature (K-values)	Crest	55-4.04	See Section 55-4.04					
		Sag		See Section 55-4.04					
*Maximum Grade	Level	55-4.04	11%	10%	9%	8.5%	8%	7%	
	Rolling		12%	11%	10%	9.5%	9%	8%	
Minimum Grade		44-1.03	Curbed Des: 0.5%; Curbed Min: 0.3% Uncurbed: 0.0%						

\* Controlling design criteria (see Section 40-8.0). U: Urban; SU: Suburban. Des: Desirable; Min: Minimum.  
Refer to note at bottom of Table 55-3A for approval authority for Level One design exceptions.

**GEOMETRIC DESIGN CRITERIA FOR TWO-LANE URBAN ARTERIAL  
(3R Project)  
Table 55-3F (Continued)**

## GEOMETRIC DESIGN CRITERIA FOR TWO-LANE URBAN ARTERIAL (3R Project)

### Footnotes to Table 55-3F

- (1) Design Forecast Year. For a partial 3R project, the pavement should be designed for at least a 10-year design life.
- (2) Design Speed. The minimum design speed should equal a) the anticipated posted speed limit after construction, or b) the state legal limit on a non-posted highway. The legal limit is 30 mph and with an engineering study may be raised to a maximum of 55 mph.
- (3) On-Street Parking. In general, on-street parking is discouraged.
- (4) Travel Lane (Width). For an arterial on the National Truck Network, the right lane must be 12 ft in width. For another route, a minimum 11-ft travel lane should be used where truck volumes exceed 200 trucks a day. See Section 55-4.05.
- (5) Surface Type. The pavement type selection will be determined by the Materials and Tests Division's pavement design engineer or by the local jurisdiction.
- (6) Curb Offset. The curb offset should be 2 ft. Vertical curbs which are either continuous or introduced intermittently may be offset 1 ft.
- (7) Shoulder Width. The table values apply to paved shoulder widths. The following will also apply:
  - a. For an uncurbed section, the shoulder is paved to the face of guardrail. The desirable guardrail offset is 2 ft from the effective usable shoulder width. See Section 49-5.0 for more information.
  - b. For an uncurbed section, a desirable additional 1 ft of compacted aggregate will be provided.
  - c. If guardrail is present, the minimum offset from E.T.L. to face of guardrail should desirably be equal to the shy line offset distance, but not less than 1.2 m (see Section 49-5.0 for shy line offsets). In a restrictive situation, the guardrail offset may be 1 ft from the effective usable shoulder width.
  - d. For a curbed section, the curb offset is included in the paved shoulder width.
- (8) Cross Slope (Travel Lane). Cross slopes of 1.5% are acceptable on an existing bridge to remain in place.
- (9) Cross Slopes (Shoulder). Table values are for tangent sections. See Figure 45-1A(1) or Figure 45-1A(2) for more-specific information. See Figure 43-3M or Figure 43-3N for shoulder cross slope on a horizontal curve.
- (10) Parking Lane Width. The following will apply:
  - a. Where the parking lane will be used as a travel lane during peak hours or may be converted to a travel lane in the future, the width should be equal to the travel lane width plus the curb offset width (if present).
  - b. A parking lane for residential usage may be 1 ft narrower.
  - c. The cross slope for a parking lane is typically 1% steeper than that for the adjacent travel lane. Buffered strips of 4 ft or more are desirable.

- (11) Sidewalk Width. Table values are for the installation of new sidewalks. Existing sidewalk widths of 3 ft or greater (with or without a buffer) may be retained. A buffer strip of 4 ft or wider is desirable.
- (12) Bicycle Lane Width. The widths in the table are in addition to the width of parking lane, if present. See Section 51-7.0 for additional details.
- (13) Curbing Types. Vertical curbs may only be used with design speed lower than 50 mph.
- (14) Side Slopes. Section 55-4.05 provides additional information for side slope criteria.
- (15) Side Slopes=(Curbed) Cut. Typically, a shelf or sidewalk will be present immediately behind the curb before the toe of the backslope. The minimum width of a shelf desirably should be 6 ft. Where a sidewalk is present, the toe of the backslope will typically be 1 ft beyond the edge of sidewalk. See Section 45-3.0 for more information.
- (16) Structural Capacity (New or Reconstructed Bridge). The following will apply:
  - a. Each bridge on a facility with greater than 600 trucks per day should be checked using the Alternate Military Loading.
  - b. Each State highway bridge within 15 mi of a Toll Road gate must be designed for Toll Road Loading.
  - c. Each bridge on an Extra Heavy Duty Highway must be designed for the Michigan Train truck loading configuration.
  - d. See Chapter Sixty for additional information on the loading criteria.
- (17) Width (New or Reconstructed Bridge). Widths are minimums for a 3R project. See Section 59-1.0 for additional information on bridge width.
- (18) Vertical Clearance (Arterial Under Railroad). The following will apply:
  - a. Table value includes an additional 6 in. allowance for future pavement overlays.
  - b. In a highly urbanized area, a minimum clearance of 14 ft may be provided if there is at least one route with a 16-ft clearance.
  - c. Vertical clearances apply from usable edge to usable edge of shoulder.
- (19) Vertical Clearance (Existing Bridge). See Section 55-6.02 for additional information on minimum allowable vertical clearance.
- (20) Vertical Clearance (Arterial Over Railroad). See Chapter Sixty-nine for additional information on railroad clearance under a highway.
- (21) Intersection Sight Distance. For left turn onto a 2-lane road. P = Passenger car; SU = single unit truck. See Figure 46-10G for values for combination trucks.