

Design Element			Manual Section	2 Lanes			4 or More Lanes		
Design Controls	Design-Year Traffic (AADT)		40-2.01	< 400	400 ≤ AADT < 2000	≥ 2000	**Undivided	Divided	
	Design Forecast Period		40-2.02	20 Years			20 Years		
	*Design Speed (mph) (1)		40-3.0	Level: 60 – 70; Rolling: 50 – 60			60	70	
	Access Control		40-5.0	Partial Control / None			Partial Control / None		
	Level of Service		40-2.0	Desirable: B; Minimum: C			Desirable: B; Minimum: C		
Cross Section Elements**	Travel Lane	*Width	45-1.01	12 ft			12 ft		
		Typical Surface Type (2)	Chp. 52	Asphalt / Concrete			Asphalt / Concrete		
	Shoulder (3)	*Width Usable	45-1.02	6 ft	8 ft	11 ft (3b)	11 ft (3b)	Right: 11 ft (3b) Left: 4 ft (3e)	
		*Width Paved	45-1.02	4 ft	6 ft	10 ft (3b)	10 ft (3b)	Right: 10 ft (3b) Left: 4 ft (3e)	
		Typical Surface Type (2)	Chp. 52	Asphalt / Concrete			Asphalt / Concrete		
	Cross Slope	*Travel Lane (4)	45-1.01	2%			2%		
		Shoulder (4A)	45-1.02	Paved Width ≤ 4 ft: 2%; Paved Width > 4 ft: 4%			Paved Width ≤ 4 ft: 2%; Paved Width > 4 ft: 4%		
	Auxiliary Lane	Lane Width (5)	45-1.03	Desirable: 12 ft; Minimum: 11 ft			Desirable: 12 ft; Minimum: 11 ft		
		Shoulder Width (6)		Same as Next to Travel Lane			Same as Next to Travel Lane		
	Median Width		45-2.0	N/A			0.0 ft	Desirable: 80 ft Minimum: 16 ft (7)	
	Clear Zone		49-2.0	(8)			(8)		
	Side Slopes (9)	Cut	Foreslope	45-3.0	6:1 (10)			6:1 (10)	
			Ditch Width		4 ft (11)			4 ft (11)	
			Backslope		4:1 for 20 ft; 3:1 Max. to Top (12)			4:1 for 20 ft; 3:1 Max. to Top (12)	
		Fill	45-3.0	6:1 to Clear Zone; 3:1 Max. to Toe			6:1 to Clear Zone; 3:1 Max. to Toe		
Median Slopes		45-2.02	N/A			Desirable: 8:1; Maximum: 5:1			
Bridges***	New or Reconstructed Bridge	*Structural Capacity	Chp. 60	HL-93 (13)					
		*Clear-Roadway Width(14)	45-4.01	Full Paved Approach Width					
	Existing Bridge to Remain in Place	*Structural Capacity	Chp. 72	HS-20					
		*Clear-Roadway Width	45-4.01	Travelway Plus 2 ft on Each Side					
	*Vertical Clearance (Arterial Under)	New or Replaced Overpassing Bridge (15)	44-4.0	16.5 ft					
		Existing Overpassing Bridge		14 ft					
		Sign Truss / Pedestrian Bridge (15)		New: 17.5 ft; Existing: 17 ft					
Vertical Clearance (Arterial Over Railroad) (16)		Chp. 69	23 ft						

\* Controlling design criterion. \*\* An arterial of 4 or more lanes on a new location should be designed as Divided.

\*\*\* Selection of the cross section and bridge elements is based on the design-year traffic volume irrespective of the design speed.

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**Figure 53-2**

Design Element		Manual Section	Rural Arterial				
Alignment Elements	Design Speed	---	50 mph	55 mph	60 mph	70 mph	
	*Stopping Sight Distance	42-1.0	425 ft	495 ft	570 ft	730 ft	
	Decision Sight Distance	Speed / Path / Direction Change	42-2.0	750 ft	865 ft	990 ft	1105 ft
		Stop Maneuver		465 ft	535 ft	610 ft	780 ft
	Passing Sight Distance	42-3.0	1835 ft	1985 ft	2135 ft	2480 ft	
	Intersection Sight Distance, -3% to +3% (20)	46-10.0	P: 630 ft; SUT: 780 ft	P: 730 ft; SUT: 890 ft	P: 840 ft; SUT: 1020 ft	P: 1030 ft; SUT: 1240 ft	
	*Minimum Radius (e=8%)	43-2.0	750 ft	1000 ft	1290 ft	1650 ft	
	*Superelevation Rate	43-3.0	e <sub>max</sub> = 8% (17)				
	*Horizontal Sight Distance	43-4.0	(18)				
	*Vertical Curvature (K-value)	Crest	44-3.0	84	114	151	247
		Sag		96	115	136	181
	*Maximum Grade (19)	Level	44-1.02	4%	3.5%	3%	3%
		Rolling		5%	4.5%	4%	4%
Minimum Grade	44-1.03	Desirable: 0.5%; Minimum: 0.0%					

\* Controlling design criterion. A deviation from such is a design exception, and is subject to approval. See Section 40-8.0.

These criteria apply to a route either on or off the National Highway System, regardless of funding source.

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**Figure 53-2 (continued)**

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**Footnotes to Figure 53-2**

- (1) Design Speed. The minimum design speed should equal the minimum value from the table or the anticipated posted speed limit after construction, whichever is greater. The legal speed limit is 60 mph on a divided highway.
- (2) Surface Type. The pavement-type selection will be determined by the INDOT Office of Pavement Engineering.
- (3) Shoulder. The following will apply.
  - a. If there are 3 or more lanes in each direction and there is a median barrier, a 10-ft paved shoulder and a 2-ft offset is required.
  - b. On a reconstruction project, the usable-shoulder width may be 10 ft, and the paved-shoulder width may be 8 ft.
  - c. The shoulder is paved to the front face of guardrail. The desirable guardrail offset is 2 ft from the effective usable-shoulder width. See Section 49-5.0 for more information.
  - d. Usable-shoulder width is defined as the distance from the edge of the travel lane to the shoulder break point.
  - e. If there are 3 or more lanes in each direction, a full-width shoulder, 11 ft usable and 10 ft paved, is desirable.
- (4) Cross Slope (Travel Lanes). Cross slopes of 1.5% are acceptable on an existing bridge to remain in place. Where three or more lanes are sloped in the same direction, each successive pair of lanes may have an increased sideslope.
- (4A) Cross Slope (Shoulder). See Figure 45-1A(1) or Figure 45-1A(2) for more-specific information.
- (5) Auxiliary Lane (Lane Width). Truck climbing-lane width is 12 ft.
- (6) Auxiliary Lane (Shoulder Width). At a minimum, a 2-ft shoulder may be used adjacent to an auxiliary lane. At a minimum, the shoulder adjacent to a truck climbing lane is 4 ft.
- (7) Median Width (Flush). Value is for new construction. A median of 25 ft or narrower should be avoided at an intersection. A median wider than 60 ft is undesirable at a signalized intersection, or an intersection that may become signalized in the foreseeable future. On a reconstruction project, the minimum flush-median width is 14 ft for a roadway with left-turn lanes, or 22 ft for a roadway with concrete median barrier.
- (8) Clear Zone. The clear zone will vary according to design speed, traffic volume, side slopes, and horizontal curvature. See Section 49-2.0.

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**Footnotes to Figure 53-2 (continued)**

- (9) Side Slope. Value is for new construction. See Sections 45-3.0 and 45-8.0 for more information. For a reconstruction project, see Section 49-3.0.
- (10) Foreslope. See Sections 49-2.0 and 49-3.0 for the lateral extent of the foreslope in a ditch section.
- (11) Ditch Width. A V-ditch should be used in a rock cut. See Section 45-8.0.
- (12) Backslope. The backslope for a rock cut will vary according to the height of the cut and the geotechnical requirements. See Section 45-8.0 for typical rock-cut sections.
- (13) Structural Capacity (New or Reconstructed Bridge). The following will apply.
- a. **HS-25 loading with Alternate Military Loading should be applied for each project with notice to proceed with design beginning September 1, 2004, through December 31, 2005.**
  - b. A State-highway bridge within 15 mi of a Toll-Road gate must be designed for Toll-Road loading.
  - c. A 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 configurations.
- (14) Width (New or Reconstructed Bridge). See Section 59-1.0 for more information on bridge width.
- (15) Vertical Clearance (Arterial Under). Value includes an additional 6-in. allowance for future pavement overlays. Vertical clearance applies from usable edge to usable edge of shoulders.
- (16) Vertical Clearance (Arterial Over Railroad). See Chapter Sixty-nine for additional information on railroad clearance under a highway.
- (17) Superelevation Rate. See Section 43-3.0 for value of superelevation rate based on design speed and radius.
- (18) Horizontal Sight Distance. For a given design speed, the necessary middle ordinate will be determined by the radius and the sight distance which applies at the site. Sometimes, the stopping-sight-distance value for a truck will apply. See the discussion in Section 43-4.0.
- (19) Maximum Grade. A grade of 1% or steeper may be used for a downgrade on a one-way roadway.
- (20) Intersection Sight Distance. For a left turn onto a 2-lane road: P = Passenger car; SUT = single unit truck. See Figure 46-10G for value for a combination truck.