

Design Element			Manual Section	2-Lane					
Design Controls	Design-Year AADT		40-2.01	< 400	400 ≤ AADT < 1000	1000 ≤ AADT < 3000	3000 ≤ AADT < 5000	≥ 5000	
	Design Forecast Period		55-4.01	20 Years (2)					
	*Design Speed (mph)		55-4.01	See Section 55-4.01 (3)					
	Access Control		40-5.0	None					
	Level of Service		40-2.0	Desirable: B; Minimum: D					
Cross Section Elements**	Travel Lane	*Width (4)	55-4.05	Des: 10 ft; Min: 9 ft (4a)		Des: 11 ft Min: 10 ft (4b)	Des: 12 ft Min: 11 ft (4c)	Des: 12 ft Min: 11 ft (4c)	
		Typical Surface Type	Ch. 52	Asphalt / Concrete / Aggregate					
	Shoulder (5)	*Width Usable	55-4.05	Min: 2 ft	Des: 4 ft Min: 2 ft	Des: 6 ft Min: 3 ft	Des: 6 ft Min: 4 ft	Des: 8 ft Min: 6 ft	
		Typical Surface Type	Ch. 52	Asphalt / Aggregate / Earth					
	Cross Slope	*Travel Lane (6)	55-4.05	2%-3% Asphalt / Concrete; 6%-8% Aggregate					
		Shoulder (7)	55-4.05	Paved Width ≤ 4 ft: 2% - 3%; Paved Width > 4 ft: 4%-6% Asphalt; 6%-8% Aggregate; 8% Earth					
	Auxiliary Lane	Lane Width	55-4.06	Des: Same As Travel Lane Min: 9 ft		Des: Same as Travel Lane Min: 10 ft			
		Shoulder Width		Des: 4 ft; Min: 2 ft					
	Obstruction-Free Zone		55-5.02	See Section 55-5.02					
	Side Slopes	Cut	Foreslope	55-4.05	2:1 or Flatter (8)				
			Ditch Width		(8)				
			Backslope		2:1 or Flatter (8)				
		Fill	55-4.05	2:1 or Flatter (8)					
Bridges**	New or Reconstructed Bridge	*Structural Capacity	Ch. 60	HL-93 (8A)					
		*Clear-Roadway Width (9)	55-6.03	Travelway +4 ft	Travelway +6 ft			Full Paved Appr. Width	
	Existing Bridge to Remain in Place	*Structural Capacity	Ch. 72	HS-15 (10)					
		*Clear-Roadway Width (11)	55-6.02	20 ft	22 ft	24 ft	28 ft	28 ft	
	*Vertical Clearance (Collector Under)	New or Replaced Overpassing Bridge (12)	55-6.0	14.5 ft					
		Existing Overpassing Bridge		14.0 ft					
Vertical Clearance (Collector Over Railroad) (13)		Ch. 69	23.0 ft						

Des: Desirable; Min: Minimum. * Controlling design criterion. ** Selection of cross section and bridge elements is based on design-year traffic volume irrespective of design speed.

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Figure 55-3D

Design Element		Manual Section	2-Lane					
Alignment Elements	Design Speed	---	30 mph	35 mph	45 mph	50 mph	55 mph	
	*Stopping Sight Distance (Desirable)	55-4.02	200 ft	250 ft	360 ft	425 ft	495 ft	
	Decision Sight Distance	Speed / Path / Direction Change	42-2.0	450 ft	525 ft	675 ft	750 ft	865 ft
		Stop Maneuver		220 ft	275 ft	395 ft	465 ft	535 ft
	Passing Sight Distance	42-3.0	Existing	Existing	Existing	Existing	Existing	
	Intersection Sight Distance , -3% to +3% (14)	55-4.06	P: 330 ft SUT: 420 ft	P: 390 ft SUT: 490 ft	P: 500 ft SUT: 630 ft	P: 550 ft SUT: 780 ft	P: 610 ft SUT: 890 ft	
	*Minimum Radius	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-value)	Crest	55-4.04	See Section 55-4.04				
		Sag		See Section 55-4.04				
	*Maximum Grade	Level	55-4.04	10%	9%	8.5%	8%	7%
		Rolling		12%	11%	10.5%	10%	9%
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.

An operational or maintenance change, permanent or temporary, exclusive of work-zone traffic control, that in fact creates substandard conditions such as by re-striping to obtain added lane(s) by reducing existing lane widths or shoulders, must be addressed in a design exception, whether or not actual construction or reconstruction is involved.

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Footnotes to Figure 55-3D

- (1) Applicability. This figure is applicable only to a federal-aid funded project.
- (2) Design Forecast Period. For a partial 3R project, the pavement should be designed for at least a 10-year design life.
- (3) Design Speed. The minimum design speed should equal the anticipated posted speed limit after construction or the legal speed limit, 55 mph, on a non-posted highway.
- (4) Travel Lane (Width). An 11-ft travel lane should be used where truck volume exceeds 200 trucks per day. In addition, the following will apply:
 - a. Where $V \geq 50$ mph, the minimum width is 10 ft.
 - b. Where $V \geq 50$ mph, the minimum width is 11 ft.
 - c. Where $V \geq 50$ mph, the minimum width is 12 ft.
- (5) Shoulder Width. The following will apply:
 - a. The desirable guardrail offset is 1 ft from the effective usable-shoulder width. In a restrictive situation, the guardrail offset may be 1 ft from the effective usable-shoulder width. See Section 49-5.0 for more information.
 - b. 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 4 ft (see Section 49-5.0 for shy-line offsets).
 - c. Usable-shoulder width is defined as the distance from the edge of the travel lane to the shoulder break point.
- (6) Cross Slope (Travel Lane). Cross slopes of 1.5% are acceptable on an existing bridge to remain in place.
- (7) Cross Slope (Shoulder). Value is for a tangent section. 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.
- (8) Side Slopes. Section 55-4.05 provides additional information for side-slope criteria.

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Footnotes to Figure 55-3D (Continued)

- (8A) Structural Capacity (New or Reconstructed Bridge). 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. A bridge with an ADTT less than or equal to 1,000 may be designed for HS 25 or HS 20, whichever the LPA elects.
- (9) Width (New or Reconstructed Bridge). The width of a bridge of more than 100 ft in length should be analyzed individually. At a minimum, the roadway width of such a bridge will be the width of travel lanes plus a 2-ft right shoulder and 2-ft left shoulder. Where shoulders are paved, it is desirable to provide the full roadway width across the bridge. See Section 59-1.0 for more information on bridge width.
- (10) Structural Capacity (Existing Bridge to Remain in Place). If the AADT \leq 50, an HS-10 loading is acceptable.
- (11) Width (Existing Bridge to Remain in Place). A minimum clear-roadway width that is 2 ft narrower than that shown may be used on a road with few trucks. The clear-roadway width should be at least the same width as the approach travelway. For a one-lane bridge, the width may be 18 ft. For a bridge of more than 100 ft in length, the value does not apply. The acceptability of such a bridge will be assessed individually.
- (12) Vertical Clearance (Local Under). Value includes an additional 6-in. allowance for a future pavement overlay. Vertical clearance applies from usable edge to usable edge of shoulders.
- (13) Vertical Clearance (Local Over Railroad). See Chapter Sixty-nine for additional information on railroad clearance under a highway.
- (14) Intersection Sight Distance. For left turn onto a 2-lane road, P = Passenger car; SUT = single unit truck. See Figure 46-10G for value for a combination truck.