

## STANDARD

The following target speeds shall apply to county roads in a manner consistent with the guidance provided in the APPLICATION section of this standard. A Design Exception for a Target Speed outside the standard range may be issued by DOT on the basis of an Engineering and Traffic Investigation. This investigation should include a comprehensive analysis of the existing and planned development, the connecting transportation system, and the environmental conditions surrounding the project. Situations in which a design exception for a lower target speed may be warranted include, but are not limited to, roadways with pedestrian and bicycle activity higher than typically encountered in densely developed urban core areas. Design exceptions for higher target speeds may also be warranted in some circumstances. The Design Exception documentation should clearly document project-specific circumstances requiring variance from the standard range.

Road Classification/ Area Type	Design/Target Speed			
	Urban	Suburban	Rural	
Freeway	Refer to AASHTO Interstate Design Guide			
Controlled Major Highway	40 – 50	40 – 55	45 – 55	note 1
Parkway	<del>30 – 40</del> 25	<del>30 – 45</del>	45 – 55	note 1
Major Highway	<del>30 – 40</del> 25	<del>30 – 35</del> 30-40	45 – 55	notes 1, 2
Country Arterial		<del>35 – 50</del> 35-40	<del>35 – 50</del> 30-45	note 2
Arterial	<del>30 – 35</del> 25	<del>30 – 40</del> 30-35	<del>35 – 50</del> 35-40	note 2
Minor Arterial	<del>30 – 35</del> 25	<del>30 – 35</del> 30	<del>35 – 50</del> 35-40	note 2
Business District Street	<del>25 – 30</del> 25	<del>25 – 35</del> 25	<del>25 – 35</del> 25	
Industrial Street	<del>30 – 40</del> 25	<del>30 – 40</del> 25	<del>30 – 40</del> 25	
Country Road	–	25 – 40	25 – 40	
Primary and Principal Secondary Residential Streets	Minimum 300-foot centerline radius (Minimum Sight distance for 30 mph)			
Secondary Residential Street	Minimum 150-foot centerline radius (Minimum Sight distance for 25 mph)			
Tertiary Residential Street	Minimum 100-foot centerline radius (Minimum Sight distance for 25 mph)			

**Note 1:** The use of the 55 mph target speed is limited to divided highways.

**Note 2:** In suburban and rural areas, the target speed in commercial areas is 30 mph; the target speed in more densely developed residential areas is 35 mph.

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Tertiary Residential Street-Sidewalk on One Side	2001.01	44'	2	5	5	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	12	0	0	1
Tertiary Residential Street-Sidewalk on Both Sides	2001.02	50'	2	5	8	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	8	5	2	1
Tertiary Residential Street-Open Section	2001.03	74'	2	5	20	0	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	0	20	5	2	2,3

- Notes: 1. Parking lane may be added where regular on-street parking is expected  
2. Occasional parking may be accommodated in the buffer  
3. New Standard ROW needed to avoid sidewalk placement in a PIE

Secondary Residential Street- No Parking	2002.01	60'	2	5	10	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	0	0	10	5	2	
Secondary Residential Street- Parking on One Side	2002.02	60'	2	5	7.5	8	0	10	0	0	0	11.5	0	0	9	5	2	
Secondary Residential Street-Parking on Both Sides	2002.03	70'	2	5	10	8	0	10	0	0	0	10	0	8	10	5	2	
Secondary Residential Street- Open Section	2002.04	78'	2	5	20	0	2	10	0	0	0	10	2	0	20	5	2	1

Notes: 1. New Standard ROW needed to avoid Sidewalk placement in a PIE

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Primary/Principal Secondary Residential Street- With Bike Lane and Parking on One Side	2003.08	70'	2	5	8.5	8	5	10	0	0	0	10	5.5	0	9	5	2	
Primary/Principal Secondary Residential Street- With Bike Lane and Parking on Both Sides	2003.09	84'	2	6	10	8	6	10	0	0	0	10	6	8	10	6	2	
Primary/Principal Secondary Residential Street- No Parking	2003.10	70'	2	6	14	0	0	13	0	0	0	13	0	0	14	6	2	
Primary/Principal Secondary Residential Street- Parking on One Side	2003.11	70'	2	6	12	8	0	11	0	0	0	11.5	0	0	11.5	6	2	
Primary/Principal Secondary Residential Street- Parking on Both Sides	2003.12	70'	2	5	9	8	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	8	9	5	2	
Primary/Principal Secondary Residential Street- Open Section	2003.14	84'	2	5	20	0	5	10	0	0	0	10	5	0	20	5	2	

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Urban Arterial Road-4 Lanes	2004.01	80'	2	7	6 7	0	0	14	11 10	0	11 10	14	0	0	6 7	7	2	
Urban Arterial Road-4 Lanes, With Bike Lanes	2004.02	80'	2	5-5 6	6 6.5	0	5.5	10	11 10	0	11 10	10	5.5	0	6 6.5	5-5 6	2	
Urban Arterial Road-5 Lanes	2004.03	90'	2	6	6 7.5	0	0	14	11 10	11 11	11 10	14	0	0	6 7.5	6	2	1
Urban Arterial Road-5 Lanes, With Bike Lanes	2004.04	90	2	5 7	5.5	0	5.5	10	11 10	11 10	11 10	10	5.5	0	5.5	5 7	2	4
Divided Urban Arterial Road-4 Lanes	2004.05	100'	2	8 10	6 7	0	0	14	11.5 11	11 12	11.5 11	14	0	0	6 7	8 10	2	
Divided Urban Arterial Road-4 Lanes, With Bike Lanes	2004.06	100'	2	6-5 8.5	6 7	0	5.5	10	11.5 11	11 12	11.5 11	10	5.5	0	6 7	6-5 8.5	2	
Suburban Arterial Road-4 Lanes	2004.07	80'	2	5 6	8 7	0	0	14	11	0	11	14	0	0	8 7	5 6	2	
Suburban Arterial Road- 4 Lanes, With Bike Lanes	2004.08	80'	2	5 6	6-5 5.5	0	5.5	10	11	0	11	10	5.5	0	6-5 5.5	5 6	2	
Divided Suburban Arterial Road-4 Lanes	2004.09	100'	2	5 6	9 7.5	0	0	14	11.5 11.5	11 18	11.5	14	0	0	9 7.5	5 6	2	2
Divided Suburban Arterial Road- 4	2004.10	100'	2	5 6	6-5 5	0	5.5	11	11.5	11 18	11.5	11	5.5	0	6-5 5	5 6	2	2



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Urban Minor Arterial Road-2 Lanes	2004.19	70'	2	8	10.5	0	0	14.5	0	0	0	14.5	0	0	10.5	8	2	
Urban Minor Arterial Road- 2 Lanes, With Parking	2004.20	70'	2	7	7 8	8	0	11 10	0	0	0	11 10	0	8	7 8	7	2	
Urban Minor Arterial Road-2 Lanes, With Bike Lanes	2004.21	70'	2	8	8.5 9	0	5.5 6	11 10	0	0	0	11 10	5.5 6	0	8.5 9	8	2	
Urban Minor Arterial Road-2 Lanes, With Bike Lanes and Parking	2004.22	80'	2	7 8	6	8	6	11 10	0	0	0	11 10	6	8	6	7 8	2	
Urban Minor Arterial Road-3 Lanes	2004.23	70'	2	7 8	6	0	0	14	0	11 10	0	14	0	0	6	7 8	2	1
Urban Minor Arterial Road-3 Lanes With Parking	2004.24	80'	2	7 9	6	8	0	11 10	0	11 10	0	11 10	0	8	6 9	7 9	2	1
Suburban Minor Arterial Road-2 Lanes	2004.25	70'	2	5	13.5	0	0	14.5	0	0	0	14.5	0	0	13.5	5	2	
Suburban Minor Arterial Road- 2 Lanes, With Bike lanes	2004.26	70'	2	5	11.5	0	5.5	11	0	0	0	11	5.5	0	11.5	5	2	
Suburban Minor	2004.27	70'	2	5	9	8	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	8	9	5	2	

Arterial Road-2 Lanes, With Parking																								
Suburban Minor Arterial Road-2 Lanes, With Bike Lanes and Parking	2004.28	80'	2	5	8	8	6	11	0	0	0	0	11	6	8	8	5	2						
Suburban Minor Arterial Road-3 Lanes, With Parking	2004.29	80'	2	5 6	8 7.5	8	0	11	0	<del>12</del> 11	0	11	0	8	8 7.5	5 6	2							1
Suburban Minor Arterial Road-2 Lanes, Open Section With Bike Lanes	2004.31	80'	2	5	17	0	5	11	0	0	0	11	5	0	17	5	2							
Rural Minor Arterial Road-With Bike Lanes	2004.33	82'	2	5	20	0	5	12	0	0	0	12	5	0	19	0	2							2

Notes: 1. Median is two way left turn lane  
2. Sidewalk Optional

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County Road	2004.34	62'	2	0	17	0	2	10	0	0	0	10	2	0	17	0	2	
Country Arterial	2004.35	70'	2	0	18	0	4	11	0	0	0	11	4	0	18	0	2	

Business District Street-2 Lanes with Parking on One Side	2005.01	60'	2	6 7	6-5 6	8 9	0	11 10	0	0	0	12-5 11	0	0	6	6 7	2	
Business District Street- 2 Lanes with Parking on Both Sides	2005.02	70'	2	7	7	8	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	8	7	7	2	
Business District Street-4 Lanes with Parking	2005.03	100'	2	10	8 10	8	0	11 10	11 10	0	11 10	11 10	0	8	8 10	10	2	
Divided Business District Street, 4 Lanes with Parking	2005.04	112'	2	7 10	7 6	8	0	11 10	12-5 11	17 18	12-5 11	11 10	0	8	7 6	7 10	2	

Notes: 1.Raised Median, no left turn lanes



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Industrial Street-2 Lanes	2006.01	60'	2	5	8.5	0	0	14.5	0	0	0	14.5	0	0	8.5	5	2	
Industrial Street-3 Lanes	2006.02	70'	2	5	<del>6.5</del> 8	0	0	14.5	0	<del>14</del> 11	0	14.5	0	0	<del>6.5</del> 8	5	2	1
Industrial Street-4 Lanes	2006.03	80'	2	5	6.5	0	0	14.5	12	0	12	14.5	0	0	6.5	5	2	
Divided Industrial Street- 4 Lanes	2006.04	100'	2	5	<del>6.5</del> 6	0	0	14.5	13.5	<del>17</del> 18	13.5	14.5	0	0	<del>6.5</del> 6	5	2	2

Notes: 1. Median is two way left turn lane

2. Raised median

Urban Parkway	2007.01	120'	2	10	17	0	0	<del>12.5</del> 12	<del>12.5</del> 12	<del>17</del> 18	<del>12.5</del> 12	<del>12.5</del> 12	0	0	<del>16</del> 17	6	2	
Suburban Parkway	2007.02	150'	7	10	24	0	6	11	<del>12.5</del> 12	<del>17</del> 18	<del>12.5</del> 12	11	6	0	25	6	2	
Rural Parkway	2007.03	150'	2	10	20	0	8	12	12	32	12	12	8	0	20	0	2	1

Notes: 1. A 5' sidewalk can be provided by reducing the median to 27'

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Urban Major Highway- 6 Lanes	2008.01	120'	2	<del>6</del> 7	6	0	0	14	<del>11</del> 10.5	<del>12.5</del> 11.5	<del>17</del> 18	<del>12.5</del> 11.5	<del>11</del> 10.5	14	0	0	6	<del>6</del> 7	2	
Urban Major Highway- 6 Lanes, With Bike Lanes	2008.02	150'	2	<del>8</del> 10	<del>16</del> 8	0	<del>6</del> 5.5	<del>11</del> 10.5	<del>11</del> 10.5	<del>12.5</del> 11.5	<del>17</del> 34	<del>12.5</del> 11.5	<del>11</del> 10.5	<del>11</del> 10.5	<del>6</del> 5.5	0	<del>16</del> 8	<del>8</del> 10	2	
Suburban Major Highway- 6 Lanes, With Bike Lanes	2008.04	150'	2	8	<del>19</del> 15.5	0	6	11	11	12.5	<del>17</del> 18	12.5	11	11	6	0	<del>19</del> 15.5	5 8	2	
Rural Major Highway- 6 Lanes, Open Section	2008.05	150'	2	5	22.5	0	8	12	0	13.5	24	13.5	0	12	8	0	22.5	0	7	1

Notes: 1. To provide sidewalk on both sides, adjust the Maintenance Offset

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Urban Controlled Major Highway-6 Lanes, Speeds <45 mph	2008.07	150'	2	10	14.5	0	0	13.5	12	13.5	24	13.5	12	13.5	0	0	14.5	5	2	
Urban Controlled Major Highway-6 Lanes, Speeds ≥ 45 mph	2008.08	150'	2	10	13	0	8	12	12	12	17	12	12	12	8	0	13	5	2	
Suburban Controlled Major Highway-6 Lanes, Speeds <45 mph	2008.09	150'	2	10	19	0	0	13.5	12	13.5	24	13.5	12	13.5	0	0	7	5	5	
Suburban Controlled Major Highway-6 Lanes, Speeds ≥ 45 mph	2008.10	150'	5	10	10	0	8	12	12	12	17	12	12	12	8	0	10	5	5	

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Suburban Controlled Major Highway- 6 Lanes, Open Section	2008.11		150'		2		10		21.5		0		8		12		0		12		24		12		0		12		8		0		21.5		5		2			
Rural Controlled Major Highway- 6 Lanes, Open Section	2008.12		150'		2		10		20		0		8		12		0		12		32		12		0		12		8		0		20		0		1			

## 2007 Road Code Bill – Design Elements Table

Classification	Target Speed	Road/Lane Width	Curbside Width <sup>6</sup>	Bike Lane Width <sup>2</sup>	Sidewalk Width <sup>8</sup>
Freeway	55-65 mph	12' lanes	Variable	none	none
Controlled Major Highway <sup>1</sup>	50 mph	12' lanes	Variable	5'	5'
Parkway <sup>1</sup>	urban: 25 mph	11' lanes	25'	none	none
	suburban: 40 mph				
Major Highway <sup>1,3</sup>	urban: 25 mph	urban: 10.5' lanes	urban: 10' min.	5'	urban: 15' min.
	suburban: 35-40 mph	suburban: 11' lanes	elsewhere: 15'		elsewhere: 5'
	rural: 45 mph <sup>7</sup>	rural: 12' lanes			
Country Arterial <sup>4</sup>	suburban: 40 mph	11' lanes		4'	suburban: 5'
	rural: 40-45 mph <sup>7</sup>				rural: none
Arterial <sup>1,4</sup>	urban: 25 mph	urban: 10' lanes	urban: 15' min.	urban: 4'	urban: 10' min.
	suburban: 35 mph	suburban: 11' lanes	elsewhere: 15'	suburban: 4'	elsewhere: 5'
	rural: 40 mph <sup>7</sup>	rural: 12' lanes		rural: 5'	
Minor Arterial <sup>1,4</sup>	urban: 25 mph	urban: 10' lanes	urban: 15' min.	4'	5'
	suburban: 30 mph	suburban: 10.5' lanes	elsewhere: 15'		
	rural: 35 mph <sup>7</sup>	rural: 11' lanes			
Business District Street <sup>1</sup>	25 mph	urban: 10' lanes	urban: 15' min.	none	10'
		elsewhere: 11' lanes	elsewhere: 15'		
Industrial Street <sup>1</sup>	25 mph	urban: 10' lanes	urban: 15' min.	none	5'

		elsewhere: 11' lanes	elsewhere: 15'		
Country Road	25 mph	20' road		none	suburban: 5'
					rural: none
Primary and Principal Secondary Residential Streets	25 mph		15'	3'	5'
(no curbs or parking)		20' road			
(w/curbs, no parking) <sup>5</sup>		22' road			
(w/curbs, 1-side parking) <sup>5</sup>		28' road			
(w/curbs, 2-side parking) <sup>5</sup>		34' road			
Secondary Residential Streets	20 mph		15'	none	4'
(no curbs or parking)		20' road			
(w/curbs, no parking)		20' road			
(w/curbs, 1-side parking)		20' road			
(w/curbs, 2-side parking)		24' road			
Tertiary Residential Street	20 mph	20' road	12'	none	4'
Alley	15 mph	urban (2-way): 20' road	none	none	none
		urban (1-way): 16' road			
		suburban: 16' road			

<sup>1</sup> Add 1 foot of width to each lane abutting an outside curb. Except in urban areas, add another 2 feet of width to each lane abutting an outside curb if a shared-use roadway is consistent

with the Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan or the applicable area master or sector plan.

<sup>2</sup> Bike lanes must be included when a road is constructed or reconstructed if bike lanes are consistent with the Countywide Bikeways Functional Master Plan or the applicable area master or sector plan. This bike lane width replaces the added width under note (1).

<sup>3</sup> For an open-section Controlled Major Highway, Major Highway or Country Arterial add 5 feet of width on each road edge for a paved shoulder. A bike lane replaces this additional width.

<sup>4</sup> For an open-section Arterial or Minor Arterial add 4 feet of width beyond the edge of the outside lane for a paved shoulder. If a bike lane is provided on a road edge, the bike lane replaces this additional width.

<sup>5</sup> For a Primary or Principal Secondary Residential Street, the total curb-to-curb width must be the sum of the road width and any master-planned bike lane widths.

<sup>6</sup> Curbside width is the area beyond each curb necessary for sidewalks, shared use paths, street trees and other landscaping, streetlights, utilities, and other elements. For an open section road or street, the area beyond the shoulder is shown in the design standards adopted under Chapter 49.

<sup>7</sup> Target speed for these classifications in suburban and rural commercial zones is 30 mph.

<sup>8</sup> Sidewalks are required on both sides of any road or street, as indicated on this table, except Secondary and Tertiary Residential Streets, where the Planning Board may require a sidewalk on either or both sides of a street, depending on the area's housing density and the potential uses of the sidewalks. An alley must not have any sidewalks.

<sup>9</sup> Trees may be planted in a median if the design speed of the road does not exceed 40 miles per hour. The median must be at least:

(1) 8 feet wide to accommodate trees that will grow to no more than a 4-inch diameter at maturity; and

(2) 12 feet wide to accommodate any tree that will grow larger than a 4-inch diameter at maturity.

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<sup>10</sup> A landscape panel abutting a closed-section road must extend at least 5 feet from the curb and be at least 8 feet long. Trees planted in landscape panels along 'urban' roads must be at least 30 feet apart unless the tree spacing is interrupted by a public street or driveway.

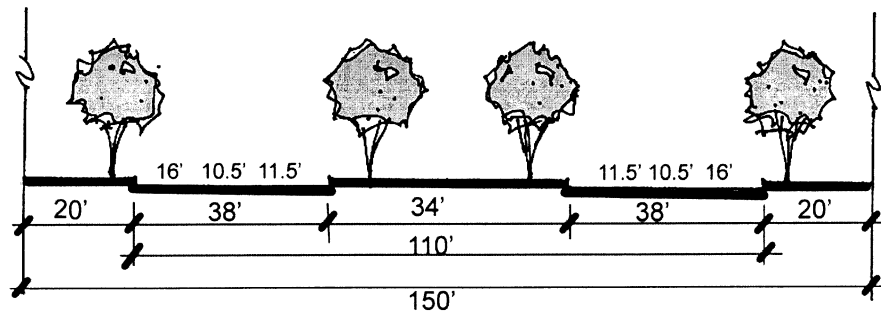
<sup>11</sup> Each newly built or reconstructed street must retain or filter the following amounts of stormwater on-site during a 24-hour period: ½-1" in an 'urban' area; at least 2" in a 'suburban' area; and at least 3" in a 'rural' area.

# Proposed Cross Sections for Urban Areas

## 150 FT ROW

### Major Highway

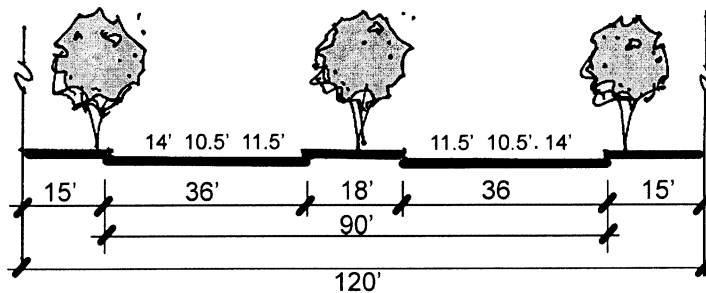
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(4 lanes w/  
non peak hour parking)  
Urban Boulevard



## 120 FT ROW

### Major Highway

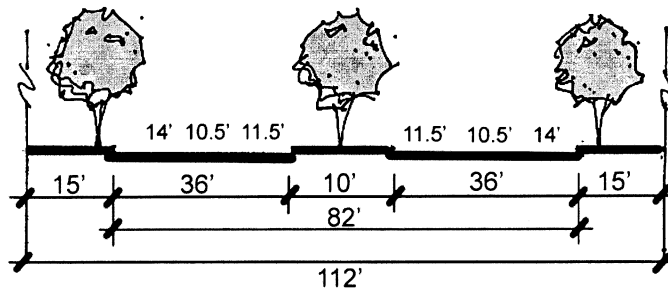
6 lanes divided  
(4 lanes w/  
non peak hour parking)  
Urban Boulevard



## 112 FT ROW

### Major Highway

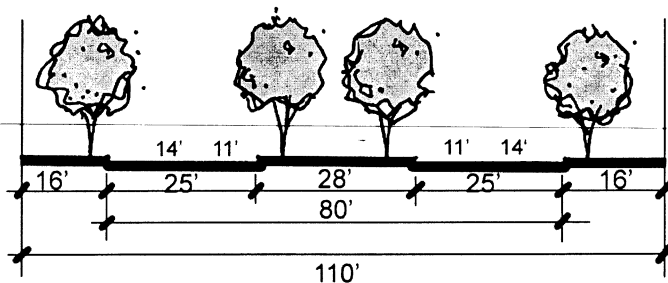
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(4 lanes w/  
non peak hour parking)  
Urban Boulevard



## 110 FT ROW

### Arterial

4 lanes divided  
(2 lanes w/  
non peak hour parking)  
Urban Boulevards



Note: Retrofitting existing streets with new standards will require custom fit cross sections, a kit of parts approach to achieve context sensitive solutions.

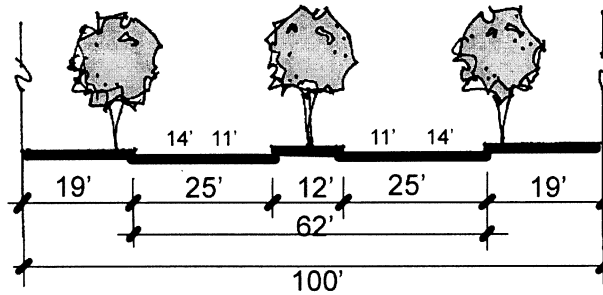


## Proposed Cross Sections for Urban Areas

### 100 FT ROW

#### Arterial/Commercial Business

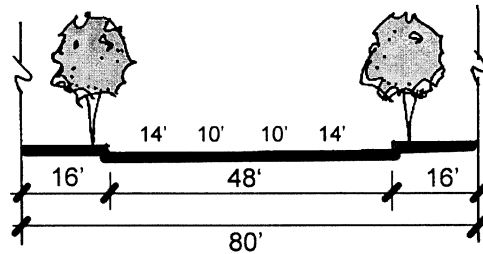
4 lanes divided  
(2 lanes w/  
non peak hour parking)  
Main Street



### 80 FT ROW

#### Arterial/Commercial Business

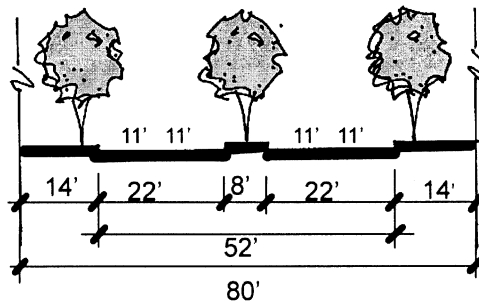
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Main Street



### 80 FT ROW

#### Commercial Business

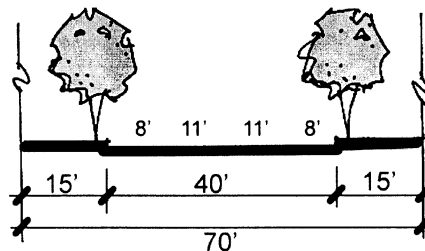
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Main Street



### 70 FT ROW

#### Commercial Business

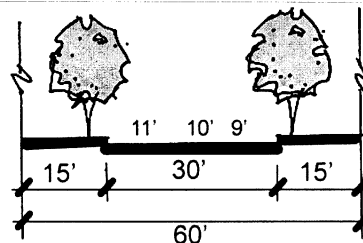
2 lanes  
2 parking lanes  
Main Street



### 60 FT ROW

#### Commercial Business

2 lanes  
1 parking lane



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## Proposed Cross Sections that include Bike Lanes in Urban Areas

### 126 FT ROW

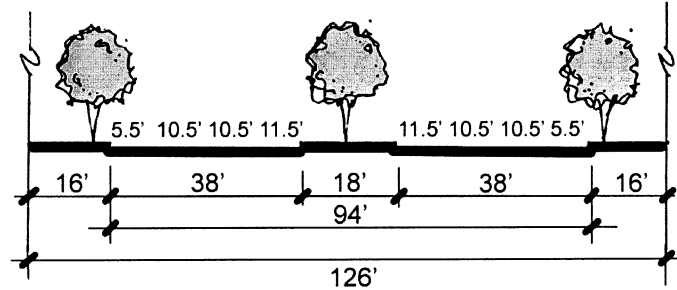
#### Major Highway

6 lanes divided

Median with designated turn lane

5.5 bike lanes

Urban Boulevard



### 100 FT ROW

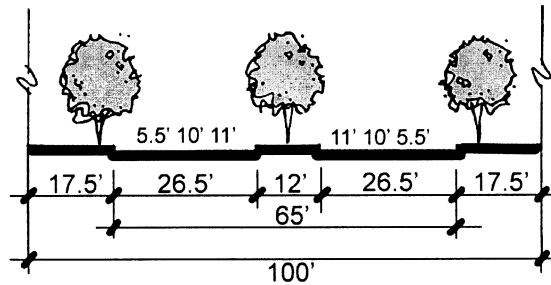
#### Arterial/Commercial Business

4 lanes divided

Median without designated turn lane

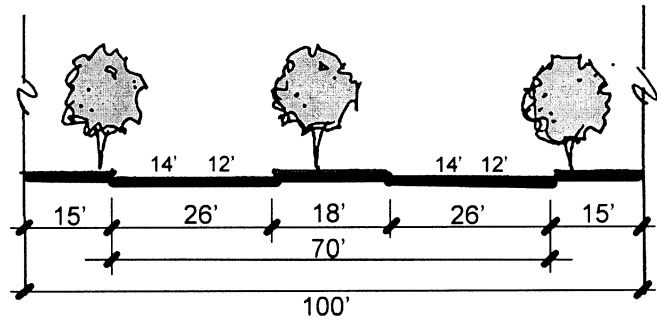
5.5 foot bike lanes

Main Street

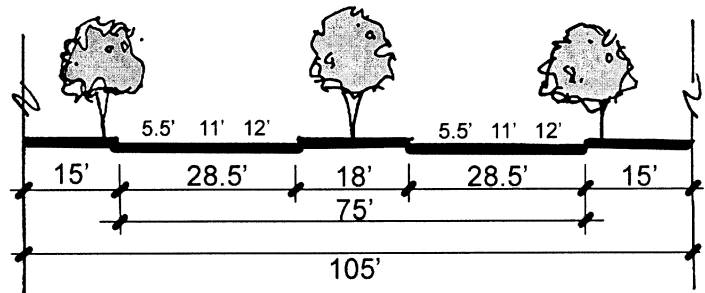


# Proposed Cross Sections for Suburban and Rural Areas

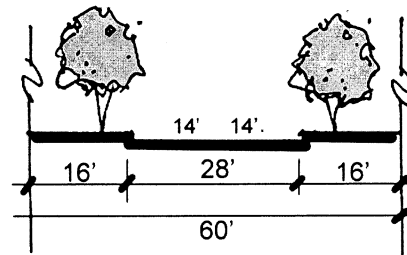
**100 FT ROW**  
**Major Highway**  
 4 lanes with median



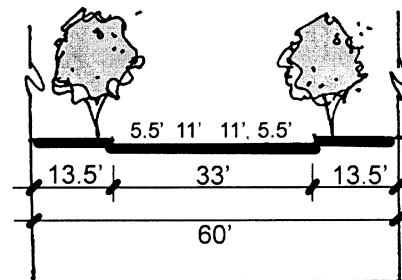
**105 FT ROW**  
**Major Highway**  
 4 lanes with median and bike lanes



**60 FT ROW**  
**Arterial**  
 2 lanes

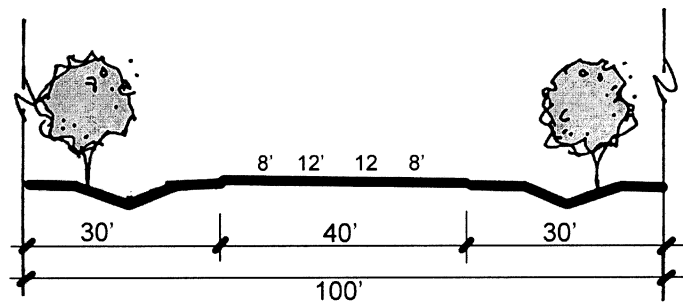


**60 FT ROW**  
**Arterial**  
 2 lanes with bike lanes

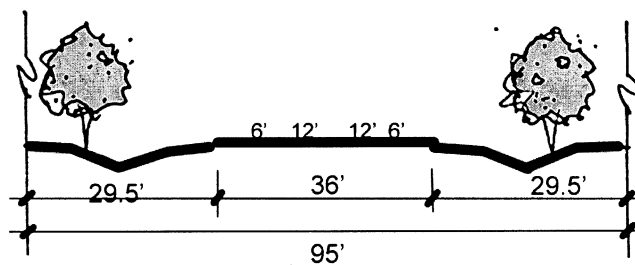


# Proposed Cross Sections for Suburban and Rural Open Section Roadways

**100 FT ROW**  
**Major Highway**  
2 lanes with swales, sidewalks



**95 FT ROW**  
**Arterial**  
2 lanes with swales, sidewalks

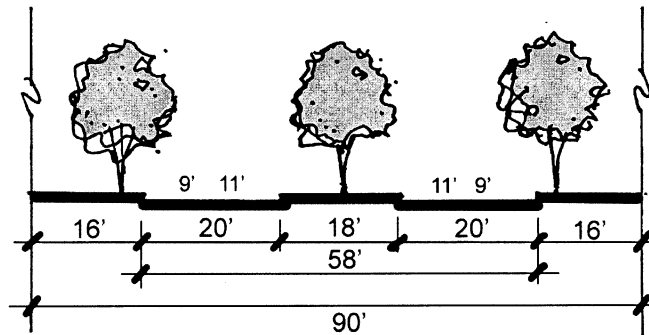


# Proposed Cross Sections for Residential Streets with a Median

## 90 FT ROW

### Primary Residential Divided

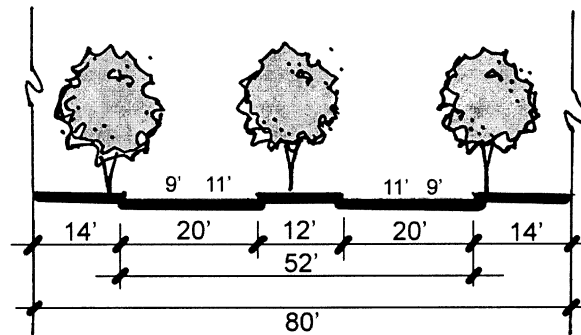
2 lanes with median  
designated turn lane  
parking permitted both sides



## 80 FT ROW

### Primary Residential Divided

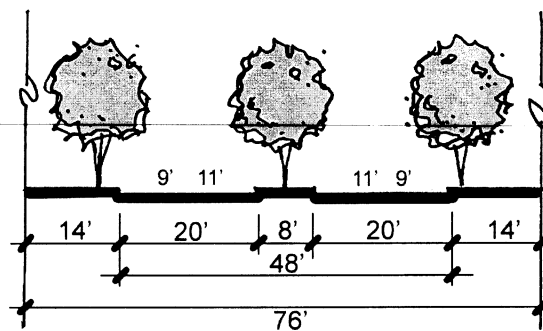
2 lanes with median,  
no designated turn lane  
parking permitted both sides



## 76 FT ROW

### Secondary Residential Divided

2 lanes with median  
no designated turn lane  
parking permitted both sides



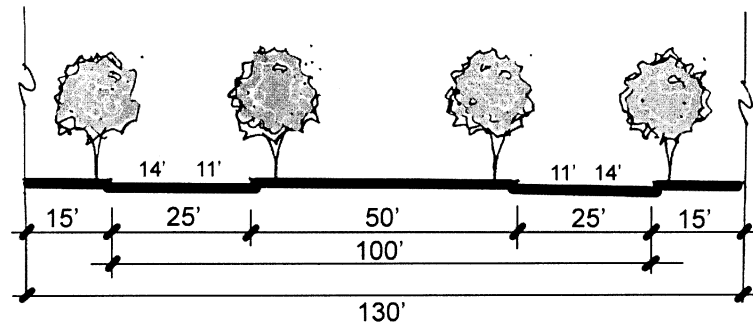
## Proposed Transitways

### 130 FT ROW

#### Transitway

4 lanes divided

Transit centered in median

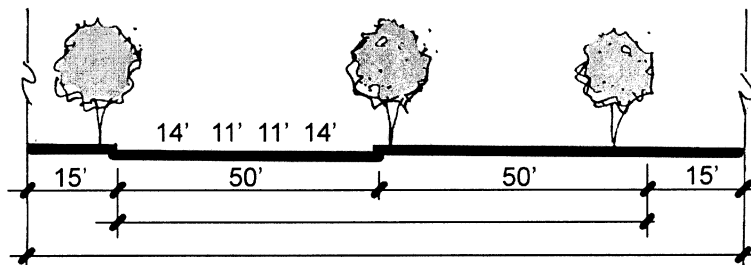


### 130 FT ROW

#### Transitway

4 lanes undivided

Transit off set

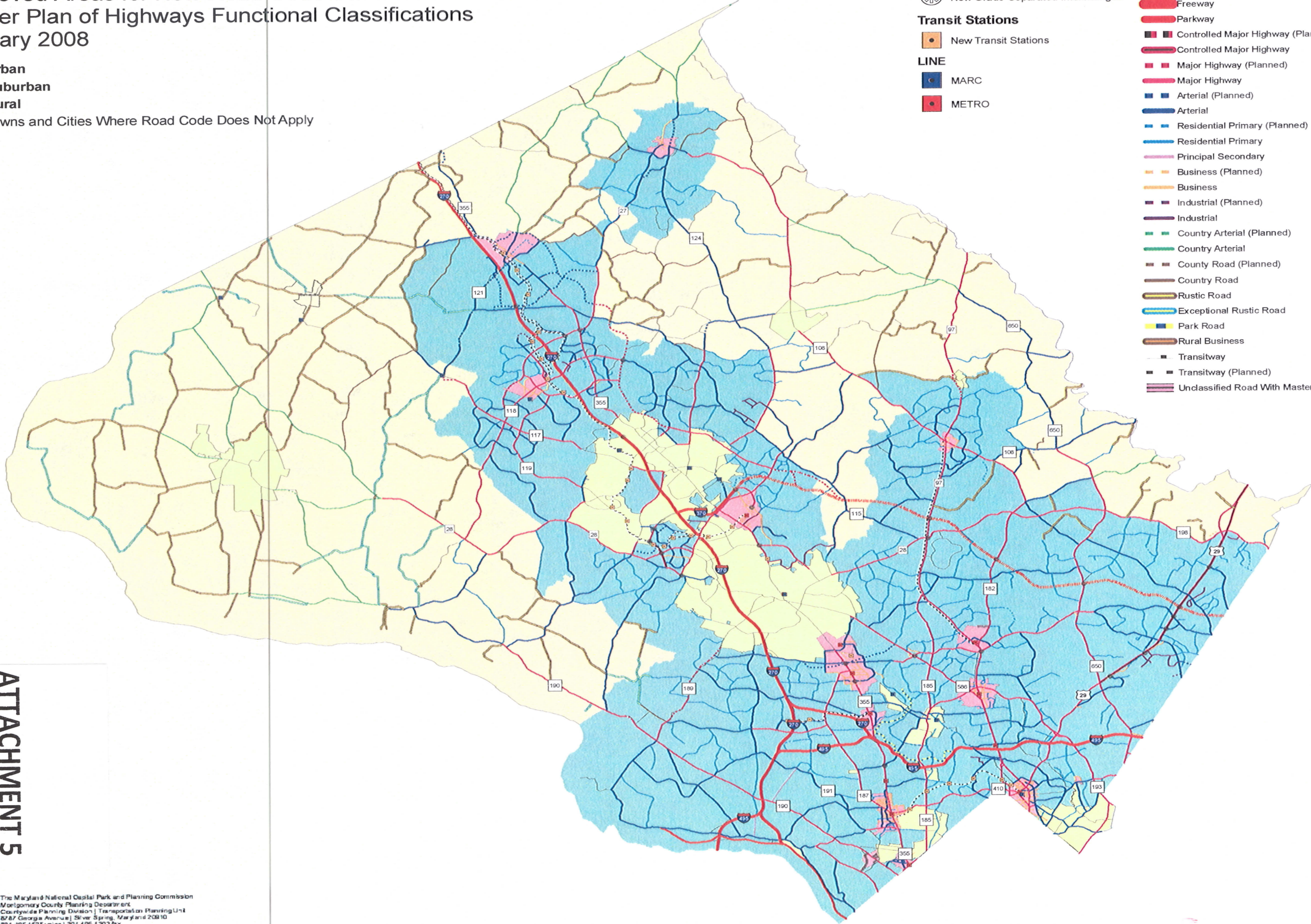




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- Urban
- Suburban
- Rural
- Towns and Cities Where Road Code Does Not Apply

- New Grade-Separated Interchanges
- Transit Stations
  - New Transit Stations
- LINE
  - MARC
  - METRO
- Freeway (Planned)
- Freeway
- Parkway
- Controlled Major Highway (Planned)
- Controlled Major Highway
- Major Highway (Planned)
- Major Highway
- Arterial (Planned)
- Arterial
- Residential Primary (Planned)
- Residential Primary
- Principal Secondary
- Business (Planned)
- Business
- Industrial (Planned)
- Industrial
- Country Arterial (Planned)
- Country Arterial
- County Road (Planned)
- County Road
- Rustic Road
- Exceptional Rustic Road
- Park Road
- Rural Business
- Transitway
- Transitway (Planned)
- Unclassified Road With Master Plan Defined Right of Way



ATTACHMENT 5



## Comparison of Target Speeds in 2007 Road Code Bill vs. Executive's Proposed Target Speeds

Classification	Area Type	Target Speed in Road Code Bill	Target Speed in Proposed Regulations	Difference (Proposed speed minus speed in bill)	Trend
<b>Freeway</b>	All	55-65 mph	Refer to AASHTO guidelines	none	→
<b>Controlled Major Highway*</b>	urban	50 mph	40-50 mph	up to 10 mph less	↓
	suburban	50 mph	40-55 mph	between 10 mph less and 5 mph higher	↓
	rural	50 mph	45-55 mph	between 5 mph less and 5 mph higher	→
<b>Parkway</b>	urban	25 mph	30-40 mph	5-15 mph higher	↑
	suburban	40 mph	30-45 mph	between 10 mph less and 5 mph higher	↓
	rural	none specified	45-55 mph	none originally specified	→
<b>Major Highway</b>	urban	25 mph	30-40 mph	5-15 mph higher	↑
	suburban	35-40 mph	30-50 mph	between 5 mph less and 10 mph higher	↑
	rural commercial zones	30 mph	45-55 mph	15-25 mph higher	↑



	other rural	45 mph	45-55 mph	up to 10 mph higher	↑
<b>Country Arterial</b>	suburban	40 mph	35-50 mph	between 5 mph less and 10 mph higher	↑
	rural commercial zones	30 mph	35-50 mph	5-20 mph higher	↑
	other rural	40-45 mph	35-50 mph	between 5 mph less and 5 mph higher	→
<b>Arterial</b>	urban	25 mph	30-35 mph	5-10 mph higher	↑
	suburban	35 mph	30-40 mph	between 5 mph less and 5 mph higher	→
	rural commercial zones	30 mph	35-50 mph	5-15 mph higher	↑
	other rural	40 mph	35-50 mph	between 5 mph less and 10 mph higher	↑
<b>Minor Arterial</b>	urban	25 mph	30-35 mph	5-10 mph higher	↑
	suburban	30 mph	30-35 mph	up to 5 mph higher	↑
	rural commercial zones	30 mph	35-50 mph	5-15 mph higher	↑
	other rural	35 mph	35-50 mph	up to 15 mph higher	↑
<b>Business District Street</b>	urban	25 mph	25-30 mph	up to 5 mph higher	↑
	suburban and rural	25 mph	25-35 mph	up to 10 mph higher	↑

<b>Industrial Street</b>	all	25 mph	30-40 mph	5-15 mph higher	↑
<b>Country Road</b>	suburban and rural	25 mph	25-40 mph	up to 15 mph higher	↑
<b>Primary and Principal Secondary Residential Streets</b>	all	25 mph	30 mph geometric criteria, min. 30 mph sight distance	5 mph higher, but no change from existing	↑
<b>Secondary Residential Streets</b>	all	20 mph	20 mph geometric criteria, min. 25 mph sight distance	no change from existing	→
<b>Tertiary Residential Street</b>	all	20 mph	20 mph geometric criteria, min. 25 mph sight distance	no change from existing	→
<b>Alley</b>	all	15 mph	none specified	no change from existing	→

\* No roads in urban areas are currently classified as Major Highways.

## Maryland Vehicle Law and statutory speeds

- MD Vehicle Law (MVL) is the primary document governing travel speeds in Montgomery County. The law sets default speed limits for each road depending on the adjacent land use and level of development (statutory speed). Alteration of the default speed limits is permitted within specified limits if the statutory speed is determined to be greater or less than reasonable or safe.

The maximum speed limits are:

- (1) 30 miles an hour on all highways in a business district (*defined as an area that adjoins and includes a highway where at least 50 percent of the frontage along the highway, for a distance of at least 300 feet, is occupied by buildings used for business.*); and on undivided highways in a residential district (*defined as an area where the property along the highway, for a distance of at least 300 feet, is improved mainly with residences or residences and buildings used for business.*);
  - (2) 35 miles an hour on divided highways in a residential district;
  - (3) 50 miles an hour on undivided highways in other locations; and
  - (4) 55 miles an hour on divided highways in other locations.
- The MD Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) states that, “*Optimum traffic safety requires that speed limits be safe, reasonable, and realistic.*” but that roads should be posted at the speed where “*the motorist comfort level is acknowledged.*” The workgroup’s goal was to create standards to engineer new and reconstructed roads to operate at a specific target speed . If roads are successfully designed to achieve the recommended target speed, the motorist will be comfortable with having the posted speed limit be the same as the target speed. (This goal was acknowledged in Councilmember Floreen’s press release for the adoption of the Road Code bill; Ms. Floreen was the initiator of this Road Code effort.)
  - The MD MUTCD states, “*On state highways and other arterial and major highways, including all through streets, if a speed limit other than one specified in Section 21-801.1(b) of the MVL is established, such a speed limit shall be established based on an engineering and traffic investigation as prescribed by Sections 21-802 and 21-803 of the MVL.*”

Section 21-803 states, “*If, on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation, a local authority determines that any maximum speed limit specified in this subtitle is greater or*

*less than reasonable or safe under existing (our emphasis added) conditions on any part of a highway in its jurisdiction, it may establish a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for that part of the highway, which may”*

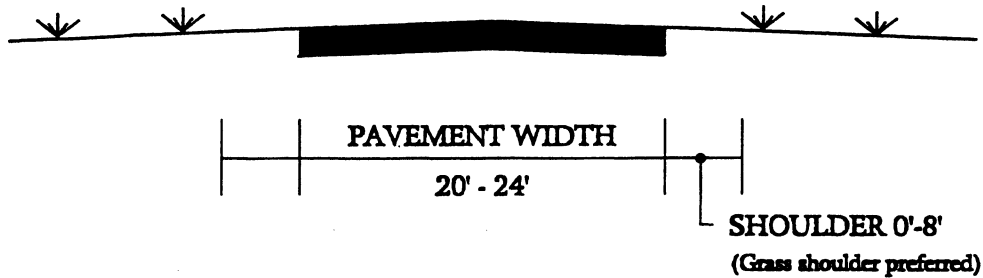
- (1) Decrease the limit at an intersection;
- (2) Increase the limit to not more than 50 miles an hour in an urban district (*defined as an area that adjoins and includes any street; and is built up with structures that are devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses; and situated at intervals of less than 100 feet, for a distance of at least a quarter of a mile*);
- (3) Decrease the limit in an urban district;
- (4) Decrease the limit outside an urban district to not less than 25 miles an hour; or
- (5) Decrease the limit in a posted school zone to 15 miles an hour.

We believe that the allowance to alter a speed limit was intended to apply only to existing roads. While the law does not require a specific design process, the default statutory speed should be considered first before using any higher speed.

The above discussion of the statutory speed does not support the higher target speeds the Executive is recommending and was not included in the proposed regulations. However, MD Vehicle Law remains the legal basis for the operation of our roadways and the designers of the County’s roadways would be handicapped by the lack of this information. ***We recommend that a reference to the statutory default speeds and allowable alterations be included in the Target Speed standard, and that a discussion of how this information should be applied be included in the Introduction and Application document.***

# Suggested Design Features\*

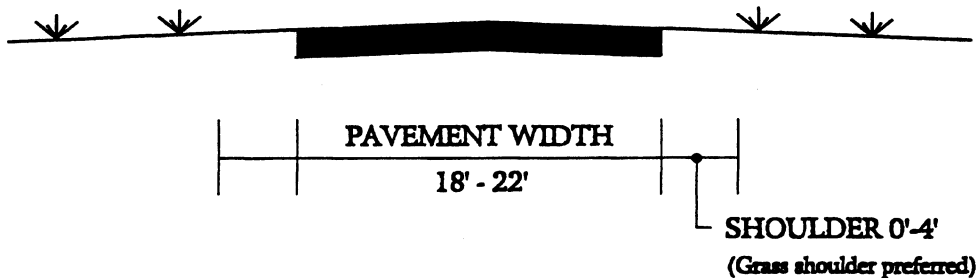
Figure 84



## COUNTRY ARTERIAL

### NOTES:

- 1) Width determined by design speed and traffic volume.
- 2) Drainage facilities to be constructed only if sheet flow creates problems and then to be custom designed to blend into countryside; infiltration should be first choice.



## COUNTRY ROAD

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\* From AASHTO Policy on Roadway Design 1984.