

Superelevation

Design Manual
Chapter 2
Alignments

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2B-1 Quick Tips

- For roadways with a design speed greater than 45 mph, use distribution Method 5. Superelevation rate should be no greater than 6% for new construction.
- For roadways with a design speed of 45 mph or less, use distribution Method 2. Even though this is the Design Bureau’s best practice, this method may be optional for urban roadways.
- Submit design exceptions for superelevation rates that are less than the values shown in the superelevation tables in Section [2B-3](#).

2B-2 Superelevation (e)

Superelevation is the banking of a roadway along a horizontal curve. An adequate superelevation will allow motorists maneuver a curve at reasonable speeds safely and comfortably. Design a steeper superelevation rate if speeds increase, or horizontal curves become tighter.

In Iowa the superelevation rate is limited to a maximum of 8%. This reduces the risk of slow moving vehicles sliding down a superelevated roadway during winter conditions. For new construction, the superelevation rate is limited to 6%, which allows the shoulders to slope away from the driving lanes without exceeding AASHTO's 8% maximum value for crossover breaks. The superelevation rate for new urban facilities is usually limited to 4% due to the frequency of cross streets, driveways, and entrances adjoining the curve, as well as the possibility of vehicles stopping on the curve at signalized intersections.

See Section [1C-1](#) to select the design criteria for maximum superelevation rates for 3R projects and new construction or reconstruction projects.

Definitions

Side Friction - the friction force between a vehicle's tires and the pavement which prevents the vehicle from sliding off the roadway.

Axis of Rotation - the point on the cross section about which the roadway is rotated to attain the desired superelevation.

Superelevation Rate (e) - the cross slope of the pavement at full superelevation.

Superelevation Runoff Length (L) - the length required to change the cross slope from 0% to the full superelevation rate.

Tangent Runout Length (x) - the length required to change the cross slope from 0% to the normal cross slope.

Relative Gradient (G) - the slope of the edge of pavement relative to the axis of rotation.

Width (w) - the distance from the axis of rotation to the outside edge of traveled way.

Figure 2B.1 shows these definitions graphically.

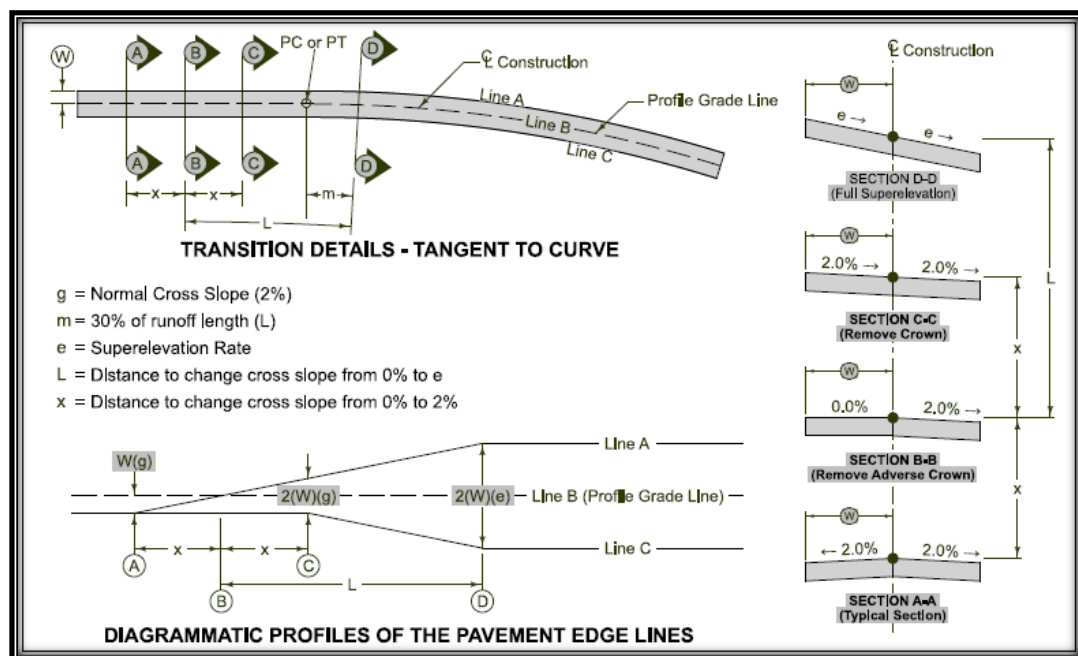


Figure 2B.1: Graphical definitions of superelevation terms for a two-lane roadway.

See Standard Road Plans [PV-300 Series](#) for superelevation details.

Side Friction Factor

Superelevation rate and side friction demand, also referred to as the side friction factor, establish radii for horizontal curves. Side friction factor represents the friction between the tires and pavement surface. This friction results in a lateral acceleration that acts upon a vehicle, and which occupants within the vehicle can feel. Like superelevation, side friction factor is limited for design speeds.

Maximum Side Friction Factors (f_{max})

Consider the vehicle's need to side friction, and driver comfort, when establishing the maximum side friction factor to use for horizontal curve design.

Side Friction (vehicle's need)

A vehicle will begin to skid when the side friction demand equals or exceeds the maximum amount of friction that can be developed between the tires and the pavement. This maximum friction, with a factor of safety to account for variations in the speed, tire conditions, and pavement conditions, is the maximum design friction factor based upon vehicle need.

Side Friction (driver comfort)

Through a horizontal curve, drivers can experience a feeling of being pushed outward. If this feeling becomes uncomfortable, the driver will compensate by flattening out their path or braking, or both, to reduce lateral acceleration to an acceptable level. Often, the driver's comfort determines superelevation requirements, not the vehicle and roadway characteristics. On low speed roadways, drivers will accept more lateral acceleration, thus permitting a larger side friction factor. As speed increase, drivers become less tolerant of lateral acceleration, requiring a reduction in side friction factor.

Based upon research of the above factors, Table 2B.1 lists maximum side friction factors for use in design of horizontal curves.

Table 2B.1: Maximum side friction factors (f_{max}).

Design Speed (mph)	f_{max}	Design Speed (mph)	f_{max}
15	0.32	50	0.14
20	0.27	55	0.13
25	0.23	60	0.12
30	0.20	65	0.11
35	0.18	70	0.10
40	0.16	75	0.09
45	0.15	80	0.08

Source: Adapted from Table 3-7: AASHTO Greenbook, 7th edition, 2018.

Curves should not be designed with side friction factors greater than the values shown in Table 2B.1.

Distribution of Superelevation (e) and Side Friction (f)

Chapter 3 of the [AASHTO Greenbook](#) discusses five methods of controlling lateral acceleration on curves using e, f, or both. Iowa DOT uses distribution Method 2 and Method 5 depending on the type of roadway.

Low Speed Roadways

Method 2 is commonly used for low speed roadways. With Method 2, side friction is primarily used to control lateral acceleration, and superelevation is added to radii after the maximum side friction factor has been used. Superelevation is not needed for radii that require less than the maximum friction factors shown in Table 2B.1.



Distribution Method 2 increases the lateral acceleration, creating some additional discomfort to the driver for some curves.

In urban areas, drivers are willing to accept more discomfort due to the anticipation of more critical conditions. In addition, several factors make it difficult, if not impossible, to apply superelevation to urban roadways:

- Frequency of cross streets and driveways.
- Vehicles stopping on curves at signalized intersections.
- Meeting the grade of adjacent properties.
- Surface drainage.
- Pedestrian ramps.
- Wider pavement area.

High Speed Roadways

Method 5 is used for high speed roadways. With Method 5, side friction and superelevation are both applied using a curvilinear relationship with the inverse of the radius.

At higher speeds, drivers are less comfortable with lateral acceleration through curves. Method 5 works well for determining the distribution of superelevation and side friction for high speed roadways because superelevation is progressively added as speed increases.

Superelevation tables for high speed roadways are included in Section [2B-3](#). The superelevation rate for Method 5 distribution can also be calculated manually using the equations provided in Chapter 3 of the [AASHTO Greenbook](#). An excel file has been created using these formulas and is accessed using the link below.

[Superelevation Spreadsheet](#)

Note: When calculating superelevation rates manually, round values of e up to the nearest 2/10ths of a percent for new construction. AASHTO notes precision greater than 2/10ths of a percent is not necessary.

Ramps

Method 2 superelevation distribution is also well suited for curves on ramps near at-grade terminals. Curves near at-grade terminals are usually short, and drivers are traveling at reduced speeds.

The relationship between superelevation rate and minimum radius for Method 2 distribution can be expressed as follows:

$$R = \frac{V^2}{15(0.01e + f_{max})}$$

where:

V = design speed, mph

e = superelevation rate, %

f_{max} = maximum friction factor for the design speed

R = Radius of the curve, feet

Superelevation table 10 on Section [2B-3](#) provides minimum turning radii for various superelevation rates and design speeds, based upon Method 2 distribution.

Method 5 superelevation distribution should be used for curves on ramps near free flow terminals and curves on directional and semi-directional ramps.

Axis of Rotation

The axis of rotation is the point on the cross section about which the roadway is rotated to attain the desired superelevation. For standard situations, the axis of rotation is shown on the appropriate Standard Road Plan [PV-300 Series](#).



For cases not covered by the Standards, the axis of rotation should be clearly shown on the typical cross section and modified superelevation detail.

Undivided Roadway

Undivided roadways should be superelevated with the axis of rotation at the roadway's centerline (see Figure 2B.2).

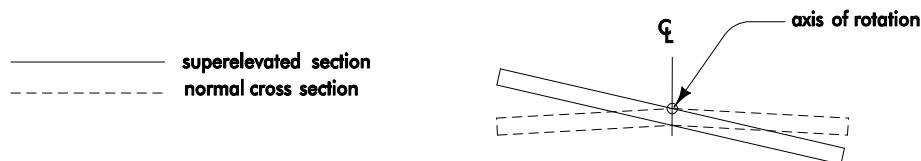


Figure 2B.2: The axis of rotation for undivided highways.

Highways with painted medians are rotated about the centerline.

Divided Roadways

Depressed Medians

Multi-lane roadways with depressed medians should be superelevated with the axis of rotation at the median edges of the traveled way (see Figure 2B.3). With this method, the cross section of the median remains relatively uniform. This method is also used for two lane roadways that will ultimately become one direction of a divided highway.

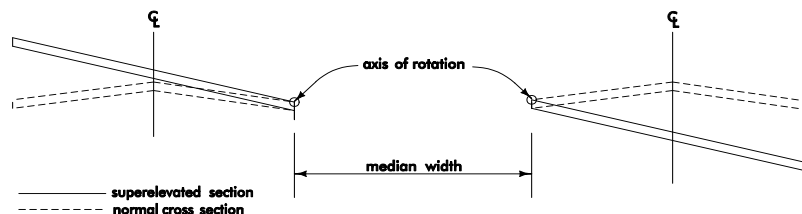


Figure 2B.3: The axis of rotation for multilane highways with depressed medians.

Although the AASHTO Greenbook suggests moving the axis of rotation back to the roadway centerlines for wider medians, the Design Bureau's policy is to keep the axis of rotation at the median edge of the traveled way, regardless of the median width. This method may require additional earthwork, but it is preferred for reasons of constructability, simplicity of design, and the appearance of a uniform median cross section. Facilities that have wide medians with independent profile grades and/or construction centerlines may be treated as two lane (undivided highways) if the resulting median cross section is acceptable.

Closed Medians

Roadways with closed medians (concrete barrier rail) should be superelevated with the axis of rotation at the inside edge of the travel way with the profile grade at the centerline of the roadway. Maintaining a uniform cross section for the median pad is preferred to simplify design and construction by having a roadway without a split median barrier.

With this method, to maintain a uniform median pad cross section and to maintain high side and low side shoulder treatments described in Section [3C-3](#), the axis of rotation profile reference line does not coincide with the profile grade line. The axis of rotation profile reference line is also not shown as a horizontal line like other roadways without a closed median. See Standard Road Plans [PV-300 Series](#) details.

Ramps

The axis of rotation for ramps should be at the baseline. The baseline is usually located to the right of the direction of travel.

Superelevation Transitions

To provide comfort and safety, superelevation should be introduced and removed uniformly. The distance required to transition into an out of superelevation is a function of the relative gradient, width of pavement rotated and superelevation rate.

Relative Gradient

The slope of the edge of pavement relative to the axis of rotation is referred to as the relative gradient (G). Figure 2B.4 shows the relationship between superelevation runoff (L), superelevation (e), and pavement width (w).

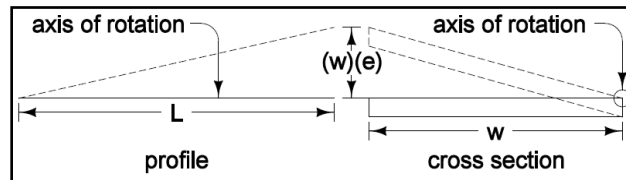


Figure 2B.4: Runoff length and superelevation.

From Figure 2B.4, the following formula can be derived:

$$G = \frac{w \times e}{L}$$

where:

G = relative gradient (%)

w = lane width (ft.)

e = full superelevation (%)

L = runoff length (ft.)

Maximum design values for the relative gradient are shown in Table 2B.2.

Table 2B.2: Maximum relative gradients.

Design Speed (mph)	Maximum Relative Gradient, %, (and Equivalent Maximum Relative Slopes) for profiles between the edge of a two-lane roadway and the axis of rotation	
	Maximum Relative Gradient (G)	Equivalent Maximum Relative Slope
15	0.89	1:112.5
20	0.80	1:125
25	0.73	1:137.5
30	0.67	1:150
35	0.62	1:162.5
40	0.57	1:175
45	0.53	1:187.5
50	0.50	1:200
55	0.50	1:200
60	0.50	1:200
65	0.50	1:200
70	0.50	1:200
75	0.50	1:200
80	0.50	1:200

Source: Derived from AASHTO Greenbook 2018, page 3-62

Superelevation Runoff Length

Runoff length is the length required to transition the outside lane(s) of the roadway from a zero (flat) cross slope to full superelevation, or vice versa. The following formula is used to determine the runoff length.

$$L = \frac{12e}{G} \alpha$$

where:

L = runoff length (ft.)

e = full superelevation (%)

G = Relative gradient (%)

α = adjustment factor (dimensionless) to account for the number of lanes being rotated.

The adjustment factor α for different roadway widths can be calculated manually using the following equation:

$$\alpha = 1 + 0.0417(w - 12)$$

where:

w = the distance from the axis of rotation to the outside edge of traveled way (ft).

See Table 2B.3 for adjustment factors for common roadway widths.

Table 2B.3: Adjustment factor for common roadway widths.

Roadway Type	α
two lane undivided (w = 12 ft)	1.00
four lane divided (w = 24 ft)	1.50
six lane divided (w = 36 ft)	2.00
six lane divided with inside shoulder (w = 46 ft)	2.42
eight lane divided (w = 48 ft)	2.50
eight lane divided with inside shoulder (w = 58 ft)	2.92
standard ramp (w = 16 ft)	1.17
standard loop (w = 18 ft)	1.25

Source: Derived from AASHTO Greenbook 2018, page 3-64

Runout Length

The runout length (x) is the length required to transition the outside lane(s) of the roadway from a normal crowned section to a point where the outside lane(s) have zero (flat) cross sloped, known as the point where the roadway removes adverse crown. For consistency, the same relative gradient is used. This means the ratio of the runout length to the runoff length is the same as the ratio of the normal cross slope to the full superelevation runoff.

$$\frac{x}{L} = \frac{g}{e}$$

where:

x = runout length, feet

L = superelevation runoff length, feet

g = normal cross slope, %

e = full superelevation, %

From this, the runout length is determined as:

$$x = \frac{g}{e} L$$

where x , L , g , and e are as explained above.

Placing Superelevation Transition

How superelevation transition is placed is critical to driver safety and comfort. If all the transition is placed prior to the curve, the driver, while on the tangent, is forced to steer in a direction opposite the curve to avoid drifting into opposing lanes. If all the superelevation transition is placed in the curve, the lateral acceleration the driver experiences upon entering the curve may be intolerable. In addition, side friction may not be sufficient to prevent the vehicle from skidding off the road.

The Design Bureau's practice is to place 70 percent of the superelevation runoff length on the tangent section of the roadway and 30 percent on the curve. The variable (m) in the Standard Road Plans represents the 30 percent of the superelevation runoff developed on the curve. Superelevation at the PC or PT of a curve is equal to $0.70(e)$.

Other proportions (50 percent to 80 percent) of the runoff length placed on the tangent section are acceptable where site conditions do not allow 70 percent. If site conditions require this, the designer must include a detail sheet in the plans outlining the nonstandard proportion.

Auxiliary Lanes

Low Side of Superelevated Roadways

Acceleration lanes on the low side of a superelevated roadway should have the same cross slope as the adjacent pavement and match the superelevation rate of transition.

High Side of Superelevated Roadways

Acceleration lanes on the high side of a superelevated roadway preferably should have the same cross slope as the adjacent pavement. Normally the cross slope of an acceleration lane will need to transition downward from the adjacent pavement near an intersection, creating a crossover crown line. Desirably the algebraic difference in the crossover crown line should be limited to 4 or 5 percent. Table 2B.4 suggests the maximum differences in crossover crown lines, related to the speed of the turning roadway at an intersection.

Table 2B.4: Maximum algebraic difference in cross slope at turning roadway terminals.

Design speed of exit or entrance curve (mph)	Maximum algebraic difference in cross slope at crossover line (%)
20 and under	5.0 to 8.0
25 and 30	5.0 to 6.0
35 and over	4.0 to 5.0

Source: AASHTO Greenbook, 7th edition, 2018 Table 9-18

Cross Slope Transition

Preferably the cross slope rate of transition for the auxiliary lane should equal the cross slope rate of transition of the adjacent pavement. In areas near an intersection, a faster rate of transition may be desirable.

Designers should refer to Table 2B.2 for the maximum grade change in the profile edge of pavement to determine the maximum rate of transition per station.

Example: If the design speed of the limiting curve of a turning roadway has a design speed of 15 mph, the relative gradient of the edge of pavement is 0.89 (1:112.5). This results in a rate of change in cross slope of 7.4% for a 12 foot lane per station (100 ft).

$$\frac{L \times G}{w} = \frac{100 \times 0.89}{12} = 7.4\%$$

Shoulder Treatment in Superelevated Curves

Low Side Shoulders

Shoulders on the low side of superelevated roadways should slope away from the roadway. The normal cross slope of the shoulder should be maintained until the cross slope of the roadway exceeds the normal shoulder cross slope. The transition of the shoulder cross slope should equal the transition rate of the roadway.

For example, if the mainline pavement is superelevated at 5%, the low side shoulder would slope away at 5%. The shoulder cross slope transition would begin where the mainline pavement cross slope equals the normal cross slope of the shoulder and transition at an equivalent superelevation transition rate.

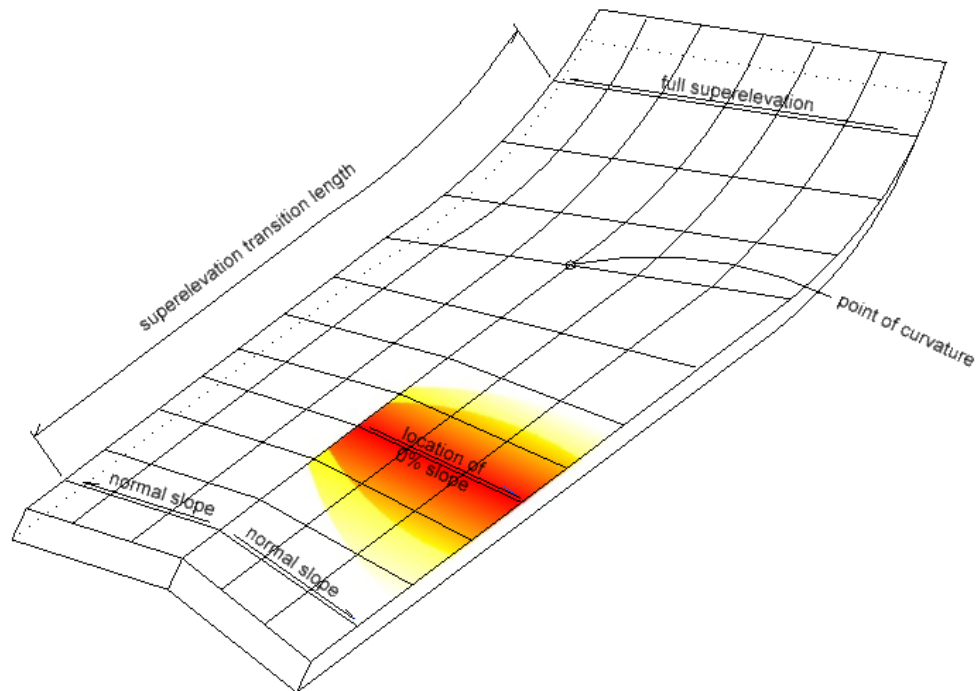
High Side Shoulders

Shoulders on the high side of superelevated curves should slope away from the roadway. The normal cross slope of the shoulder should be maintained until the algebraic difference between the cross slope of the shoulder and the cross slope of the roadway reaches 8%. Once the algebraic difference in cross slope reaches 8%, the shoulder cross slope should transition up at an equivalent transition rate as the adjacent roadway to maintain the 8% algebraic difference. For example, if the mainline pavement is superelevated at 6%, the high side shoulder should slope away at 2%.

If the superelevation rate exceeds 7%, maintain a 1% shoulder cross slope away from the adjacent pavement. For example, if the mainline pavement is superelevated at 8%, the high side shoulder should slope away at 1%.

Superelevation Transition Considerations for Pavement Drainage

To achieve superelevation, the pavement surface must rotate through an area of zero cross slope. These areas of zero cross slope are critical for consideration. These areas can occur at or near where the forces exerted by a vehicle are changing due to a change in the vehicle path. If this occurs in a flat area within the profile, the result can be an area of pavement that does not drain well. This can occur near the turning point of a crest or sag, or within a tangent section of profile. In this case, the transition edge slope ratio acts with the profile to create almost a flat area.



Designers should avoid these situations as much as possible by:

- Providing adequate running slope.
- Avoiding placing the flat location of a vertical curve coincident with the area of no cross slope.

On some occasions, project constraints make this occurrence necessary. In these locations, designers should be aware of the implications this holds.

Newly placed pavement will provide adequate surface friction in areas of no cross slope. However, as the surface wears over time, the loss of surface friction can result in undesirable conditions.

A tool has been developed to assist with the review of these areas. See Section [21M-51](#).

The output provided by this tool should be saved as project documentation for both ends of every superelevated curve within a project.

2B-3 Superelevation Tables

Table 1: Low Speed, Two Lane Undivided Roadways ($w = 12$ feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, $NC = 2\%$

Table 2: High Speed, Two Lane Undivided Roadways ($w = 12$ feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, $NC = 2\%$

Table 3: High Speed, Four Lane Divided Roadways ($w = 24$ feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, $NC = 2\%$

Table 4: High Speed, Six Lane Divided Roadways ($w = 36$ feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, $NC = 2.5\%$

Table 5: High Speed, Eight Lane Divided Roadways ($w = 48$ feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, $NC = 2.5\%$

Table 6: Ramps ($w = 16$ feet) and Loops ($w = 18$ feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, $NC = 2\%$

Table 7: Ramps ($w = 24$ feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, $NC = 2\%$

Table 8: Low Speed Roadways ($w = 12$ feet), $e_{\max} = 8\%$, $NC = 2\%$

Table 9: High Speed Roadways ($w = 12$ feet), $e_{\max} = 8\%$, $NC = 2\%$

Table 10: Minimum Radii, Low Speed Roadway

The Design Bureau uses Superelevation Tables 1 through 10 to determine the following:

- Minimum radii for design superelevation rates in feet (ft).
- Minimum superelevation runoff length (L) in feet (ft).
- Minimum tangent runout length (x) in feet (ft).

Values of L and x are rounded to the nearest foot. Values of e are rounded up to the nearest two-tenths of a percent (%). L and x for a given design speed should not be less than the minimums indicated on the tables. Tangent runout length is based on a normal cross slope (NC), of either 2 or 2.5 (%). See Superelevation Transitions in Section 2B-2, to determine tangent runout lengths for normal cross slopes other than 2 or 2.5 (%).

When using superelevation tables for a given radius, interpolation is not necessary because the superelevation rate should be determined for a radius equal to, or slightly smaller than the desired radius.

Example: The roadway is a two lane undivided roadway with a NC of 2%. What would be the design superelevation rate for a 50 mph curve given a maximum superelevation rate (e_{\max}) of 6% and a calculated radius of 2,120 (ft).?

Method: See Figure 2B.5

From Superelevation Table 2, under the 50 mph, select 2,110 feet, which is a radius slightly smaller than 2,120 feet. The superelevation rate is 4.2%, L is 101 feet, and x is 48 feet.

(mph)	Design Speed					
	50		55		60	
(ft)	x = 48		x = 48		x = 48	
e (%)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)
NC	7870	----	9410	----	11100	----
RC	5700	48	6820	48	8060	48
2.2	5100	53	6110	53	7230	53
2.4	4600	58	5520	58	6540	58
2.6	4170	62	5020	62	5950	62
2.8	3800	67	4580	67	5440	67
3.0	3480	72	4200	72	4990	72
3.2	3200	77	3860	77	4600	77
3.4	2940	82	3560	82	4250	82
3.6	2710	86	3290	86	3940	86
3.8	2490	91	3040	91	3650	91
4.0	2300	96	2810	96	3390	96
4.2	2110	101	2590	101	3140	101
4.4	1940	106	2400	106	2920	106
4.6	1780	110	2210	110	2710	110
4.8	1640	115	2050	115	2510	115
5.0	1510	120	1890	120	2330	120
5.2	1390	125	1750	125	2160	125
5.4	1280	130	1610	130	1990	130
5.6	1160	134	1470	134	1830	134
5.8	1040	139	1320	139	1650	139
6.0	833	144	1060	144	1330	144

Figure 2B.5: Determine superelevation (e).

Superelevation Tables 1 and 2 provide values of (L) and (x) for roadways with an e_{\max} of 6% and a pavement width of 12 feet.

Superelevation Tables 8 and 9 provide values of (L) and (x) for roadways with an e_{\max} of 8% and a pavement width of 12 feet. These tables are primarily used for 3R and 4R projects.

Superelevation Table 10 contains values for a range of superelevation rates for low speed roadways, for which Method 2 is used to distribute side friction and superelevation.

Table 2B.3 provides a method on how to use the adjustment factor (α) to determine values of (L) and (x) for roadway widths other than 12 feet. Multiply the values of (L) and (x) obtained from the tables by the appropriate adjustment factor (α).



Do not use superelevation rates less than the values shown in the tables for a given radius. Designers may exceed the values shown but should consult with the [Geometrics Coordinator](#) in the Methods Section.

Table 1: Low Speed, Two Lane Undivided Roadways ($w = 12$ feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, $NC = 2\%$

(mph) (ft)	Design Speed									
	25		30		35		40		45	
	x = 33		x = 36		x = 39		x = 42		x = 45	
e (%)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)
NC	2290	----	3130	----	4100	----	5230	----	6480	----
RC	1630	33	2240	36	2950	39	3770	42	4680	45
2.2	1450	36	2000	40	2630	43	3370	46	4190	50
2.4	1300	40	1790	43	2360	47	3030	50	3770	54
2.6	1170	43	1610	47	2130	51	2740	55	3420	59
2.8	1050	46	1460	50	1930	55	2490	59	3110	63
3.0	944	50	1320	54	1760	59	2270	63	2840	68
3.2	850	53	1200	58	1600	62	2080	67	2600	72
3.4	761	56	1080	61	1460	66	1900	71	2390	77
3.6	673	59	972	65	1320	70	1740	76	2190	81
3.8	583	63	864	68	1190	74	1590	80	2010	86
4.0	511	66	766	72	1070	78	1440	84	1840	90
4.2	452	69	684	76	960	82	1310	88	1680	95
4.4	402	73	615	79	868	86	1190	92	1540	99
4.6	360	76	555	83	788	90	1090	97	1410	104
4.8	324	79	502	86	718	94	995	101	1300	108
5.0	292	83	456	90	654	98	911	105	1190	113
5.2	264	86	413	94	595	101	833	109	1090	117
5.4	237	89	373	97	540	105	759	113	995	122
5.6	212	92	335	101	487	109	687	118	903	126
5.8	186	96	296	104	431	113	611	122	806	131
6.0	144	99	231	108	340	117	485	126	643	135

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Table 2: High Speed, Two Lane Undivided Roadways (w = 12 feet), $e_{max} = 6\%$, NC = 2%

(mph)	Design Speed											
	50		55		60		65		70		75	
	x = 48		x = 48		x = 48		x = 48		x = 48		x = 48	
(ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)
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2.4	4600	58	5520	58	6540	58	7430	58	8380	58	9420	58
2.6	4170	62	5020	62	5950	62	6770	62	7660	62	8620	62
2.8	3800	67	4580	67	5440	67	6200	67	7030	67	7930	67
3.0	3480	72	4200	72	4990	72	5710	72	6490	72	7330	72
3.2	3200	77	3860	77	4600	77	5280	77	6010	77	6810	77
3.4	2940	82	3560	82	4250	82	4890	82	5580	82	6340	82
3.6	2710	86	3290	86	3940	86	4540	86	5210	86	5930	86
3.8	2490	91	3040	91	3650	91	4230	91	4860	91	5560	91
4.0	2300	96	2810	96	3390	96	3950	96	4550	96	5220	96
4.2	2110	101	2590	101	3140	101	3680	101	4270	101	4910	101
4.4	1940	106	2400	106	2920	106	3440	106	4010	106	4630	106
4.6	1780	110	2210	110	2710	110	3220	110	3770	110	4380	110
4.8	1640	115	2050	115	2510	115	3000	115	3550	115	4140	115
5.0	1510	120	1890	120	2330	120	2800	120	3330	120	3910	120
5.2	1390	125	1750	125	2160	125	2610	125	3120	125	3690	125
5.4	1280	130	1610	130	1990	130	2420	130	2910	130	3460	130
5.6	1160	134	1470	134	1830	134	2230	134	2700	134	3230	134
5.8	1040	139	1320	139	1650	139	2020	139	2460	139	2970	139
6.0	833	144	1060	144	1330	144	1660	144	2040	144	2500	144

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Table 3: High Speed, Four Lane Divided Roadways (w = 24 feet), $e_{max} = 6\%$, NC = 2%

(mph)	Design Speed											
	50		55		60		65		70		75	
	x = 72		x = 72		x = 72		x = 72		x = 72		x = 72	
(ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)
NC	7870	----	9410	----	11100	----	12600	----	14100	----	15700	----
RC	5700	72	6820	72	8060	72	9130	72	10300	72	11500	72
2.2	5100	79	6110	79	7230	79	8200	79	9240	79	10400	79
2.4	4600	86	5520	86	6540	86	7430	86	8380	86	9420	86
2.6	4170	94	5020	94	5950	94	6770	94	7660	94	8620	94
2.8	3800	101	4580	101	5440	101	6200	101	7030	101	7930	101
3.0	3480	108	4200	108	4990	108	5710	108	6490	108	7330	108
3.2	3200	115	3860	115	4600	115	5280	115	6010	115	6810	115
3.4	2940	122	3560	122	4250	122	4890	122	5580	122	6340	122
3.6	2710	130	3290	130	3940	130	4540	130	5210	130	5930	130
3.8	2490	137	3040	137	3650	137	4230	137	4860	137	5560	137
4.0	2300	144	2810	144	3390	144	3950	144	4550	144	5220	144
4.2	2110	151	2590	151	3140	151	3680	151	4270	151	4910	151
4.4	1940	158	2400	158	2920	158	3440	158	4010	158	4630	158
4.6	1780	166	2210	166	2710	166	3220	166	3770	166	4380	166
4.8	1640	173	2050	173	2510	173	3000	173	3550	173	4140	173
5.0	1510	180	1890	180	2330	180	2800	180	3330	180	3910	180
5.2	1390	187	1750	187	2160	187	2610	187	3120	187	3690	187
5.4	1280	194	1610	194	1990	194	2420	194	2910	194	3460	194
5.6	1160	202	1470	202	1830	202	2230	202	2700	202	3230	202
5.8	1040	209	1320	209	1650	209	2020	209	2460	209	2970	209
6.0	833	216	1060	216	1330	216	1660	216	2040	216	2500	216

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Table 4: High Speed, Six Lane Divided Roadways (w = 36 feet), $e_{max} = 6\%$, NC = 2.5%

(mph)	Design Speed											
	50		55		60		65		70		75	
	x = 120		x = 120		x = 120		x = 120		x = 120		x = 120	
(ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)
NC	7870	----	9410	----	11100	----	12600	----	14100	----	15700	----
2.0	5700	96	6820	96	8060	96	9130	96	10300	96	11500	96
2.2	5100	106	6110	106	7230	106	8200	106	9240	106	10400	106
2.4	4600	115	5520	115	6540	115	7430	115	8380	115	9420	115
2.6	4170	125	5020	125	5950	125	6770	125	7660	125	8620	125
2.8	3800	134	4580	134	5440	134	6200	134	7030	134	7930	134
3.0	3480	144	4200	144	4990	144	5710	144	6490	144	7330	144
3.2	3200	154	3860	154	4600	154	5280	154	6010	154	6810	154
3.4	2940	163	3560	163	4250	163	4890	163	5580	163	6340	163
3.6	2710	173	3290	173	3940	173	4540	173	5210	173	5930	173
3.8	2490	182	3040	182	3650	182	4230	182	4860	182	5560	182
4.0	2300	192	2810	192	3390	192	3950	192	4550	192	5220	192
4.2	2110	202	2590	202	3140	202	3680	202	4270	202	4910	202
4.4	1940	211	2400	211	2920	211	3440	211	4010	211	4630	211
4.6	1780	221	2210	221	2710	221	3220	221	3770	221	4380	221
4.8	1640	230	2050	230	2510	230	3000	230	3550	230	4140	230
5.0	1510	240	1890	240	2330	240	2800	240	3330	240	3910	240
5.2	1390	250	1750	250	2160	250	2610	250	3120	250	3690	250
5.4	1280	259	1610	259	1990	259	2420	259	2910	259	3460	259
5.6	1160	269	1470	269	1830	269	2230	269	2700	269	3230	269
5.8	1040	278	1320	278	1650	278	2020	278	2460	278	2970	278
6.0	833	288	1060	288	1330	288	1660	288	2040	288	2500	288

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Table 5: High Speed, Eight Lane Divided Roadways ($w = 48$ feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, $NC = 2.5\%$

(mph)	Design Speed											
	50		55		60		65		70		75	
	x = 150		x = 150		x = 150		x = 150		x = 150		x = 150	
(ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)
NC	7870	----	9410	----	11100	----	12600	----	14100	----	15700	----
2.0	5700	120	6820	120	8060	120	9130	120	10300	120	11500	120
2.2	5100	132	6110	132	7230	132	8200	132	9240	132	10400	132
2.4	4600	144	5520	144	6540	144	7430	144	8380	144	9420	144
2.6	4170	156	5020	156	5950	156	6770	156	7660	156	8620	156
2.8	3800	168	4580	168	5440	168	6200	168	7030	168	7930	168
3.0	3480	180	4200	180	4990	180	5710	180	6490	180	7330	180
3.2	3200	192	3860	192	4600	192	5280	192	6010	192	6810	192
3.4	2940	204	3560	204	4250	204	4890	204	5580	204	6340	204
3.6	2710	216	3290	216	3940	216	4540	216	5210	216	5930	216
3.8	2490	228	3040	228	3650	228	4230	228	4860	228	5560	228
4.0	2300	240	2810	240	3390	240	3950	240	4550	240	5220	240
4.2	2110	252	2590	252	3140	252	3680	252	4270	252	4910	252
4.4	1940	264	2400	264	2920	264	3440	264	4010	264	4630	264
4.6	1780	276	2210	276	2710	276	3220	276	3770	276	4380	276
4.8	1640	288	2050	288	2510	288	3000	288	3550	288	4140	288
5.0	1510	300	1890	300	2330	300	2800	300	3330	300	3910	300
5.2	1390	312	1750	312	2160	312	2610	312	3120	312	3690	312
5.4	1280	324	1610	324	1990	324	2420	324	2910	324	3460	324
5.6	1160	336	1470	336	1830	336	2230	336	2700	336	3230	336
5.8	1040	348	1320	348	1650	348	2020	348	2460	348	2970	348
6.0	833	360	1060	360	1330	360	1660	360	2040	360	2500	360

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Table 6: Ramps (w = 16 feet) and Loops (w = 18 feet), $e_{max} = 6\%$, NC = 2%

(mph)	Design Speed													
	30		35		40		45		50		55		60	
	x = 42		x = 46		x = 49		x = 53		x = 56		x = 56		x = 56	
e (%)	Radius (ft.)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft.)	L (ft.)
NC	3130	----	4100	----	5230	----	6480	----	7870	----	9410	----	11100	----
RC	2240	42	2950	46	3770	49	4680	53	5700	56	6820	56	8060	56
2.2	2000	46	2630	50	3370	54	4190	58	5100	62	6110	62	7230	62
2.4	1790	50	2360	55	3030	59	3770	63	4600	67	5520	67	6540	67
2.6	1610	55	2130	59	2740	64	3420	68	4170	73	5020	73	5950	73
2.8	1460	59	1930	64	2490	69	3110	74	3800	78	4580	78	5440	78
3.0	1320	63	1760	68	2270	74	2840	79	3480	84	4200	84	4990	84
3.2	1200	67	1600	73	2080	78	2600	84	3200	90	3860	90	4600	90
3.4	1080	71	1460	77	1900	83	2390	89	2940	95	3560	95	4250	95
3.6	972	76	1320	82	1740	88	2190	95	2710	101	3290	101	3940	101
3.8	864	80	1190	86	1590	93	2010	100	2490	106	3040	106	3650	106
4.0	766	84	1070	91	1440	98	1840	105	2300	112	2810	112	3390	112
4.2	684	88	960	96	1310	103	1680	110	2110	118	2590	118	3140	118
4.4	615	92	868	100	1190	108	1540	116	1940	123	2400	123	2920	123
4.6	555	97	788	105	1090	113	1410	121	1780	129	2210	129	2710	129
4.8	502	101	718	109	995	118	1300	126	1640	134	2050	134	2510	134
5.0	456	105	654	114	911	123	1190	131	1510	140	1890	140	2330	140
5.2	413	109	595	118	833	127	1090	137	1390	146	1750	146	2160	146
5.4	373	113	540	123	759	132	995	142	1280	151	1610	151	1990	151
5.6	335	118	487	127	687	137	903	147	1160	157	1470	157	1830	157
5.8	296	122	431	132	611	142	806	152	1040	162	1320	162	1650	162
6.0	231	126	340	137	485	147	643	158	833	168	1060	168	1330	168

*Note: Pavement width of 16' will not accommodate offtracking if radius is less than 250'

Design Speed	Radius	Width	L	x
(mph)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)
25	150	18	99	33
30	250	18	108	36
35	350	16	136	46

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Table 7: Ramps (w = 24 feet), $e_{\max} = 6\%$, NC = 2%

(mph)	Design Speed													
	30		35		40		45		50		55		60	
	x = 54		x = 59		x = 63		x = 68		x = 72		x = 72		x = 72	
e (%)	Radius (ft.)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft.)	L (ft.)
NC	3130	----	4100	----	5230	----	6480	----	7870	----	9410	----	11100	----
RC	2240	54	2950	59	3770	63	4680	68	5700	72	6820	72	8060	72
2.2	2000	59	2630	64	3370	69	4190	74	5100	79	6110	79	7230	79
2.4	1790	65	2360	70	3030	76	3770	81	4600	86	5520	86	6540	86
2.6	1610	70	2130	76	2740	82	3420	88	4170	94	5020	94	5950	94
2.8	1460	76	1930	82	2490	88	3110	95	3800	101	4580	101	5440	101
3.0	1320	81	1760	88	2270	95	2840	101	3480	108	4200	108	4990	108
3.2	1200	86	1600	94	2080	101	2600	108	3200	115	3860	115	4600	115
3.4	1080	92	1460	99	1900	107	2390	115	2940	122	3560	122	4250	122
3.6	972	97	1320	105	1740	113	2190	122	2710	130	3290	130	3940	130
3.8	864	103	1190	111	1590	120	2010	128	2490	137	3040	137	3650	137
4.0	766	108	1070	117	1440	126	1840	135	2300	144	2810	144	3390	144
4.2	684	113	960	123	1310	132	1680	142	2110	151	2590	151	3140	151
4.4	615	119	868	129	1190	139	1540	149	1940	158	2400	158	2920	158
4.6	555	124	788	135	1090	145	1410	155	1780	166	2210	166	2710	166
4.8	502	130	718	140	995	151	1300	162	1640	173	2050	173	2510	173
5.0	456	135	654	146	911	158	1190	169	1510	180	1890	180	2330	180
5.2	413	140	595	152	833	164	1090	176	1390	187	1750	187	2160	187
5.4	373	146	540	158	759	170	995	182	1280	194	1610	194	1990	194
5.6	335	151	487	164	687	176	903	189	1160	202	1470	202	1830	202
5.8	296	157	431	170	611	183	806	196	1040	209	1320	209	1650	209
6.0	231	162	340	176	485	189	643	203	833	216	1060	216	1330	216

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Table 8: Low Speed Roadways (w = 12 feet), $e_{max} = 8\%$, NC = 2%

(mph) (ft)	Design Speed									
	25		30		35		40		45	
	x = 33		x = 36		x = 39		x = 42		x = 45	
e (%)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)
NC	2370	---	3240	---	4260	---	5410	---	6710	---
RC	1720	33	2370	36	3120	39	3970	42	4930	45
2.2	1550	36	2130	40	2800	43	3570	46	4440	50
2.4	1400	40	1930	43	2540	47	3240	50	4030	54
2.6	1280	43	1760	47	2320	51	2960	55	3690	59
2.8	1170	46	1610	50	2130	55	2720	59	3390	63
3.0	1070	50	1480	54	1960	59	2510	63	3130	68
3.2	985	53	1370	58	1820	62	2330	67	2900	72
3.4	911	56	1270	61	1690	66	2170	71	2700	77
3.6	845	59	1180	65	1570	70	2020	76	2520	81
3.8	784	63	1100	68	1470	74	1890	80	2360	86
4.0	729	66	1030	72	1370	78	1770	84	2220	90
4.2	678	69	955	76	1280	82	1660	88	2080	95
4.4	630	73	893	79	1200	86	1560	92	1960	99
4.6	585	76	834	83	1130	90	1470	97	1850	104
4.8	542	79	779	86	1060	94	1390	101	1750	108
5.0	499	83	727	90	991	98	1310	105	1650	113
5.2	457	86	676	94	929	101	1230	109	1560	117
5.4	420	89	627	97	870	105	1160	113	1480	122
5.6	387	92	582	101	813	109	1090	118	1390	126
5.8	358	96	542	104	761	113	1030	122	1320	131
6.0	332	99	506	108	713	117	965	126	1250	135
6.2	308	102	472	112	669	121	909	130	1180	140
6.4	287	106	442	115	628	125	857	135	1110	144
6.6	267	109	413	119	590	129	808	139	1050	149
6.8	248	112	386	122	553	133	761	143	990	153
7.0	231	116	360	126	518	137	716	147	933	158
7.2	214	119	336	130	485	140	672	151	878	162
7.4	198	122	312	133	451	144	628	156	822	167
7.6	182	125	287	137	417	148	583	160	765	171
7.8	164	129	261	140	380	152	533	164	701	176
8.0	134	132	214	144	314	156	444	168	587	180

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Table 9: High Speed Roadways (w = 12 feet), $e_{max} = 8\%$, NC = 2%

e (%)	Design Speed											
	50		55		60		65		70		75	
	x = 48		x = 48		x = 48		x = 48		x = 48		x = 48	
(mph)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)	Radius (ft)	L (ft)
NC	8150	---	9720	---	11500	---	12900	---	14500	---	16100	---
RC	5990	48	7150	48	8440	48	9510	48	10700	48	12000	48
2.2	5400	53	6450	53	7620	53	8600	53	9660	53	10800	53
2.4	4910	58	5870	58	6930	58	7830	58	8810	58	9850	58
2.6	4490	62	5370	62	6350	62	7180	62	8090	62	9050	62
2.8	4130	67	4950	67	5850	67	6630	67	7470	67	8370	67
3.0	3820	72	4580	72	5420	72	6140	72	6930	72	7780	72
3.2	3550	77	4250	77	5040	77	5720	77	6460	77	7260	77
3.4	3300	82	3970	82	4700	82	5350	82	6050	82	6800	82
3.6	3090	86	3710	86	4400	86	5010	86	5680	86	6400	86
3.8	2890	91	3480	91	4140	91	4710	91	5350	91	6030	91
4.0	2720	96	3270	96	3890	96	4450	96	5050	96	5710	96
4.2	2560	101	3080	101	3670	101	4200	101	4780	101	5410	101
4.4	2410	106	2910	106	3470	106	3980	106	4540	106	5140	106
4.6	2280	110	2750	110	3290	110	3770	110	4310	110	4890	110
4.8	2160	115	2610	115	3120	115	3590	115	4100	115	4670	115
5.0	2040	120	2470	120	2960	120	3410	120	3910	120	4460	120
5.2	1930	125	2350	125	2820	125	3250	125	3740	125	4260	125
5.4	1830	130	2230	130	2680	130	3110	130	3570	130	4090	130
5.6	1740	134	2120	134	2550	134	2970	134	3420	134	3920	134
5.8	1650	139	2010	139	2430	139	2840	139	3280	139	3760	139
6.0	1560	144	1920	144	2320	144	2710	144	3150	144	3620	144
6.2	1480	149	1820	149	2210	149	2600	149	3020	149	3480	149
6.4	1400	154	1730	154	2110	154	2490	154	2910	154	3360	154
6.6	1330	158	1650	158	2010	158	2380	158	2790	158	3240	158
6.8	1260	163	1560	163	1910	163	2280	163	2690	163	3120	163
7.0	1190	168	1480	168	1820	168	2180	168	2580	168	3010	168
7.2	1120	173	1400	173	1720	173	2070	173	2470	173	2900	173
7.4	1060	178	1320	178	1630	178	1970	178	2350	178	2780	178
7.6	980	182	1230	182	1530	182	1850	182	2230	182	2650	182
7.8	901	187	1140	187	1410	187	1720	187	2090	187	2500	187
8.0	758	192	960	192	1200	192	1480	192	1810	192	2210	192

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Table 10: Minimum Radii, Low Speed Roadway

(mph)	Design Speed				
	25	30	35	40	45
e (%)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)
-2.0	198	333	510	762	1039
-1.5	194	324	495	736	1000
0.0	181	300	454	667	900
1.5	170	279	419	610	818
2.0	167	273	408	593	794
2.2	165	270	404	586	785
2.4	164	268	400	580	776
2.6	163	265	396	573	767
2.8	161	263	393	567	758
3.0	160	261	389	561	750
3.2	159	259	385	556	742
3.4	158	256	382	550	734
3.6	157	254	378	544	726
3.8	155	252	375	539	718
4.0	154	250	371	533	711

Note: Superelevation may be optional on low speed roadways.



Transition design from a normal crown roadway to a superelevated roadway for low speed roadways using Method 2 distribution for side friction and superelevation is the same as high speed roadways. See Section 2B-2 for distribution details.

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Chronology of Changes to Design Manual Section: 002B Superelevation

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