

APPENDIX J

DRIVEWAY INTERSECTION SIGHT DISTANCE GUIDELINES

For driveway approach sight distance determination use the following sequence:

1. Use “Sight Distance at Intersections”, table 6 Chapter 5. Table source is WSDOT Design Manual. This is the sight distance required for a passenger vehicle to turn left or right onto a two-lane highway and attain average running speed.
2. If unable to obtain the sight distance in table 6 Chapter 5, due to topography or parcel limitations, and the predominant movement from the driveway is:
 - A) A left turn, use AASHTO Exhibit 9-55 “Design Intersection Sight Distance-Case B1-Left Turn from Stop”, or
 - B) A right turn or crossing maneuver, use AASHTO Exhibit 9-58 “Design Intersection Sight Distance –Case B2-Right Turn from Stop and Case B3-Crossing Maneuver” (For grades 3% or less)*.
3. If unable to obtain intersection sight distance per table 6, Chapter 5, in urban residential type developments where posted speed limits are 25 mph or less, stopping sight distance may be used for driveway approaches. (See table 4, Chapter 5)

* The adjustment for the grade of the driveway approach is needed only if the rear wheels of the vehicle would be on an upgrade that exceeds 3% when the vehicle is at the stop line. See AASHTO equation 9-1 for grades greater than 3%.

Metric				US Customary			
Design speed (km/h)	Stopping sight distance (m)	Intersection sight distance for passenger cars		Design speed (mph)	Stopping sight distance (ft)	Intersection sight distance for passenger cars	
		Calculated (m)	Design (m)			Calculated (ft)	Design (ft)
20	20	41.7	45	15	80	165.4	170
30	35	62.6	65	20	115	220.5	225
40	50	83.4	85	25	155	275.6	280
50	65	104.3	105	30	200	330.8	335
60	85	125.1	130	35	250	385.9	390
70	105	146.0	150	40	305	441.0	445
80	130	166.8	170	45	360	496.1	500
90	160	187.7	190	50	425	551.3	555
100	185	208.5	210	55	495	606.4	610
110	220	229.4	230	60	570	661.5	665
120	250	250.2	255	65	645	716.6	720
130	285	271.1	275	70	730	771.8	775
				75	820	826.9	830
				80	910	882.0	885

Note: Intersection sight distance shown is for a stopped passenger car to turn left onto a two-lane highway with no median and grades 3 percent or less. For other conditions, the time gap must be adjusted and required sight distance recalculated.

Exhibit 9-55. Design Intersection Sight Distance—Case B1—Left Turn From Stop

Metric				US Customary			
Design speed (km/h)	Stopping sight distance (m)	Intersection sight distance for passenger cars		Design speed (mph)	Stopping sight distance (ft)	Intersection sight distance for passenger cars	
		Calculated (m)	Design (m)			Calculated (ft)	Design (ft)
20	20	36.1	40	15	80	143.3	145
30	35	54.2	55	20	115	191.1	195
40	50	72.3	75	25	155	238.9	240
50	65	90.4	95	30	200	286.7	290
60	85	108.4	110	35	250	334.4	335
70	105	126.5	130	40	305	382.2	385
80	130	144.6	145	45	360	430.0	430
90	160	162.6	165	50	425	477.8	480
100	185	180.7	185	55	495	525.5	530
110	220	198.8	200	60	570	573.3	575
120	250	216.8	220	65	645	621.1	625
130	285	234.9	235	70	730	668.9	670
				75	820	716.6	720
				80	910	764.4	765

Note: Intersection sight distance shown is for a stopped passenger car to turn right onto or cross a two-lane highway with no median and grades 3 percent or less. For other conditions, the time gap must be adjusted and required sight distance recalculated.

Exhibit 9-58. Design Intersection Sight Distance—Case B2—Right Turn from Stop and Case B3—Crossing Maneuver