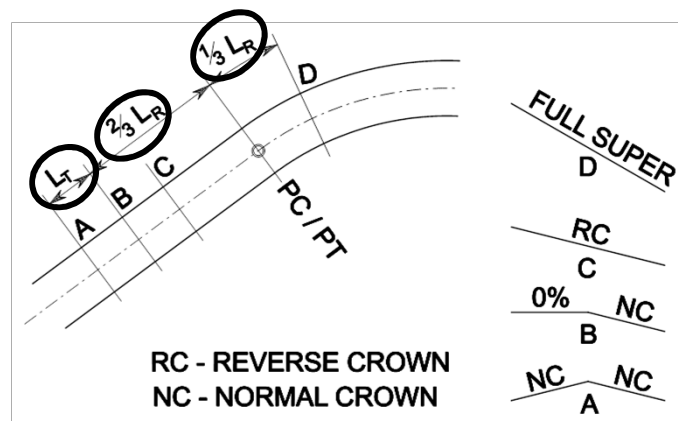


Superelevation Transition

- Superelevation runoff, L_r : length of roadway needed to change cross slope from adverse cross slope removed to fully superelevated
- Tangent runout, L_t : length needed to change the highway cross slope from a normal crown section to a section with the adverse cross slope removed

Superelevation Transition



$$T = L_t + L_r$$

Procedure for Designing Superelevation Transition

1. Determine e_{\max} : **6% or 8%** from design criteria
2. Determine proposed **design speed: V_d**
3. Determine **radius: R** , of curve under consideration
4. Identify constraints which may impact the design
5. Determine required superelevation rate: e
6. Determine required Superelevation runoff, L_r
7. Determine required Tangent runout, L_t
8. Determine stations where L_t and L_r begin and end.

Superelevation Tables

- AASHTO developed tables of Minimum Radii for various combinations of e_{\max} , design speeds, and superelevation rates.
- Tables are organized by the following five e_{\max} rates: 4%, 6%, 8%, 10%, and 12%.
- AASHTO also provides a table of L_r lengths based on combinations of design speed, required superelevation rate, and number of lanes (2 or 4) rotated.
- Once the required L_r length is known, AASHTO provides an equation for calculating the required L_t length.
- This section will familiarize you with the use of these tables and the equation for L_t .

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AASHTO Green Book

AASHTO Exhibit 3-15. Minimum Radius Using Limiting Values of e and f

Source: AASHTO Green Book (2004), page 147

METRIC						US Customary					
Design Speed (km/h)	Maximum e (%)	Maximum f	Total $(e/100 + f)$	Calculated Radius (m)	Rounded Radius (m)	Design Speed (mph)	Maximum e (%)	Maximum f	Total $(e/100 + f)$	Calculated Radius (ft)	Rounded Radius (ft)
15	4.0	0.40	0.44	4.0	4	10	4.0	0.38	0.42	15.9	16
20	4.0	0.35	0.39	8.1	8	15	4.0	0.32	0.36	41.7	42
30	4.0	0.28	0.32	22.1	22	20	4.0	0.27	0.31	86.0	86
40	4.0	0.23	0.27	46.7	47	25	4.0	0.23	0.27	154.3	154
50	4.0	0.19	0.23	85.6	86	30	4.0	0.20	0.24	250.0	250
60	4.0	0.17	0.21	135.0	135	35	4.0	0.18	0.22	371.2	371
70	4.0	0.15	0.19	203.1	203	40	4.0	0.16	0.20	533.3	533
80	4.0	0.14	0.18	280.0	280	45	4.0	0.15	0.19	710.5	711
90	4.0	0.13	0.17	375.2	375	50	4.0	0.14	0.18	925.9	926
100	4.0	0.12	0.16	492.1	492	55	4.0	0.13	0.17	1186.3	1190
						60	4.0	0.12	0.16	1500.0	1500
15	6.0	0.40	0.46	3.9	4	10	6.0	0.38	0.44	15.2	15
20	6.0	0.35	0.41	7.7	8	15	6.0	0.32	0.38	39.5	39
30	6.0	0.28	0.34	20.8	21	20	6.0	0.27	0.33	80.8	81
40	6.0	0.23	0.29	43.4	43	25	6.0	0.23	0.29	143.7	144
50	6.0	0.19	0.25	78.7	79	30	6.0	0.20	0.26	230.8	231
60	6.0	0.17	0.23	123.2	123	35	6.0	0.18	0.24	340.3	340
70	6.0	0.15	0.21	183.7	184	40	6.0	0.16	0.22	494.8	495
80	6.0	0.14	0.20	252.0	252	45	6.0	0.15	0.21	642.9	643
90	6.0	0.13	0.19	335.7	336	50	6.0	0.14	0.20	833.3	833
100	6.0	0.12	0.18	437.4	437	55	6.0	0.13	0.19	1061.4	1060
110	6.0	0.11	0.17	560.4	560	60	6.0	0.12	0.18	1333.3	1330
120	6.0	0.09	0.15	755.9	756	65	6.0	0.11	0.17	1655.9	1660
130	6.0	0.08	0.14	960.5	961	70	6.0	0.10	0.16	2041.7	2040
						75	6.0	0.09	0.15	2500.0	2500
						80	6.0	0.08	0.14	3047.6	3050
15	8.0	0.40	0.48	3.7	4	10	8.0	0.38	0.46	14.5	14
20	8.0	0.35	0.43	7.3	7	15	8.0	0.32	0.40	37.5	38
30	8.0	0.28	0.36	19.7	20	20	8.0	0.27	0.35	76.2	76
40	8.0	0.23	0.31	40.6	41	25	8.0	0.23	0.31	134.4	134
50	8.0	0.19	0.27	72.9	73	30	8.0	0.20	0.28	214.3	214
60	8.0	0.17	0.25	113.4	113	35	8.0	0.18	0.26	314.1	314
70	8.0	0.15	0.23	167.8	168	40	8.0	0.16	0.24	444.4	444
80	8.0	0.14	0.22	229.1	229	45	8.0	0.15	0.23	587.0	587
90	8.0	0.13	0.21	303.7	304	50	8.0	0.14	0.22	757.6	758
100	8.0	0.12	0.20	393.7	394	55	8.0	0.13	0.21	960.3	960
110	8.0	0.11	0.19	501.5	501	60	8.0	0.12	0.20	1200.0	1200
120	8.0	0.09	0.17	657.0	657	65	8.0	0.11	0.19	1482.5	1480
130	8.0	0.08	0.16	831.7	832	70	8.0	0.10	0.18	1814.8	1810
						75	8.0	0.09	0.17	2205.9	2210
						80	8.0	0.08	0.16	2666.7	2670

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Superelevation Tables

Minimum Radii for Superelevation rates, Design Speeds, and $e_{max} = 6\%$

e (%)	$V_d = 15$	$V_d = 20$	$V_d = 25$	$V_d = 30$	$V_d = 35$	$V_d = 40$	$V_d = 45$	$V_d = 50$	$V_d = 55$	$V_d = 60$	$V_d = 65$	$V_d = 70$	$V_d = 75$	$V_d = 80$
	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph	mph
NC	868	1580	2290	3130	4100	5230	6480	7870	9410	11100	12600	14100	15700	17400
RC	614	1120	1630	2240	2950	3770	4680	5700	6820	8060	9130	10300	11500	12900
2.2	543	991	1450	2000	2630	3370	4190	5100	6110	7230	8200	9240	10400	11600
2.4	482	884	1300	1790	2360	3030	3770	4600	5520	6540	7430	8380	9420	10600
2.6	430	791	1170	1610	2130	2740	3420	4170	5020	5950	6770	7660	8620	9670
2.8	384	709	1050	1460	1930	2490	3110	3800	4580	5450	6300	7030	7930	8910
3.0	345	645	944	1320	1760	2270	2840	3480	4200	4990	5800	6400	7330	8260
3.2	311	586	850	1200	1600	2080	2600	3200	3860	4600	5280	6000	6810	7680
3.4	280	538	781	1080	1460	1900	2390	2940	3560	4250	4890	5580	6300	7180
3.6	252	492	723	972	1320	1740	2220	2750	3350	3950	4540	5180	5800	6720
3.8	227	444	653	880	1180	1580	2020	2500	3050	3600	4150	4700	5200	6000
4.0	205	409	595	800	1070	1420	1800	2220	2700	3200	3700	4200	4700	5400
4.2	185	377	544	730	970	1280	1680	2110	2590	3140	3680	4270	4910	5620
4.4	167	348	502	670	890	1160	1500	1900	2380	2920	3440	4010	4630	5320
4.6	151	322	460	620	820	1060	1380	1780	2210	2710	3220	3770	4380	5040
4.8	137	298	420	560	740	950	1240	1600	2050	2510	3000	3550	4140	4790
5.0	124	276	395	510	670	870	1120	1450	1890	2330	2800	3330	3910	4550
5.2	113	256	364	470	620	800	1030	1330	1750	2160	2610	3120	3690	4320
5.4	104	238	337	430	560	720	930	1200	1610	1990	2420	2910	3460	4090
5.6	96	222	312	400	510	660	850	1100	1470	1830	2230	2700	3230	3840
5.8	89	208	292	370	470	610	790	1030	1320	1650	2020	2460	2970	3560
6.0	83	195	271	340	430	560	730	950	1200	1500	1860	2240	2750	3300

Exhibit 3-26

Superelevation Tables

Minimum Radii for Superelevation rates, Design Speeds, and $e_{max} = 8\%$

e (%)	$V_d = 15$		$V_d = 20$		$V_d = 25$		$V_d = 30$		$V_d = 35$		$V_d = 40$		$V_d = 45$		$V_d = 50$		$V_d = 55$		$V_d = 60$		$V_d = 65$		$V_d = 70$		$V_d = 75$		$V_d = 80$				
	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)	R (ft)	R (m)			
NC	932	1640	2370	3240	4260	5410	6710	8150	9720	11500	12900	14500	16100	17800																	
RC	676	1190	1720	2370	3120	3970	4930	5990	7150	8440	9510	10700	12000	13300																	
2.2	605	1070	1550	2130	2800	3570	4440	5400	6450	7620	8600	9660	10800	12000																	
2.4	546	959	1400	1930	2540	3240	4030	4910	5870	6930	7830	8810	9850	11000																	
2.6	496	872	1280	1760	2320	2960	3690	4490	5370	6350	7180	8090	9050	10100																	
2.8	453	796	1170	1610	2130	2720	3390	4130	4950	5850	6630	7470	8370	9340																	
3.0	415	730	1070	1480	1960	2510	3130	3820	4580	5420	6140	6930	7780	8700																	
3.2	382	672	985	1370	1820	2330	2900	3550	4250	5000	5700	6460	7280	8130																	
3.4	352	620	911	1270	1690	2170	2700	3300	3970	4700	5380	6100	6880	7700																	
3.6	324	572	845	1180	1570	2020	2520	3090	3710	4400	5080	5800	6580	7400																	
3.8	300	530	784	1100	1470	1890	2400	2930	3500	4140	4800	5480	6200	6900																	
4.0	277	490	729	1030	1370	1770	2260	2790	3370	3970	4600	5250	5900	6500																	
4.2	255	453	678	955	1280	1660	2080	2560	3080	3600	4100	4700	5250	5800																	
4.4	235	418	630	893	1200	1560	1960	2390	2910	3300	3800	4300	4800	5300																	
4.6	217	385	582	821	1110	1450	1820	2210	2600	2950	3350	3800	4250	4700																	
4.8	199	354	534	750	1000	1290	1610	1950	2300	2600	2900	3300	3700	4100																	
5.0	177	317	477	670	910	1150	1450	1780	2080	2350	2650	3000	3350	3700																	
5.2	157	281	411	580	790	1000	1250	1520	1750	1950	2200	2500	2800	3100																	
5.4	139	258	420	627	870	1160	1480	1830	2230	2680	3110	3570	4090	4660																	
5.6	126	236	387	582	813	1090	1390	1740	2120	2550	2970	3420	3920	4460																	
5.8	115	216	358	542	761	1030	1320	1650	2010	2430	2840	3280	3760	4290																	
6.0	105	199	332	506	713	965	1250	1560	1920	2320	2710	3150	3620	4140																	
6.2	97	184	308	472	669	909	1180	1480	1820	2210	2600	3020	3480	3990																	
6.4	89	170	287	442	628	857	1110	1400	1730	2110	2490	2910	3360	3850																	
6.6	82	157	267	413	590	808	1050	1330	1650	2010	2380	2790	3240	3720																	
6.8	76	146	248	386	553	761	990	1260	1560	1910	2280	2690	3120	3600																	
7.0	70	135	231	360	518	716	933	1190	1480	1820	2180	2580	3010	3480																	
7.2	64	125	214	336	485	672	878	1120	1400	1720	2070	2470	2900	3370																	
7.4	59	115	198	312	451	628	822	1060	1320	1630	1970	2350	2780	3250																	
7.6	54	105	182	287	417	583	765	980	1230	1530	1850	2230	2650	3120																	
7.8	48	94	164	261	380	533	701	901	1140	1410	1720	2090	2500	2970																	
8.0	38	76	134	214	314	444	587	758	960	1200	1480	1810	2210	2670																	

$e_{max} = 8\%$

Exhibit 3-27

Minimum Radii for Design Superelevation Rates

e (%)	$V_d = 15$ mph		$V_d = 20$ mph		$V_d = 25$ mph		$V_d = 30$ mph		$V_d = 35$ mph		$V_d = 40$ mph		$V_d = 45$ mph		$V_d = 50$ mph		$V_d = 55$ mph		$V_d = 60$ mph		$V_d = 65$ mph		$V_d = 70$ mph		$V_d = 75$ mph		$V_d = 80$ mph		
	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	L_1 (ft)	L_2 (ft)	
1.5	43	25	24	17	26	33	27	21	25	31	27	23	20	26	22	19	24	20	17	22	18	15	18	14	11	14	11	9	7
2.0	41	24	22	16	24	31	25	19	24	30	26	22	19	24	20	17	22	18	15	20	16	13	16	12	9	12	9	7	5
2.2	34	21	18	14	19	25	20	15	19	24	20	16	13	18	14	11	14	10	8	13	9	7	5	4	3	2	1	1	1
2.4	37	22	19	14	21	27	21	16	21	27	23	19	16	21	17	14	17	13	10	15	11	8	6	4	3	2	1	1	1
2.6	40	23	20	15	22	28	22	17	22	28	24	20	17	22	18	15	20	16	13	18	14	11	8	6	4	3	2	1	1
2.8	43	24	21	16	24	30	23	18	23	29	25	21	18	23	19	16	21	17	14	19	15	12	9	7	5	4	3	2	1
3.0	46	25	22	17	26	32	24	19	24	30	26	22	19	24	20	17	22	18	15	20	16	13	10	8	6	4	3	2	1
3.2	49	26	23	18	28	34	25	20	25	31	27	23	20	25	21	18	23	19	16	21	17	14	11	8	6	4	3	2	1
3.4	52	27	24	19	30	36	26	21	26	32	28	24	21	26	22	19	24	20	17	22	18	15	12	9	7	5	4	3	2
3.6	55	28	25	20	32	38	27	22	27	33	29	25	22	27	23	20	25	21	18	23	19	16	13	10	8	6	4	3	2
3.8	58	29	26	21	34	40	28	23	28	34	30	26	23	28	24	21	26	22	19	24	20	17	14	11	8	6	4	3	2
4.0	62	30	27	22	36	42	29	24	29	35	31	27	24	29	25	22	27	23	20	24	20	17	14	11	8	6	4	3	2
4.2	66	31	28	23	38	44	30	25	30	36	32	28	25	30	26	23	28	24	21	24	20	17	14	11	8	6	4	3	2
4.4	68	32	29	24	40	46	31	26	31	37	33	29	26	31	27	24	29	25	22	24	20	17	14	1					

Superelevation Transition

Prevent abrupt edge-of-pavement profiles

Minimum Runoff Lengths

1. Two- and Four-Lane Highways with 12 ft. lanes ...
See Exhibit 3-32.
2. Three-Lanes Highway: 1.2 times length for two-lane pavements
3. Six-Lane Undivided: 2.0 times length for two-lane pavements

Example 1

Given:

$$e_{\max} = 6\%$$

Design Speed, $V_d = 25$ mph

Two 12-foot lanes; $R = 200$ ft

Find:

1. Required Rate of Superelevation (e_{req})
2. Length of Superelevation Runoff (L_r)
3. Length of Tangent Runout (L_t)
4. Length of Superelevation Transition (T)

Example 1 Solution

Minimum Radii for Superelevation rates, Design Speeds, and $e_{max} = 6\%$

$V_d = 25$ mph
 Radius = 200 ft
 $R = 212' > 200' > 186'$
 Use e_{req} for $R = 186'$

e (%)	$V_d = 15$ mph		$V_d = 20$ mph		$V_d = 25$ mph		$V_d = 30$ mph		$V_d = 35$ mph		$V_d = 40$ mph		$V_d = 45$ mph		$V_d = 50$ mph		$V_d = 55$ mph		$V_d = 60$ mph	
	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)	R (ft)
NC	868	1580	2290	3130	4100	5230	6480	7870	9410	11100										
RC	614	1120	1630	2240	2950	3770	4680	5700	6820	8060										
2.2	543	991	1450	2000	2630	3370	4190	5100	6110	7230										
2.4	482	884	1300	1790	2360	3030	3770	4600	5520	6540										
2.6	430	791	1170	1610	2130	2740	3420	4170	5020	5950										
2.8	384	709	1050	1460	1930	2490	3110	3800	4580	5440										
3.0	341	635	944	1320	1760	2270	2840	3480	4200	4990										
3.2	300	566	850	1200	1600	2080	2600	3200	3860	4600										
3.4	256	498	761	1080	1460	1900	2390	2940	3560	4250										
3.6	209	422	673	972	1320	1740	2190	2710	3290	3940										
3.8	176	358	583	864	1190	1590	2010	2490	3040	3650										
4.0	151	309	511	766	1070	1440	1840	2300	2810	3390										
4.2	131	270	452	684	960	1310	1680	2110	2590	3140										
4.4	116	238	402	615	868	1190	1540	1940	2400	2920										
4.6	102	212	360	555	788	1090	1410	1780	2210	2710										
4.8	91	189	324	502	718	995	1300	1640	2050	2510										
5.0	82	169	292	456	654	911	1190	1510	1890	2330										
5.2	73	152	264	413	595	833	1090	1390	1750	2160										
5.4	65	136	237	373	540	759	995	1280	1610	1990										
5.6	58	121	212	335	487	687	903	1160	1470	1830										
5.8	51	106	186	296	431	611	806	1040	1320	1650										
6.0	39	81	144	231	340	485	643	833	1060	1330										

$e_{req} = 5.8\%$

Exhibit 3-26

Example 1 Solution

Find Length of Superelevation Runoff (L_r)

For $V_d = 25$ mph,
 1 lane rotated,
 and $e_{req} = 5.8\%$

e (%)	$V_d = 15$ mph		$V_d = 20$ mph		$V_d = 25$ mph		$V_d = 30$ mph		$V_d = 35$ mph	
	Number of Lanes Rotated. Note that 1 lane									
	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)	L_r (ft)
1.5	23	35	24	37	26	39	27	41	29	44
2.0	31	46	32	49	34	51	36	55	39	58
2.2	34	51	36	54	38	57	40	60	43	64
2.4	37	55	39	58	41	62	44	65	46	70
2.6	40	60	42	63	45	67	47	71	50	75
2.8	43	65	45	68	48	72	51	76	54	81
3.0	46	69	49	73	51	77	55	82	58	87
3.2	49	74	52	78	55	82	58	87	62	93
3.4	52	78	55	83	58	87	62	93	66	99
3.6	55	83	58	88	62	93	65	98	70	105
3.8	58	88	62	92	65	98	69	104	74	110
4.0	62	92	65	97	69	103	73	109	77	116
4.2	65	97	68	102	72	108	76	115	81	122
4.4	68	102	71	107	75	113	80	120	85	128
4.6	71	106	75	112	79	118	84	125	89	134
4.8	74	111	78	117	82	123	87	131	93	139
5.0	77	115	81	122	86	129	91	136	97	145
5.2	80	120	84	126	89	134	95	142	101	151
5.4	83	125	88	131	93	139	98	147	105	157
5.6	86	129	91	136	96	144	102	153	108	163
5.8	89	134	94	141	99	149	105	158	112	168
6.0	92	138	97	146	102	154	109	164	116	174
6.2	95	143	101	151	106	159	113	169	120	180
6.4	98	148	104	156	110	165	116	175	124	186
6.6	102	152	107	161	113	170	120	180	128	192
6.8	105	157	110	165	117	175	124	185	132	197
7.0	108	162	114	170	120	180	127	191	135	203

$e = 5.8\%$

$L_r = 99$ ft

Exhibit 3-32.

Example 1 Solution

Having determined the
Superelevation Runoff, $L_r = 99$ ft,
Calculate Tangent Runout, L_t

$$L_t = \frac{e_{NC}}{e_d} L_r = \frac{2.0}{5.8} (99) = 34.138 \sim 34 \text{ ft}$$

Therefore Superelevation Transition,

$$T = L_r + L_t = 99 + 34 = \underline{133 \text{ ft}}$$