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96.00 Utility Accommodation

96.40 Expressways

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A. General Policy

New utility installations and adjustments or relocations of existing utilities shall be permitted to cross an expressway.

B. Overhead Utility Crossings

Overhead utility lines crossing an expressway shall be adjusted so that supporting structures are located outside of the clear zone. Where required, intermediate supporting poles may be placed in medians of sufficient width to provide the clear zone from the edges of both traveled ways.

If additional lanes are planned, the clear zone shall be determined from the ultimate edges of the traveled way.

When right-of-way lines and access control lines are not the same (e.g. when frontage roads are provided) supporting poles may be located in the area between them.

At interchange areas, supports for overhead utilities shall be permitted only where all of the following conditions are met:

1. The appropriate clear zone is provided with respect to expressway traffic lanes,
2. The appropriate clear zone from edge of ramp is provided, and
3. Essential sight distance is not impaired.

C. Underground Utility Crossings

Manholes and other points of access to underground utilities may be permitted within an expressway only when they are located beyond the clear zone of the expressway traffic lanes or ramps. If additional lanes are planned, the clear zone shall be determined from the ultimate edges of the traveled way.