

CHAPTER 4D. DESIGN FEATURES OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

Table 4D-1. Recommended Minimum Number of Primary Signal Faces for Through Traffic on Approaches with Posted, Statutory, or 85th-Percentile Speed of 45 mph or Higher

Number of Through Lanes on the Approach	Total Number of Primary Through Signal Faces for the Approach*	Minimum Number of Overhead-Mounted Primary Through Signal Faces for the Approach
1	2	1
2	2	1
3	3	2**
4 or more	4 or more	3**

Notes:

* A minimum of two through signal faces is always required (see Section 4D.05). These recommended numbers of through signal faces may be exceeded. Also, see cone of vision requirements otherwise indicated in Section 4D.07.

** If practical, all of the recommended number of primary through signal faces should be located overhead.

Table 4D-2. Minimum Sight Distance for Signal Visibility

85th-Percentile Speed	Minimum Sight Distance
20 mph	175 feet
25 mph	215 feet
30 mph	270 feet
35 mph	325 feet
40 mph	390 feet
45 mph	460 feet
50 mph	540 feet
55 mph	625 feet
60 mph	715 feet

Note: Distances in this table are derived from stopping sight distance plus an assumed queue length for shorter cycle lengths (60 to 75 seconds).

Table 4D-101 (CA). Minimum Yellow Change Interval Timing

$$\text{Yellow Time} = \frac{\text{Detector Setback Distance}}{\text{Speed}}$$

$$T = \frac{D}{V} = \text{The minimum yellow change interval (sec)}$$

V = Speed (ft/sec)

d = Deceleration Rate (10 ft/sec²)

t_R = Reaction Time (1 sec)

Reaction Distance = Vt_R

Deceleration Distance = $\frac{1}{2}dt^2$ or $\frac{1}{2}Vt$ or $\frac{V^2}{2d}$

D = Detector Setback = Deceleration Distance + Reaction Distance = $\frac{V^2}{2d} + Vt_R$

$$T = \frac{\frac{V^2}{2d} + Vt_R}{V}$$

$$T = \frac{V}{2d} + t_R$$

a - For Speed determined by 85th Percentile

SPEED (Determined by 85th Percentile Speed)*	MINIMUM YELLOW INTERVAL
mph	Seconds
25 or less	3.0
30	3.2
35	3.6
40	3.9
45	4.3
50	4.7
55	5.0
60	5.4
65	5.8

*See Section 4D.26 Standard under paragraph 14b

b - For Posted or Prima Facie Speed

POSTED SPEED or UNPOSTED PRIMA FACIE SPEED	MINIMUM YELLOW INTERVAL*	MINIMUM YELLOW INTERVAL*
mph	Seconds	Seconds
15	N/A	3.0
20	N/A	3.2
25	N/A	3.6
30	3.7	N/A
35	4.1	N/A
40	4.4	N/A
45	4.8	N/A
50	5.2	N/A
55	5.5	N/A
60 or higher	5.9	N/A

*Speed values for Table 4D-102b (CA) are inclusive of the 7 MPH added for speeds equal to 30 MPH or higher and 10 MPH for speeds equal to or lower than 25 MPH for determining the minimum values of the yellow intervals.

Table 4D-102 (CA). Traffic Signal Timing Analysis Chart

Number of Cars	Min. Time in Seconds Req. for Cars	Length of Stopped Queue Feet	Length of Moving Queue Feet (30 mph)	Moving Queue Time (Band Width in Seconds)	NUMBER OF VEHICLES PER HOUR LANE AT INDICATED CYCLE LENGTH									
					50 Sec.	60 Sec.	70 Sec.	80 Sec.	90 Sec.	100 Sec.	120 Sec.	150 Sec.	180 Sec.	240 Sec.
1	4	25	0	2	70	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15
2	7	50	88	4	145	120	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	30
3	9	75	176	6	215	180	150	135	120	110	90	70	60	45
4	11	100	264	8	290	240	205	180	160	145	120	95	80	60
5	13	125	352	10	360	360	255	225	200	180	150	120	100	75
6	15	150	440	12	430	420	310	270	240	215	180	145	120	90
7	17	175	528	14	505	480	360	315	280	250	210	170	140	105
8	19	200	616	16	575	540	410	360	320	290	240	190	160	120
9	21	225	704	18	650	600	460	405	360	320	270	215	180	135
10	23	250	792	20	720	660	510	450	400	360	300	240	200	150
11	25	275	880	22	790	720	560	495	440	400	330	265	220	165
12	27	300	968	24	865	780	610	540	480	430	360	290	240	180
13	29	325	1056	26	935	840	665	585	520	470	390	315	260	195
14	31	350	1144	28	1020	900	715	630	560	500	420	340	280	210
15	33	375	1232	30	1080	960	765	675	600	540	450	365	300	225
16	35	400	1320	32	1150	1020	815	720	640	580	480	385	320	240
17	37	425	1408	34	1225	1080	865	765	680	610	510	410	340	255
18	39	450	1496	36	1295	1140	920	810	720	650	540	430	360	270
19	41	475	1584	38		1200	970	855	760	680	570	455	380	285
20	43	500	1672	40		1260	1020	900	800	720	600	480	400	300
21	45	525	1760	42		1320	1070	945	840	760	630	505	420	315
22	47	550	1848	44		1380	1120	990	880	790	660	530	440	330
23	49	575	1936	46		1440	1175	1035	920	830	690	550	460	345
24	51	600	2024	48			1225	1080	960	860	720	575	480	360
25	53	625	2112	50			1275	1125	1000	900	750	600	500	375
26	55	650	2200	52			1325	1170	1040	930	780	625	520	390
27	57	675	2288	54			1375	1215	1080	960	810	650	540	405
28	59	700	2376	56			1430	1260	1120	990	840	670	560	420
29	61	725	2464	58				1305	1160	1020	870	700	580	435

Table 4D-103 (CA). Signal Operations - Vehicular Speed

SECONDS		10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
mph	ft/s	DISTANCE TRAVELED IN FEET										
1	1.46	14.6	21.9	29.3	36.6	44.0	51.3	58.6	66.0	73.3	80.6	88.0
2	2.93	29.3	44.0	58.6	73.3	88.0	102.6	117.3	132.0	146.6	161.3	176.0
3	4.40	44.0	66.0	88.0	110.0	132.0	154.0	176.0	198.0	220.0	242.0	264.0
4	5.86	58.6	88.0	117.3	146.6	176.0	205.3	234.6	264.0	293.3	322.6	352.0
5	7.30	73.0	110.0	147.0	183.0	220.0	257.0	293.0	330.0	367.0	403.0	440.0
10	14.60	146.0	220.0	293.0	366.0	440.0	513.0	587.0	660.0	733.0	807.0	880.0
15	22.00	220.0	330.0	440.0	550.0	660.0	770.0	880.0	990.0	1,100.0	1,210.0	1,320.0
20	29.30	293.0	440.0	587.0	733.0	880.0	1,027.0	1,173.0	1,320.0	1,467.0	1,613.0	1,760.0
25	36.70	367.0	550.0	733.0	917.0	1,100.0	1,283.0	1,467.0	1,650.0	1,833.0	2,017.0	2,200.0
30	44.00	440.0	660.0	880.0	1,100.0	1,320.0	1,540.0	1,760.0	1,980.0	2,200.0	2,420.0	2,640.0
35	51.30	513.0	770.0	1,027.0	1,283.0	1,540.0	1,797.0	2,053.0	2,310.0	2,567.0	2,823.0	3,080.0
40	58.70	587.0	880.0	1,173.0	1,467.0	1,760.0	2,053.0	2,347.0	2,640.0	2,933.0	3,227.0	3,520.0
45	66.00	660.0	990.0	1,320.0	1,650.0	1,980.0	2,310.0	2,640.0	2,970.0	3,300.0	3,630.0	3,960.0
50	73.30	733.0	1,100.0	1,467.0	1,833.0	2,200.0	2,567.0	2,933.0	3,300.0	3,667.0	4,033.0	4,400.0
55	80.70	807.0	1,210.0	1,613.0	2,017.0	2,420.0	2,823.0	3,227.0	3,630.0	4,033.0	4,437.0	4,840.0
60	88.00	880.0	1,320.0	1,760.0	2,200.0	2,640.0	3,080.0	3,520.0	3,960.0	4,400.0	4,840.0	5,280.0
65	95.30	953.0	1,430.0	1,907.0	2,383.0	2,860.0	3,337.0	3,813.0	4,290.0	4,767.0	5,243.0	5,720.0
70	102.70	1,027.0	1,540.0	2,053.0	2,567.0	3,080.0	3,593.0	4,107.0	4,620.0	5,133.0	5,647.0	6,160.0
75	110.00	1,100.0	1,650.0	2,200.0	2,750.0	3,300.0	3,850.0	4,400.0	4,950.0	5,500.0	6,050.0	6,600.0
80	117.30	1,173.0	1,760.0	2,347.0	2,933.0	3,520.0	4,107.0	4,693.0	5,280.0	5,867.0	6,453.0	7,040.0
85	124.70	1,247.0	1,870.0	2,493.0	3,117.0	3,740.0	4,363.0	4,987.0	5,610.0	6,233.0	6,858.0	7,480.0
90	132.00	1,320.0	1,980.0	2,640.0	3,300.0	3,960.0	4,620.0	5,280.0	5,940.0	6,600.0	7,260.0	7,920.0
95	139.30	1,393.0	2,090.0	2,787.0	3,483.0	4,180.0	4,877.0	5,573.0	6,270.0	6,967.0	7,663.0	8,360.0
100	146.70	1,467.0	2,200.0	2,933.0	3,667.0	4,400.0	5,133.0	5,867.0	6,600.0	7,333.0	8,067.0	8,800.0
105	154.00	1,540.0	2,310.0	3,080.0	3,850.0	4,620.0	5,390.0	6,160.0	6,930.0	7,700.0	8,470.0	9,240.0
110	161.30	1,613.0	2,420.0	3,227.0	4,033.0	4,840.0	5,647.0	6,453.0	7,260.0	8,067.0	8,873.0	9,680.0
115	168.60	1,686.0	2,530.0	3,373.0	4,217.0	5,060.0	5,903.0	6,747.0	7,590.0	8,434.0	9,277.0	10,120.0
120	176.00	1,760.0	2,640.0	3,520.0	4,400.0	5,280.0	6,160.0	7,040.0	7,920.0	8,800.0	9,680.0	10,560.0