

Article - Transportation

8-101.

(h) "Expressway" means a major highway of two or more traffic lanes in each direction that is designed to eliminate principal traffic hazards and has the following characteristics:

- (1) A median divider separating opposing traffic lanes to eliminate head-on collisions and sideswiping;
- (2) Grade separation structures to eliminate the conflict of cross streams of traffic at each intersection;
- (3) Points of entrance and exit limited to predetermined locations;
- (4) Vertical curves long enough to provide long sight distances; and
- (5) Shoulders wide enough to permit vehicles to stop or park out of traffic lanes.

8-620.

(a) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE Administration may designate any part of any existing State highway as an expressway.

(B) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES TO A STATE HIGHWAY THAT THE ADMINISTRATION:

(I) PROPOSES DESIGNATING AS AN EXPRESSWAY; OR

(II) DESIGNATED AS AN EXPRESSWAY BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 1999, BUT FOR WHICH DESIGN AND ENGINEERING FUNDS HAVE NOT BEEN ENCUMBERED.

(2) BEFORE DESIGNATING ANY PART OF A STATE HIGHWAY AS AN EXPRESSWAY, THE ADMINISTRATION:

(I) SHALL NOTIFY THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE DESIGNATION AND PROVIDE THE OFFICIALS REPRESENTING GOVERNING BODIES AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND CONFER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION; AND

(II) WITHIN A REASONABLE PROXIMITY TO THE AREA AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

1. SHALL HOLD A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING, TO PRESENT TO THE COMMUNITY BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE DESIGNATION, THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS IN RELATION TO THE HIGHWAY, AND THE EXPECTED IMPACT OF THE DESIGNATION ON THE COMMUNITY; AND