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MODULE 1
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STUDIES

• Page 7, part 6a(1) Mean (average) speed,

\[
\bar{u} = \frac{\sum f_i u_i}{\sum f_i}
\]

• Page 9, part 7a, \( f = \) side friction factor \( (f = 0.27 \text{ at } 20 \text{ mph to } 0.08 \text{ at } 80 \text{ mph}) \)

• Page 20, references:

MODULE 2
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

• Page 44, part 2, change publication reference to Trip Generation Manual, 7th Edition

• Page 45, part 3c, change publication reference to Trip Generation Manual, 7th Edition (two locations)

• Page 51, references:
MODULE 3
OPERATIONAL EFFECTS OF GEOMETRIC DESIGN

- Page 76, references:

MODULE 4
TRAFFIC SAFETY

- Page 77, part 3, change to:
  "Since 1980, the highway fatality rate has declined from 2.0 to 0.9 fatalities per 100 million vehicle kilometers of travel (3.3 to 1.46 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles of travel)."

- Page 78, part 3c, change:
  The following three types of crashes account for 91 percent of fatalities:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Crash Type</th>
<th>Fatal Crashes Per Year</th>
<th>Percentage of Total</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Road Departure</td>
<td>25,321</td>
<td>59%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Intersection</td>
<td>9,213</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Pedestrian</td>
<td>4,749</td>
<td>11%</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

- Page 96, references
  2. safety.fhwa.dot.gov

MODULE 5
TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

- Page 100, part 2a, change:
  "PIEV times range from 2.5 sec. for general warning signs to 14.5 sec. for signs requiring a high degree of judgment from the driver."

- Page 101, part 2c, fourth bullet item, change:
  "Where a lane is dropped, the warning sign location should provide drivers with 14 to 14.5 sec. of PIEV time."

- Page 102, part 5d, change:
  "Letter sizes in the MUTCD are predicated on the criterion of 40 ft. (12 m) of legibility for each 1 inch (25 mm) of letter height."
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PUBLICATIONS ERRATA

- Page 104, part 5, change:
  “The MUTCD restricts the use of the diamond symbol only to HOV lanes.”

- Pages 105 and 106, part 5, change:
  “At least one, and preferably both of these signal faces shall be at least 40 ft
  (12 m) beyond the stop line and not more than 180 ft (55 m) beyond the stop
  line (unless a supplemental near-side signal face is provided), and as near as
  practical to directly in line with the drivers’ normal view.”

- Page 119, references:

HOME STUDY QUESTIONS

- Page 142, Question 66, change:
  Of the following potential safety improvements, which is likely to have the
  HIGHEST benefit-cost ratio in terms of fatal and injury crash reduction
  relative to implementation costs?
  A. New railroad flashing lights and gates.
  B. Upgraded traffic signals.
  C. New roadway lighting.
  D. Upgraded pavement markings and delineators.

- Page 157, answer to Question 66, change:
  The correct answer is “C. New roadway lighting.” This is supported by the
  data in Table 3–3 on page 45 of the ITE Traffic Safety Toolbox (1999).