

## Lesson #9

**Review:** Lesson #8

**Destination:** Route 116

### SKILLS

#### A. Merging onto Highway

1. Once on entrance ramp, check front and rear zones; should be going ramp speed
2. When you are able, look back at the roadway you are entering and look for a gap to join traffic
3. When at acceleration point on ramp, begin accelerating at speed of traffic you are joining
4. Treat merge like a lane change
  - ✓ Merge into the nearest lane of the direction you are going that is legal to be in
  - ✓ Make sure roadway is clear ahead
  - ✓ Check rearview mirror and outside mirror of intended lane change
  - ✓ Check blind spot of intended lane change (Physically turn and look over your shoulder)
  - ✓ Signal in direction of lane change
  - ✓ Check path of travel again; get to speed of traffic you are entering
  - ✓ Move into intended lane, maintaining or increasing your speed; do not brake
  - ✓ Cancel signal
  - ✓ Adjust speed to traffic flow

#### B. Exiting From Highway

1. Signal at least 200 feet before exit; move to lane position 3
2. Check mirrors
3. Maintain speed until you are in deceleration lane
4. Get down to ramp speed
5. Cancel signal

#### C. Guide Signs

1. Recognize guide signs (green)
2. Look for your exit

#### D. **Route Signs**

1. Look for state route signs

#### E. **Highway Driving**

1. Highway Hypnosis
  - ✓ Inattentive, drowsy state while driving
2. Velocitation
  - ✓ Thinking you are going slower than you really are

#### F. **Interchanges**

1. Cloverleaf
2. All-Directional
3. Diamond
4. Trumpet

#### G. **Weave Lanes**

1. Areas of highway where there is traffic both merging onto highway and exiting highway

#### H. **Perpendicular Parking**

1. Signal
2. Move as far left or right of intended parking space as possible
3. Brake and keep brake covered
4. Turn into parking space when front bumper goes 5 feet past the taillight of the car you are parking next to
5. Aim for the middle of the parking space
6. Center car in the parking space
7. Secure vehicle

#### **RESOURCES**

**Drive Right Textbook:** Chapter 16; Chapter 2

**SOS Parent Teen Driving Guide:** Page 14

#### **KEY LEARNING POINTS**

**Remember Terms:**

- ✓ Merging Onto Highway
- ✓ Exiting Off Highway
- ✓ Lane changes
- ✓ Guide Signs
- ✓ Interchanges
- ✓ Right-on-Red
- ✓ Velocitation
- ✓ Highway Hypnosis
- ✓ Road Markings
- ✓ Traffic Signals
- ✓ Weave Lanes

**Practice Area:**

- ✓ Peoria Street to McClugage Road (Walmart)
- ✓ Rt. 24 to Rt. 116E to Metamora (Thorton Gas Station)