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_____Merge Analysis_____

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Date performed: 9/23/2011
Analysis time period: PM
Freeway/Dir of Travel: I-385 SB C-D
Junction: Woodruff - I-385 SB C-D
Jurisdiction: Greenville, SC
Analysis Year: 2015
Description: I-85/I-385 Alternate 4A

_____Freeway Data_____

Type of analysis	Merge	
Number of lanes in freeway	2	
Free-flow speed on freeway	55.0	mph
Volume on freeway	1403	vph

_____On Ramp Data_____

Side of freeway	Right	
Number of lanes in ramp	1	
Free-flow speed on ramp	45.0	mph
Volume on ramp	621	vph
Length of first accel/decel lane	700	ft
Length of second accel/decel lane		ft

_____Adjacent Ramp Data (if one exists)_____

Does adjacent ramp exist?	Yes	
Volume on adjacent Ramp	1231	vph
Position of adjacent Ramp	Upstream	
Type of adjacent Ramp	Off	
Distance to adjacent Ramp	2020	ft

_____Conversion to pc/h Under Base Conditions_____

Junction Components	Freeway	Ramp	Adjacent Ramp	
Volume, V (vph)	1403	621	1231	vph
Peak-hour factor, PHF	0.90	0.90	0.90	
Peak 15-min volume, v15	390	173	342	v
Trucks and buses	18	18	0	%
Recreational vehicles	0	0	0	%
Terrain type:	Level	Level	Level	
Grade	%	%	%	
Length	mi	mi	mi	
Trucks and buses PCE, ET	1.5	1.5	1.5	
Recreational vehicle PCE, ER	1.2	1.2	1.2	

Heavy vehicle adjustment, fHV	0.917	0.917	1.000	
Driver population factor, fP	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Flow rate, vp	1699	752	1368	pcph

Estimation of V12 Merge Areas

L

=

(Equation 13-6 or 13-7)

EQ

P

=

1.000

Using Equation

0

FM

v

=

v

(P

)

=

1699

pc/h

12

F

FM

Capacity Checks

v

FO

3

av34

Actual

2451

Maximum

4500

LOS F?

No

v

or v

3

av34

0

pc/h

(Equation 13-14 or 13-17)

Is

v

or v

3

av34

>

2700 pc/h?

No

Is

v

or v

3

av34

>

1.5 v

/2

12

No

If yes, v

=

1699

(Equation 13-15, 13-16, 13-18, or 13-19)

12A

Flow Entering Merge Influence Area

v

R12

Actual

2451

Max Desirable

4600

Violation?

No

Level of Service Determination (if not F)

Density, D = 5.475 + 0.00734 v

+ 0.0078 v

- 0.00627 L

=

19.9

pc/mi/ln

R

R

12

A

Level of service for ramp-freeway junction areas of influence

B

Speed Estimation

Intermediate speed variable,

M

=

0.303

S

Space mean speed in ramp influence area,

S

=

51.1

mph

R

Space mean speed in outer lanes,

S

=

N/A

mph

0

Space mean speed for all vehicles,

S

=

51.1

mph