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_____Merge Analysis_____

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Analysis time period: PM
Freeway/Dir of Travel: I-385 NB
Junction: Woodruff - I-385 NB
Jurisdiction: Greenville, SC
Analysis Year: 2035
Description: I-85/I-385 Alternate 4A

_____Freeway Data_____

Type of analysis	Merge	
Number of lanes in freeway	3	
Free-flow speed on freeway	55.0	mph
Volume on freeway	4041	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	1317	vph
Length of first accel/decel lane	600	ft
Length of second accel/decel lane		ft

_____Adjacent Ramp Data (if one exists)_____

Does adjacent ramp exist?	No	
Volume on adjacent Ramp		vph
Position of adjacent Ramp		
Type of adjacent Ramp		
Distance to adjacent Ramp		ft

_____Conversion to pc/h Under Base Conditions_____

Junction Components	Freeway	Ramp	Adjacent Ramp	
Volume, V (vph)	4041	1317		vph
Peak-hour factor, PHF	0.90	0.90		
Peak 15-min volume, v15	1123	366		v
Trucks and buses	18	18		%
Recreational vehicles	0	0		%
Terrain type:	Level	Level		
Grade	%	%	%	%
Length	mi	mi	mi	mi
Trucks and buses PCE, ET	1.5	1.5		
Recreational vehicle PCE, ER	1.2	1.2		

Heavy vehicle adjustment, fHV	0.917	0.917	
Driver population factor, fP	1.00	1.00	
Flow rate, vp	4894	1595	pcph

Estimation of V12 Merge Areas

$$L = \text{(Equation 13-6 or 13-7)}$$

$$EQ$$

$$P = 0.594 \quad \text{Using Equation 1}$$

$$FM$$

$$v_{12} = v_F (P) = 2909 \quad pc/h$$

Capacity Checks

	Actual	Maximum	LOS F?
v _{FO}	6489	6750	No
v ₃ or v _{av34}	1985 pc/h	(Equation 13-14 or 13-17)	
Is v ₃ or v _{av34} > 2700 pc/h?		No	
Is v ₃ or v _{av34} > 1.5 v ₁₂ / 2		No	
If yes, v _{12A} = 2909		(Equation 13-15, 13-16, 13-18, or 13-19)	

Flow Entering Merge Influence Area

	Actual	Max Desirable	Violation?
v _{R12}	6489	4600	No

Level of Service Determination (if not F)

$$\text{Density, } D = 5.475 + 0.00734 v_R + 0.0078 v_{12} - 0.00627 L_A = 36.1 \quad pc/mi/ln$$

Level of service for ramp-freeway junction areas of influence E

Speed Estimation

Intermediate speed variable,	M	= 0.619	
Space mean speed in ramp influence area,	S _R	= 46.9	mph
Space mean speed in outer lanes,	S ₀	= 49.7	mph
Space mean speed for all vehicles,	S	= 47.7	mph