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_____Merge Analysis_____

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Date performed: 8/25/2011
Analysis time period: PM
Freeway/Dir of Travel: I-385 SB
Junction: I-385 to I-85NB
Jurisdiction: Greenville, SC
Analysis Year: 2035
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 | 2513 | vph |

_____On Ramp Data_____

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Side of freeway | Right | |
| Number of lanes in ramp | 1 | |
| Free-flow speed on ramp | 55.0 | mph |
| Volume on ramp | 1875 | vph |
| Length of first accel/decel lane | 1500 | 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) | 2513 | 1875 | | vph |
| Peak-hour factor, PHF | 0.90 | 0.90 | | |
| Peak 15-min volume, v15 | 698 | 521 | | v |
| Trucks and buses | 18 | 18 | | % |
| Recreational vehicles | 0 | 0 | | % |
| Terrain type: | Level | Level | | |
| Grade | % | % | | % |
| Length | mi | mi | | mi |
| Trucks and buses PCE, ET | 1.5 | 1.5 | | |
| Recreational vehicle PCE, ER | 1.2 | 1.2 | | |

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|-------------------------------|-------|-------|------|
| Heavy vehicle adjustment, fHV | 0.917 | 0.917 | |
| Driver population factor, fP | 1.00 | 1.00 | |
| Flow rate, vp | 3044 | 2271 | pcph |

Estimation of V12 Merge Areas

$L =$ (Equation 13-6 or 13-7)
 EQ
 $P = 1.000$ Using Equation 0
 FM
 $v_{12} = v_F (P_{FM}) = 3044$ pc/h

Capacity Checks

| | Actual | Maximum | LOS F? |
|---|--------|--|--------|
| v_{FO} | 5315 | 4500 | Yes |
| v_3 or v_{av34} | 0 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, $v_{12A} = 3044$ | | (Equation 13-15, 13-16, 13-18, or 13-19) | |

Flow Entering Merge Influence Area

| | Actual | Max Desirable | Violation? |
|-----------|--------|---------------|------------|
| v_{R12} | 5315 | 4600 | Yes |

Level of Service Determination (if not F)

Density, $D = 5.475 + 0.00734 v_R + 0.0078 v_{12} - 0.00627 L_A = 36.5$ pc/mi/ln
 Level of service for ramp-freeway junction areas of influence F

Speed Estimation

| | | |
|--|---------------|-----|
| Intermediate speed variable, | $M_S = 0.949$ | |
| Space mean speed in ramp influence area, | $S_R = 42.7$ | mph |
| Space mean speed in outer lanes, | $S_0 = N/A$ | mph |
| Space mean speed for all vehicles, | $S = 42.7$ | mph |