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-----Merge Analysis-----

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Analysis time period: PM  
Freeway/Dir of Travel: I-385 SB  
Junction: Woodruff  
Jurisdiction: Greenville, SC  
Analysis Year: 2035  
Description: I-85/I-385 No-Build

-----Freeway Data-----

Type of analysis	Merge	
Number of lanes in freeway	3	
Free-flow speed on freeway	60.0	mph
Volume on freeway	7010	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	883	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?	Yes	
Volume on adjacent Ramp	1914	vph
Position of adjacent Ramp	Upstream	
Type of adjacent Ramp	Off	
Distance to adjacent Ramp	3000	ft

-----Conversion to pc/h Under Base Conditions-----

Junction Components	Freeway	Ramp	Adjacent Ramp	
Volume, V (vph)	7010	883	1914	vph
Peak-hour factor, PHF	0.90	0.90	0.90	
Peak 15-min volume, v15	1947	245	532	v
Trucks and buses	18	18	18	%
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	0.917	
Driver population factor, fP	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Flow rate, vp	8490	1069	2318	pcph

#### Estimation of V12 Merge Areas

$$L = 2663.03 \text{ (Equation 13-6 or 13-7)}$$

$$EQ$$

$$P = 0.619 \text{ Using Equation 1}$$

$$FM$$

$$v_{12} = v_F (P_{FM}) = 5260 \text{ pc/h}$$

#### Capacity Checks

		Actual	Maximum	LOS F?
v <sub>FO</sub>		9559	6900	Yes
v <sub>3</sub> or v <sub>av34</sub>		3230 pc/h	(Equation 13-14 or 13-17)	
Is v <sub>3</sub> or v <sub>av34</sub> > 2700 pc/h?			Yes	
Is v <sub>3</sub> or v <sub>av34</sub> > 1.5 v <sub>12</sub> / 2			No	
If yes, v <sub>12A</sub> = 5790			(Equation 13-15, 13-16, 13-18, or 13-19)	

#### Flow Entering Merge Influence Area

	Actual	Max Desirable	Violation?
v <sub>12A</sub>	9559	4600	Yes

#### Level of Service Determination (if not F)

$$\text{Density, } D = 5.475 + 0.00734 v_R + 0.0078 v_{12} - 0.00627 L_A = 49.1 \text{ pc/mi/ln}$$

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

#### Speed Estimation

Intermediate speed variable,	M	= 3.900	
Space mean speed in ramp influence area,	S <sub>R</sub>	= -10.2	mph
Space mean speed in outer lanes,	S <sub>0</sub>	= 51.1	mph
Space mean speed for all vehicles,	S	=	mph