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

Analyst:
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Date performed: 05/02/17
Analysis time period: 8:00AM-9:00AM
Freeway/Dir of Travel: I-85 Southbound
Junction: Tribal Rd On-Ramp to I-85 SB
Jurisdiction: SCDOT
Analysis Year: 2040 Build Conditions
Description:

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

Type of analysis	Merge	
Number of lanes in freeway	3	
Free-flow speed on freeway	69.0	mph
Volume on freeway	1470	vph

-----On Ramp Data-----

Side of freeway	Right	
Number of lanes in ramp	1	
Free-flow speed on ramp	35.0	mph
Volume on ramp	254	vph
Length of first accel/decel lane	900	ft
Length of second accel/decel lane		ft

-----Adjacent Ramp Data (if one exists)-----

Does adjacent ramp exist?	Yes	
Volume on adjacent Ramp	99	vph
Position of adjacent Ramp	Downstream	
Type of adjacent Ramp	Off	
Distance to adjacent Ramp	3467	ft

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

Junction Components	Freeway	Ramp	Adjacent Ramp	
Volume, V (vph)	1470	254	99	vph
Peak-hour factor, PHF	0.94	0.94	0.94	
Peak 15-min volume, v15	391	68	26	v
Trucks and buses	30	0	0	%
Recreational vehicles	0	0	0	%
Terrain type:	Rolling	Level	Level	
Grade	%	%	%	
Length	mi	mi	mi	
Trucks and buses PCE, ET	2.5	1.5	1.5	
Recreational vehicle PCE, ER	2.0	1.2	1.2	

Heavy vehicle adjustment, fHV	0.690	1.000	1.000	
Driver population factor, fP	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Flow rate, vp	2268	270	105	pcph

Estimation of V12 Merge Areas

$$L = 509.96 \quad (\text{Equation 13-6 or 13-7})$$

$$EQ$$

$$P = 0.603 \quad \text{Using Equation 1}$$

$$FM$$

$$v_{12} = v_F (P_{FM}) = 1367 \quad \text{pc/h}$$

Capacity Checks

	Actual	Maximum	LOS F?
v _{FO}	2538	7170	No
v ₃ or v _{av34}	901 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		Yes	
If yes, v _{12A} = 1367		(Equation 13-15, 13-16, 13-18, or 13-19)	

Flow Entering Merge Influence Area

	Actual	Max Desirable	Violation?
v _{12A}	1637	4600	No

Level of Service Determination (if not F)

$$\text{Density, } D = 5.475 + 0.00734 v_R + 0.0078 v_{12} - 0.00627 L_A = 12.5 \quad \text{pc/mi/ln}$$

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

Speed Estimation

Intermediate speed variable,	M _S = 0.278	
Space mean speed in ramp influence area,	S _R = 61.5	mph
Space mean speed in outer lanes,	S ₀ = 67.6	mph
Space mean speed for all vehicles,	S = 63.5	mph