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_____Merge Analysis_____

Analyst:
Agency/Co.: Stantec
Date performed: 11/10/2016
Analysis time period: 2:00PM-3:00PM
Freeway/Dir of Travel: I-85 Northbound
Junction: Gaffney Ferry On Ramp to I-85
Jurisdiction: SCDOT
Analysis Year: 2040 No Build Conditions
Description:

_____Freeway Data_____

Type of analysis	Merge	
Number of lanes in freeway	2	
Free-flow speed on freeway	69.8	mph
Volume on freeway	3578	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	10	vph
Length of first accel/decel lane	780	ft
Length of second accel/decel lane		ft

_____Adjacent Ramp Data (if one exists)_____

Does adjacent ramp exist?	Yes	
Volume on adjacent Ramp	217	vph
Position of adjacent Ramp	Upstream	
Type of adjacent Ramp	On	
Distance to adjacent Ramp	5100	ft

_____Conversion to pc/h Under Base Conditions_____

Junction Components	Freeway	Ramp	Adjacent Ramp	
Volume, V (vph)	3578	10	217	vph
Peak-hour factor, PHF	0.94	0.94	0.94	
Peak 15-min volume, v15	952	3	58	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	5519	11	231	pcph

Estimation of V12 Merge Areas

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

$$EQ$$

$$P = 1.000 \quad \text{Using Equation } 0$$

$$FM$$

$$v_{12} = v_F (P_{FM}) = 5519 \quad \text{pc/h}$$

Capacity Checks

		Actual	Maximum	LOS F?
v _{FO}		5530	4796	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} = 5519			(Equation 13-15, 13-16, 13-18, or 13-19)	

Flow Entering Merge Influence Area

	Actual	Max Desirable	Violation?
v _{R12}	5530	4600	Yes

Level of Service Determination (if not F)

$$\text{Density, } D = 5.475 + 0.00734 v_R + 0.0078 v_{12} - 0.00627 L_A = 43.7 \quad \text{pc/mi/ln}$$

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

Speed Estimation

Intermediate speed variable,	M _S = 1.250	
Space mean speed in ramp influence area,	S _R = 35.1	mph
Space mean speed in outer lanes,	S ₀ = N/A	mph
Space mean speed for all vehicles,	S = 35.1	mph