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### Merge Analysis

Analyst:  
Agency/Co.: Stantec  
Date performed: 11/9/2016  
Analysis time period: 8:00AM-9:00AM  
Freeway/Dir of Travel: I-85 Northbound  
Junction: Blacksburg On Ramp to I-85 NB  
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	69.8	mph
Volume on freeway	1932	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	102	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	399	vph
Position of adjacent Ramp	Upstream	
Type of adjacent Ramp	Off	
Distance to adjacent Ramp	1440	ft

### Conversion to pc/h Under Base Conditions

Junction Components	Freeway	Ramp	Adjacent Ramp	
Volume, V (vph)	1932	102	399	vph
Peak-hour factor, PHF	0.94	0.94	0.94	
Peak 15-min volume, v15	514	27	106	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	2980	109	424	pcph

#### Estimation of V12 Merge Areas

$$L = 488.85 \quad (\text{Equation 13-6 or 13-7})$$

$$EQ$$

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

$$FM$$

$$v_{12} = v_F (P_{FM}) = 1796 \quad \text{pc/h}$$

#### Capacity Checks

	Actual	Maximum	LOS F?
v <sub>FO</sub>	3089	7194	No
v <sub>3</sub> or v <sub>av34</sub>	1184 pc/h	(Equation 13-14 or 13-17)	
Is v <sub>3</sub> or v <sub>av34</sub> > 2700 pc/h?		No	
Is v <sub>3</sub> or v <sub>av34</sub> > 1.5 v <sub>12</sub> / 2		Yes	
If yes, v <sub>12A</sub> = 1796		(Equation 13-15, 13-16, 13-18, or 13-19)	

#### Flow Entering Merge Influence Area

	Actual	Max Desirable	Violation?
v <sub>12A</sub>	1905	4600	No

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

$$\text{Density, } D = 5.475 + 0.00734 v_R + 0.0078 v_{12} - 0.00627 L_A = 14.6 \quad \text{pc/mi/ln}$$

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

#### Speed Estimation

Intermediate speed variable,	M <sub>S</sub> = 0.284	
Space mean speed in ramp influence area,	S <sub>R</sub> = 61.9	mph
Space mean speed in outer lanes,	S <sub>0</sub> = 67.3	mph
Space mean speed for all vehicles,	S = 63.9	mph