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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: Shelby Hwy On Ramp to I-85 NB
Jurisdiction: SCDOT
Analysis Year: 2015 Existing Conditions
Description:

_____ Freeway Data _____

Type of analysis	Merge	
Number of lanes in freeway	2	
Free-flow speed on freeway	69.5	mph
Volume on freeway	2297	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	169	vph
Length of first accel/decel lane	560	ft
Length of second accel/decel lane		ft

_____ Adjacent Ramp Data (if one exists) _____

Does adjacent ramp exist?	Yes	
Volume on adjacent Ramp	8	vph
Position of adjacent Ramp	Downstream	
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)	2297	169	8	vph
Peak-hour factor, PHF	0.94	0.94	0.94	
Peak 15-min volume, v15	611	45	2	v
Trucks and buses	30	0	100	%
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	0.667	
Driver population factor, fP	1.00	1.00	1.00	
Flow rate, vp	3543	180	13	pcph

Estimation of V12 Merge Areas

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

$$EQ$$

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

$$FM$$

$$v_{12} = v_F (P_{FM}) = 3543 \quad \text{pc/h}$$

Capacity Checks

	Actual	Maximum	LOS F?
v_{FO}	3723	4790	No
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, $v_{12A} = 3543$		(Equation 13-15, 13-16, 13-18, or 13-19)	

Flow Entering Merge Influence Area

	Actual	Max Desirable	Violation?
v_{R12}	3723	4600	No

Level of Service Determination (if not F)

$$\text{Density, } D = 5.475 + 0.00734 v_R + 0.0078 v_{12} - 0.00627 L_A = 30.9 \quad \text{pc/mi/ln}$$

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

Speed Estimation

Intermediate speed variable,	$M_S = 0.443$	
Space mean speed in ramp influence area,	$S_R = 57.3$	mph
Space mean speed in outer lanes,	$S_0 = \text{N/A}$	mph
Space mean speed for all vehicles,	$S = 57.3$	mph