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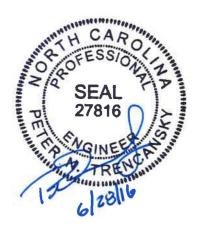
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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to construct State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project Number I-5714 (I-77 at Gilead Road interchange) The proposed improvements include converting the existing diamond interchange to a diverging diamond interchange (DDI).

The Purpose Statement for the project is to reduce delay and congestion at the interchange by reconfiguring the interchange. One of the primary goals of the analysis was to improve the interchanges such that, in the 2040 design year, traffic did not back up onto I-77 and cause delays to the freeway traffic. The objective of this technical memorandum is to analyze the traffic operations for the proposed conversion of the existing diamond interchange to a DDI. The study includes the analysis of the 2015 existing scenario and 2040 scenarios for both the No-Build and Build conditions. The analysis utilizes microscopic simulation of each of the scenarios in TransModeler, including the development of a visually validated base year model that was developed from a larger calibrated model of the I-77 Corridor.

Currently, I-77 carries between 94,600 vehicles per day (vpd) and 99,700 vpd with the volumes along Gilead Road ranging from 33,100 to 38,600 vpd and the volumes along US 21 parallel to I-77 ranging from 17,900 to 21,400. By 2040, the volume on I-77 (including the Express Lanes) is anticipated to carry between 124,500 and 134,700 vpd, while Gilead Road is anticipated to increase to between 45,900 and 52,300 vpd and US 21 is anticipated to increase to between 50,000 and 61,800 vpd.

### 2015 Base Year No-Build Scenario

The analysis of the existing conditions within the study area shows that the traffic is generally operating at an unsatisfactory level, with 9 of 10 freeway segments operating at  $LOS_s^1$  E or F during either the AM or PM peak period. At the overall intersection level both of the signalized intersections associated with the I-77 interchange are operating at  $LOS_s$  D or better; however, at the lane group<sup>2</sup> level six individual lane groups have movements that operate at  $LOS_s$  E or F during one or both the peak periods. The adjacent intersection of Gilead Road and US 21 is currently operating at an overall intersection  $LOS_s$  F during the AM peak and  $LOS_s$  E during the PM Peak. Additionally, an evaluation of the queue lengths<sup>3</sup> along the ramps showed that during the AM peak period the I-77 Southbound ramp is backing up onto I-77 and affecting through traffic along I-77.

### 2040 Future Year No-Build Scenario

The 2040 No-Build analysis shows what the traffic operations in the study area are anticipated to be if all of the planned projects within the study area, with the exception of the proposed project, are constructed. Without the proposed project, it is anticipated that I-77 will operate at LOS<sub>s</sub> E or F at 9 of 10 segments during at least one of the peak periods. The analysis of the signalized intersections shows that it is anticipated that one of the two signals associated with the Gilead Road interchange will operate at an overall LOS<sub>s</sub> E during one of the peak periods. The analysis of the signalized intersections at the lane group level shows that seven lane groups are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>s</sub> E or F in 2040 under the no-build scenario. Additionally, an analysis of the queue lengths found that the I-77 Northbound ramp is anticipated to have queue lengths that exceed its length during the both the AM and PM peak periods and will result in queuing on I-77.

### 2040 Future Year Build Scenario - Alternative 1

The proposed improvements included in Build Alternative 1 are described as follows:

- Convert existing interchange to DDI with 3 lanes in each direction along Gilead Road through the interchange
- Add 240-foot northbound turn lane on Reese Boulevard and changed the lane markings to include an exclusive left lane, through lane, and dual right turn lanes

<sup>3</sup> Queue lengths are the distance traffic backs up along a roadway at an intersection or bottleneck.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> LOS<sub>s</sub> denotes simulation based Level of Service that is consistent with the methodologies included in the Highway Capacity Manual, 2010 Edition

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A lane group is generally defined as a set of lanes that operate at the same time during the signal phase and may be either exclusive movements (such as a left or right turn) or shared movements from a single lane (shared through and right turn lane).

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The 2040 Build analysis for Alternative 1 shows what the traffic operations in the study area are anticipated to be if Alternative 1 is constructed. With Alternative 1 constructed, it is anticipated that I-77 will operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  E or F at 8 of 10 segments during at least one of the peak periods. The analysis of the signalized intersections shows that all of the intersection movements associated with the DDI ramp terminals, at a lane group level, will operate at an overall LOS $_{\rm S}$  C or better. Additionally, an analysis of the queue lengths found that none of the ramps are anticipated to have queue lengths that exceed their length; therefore, no traffic is anticipated to back up onto I-77.

### 2040 Future Year Build Scenario - Alternative 2

The proposed improvements included in Build Alternative are described as follows:

- Convert existing interchange to DDI with 3 lanes in the westbound direction and 2 lanes in the eastbound direction along Gilead Road through the interchange
- Add 240-foot northbound turn lane on Reese Boulevard and changed the lane markings to include an exclusive left lane, through lane, and dual right turn lanes

The 2040 Build analysis for Alternative 2 shows what the traffic operations in the study area are anticipated to be if Alternative 2 is constructed. With Alternative 2 constructed, it is anticipated that I-77 will operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  E or F at 8 of 10 segments during at least one of the peak periods. The analysis of the signalized intersections shows that all of the intersection movements associated with the DDI ramp terminals, at a lane group level, will operate at an overall LOS $_{\rm S}$  C or better. Additionally, an analysis of the queue lengths found that none of the ramps are anticipated to have queue lengths that exceed their length; therefore, no traffic is anticipated to back up onto I-77.

### **Conclusions and Recommendation**

Based on the results of the analysis it is recommended that Build Alternative 1 be constructed for STIP Project Number I-5714 as it provides the best operations within the study area. Overall, both of the Build Alternatives operate about the same for the I-77 Corridor with LOS $_{\rm S}$  F in the southbound direction during the AM peak and LOS $_{\rm S}$  F in the northbound direction during the PM peak. The I-77/Gilead Road interchange operates slightly better for Alternative 1 with the additional eastbound lane allowing for improved operations for eastbound traffic along Gilead Road and to I-77 Northbound. The primary benefit of Alternative 1 is that it allows for substantially lower queue lengths to the west of the I-77 ramp terminal, allowing for substantially improved operations for Reese Boulevard. For Alternative 2, the eastbound queues at the I-77 Southbound ramp terminal extend all the way back to Reese Boulevard and do not allow all of the traffic turning from Reese Boulevard to access Gilead Road due to the queuing. The overall delay at the Gilead Road/Reese Boulevard intersection is decreased by over 20 seconds for Alternative 1 with several individual lane groups having over a 100-second improvement in delay.

The traffic operations analysis showed that the DDI would work well for the 2040 traffic; however, the operations are closely tied to the operations of the US 21/Gilead Road intersection. In order for the 2040 analysis to operate acceptably the median u-turn configuration along US 21 was used to meter traffic into the interchange area. The segment of Gilead Road westbound between US 21 and I-77 was found to be the critical link in the operations of the interchange and the operations were optimized when the signal was coordinated such that the US 21 Southbound movement to Gilead Road was coordinated with the westbound movement along Gilead Road through the DDI. For the interchange to operate efficiently, the coordination should advance from US 21 SB to Gilead Road Westbound and the US 21 u-turn signals should be timed such that they do not allow the US 21/Gilead Road intersection to be overloaded.

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### 1. PROJECT BACKGROUND

Patriot Transportation Engineering, PLLC (Patriot), has been contracted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to develop the traffic operations for NCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project Number I-5714; I-77 at Gilead Road Interchange Improvements in Mecklenburg County.

### 1.1 PURPOSE OF TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

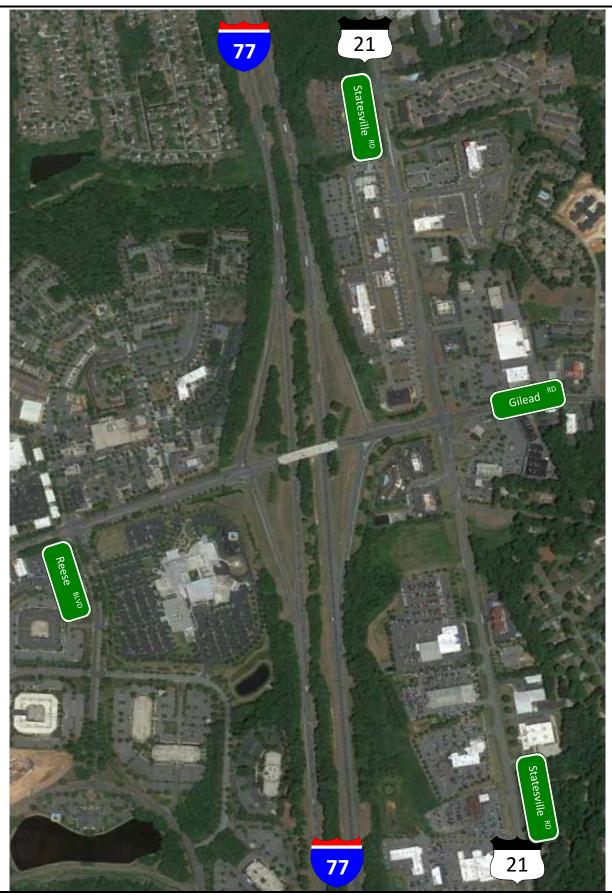
The purpose of this technical memorandum is to analyze the traffic operations for the proposed conversion of the existing diamond interchange to a diverging diamond interchange. The study includes the analysis of the 2015 and 2040 Scenarios for the No-Build and two 2040 Build scenarios. The analysis utilizes microscopic simulation of each of the scenarios in TransModeler (Version 4, Build 6070), including the development of a visually validated base year model that is based on a larger calibrated model of the I-77 corridor.

### 1.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Interstate 77 is a four-lane divided facility with a 160-foot grass median within the project study area. The Project Study Area, shown in Figure 1-1, includes Exit 23, a diamond interchange at Gilead Road with ramps in all four quadrants. Along Gilead Road the analysis also includes the following intersections: Reese Boulevard (signalized), I-77 SB ramp terminal (signalized), I-77 NB ramp terminal (signalized) and US 21 (Statesville Road) (signalized).

The analysis of the proposed project includes the evaluation of two design alternatives for converting the diamond interchange into a diverging diamond interchange in an effort to improve traffic operations.





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Figure 1-1

**Project Study Area** 



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### 2. DESCRIPTION OF SCENARIOS ANALYZED

The scenarios that require analysis as a part of this study include analysis of both existing and future conditions, both with and without the project. The following scenarios were evaluated in the microscopic simulation of the traffic operations.

### 2.1 2015 BASE YEAR NO-BUILD CONDITIONS

The Base Year No-Build analysis is based on the current traffic volumes and existing configuration of the transportation network within the project study area. This analysis provides a baseline for comparison against future scenarios. The 2015 Base Year No-Build Model includes visual validation, which is the process of comparing the overall model-predicted traffic performance against field observations of traffic performance, and modifying parameters to better emulate the observed conditions. The objective of visual validation is to obtain a reasonable match between model performance estimates and the field observations during the base year period and then utilize the parameters developed in the validated model to evaluate alternative scenarios including future years and/or design variations.

### 2.2 2040 FUTURE YEAR NO-BUILD AND BUILD SCENARIOS

These scenarios evaluated what the traffic operations will be in the vicinity of the proposed project in the design year 2040 if the proposed project is or is not constructed. The 2040 scenarios assume that all improvements included in the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (CRTPO) *Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (2040 MTP), adopted April 16, 2014, are completed. There are four projects from the 2040 MTP located within the study area:

- US 21 (Statesville Road) Widening from Gilead Road to Holly Point Drive
- US 21 (Statesville Road) Widening from WT Harris Boulevard to Gilead Road
- I-77 Managed Lanes from I-277 to West Catawba Avenue (STIP I-5405)
- US 21/Gilead Road Intersection Improvements (STIP U-5114)

### 3. METHODOLOGY

The use of microscopic simulation was completed using TransModeler software (version 4.0 Build 6070), due to the complexity of the project and the integration of freeway and arterial networks. TransModeler is a microscopic, behavior-based multi-purpose traffic simulation program that has emerged as one of the leading simulation software programs. For many engineering disciplines, simulation has become an indispensable instrument for the optimization of complex technical systems. This is also true for transportation planning and traffic engineering, where simulation is an invaluable and cost-reducing tool. The microscopic simulation model was developed for the build and no-build alternatives for the project and was based on a validated base model for the area.

The methodology for microscopic simulation begins with a base model developed from data collected for the transportation network. The base model is then validated against the observations made in the field to arrive at a validated base model. Once the base model is validated, the future year build alternatives can be developed and their results compared. For this study, a larger model of the I-77 Corridor from south of I-485 to north of Catawba Avenue was developed and is documented in the *Traffic Operations Analysis Technical Memorandum for STIP Project I-5715* (Patriot Transportation Engineering and Kimley-Horn and Associates, 2016). The larger model was calibrated based on actual traffic and speed data collected in November 2014. The analysis for the subject project included clipping the portion of the model for the project study area out of the corridor model and utilizing all of the parameters from the calibrated model.

### 4. MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS

Measures of Effectiveness (MOE) are system performance statistics that best characterize the degree to which a particular alternative meets the project objectives. The MOEs for microscopic simulation can be abundant due to the nature of the type of analysis. On an overall network level, MOEs such as vehicle hours traveled (VHT), vehicle miles traveled (VMT), average system speed, average system delay, and number of stops can provide overall indications of the operations of a network. The primary MOEs for freeway facilities are typically average speed, density and Level of Service for individual segments within the network. For arterial corridors, the primary MOEs are control delay, Level of Service and queue lengths.

The selection of MOEs for the evaluation is critical, especially as the *FHWA Traffic Analysis Toolbox* cautions against the use of LOS in comparing simulation results to the HCM derived results. It notes that the analyst needs to review the software documentation to understand the differences and to be sure that the microsimulation software is calculating LOS properly. Based on a review of the TransModeler documentation and discussions with Caliper, the software developer, the project team feels comfortable that the software appropriately presents the LOS results in a manner that is consistent with the HCM 2010 methodologies. However, to be clear that there is a difference between the empirically derived HCM methodologies and those derived through simulation, the use of the "LOS<sub>S</sub>" is being utilized to denote that the LOS is a simulation based LOS result.

Several additional considerations must be evaluated when determining how to interpret simulation based MOEs. According to the *FHWA Traffic Analysis Toolbox*, the analyst needs to determine if the alternatives should be evaluated based on their average predicted performance or their worst case predicted performance. Typically, the worst case predicted performance is determined based on a calculation of the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile result. Additionally, the HCM 2010 methodologies are based on an analysis of the peak hour of the day, with a further adjustment to the peak 15-minute period within the peak hour for the analysis. Following discussions with the project team it was determined that the most appropriate application for LOS<sub>S</sub> would include extracting the data in one-hour increments and applying the following formula (taken from Section 6.3.3 of the *FHWA Traffic Analysis Toolbox, Volume III*) to determine the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile worst result:

95%Worst Result = m + 1.64 • s

where:

m = mean observed result in the model runs

s = standard deviation of the result in the model runs

Additionally, the microscopic simulation models were developed to account for both the horizontal and vertical geometry of the design. TransModeler accounts for the vertical geometry through the use of a grade on each roadway; therefore, it was necessary to break the links into segments where there is a change in grade. Due to the breaks in a link, it is possible that a series of segments will make up the limits of a link that will be analyzed as a single analysis point in HCM. For example, a basic freeway segment that is three-miles long and has a two-mile downgrade at 5 percent followed by a one-mile upgrade of 3 percent, will actually be broken into two segment in the simulation but would be analyzed as a single segment in the deterministic HCM approach. Therefore, the LOS calculations for freeway segments (basic freeway segments and freeway weaving) will be based on the aggregation of the individual segments, utilizing a weighted average of the results based on length.

Additionally, the Highway Capacity Manual 2010 does not include a definitive density threshold for LOS F along isolated freeway merge/diverge segments and weaving segments, and simply includes the conclusion that LOS F occurs when demand exceeds capacity. Because simulation models do not include capacity as an input, the determination of LOS is very difficult. TransModeler does include a complex calculation that will determine the LOS for each individual simulation run. However, because part of the methodology is to use the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile worst case

result, the ability to determine this for aggregated data for multiple simulation runs is not possible. Therefore, it was decided that the LOS F threshold would be set at 45 pc/mi/ln, which corresponds to the LOS threshold for Freeway Facilities as described on Page 10-9 of the HCM 2010.

The default parameters in TransModeler do have one condition that is not fully compatible with the HCM 2010 methodology. TransModeler defines the Vehicle Fleet Attributes for Passenger Car Equivalents (PCE) in a different manner than the HCM 2010. Therefore, prior to running any output the >Parameters>Vehicle Fleet>Attributes were changed to 1.0 for the PU class and 2.5 for the TT and ST classes, consistent with the HCM methodology for rolling terrain.

For this analysis it was determined that the use of segment level MOEs for the freeway elements, such as density and level of service, would be used as the primary method of comparison for alternatives. For the arterial portions of the study area, the control delay and level of service at each intersection is the primary MOE. The queue lengths also played a substantial role in the evaluation as the goal was to improve the operations such that traffic will not queue onto the mainline portions of I-77.

In TransModeler there are two types of queue MOEs: 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queue lengths for each lane group and spillback queue lengths for each intersection approach. The lane group level queue lengths are limited to the length of the link in TransModeler and any exceedance of the link length is noted by what percentage of the simulation period includes the queue exceeding the link length. Due to this limitation, the second queue length measure is the spillback queue length that reports the maximum queue length along each approach to the intersection and follows the queue back as far as it reaches. Therefore, the queue length MOE includes both the link level 95<sup>th</sup> percentile queue for each lane group and the maximum spillback queue length for each approach to the intersection.

The following MOEs were developed for each scenario being analyzed:

- Freeway MOEs
  - o Freeway LOS by Analysis Segment
- Intersection MOEs
  - o Delay and LOS by Intersection for signalized intersections
  - o Delay and LOS by Lane Group for signalized and stop-controlled intersections
  - o 95<sup>th</sup> percentile Queue Length by Lane Group for all intersections
  - o Maximum Spillback Queue by Approach for all intersections

### 5. TRAFFIC VOLUME DEVELOPMENT

Traffic demand is one of the most important elements of a simulation project. Defining traffic demand in TransModeler includes not only the volumes of vehicle trips to be simulated, but also the paths vehicles choose to travel to reach their assigned destination. Traffic demand can be specified through a variety of methods, such as defining link volumes and turning movements, origin-destination trip tables, or a specific set of vehicle paths.

The primary source of volume data for this study was the *Traffic Forecast for I-5714/I-5715* (NCDOT, April 2015). A copy of the traffic forecast diagrams are included in Appendix A.

### 5.1 ORIGIN-DESTINATION MATRIX DEVELOPMENT

For a network of this size and the level of detail for the design options, it was determined that utilizing an Origin-Destination (O-D) matrix would be the best method to define how the actual volumes are loaded onto the network. Trip matrices have two components. The first component is an O-D matrix that lists the number of trips between each O-D pair. The second component is a set of Trip Matrix Settings which govern the specifics of how each of the trips between each O-D pair should be simulated. The trip matrix settings are saved as part of the standard matrix file. Both components are necessary in order to use a Trip Matrix as a simulation input.

The TransModeler model is capable of using unbalanced input volumes and using its own algorithms to balance the network; however, using this method of traffic volume input can produce inaccuracies in actual processed volumes at particular locations. To accurately model the network in TransModeler, the input volumes were developed into a balanced network. The traffic forecast for the proposed project is based on Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) with Directional Split (D) and Design Hourly Volume factor (K). The forecast volumes are balanced with regard to AADT; however, the K factor varied throughout the analysis. The traffic forecast was first converted to peak hour volumes for each of the intersections/interchanges included in the analysis. A spreadsheet based Origin-Destination Matrix Estimation (ODME) process was utilized to initially balance the network and develop a balanced O-D matrix. The O-D matrix was then reviewed based on the trip patterns from the calibrated 2014 network and modified manually to better represent the calibrated travel patterns. Vehicle fleet data was defined at the entry node level for the model as there was not a substantial variation in the truck percentages for the modeled roadways.

At the completion of the O-D matrix development process, the demand volumes for the AM and PM peaks were established. However, the matrices only included the total number of trips occurring between each O-D pair and were not broken down by vehicle type. TransModeler defines the percentage of vehicle types as each trip is generated at an origin based on a distribution provided in the model. Vehicle fleet data was defined at the entry node level for the model as there was not a substantial variation in the truck percentages for the modeled roadways. The initial IAU output and each of the matrices, by vehicle class, are included in Appendix B.

### 5.2 ORIGIN-DESTINATION MATRIX SETTINGS

A variety of other parameters describe how trips are to be generated from the matrix. These settings are defined in the trip matrix settings. The trip matrix settings include four groups of information: setup, contents, paths and curves. The setup defines all parameters that apply to the entire matrix. The contents determine the parameters for all cores in a matrix file. Additionally, the analyst can constrain the paths available to trips generated from the matrix and the rules drivers follow to choose between alternative paths. Lastly, the curves settings tab defines the loading distribution over time for traffic entering the model network.

The Trip Matrix Setup includes the basic parameters describing the O-D matrix, including the time period of the day to which the O-D matrix applies and the temporal spacing of vehicles. The model was set to have time intervals that run from 7:45 AM to 9:00 AM for the AM peak and 4:45 PM to 6:00 PM for the PM peak. The matrices were also set

up to generate departure headways by O-D and to have a random (uniform) departure headway distribution. The matrices included the matrix unit being set to an hourly rate and the time distribution being curve based.

The matrix curves used to feed traffic onto the model are based on the NCDOT defaults that create a peak hour demand with a Peak Hour Factor of 0.90. The matrix loading curves are included in Table 5-1.

 AM Peak Period
 PM Peak Period
 Percentage

 8:00-8:15
 17:00-17:15
 22.2%

 8:15-8:30
 17:15-17:30
 25.0%

17:30:17-45

17:45-18:00

27.8%

25.0%

Table 5-1: Curve Based Time Distribution

### 5.3 VEHICLE ROUTING

8:30-8:45

8:45-9:00

One of the more important tasks of a traffic simulation model is to ensure that the paths that vehicles follow through the network reflect those that drivers actually choose and that the distribution of vehicles, both in spacing throughout the network and over time throughout the simulation period, result in realistic congestion patterns. The Routing settings are project settings that are used as inputs to the route choice model. In TransModeler, a path is selected for each individual vehicle. Because of varying perceptions and behaviors, drivers traveling between the same origin-destination pair likely may not always follow the same path. Furthermore, drivers do not necessarily choose the minimum cost path. Route choice is one of the most complex of driver behaviors and one of the most critical in traffic modeling.

The route choice setting for this model was set to stochastic shortest path and included the use of turning delays. The stochastic shortest path method is similar to the deterministic shortest path in that all vehicles choose a shortest path. Path costs are randomized, however, for each individual vehicle to account for variations in perception and behavior. Thus, if multiple physical paths exist, there is not one, but multiple potential shortest paths between a given origin-destination pair.

The shortest path can be determined in one of two ways: (1) based on the free flow speed of the facilities between the origin-destination points or (2) through the use of historical travel times. The historical travel time table is a table of segment travel times by time period representing historical, or expected, average travel conditions. TransModeler employs a route choice model to determine, prior to departure, the path each vehicle will follow from its origin to its destination. That choice is primarily a function of each path's total generalized cost, which, in turn, is primarily based on historical travel time information. If no historical travel time table is given, path costs will be based on calculated free-flow travel times, which are derived from free flow speeds associated with each link's road class. The models for this study did not include the use of the TransModeler features for both historic travel times along each link and the turning delay at each node that is generated through the dynamic traffic assignment process as there were very limited alternative routes available within the simulation network.

### 6. 2015 BASE YEAR NO-BUILD ANALYSIS

### 6.1 MODEL GEOMETRY

The basis for developing the geometric data was aerial photography and contour data. Aerial photography from NCOneMap (Mecklenburg County, 2015 imagery; <a href="http://nconemap.org/">http://nconemap.org/</a>) was used as a background to digitize the network into the simulation model. The three-dimensional attributes and grades were determined based on contour data from the NCDOT GIS Unit (Elevation Data at 20-foot Grid, Mecklenburg County; <a href="https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/gis/pages/cont-elev\_v2.aspx">https://connect.ncdot.gov/resources/gis/pages/cont-elev\_v2.aspx</a>).

The limits of the model network, shown in Figure 1-1, include I-77 from south of the Gilead Road interchange (Exit 23) to north of the interchange. The model limits were selected such that they would allow for the full effects of the freeway operations to be captured and to better evaluate the project study area as part of the overall transportation system.

The geometry of the Build network is based on the build design included in the SPOT 3.0 analysis and preliminary concepts discussed with NCDOT and the design team during scoping. It is assumed that the gore locations along I-77 will not be modified under the proposed project; thus, an Interchange Access Report will not be required.

### 6.2 MODEL PARAMETERS

Every microscopic simulation package has its own unique methodology for coding the model. Most models include a default set of parameters that define how the model operates and is based on data taken from locations outside of North Carolina. The initial model development included the use of the NCDOT default parameters file for TransModeler (dated August 2015). The process of visual validation reviews and refines these model parameters to better replicate the conditions observed in the field; however, the base model must be developed first. The following sections discuss the model development process in TransModeler prior to the visual validation step.

### 6.3 INTERSECTIONS

Traffic control devices of varying designs and purposes are used in transportation systems to manage rights of way, guide traffic, and mitigate congestion. These devices vary widely from the common stop sign to changeable message signs conveying dynamic traveler information. TransModeler simulates a broad range of devices as well as the behavioral responses of drivers to those devices. Some of the more common types of traffic control devices are those used for intersection control, where conflicting traffic streams must share the same rights of way. The intersection control editing tools in TransModeler are used to create stop signs, yield signs, and traffic signals.

The geometric layouts for the signalized intersections were coded in the network according to the signal design plans collected for this study and included in Appendix C. For each signal, the signal detectors were coded based on the signal plans. The signal phases and attributes (including minimum/maximum green times, yellow and red clearance times, recall mode, and actuated signal parameters) were then coded based on the respective signal plan's Timing Chart. Next, the Ring and Barrier Table was coded in TransModeler based on the Phasing Diagram shown on the signal control plan.

### 6.3.1 SIGNAL OPTIMIZATION

The signals along the Gilead Road corridor were optimized utilizing the simulation based signal optimization feature in TransModeler. The signals were optimized for the final 50 minutes of the peak hour with a five-minute warmup period. Each corridor was optimized in 10 second increments with a minimum cycle length of 90 seconds and a maximum cycle length of 180 seconds. The default Performance Index MOE Weights were maintained as were the settings for Offset optimization. Once the optimized signal timings were developed the simulation was run and the timings were fine-tuned by the analyst on an as-needed basis.

### 6.4 VOLUME DATA AND VEHICLE ROUTING

Traffic demand and vehicle routing inputs were defined in the model as described in Section 5. The O-D matrices for the 2015 Base Year analysis are included in Appendix B.

### 6.5 OUTPUTS AND MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS

After running a simulation, the next step is to use the output statistics in order to analyze traffic conditions in the network. A variety of measures of effectiveness can be derived from these raw outputs in order to characterize the traffic operations in a network or in particular parts of a network. Such measures of performance may also be used to judge the performance of a particular traffic control scenario or geometric design. The development of selection sets in TransModeler was completed, including defining the nodes for delay and queue output and links for the spillback queue analysis. For the purposes of the 2015 Base Year Model, the MOEs detailed in Section 4 were extracted from the model and summarized in Section 6.8.

### 6.6 SIMULATION AND RUN CONTROLS

All simulation software contains run control parameters to enable the modeler to customize the software operation for their specific modeling needs. Multiple repetitions of the same model are required because microscopic simulation results will vary depending on the random number seed used in each run. The random number seed is an input that TransModeler uses to select a sequence of random numbers, which are utilized in the model to make numerous decisions throughout the simulation run. The outcomes of all of these decisions will affect the simulation results. The results of each run are usually close to the average of all of the runs; however, each run will be different from the other.

The number of repetitions required for the base model is typically based on a statistical evaluation of the results based on a desired range and confidence interval. However, experience on simulation projects in North Carolina has found that ten repetitions tends to be adequate for project level analysis. Therefore, a total of ten runs was completed initially and then reviewed to determine if the standard deviation for the output data is large enough that detailed statistical analysis is required. Based on a review of the output data it was determined that ten simulation runs would be adequate for this project. Therefore, each model was assigned a random seed between 5 and 50 in increments of 5.

When a simulation model is run, it begins with an empty network and begins loading the traffic onto the network. Due to this, the model requires a certain amount of time to reach a steady state of traffic such that the output generated is meaningful. For the base year model a 15-minute warm-up period (with the peak hour volume reduced by 25 percent) was included to allow the model to load traffic onto the network prior to any outputs being generated.

### 6.7 BASE YEAR MODEL VISUAL VALIDATION

The study area for this project is included in the study area for the I-77/NC 73 (Sam Fur Rd) Interchange (STIP Project I-5715). The I-5715 project team is currently working on a simulation study that included developing a calibrated base year model in TransModeler. The I-5714 model was created from the I-77 corridor model, which was calibrated based on collected field data. (For details on the calibration process, refer to the *Traffic Operations Analysis Technical Memorandum for STIP Project I-5715* (Patriot Transportation Engineering and Kimley-Horn and Associates, 2016.) As stated, the calibrated model was developed based on field collected data; however, the base year analysis for this study was developed based on the 2015 existing volumes from the traffic forecast. Once the 2015 forecast volumes were added to the model the simulation was reviewed and it was determined that the base year model was still visually valid.

### 6.8 2015 BASE YEAR NO-BUILD MODEL RESULTS

The output data was extracted from the TransModeler model via the Output Manager using the Delay, Queue and Queue Spillback reports. The outputs were collected in accordance with the MOEs defined in Section 4 and are summarized in the following sections.

### 6.8.1 FREEWAY RESULTS

The results of the freeway analysis are included in Table 6-1 and Figure 6-1. During the AM peak period 4 of the 10 analysis segment on I-77 are operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> D, 2 of 10 analysis segments are operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> E and 4 of 10 analysis segments is operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> F. During the PM peak period 6 of the 10 analysis segment is operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> D, 2 of the 10 analysis segment are operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> E, and 2 of 10 analysis segments are operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> F. Based on the results the following freeway segments are currently operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> E or F under the 2015 No-Build Scenario:

- I-77 Northbound, south of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, diverge to Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, between the Gilead Road ramps is operating at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, merge from Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, north of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, diverge to Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, between the Gilead Road ramps is operating at LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, merge from Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, south of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> E during the AM Peak

Level of Service<sup>1</sup> Segment No. AM PM AM PΜ Description Type I-77 Northbound, south of Gilead Road 28.9 42.5 D BFS 8 I-77 Northbound to Gilead Road 30.6 46.1 D Diverge 9 I-77 Northbound, between Gilead Road Ramps 35.4 BFS 51.5 10 I-77 Northbound from Gilead Road 31.5 36.4 D Merge 11 29.6 I-77 Northbound, north of Gilead Road 32.8 D D **BFS** D 12 BFS I-77 Southbound, north of Gilead Road 58.3 28.0 F 13 I-77 Southbound to Gilead Road 65.7 34.6 D Diverge 14 75.5 27.6 **BFS** I-77 Southbound, between Gilead Road Ramps F D 15 I-77 Southbound, from Gilead Rd 56.9 29.2 F D Merge 16 **BFS** I-77 Southbound, south of Gilead Road 38.4 32.3 D

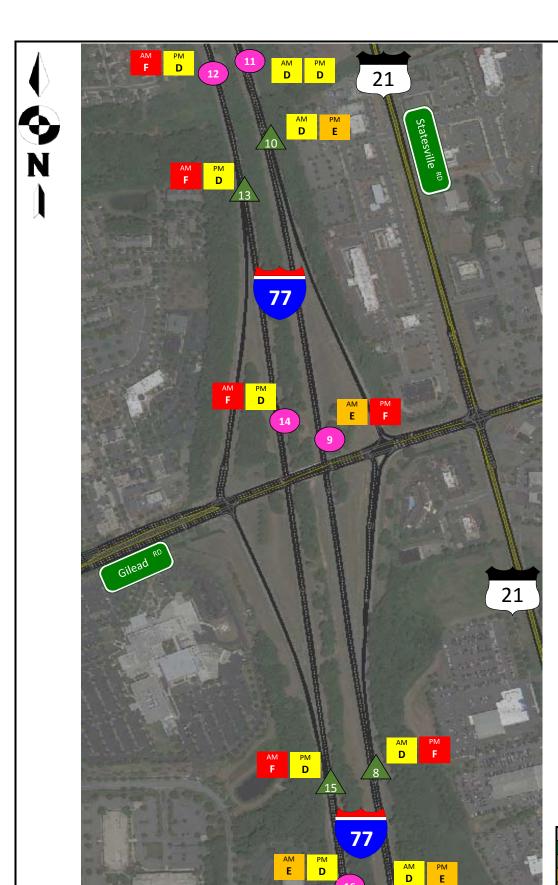
Table 6-1: 2015 Base Year No-Build Freeway Measures of Effectiveness

Notes:

### 6.8.2 ARTERIAL/INTERSECTION RESULTS

The results of the intersection analysis along the arterial portions of the study area are included in Table 6-2 and Figure 6-2. The overall intersection LOS<sub>5</sub> for all signalized intersections in the 2015 Base Year No-Build scenario shows that 2 of the 4 signals are operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> D or better. During the AM peak period 3 of 4 intersections are operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> C and 1 of 4 intersections is operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> F. During the PM peak period 1 of 4 intersections is operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> C, 1 of 4 intersections is operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> D and 2 of 4 intersections are operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> E.

<sup>1</sup> Level of Service shown is Simulation based and calculated in a manner that is consistent with the HCM 2010 Methodologies



# Basic Freeway Segments

Freeway Merge and Diverge

Level of Service

LOS<sub>5</sub> A/LOS B

LOS<sub>5</sub> C

LOS<sub>5</sub> D

LOS<sub>5</sub> E

LOS<sub>5</sub> F

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Figure 6-1

2015 Base Year No-Build Freeway Measures of Effectivenes



Prepared By: Patriot Transportation Engineering, PLLC 3008 Anderson Drive, Suite 120 Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 (919)977-9125 Based on a review of the intersection operations at the lane group level, the following movements operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> E or F in the 2015 Base Year No-Build scenario:

- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, southbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, southbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub>
   F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, westbound left operates at LOS<sub>5</sub> E during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, northbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, northbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound through operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 southbound ramps, southbound left/through operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at I-77 southbound ramps, westbound left operates at LOSs F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at I-77 southbound ramps, eastbound through operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 northbound ramps, northbound left operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the AM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 northbound ramps, northbound right operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the AM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 northbound ramps, eastbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at US 21, southbound left operates at LOS₅ F during the AM Peak and LOS₅ E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, southbound through operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, southbound right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, westbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at US 21, westbound through operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, westbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at US 21, northbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at US 21, northbound through operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at US 21, northbound right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at US 21, eastbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM and PM Peaks

A review of the queue data showed that the system is currently operating such that queued traffic is affecting the operations of adjacent locations. One of the primary goals for projects located in the vicinity of freeways is to not allow traffic to queue back onto the freeway such that it affects freeway operations. The maximum queue lengths for traffic on the two exit ramps included in the study is shown as follows:

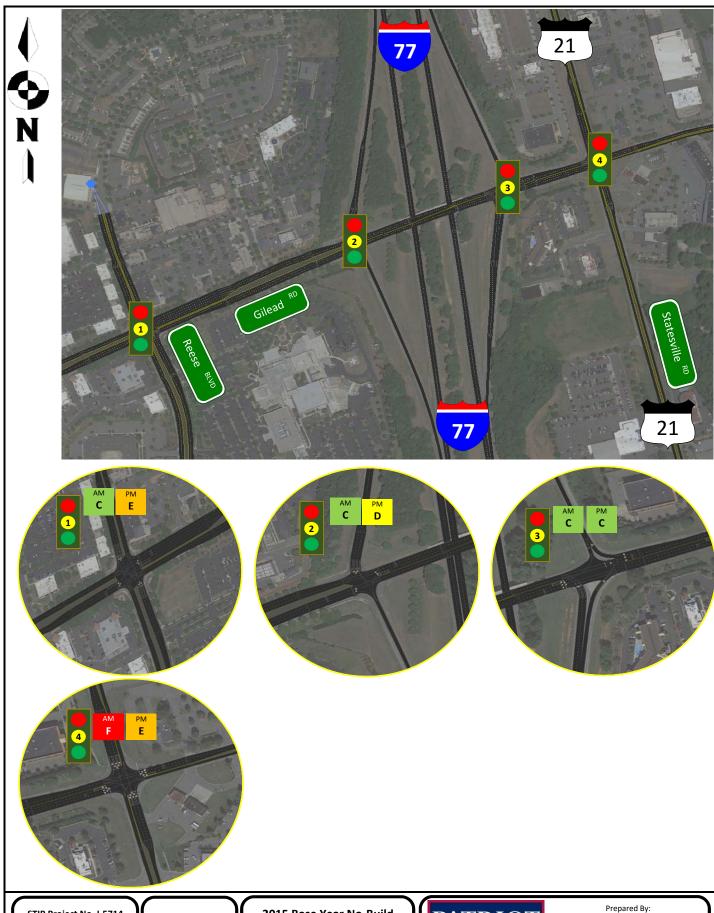
- I-77 Southbound off ramp to Gilead Road has a maximum queue length of 6,485 feet (AM) and 610 feet (PM) with the AM queue length exceeding the available storage on the ramp by 5,000 feet
- I-77 Northbound off ramp to Gilead Road has a maximum queue length of 631 feet (AM) and 514 feet (PM)

Table 6-2: 2015 Base Year No-Build Intersection Measures of Effectiveness

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Notes:

Delay shown is the 95th percentile worst case control delay for the full 60-minute simulation period as derived from the 10 random seed simulations Level of Service shown is Simulation based and calculated in a manner that is consistent with the HCM 2010 Methodologies



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Figure 6-2

2015 Base Year No-Build Intersection Measures of Effectivenes



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### 7. 2040 FUTURE YEAR NO-BUILD ANALYSIS

Based on the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Future Year No-Build alternative must be given full consideration and is often used as a means of comparison for the build alternatives. Therefore, the next step was to utilize the validated base model to determine how the transportation network within the study area will operate in the future.

### 7.1 MODEL PARAMETERS

All of the driver behaviors and parameters established while validating the base year model were reviewed and it was determined that they would be carried forward to the future year network.

### 7.2 DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS/MODEL NETWORK

The 2040 scenarios assume that all improvements included in the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (CRTPO) *Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (2040 MTP), adopted April 16, 2014, are completed. There are four projects from the 2040 MTP located within the study area:

- US 21 (Statesville Road) Widening from Gilead Road to Holly Point Drive
- US 21 (Statesville Road) Widening from WT Harris Boulevard to Gilead Road
- I-77 Managed Lanes from I-277 to West Catawba Avenue (STIP I-5405)
- US 21/Gilead Road Intersection Improvements (STIP U-5114)

The 2040 future year model is based on the Preliminary Design Plans for STIP No. U-5114 that were provided to NCDOT in December 2015

### 7.3 VOLUME DATA

The development of the volume data for the 2040 No-Build model was described in Section 5. The O-D matrices for the 2040 Future Year No-Build analysis are included in Appendix B. The vehicle loading and matrix setting were identical to those used in the 2015 Base Year No-Build model with the vehicles being loaded onto the network based on the curve data included in Table 5-1.

### 7.4 SIGNAL TIMINGS AND OPERATIONS

The next step in developing the 2040 No-Build model was to re-optimize the signals for the new traffic volumes. The signal optimization was done in the same manner as for the 2015 Base Year No-Build model described in Section 6.3.1. The *NCDOT Congestion Management Capacity Analysis Guidelines* (Effective July 1, 2015) prohibit the use of protected/permitted phasing for future year operations for signals included in the Build design.

### 7.5 VISUAL VALIDATION OF MODEL

Quality control was performed for the 2040 No-Build model to ensure it was developed in a manner consistent with the current guidelines and best practices being utilized for TransModeler. The model was then visually validated by observing the model animations in the same manner that was described in Section 6.7. Following the conclusion of the model review process it was determined that 2040 No-Build model was visually valid and ready for developing detailed MOEs.

### 7.6 MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS

The MOEs extracted for the 2040 No-Build scenario are identical to those utilized for the 2015 Base Year No-Build model and are discussed in detail in Section 4.

### 7.7 SIMULATION RUN CONTROL

The simulation model run controls for the future year no-build model were identical to those included in Section 6.6 for the 2015 Base Year No-Build model.

### 7.8 2040 FUTURE YEAR NO-BUILD MODEL RESULTS

The output data was extracted from the TransModeler model via the Output Manager using the Delay, Queue and Queue Spillback reports. The outputs were collected in accordance with the MOEs defined in Section 4 and are summarized in the following sections.

### 7.8.1 FREEWAY RESULTS

The results of the freeway analysis are included in Table 7-1 and

Figure 7-1. During the AM peak period for the 2040 No-Build scenario, 2 of the 10 analysis segment on I-77 are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  C, 3 of the 10 analysis segment on I-77 are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  D, 1 of 10 analysis segments is anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  E, and 4 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  F. During the PM peak period 6 of the 10 analysis segment are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  D, 2 of the 10 analysis segment are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  E, and 2 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  F. Based on the results the following freeway segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  E or F under the 2040 No-Build Scenario:

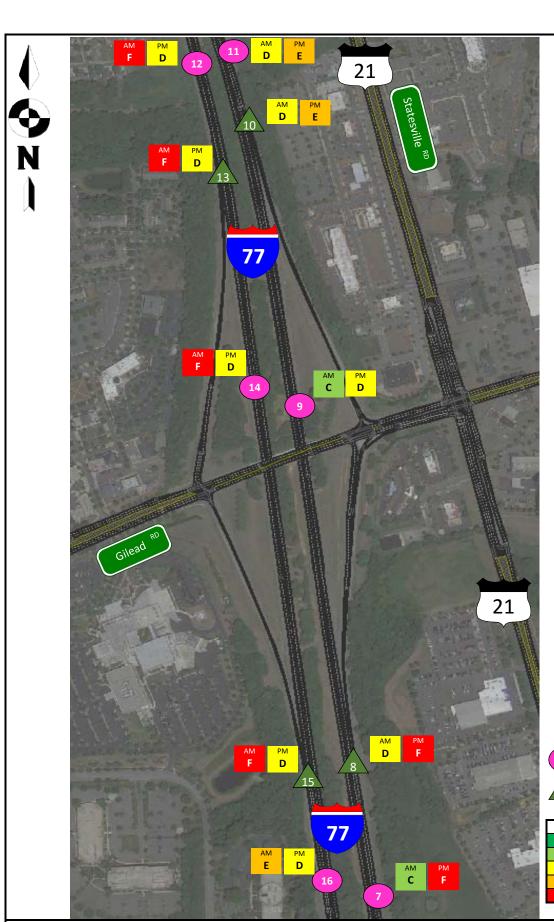
- I-77 Northbound, south of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, diverge to Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, merge from Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, north of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, north of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, diverge to Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, between the Gilead Road ramps is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, merge from Gilead Road is operating at LOS₅ F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, south of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak

Table 7-1: 2040 Future Year No-Build Freeway Measures of Effectiveness

			Der	nsity	Level of	Service <sup>1</sup>
Segment No.	Туре	Description	AM	PM	AM	PM
7	BFS	I-77 Northbound, south of Gilead Road	19.7	67.1	С	F
8	Diverge	I-77 Northbound to Gilead Road	28.6	80.7	D	F
9	BFS	I-77 Northbound, between Gilead Road Ramps	23.4	32.4	С	D
10	Merge	I-77 Northbound from Gilead Road	28.8	40.9	D	Е
11	BFS	I-77 Northbound, north of Gilead Road	28.1	35.2	D	E
12	BFS	I-77 Southbound, north of Gilead Road	53.7	28.0	F	D
13	Diverge	I-77 Southbound to Gilead Road	57.3	29.8	F	D
14	BFS	I-77 Southbound, between Gilead Road Ramps	66.2	27.2	F	D
15	Merge	I-77 Southbound, from Gilead Rd	57.3	30.2	F	D
16	BFS	I-77 Southbound, south of Gilead Road	37.6	33.2	E	D

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Level of Service shown is Simulation based and calculated in a manner that is consistent with the HCM 2010 Methodologies



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Figure 7-1

2040 Future Year No-Build Freeway Measures of Effectivenes



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Basic Freeway Segments

Freeway Merge and Diverge

### Level of Service

LOS<sub>S</sub> A/LOS B

LOS<sub>S</sub> C

LOS<sub>S</sub> D

LOS<sub>S</sub> E

LOS<sub>S</sub> F

### 7.8.2 ARTERIAL/INTERSECTION RESULTS

The results of the intersection analysis along the arterial portions of the study area are included in Table 7-2 and Figure 7-2. The overall intersection LOS<sub>S</sub> for the signalized intersections in the 2040 Future Year No-Build scenario shows that 4 of the 6 signals are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> E or F. During the AM peak period 4 of 6 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> C, 1 of 6 intersections is anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> F. During the PM peak period 2 of 6 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> F. 1 of 6 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> F. and 3 of 6 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> F.

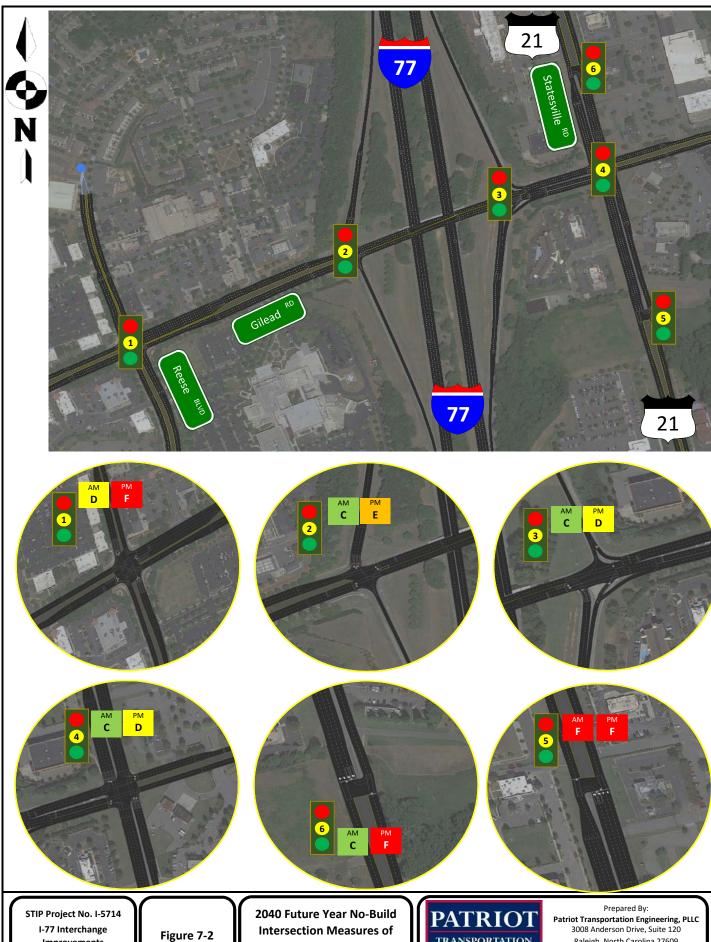
Based on a review of the intersection operations at the lane group level, the following movements are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  E or F in the 2040 Future Year No-Build scenario:

- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, southbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, southbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, westbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, northbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound through operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 southbound ramps, southbound through/left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 southbound ramps, westbound left operates at LOS₅ F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 southbound ramps, eastbound through operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 northbound ramps, northbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 northbound ramps, northbound right operates at LOSs F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at I-77 northbound ramps, eastbound left operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at I-77 northbound ramps, eastbound through operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, westbound through operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at US 21, westbound right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, eastbound right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- US 21 Southbound U-turn, southbound U-turn operates at a LOS<sub>5</sub> E during the AM Peak
- US 21 Southbound U-turn, northbound through operates at a LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- US 21 Northbound U-turn, southbound through operates at a LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- US 21 Northbound U-turn, northbound U-turn operates at a LOS₅ E during the PM Peak

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Notes:

Delay shown is the 95th percentile worst case control delay for the full 60-minute simulation period as derived from the 10 random seed simulations. Level of Service shown is Simulation based and calculated in a manner that is consistent with the HCM 2010 Methodologies



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A review of the queue data showed that by 2040 the operations under the No-Build scenario are anticipated to deteriorate to a level where some queues are affecting the operations of adjacent intersections or freeway segments. As stated previously, one of the primary goals for projects located in the vicinity of freeways is to not allow traffic to queue back onto the freeway such that it affects freeway operations. The maximum queue lengths for traffic on the five exit ramps/loops included in the study is shown as follows:

- I-77 Southbound off ramp to Gilead Road has a maximum queue length of 170 feet (AM) and 282 feet (PM)
- I-77 Northbound off ramp to Gilead Road has a maximum queue length of 2,627 feet (AM) and 7,527 feet (PM) with the queue length exceeding the available storage on the ramp by 1,100 feet in the AM and by 6,000 feet in the PM

### 8. 2040 FUTURE YEAR BUILD ANALYSIS

This section presents a summary of the model development and results for the 2040 Build scenario and includes two alternatives. The following two alternatives were evaluated for the subject project:

- Alternative 1 (Figure 8-1): 3x3 Diverging Diamond with three lanes in each direction on Gilead Road through the interchange
- Alternative 2 (Figure 8-2): 3x2 Diverging Diamond on Gilead Road with two lanes on eastbound Gilead Road and three lanes on westbound Gilead Road through the interchange

The following sections describe the development of the build models for both alternatives.

### 8.1 MODEL PARAMETERS

All of the driver behaviors and parameters established while validating the base year model were reviewed and it was determined that they would be carried forward to the future year network.

### 8.2 DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS/MODEL NETWORK

The 2040 scenarios assume that all improvements included in the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organizations (CRTPO) *Metropolitan Transportation Plan* (2040 MTP), adopted April 16, 2014, are completed. There are four projects from the 2040 MTP located within the study area:

- US 21 (Statesville Road) Widening from Gilead Road to Holly Point Drive
- US 21 (Statesville Road) Widening from WT Harris Boulevard to Gilead Road
- I-77 Managed Lanes from I-277 to West Catawba Avenue (STIP I-5405)
- US 21/Gilead Road Intersection Improvements (STIP U-5114)

The Build model for **Alternative 1** was developed and optimized, with the final models including the following improvements:

- Converted the diamond interchange into a diverging diamond interchange with 3 lanes in both directions on Gilead Road
- Added additional right lane on the I-77 northbound exit ramp with 450 feet of storage and maintained dual lane storage of approximately 800 feet
- Added 700-foot dual receiving lane on the I-77 northbound on ramp

- Added 600-foot dual lane ramp on the I-77 southbound exit ramp with 250 feet of dual right lane storage and 250 feet of single left turn lane storage
- Added 700-foot dual receiving lane on the I-77 southbound on ramp
- Added 240-foot additional right turn lane on northbound Reese Boulevard and changed the approach laneage to include an exclusive left lane, through lane, and dual right turn lanes.

The Build model for **Alternative 2** was developed and optimized, with the final models including the following improvements:

- Converted the diamond interchange into a diverging diamond interchange with 3 lanes in the westbound direction and 2 lanes in the eastbound on Gilead Road
- Added additional right lane on the I-77 northbound exit ramp with 450 feet of storage and maintained dual lane storage of approximately 800 feet
- Added 700-foot dual receiving lane on the I-77 northbound on ramp
- Added 600-foot dual lane ramp on the I-77 southbound exit ramp with 250 feet of dual right lane storage and 250 feet of single left turn lane storage
- Added 700-foot dual receiving lane on the I-77 southbound on ramp
- Added 240-foot additional right turn lane on northbound Reese Boulevard and changed the approach laneage to include an exclusive left lane, through lane, and dual right turn lanes.

### 8.3 VOLUME DATA

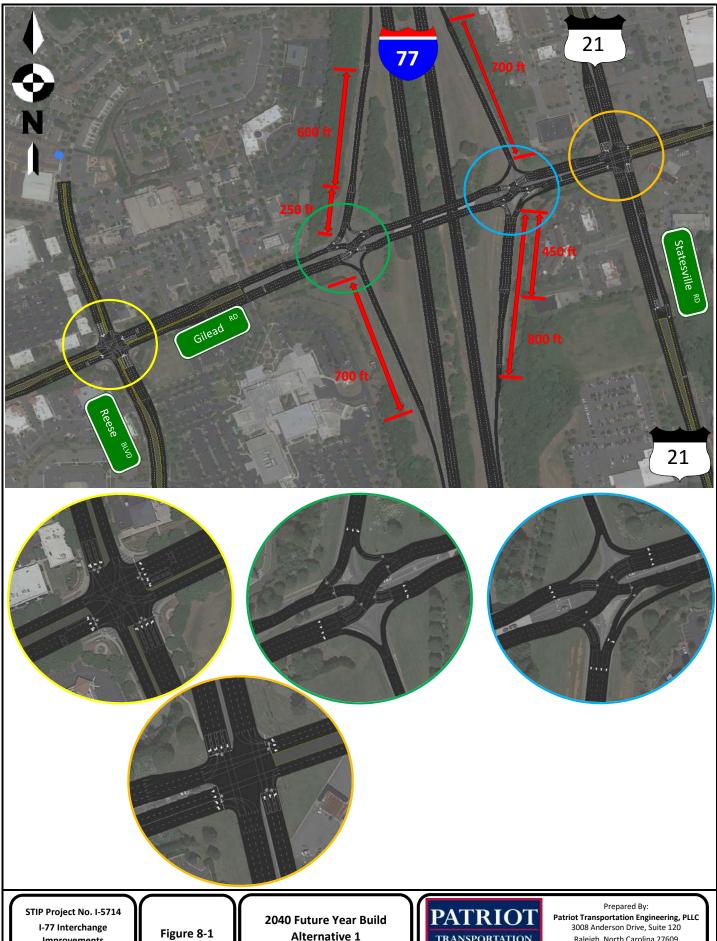
The development of the volume data for the 2040 build model was described in Section 5 and is the same for both alternatives. The 2040 Build volumes are the same as those used for the 2040 No-Build scenario as the regional magnitude of the improvements is minimal and should not affect the overall traffic demand within the study area. The O-D matrices for the 2040 Future Year Build analysis are included in Appendix B. The vehicle loading and matrix settings were identical to those used in the 2015 Base Year No-Build and 2040 Future Year No-Build models with the vehicles being loaded onto the network based on the curve data included in Table 5-1.

### 8.4 SIGNAL TIMINGS AND OPERATIONS

The signal timings and operations for the 2040 Build models were re-optimized for the signals based on the new traffic volumes and design configurations. The signal optimization was done in the same manner as for the 2015 Base Year No-Build model and 2040 No-Build model, as described in Section 6.3.1 and then reviewed and fine-tuned manually by the analyst. The signal timing was developed to coordinate the US 21 southbound right turn movement to Gilead Road and continue westbound along Gilead Road. As stated in Section 7.4, protected/permitted phasing was not included for either signal at the interchange or at the intersection at US 21. Protected/permitted phasing, as well as right turn on red, was kept in place at the intersection at Reese Blvd given that no improvements were originally planned at this location. However, during the analysis process and discussions with Congestion Management and Division 10, it was decided to evaluate minor improvements on Reese Blvd in the Build Alternatives.

### 8.5 VISUAL VALIDATION OF MODEL

Quality control was performed for the 2040 Build models to ensure it was developed in a manner consistent with the current guidelines and best practices being utilized for TransModeler. The model was then visually validated by observing the model animations in the same manner that was described in Section 6.7. Following the conclusion of the model review process it was determined that 2040 Builds models were visually valid and ready for developing detailed MOEs.

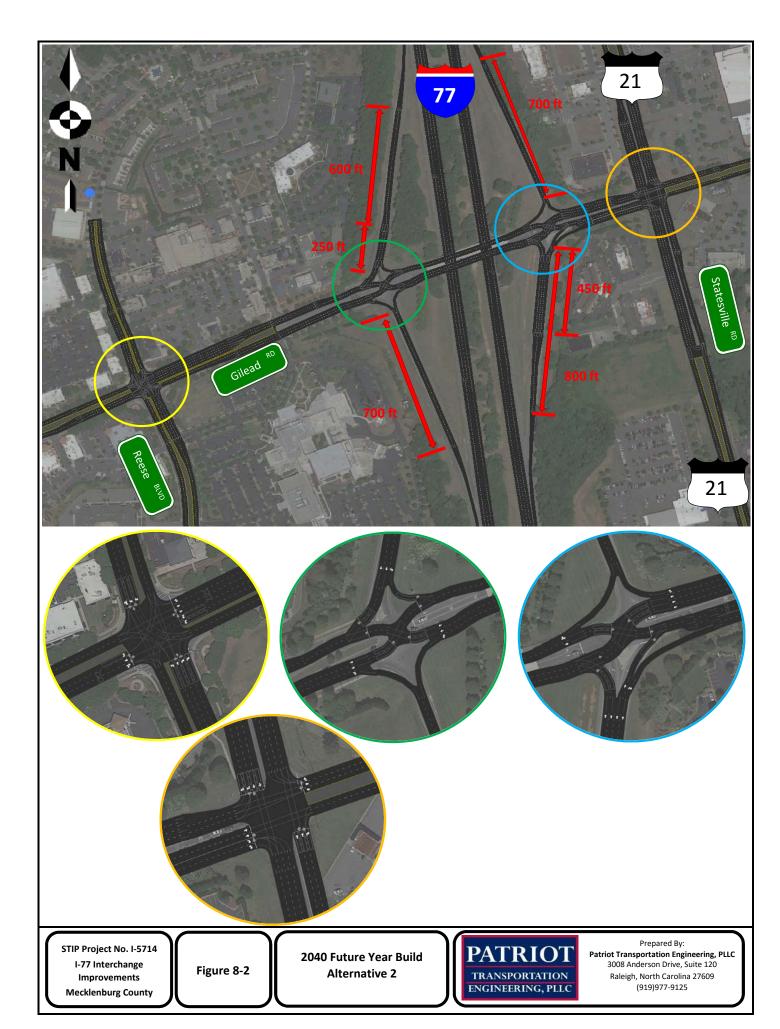


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### 8.6 MEASURES OF EFFECTIVENESS

The MOEs extracted for the 2040 Build scenario are identical to those utilized for the 2015 Base Year No-Build and 2040 Future Year No-Build models and are discussed in detail in Section 4.

### 8.7 SIMULATION RUN CONTROL

The simulation model run controls for the future year build models were identical to those included in Section 6.6 for the 2015 Base Year No-Build model.

### 8.8 2040 FUTURE YEAR ALTERNATIVE 1 BUILD MODEL RESULTS

The output data was extracted from the TransModeler model via the Output Manager using the Delay, Queue and Queue Spillback reports. The outputs were collected in accordance with the MOEs defined in Section 4 and are summarized in the following sections.

### 8.8.1 Freeway Results – Alternative 1

The results of the freeway analysis for Alternative 1 are included in Table 8-1 and Figure 8-3. During the AM peak period for the 2040 Build Alternative 1 scenario, 3 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  C, 2 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  D, 1 of 10 analysis segments is anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  E, and 4 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  F. During the PM peak period for the 2040 Build Alternative 1 scenario, 7 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  D, 1 of 10 analysis segments is anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  E, and 2 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  F. Based on the results the following freeway segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  E or F under the 2040 Build Alternative 1 Scenario:

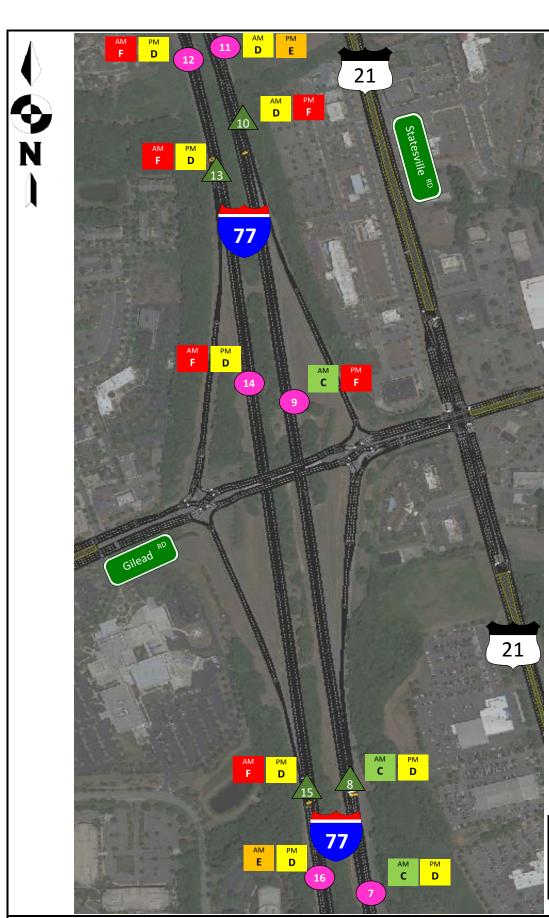
- I-77 Northbound, between the Gilead Road ramps is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, merge from Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, north of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, north of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, diverge to Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, between the Gilead Road ramps is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, merge from Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, south of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak

Table 8-1: 2040 Future Year Build Alternative 1 Freeway Measures of Effectiveness

			Der	nsity	Level of	Service <sup>1</sup>
Segment No.	Туре	Description	AM	PM	AM	PM
7	BFS	I-77 Northbound, south of Gilead Road	20.9	29.2	С	D
8	Diverge	I-77 Northbound to Gilead Road	20.6	32.8	С	D
9	BFS	I-77 Northbound, between Gilead Road Ramps	24.5	54.0	С	F
10	Merge	I-77 Northbound from Gilead Road	30.0	52.1	D	F
11	BFS	I-77 Northbound, north of Gilead Road	29.9	36.2	D	Е
12	BFS	I-77 Southbound, north of Gilead Road	56.4	28.0	F	D
13	Diverge	I-77 Southbound to Gilead Road	59.9	30.1	F	D
14	BFS	I-77 Southbound, between Gilead Road Ramps	69.0	27.1	F	D
15	Merge	I-77 Southbound, from Gilead Rd	60.2	30.0	F	D
16	BFS	I-77 Southbound, south of Gilead Road	39.5	33.3	E	D

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Level of Service shown is Simulation based and calculated in a manner that is consistent with the HCM 2010 Methodologies



Basic Freeway Segments

Freeway Merge and Diverge

Level of Service

LOS, A/LOS B

LOS, C

LOS, D

LOS, E

LOS, F

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Figure 8-3

2040 Future Year Build Alternative 1 Freeway Measures of Effectivenes



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### 8.8.2 ARTERIAL/INTERSECTION RESULTS – ALTERNATIVE 1

The results of the intersection analysis along the arterial portions of the study area are included in Table 8-2 and Figure 8-4. The overall intersection LOS $_{S}$  for the signalized intersections in the 2040 Future Year Build Alternative 1 scenario shows that 3 of the 4 signals are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  D or better. Given the design of a DDI, the ramp terminals include multiple intersections, which make determining an overall LOS not practical. During the AM peak period 1 of 4 intersections is anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  C, 1 of 4 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  F. During the PM peak period 1 of 4 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  C, 1 of 4 intersections is anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  D, and 2 of 4 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{S}$  F.

Based on a review of the intersection operations at the lane group level, the following movements are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>s</sub> E or F in the 2040 Future Year Build Alternative 1 scenario:

- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, southbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, southbound through/right operates at LOS₅ F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, westbound left operates at LOS₅ E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, northbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, northbound through operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, northbound right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound through operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, southbound right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, westbound through operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the PM
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- Gilead Road at US 21, westbound right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak
- US 21 Southbound U-turn, southbound U-turn operates at a LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- US 21 Southbound U-turn, northbound through operates at a LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- US 21 Northbound U-turn, southbound through operates at a LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks

A review of the queue data showed that by 2040 the operations under the Alternative 1 Build scenario are anticipated to deteriorate to a level where some queues are affecting the operations of adjacent intersections or freeway segments at only a few locations. As stated previously, one of the primary goals for projects located in the vicinity of freeways is to not allow traffic to queue back onto the freeway such that it affects freeway operations. The maximum queue lengths for traffic on the five exit ramps/loops included in the study is shown as follows:

- I-77 Southbound off ramp to Gilead Road has a maximum queue length of 887 feet (AM) and 256 feet (PM)
- I-77 Northbound off ramp to Gilead Road has a maximum queue length of 142 feet (AM) and 369 feet (PM)

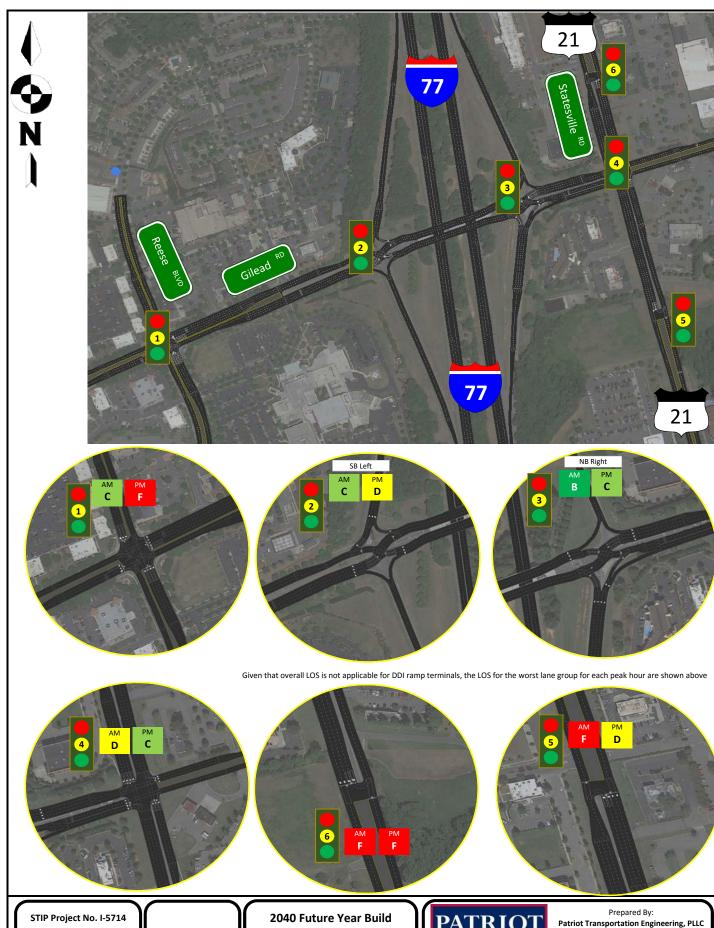
Table 8-2: 2040 Future Year Build Alternative 1 Intersection Measures of Effectiveness

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Delay¹ (s)	AM	27.0	57.5	45.4	49.5	13.2	2.9	43.1	39.8	18.0	48.0	26.3	26.6	N/A	28.0	18.8	0.0	5.3	12.5	0.0	N/A	11.2	17.6	16.4	0.0	10.0	47.4	22.0	78.6	105.3	75.7	40.2	30.9	38.6	25.6	114.3	97.0	244.2	170.5	387.1	36.3
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Diverging Diamond Interchange ramp terminals include three nodes that operate with a single signal controller, therefore overall intersection LOS is not applicable 3 2 1



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Figure 8-4

2040 Future Year Build Alternative 1 Intersection Measures of Effectivenes



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### 8.9 2040 FUTURE YEAR ALTERNATIVE 2 BUILD MODEL RESULTS

The output data was extracted from the TransModeler model via the Output Manager using the Delay, Queue and Queue Spillback reports. The outputs were collected in accordance with the MOEs defined in Section 4 and are summarized in the following sections.

### 8.9.1 Freeway Results – Alternative 2

The results of the freeway analysis for Alternative 2 are included in Table 8-3 and Figure 8-5. During the AM peak period for the 2040 Build Alternative 2 scenario, 3 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  C, 2 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  D, 1 of 10 analysis segments is anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  F. During the PM peak period for the 2040 Build Alternative 2 scenario, 7 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  D, 1 of 10 analysis segments is anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  E, and 2 of 10 analysis segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  F. Based on the results the following freeway segments are anticipated to operate at LOS $_{\rm S}$  E or F under the 2040 Build Alternative 2 Scenario:

- I-77 Northbound, between the Gilead Road ramps is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, merge from Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- I-77 Northbound, north of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, north of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, diverge to Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>5</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, between the Gilead Road ramps is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, merge from Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak
- I-77 Southbound, south of Gilead Road is operating at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak

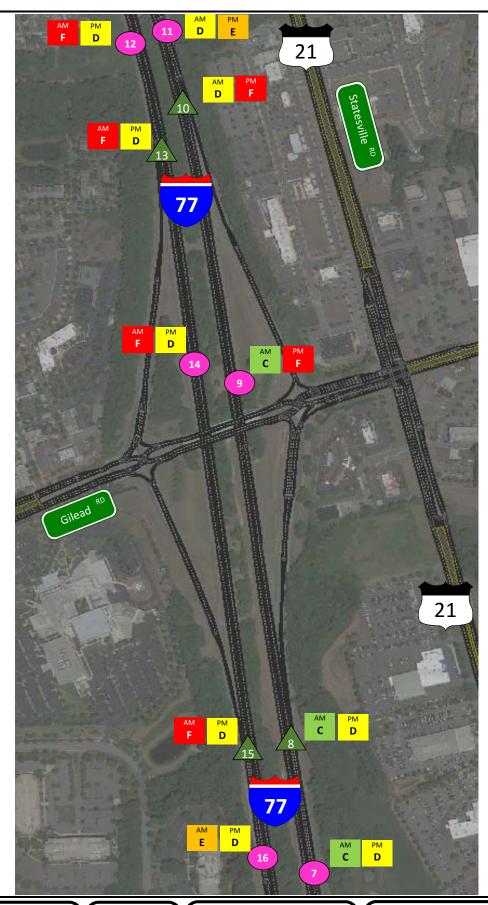
Table 8-3: 2040 Future Year Build Alternative 2 Freeway Measures of Effectiveness

			Dei	nsity	Level of	Service <sup>1</sup>
Segment No.	Туре	Description	AM	PM	AM	PM
7	BFS	I-77 Northbound, south of Gilead Road	20.9	27.0	С	D
8	Diverge	I-77 Northbound to Gilead Road	20.4	30.0	С	D
9	BFS	I-77 Northbound, between Gilead Road Ramps	24.5	52.7	С	F
10	Merge	I-77 Northbound from Gilead Road	30.7	47.6	D	F
11	BFS	I-77 Northbound, north of Gilead Road	29.7	36.3	D	Е
12	BFS	I-77 Southbound, north of Gilead Road	55.1	28.0	F	D
13	Diverge	I-77 Southbound to Gilead Road	59.1	30.6	F	D
14	BFS	I-77 Southbound, between Gilead Road Ramps	67.9	27.3	F	D
15	Merge	I-77 Southbound, from Gilead Rd	58.6	30.1	F	D
16	BFS	I-77 Southbound, south of Gilead Road	39.5	33.1	E	D

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Level of Service shown is Simulation based and calculated in a manner that is consistent with the HCM 2010 Methodologies





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**Basic Freeway Segments** 

Freeway Merge and Diverge

Le	vel of Service
	LOS <sub>s</sub> A/LOS B
	LOS <sub>s</sub> C
	LOS <sub>s</sub> D
	LOS <sub>s</sub> E
	LOS <sub>s</sub> F

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Figure 8-5

2040 Future Year Build Alternative 2 Freeway Measures of Effectivenes



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#### 8.9.2 ARTERIAL/INTERSECTION RESULTS – ALTERNATIVE 2

The results of the intersection analysis along the arterial portions of the study area are included in Table 8-4 and Figure 8-6. Given the design of a DDI, the ramp terminals include multiple intersections, which make determining an overall LOS not practical. The overall intersection LOS<sub>S</sub> for the signalized intersections in the 2040 Future Year Build Alternative 2 scenario shows that 3 of the 4 signals are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> D or better. During the AM peak period and 2 of 4 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> D, and 2 of 4 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> D, and 2 of 4 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> D, and 2 of 4 intersections are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>S</sub> F.

Based on a review of the intersection operations at the lane group level, the following movements are anticipated to operate at LOS<sub>s</sub> E or F in the 2040 Future Year No-Build scenario:

- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, southbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, southbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, westbound left operates at LOS<sub>5</sub> E during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, northbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, northbound through operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, northbound right operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound left operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound through operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at Reese Boulevard, eastbound through/right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the PM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, southbound right operates at LOS₅ E during the AM Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, westbound through operates at LOS<sub>s</sub> F during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>s</sub> E during the PM
   Peak
- Gilead Road at US 21, westbound right operates at LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the AM Peak
- US 21 Southbound U-turn, southbound U-turn operates at a LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM Peak and LOS<sub>S</sub> E during the PM Peak
- US 21 Southbound U-turn, northbound through operates at a LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks
- US 21 Northbound U-turn, southbound through operates at a LOS<sub>S</sub> F during the AM and PM Peaks

A review of the queue data showed that by 2040 the operations under the Alternative 2 Build scenario are anticipated to deteriorate to a level where some queues are affecting the operations of adjacent intersections or freeway segments at only a few isolated locations. As stated previously, one of the primary goals for projects located in the vicinity of freeways is to not allow traffic to queue back onto the freeway such that it affects freeway operations. The maximum queue lengths for traffic on the five exit ramps/loops included in the study is shown as follows:

- I-77 Southbound off ramp to Gilead Road has a maximum queue length of 923 feet (AM) and 117 feet (PM)
- I-77 Northbound off ramp to Gilead Road has a maximum queue length of 186 feet (AM) and 192 feet (PM)

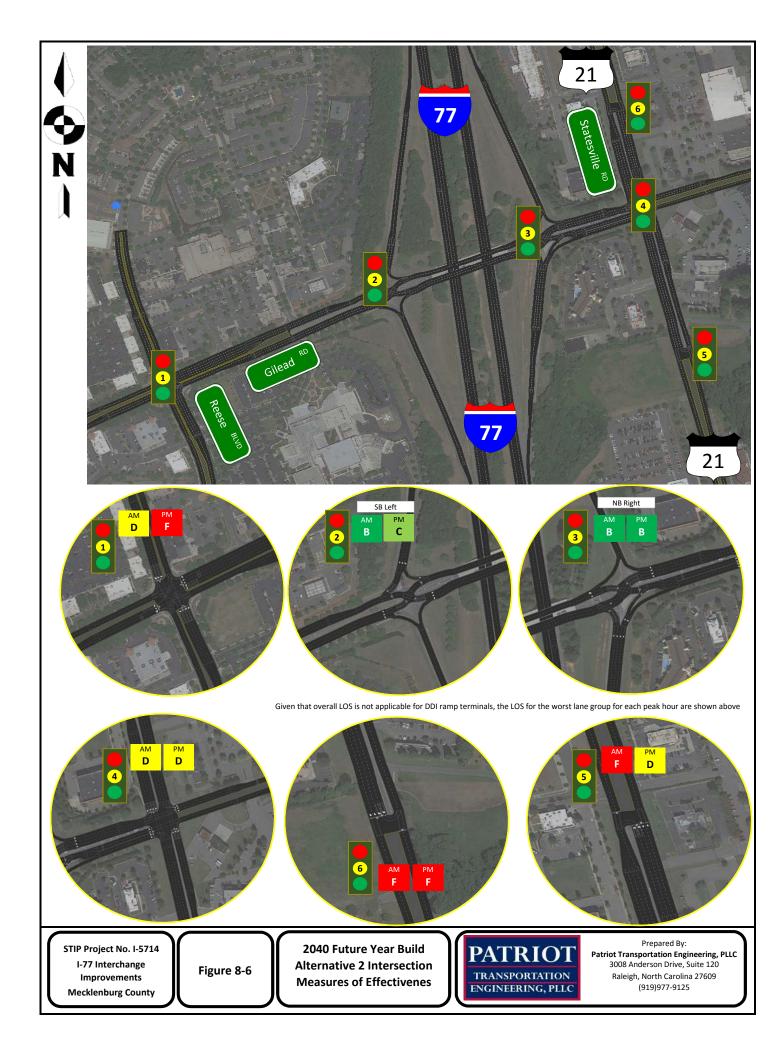
Table 8-4: 2040 Future Year Build Alternative 2 Intersection Measures of Effectiveness

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Notes:

Delay shown is the 95th percentile worst case control delay for the full 60-minute simulation period as derived from the 10 random seed simulations

Level of Service shown is Simulation based and calculated in a manner that is consistent with the HCM 2010 Methodologies
Diverging Diamond Interchange ramp terminals include three nodes that operate with a single signal controller, therefore overall intersection LOS is not applicable



#### 9. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the results of the analysis it is recommended that Build Alternative 1 be constructed for STIP Project Number I-5714 as it provides the best operations within the study area. Overall, both of the Build Alternatives operate about the same for the I-77 Corridor with LOS $_{\rm S}$  F in the southbound direction during the AM peak and LOS $_{\rm S}$  F in the northbound direction during the PM peak. The I-77/Gilead Road interchange operates slightly better for Alternative 1 with the additional eastbound lane allowing for improved operations for eastbound traffic along Gilead Road and to I-77 Northbound. The primary benefit of Alternative 1 is that it allows for substantially lower queue lengths to the west of the I-77 ramp terminal, allowing for substantially improved operations for Reese Boulevard. For Alternative 2, the eastbound queues at the I-77 Southbound ramp terminal extend all the way back to Reese Boulevard and do not allow all of the traffic turning from Reese Boulevard to access Gilead Road due to the queuing. The overall delay at the Gilead Road/Reese Boulevard intersection is decreased by over 20 seconds for Alternative 1 with several individual lane groups having over a 100-second improvement in delay.

The traffic operations analysis showed that the DDI would work well for the 2040 traffic; however, the operations are closely tied to the operations of the US 21/Gilead Road intersection. In order for the 2040 analysis to operate acceptably the median u-turn configuration along US 21 was used to meter traffic into the interchange area. The segment of Gilead Road westbound between US 21 and I-77 was found to be the critical link in the operations of the interchange and the operations were optimized when the signal was coordinated such that the US 21 Southbound movement to Gilead Road was coordinated with the westbound movement along Gilead Road through the DDI. For the interchange to operate efficiently, the coordination should advance from US 21 SB to Gilead Road Westbound and the US 21 u-turn signals should be timed such that they do not allow the US 21/Gilead Road intersection to be overloaded.

## **APPENDIX A:**

## **TRAFFIC FORECAST**



# STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

PAT MCCRORY
GOVERNOR

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April 21, 2015

MEMORANDUM TO: Elmo Vance

Project Development - Western Region/Turnpike Project Development and Environmental Analysis

FROM: Keith G. Dixon

Western Traffic Forecasting Group Transportation Planning Branch

SUBJECT: Traffic Forecast for I-5714 / I-5715

Mecklenburg County

Interchange Improvements at I-77 / SR 2136-Gilead Rd and I-77 / NC

73-Sam Furr Rd

Please find attached the 2015 / 2020 / 2040 traffic forecast for I-5714 / I-5715. This forecast concerns improvements to the I-77 interchanges at SR 2136-Gilead Rd and NC 73-Sam Furr Rd.

This forecast was requested by Elmo Vance, of Project Development, on October 23, 2014. A delivery date of April 23, 2015 was established based upon Transportation Planning Branch standards.

This is the first known traffic forecast for I-5714 and I-5715.

This project is located within the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) area

A traffic forecast scoping meeting was held with the forecast requestor on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Also present at this meeting was Peter Trencansky, of Patriot Transportation Engineering; Teresa Gresham, of Kimley-Horn; and Jim Dunlop, of NCDOT Congestion Management.

At this meeting it was decided to proceed with the collection of counts and the forecast prior to the opening of I-485 due to various scheduling issues. Also, it was decided to use the Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model, 2014, Version 1.0 (MRM14v1.0) to estimate the effects of the opening of I-485, Section E, in 2015.

Additionally, it was explained that none of the specific design improvements are to be included in the forecast. Therefore, all of the traffic forecast scenarios are essentially No Build scenarios. Congestion Management intends to use TransModeler to create Build scenarios from the No Build forecasts; TPB is just forecasting travel demand.

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#### LOCATION:

Based upon this information the following forecast scenarios were agreed to:

- 2015 No Build
- 2015 No Build with I-485, Section E
- 2020 No Build without Westmoreland Rd Interchange
- 2020 No Build with Westmoreland Rd Interchange
- 2040 No Build without Westmoreland Rd Interchange
- 2040 No Build with Westmoreland Rd Interchange

Note: All of the 2020 and 2040 scenarios include the I-77 managed lanes and ramp volumes for the ingress and egress points. The ingress and egress point are consistent with documentation provided by Cintra and I-77 Mobility Partners on November 19, 2014.

The following people were contacted during the development of this traffic forecast:

- Anil Panicker, NCDOT CRTPO Planning Coordinator
- Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10 Planning Engineer
- David Peete, Principal Planner, Town of Huntersville
- Wayne Herron, Planning Director, Town of Cornelius
- Bill Coxe, Transportation Planner, Town of Huntersville
- Caroline Sawyer, Planning Technician, Town of Huntersville
- Scott Kieger, Design Resource Group, Apartments at Holly Crest

#### **Interpolation:**

To estimate AADT for intermediate years, a straight-line interpolation of traffic volumes may be used between the 2015 No Build with I-485, Section E, and the 2020 and 2040 No Build without Westmoreland Interchange forecast scenarios, and between the 2020 and 2040 No Build with Westmoreland Interchange scenarios.

#### Certain Assumptions were made during the development of this forecast.

#### **Fiscal Constraint:**

For projects falling inside an MPO, forecasts are fiscally constrained to the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). This means that only projects scheduled in the MTP are considered constructed and open to traffic in the future year.

In the 2020 scenarios, all projects documented in the CRTPO 2040 MTP that are scheduled to be complete and open to traffic by 2020 are included in the Metrolina Regional Model 2014, Version 1.0 (MRM14v1.0) runs used to produce the forecast.

In the 2040 scenarios, all projects documented in the CRTPO 2040 MTP that are scheduled to be complete and open to traffic by 2040 are included in the MRM14v1.0 runs used to produce the forecast.

#### **Development Activity:**

The Apartments at Holly Crest is currently under construction with 402 units and will be accessed via Holly Point Drive and Rich Hatchett Road. No units are currently available. This development is considered to be complete and open by 2020 and is included in the 2020 and 2040 forecast scenarios

There are currently no other specific plans for any substantial development within the forecast area beyond the development and growth estimated in the 2025 and 2040 SE data used with the MRM14v1.0.

Note: The Augustalee development was not specifically added to the adopted SE Data used to produce this forecast.

#### **Forecast Methodology:**

2015 No Build traffic volumes and traffic factor estimates are based upon current counts and historic AADT trends projected to 2015.

AADT volumes in the 2020 and 2040 scenarios were estimated based upon annual growth rates derived from the MRM14v1.0 output.

If it is determined that any of these assumptions have become inconsistent with the project and surrounding area activity, please request an updated forecast at this location.

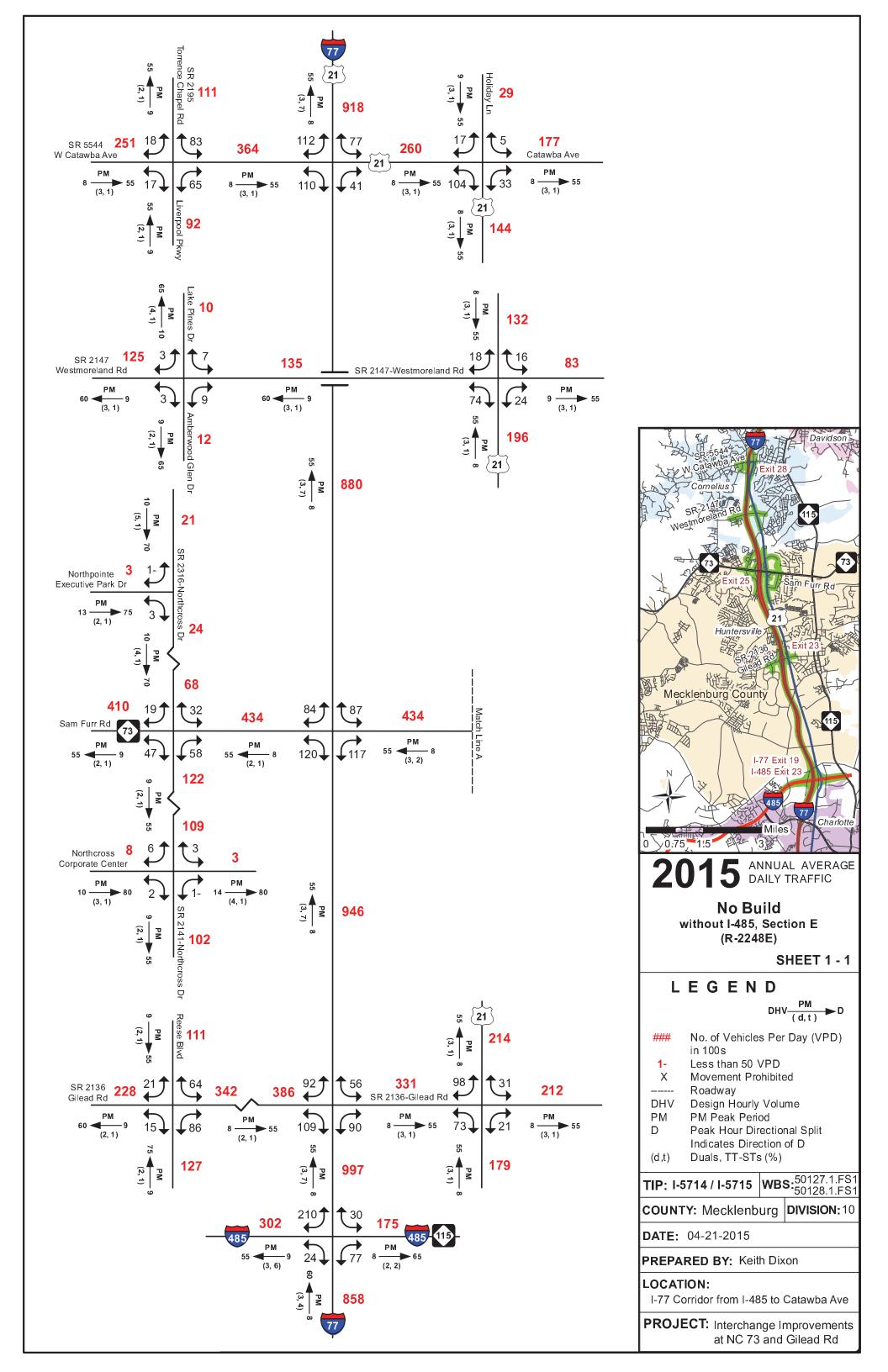
For future reference, this forecast will be saved in Project Store under I5714 and I-5715 in the LongRangePlanning\Traffic Forecasts folder.

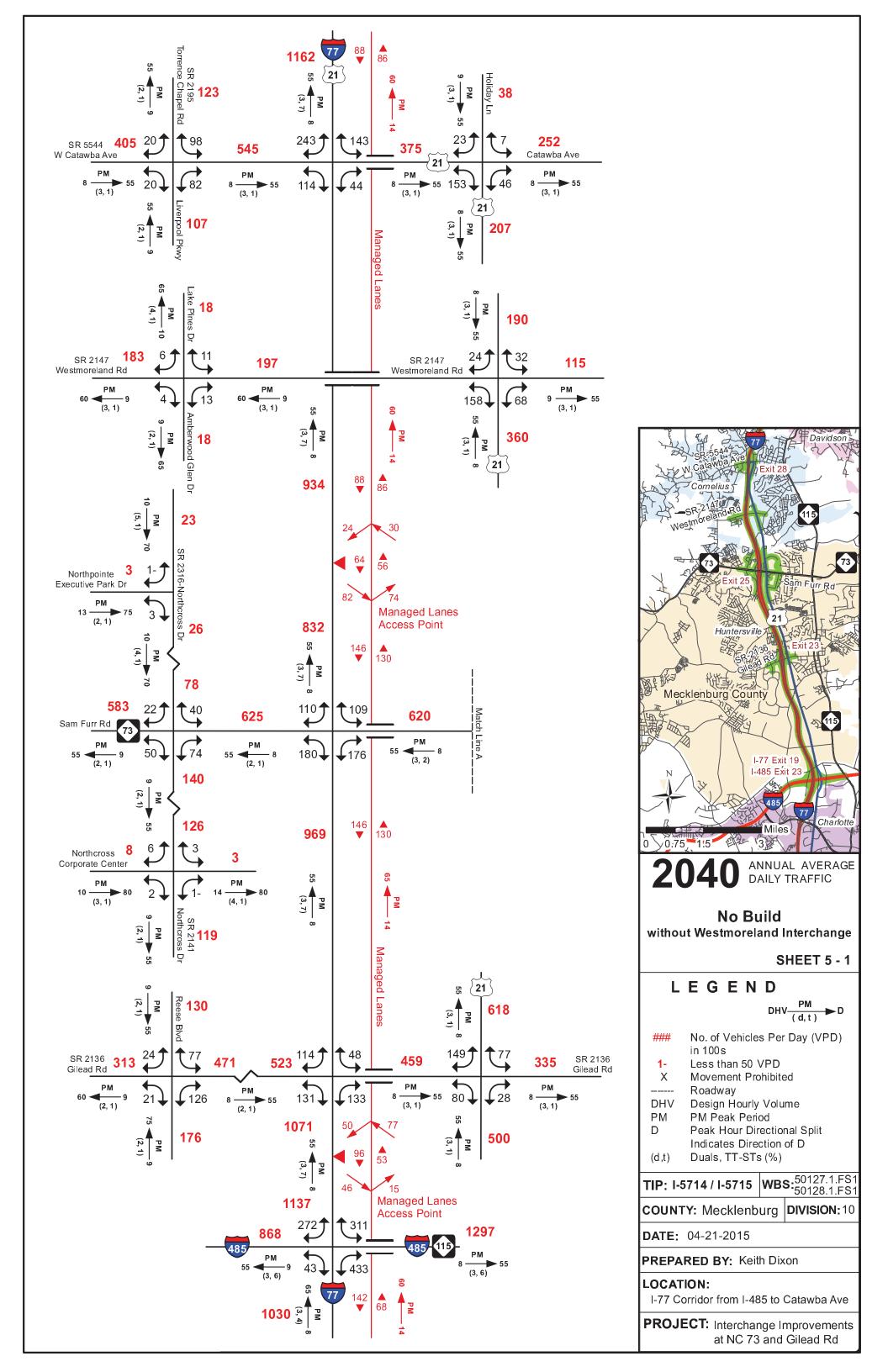
If we can be of any further assistance on this project please do not hesitate to contact me at 919-707-0984, email: kdixon1@ncdot.gov or Michael Orr at 919-707-0982, email: mlorr@ncdot.gov.

#### CC (with Attachments):

Glen Mumford, PE, Roadway Design
Jamal Alavi, PE, Transportation Planning Branch
James Dunlop, PE, Congestion Management
Clark Morrison, PhD, PE, Pavement Management
Stuart Basham, Division 10 Planning Engineer
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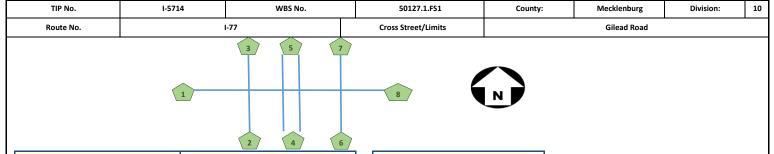


## APPENDIX B:

## **INTERSECTION ANALYSIS UTILITY OUTPUT**

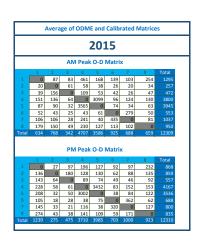
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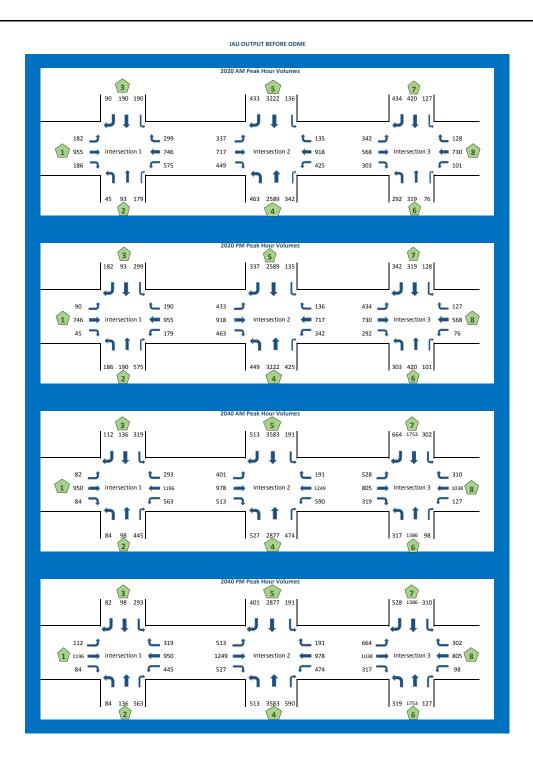
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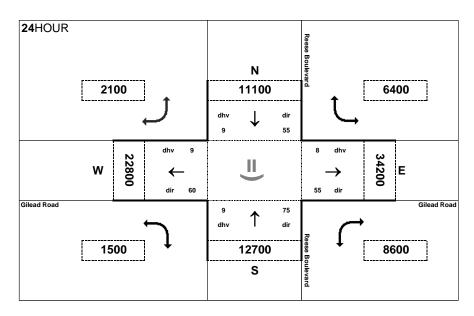


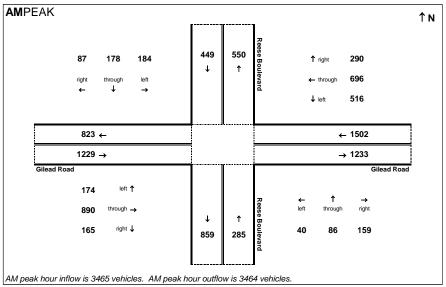


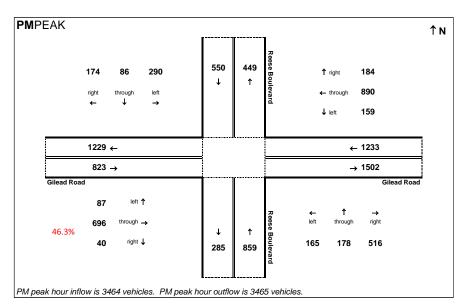
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I-77/Gilead Road Interchange Improvements

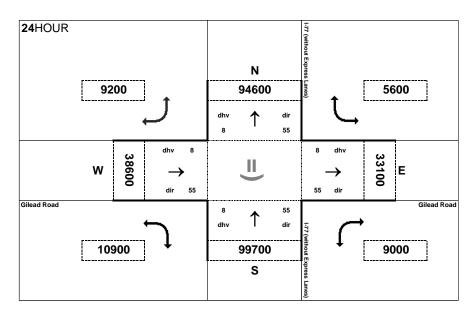
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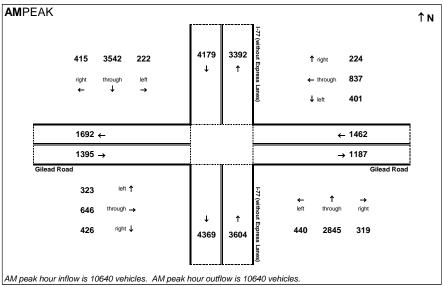
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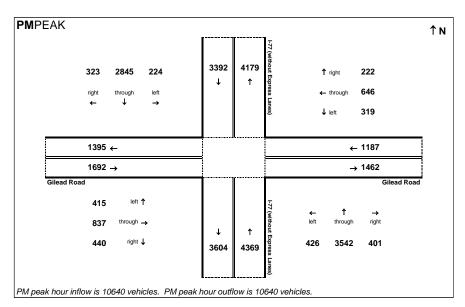
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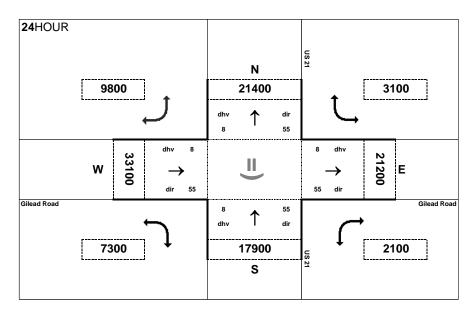
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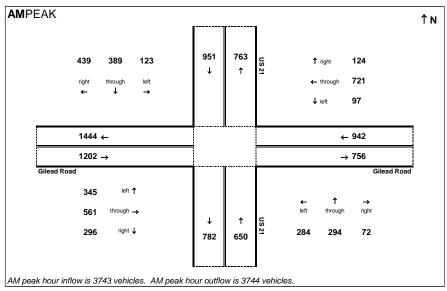
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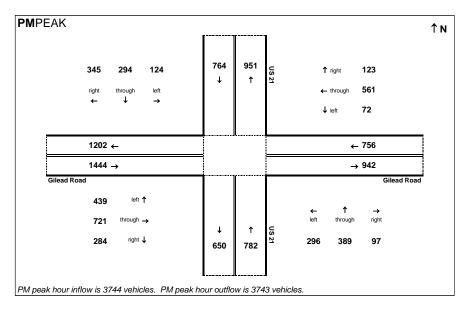
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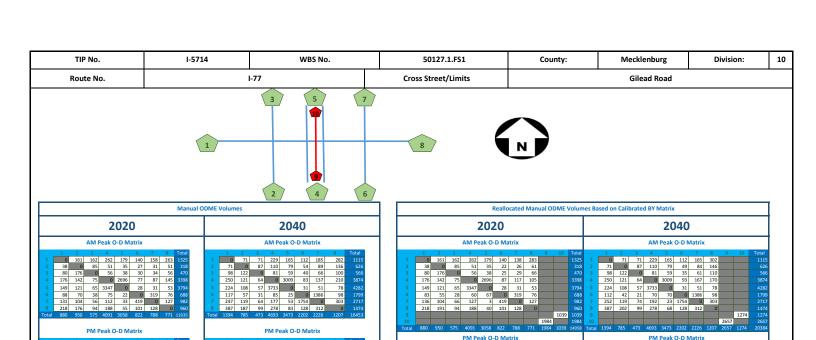
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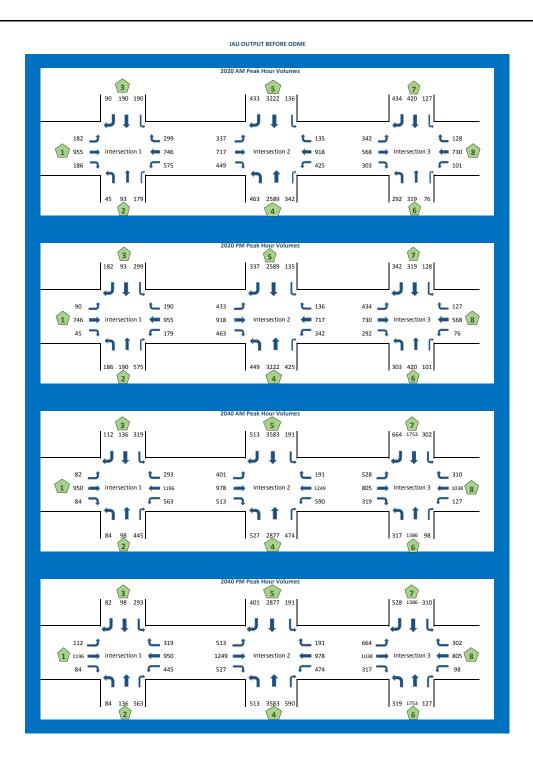
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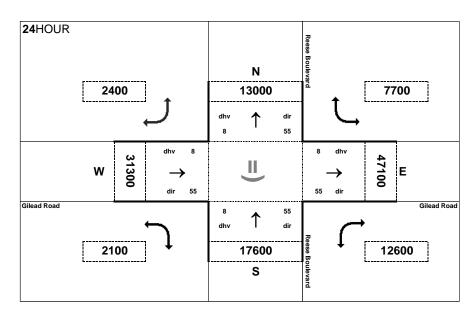


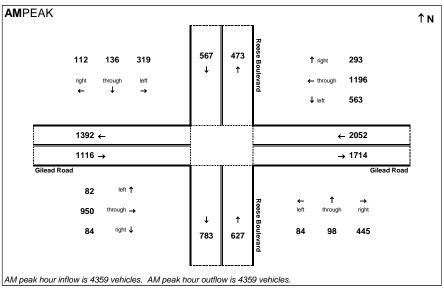


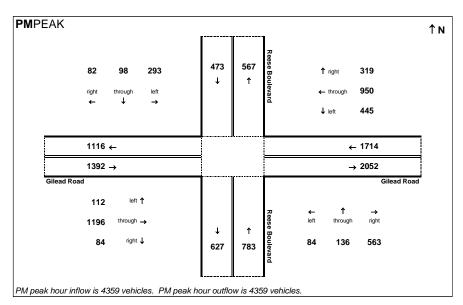
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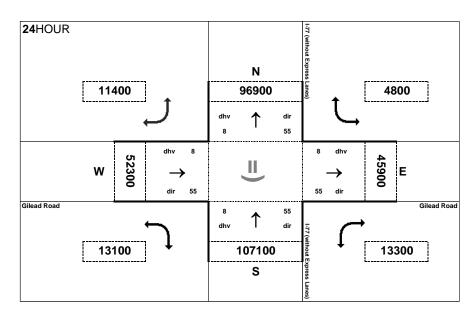
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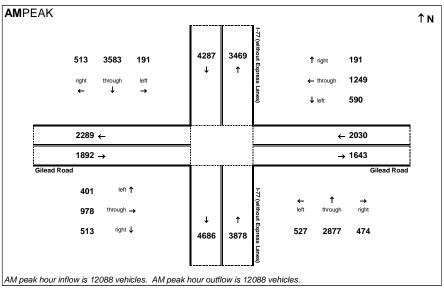
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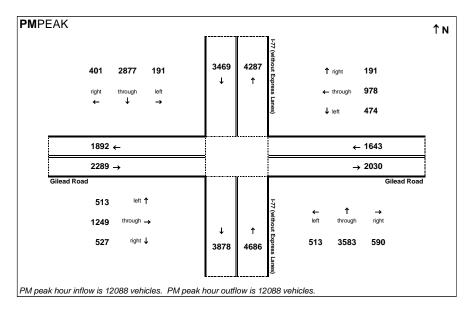
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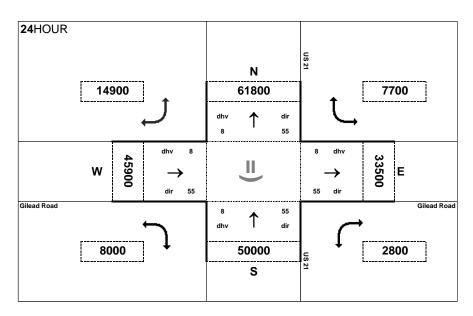
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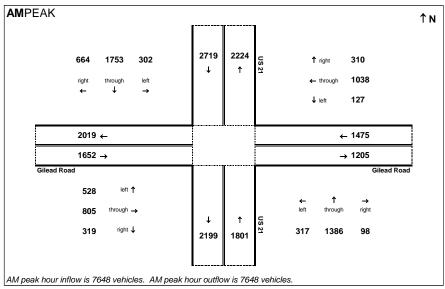
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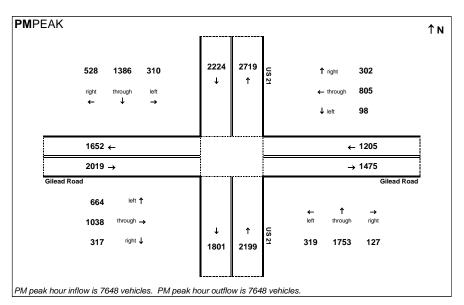
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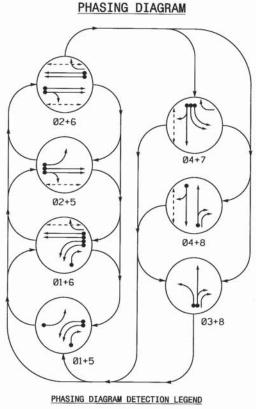
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## **APPENDIX C:**

## **SIGNAL DESIGN PLANS**



	Т			PH	ASE	1		
SIGNAL	0 1 + 5	0 1 + 6	Ø 2 + 5	02+6	Ø 4 + 7	Ø 4 + 8	Ø 3 + 8	FLASH
11,12	-	-	<del>-R</del>	<del>-R</del>	→R	<del>-R</del>	<del>-R</del>	₹R
21,22	R	R	G	G	R	R	R	Y
31	#	<b>+</b> ₽	<del>-R</del>	<del>-R</del> -	R	<del>-R</del>	-	+R
41,42	R	R	R	R	G	G	R	R
51	+	<del>-R</del>	-	₹R-	<del>−R</del>	<del>-R</del>	<del>-R</del>	₹R
61	R	G	R	G	R	R	R	Y
62	R	G	R	G	R/	R	R	Y
71,72	<del>-R</del>	-₽-	<b>-</b> R	+R	-	<del>-R</del>	<del>-R</del>	₹R
81	R	R	R	R	R	G	G	R
82	B/.	R/	R	R	R	G	G	R
P21,P22	DW	DW	W	W	DW	DW	DW	DRI
P41,P42	DW	DW	DW	DW	W	W	DW	DR
P61,P62	DW	W	DW	W	DW	DW	DW	DRI

12"
$\approx$
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21, 22
41, 42
61
81

SIGNAL FACE I.D. All Heads L.E.D.

82

P41,P42

P61,P62

	ETECT	ION ZON	NE .		DET	ECT	OR	P	ROGRAM	MING		Ξ
ZONE No.	SIZE (FT)	DISTANCE FROM STOPBAR (FT)	TURNS	NEW ZONE	PHASE	CALLING	EXTENSION	FULL TIME DELAY	STRETCH TIME	DELAY TIME	SYSTEM LOOP	NEW CARD
1A	6X60	0	*	-	1	Y	Υ	-	-	-	-	-
1B	6X60	0	*	-	1	Υ	Υ	-	57/	- 22	-	-
1C	6X60	0	*	-	1	Υ	Υ	-	-	15	-	-
2A	6X10	70	*	-	2	Y	Y	-		-	-	-
2B	6X10	70	*	-	2	Υ	Y	-	+	-	-	-
3A	6X60	0	*	-	3	Y	Υ	-			-	-
44	6X60	0	*	-	4	Y	Y	-	-	10	-	-
5A	6X60	0	*	-	5	Y	Υ	-		-	1	-
6A	6X10	70	*	-	6	Υ	Υ	-	127	-21	-	-
6B	6X10	70	*	-	6	Y	Υ	-	-01	-	-	-
7A	6X60	0	*	-	7	Υ	Υ	-	2.5	-		-
7B	6X60	0	*	-	7	Υ	Υ	-	-	-	-	-
8A	6X60	0	*	-	8	Υ	Y		- 31	10	-	-
S07	6X10	+150	*	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	Υ	-
S08	6X10	+150	*	-	-		-	-	-		Υ	-

\* Video Camera detection.

Pedestrian

Signal Pedestal

DETECTED MOVEMENT UNDETECTED MOVEMENT (OVERLAP) UNSIGNALIZED MOVEMENT <---> PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT

DW - Don't Walk

DRK - Dark

Pedestrian Signal Pedestal SR 2136 (Gilead Road) **→** 2B(3)

Pedestrian

Signal Pedestal

Reese Boulevard

		OASIS	2070L	TIMIN	G CHA	RT		
				PH	ASE			
FEATURE	1	2	3	4	.5	6	7	8
Min Green 1 *	7	10	7	7	7	10	7	7
Extension 1 *	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0
Max Green 1 *	30	60	15	25	15	60	20	25
Yellow Clearance	3.0	3.8	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.8	3.0	3.2
Red Clearance	3.3	2.3	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.3	3.5	3.1
Walk 1 *	- 2	7	-	7	1.7	7	-	-
Don't Walk 1	-	28	-	24	191	28	-	-
Seconds Per Actuation *	-	-	-	-	1.55	-		-
Max Variable Initial*	-		-	-	-	-	-	
Time Before Reduction *	-		5	-	Ow.	-	-	+
Time To Reduce *	-	-	-		-	-		-
Minimum Gap	-	12	58 8			-	-	(-
Recall Mode	+	MIN RECALL	-	-		MIN RECALL	-	-
Vehicle Call Memory		YELLOW	-		-	YELLOW	-	-
Dual Entry	-	-		-	121	T - 1	-	-
Simultaneous Gap	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON	ON

\* These values may be field adjusted. Do not adjust Min Green and Extension times for phases 2 and 6 lower than what is shown. Min Green for all other phases should not be lower than 4 seconds.

LECEND

11. Closed loop system data: Controller Asset #1753.

7 Phase Fully Actuated Gilead Road Closed Loop System

the Engineer.

presence mode.

Walk" time only.

shall remove.

7 may be reversed.

5. Set all detector units to

6. Omit "WALK" and flashing "DON'T WALK" with no pedestrian calls. 7. Program pedestrian heads to countdown the flashing "Don't

8. Existing "Left Turn Yield on

Green" ball sign(s)-(R10-12)

9. Pavement markings are existing.

10. Maximum times shown in timing

chart are for free-run operation only. Coordinated signal system timing values supersede these values.

lagged.

NOTES

Specifications for Roads and

Structures" doted July 2006.

2. Do not program signal for late night flashing operation unless otherwise directed by

3. Phase 1 and/or phase 5 may be

4. The order of phase 3 and phase

1. Refer to "Roadway Standard Drawings NCDOT" dated July 2006 and "Standard

08		LEGEND	
CD 0100 (05) and David	PROPOSED		EXISTING
SR 2136 (Gilead Road)	0-	Traffic Signal Head	•-
	0->	Modified Signal Head	N/A
	-	Sign	-
Pedestrian	₽	Pedestrian Signal Head With Push Button & Sign	<b>†</b>
SignalPedestal	$\circ$	Signal Pole with Guy	•
	o_ s	ignal Pole with Sidewalk Gu	y • 1
		Video Detection Area	(EBB)
	$\bowtie$	Controller & Cabinet	E×3
		Junction Box	-
		2-in Underground Conduit	
	N/A	Right of Way	
	$\longrightarrow$	Directional Arrow	$\longrightarrow$
	0	Signal Pedestal	•
		Metal Strain Pole	
	A Ri	ght Arrow "ONLY" Sign (R3-5)	R) (A)
	<b>B</b>	Combined Through and Right Arrow Sign (R3-6R)	B
	© U-T	urn "MUST YIELD" Sign (R3-	27) ©

Signal Upgrade



SR 2136 (Gilead Road) Reese Boulevard

	Division	10 Mecklenburg	County	Hunte	rsville
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3 Phase Fully Actuated

Gilead Road Closed Loop System

**NOTES** 

Drawings NCDOT" dated July 2006 and "Standard

2. Do not program signal for late

night flashing operation

3. Reposition existing signal

heads numbered 62. 4. Set all detector units to

the Engineer.

presence mode.

Specifications for Roads and Structures" dated July 2006.

unless otherwise directed by

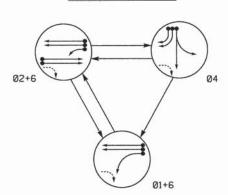
5. Pavement markings are existing.

6. Locate new cabinet so as not to

obstruct sight distance of vehicles turning right on red. 7. Maximum times shown in timing chart are for free-run operation only. Coordinated signal system timing values supersede these values. 8. Closed loop system data: Controller Asset #: 1106.

1. Refer to "Roadway Standard

#### PHASING DIAGRAM



### PHASING DIAGRAM DETECTION LEGEND

**→** DETECTED MOVEMENT

UNDETECTED MOVEMENT (OVERLAP) UNSIGNALIZED MOVEMENT

PEDESTRIAN MOV

		PHA	PHASE							
SIGNAL	0 1 + 6	02+6	0 4	FLASH						
11	-	F	<del>-R</del>	<del>-</del> ¥						
21,22	R	G	R	Y						
41,42	R	R	G	R						
43,44	R-	R-	-	R						
61,62	G	G	R	Y						

SIGNAL FACE I.D.

All Heads L.E.D.

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17 11

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				Т	0		
		-	-	-	F	4	R
		1	2	1	2	1	2
F	+	-	+	*	R	*	R
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STANDARD SIGNAL FACE CLEARANCES FOR FLASHING LEFT TURN SIGNAL							
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		1	2	1	2	1	2
F	+	-	+	*	R	*	
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	<del>-R</del>	R	R	R	R	#	R

#### OASIS 2070L LOOP & DETECTOR INSTALLATION CHART INDUCTIVE LOOPS DETECTOR PROGRAMMING FROM SIZE (FT) LOOP STOPBAR (FT) 6X40 0 2A 6X6 70 3 Y 6X6 70 3 Y 6X40 0 2-4-2 Y 6X40 0 2-4-2 1 4C 6X40 0 2-4-2 Y 4 Y Y -6A 6X6 70 4 Y 6 Y Y 6X6 70 4 Y 6 Y Y S05 6X6 +170 3 Y

S06 6X6 +170 3 Y

AN	MOVEMENT			11	41,42 61,62	45,44	
			SR	2136 (Gilea	d Road)		
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		-		_	-		

OASIS	2070L	TIMIN	G CHAR	T
		PHA	ASE	
FEATURE	1	2	4	6
Min Green 1 *	7	10	7	10
Extension 1 *	1.0	3.0	1.0	3.0
Max Green 1 *	30	60	25	75
Yellow Clearance	3.0	4.0	3.1	4.0
Red Clearance	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.1
Walk 1 *	-	-	-	-
Don't Walk 1	-	-	-	-
Seconds Per Actuation *	7.	-		-
Max Variable Initial*		-		
Time Before Reduction *	-	-	, a	0.78
Time To Reduce *	-	-	-	-

ON \* These values may be field adjusted. Do not adjust Min Green and Extension times for phases 2 and 6 lower than what is shown. Min Green for all other phases should not be lower than 4 seconds.

MIN RECALL

YELLOW

MIN RECALL

YELLOW

SR 2136 (Gilead Road)			
	B	35 mph -2% Grade	
	62	<u>← □ (B)</u>	_/
	======================================	(a) √ ——————————————————————————————————	+
	>		
		SR 2136 (Gilead Road)	
35 mph +3% Grade	42 41		
		*	

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#### I FGFND

	LEGEND	
PROPOSED		EXISTING
0-	Traffic Signal Head	•-
0->	Modified Signal Head	N/A
-	Sign	-
₽	Pedestrian Signal Head With Push Button & Sign	
0	Signal Pole with Guy	•
O_ :	Signal Pole with Sidewalk Gu	y • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
	Inductive Loop Detector	CIID
$\bowtie$	Controller & Cabinet	Ex3
	Junction Box	
	2-in Underground Conduit	
N/A	Right of Way	
$\longrightarrow$	Directional Arrow	$\longrightarrow$
N/A	Guardra i I	11
(A)	"YIELD" Sign (R1-2)	A
(B)	No Right Turn Sign (R3-1)	(A) (B) (C)
(C)	No Left Turn Sign (R3-2)	Õ

Signal Upgrade



SR 2136 (Gilead Road) I-77 SB Ramps

Huntersville Division 10 Mecklenburg County

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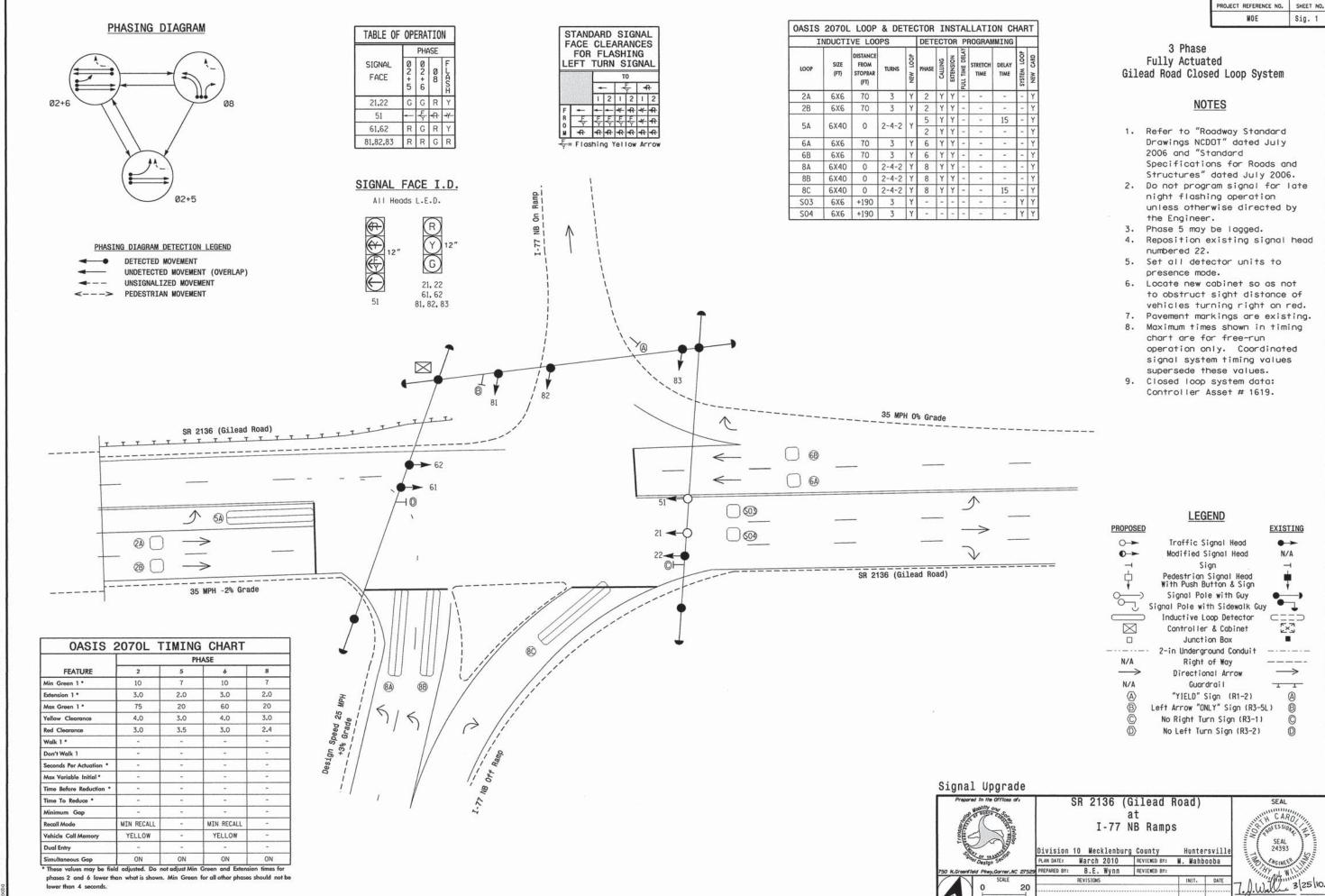


Minimum Gap

Vehicle Call Memory

Recall Mode

**Dual Entry** 



SIG. INVENTORY NO. 10-1619

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