

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE OF GEORGIA**

INTERDEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

FILE: STP00-0012-01(107) **OFFICE:** Engineering Services
 CSSTP-0009-00(164), Cherokee County
 P. I. Nos.: 632790 & 0009164
 SR 20 Widening and Truck Climbing Lanes **DATE:** February 17, 2009

FROM: Ronald E. Wishon, Acting Project Review Engineer *REW*

TO: Kent L. Sager, District Engineer
 Attention: DeWayne Comer, Project Manager

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF VALUE ENGINEERING STUDY ALTERNATIVES

Recommendations for implementation of Value Engineering Study Alternatives are indicated in the table below. Incorporate alternatives recommended for implementation to the extent reasonable in the design of the project.

**SR 20 Widening from I-575 to CR 288/Scott Rd. – CSSTP-0009-00(164),
 PI No.0009164**

ALT No.	Description	Savings PW & LCC	Implement	Comments
ROADWAY (RD)				
RD-6	Use a single multi-use trail in lieu of bike lanes/sidewalk.	\$410,633	No	The project limits are within a section that is on the Statewide Bicycle Plan.
RD-7	Use 5' sidewalks in lieu of 8' sidewalks.	Proposed= \$737,809 Actual= \$141,835	Yes	The additional \$595,974 savings was in commercial ROW which will not change due to the coordination with the developer and City of Canton.
RD-11	Use MSE wall in lieu of poured in place GA STD 4948-B retaining wall for wall number one.	Proposed= \$29,391 Actual= \$39,600	Yes	MSE walls offer savings but impacts historic property boundaries. By using the 4948-C wall instead of 4948-B wall, a savings of \$39,600 is realized.
RD-12	Use modular block wall in lieu of poured in place GA STD 4948-B retaining wall for wall number one.	\$94,766	No	See above. Already implementing GA STD 4849-C retaining wall for wall number one.

SR 20 Truck Climbing Lanes – STP00-0012-01(107), PI #632790

ALT No.	Description	Savings PW & LCC	Implement	Comments
TRUCK CLIMBING LANES (TCL)				
TCL-3	Use Bi-directional "passing lanes" in lieu of truck climbing lanes.	\$508,462	No	According to HCM 2000, the optimal passing lane length for +700 pc/h is 1-2 miles. The VE proposal is two-1,000 foot long passing lanes and the original design calls for one-1.6 mile long passing lane. The project flow rate in 2031 will be 1,850 pc/h.
TCL-4	Do not realign Water Tank Road.	\$67,948	No	Right of Way has already been purchased and additional utility impacts would occur.
TCL-5	Reduce side road improvements of Cotton Road and Old Orange Mill Road.	\$59,073	No	Construction is necessary to provide intersection sight distance and to meet the new mainline pavement profile which is to be lowered.
TCL-7	Terminate the eastbound two-lane section at Sta. 3105+00 in lieu of Sta. 3120+00.	\$247,342	No	According to AASHTO, the ideal design is to extend the passing lane to a point beyond the crest of the vertical curve. The VE team is terminating the lane at a crest vertical curve prior to the highpoint of the roadway.
TCL-9	Coordinate in future with urban design to prevent construction of items which will be obsolete.	Design Suggestion	Yes	This will be done.
TCL-14	Use MSE wall in lieu of poured in place GA Standard.	Proposed= \$41,221 Actual= \$37,947	Yes	This will be done.
TCL-15	Use modular block wall in lieu of poured in place GA Standard.	\$85,993	No	See above. Already implementing MSE wall for wall number one above.

TRUCK CLIMBING LANES (TCL) Continued				
TCL-16	Delete westbound Truck Climbing Lane.	\$737,311	No	According to AASHTO 2004, pg. 244, Criterion 3 is satisfied which justifies a Truck Climbing Lane (TCL). Also according to AASHTO, the addition of TCL can defer total roadway reconstruction for many years or indefinitely. The LOS / Delay with the TCL is "E" / 1.85 min. and "F" / 2.31 min. without the TCL.
TCL-17	Shorten the beginning of the eastbound Truck Climbing Lane.	\$38,704	No	Right of Way has already been purchased. The VE proposal would reduce the TCL length from 1.0 mile long to 0.9 mile long which is less than the optimum design of 1 -2 miles for a flow rate of +700 pc/h. The project flow rate in 2031 is 1,850 pc/h.

A meeting was held on January 26, 2009 to discuss the above recommendations. DeWayne Comer, Joseph Ciavarrro, and Kerric Primus with District 6 Design and Ron Wishon and Douglas Fadool with Engineering Services were in attendance. Additional information was provided by the Project Manager on January 27 and February 3 and 13, 2009.

The results above reflect the consensus of those in attendance and those who provided input.

Approved: Gerald M. Ross Date: 2/19/09
 Gerald M. Ross, P. E., Chief Engineer

REW/DMF

Attachments

STP00-0012-01(107) and CSSTP-0009-00(164), Cherokee County

P. I. Nos.: 632790 & 0009164

VE Study Implementation

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PRECONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR PI:0009164,632790-

PROJ ID : 0009164
COUNTY : Cherokee
SR 20 FROM I-575 TO CR 288/SCOTT ROAD
LENGTH (MI): 1.17
PROJ NO.: CSSTP-0009-00(164)
PROJ MGR: Comer, DeWayne
OFFICE : District 6
CONTRACTOR : GDOT
SPONSOR : GDOT
DESIGN FIRM:

MGMT LET DATE : 12/15/2010
MGMT ROW DATE : 06/19/2009
DOT DIST: 6
CONG. DIST: 6
BIKE: N
MEASURE:
NEEDS SCORE:
BRIDGE SUFF:

SCHED START **SCHED FINISH** **ACTIVITY** **ACTUAL START** **ACTUAL FINISH** **%**

SCHED START	SCHED FINISH	ACTIVITY	ACTUAL START	ACTUAL FINISH	%
3/27/2009	10/22/2009	Concept Development			0
9/24/2009	9/24/2009	Concept Meeting			0
10/8/2009	10/8/2009	PM Submit Concept Report			0
10/9/2009	10/22/2009	Receive Preconstruction Concept Approval			0
10/22/2009	10/22/2009	Management Concept Approval Complete			0
11/6/2009	11/6/2009	Public Information Open House Held			0
10/23/2009	7/28/2011	Environmental Approval			0
3/11/2011	5/5/2011	Pub Hear Held/Comm Resp(EA/FONSI, GEPA)			0
12/11/2009	12/31/2009	Mapping			0
1/4/2010	2/5/2010	Field Surveys/SDE			0
2/8/2010	11/12/2010	Preliminary Plans			0
10/23/2009	3/4/2010	Underground Storage Tanks			0
12/4/2009	2/18/2010	404 Permit Obtainment			0
8/19/2011	8/22/2011	PPPR Inspection			0
8/23/2011	12/12/2011	R/W Plans Preparation			0
12/13/2011	1/13/2012	R/W Plans Final Approval			0
9/28/2011	9/30/2011	L & D Approval			0
1/16/2012	11/26/2012	R/W Acquisition			0
6/7/2012	6/20/2012	Stake R/W			0
5/17/2010	5/18/2011	Soil Survey			0
10/3/2011	10/29/2012	Final Design			0
11/20/2012	11/21/2012	FFPR Inspection			0
12/5/2012	12/18/2012	Submit FFPR Responses(OES)			0

PROGRAMMED FUNDS

Phase	Approved	Proposed	Cost	Fund	Status	Date Auth
ROW	2009	2010	7,276,000.00	1,240	PRECST	
CST	2009	2011	4,263,367.50	1,240	PRECST	

STIP AMOUNTS

Phase	Cost	Fund
ROW	0.00	L240
CST	0.00	L240

District Comments

Design: JMC:mb
EIS: EA/Not et Dates/GB
ICPA: NOTIFICATION LETTER SENT TO CANTON & CHEROKEE 1-26-09
Programming: SPLIT FROM PI# 632790-
ROW: This project was previously Site 1 of STP-012-1(107) PI 632790
Prod. Parcel CT: 59 Total Parcel in ROW System: 51
Under Review: 0 Options - Pending: 0
Released: 0 Condemnations- Pend: 0
Acquired by: N/R
Acquisition MGR:
R/W Cert Date:

PRECONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT FOR PI:0009164.632790-

PROJ ID: 632790- Cherokee
COUNTY: 6.08
LENGTH (MI): STP00-0012.01(107)
PROJ NO.: Corner, DeWayne
PROJ MGR: District 6
OFFICE: No Consultant, GDOT In-House Design
CONSULTANT: GDOT
SPONSOR:
DESIGN FIRM:

SR 20 FM UNION HILL ROAD TO GREENWOOD COURT - CLIMBING LANES
MPO: Atlanta TMA
TIP #: CH-020A1
MODEL YR: 2020
TYPE WORK: Passing Lanes
CONCEPT: Reconstruction/Rehabilitation
PROG TYPE:
BOND PROJ.:

MGMT LET DATE: 08/21/2009
MGMT ROW DATE: 08/15/2005
SCHED LET DATE: 10/12/2009
WHO LETS?: GDOT Let
LET WITH:

SCHED		ACTIVITY		ACTUAL START	ACTUAL FINISH	%	Phase	Approved	Proposed	Cost	Fund	Status	Date Auth
START	FINISH												
2/27/2009	3/10/2009	Concept Development	6/14/1999	10/19/1999	100	100	PE	2000	2000	752,675.80	Q76	AUTHORIZED	7/30/1999
		Concept Meeting	6/25/1999	6/25/1999	100	100	ROW	2006	2006	10,911,000.00	L240	AUTHORIZED	7/18/2006
		PM Submit Concept Report	8/25/1999	9/29/1999	100	100	ROW	2009	2009	3,542,000.00	L240	PRECST	
		Receive Preconstruction Concept Approval	8/18/1999	8/31/1999	100	100	ROW	2003	2003	150,000.00	Q24	AUTHORIZED	7/18/2006
		Management Concept Approval Complete	9/14/1999	10/19/1999	100	100	CST	2010	2011	8,208,915.37	L240	PRECST	
		Value Engineering Study	8/15/2008	5/19/2002	83	100	PE Cost Est Amt		752,675.80	Date			
		Public Information Open House Held	5/17/2002	12/13/2004	100	100	ROW Cost Est Amt		10,911,000.00	Date			
		Environmental Approval	4/12/2000	5/3/2000	100	100	ROW Cost Est Amt		3,542,000.00	Date			
		Mapping	4/19/2000	1/19/2005	100	100	ROW Cost Est Amt		7,312,008	Date			
		Field Surveys/SIDE	1-4-2005	6/27/2002	100	100	ROW Cost Est Amt		7,312,008	Date			
		Preliminary Plans	5/19/2002	12/8/2008	100	100	CST Cost Est Amt		7,143,000.00	Date			
		Underground Storage Tanks	6/30/2003		0	0							
		404 Permit Obtainment	8/22/2005	8/22/2005	100	100							
		FFPR Inspection	1/22/2002	6/13/2002	100	100							
		R/W Plans Preparation	9/7/2005	1/19/2006	100	100							
		R/W Plans Final Approval	1/20/2006	1/24/2006	100	100							
		I. & D Approval	12/1/2005		68	68							
		R/W Acquisition	9/17/2007	12/31/2007	100	100							
		Stake R/W	6/4/2001	6/6/2001	100	100							
		Soil Survey	12/2/2008		11	11							
		Final Design			0	0							
		FFPR Inspection			0	0							
		Submit FFPR Responses(OHS)			0	0							

Phase	Approved	Proposed	Cost	Fund	Status	Date Auth
PE	2000	2000	752,675.80	Q76	AUTHORIZED	7/30/1999
ROW	2006	2006	10,911,000.00	L240	AUTHORIZED	7/18/2006
ROW	2009	2009	3,542,000.00	L240	PRECST	
ROW	2003	2003	150,000.00	Q24	AUTHORIZED	7/18/2006
CST	2010	2011	8,208,915.37	L240	PRECST	

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ROW	0.00	L240
ROW	3,542,000.00	L240
CST	7,143,000.00	L240

PDD: [01R] 12-09-2000 AQE 6/16/00 SEPT 09 BOARD ADD ASSIGNED DISTRICT 6 Must RW 05 authorization' 3/11/04.
 RFT WALLS - SWW 10/03/08 (FINAL PLANS SENT 9/08/08)
 JMC/Kp
Design: [01-08-09] PCEADVACQ-13-02 CE12-13-04 R6-10-06 OnSchedCST: LC: GR
ELS: CHEROKEE SGN DO UTILITIES 10-26-99/RESCISSON LETTER SENT 4-1-05
LGPA: #1 9-02/R/W ADV ACQ 3-03/#2 10-04/PI# 0009164 WAS SPLIT FM THIS PROJECT 7-08 #3 8-08/#4 11-08/#5 1-09
 #6 1-09
ROW: Pacq-1 letter, Acq/PM Brown, CC Hill, Only Sites 2 & 3, Site 1 is now 0009164
Traffic Op: CAH/SM COMTS TO DIST 06/17/05 - PEPR sent 8/9/05 sz/r
Utility: 2nd sub made 9-17-08, 3 of 7 to PM 12-2-08
EMG: 2033 (H85/94)-W V88
Engr Services: Supp PEPR required. Speed Limit lowered to 35 mph

Pre. Parcel CT: 120 **Total Parcel in ROW System:** 135
Under Review: 0 **Options - Pending:** 5
Released: 135 **Condemnations- Pend:** 2

Cond. Filed: 19
Relocations: 16
Acquired: 128

Acquired by: DOT
Acquisition MGR: Brown, Don (C)
R/W Cert Date:

DEEDS CT: 109

District Comments:
 G O ROW Comment Site 1 being redesign ROW on Hold Sites 2 & 3 involve total of 135 parcels-ROW active

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FILE: STP00-0012-01(107) and OFFICE: Cartersville
CSSTP-0009-00(164) in Cherokee County
PI No.: 632790 & 0009164
SR 20 Widening and Truck Climbing Lanes DATE: December 18, 2008
Revision Date: January 30, 2009

FROM: Kent L. Sager, District Engineer

TO: Gerald Ross, P.E., Chief Engineer

SUBJECT: VE Study Responses
SR 20 Roadway Widening, CSSTP-0009-00(164), PI 0009164; SR 20 Truck Climbing Lanes, STP00-0012-01(107), PI 632790 in Cherokee County

This project memorandum has been prepared as a response to the VE Study Recommendations for the referenced projects. For these projects, a VE Study was held on October 28-31, 2008. The VE Study Report of findings and recommendations was prepared and distributed by PBS&J's Value Management Team on November 14, 2008. This report was received by District 6 Road Design Office on November 18, 2008. A summary of the study recommendations with back up calculations were contained in this report. We have reviewed the comments and offer the following responses to these recommendations:

SR 20 Widening from I-575 to CR 288/Scott Rd. - CSSTP-0009-00(164), PI No. 0009164

Alternative No. RD-6

Recommendation: Use a single multi-use trail in lieu of bike lanes/sidewalk for a cost savings of \$410,633.

Response: The existence of the bike lane was planned in coordination with the city of Canton surrounding the new 'Canton Marketplace' shopping center which is being built on the south side of the project between stations 1000+00 and 1025+00. Sidewalks on both sides of the roadway and bike lanes are included as part of the developmental plan surrounding the new project. Furthermore, AASHTO generally recommends against using shared use paths adjacent to the roadway because of an increased crash rate with turning vehicles. For this reason, the State Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator is also in favor of maintaining the bike lane design.

Alternative No. RD-7

Recommendation: Use 5' sidewalks in lieu of 8' sidewalks for a cost savings of \$737,809.

Response: The original design inclusion of 8' sidewalks with 15' shoulders was part of the design coordination with the city of Canton on the 'Canton Marketplace' development. However, with further investigation, we have decided to use the alternative suggested and use 5' sidewalks in lieu of 8' sidewalks. With this change in sidewalk width we're able to have an approximate savings of \$141,835.

The additional \$595,974 savings suggested in the Alternative Recommendation was in commercial Right-of-Way which will not change do to the coordination with the developer and the City of Canton.

Alternative No. RD-11

Recommendation: Use MSE wall in lieu of poured in place GA STD 4948-B retaining wall for a cost savings of \$29,391.

Response: While the GDOT Department of Bridge Design is in agreement that the MSE wall would be more economical (approximate savings: \$30,000), the purpose of the wall through this stretch of the project is to prevent violation of a historical property on the north side of the project. Thus, the depth of the MSE wall would undermine that historical boundary. However, further inspection of the wall design by Bridge Design has shown that the correct wall standard to be used would be GA STD 4948-C instead of the shown 4948-B. The change in GA STD will have an approximate savings of \$39,600.

Alternative No. RD-12

Recommendation: Use modular block wall in lieu of poured in place GA STD 4948-B retaining wall for a cost savings of \$94,766.

Response: As was expressed in the response to Alternative RD-12, the wall type cannot be changed to a type with greater depth due to historical considerations. However, the original wall design is being reviewed after discussion with the Bridge Department to ensure proper design.

SR 20 Truck Climbing Lanes - STP00-0012-01(107), PI No. 632790 in Cherokee County

Alternative No. TCL-3

Recommendation: Use Bi-directional "passing lanes" in lieu of truck climbing lanes for a cost savings of \$508,462.

Response: According to the Highway Capacity Manual 2000, passing lanes on two-lane highways range in the lengths of 0.186 to 3.1 miles. The optimal lengths for passing lanes range from 0.5 to 2.0 miles depending on the traffic flow rate. The Directional Flow Rate along SR 20, projected at 1850 pc/h in 2031, is above the 700 pc/h for an optimal passing lane length of 1.0 to 2.0 miles long. The recommendation listed above suggest to construct passing lanes of 1,000-ft long with a 300-ft taper at the beginning and a 600-ft taper at the end at key locations in both directions. This alternative does not meet the optimal passing lane length according to the HCM 2000. Reference attached Appendix A (Highway Capacity Manual 2000: Chapter 12; pg 12_18)

Alternative No. TCL-4

Recommendation: Do not realign Water Tank Road for a cost savings of \$67,948.

Response: Looking into this issue. We are waiting on the depth of the valves in the area to be located.

Alternative No. TCL-5

Recommendation: Reduce side road improvements of Cotton Road and Old Orange Mill Road for a cost savings of \$59,073.

Response: The realignment of CR/195 Cotton Rd and CR/238 Old Orange Mill Rd are a result of a sight distance issue which has lowered the profile along SR20/Cumming Hwy. This lowering of the profile grade on SR 20 makes a need to realign the profiles of both intersections to coincide with the proposed profile grade along SR 20.

Alternative No. TCL-7

Recommendation: Terminate the east bound two-lane section at Sta. 3105+00 in lieu of Sta. 3120+00 for a cost savings of \$247,342.

Response: According to the AASHTO Green Book, the ideal design is to extend a climbing lane to a point beyond the crest (crest high point is at Sta. 3111+92.51), where a typical truck could attain a speed that is within 10 mph of the speed of the vehicles with a desirable speed of at least 40 mph. Additionally, shortening the length of the climbing lane will reduce the passing opportunities of other vehicles around slower truck traffic and substantially increase traffic platooning along this section of SR 20. Reference attached Appendix B (AASHTO Green Book 2004 Edition: Chapter 3 Elements of Design; pg 246)

Alternative No. TCL-9

Recommendation: Co-ordinate with future urban design to prevent construction of items which will be obsolete.

Response: The District office has communicated with the consultants of the future project to help them coordinated with our design.

Alternative No. TCL-14

Recommendation: Use MSE wall in lieu of poured in place GA Standard for a cost savings of \$41,221.

Response: The Office of Bridge Design has reviewed the VE Study and has recommended constructing a MSE wall for Wall 1 at Sta. 2087+00 to 2088+00 (SR 20) due the height of the wall. However, Bridge Design would not recommend constructing a MSE wall for Wall 2 at Sta. 71+75 to 72+75 (Beavers Rd) since the wall is only about 4 feet high and is proposed as a standard gravity wall. Reference attached Appendix C (Cost Worksheet for savings on Wall 1).

Alternative No. TCL-15

Recommendation: Use modular block wall in lieu of poured in place GA Standard for a cost savings of \$85,993.

Response: The Office of Bridge Design has reviewed the VE Study and has recommended constructing a MSE wall for Wall 1 at Sta. 2087+00 to 2088+00 (SR 20) due the height of the wall. However, Bridge Design would not recommend constructing a MSE wall for Wall 2 at Sta. 71+75 to 72+75 (Beavers Rd) since the wall is only about 4 feet high and is proposed as a standard gravity wall.

Alternative No. TCL-16

Recommendation: Delete West Bound Truck Passing Lane for a cost savings of \$737,311.

Response: With the current high traffic volume and the congestion of slower moving trucks along the existing SR 20 corridor, the need for relief justifies the truck climbing (passing) lanes to increase capacity and also improve safety. According to AASHTO, Criterion 3 is justified if the LOS of E or F exists along a two-lane highway. Reference attached Appendix D (LOS Report). Additionally, AASHTO states that on some two-lane highways, the addition of climbing lanes could defer reconstruction for many years or indefinitely. Climbing lanes could make a two-lane highway operate efficiently, whereas a much costly multilane highway would be needed.

Alternative No. TCL-17

Recommendation: Shorten the beginning of the East Bound Truck Passing Lane for a cost savings of \$160,533.

Response: Shortening the length of the climbing lane will reduce the passing opportunities of other vehicles around slower truck traffic and substantially increase traffic platooning along this section of SR 20. The optimal lengths for passing lanes range from 0.5 to 2.0 miles depending on the traffic flow rate. The Directional Flow Rate along SR 20 is above the 700 pc/h for an optimal passing lane length of 1.0 to 2.0 miles long. The recommendation listed above suggests shortening the passing lane to approximately 0.8 miles. This alternative does not meet the optimal passing lane length according to the HCM 2000. Additionally, the GAB-10" Inc. Mat'l on the Cost Worksheet has the original estimate at \$260,076. It should be $7,467 \text{ sy} \times \$20/\text{unit} = \$149,340$ for an above cost savings of \$38,704. Reference attached Appendix A (Highway Capacity Manual 2000: Chapter 12; pg 12_18)

Appendix A

EXHIBIT 12-11. DEFAULT VALUES FOR PERCENTAGE OF NO-PASSING ZONES

Terrain Type	No-Passing Zones (%)
Level	20
Rolling	50
Mountainous	80

Base FFS

The base FFS for a two-lane highway is observed at base conditions and ranges from 70 to 110 km/h, depending on the highway's characteristics.

Length of Passing Lane

Passing lanes on two-lane highways range in length from 0.3 to 5.0 km (8). Research has shown that the optimal lengths for passing lanes range from 0.8 to 3.2 km, depending on the traffic flow rate, as shown in Exhibit 12-12.

EXHIBIT 12-12. OPTIMAL LENGTHS OF PASSING LANES

Directional Flow Rate (pc/h)	Optimal Passing Lane Length (km)
100	≤ 0.80 <i>0.50 mile</i>
200	> 0.80-1.20 <i>0.50 mile - 0.75 mile</i>
400	> 1.20-1.60 <i>0.75 mile - 1 mile</i>
≥ 700	> 1.60-3.20 <i>1 mile - 2 miles</i>

Source: Harwood and St. John (8).

Length of Analysis Period

Refer to the description of the length of analysis period under the required data and estimated values for multilane highways.

PHF

When feasible, the PHF should be determined from local field data. If field data are not available, the factors presented in Exhibit 12-9 may be used for two-way and directional two-lane highway analysis. In general, lower PHFs are typical of rural or off-peak conditions, but higher PHFs are typical of urban or suburban peak-hour conditions. Default PHF values of 0.88 for rural areas and 0.92 for urban areas may be used in the absence of local data.

Directional Split

Directional distribution is defined as 50/50 for base conditions. Most directional distributions on rural two-lane highways range from 50/50 to 70/30. On recreational routes, the directional distribution may be as high as 80/20 or more during holiday or other peak periods. Exhibit 12-13 lists default directional splits that may be used if field-observed data are not available.

EXHIBIT 12-13. DEFAULT VALUES FOR DIRECTIONAL SPLIT ON TWO-LANE HIGHWAYS

Type	Directional Split
Rural Highways	60/40
Urban Highways	60/40
Recreational Highways	80/20

Percentage of Heavy Vehicles

The local HPMS may be used to obtain local information on the percentage of heavy vehicles by facility and area type. When estimates of the traffic mix are not available,

The HCM (14) provides additional details and worksheets to perform the computations needed for analysis in the preceding criteria. This procedure is also available in computer software, reducing the need for manual calculations.

Because there are so many variables involved that hardly any given set of conditions can be properly described as typical, a detailed analysis such as the one described is recommended wherever climbing lanes are being considered.

The location where an added lane should begin depends on the speeds at which trucks approach the grade and on the extent of sight distance restrictions on the approach. Where there are no sight distance restrictions or other conditions that limit speeds on the approach, the added lane may be introduced on the upgrade beyond its beginning because the speed of trucks will not be reduced beyond the level tolerable to following drivers until they have traveled some distance up the grade. This optimum point for capacity would occur for a reduction in truck speed to 60 km/h [40 mph], but a 15 km/h [10 mph] decrease in truck speed below the average running speed, as discussed in the preceding section on "Critical Lengths of Grade for Design," is the most practical reduction obtainable from the standpoint of level of service and safety. This 15-km/h [10-mph] reduction is the accepted basis for determining the location at which to begin climbing lanes. The distance from the bottom of the grade to the point where truck speeds fall to 15 km/h [10 mph] below the average running speed may be determined from Exhibit 3-55 or Exhibit 3-59. Different curves would apply for trucks with other than a weight/power ratio of 120 kg/kW [200 lb/hp]. For example, assuming an approach condition on which trucks with a 120-kg/kW [200-lb/hp] weight/power ratio are traveling within a flow having an average running speed of 110 km/h [70 mph], the resulting 15-km/h [10-mph] speed reduction occurs at distances of approximately 175 to 350 m [600 to 1,200 ft] for grades varying from 7 to 4 percent. With a downgrade approach, these distances would be longer and, with an upgrade approach, they would be shorter. Distances thus determined may be used to establish the point at which a climbing lane should begin. Where restrictions, upgrade approaches, or other conditions indicate the likelihood of low speeds for approaching trucks, the added lane should be introduced near the foot of the grade. The beginning of the added lane should be preceded by a tapered section with a desirable taper ratio of 25:1 that should be at least 90 m [300 ft] long.

The ideal design is to extend a climbing lane to a point beyond the crest, where a typical truck could attain a speed that is within 15 km/h [10 mph] of the speed of the other vehicles with a desirable speed of at least 60 km/h [40 mph]. This may not be practical in many instances because of the unduly long distance needed for trucks to accelerate to the desired speed. In such situations, a practical point to end the added lane is where trucks can return to the normal lane without undue interference with other traffic—in particular, where the sight distance becomes sufficient to permit passing when there is no oncoming traffic or, preferably, at least 60 m [200 ft] beyond that point. An appropriate taper length should be provided to permit trucks to return smoothly to the normal lane. For example, on a highway where the passing sight distance becomes available 30 m [100 ft] beyond the crest of the grade, the climbing lane should extend 90 m [300 ft] beyond the crest (i.e., 30 m [100 ft] plus 60 m [200 ft]), and an additional tapered section with a desirable taper ratio of 50:1 that should be at least 180 m [600 ft] long.

DIRECTIONAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY SEGMENT WORKSHEET			
General Information		Site Information	
Analyst	Kerric Primus	Highway / Direction of Travel	SR 20
Agency or Company	D6 Road Design	From/To	
Date Performed	1/27/2009	Jurisdiction	
Analysis Time Period		Analysis Year	2031
Project Description: PI 532730; Cherokee Co.; Truck Climbing Lanes (Westbound)			
Input Data			
<p style="text-align: center;">Segment length, L_1 mi</p>		<input type="checkbox"/> Class I highway <input type="checkbox"/> Class II highway Terrain <input type="checkbox"/> Level <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Grade Length mi Up/down Peak-hour factor, PHF 1.00 No-passing zone 0% % Trucks and Buses, P_T 12 % % Recreational vehicles, P_R 4% Access points/ mi 11	
Analysis direction vol., V_d	1850veh/h		
Opposing direction vol., V_o	1540veh/h		
Average Travel Speed			
		Analysis Direction (d)	Opposing Direction (o)
Passenger-car equivalents for trucks, E_T (Exhibit 20-9 or 20-15)		1.5	1.5
Passenger-car equivalents for RVs, E_R (Exhibit 20-9 or 20-17)		1.1	1.1
Heavy-vehicle adjustment factor, $f_{HV} = 1 / (1 + P_T(E_T - 1) + P_R(E_R - 1))$		0.940	0.940
Grade adjustment factor ¹ , f_G (Exhibit 20-7 or 20-13)		0.99	0.99
Directional flow rate ² , v_i (pc/h) $v_i = V_i / (PHF \cdot f_{HV} \cdot f_G)$		1988	1655
Free-Flow Speed from Field Measurement		Estimated Free-Flow Speed	
Field measured speed ³ , S_{FM}	mi/h	Base free-flow speed ³ , $BFFS_{FM}$	45.0 mi/h
Observed volume ³ , V_i	veh/h	Adj. for lane width and shoulder width ³ , f_{LS} (Exh 20-5)	0.0 mi/h
Free-flow speed, FFS_d $FFS = S_{FM} + 0.00776(V_i / f_{HV})$	mi/h	Adj. for access points ³ , f_A (Exhibit 20-5)	2.8 mi/h
Adjustment for no-passing zones, f_{np} (Exhibit 20-19)	0.0 mi/h	Free-flow speed, FFS_d ($FFS = BFFS \cdot f_{LS} \cdot f_A$)	42.3 mi/h
		Average travel speed, $ATS = FFS \cdot 0.00776 \cdot v_i \cdot f_{np}$	14.0 mi/h
Percent Time Spent Following			
		Analysis Direction (d)	Opposing Direction (o)
Passenger-car equivalents for trucks, E_T (Exhibit 20-10 or 20-16)		1.0	1.0
Passenger-car equivalents for RVs, E_R (Exhibit 20-10 or 20-16)		1.0	1.0
Heavy-vehicle adjustment factor, $f_{HV} = 1 / (1 + P_T(E_T - 1) + P_R(E_R - 1))$		1.000	1.000
Grade adjustment factor ¹ , f_G (Exhibit 20-8 or 20-14)		1.00	1.00
Directional flow rate ² , v_i (pc/h) $v_i = V_i / (PHF \cdot f_{HV} \cdot f_G)$		1850	1540
Base percent time-spent-following ⁴ , $BPTSF(\%) = 100(1 - e^{-a v_i^b})$		94.3	
Adj. for no-passing zone, f_{np} (Exhibit 20-20)		5.5	
Percent time-spent-following, $PTSF(\%) = BPTSF + f_{np}$		97.3	
Level of Service and Other Performance Measures			
Level of service, LOS (Exhibit 20-3 or 20-4)		F	
Volume to capacity ratio, $v/c = V_d / 1,700$		1.17	
Peak 15-min veh-miles of travel, $VMT_{15}(\text{veh-mi}) = 0.25 L_1 (V / PHF)$		1018	
Peak-hour vehicle-miles of travel, $VMT_{60}(\text{veh-mi}) = V \cdot L_1$		4070	
Peak 15-min total travel time, $TT_{15}(\text{veh-h}) = VMT_{15} / ATS$		72.8	
Notes			
1. If the highway is extended segment (level) or rolling terrain, $f_G = 1.0$.			
2. If $v_i (V_d \text{ or } V_o) \geq 1,700$ pc/h, terminate analysis—the LOS is F.			
3. For the analysis direction only.			
4. Exhibit 20-21 provides factors a and b.			
5. Use alternative Equation 20-14 if some trucks operate at crawl speeds on a specific downgrade.			

DIRECTIONAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY SEGMENT WORKSHEET WITH PASSING LANE WORKSHEET	
General Information	
Analyst	Keric Primus
Agency or Company	D6 Road Design
Date Performed	1/27/2009
Analysis Time Period	
Project Description: PI 632790, Cherokee Co., Truck Climbing Lanes (Westbound)	
Site Information	
Highway of Travel	SR 20
From/To	
Jurisdiction	
Analysis Year	2031
Input Data	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Class I highway <input type="checkbox"/> Class II highway	
Total length of analysis segment, L_t (mi)	2.2
Length of two-lane highway upstream of the passing lane, L_u (mi)	6.3
Length of passing lane including tapers, L_{pl} (mi)	1.8
Average travel speed, ATS_d (from Directional Two-Lane Highway Segment Worksheet)	14.0
Percent time-spent-following, $PTSF_d$ (from Directional Two-Lane Highway Segment Worksheet)	97.3
Level of service ¹ , LOS_d (from Directional Two-Lane Highway Segment Worksheet)	F
Average Travel Speed	
Downstream length of two-lane highway within effective length of passing lane for average travel speed, L_{de} (mi) (Exhibit 20-23)	1.70
Length of two-lane highway downstream of effective length of the passing lane for avg travel speed, L_d (mi) $L_d = L_t - (L_u + L_{pl} + L_{de})$	-1.60
Adj. factor for the effect of passing lane on average speed, f_p (Exhibit 20-24)	1.11
Average travel speed including passing lane ² , $ATS_{pl} = (ATS_d * L_t) / (L_u + L_d + (L_{pl}/f_p) + (2L_{de}/(1+f_p)))$	15.3
Percent Time-Spent-Following	
Downstream length of two-lane highway within effective length of passing lane for percent time-spent-following, L_{de} (mi) (Exhibit 20-23)	3.60
Length of two-lane highway downstream of effective length of the passing lane for percent-time-following, L_d (mi) $L_d = L_t - (L_u + L_{pl} + L_{de})$	-3.50
Adj. factor for the effect of passing lane on percent time-spent-following, f_{pt} (Exhibit 20-24)	0.62
Percent time-spent-following including passing lane ³ , $PTSF_{pl}$ (%) $PTSF_{pl} = PTSF_d [L_u + L_d + f_{pt} L_{pl} + ((1+f_{pt})/2)L_{de}] / L_t$	65.4
Level of Service and Other Performance Measures⁴	
Level of service including passing lane LOS_{pl} (Exhibit 20-3 or 20-4)	E
Peak 15-min total travel time, TT_{15} (veh-h) $TT_{15} = VMT_{15} / ATS_{pl}$	66.6
Notes	
1. If $LOS_d = F$, passing lane analysis cannot be performed. 2. If $L_d < 0$, use alternative Equation 20-22. 3. If $L_d < 0$, use alternative Equation 20-20. 4. w/c, VMT_{15} and VMT_{90} are calculated on Directional Two-Lane Highway Segment Worksheet.	

DIRECTIONAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY SEGMENT WORKSHEET			
General Information		Site Information	
Analyst	Keric Primus	Highway / Direction of Travel	SR 20
Agency or Company	D6 Road Design	From/To	
Date Performed	1/27/2009	Jurisdiction	
Analysis Time Period		Analysis Year	2031
Project Description: PI 632790; Cherokee Co.; Truck Climbing Lanes (Eastbound)			
Input Data			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Class I highway <input type="checkbox"/> Class II highway <input type="checkbox"/> Terrain <input type="checkbox"/> Level <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Grade Length mi Up/down Peak-hour factor, PHF 1.00 No-passing zone 0% % Trucks and Buses, P _T 12 % % Recreational vehicles, P _R 4% Access points/ mi 7	
Analysis direction vol., V _d	1695veh/h		
Opposing direction vol., V _o	1500veh/h		
Average Travel Speed			
		Analysis Direction (d)	Opposing Direction (o)
Passenger-car equivalents for trucks, E _T (Exhibit 20-9 or 20-15)		1.5	1.5
Passenger-car equivalents for RVs, E _R (Exhibit 20-9 or 20-17)		1.1	1.1
Heavy-vehicle adjustment factor, f _{HV} = 1 / (1 + P _T (E _T -1) + P _R (E _R -1))		0.940	0.940
Grade adjustment factor ¹ , f _G (Exhibit 20-7 or 20-13)		0.99	0.99
Directional flow rate ² , v (pc/h) v _i = V _i / (PHF * f _{HV} * f _G)		1822	1612
Free-Flow Speed from Field Measurement		Estimated Free-Flow Speed	
Field measured speed ³ , S _{FM}	mi/h	Base free-flow speed ³ , BFFS _{FM}	45.0 mi/h
Observed volume ³ , V _i	veh/h	Adj. for lane width and shoulder width ³ , f _{LS} (Exh 20-5)	0.0 mi/h
Free-flow speed, FFS _d FFS = S _{FM} + 0.00776(V _i / f _{HV})	mi/h	Adj. for access points ³ , f _A (Exhibit 20-5)	1.8 mi/h
Adjustment for no-passing zones, f _{np} (Exhibit 20-18)	0.0 mi/h	Free-flow speed, FFS _d (FSS = BFFS * f _{LS} * f _A)	43.3 mi/h
		Average travel speed, ATS = FFS - 0.00776V _p * f _{np}	16.6 mi/h
Percent Time-Spent-Following			
		Analysis Direction (d)	Opposing Direction (o)
Passenger-car equivalents for trucks, E _T (Exhibit 20-10 or 20-16)		1.0	1.0
Passenger-car equivalents for RVs, E _R (Exhibit 20-10 or 20-16)		1.0	1.0
Heavy-vehicle adjustment factor, f _{HV} = 1 / (1 + P _T (E _T -1) + P _R (E _R -1))		1.000	1.000
Grade adjustment factor ¹ , f _G (Exhibit 20-8 or 20-14)		1.00	1.00
Directional flow rate ² , v (pc/h) v _i = V _i / (PHF * f _{HV} * f _G)		1695	1500
Base percent time-spent-following ⁴ , BPTSF (%) = 100(1 - e ^{-v}) ^b			92.9
Adj. for no-passing zone, f _{np} (Exhibit, 20-20)			5.3
Percent time-spent-following, PTSF (%) = BPTSF + f _{np}			95.7
Level of Service and Other Performance Measures			
Level of service, LOS (Exhibit 20-3 or 20-4)			F
Volume to capacity ratio, v/c = V _d / 1,700			1.07
Peak 15-min veh-miles of travel, VMT ₁₅ (veh-mi) = 0.25L ₁ (V/PHF)			509
Peak-hour vehicle-miles of travel, VMT ₈₀ (veh-mi) = V * L ₁			2034
Peak 15-min total travel time, TT ₁₅ (veh-h) = VMT ₁₅ / ATS			30.7
Notes			
1. If the highway is extended segment (level) or rolling terrain, f _G = 1.0. 2. If v (v _d or v _o) >= 1,700 pc/h, terminate analysis—the LOS is F. 3. For the analysis direction only. 4. Exhibit 20-21 provides factors a and b. 5. Use alternative Equation 20-14 if some trucks operate at crawl speeds on a specific downgrade.			

DIRECTIONAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY SEGMENT WORKSHEET WITH PASSING LANE WORKSHEET	
General Information	
Analyst	Kerric Primus
Agency or Company	D6 Road Design
Date Performed	1/27/2009
Analysis Time Period	
Project Description: PI 632790: Cherokee Co.; Truck Climbing Lanes (Eastbound)	
Site Information	
Highway of Travel	SR 20
From/To	
Jurisdiction	
Analysis Year	2031
Input Data	
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Total length of analysis segment, L_t (mi)	1.2
Length of two-lane highway upstream of the passing lane, L_u (mi)	6.0
Length of passing lane including tapers, L_{pl} (mi)	1.1
Average travel speed, ATS_d (from Directional Two-Lane Highway Segment Worksheet)	16.6
Percent time-spent-following, $PTSF_d$ (from Directional Two-Lane Highway Segment Worksheet)	95.7
Level of service ¹ , LOS_d (from Directional Two-Lane Highway Segment Worksheet)	F
Average Travel Speed	
Downstream length of two-lane highway within effective length of passing lane for average travel speed, L_{de} (mi) (Exhibit 20-23)	1.70
Length of two-lane highway downstream of effective length of the passing lane for avg travel speed, L_d (mi) $L_d = L_t - (L_u + L_{pl} + L_{de})$	-1.60
Adj. factor for the effect of passing lane on average speed, f_{ps} (Exhibit 20-24)	1.11
Average travel speed including passing lane ² , $ATS_{pl} = (ATS_d * L_t) / (L_u + L_d + (L_{pl}/f_{ps}) + (2L_{de}/(1+f_{ps})))$	18.4
Percent Time-Spent-Following	
Downstream length of two-lane highway within effective length of passing lane for percent time-spent-following, L_{de} (mi) (Exhibit 20-23)	3.60
Length of two-lane highway downstream of effective length of the passing lane for percent-time-following, L_d (mi) $L_d = L_t - (L_u + L_{pl} + L_{de})$	-3.50
Adj. factor for the effect of passing lane on percent time-spent-following, f_p (Exhibit 20-24)	0.62
Percent time-spent-following including passing lane ³ , $PTSF_{pl}$ (%) $PTSF_{pl} = PTSF_d [L_u + L_d + f_p L_{pl} + ((1+f_p)/2)L_{de}] / L_t$	59.4
Level of Service and Other Performance Measures⁴	
Level of service including passing lane LOS_p (Exhibit 20-3 or 20-4)	E
Peak 15-min total travel time, TT_{15} (veh-h) $TT_{15} = VMT_{15}/ATS_{pl}$	27.6
Notes	
1. If $LOS_d = F$, passing lane analysis cannot be performed. 2. If $L_d < 0$, use alternative Equation 20-22. 3. If $L_d < 0$, use alternative Equation 20-20. 4. v/c, VMT_{15} and VMT_{60} are calculated on Directional Two-Lane Highway Segment Worksheet.	

Time of Delay (using 2011 projected traffic)

ALTERNATIVE NO: **TCL - 16**

DESCRIPTION: **Delete westbound truck climbing lane on Section 2**

Time of delay through the segment of SR20 from 2068+00 to 2183+00.

Based on estimated free-flow speed: (From LOS Reports)

• Base free-flow speed (BFFS _{FM})	45.0 mi/h
• Adj. for lane width and shoulder width (f _{LS})	0.0 mi/h
• Adj. for access points (f _A)	2.8 mi/h
• Adj. for no-passing zone (f _{np})	0.0 mi/h
• Free-flow speed (FFS _d)	42.2 mi/h
• Average travel speed (ATS _d)	25.1 mi/h
• Average travel speed including passing lane (ATS _{pl})	27.4 mi/h

So calculating the time it takes to travel through the segment based on the estimated travel speeds from the LOS Report:

$$2.2 \text{ miles} / 0.75^{\text{mi}} / \text{min} (45\text{mph}) = 2.93 \text{ minutes}$$

$$2.2 \text{ miles} / 0.42^{\text{mi}} / \text{min} (25.1\text{mph}) = 5.24 \text{ minutes w/out passing lane for a delay of 2.31 minutes}$$

$$2.2 \text{ miles} / 0.46^{\text{mi}} / \text{min} (27.4\text{mph}) = 4.78 \text{ minutes w/ passing lane for a delay of 1.85 minutes}$$

ALTERNATIVE NO: **TCL - 17**

DESCRIPTION: **Terminate eastbound two-lane section at station 3105 in-lieu of station 3121**

Time of delay through the segment of SR20 from 3105+00 to 3121+00.

Based on estimated free-flow speed: (From LOS Reports)

• Base free-flow speed (BFFS _{FM})	45.0 mi/h
• Adj. for lane width and shoulder width (f _{LS})	0.0 mi/h
• Adj. for access points (f _A)	1.8 mi/h
• Adj. for no-passing zone (f _{np})	0.0 mi/h
• Free-flow speed (FFS _d)	43.3 mi/h
• Average travel speed (ATS _d)	27.2 mi/h
• Average travel speed including passing lane (ATS _{pl})	30.2 mi/h

So calculating the time it takes to travel through the segment based on the estimated travel speeds from the LOS Report:

$$0.3 \text{ miles} / 0.75^{\text{mi}} / \text{min} (45\text{mph}) = 0.40 \text{ minutes}$$

$$0.3 \text{ miles} / 0.45^{\text{mi}} / \text{min} (27.2\text{mph}) = 0.67 \text{ minutes w/out passing lane for a delay of 0.27 minutes}$$

$$0.3 \text{ miles} / 0.50^{\text{mi}} / \text{min} (30.2\text{mph}) = 0.60 \text{ minutes w/ passing lane for a delay of 0.20 minutes}$$

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATE OF GEORGIA

PLAN AND PROFILE OF PROPOSED WIDENING SR 20 FROM I-575 TO CR 288/SCOTT ROAD

FEDERAL AID PROJECT
CSSTP-0009-00 (164)
CHEROKEE COUNTY

FEDERAL ROUTE * NONE
STATE ROUTE * 20
P.I. NO. 0009164

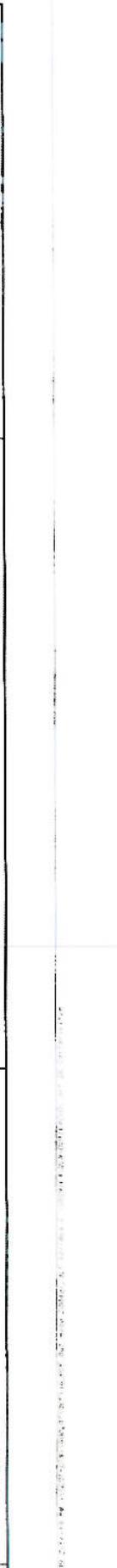
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DESIGN DATA:	TRAFFIC ADT: 25,000 (2004) 50,000 (2024)
TRAFFIC DIV: 2320	
DIRECTIONAL DST: 50%	
% TRUCKS: 12%	
24 HR TRUCKS %: 12%	
SPEED DESIGN: 45 MPH	

LOCATION & DESIGN
APPROVAL DATE: 09/14/2009
FUNCTIONAL CLASS: RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL
THIS PROJECT IS 00% IN CHEROKEE COUNTY AND IS 100% IN CONGLIST. NO. 6.
PROJECT DESIGNATION: EYEWEPT
DESIGNED IN ENGLISH UNITS.

THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN PREPARED USING THE HORIZONTAL & GEOMETRIC SYSTEMS OF 1991 ROAD DESIGN. THE HORIZONTAL & GEOMETRIC SYSTEMS OF 1991 ROAD DESIGN ARE BASED ON THE 1991 EDITION OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS, AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA.



LENGTH OF PROJECT	COUNTY IN 2007 Project in County	MILES
NET LENGTH OF ROADWAY	1770	
NET LENGTH OF BRIDGES	0000	
NET LENGTH OF PROJECT	1770	
NET LENGTH OF EXCEPTIONS	0000	
GROSS LENGTH OF PROJECT	1770	

SCALE: 1" = 100'

DATE: _____
CHIEF ENGINEER: _____

PLANS COMPLETED: _____
REVISIONS: _____

PREPARED BY: _____ DESIGN ENGINEER
RECOMMENDED FOR SUBMISSION BY: _____ DISTRICT DESIGN ENGINEER
SUBMITTED BY: _____ STATE ROAD DESIGN ENGINEER

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