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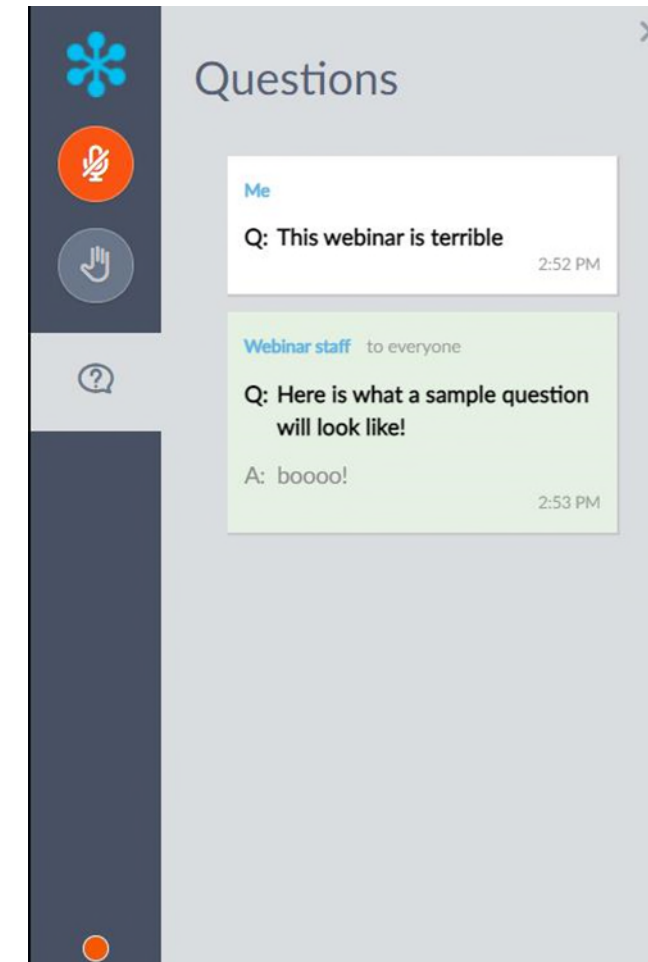
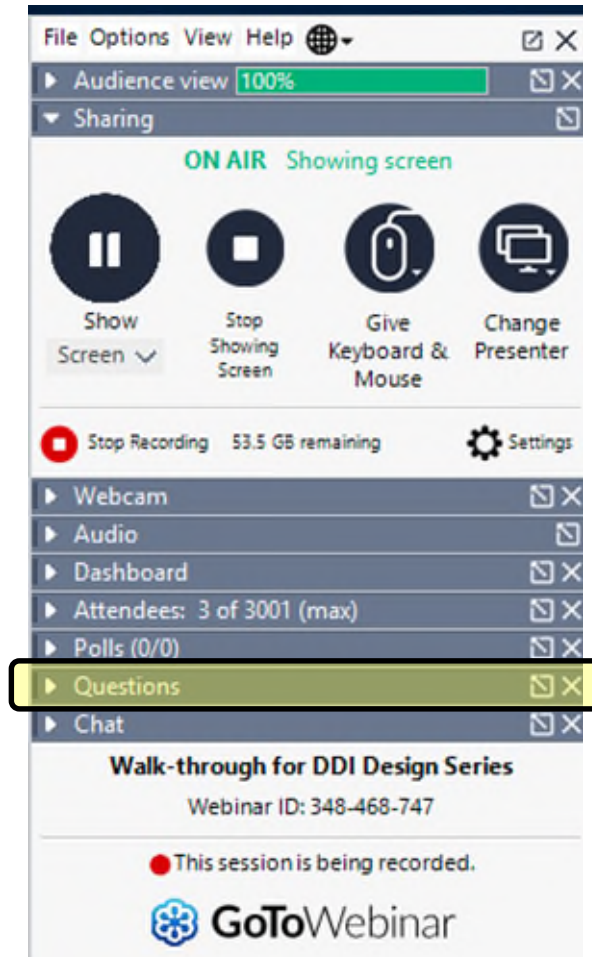
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DDI Overview – Webinar Logistics

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- Please ask questions via *Questions* dialogue box



DDI Overview - AGENDA

- What is a DDI?
- Benefits of a DDI
- When Should a DDI be Considered?
- FDOT DDI Adoption
- Key DDI Development Features
- **BREAK**
- Key DDI Development Features (cont.)
- Additional DDI Resources

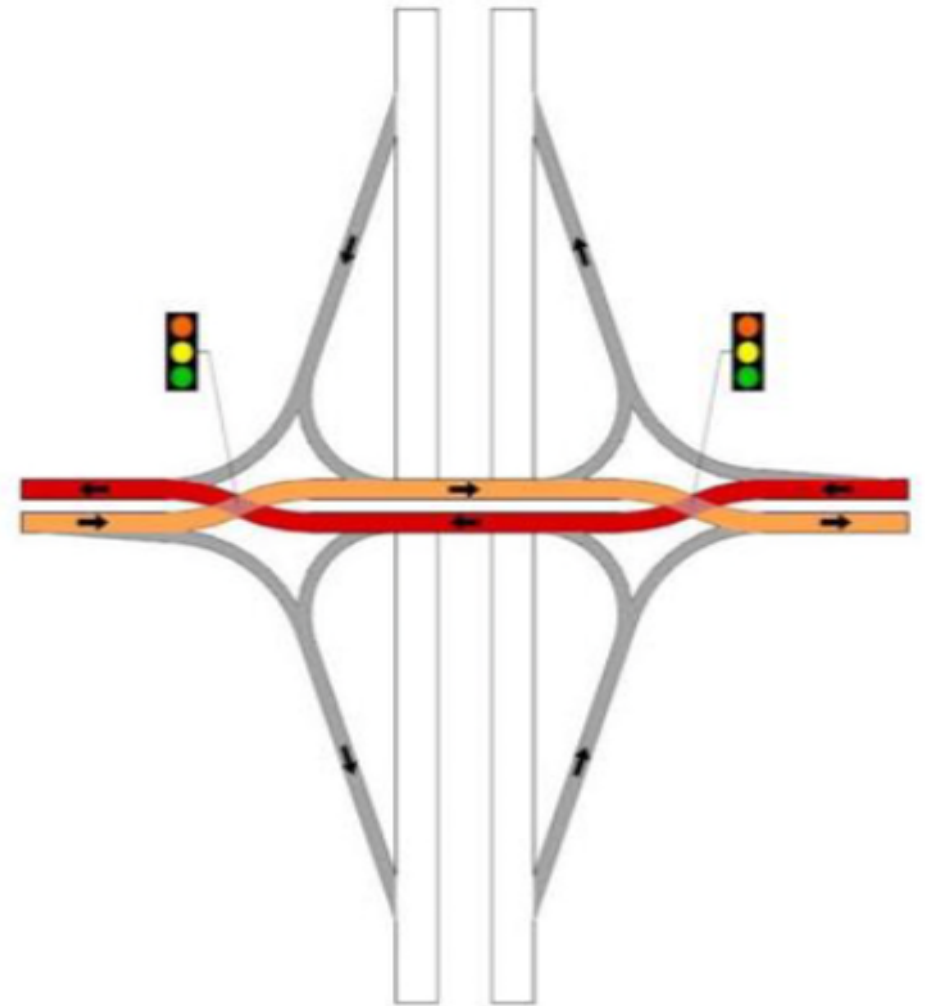




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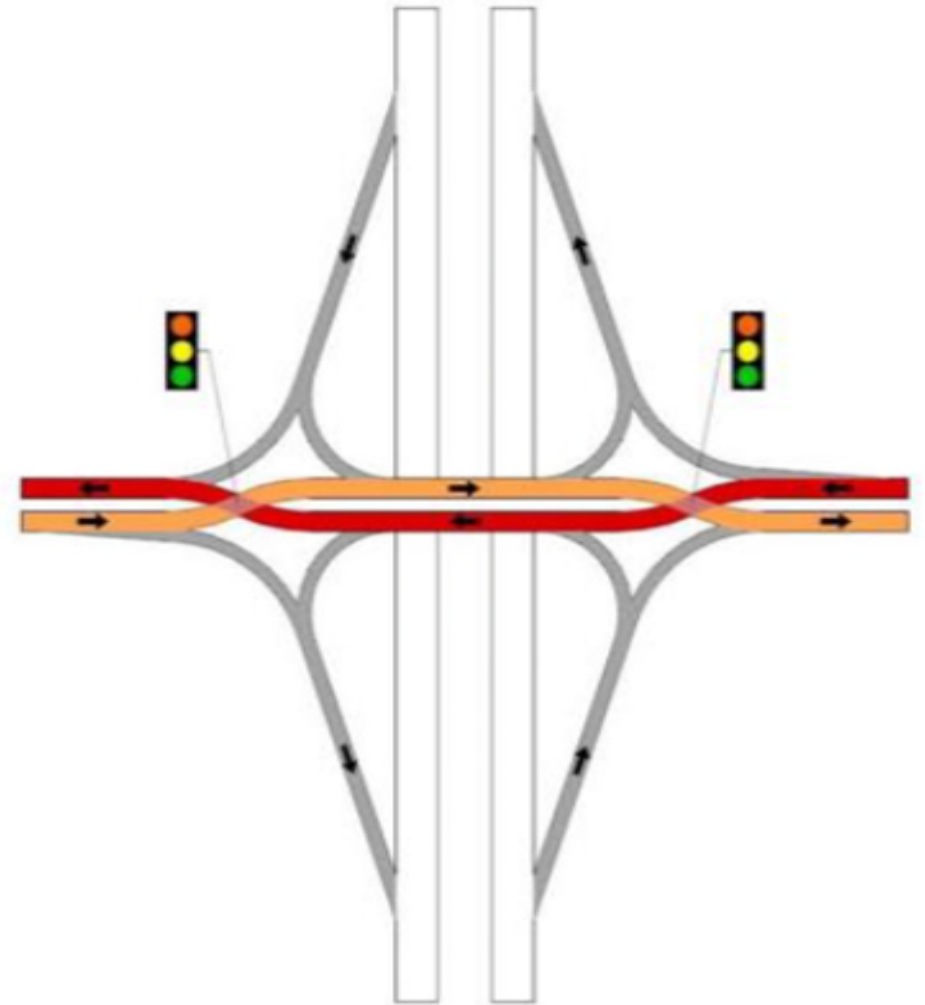
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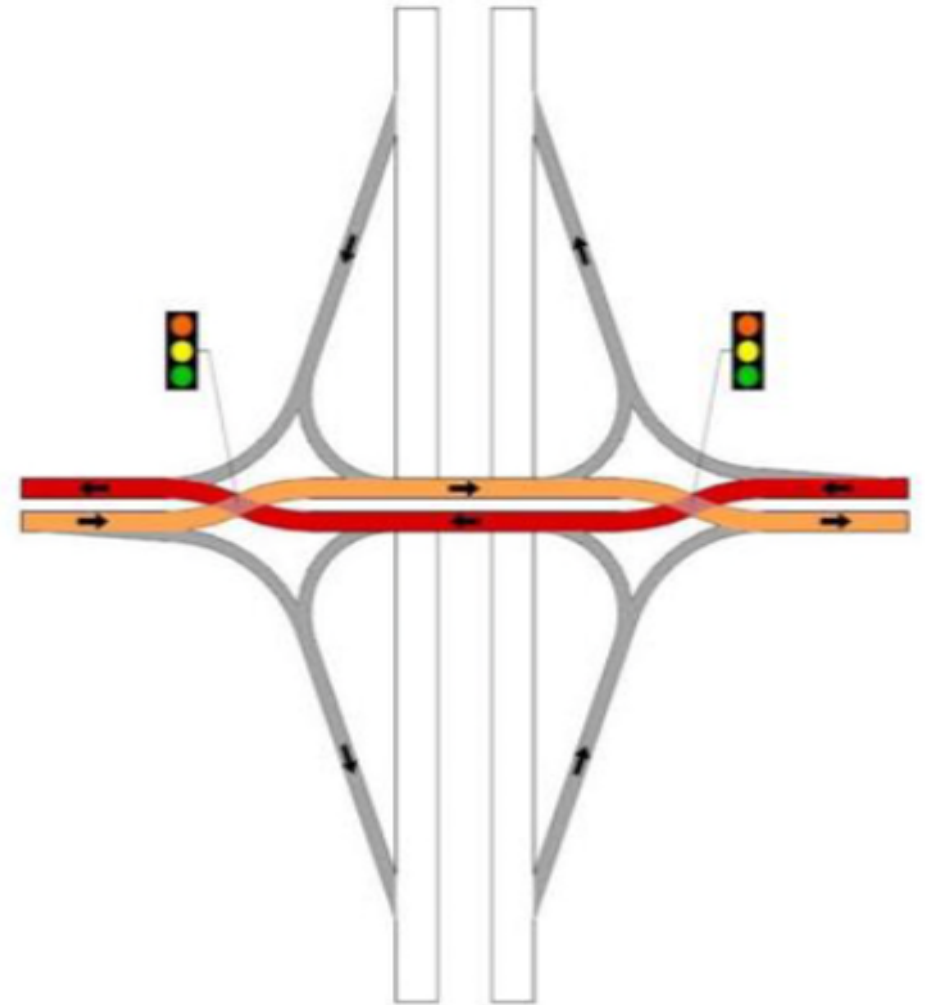
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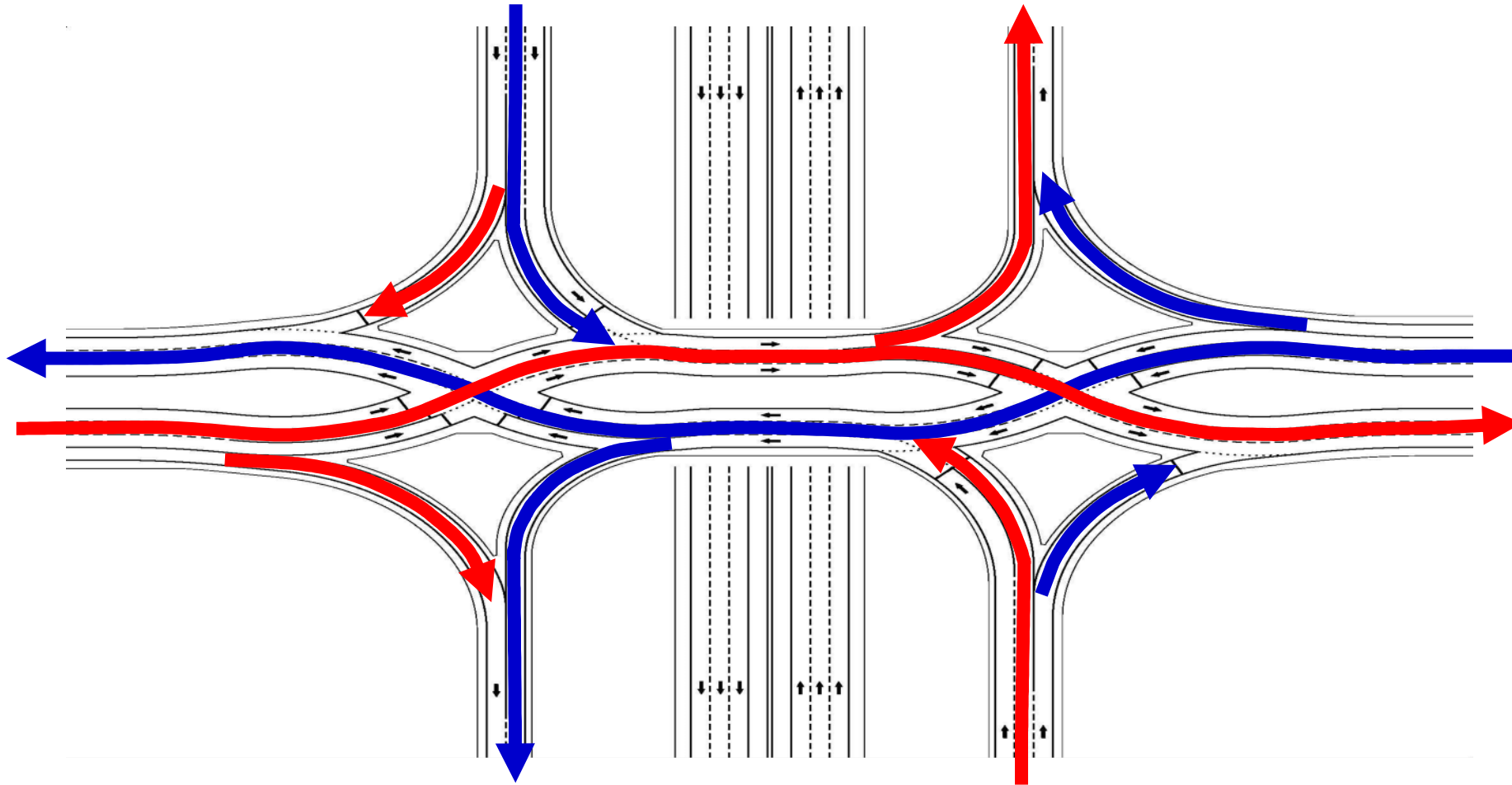


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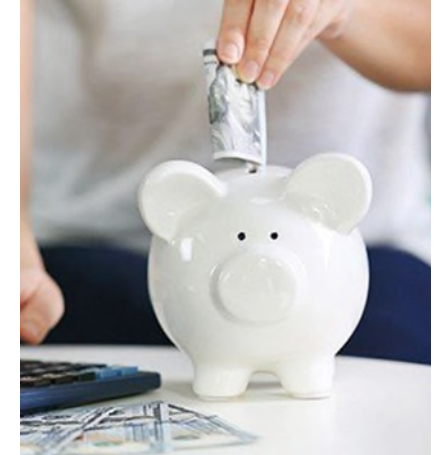
■ Better Traffic Operations

- Reduced Intersection Delay
- Eliminates the need for left turn signal phases



■ Lower Cost

- Retrofit – Possibility to keep existing bridge structure
- New Construction – Smaller structure footprint due to fewer lanes; less width on the approach to the interchange due to fewer lanes



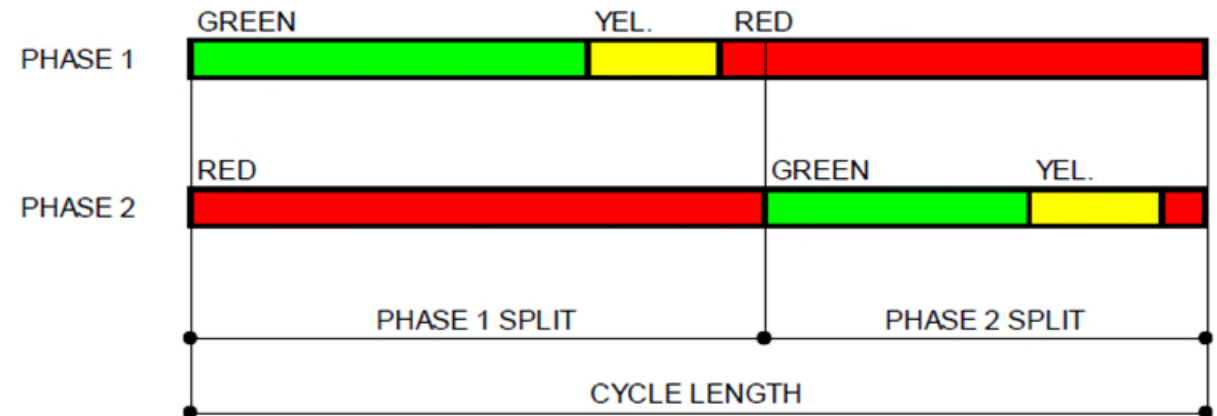
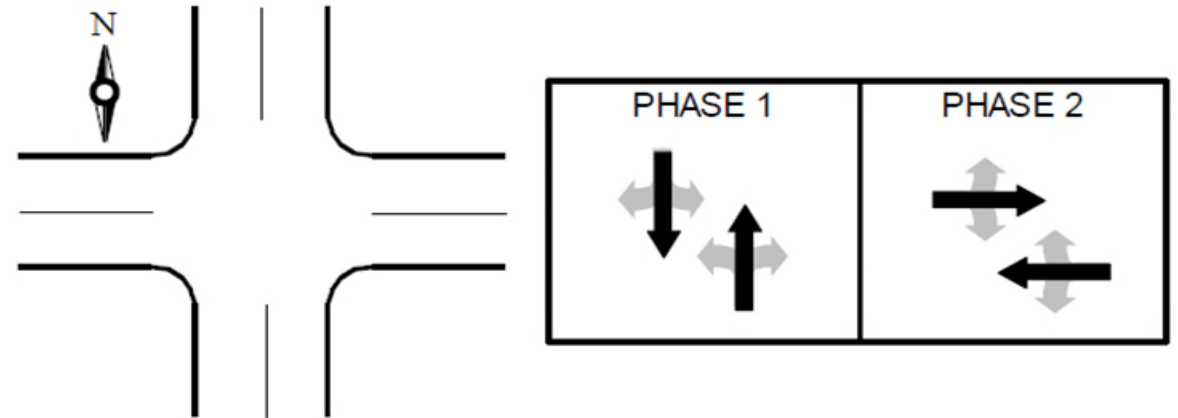
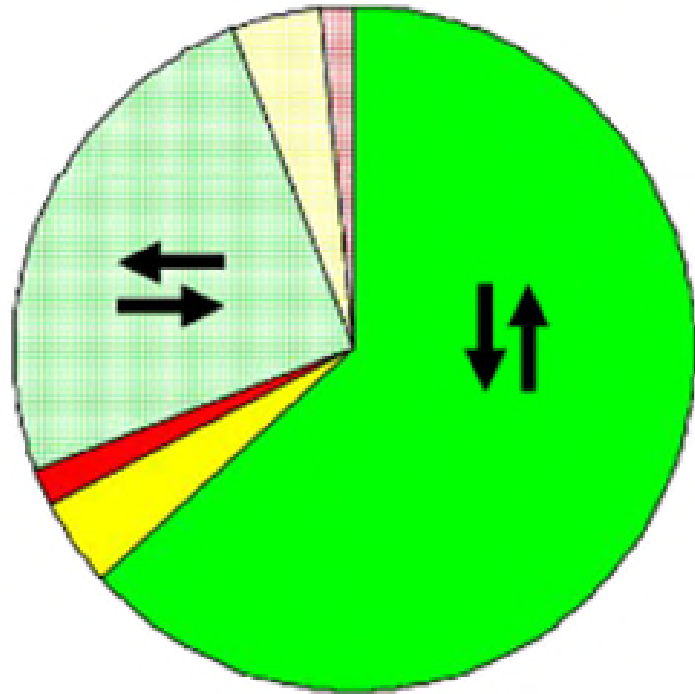
■ Improved Safety

- Fewer conflict points for vehicles and pedestrians
- Lower travel speeds



Better Traffic Operations

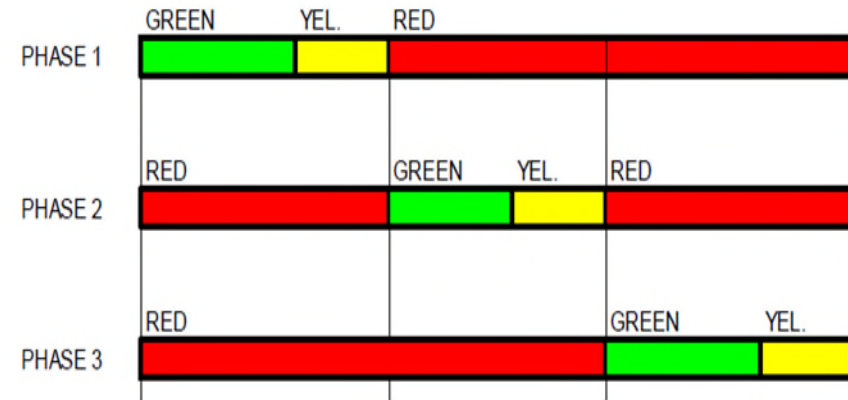
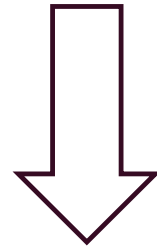
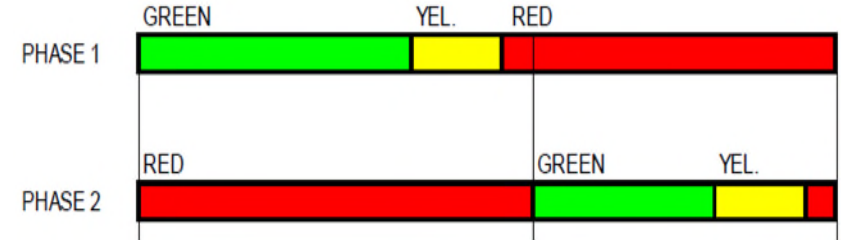
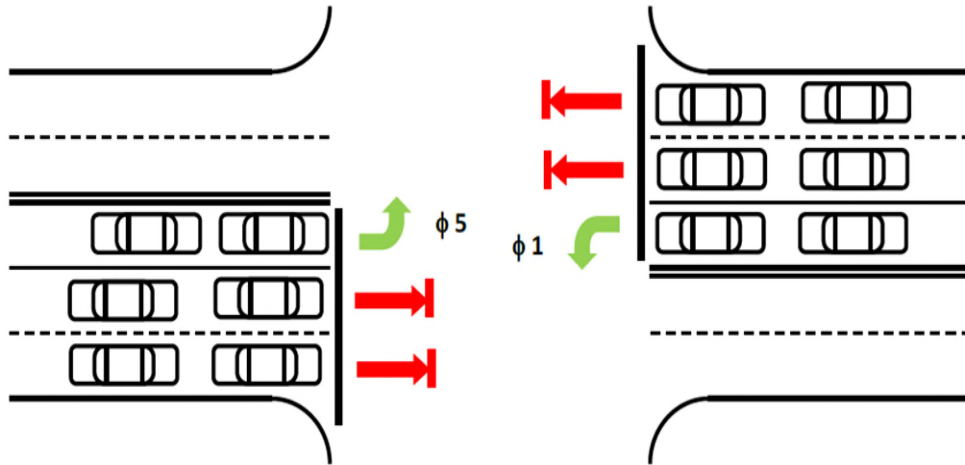
- Basic two-phase signal operation



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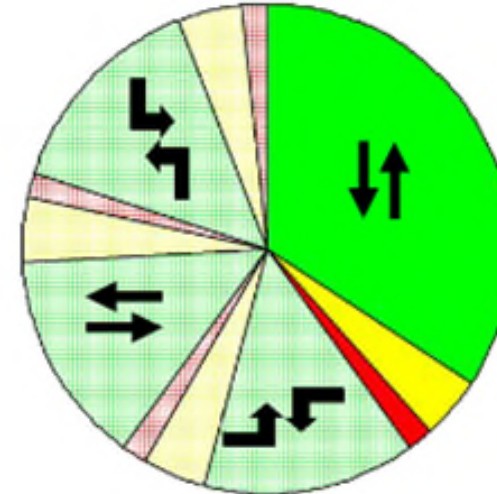
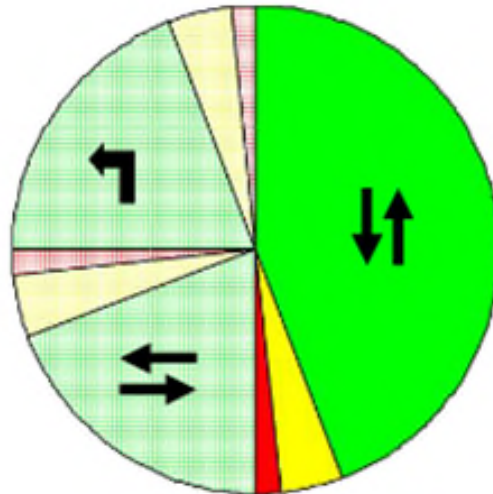
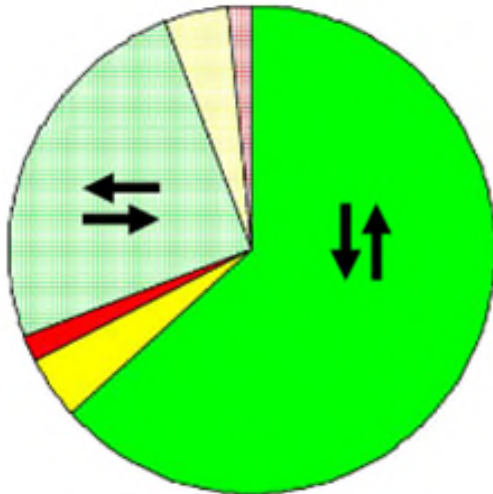
- When left turn phases are added....
 - Adding “protected” left-turn phases is common as traffic volumes increase



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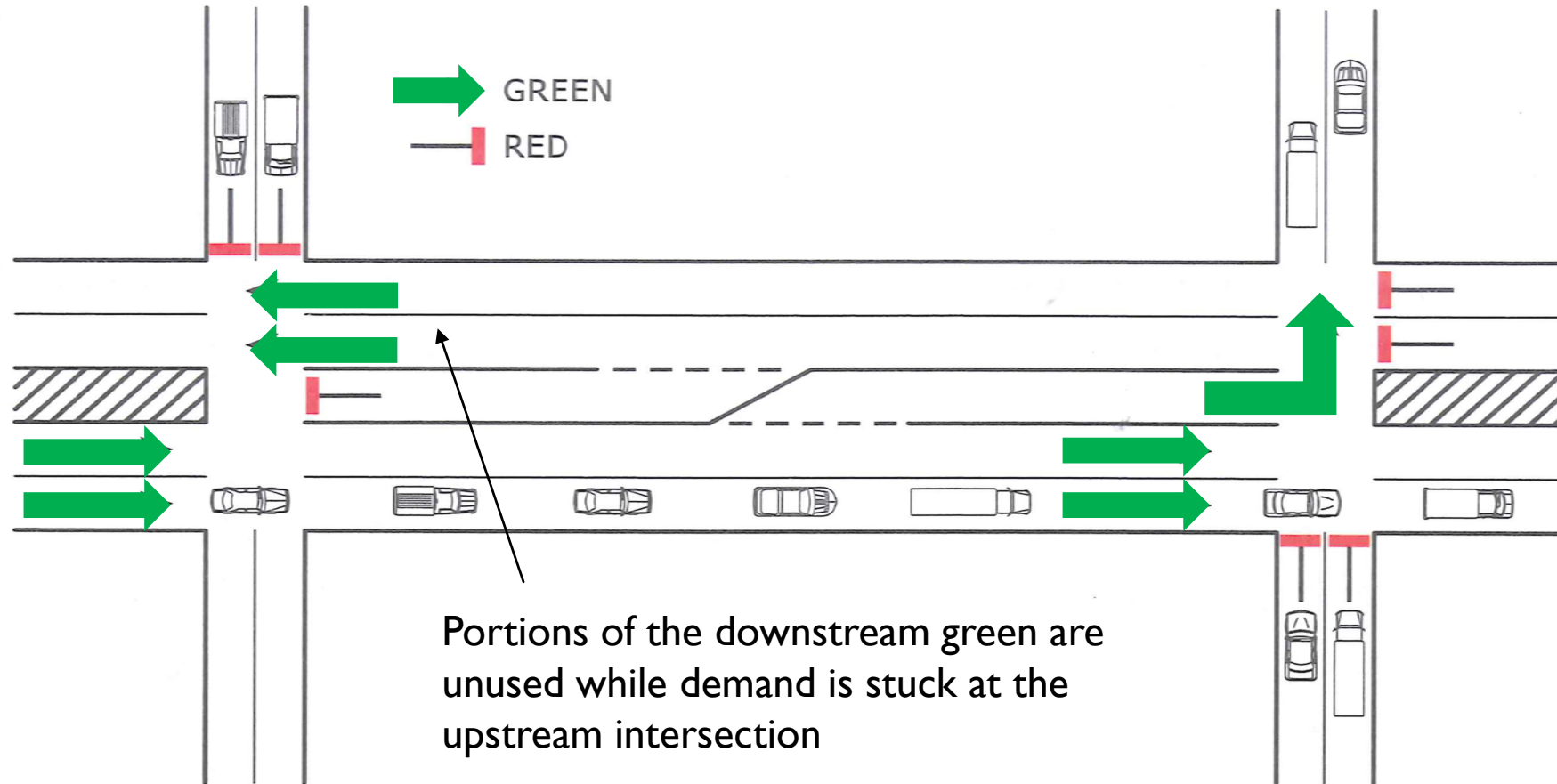
- **When more phases are added....**
 - Adding more phases “steals” time away from the major through movement and can increase intersection delays
 - More phases also add more “lost time” (clearance intervals)



Better Traffic Operations

■ Demand Starvation

- Vehicles blocked by the upstream intersection causes unused/ineffective green time at the downstream signal



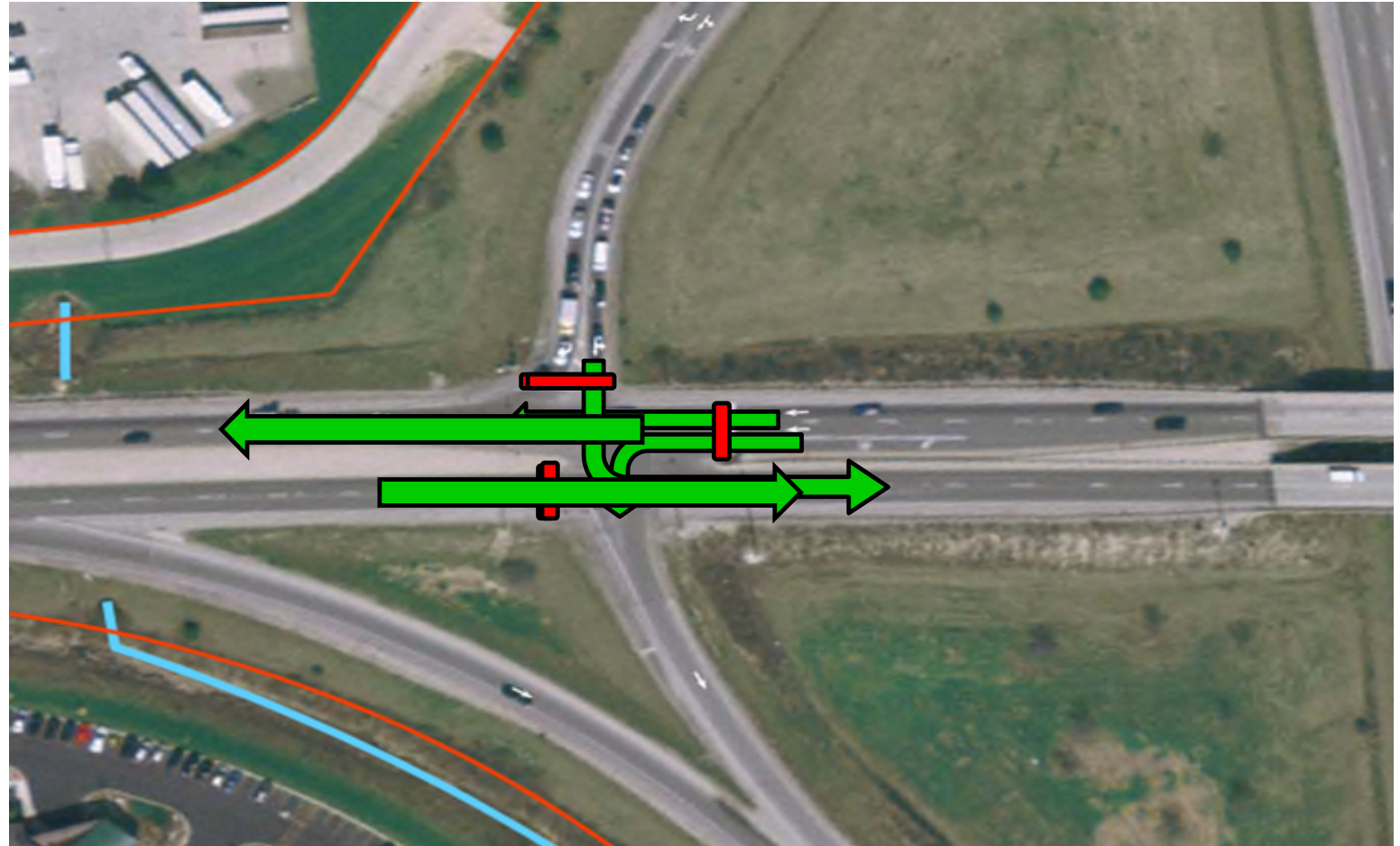
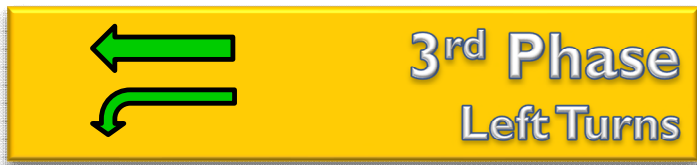
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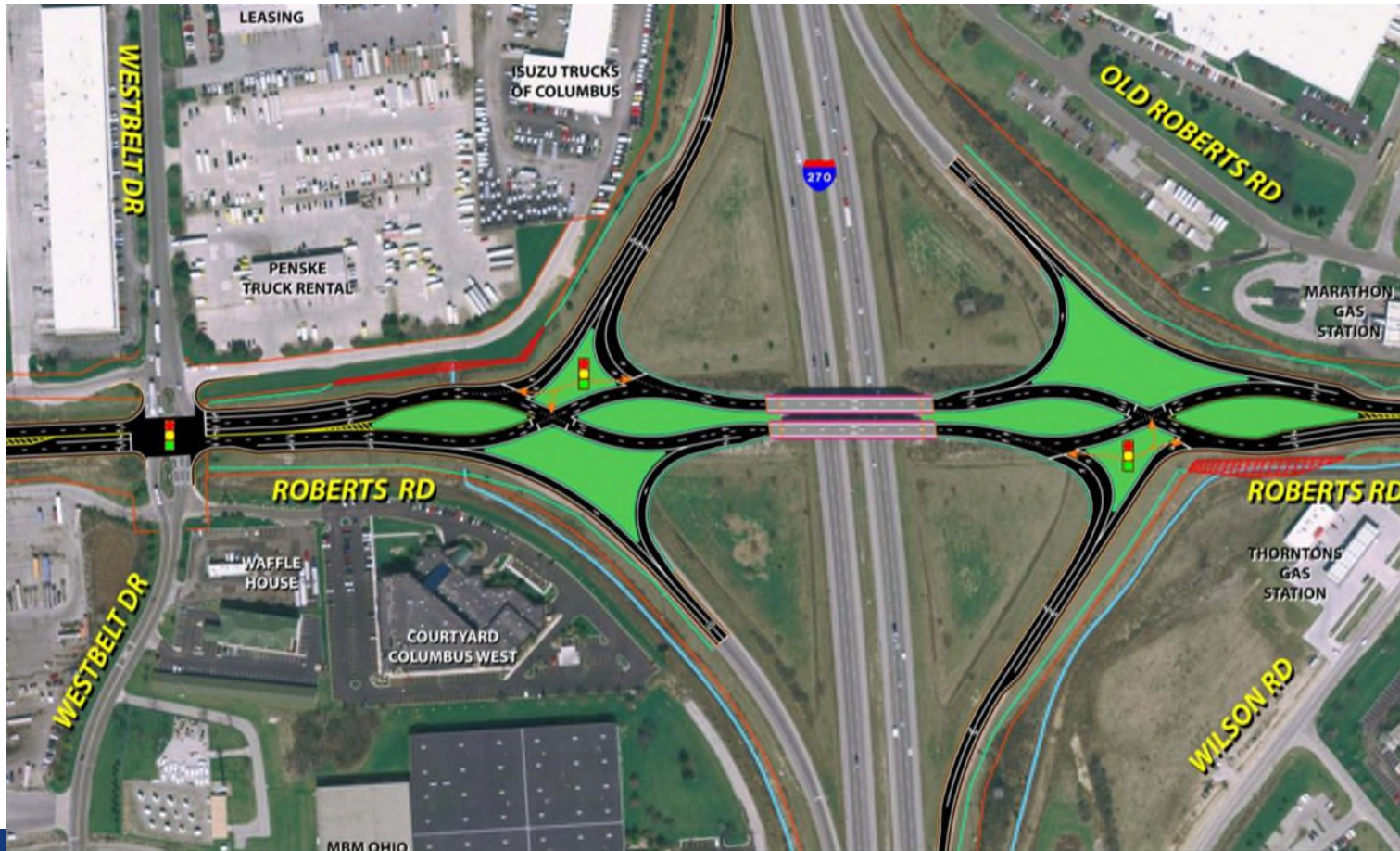
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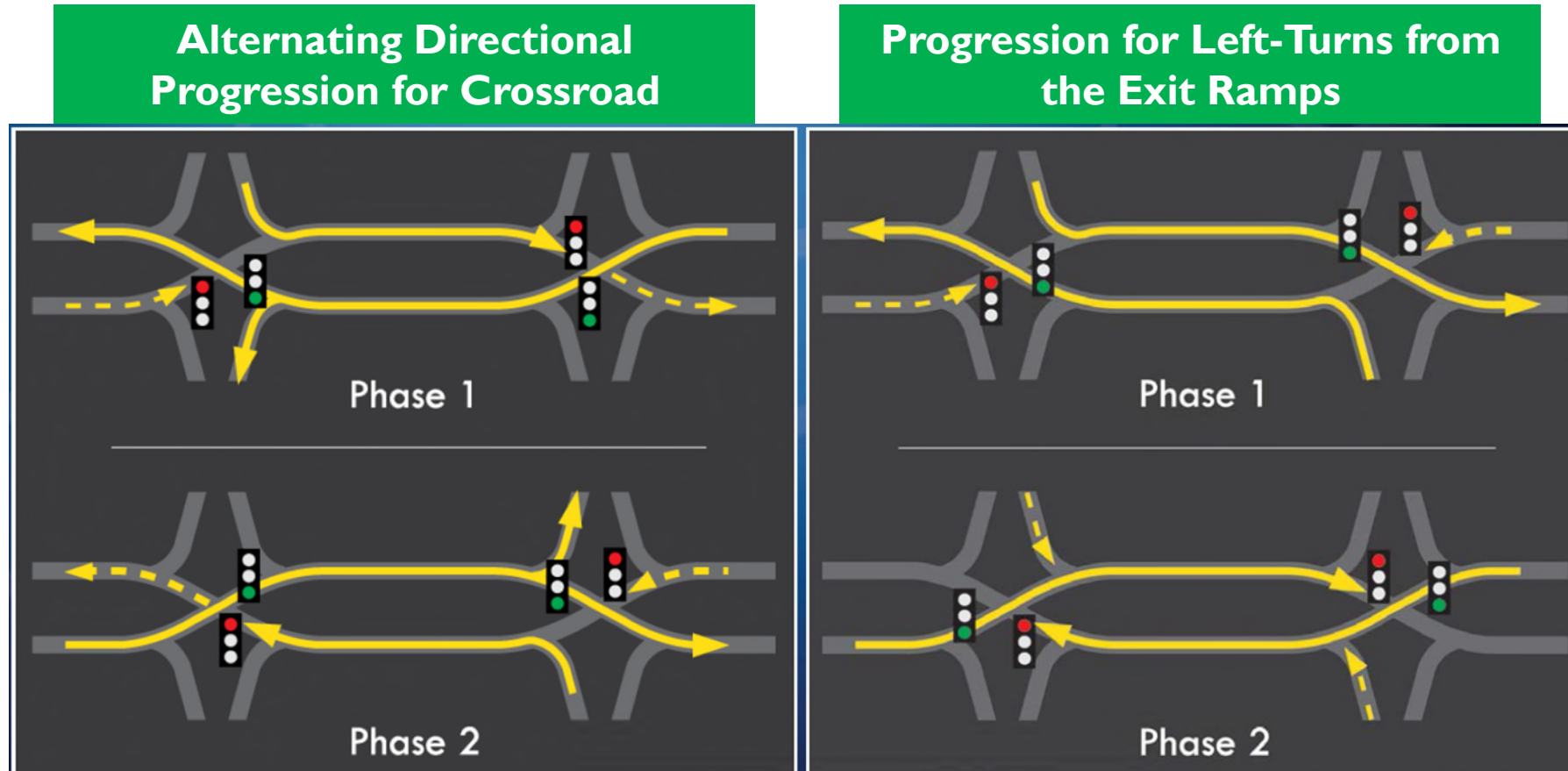
Better Traffic Operations

- How a DDI Operates



Better Traffic Operations

- Two Basic Signal Phasing Options



Lower Cost

What is typically the main factor regarding the cost of an interchange project?



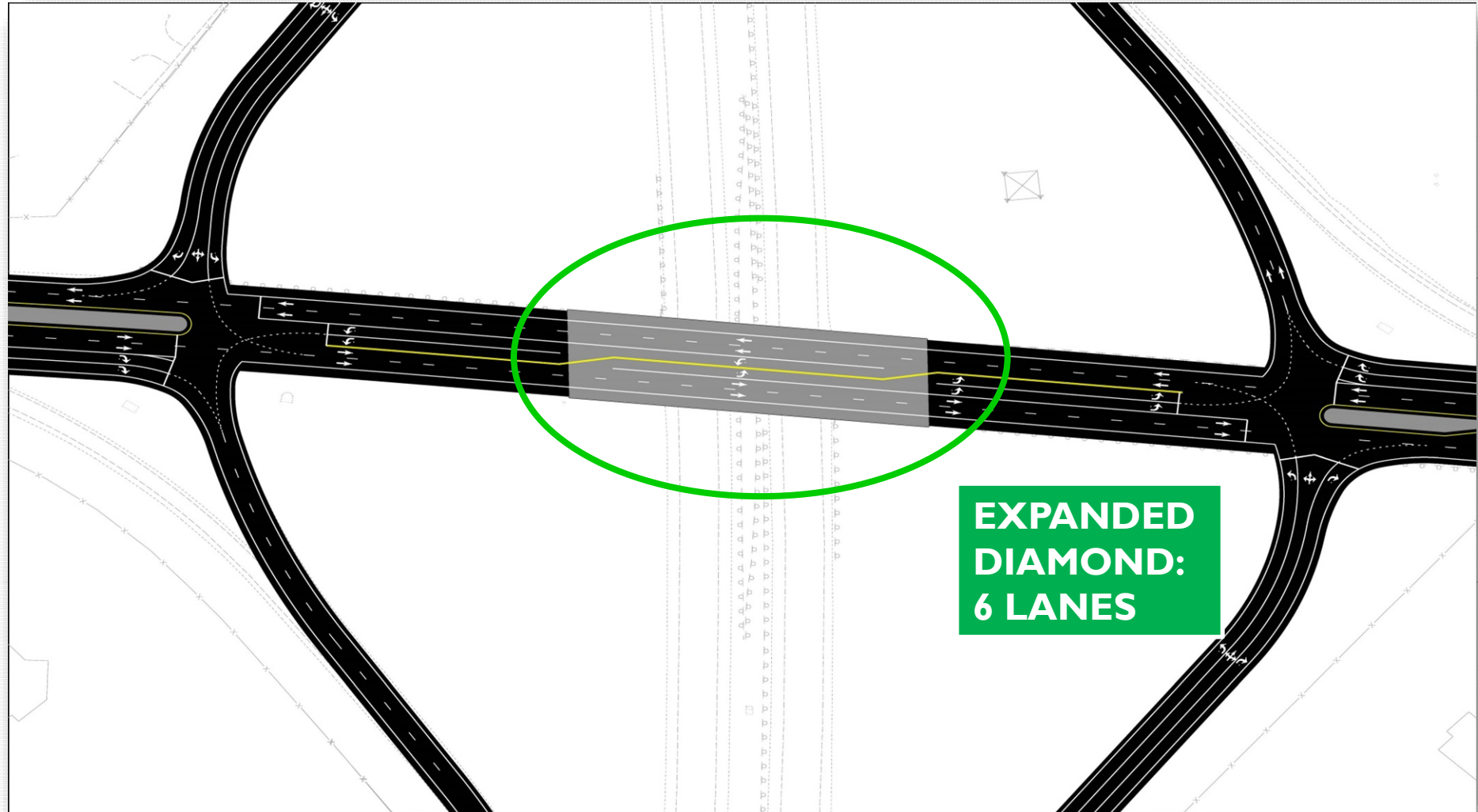
Lower Cost

- The increased capacity and unique configuration of the DDI provides the potential to reduce the number of lanes on the crossroad, often **reducing the right-of-way** needed for the interchange compared to other traditional interchange types
 - Within interchange area
 - On arterial approaches
- This reduction in the number of lanes through the interchange often results in a **smaller bridge footprint**



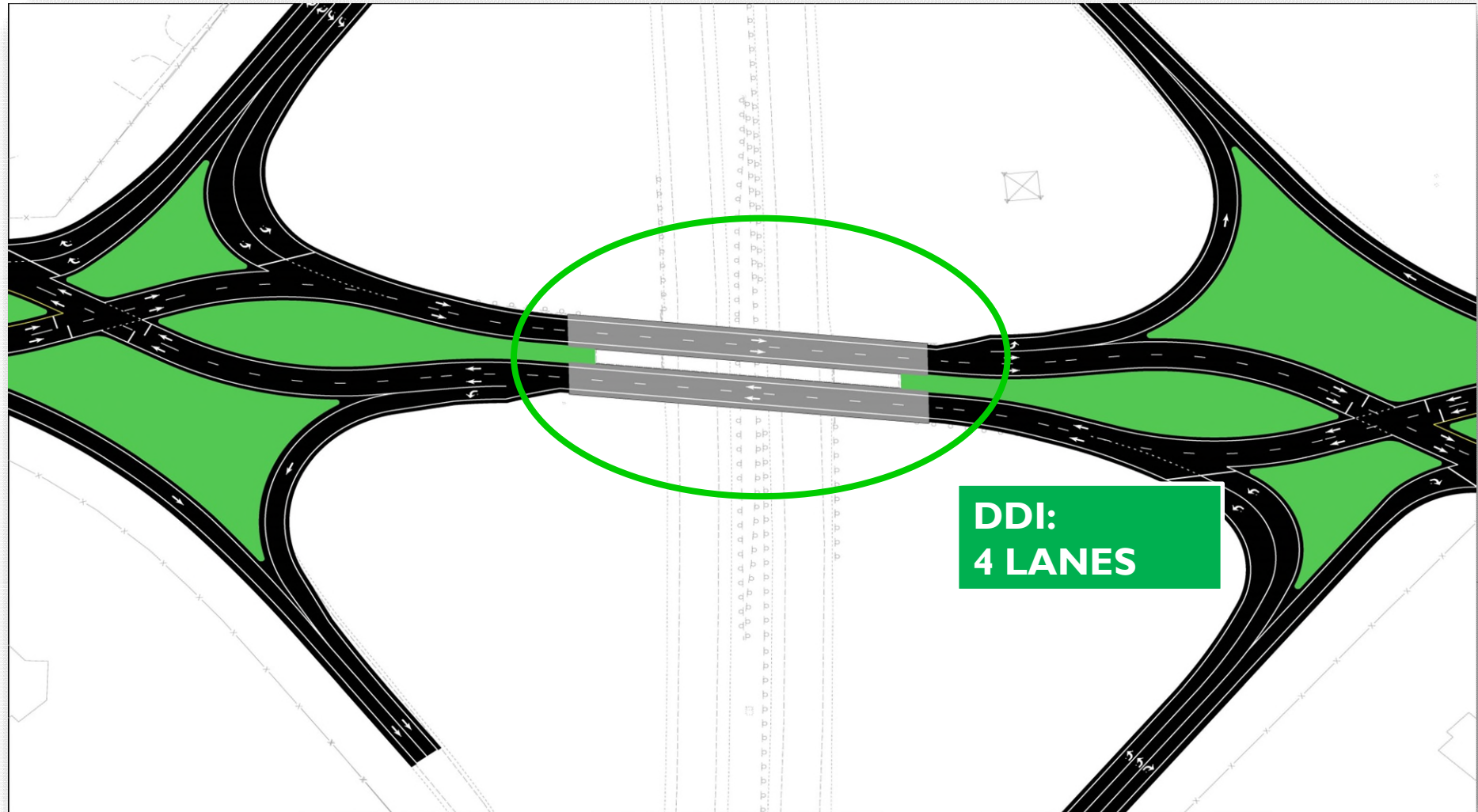
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- Traditional Diamond



Lower Cost

- DDI
 - Same location



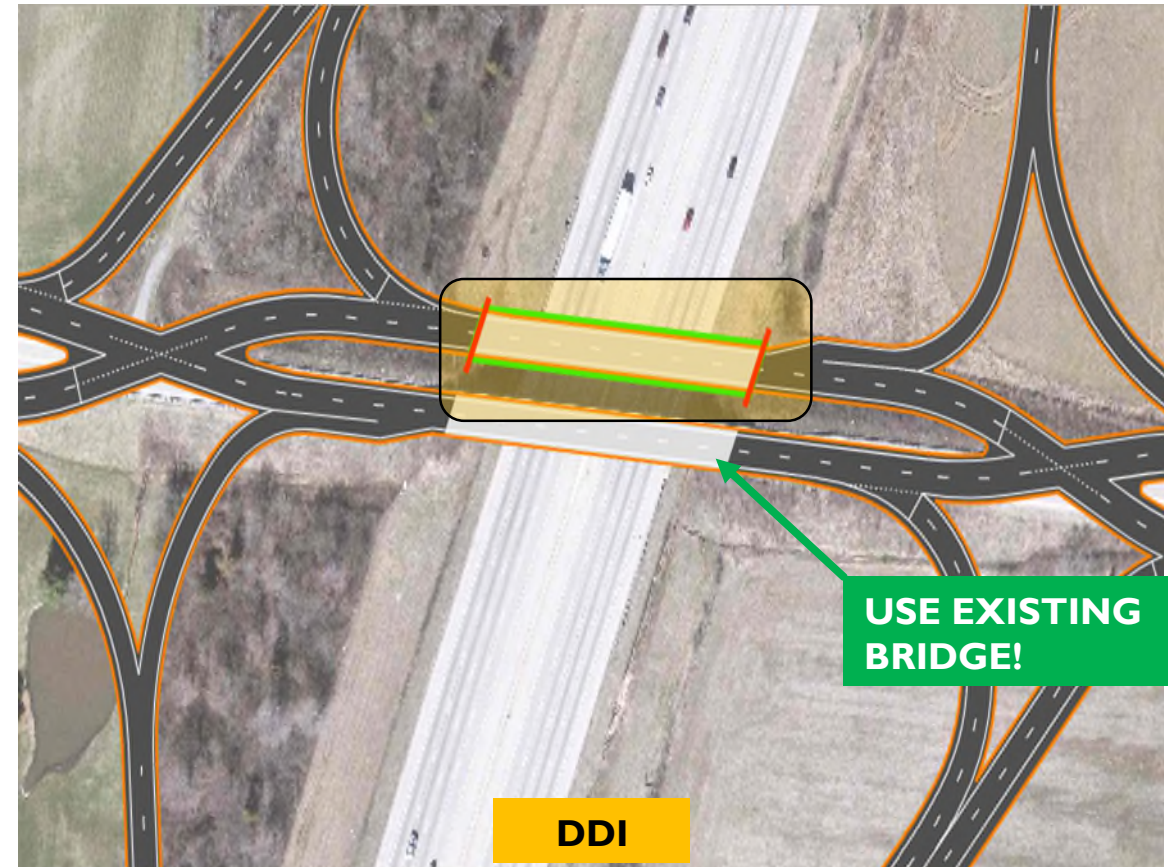
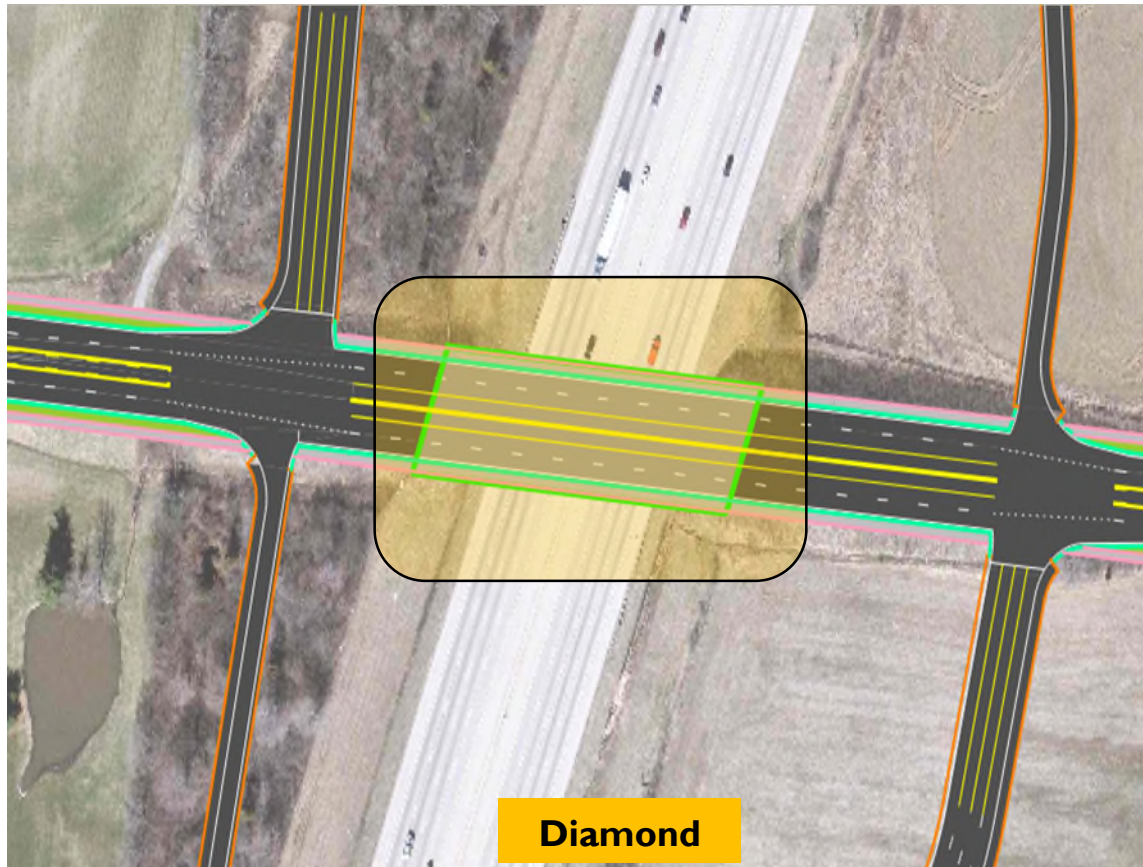
Lower Cost

- **Existing Grade Separation Example**
 - 2-lane bridge over I-75
 - No Interchange



Lower Cost

■ Existing Grade Separation Example



Improved Safety

- Early Safety Concerns

- Will it _____ ?

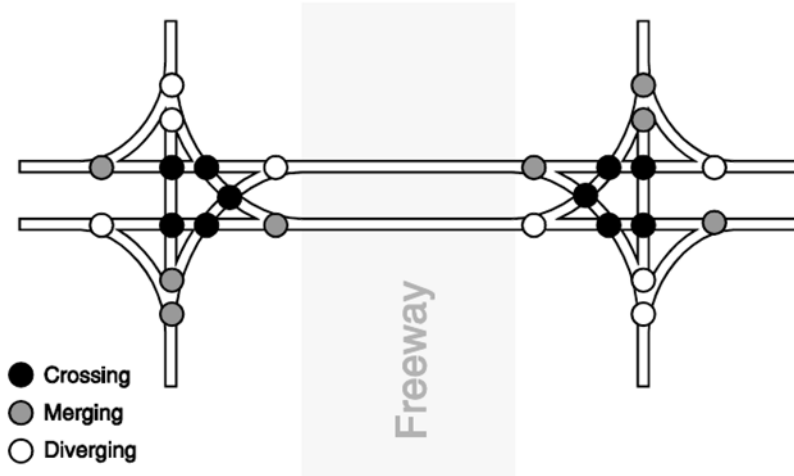
- a) Cause driver confusion
- b) Cause head-on collisions
- c) Create wrong-way movements
- d) Cause pedestrian confusion
- e) Be difficult for bicyclists to navigate
- f) Delay emergency vehicles
- g) Work when the power is out?



Improved Safety

Intersection Conflict Points

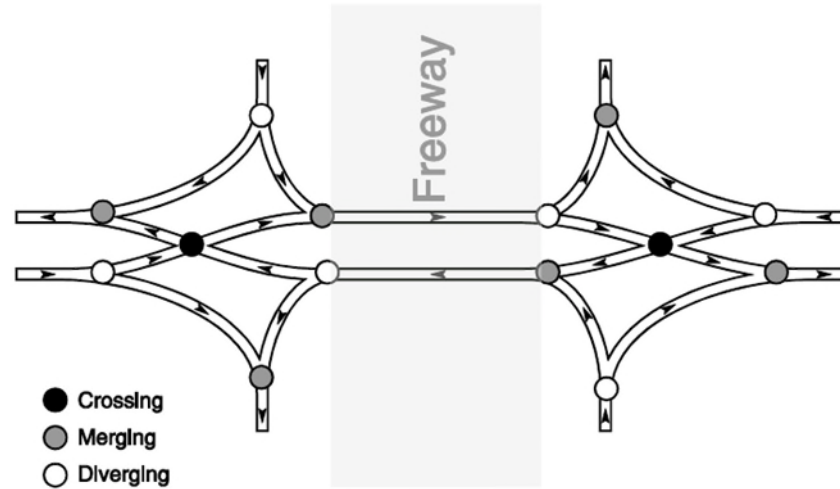
Conventional Diamond



10 Crossing Conflicts (most severe)

26 Total Conflict Points

Diverging Diamond

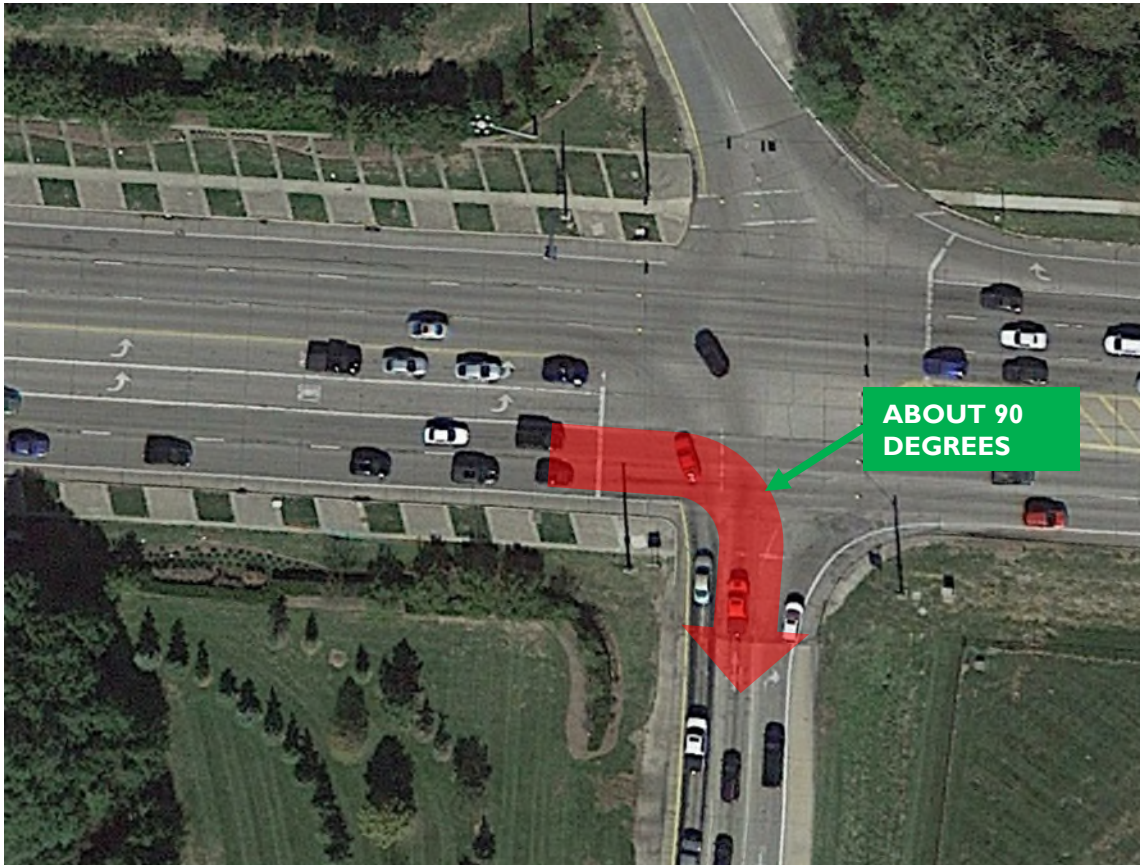


2 Crossing Conflicts (most severe)

14 Total Conflict Points

Improved Safety

■ Discouraging Wrong-Way Movements



Improved Safety

- **FHWA Field Evaluation (2015)**
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TECHBRIEF

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Figure 1. Harrodsburg Road at KY 4 DCD Interchange, Lexington, KY



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**WHEN SHOULD A DDI BE
CONSIDERED?**

When to Consider a DDI?

- DDI Applications



DDIs are a one-size-fits-all solution that will work everywhere!!!



When to Consider a DDI?

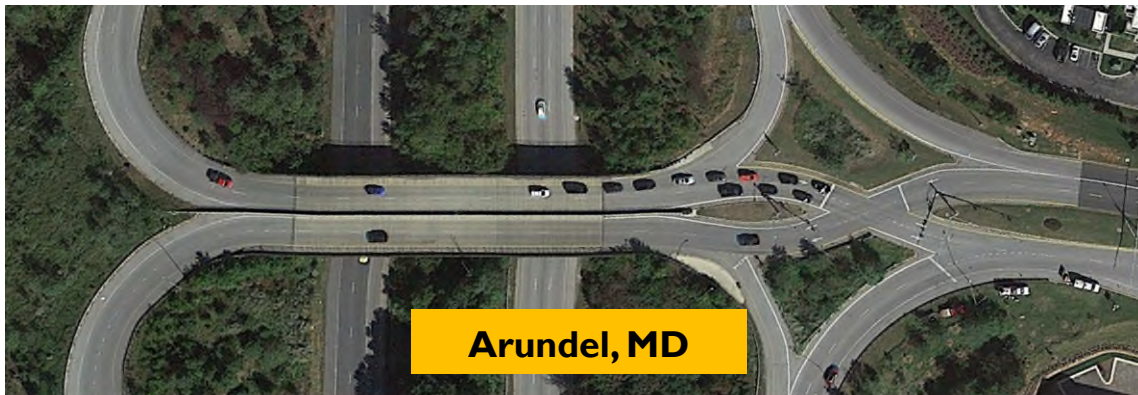
- **When is a DDI a Good Alternative?**
 - Retrofits to improve existing interchanges
 - Improved operations and safety may be achieved without the need to replace the existing bridge structures
 - New interchanges with high left turn volumes
 - Generally cost advantageous due to superior operations with fewer lanes
 - High ranges of traffic capacity depending on the number of lanes included



When to Consider a DDI?

■ DDIs in all sizes

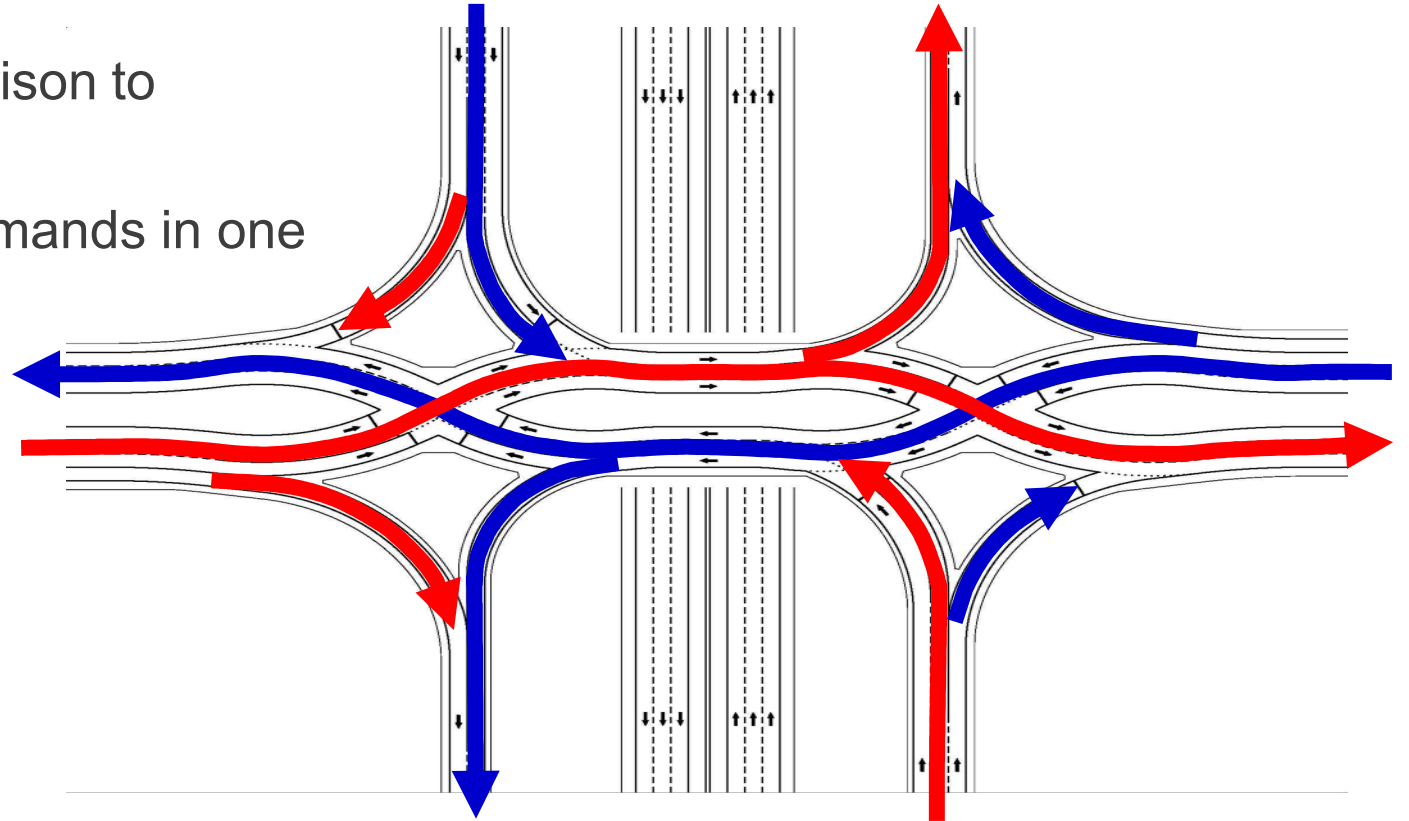
- The DDI is applicable for a wide range of traffic volumes
 - Single lane DDI – Cheyenne, WY (I-25 & College Drive)
 - Largest DDI in the US – Sarasota, FL (I-75 & SR 93)
 - 3-legged DDI – Arundel, MD (B-W Parkway at Arundel Mills Blvd)



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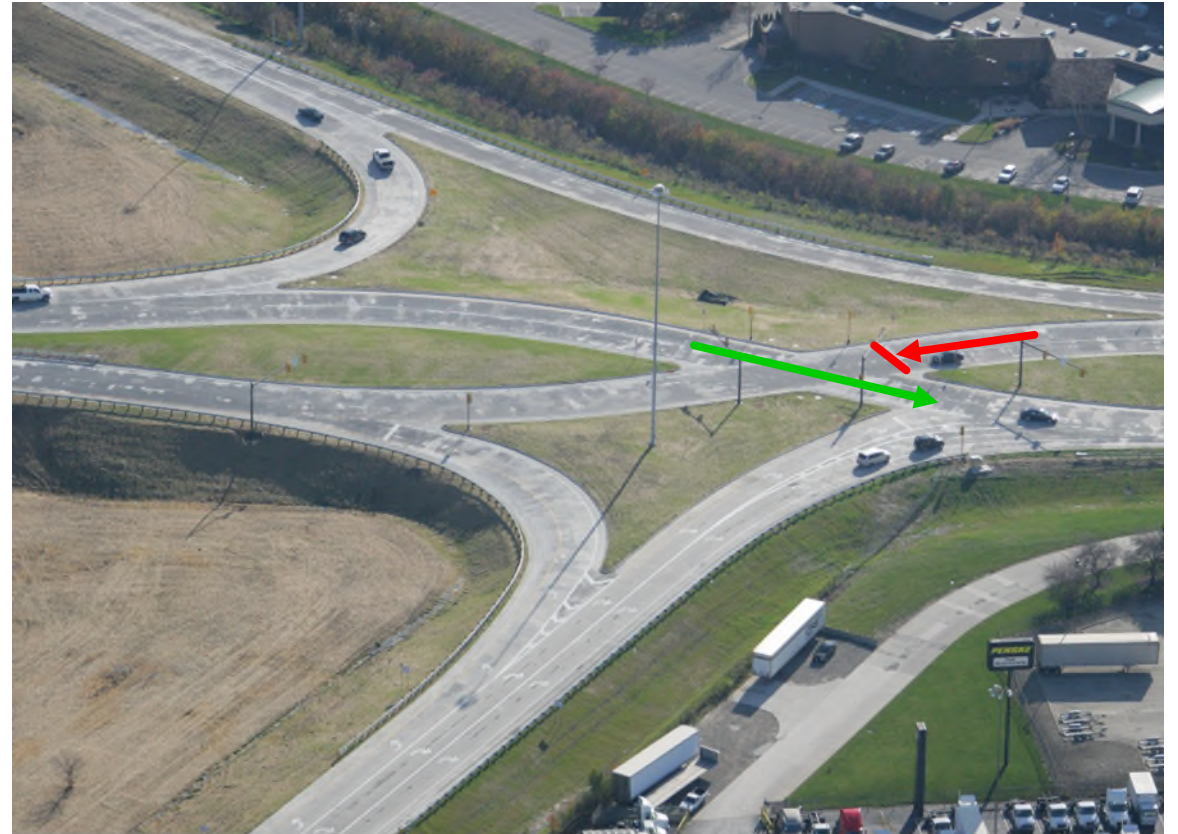
■ DDIs Good When.....

- Heavy left turn demands in comparison to crossroad through traffic volume
- Heavy crossroad through traffic demands in one direction and light left turn volumes



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 - When constraints along the crossroad don't allow constructing the crossover intersections
 - Narrow R/W, Environmental Impacts, etc.



When to Consider a DDI?

- **DDIs Not So Good When.....**
 - On a heavy load permitted route where there is substantial need to accommodate over-height vehicles with an exit ramp to entrance ramp through movement to bypass the interchange bridge.
 - Vehicles can't travel from the exit ramp directly to the entrance ramp at a DDI





FDOT DDI ADOPTION

History of DDIs in Florida

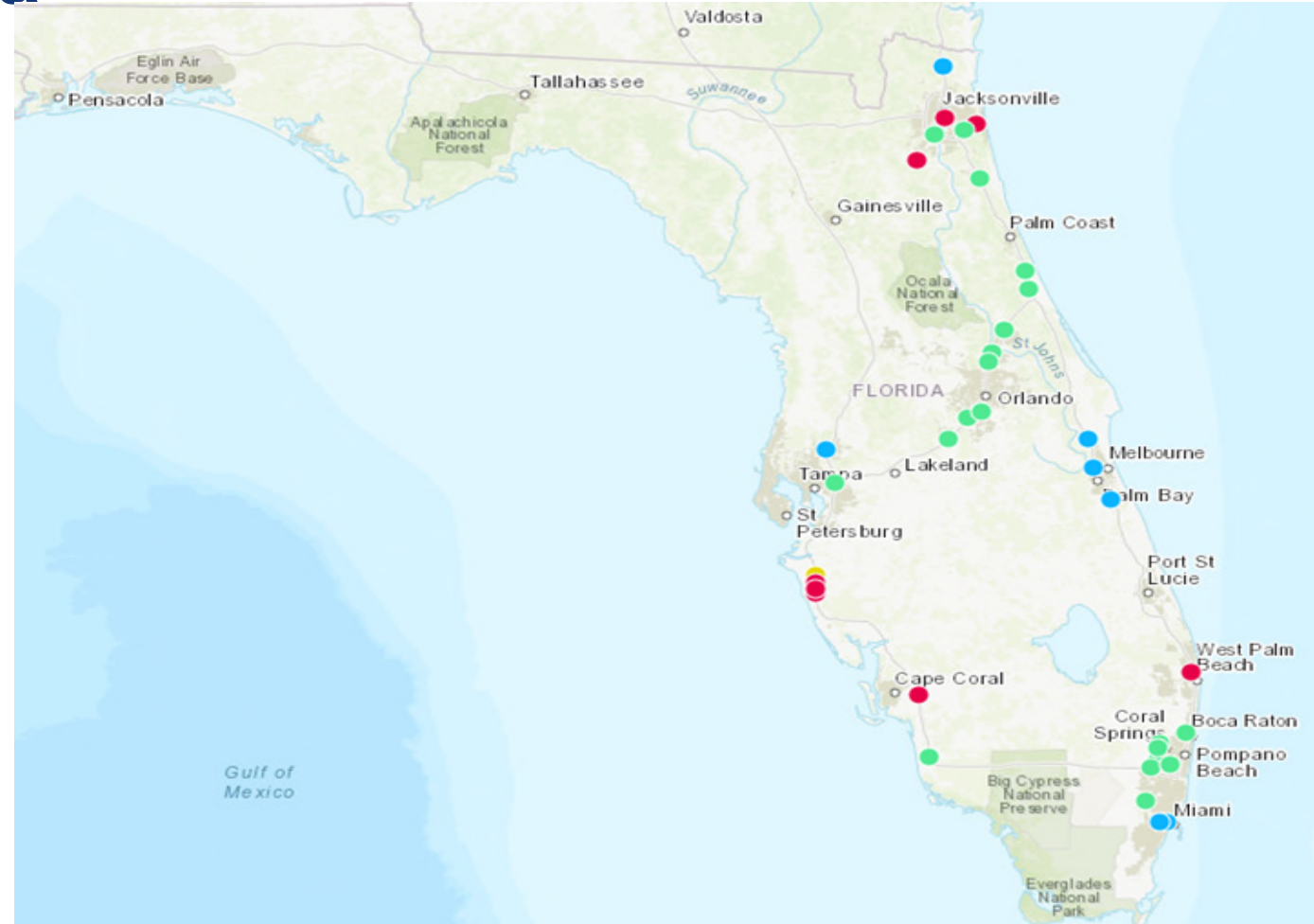
- **FDOT first DDI Project: I-75 at University Parkway**
- **Design began in 2011**
- **Completed and open to traffic in 2018**
- **Currently the largest DDI in the United States**



History of DDIs in Florida

■ Current FDOT Projects:

- 1 DDI Open To Traffic
- 7 DDIs Under Construction
- 8-DDIs With Approved SO&E
- 21 DDI's In Early Planning



History of DDIs in Florida

- **FDOT Design Criteria:**

- **Early Designs Relied On:**
 - National Guidance (NCHRP DDI Informational Guide)
 - Guidance From Other States (Missouri, Utah)
 - Expertise Of EOR

- **FDOT Developmental Design Criteria (DDC)**
 - DDC D217 Published in November 2020
 - Located on FDOT Design Manual Web Page
 - Covers Major DDI Design Topics

DDC D217 Diverging Diamond Interchanges

- **Purpose**
 - Provides Florida-Specific Guidance
 - Provides Consistency In Design And Detailing
 - Provides Mechanism For Input On Criteria Development
- **Major Topics**
 - Traffic Operations
 - Geometric Design
 - Multi-Modal Accommodation
 - Signing and Pavement Marking
 - Signalization
- **Design Variation Process Does Not Apply**
- **Deviation From Criteria Requires Monitor Approval**
- **Takes Precedence over National Guidance**



Roadway Design

Roadway Design / Roadway Criteria / FDOT Design Manual

Developmental Design Criteria

Developmental Design Criteria (DDC) provides a process for the Department to develop future FDM criteria for new or innovative design concepts and technologies.

Use Developmental Design Criteria in accordance with the **FDOT Design Manual (FDM)**, Chapter 100.

Last updated: 10/30/2020

Section	Title	Monitor	Supporting Documents	Associated Memo	Last Revised
D217	Diverging Diamond Interchanges	David Amato	N/A	RDM20-02	10/30/20
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DDI Review

■ FDOT Policy – FDM 116

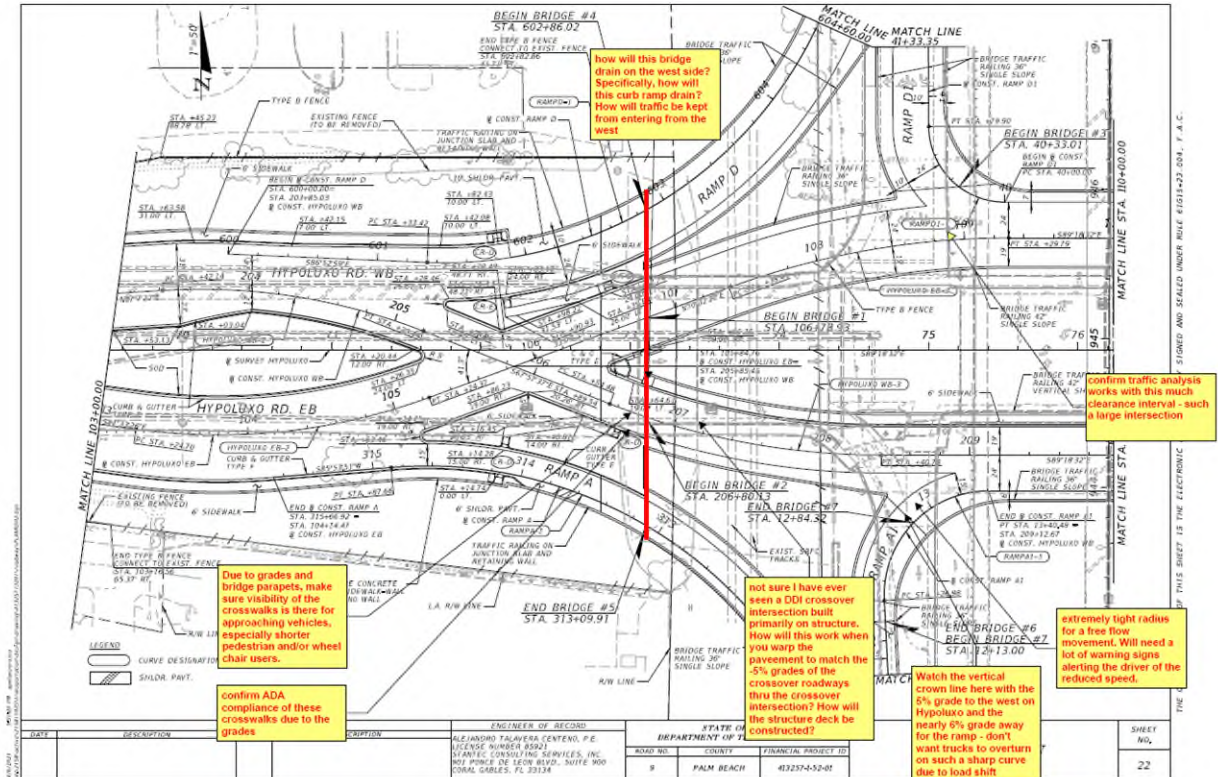
- All DDIs Require Central Office Review Of All Design Phases
- Include Representative Of The State RDO as Lead Reviewer in ERC

■ Submittals – FDM 301.4

- DDI Review Package Submitted With Phase I Plans
- Submittal Requirements:
 - Traffic Analysis Results (To Verify Lane Configuration)
 - Geometric Layout (PDF and CADD)
 - Autoturn Analysis
 - Master Signing Plan

■ Review Process

- Submittal Documents Uploaded To ERC
- Review Conducted and Comments Entered In ERC
- Project Team Meeting Held To Discuss The Review Comments
- Formal Comment Responses Entered In ERC



KEY DDI DEVELOPMENT FEATURES

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- **Traffic Operations**
- **Geometric Design**
- **Traffic Signals**
- **Signing and Pavement Markings**
- **Multimodal Accommodations**
- **Constructability**
- **Plan Detailing**
- **Public Involvement**



Key DDI Development Features

- **Traffic Operations (8/10/21)**
- **Geometric Design (6/29/21)**
- **Traffic Signals**
- **Signing and Pavement Markings (7/16/21)**
- **Multimodal Accommodations (8/24/21)**
- **Constructability**
- **Plan Detailing (9/7/21)**
- **Public Involvement (9/7/21)**





TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

Traffic Operations

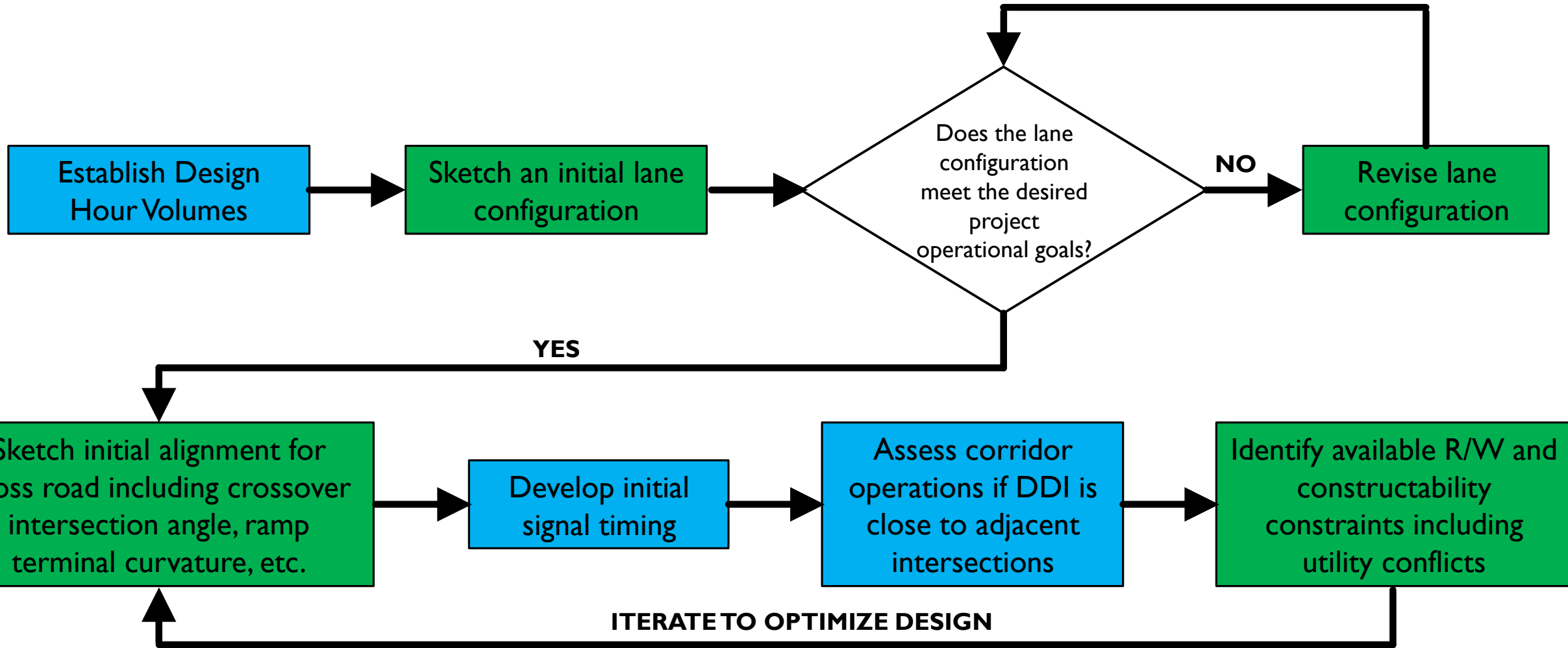
- Research shows that compared to a traditional Diamond interchange, the DDI:
 - Reduces intersection delay 15% - 60%
 - Increases intersection through traffic 10% - 30%
 - Increases intersection capacity 15% - 25%
- **Simple two-phase signal operation**
- **Increased capacity for the left-turning movements to/from the ramps**
- **Left-turn vehicles only go through one signal**
- **Traffic is better spread out entering freeway**



Traffic Operations

Operational Analysis

Geometric Design



Traffic Operations

- **Closely spaced signalized intersections**
 - Common myth of how to “break a DDI”
 - No “magic dimension”



Traffic Operations

- Closely spaced signalized intersections
 - Example



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Existing Lane Configuration

Traffic Operations

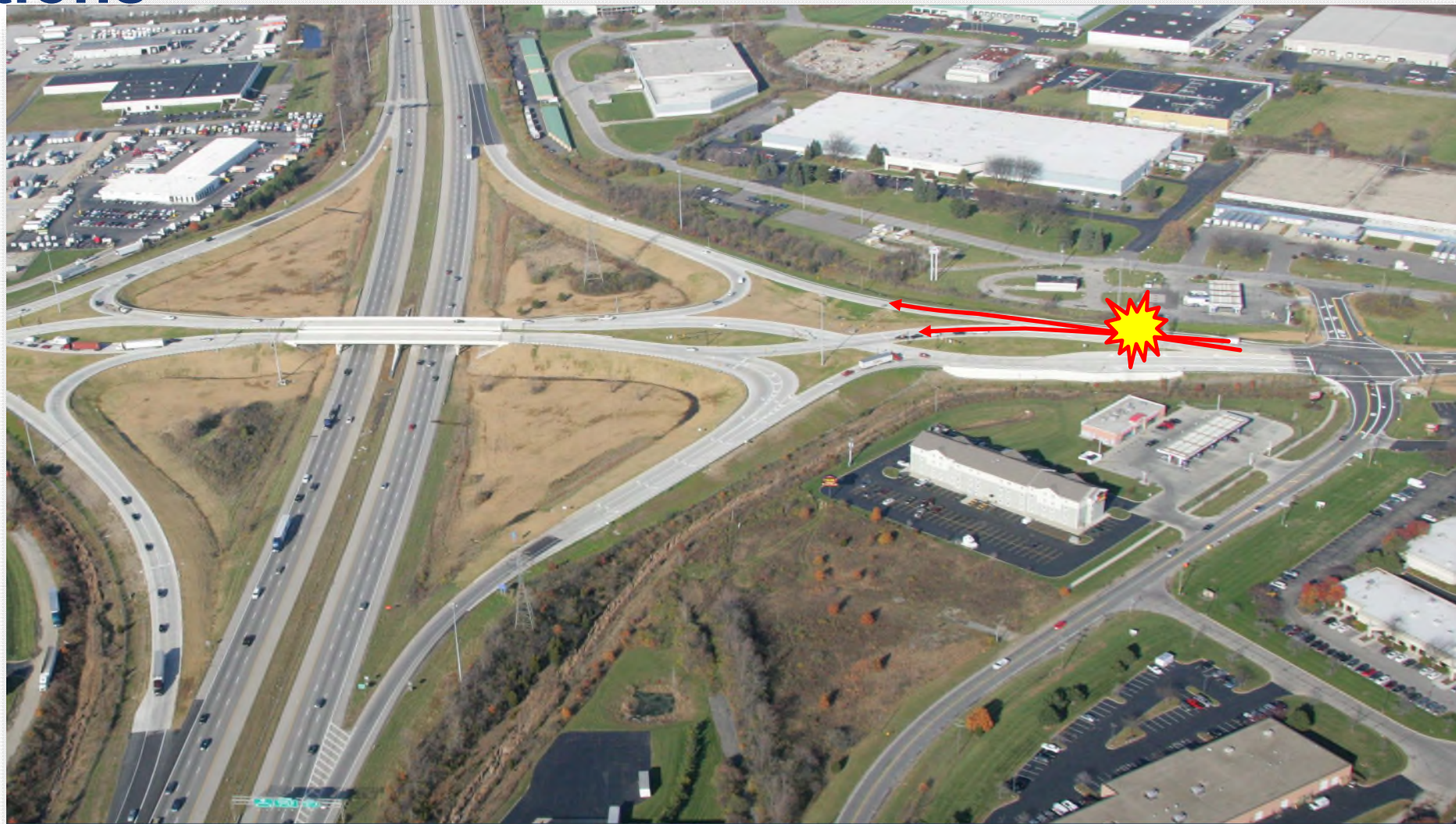
- **Closely spaced signalized intersections**
 - Adjust intersection to give more green time back to the primary road
 - Dual left from the secondary street



Proposed Lane Configuration

Traffic Operations

- Closely spaced signalized intersections
 - Don't "blindly" trust your traffic simulation models!



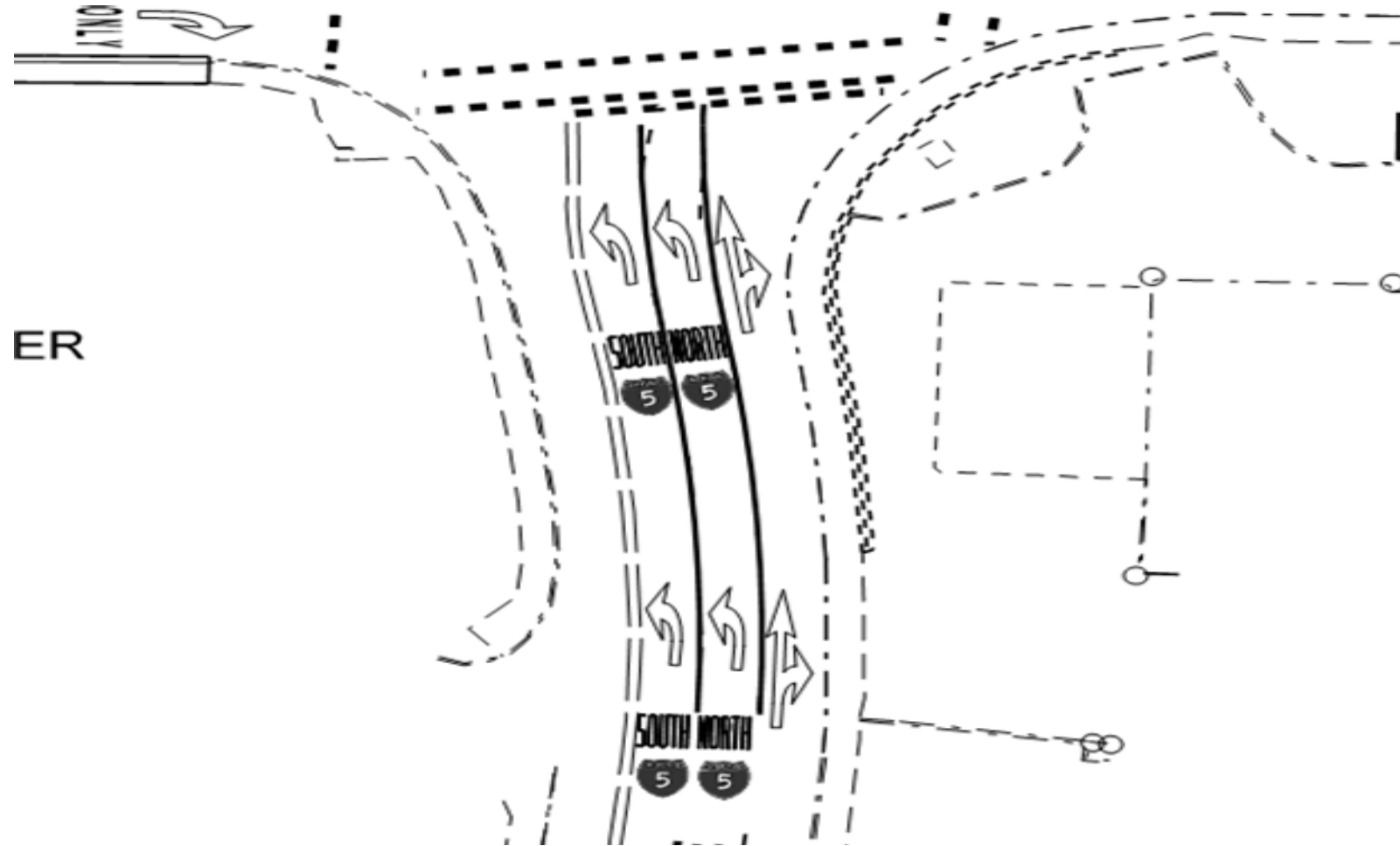
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- Closely spaced signalized intersections
 - May need to make adjustments after construction is completed



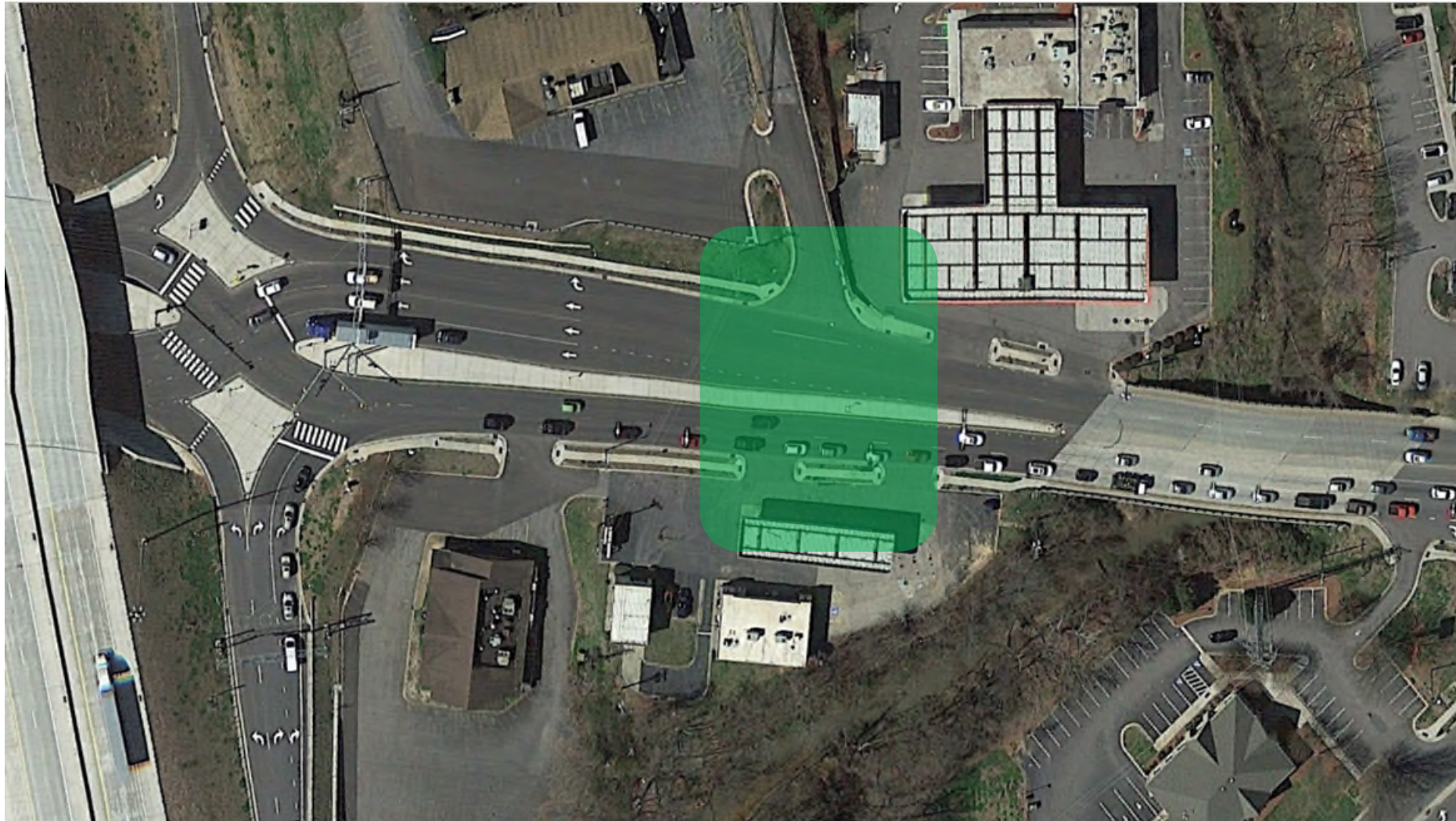
Traffic Operations

- **Closely spaced signalized intersections**
 - Pavement Markings can help alleviate confusion when making turns from the secondary streets near a DDI



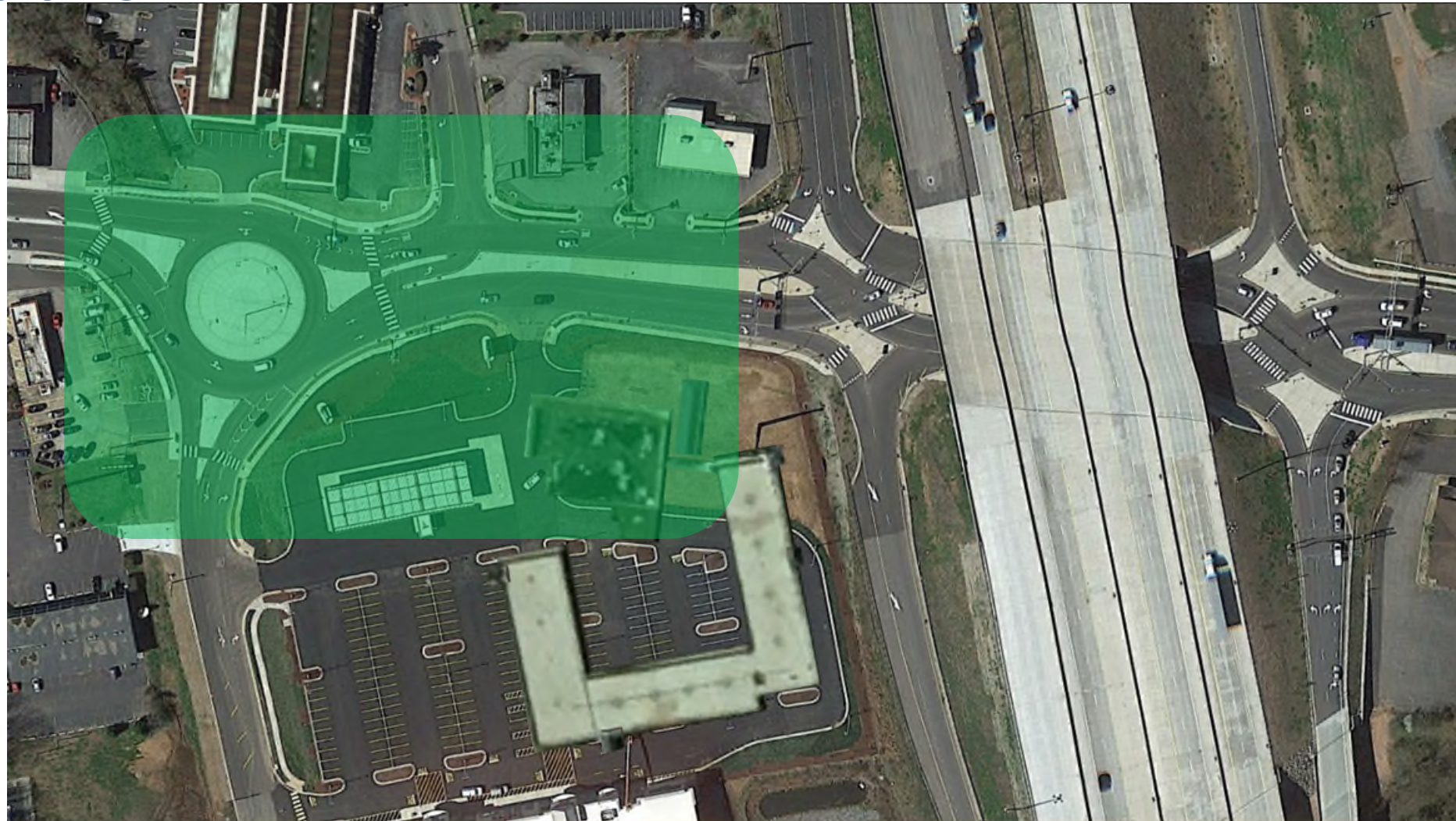
Traffic Operations

- **Closely spaced signalized intersections**
 - Can the adjacent signal be eliminated?



Traffic Operations

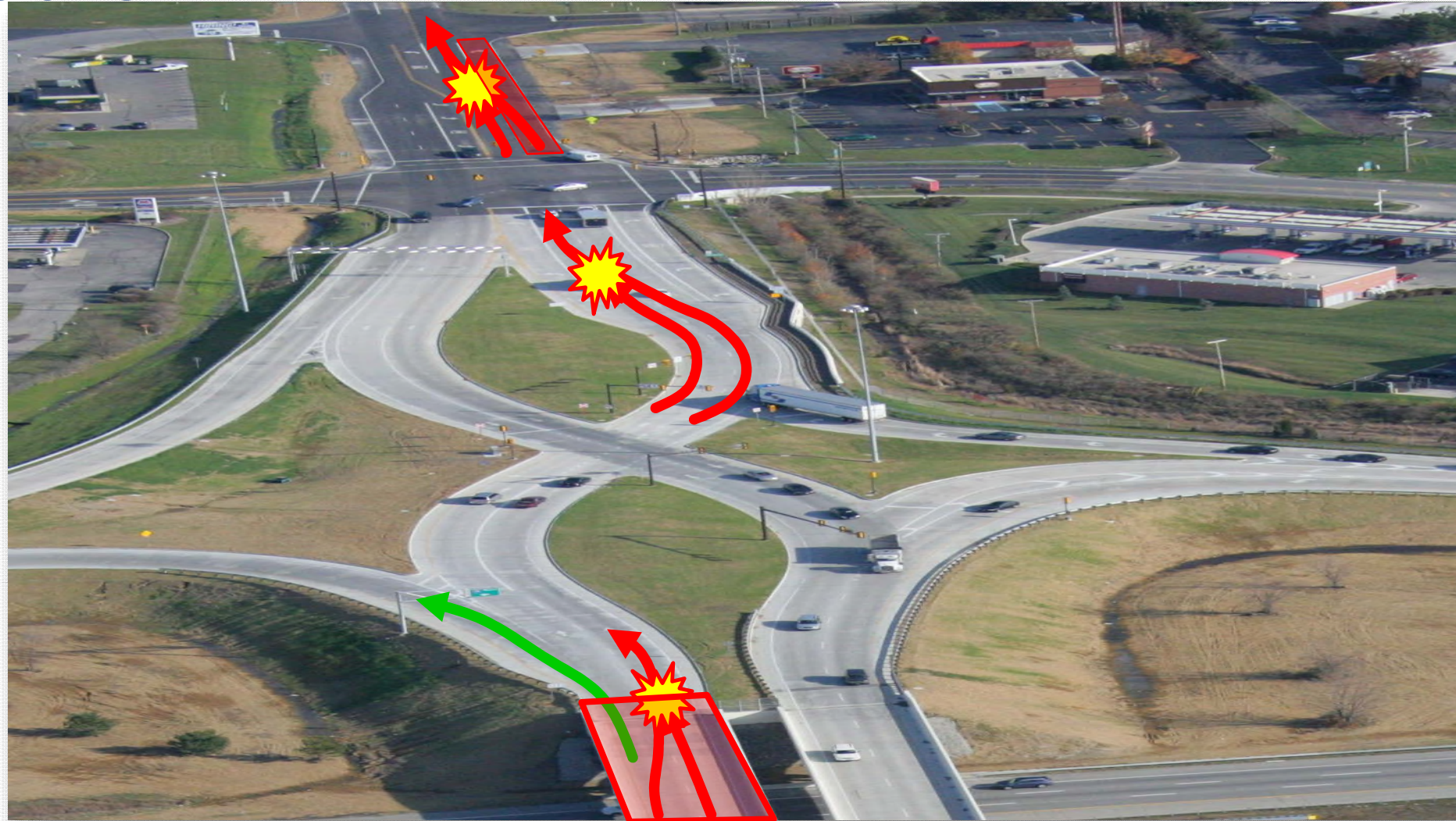
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Traffic Operations

■ Lane Utilization through a DDI

- Think about how lane assignments affect traffic flow
- Minimize turbulence within the DDI



Traffic Operations

**More Information on DDI
Traffic Operations:**

August 10, 2021 @ 2-3pm





GEOMETRIC DESIGN

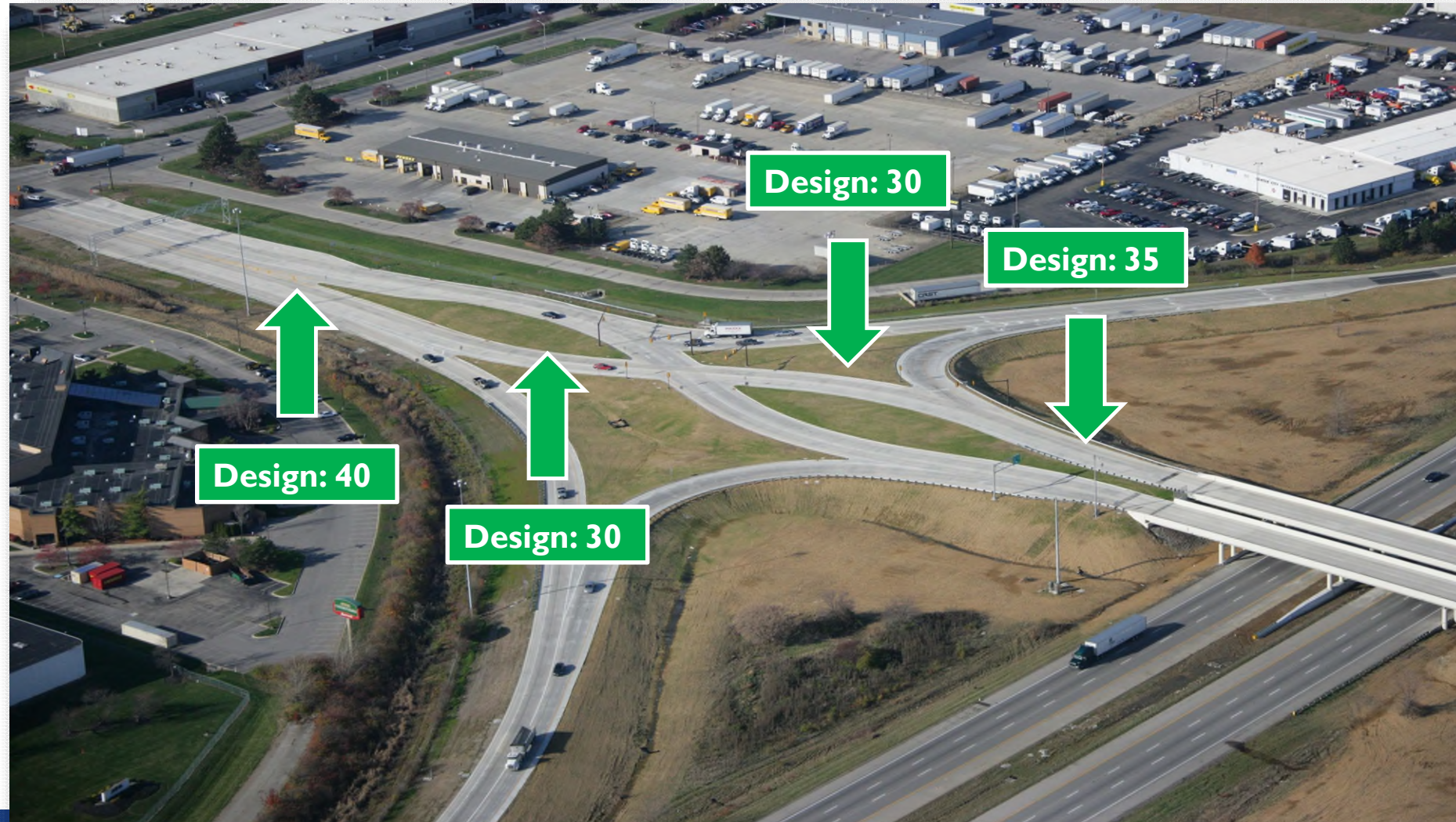
Geometric Design

- Intuitive to Drivers



Geometric Design

- Intuitive to Drivers
 - Reduce approach speeds

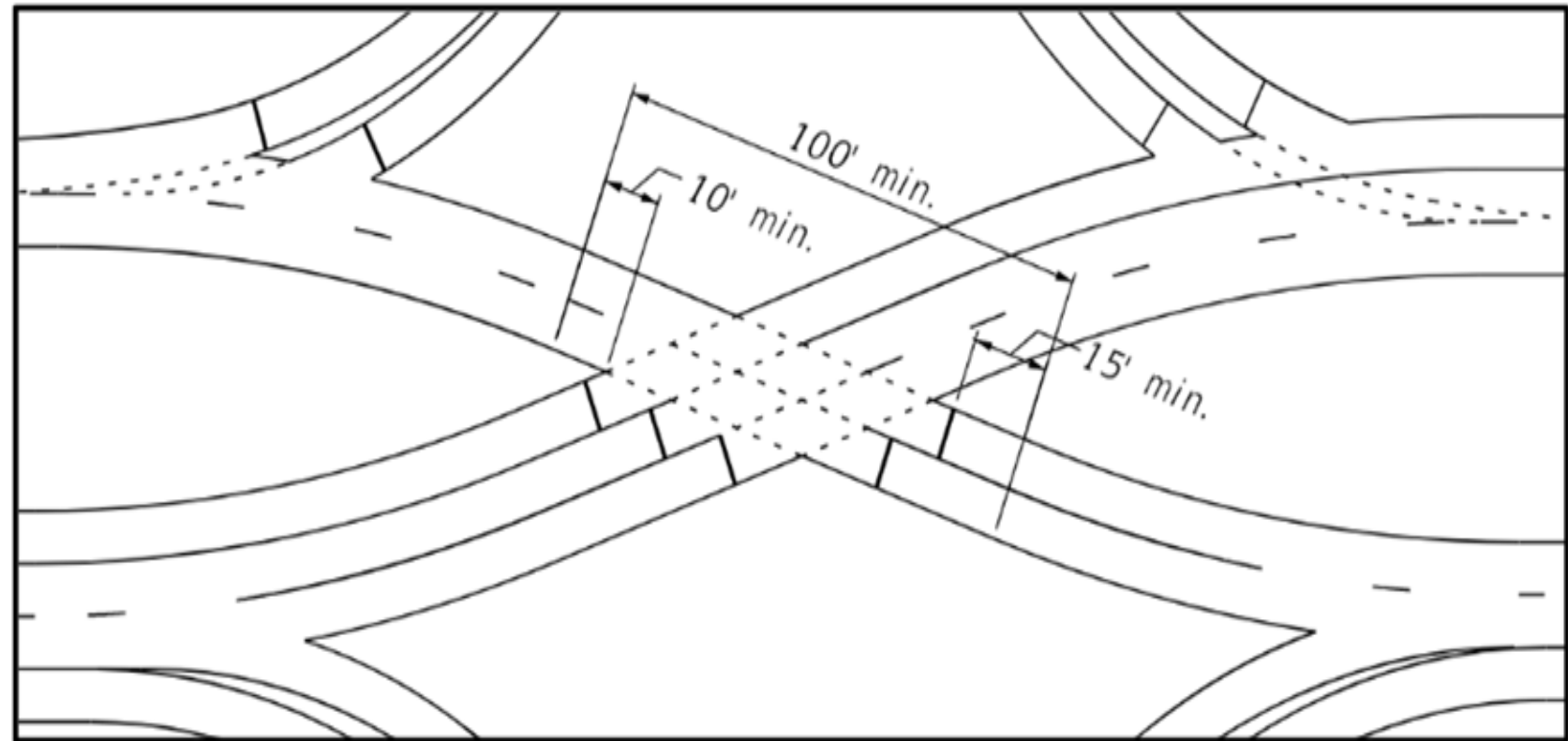


Geometric Design

■ Intuitive to Drivers

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Figure 217.3.3 Tangents at Crossover Intersections



D217- Diverging Diamond Interchanges

Geometric Design

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 - Crossover Angle vs Eyebrow



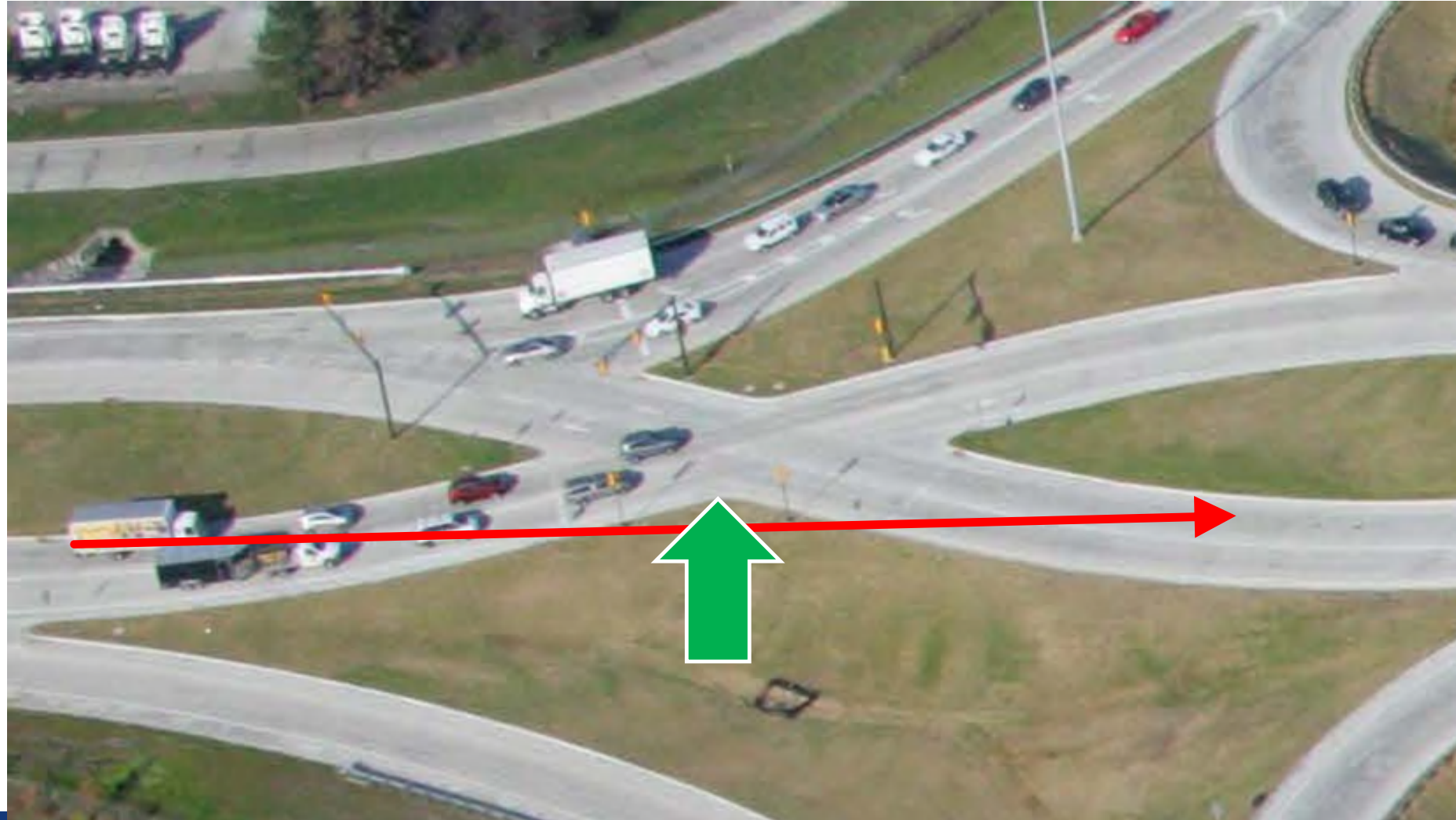
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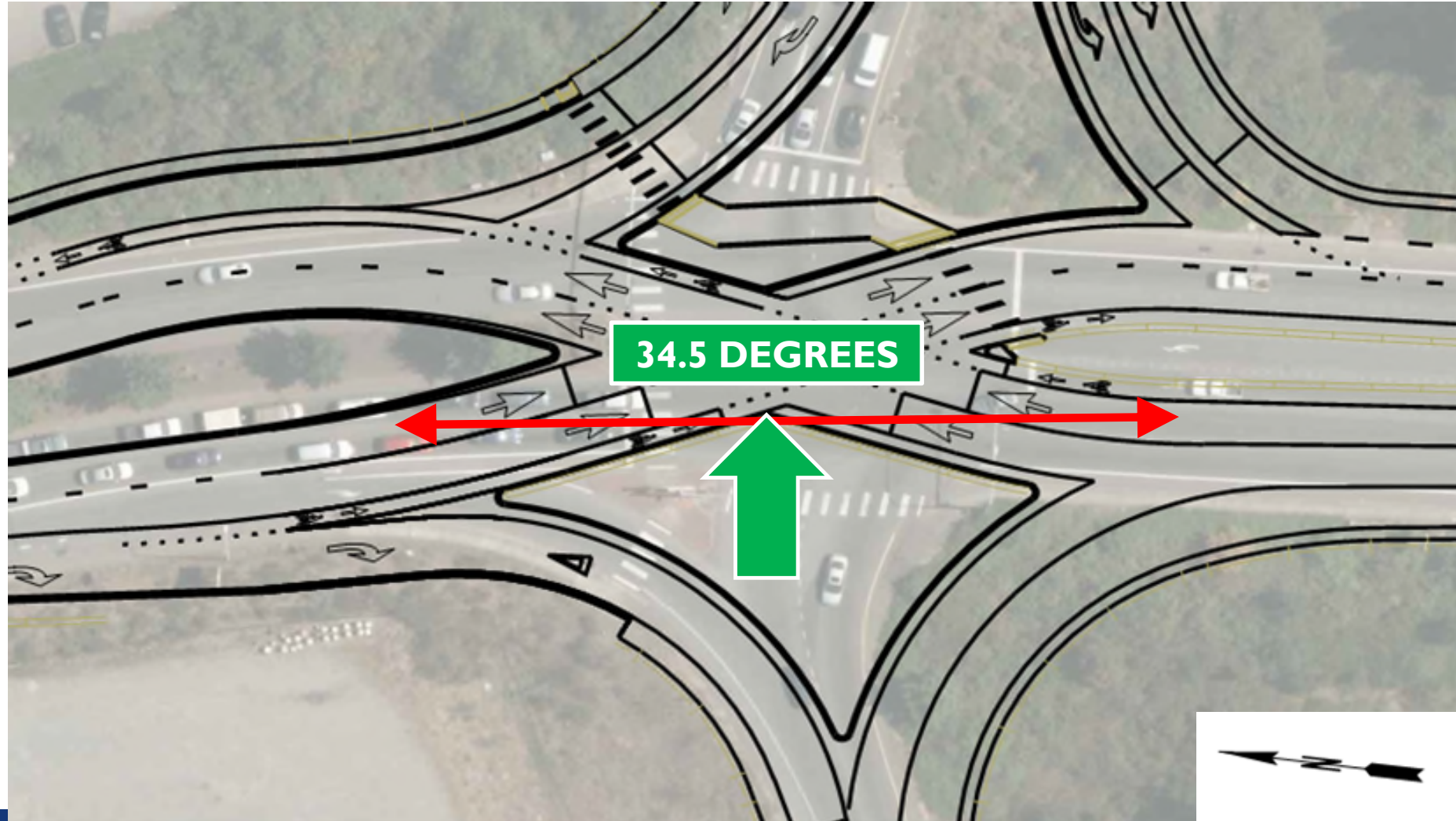
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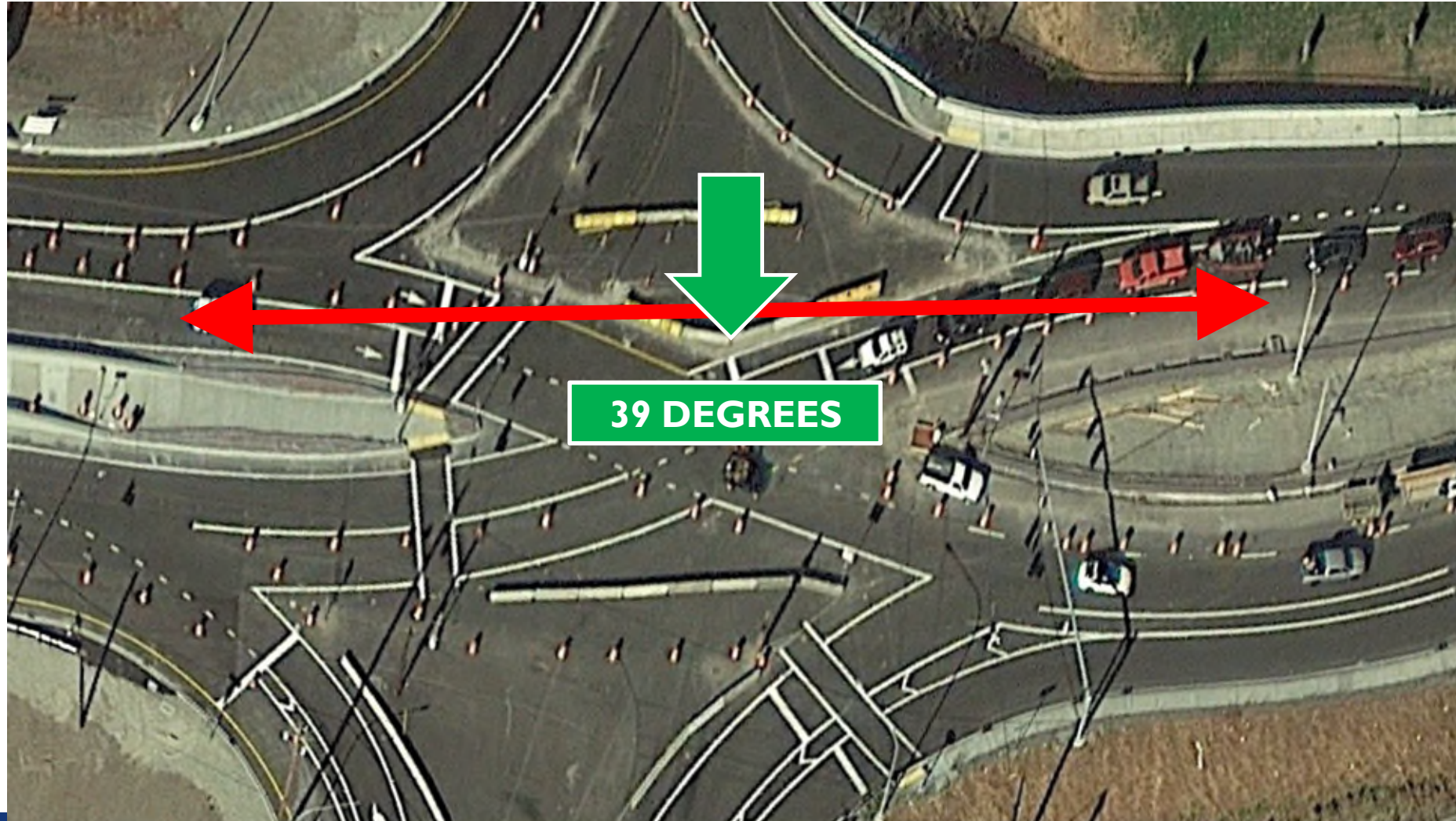
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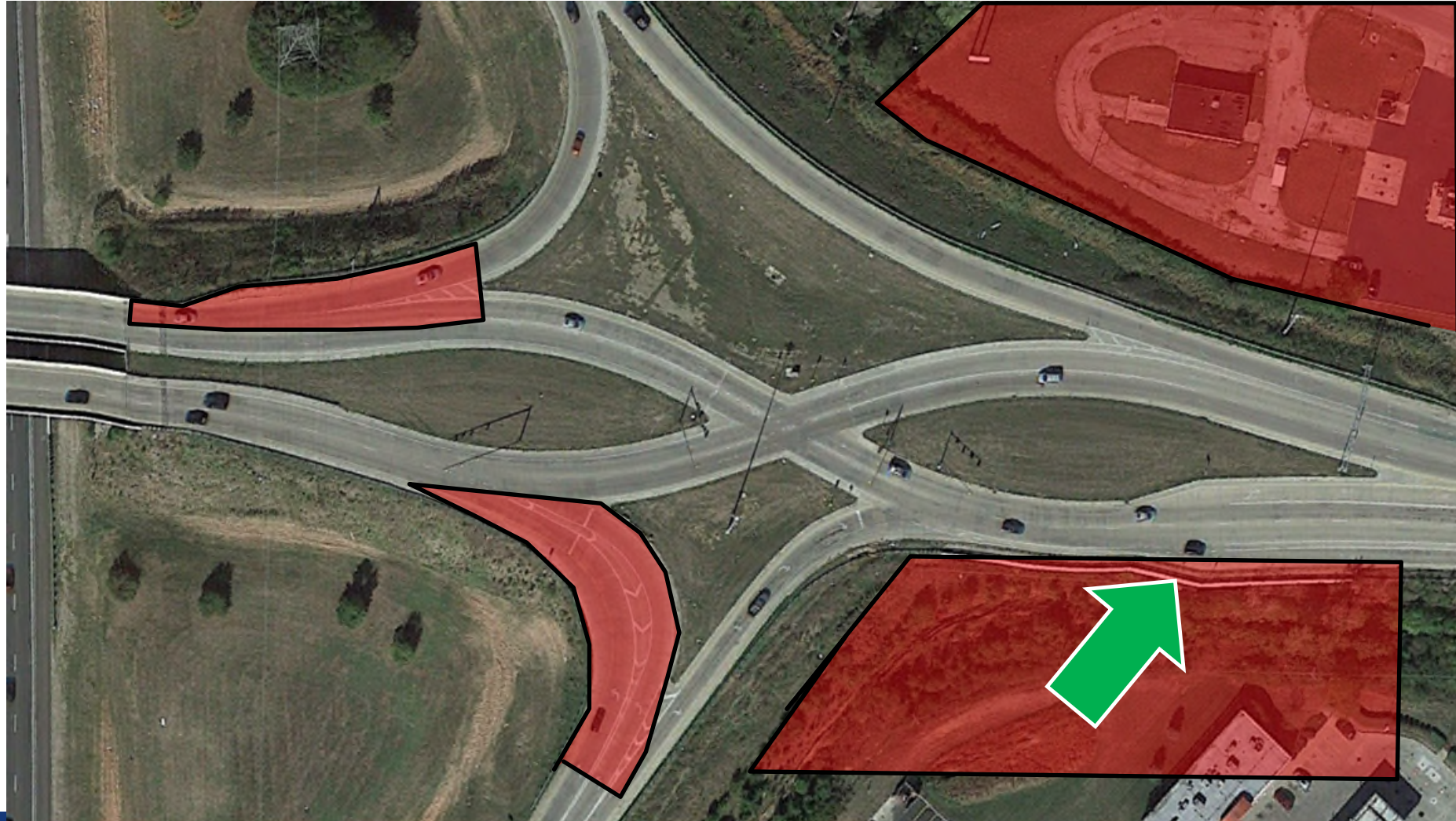
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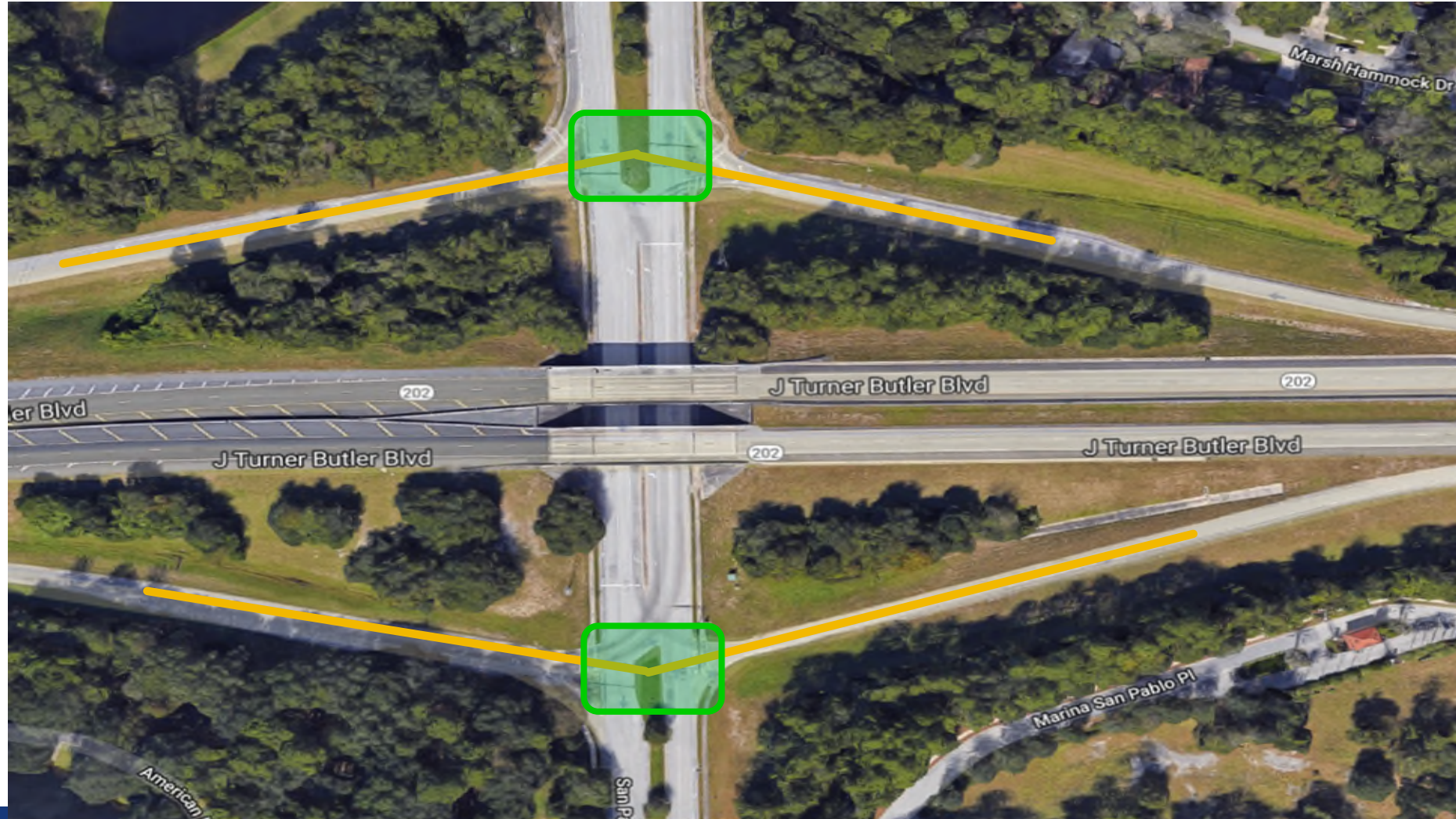
Geometric Design

- **Intuitive to Drivers**
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 - Don't introduce curvature within the crossover
 - Crossover Angle vs Eyebrow
 - R/W impacts
 - Additional costs
 - Ramp curvature
 - Ramp decel lane



Geometric Design

- **Crossover Intersection Design**
 - Locate the intersections



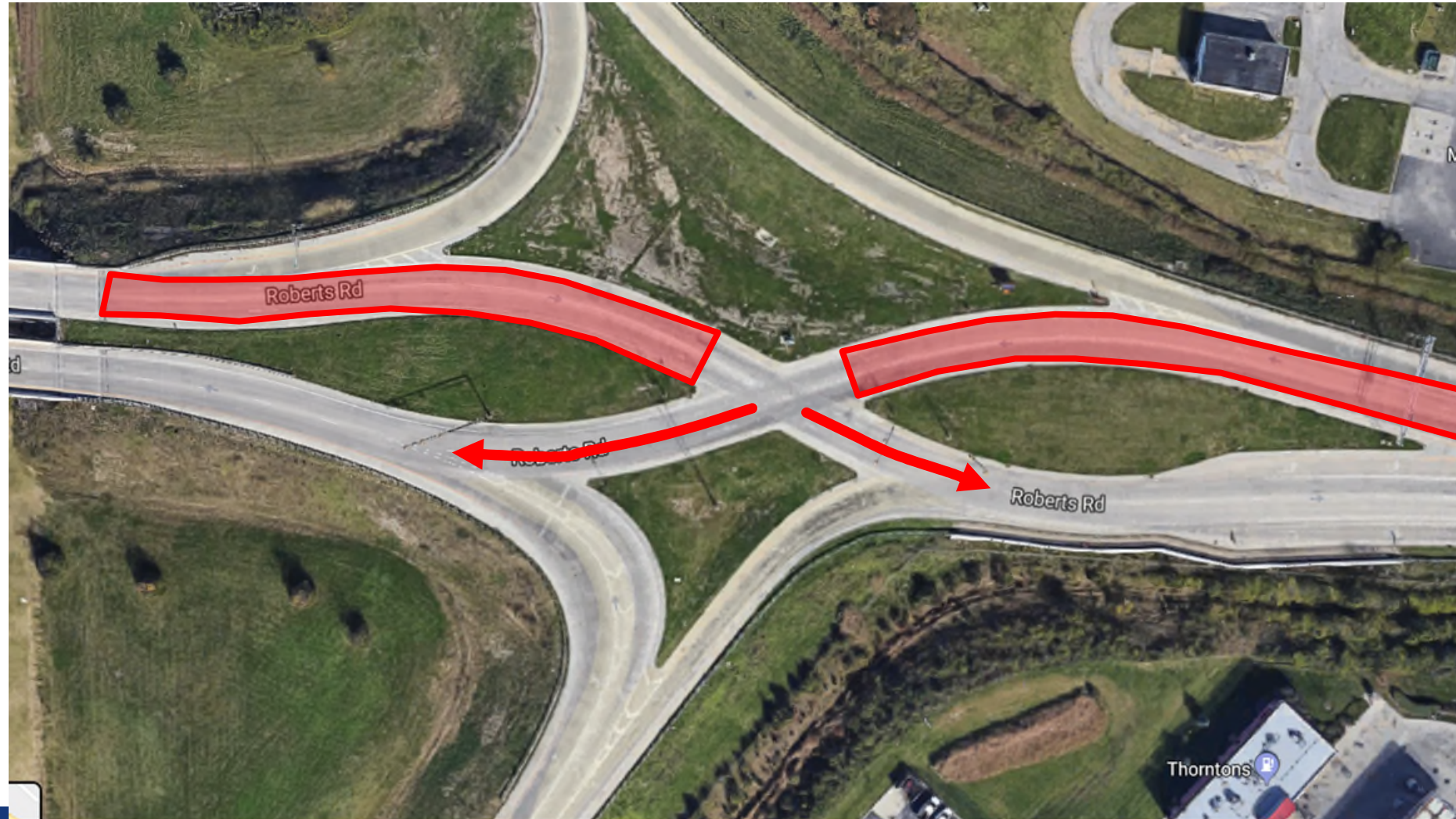
Geometric Design

- **Crossover Intersection Design**
 - Locate the intersections
 - Assess existing bridge



Geometric Design

- **Crossover Intersection Design**
 - Locate the intersections
 - Assess existing bridge
 - Identify how geometrics may impact traffic operations



Geometric Design

**More Information on DDI
Geometric Design:**

June 29, 2021 @ 2-3pm



BREAK!

Be Back by 3:45pm



TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Traffic Signals

- **Signal Head Placement**
 - Signals on back side of crossover
 - Ensure proper distance from stop bar to signal head



Traffic Signals

■ Signal Head Placement

- Signals on back side of crossover
 - Ensure proper distance from stop bar to signal head
- Single mast arm for both directions
 - Watch alignment for vehicles approaching the signal heads



Traffic Signals

- **Signal Head Placement**
 - Supplemental head usage



Traffic Signals

■ Signal Head Placement

- Supplemental head usage
- Seeing the signal head along the ramp when approaching



Traffic Signals

■ Signal Head Placement

- Supplemental head usage
 - Seeing the signal head along the ramp when approaching
- Avoid confusion



Traffic Signals

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Traffic Signals

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Traffic Signals

- **Signal Head Placement**

- Crossover Intersection
- Basic green ball



Traffic Signals

- **Signal Head Placement**
 - Crossover Intersection
 - Basic green ball
 - Straight up arrow



Traffic Signals

■ Signal Head Placement

- Crossover Intersection
 - Basic green ball
 - Straight up arrow
 - Diagonal arrow (up)



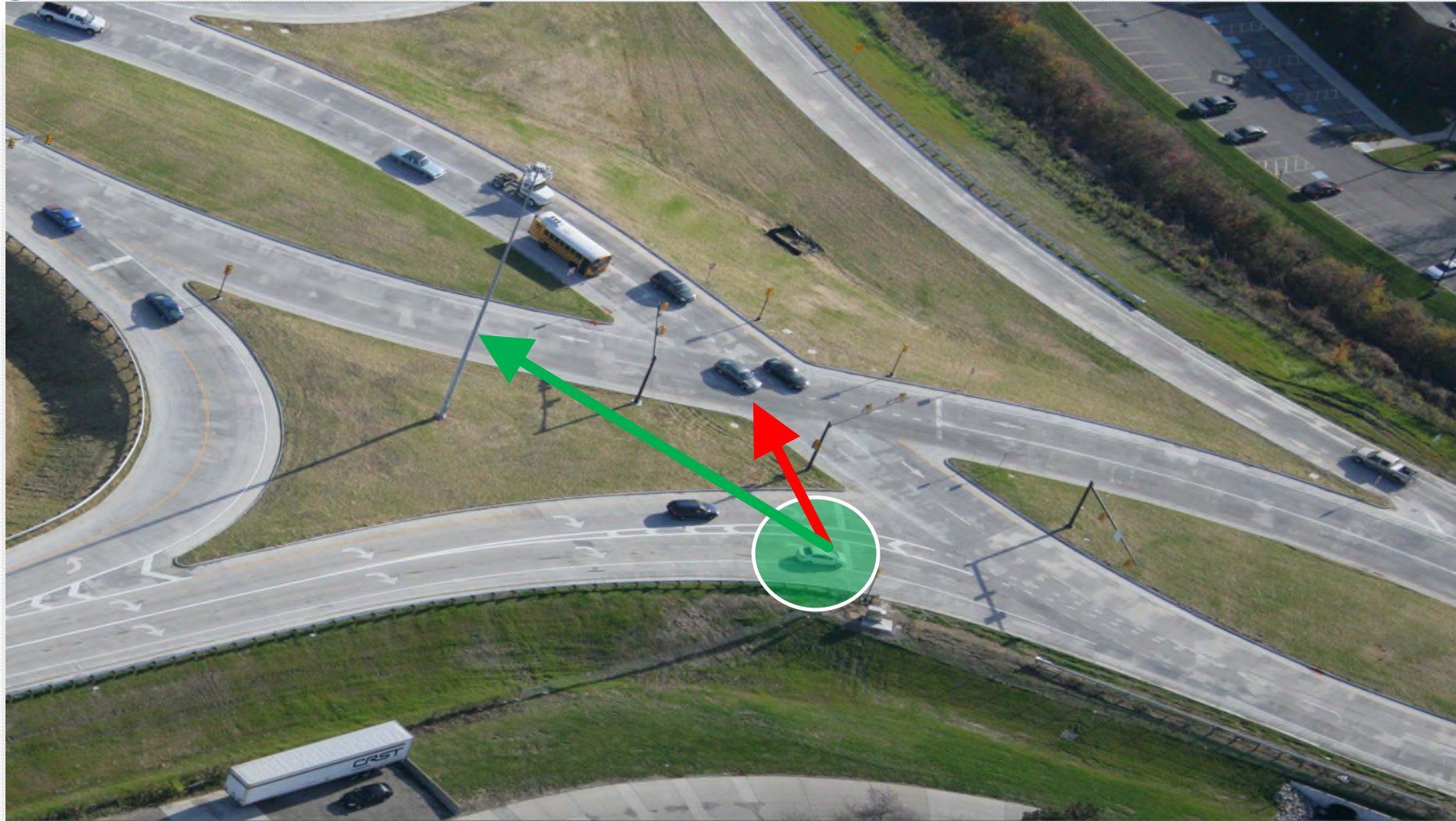
Traffic Signals

- Signalized Right Turns



Traffic Signals

- **Signalized Right Turns**
 - Poor sight lines can lead to driver error
 - Dual turn lanes can cause sight line obstructions



Traffic Signals

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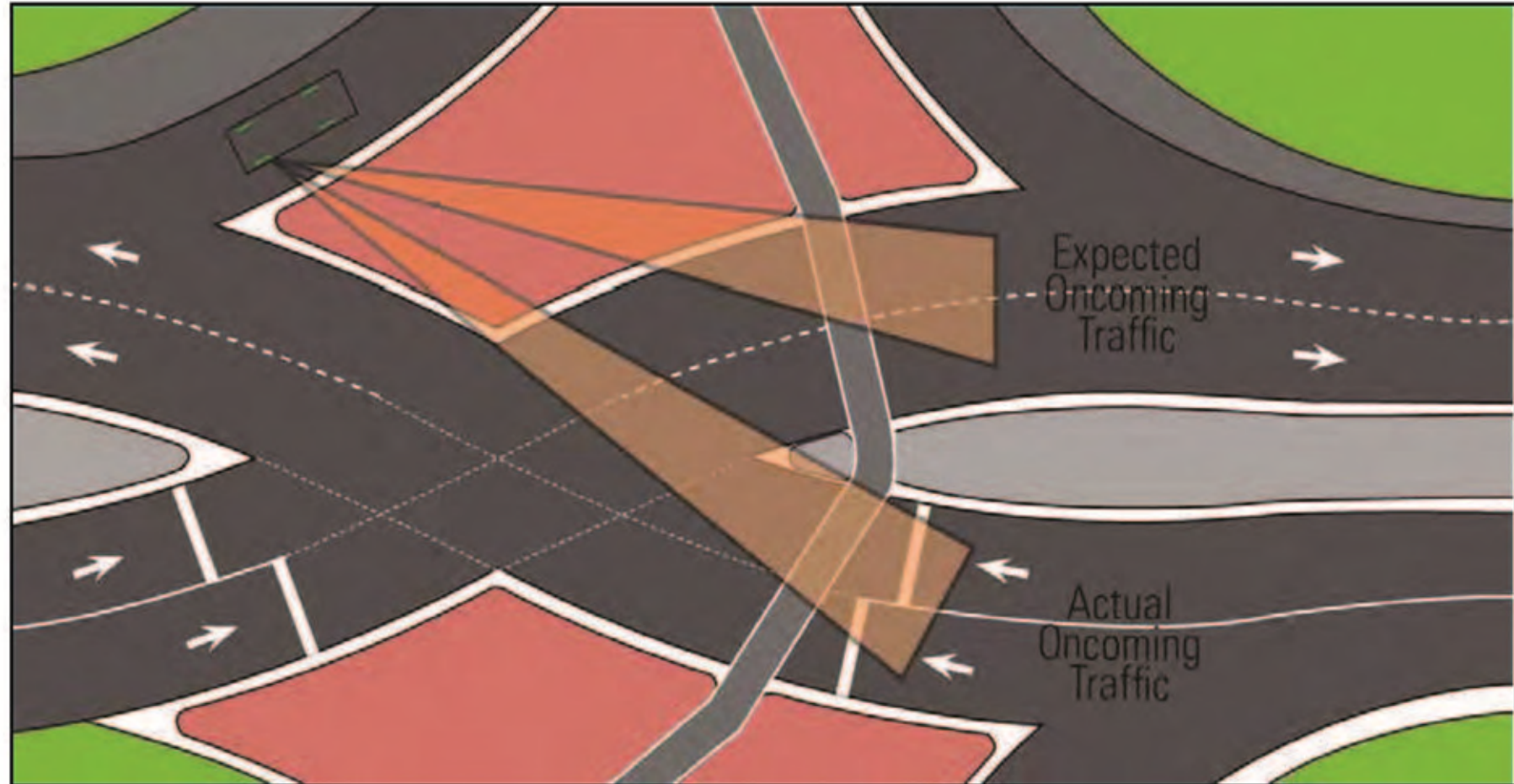


Figure 2.8 Diagram of expected oncoming traffic versus actual oncoming traffic

Traffic Signals

- **Signalized Right Turns**
 - Poor sight lines can lead to driver error
 - Dual turn lanes can cause sight line obstructions
 - No turns on red



Traffic Signals

- **Signalized Right Turns**
 - Poor sight lines can lead to driver error
 - Dual turn lanes can cause sight line obstructions
 - No turns on red



Traffic Signals

- **Signalized Left Turns**
 - Same sight line issues for left turns as with right turns
 - No turns on red



Traffic Signals

■ Number of Signal Cabinets

- One or two cabinets can be used
- Use two if there is concern of connection loss to the controller
 - If the controller is on one side of a bridge and controlling the signal on the other side
- GPS clocks alleviate some of the two cabinet concerns



Traffic Signals

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Source: DDI Information Guide, Second Edition (2021)

Exhibit 7-14. Considerations for one versus two signal controllers at a DDI.

One Signal Controller	Two Signal Controllers
+ Reduced hardware and installation costs	+ More transparency in signal design and cabinet set-up for designers and technicians
+ Potentially avoids the need for communication infrastructure between crossovers (if no adjacent intersections)	+ Ability to control offsets directly rather than through overlap phases or other programming
+ Improved flow during “free” signal operations (e.g., late night)	+ Easier for technicians to see operations from the cabinet
– More complicated signal design and cabinet set-up for designers and technicians	+ More room in each cabinet to allow for complicated scenarios (e.g., light-rail)
– More difficult maintenance and troubleshooting for technicians	– Additional hardware and installation costs
– Additional wiring required from signal equipment to controller	– Need for controllers to communicate and potential for time drift that may impact progression
– More difficult for technicians to see operations at both crossovers from the cabinet	– May result in undesirable gap-out situations during low-volume periods

Note: Benefits are shown with a (+) and challenges with a (-).

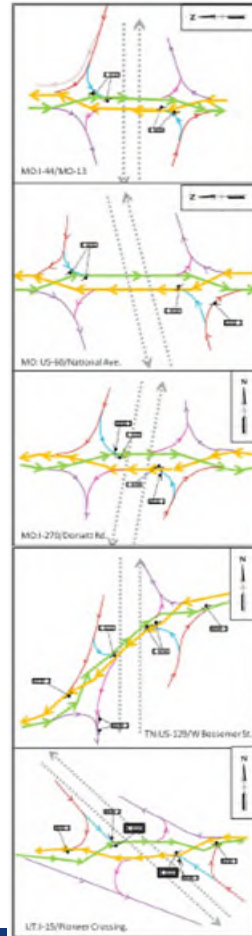
SIGNING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Signing and Pavement Markings

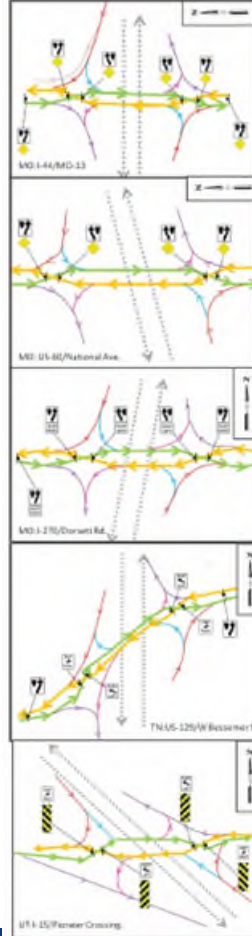
■ Signs

- MUTCD does not explicitly address DDI signing details
- Practices are still evolving
- A lot of options
- Minimize confusion

One Way Signs



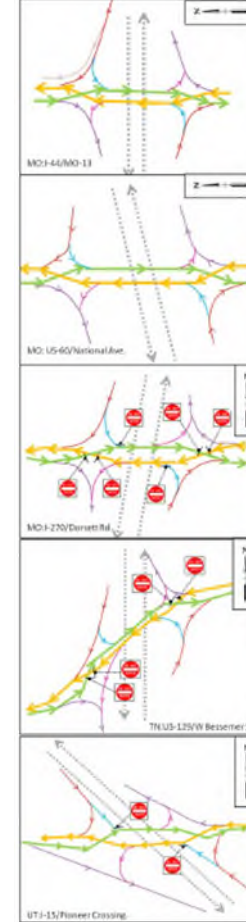
Keep Right/Left Signs



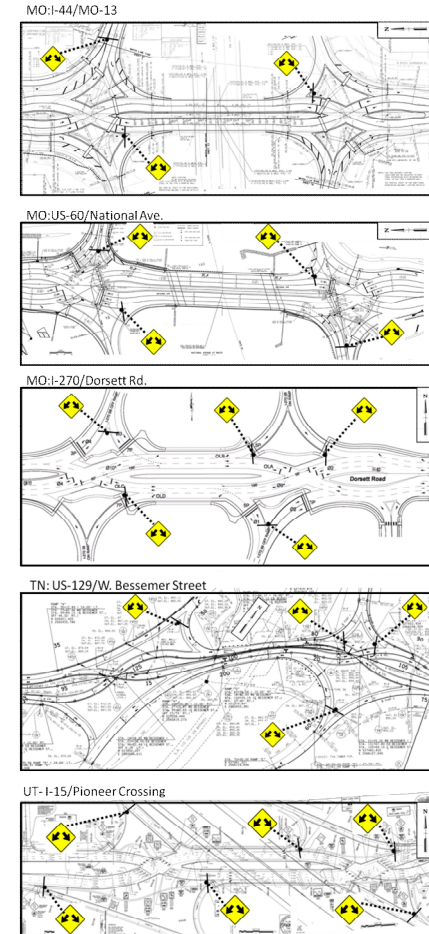
No Turn Signs



Do Not Enter



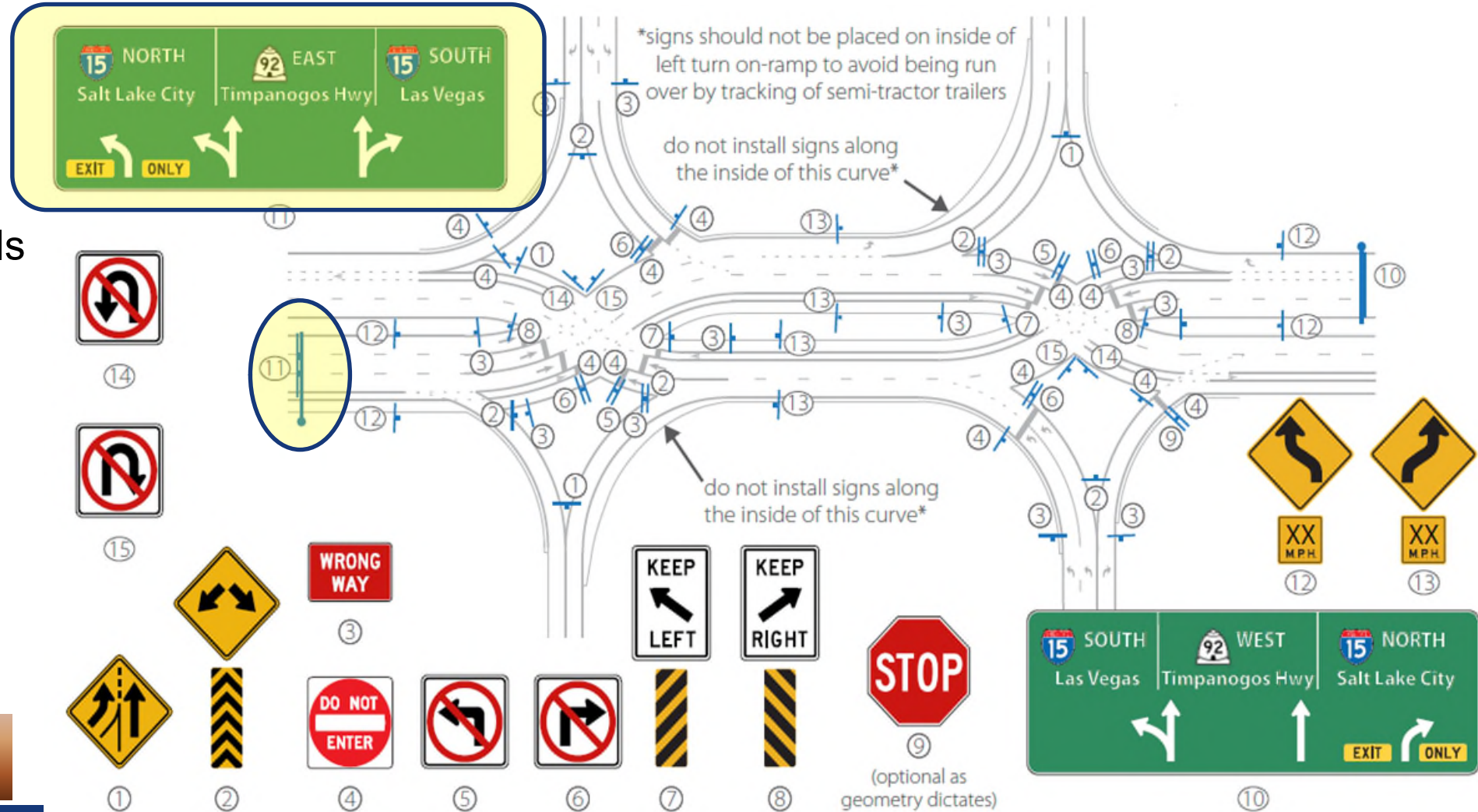
Lane Split Signs



Signing and Pavement Markings

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Source: Utah DOT DDI Guidelines

Signing and Pavement Markings

■ Signs

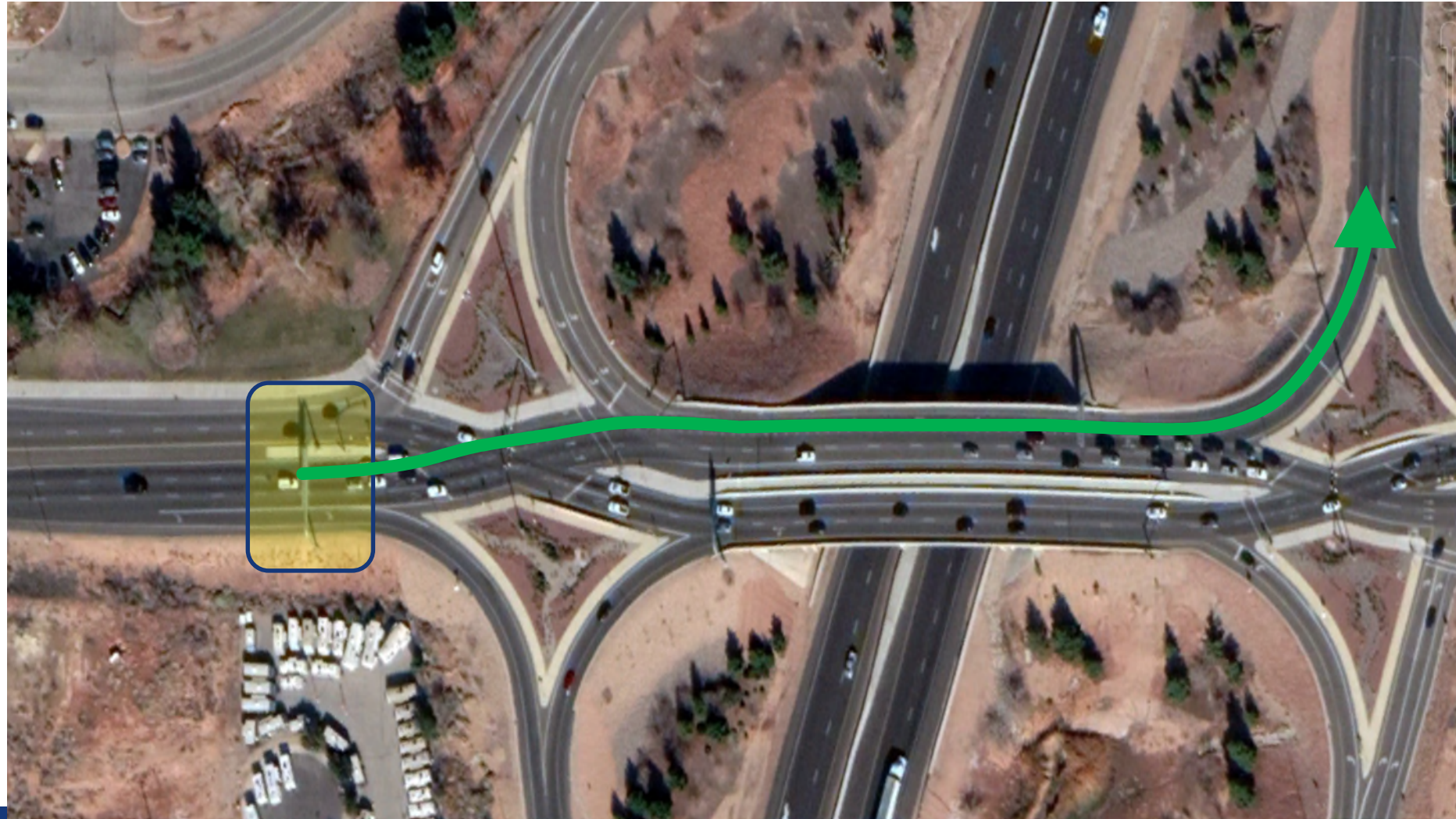
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Signing and Pavement Markings

■ Signs

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Signing and Pavement Markings

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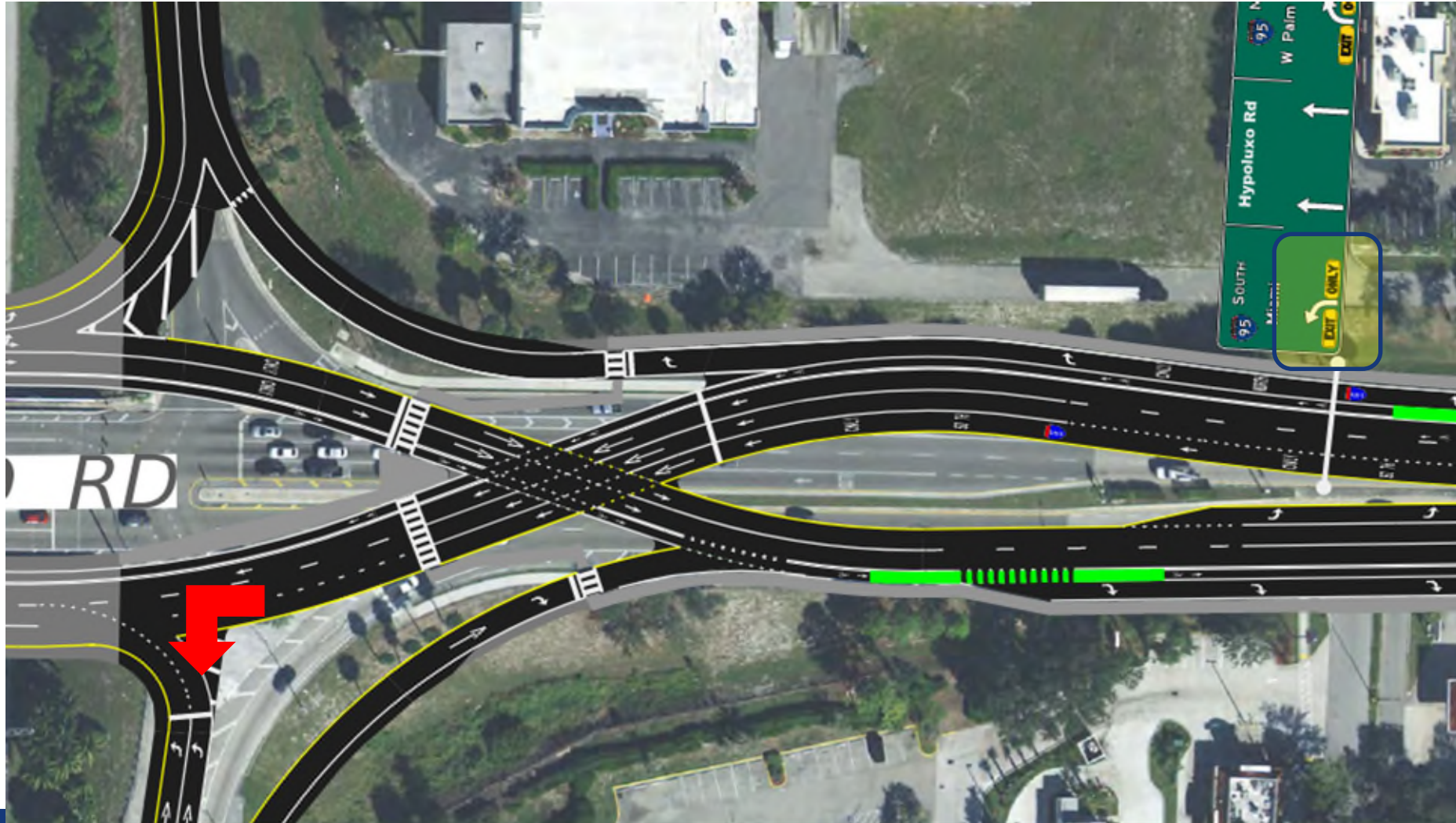
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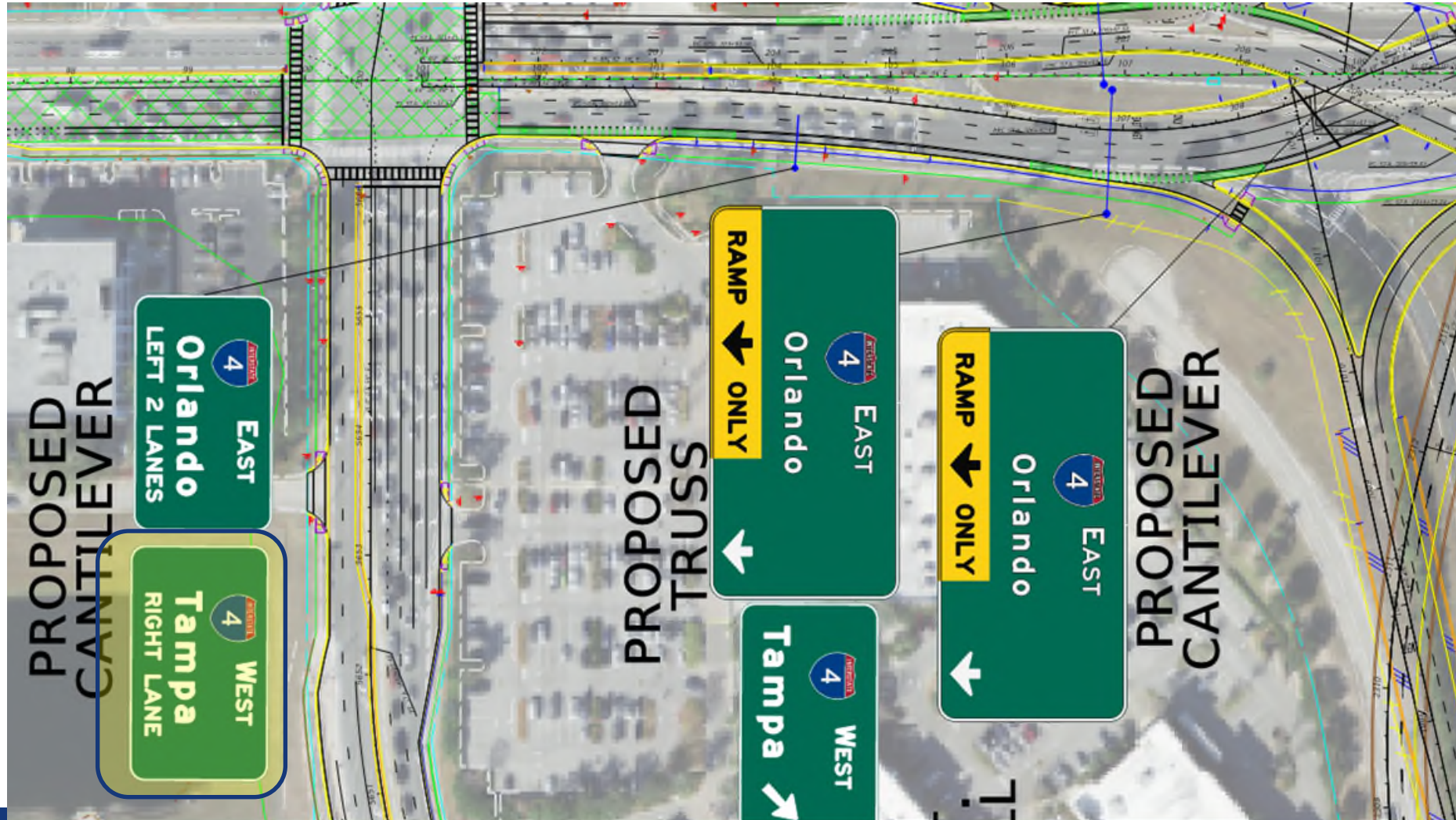
- Better to use straight arrows instead?



Signing and Pavement Markings

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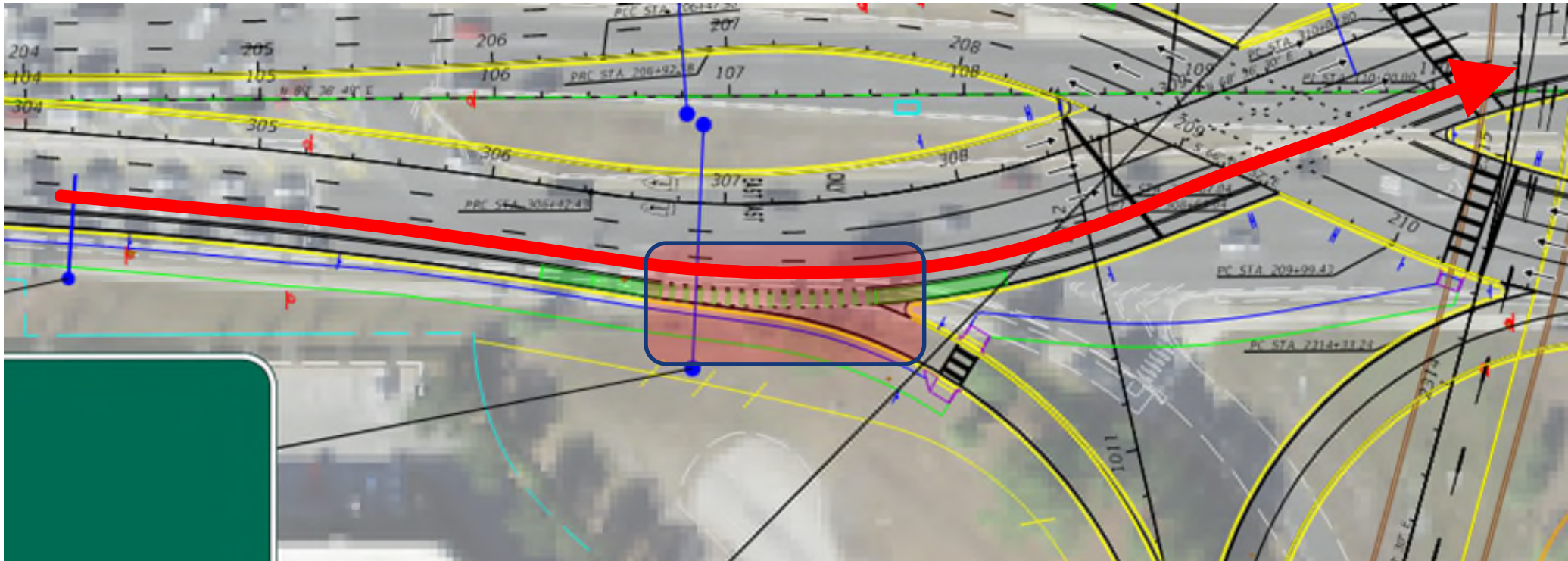
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Signing and Pavement Markings

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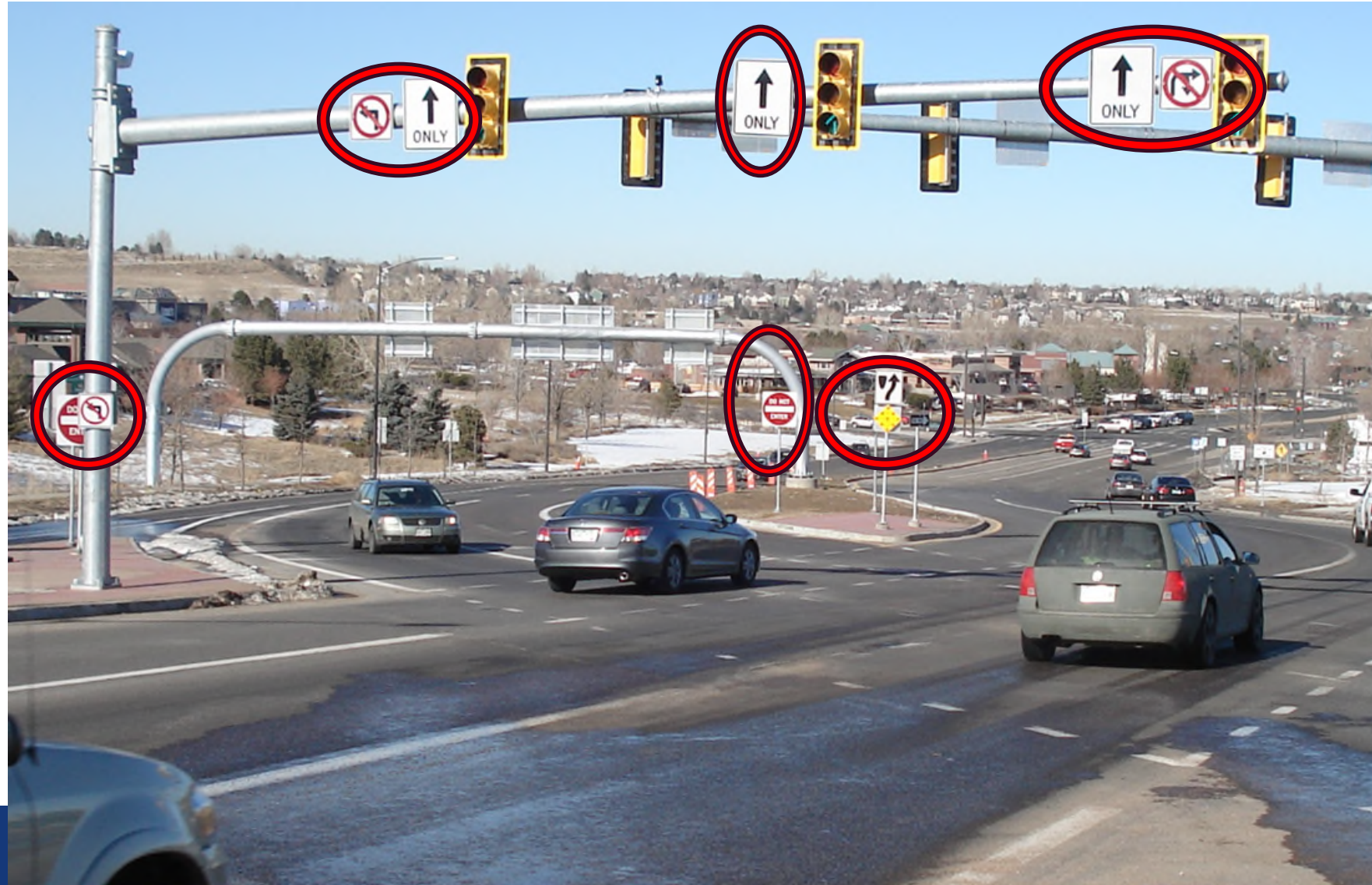
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Signing and Pavement Markings

- **Signs**

- Minimize confusion



Signing and Pavement Markings

■ Signs

- Minimize confusion
- Similar signs, but spaced better throughout the intersection “visual cone”



Signing and Pavement Markings

■ Pavement Markings

- Identify the appropriate design vehicles, especially for dual lane turning movements
- Place excess pavement between lanes in the middle for use by trucks from both turn lanes



Signing and Pavement Markings

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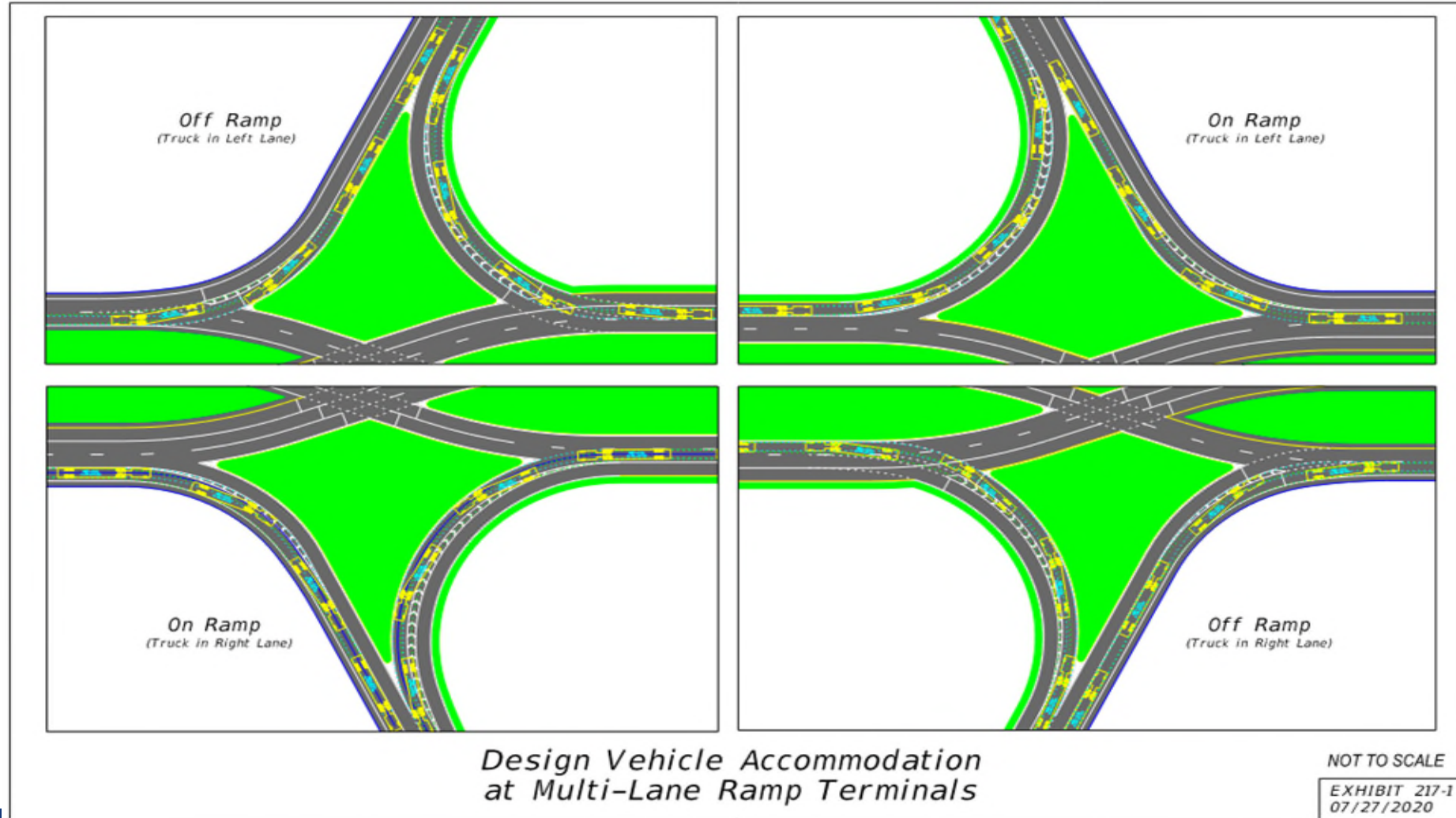
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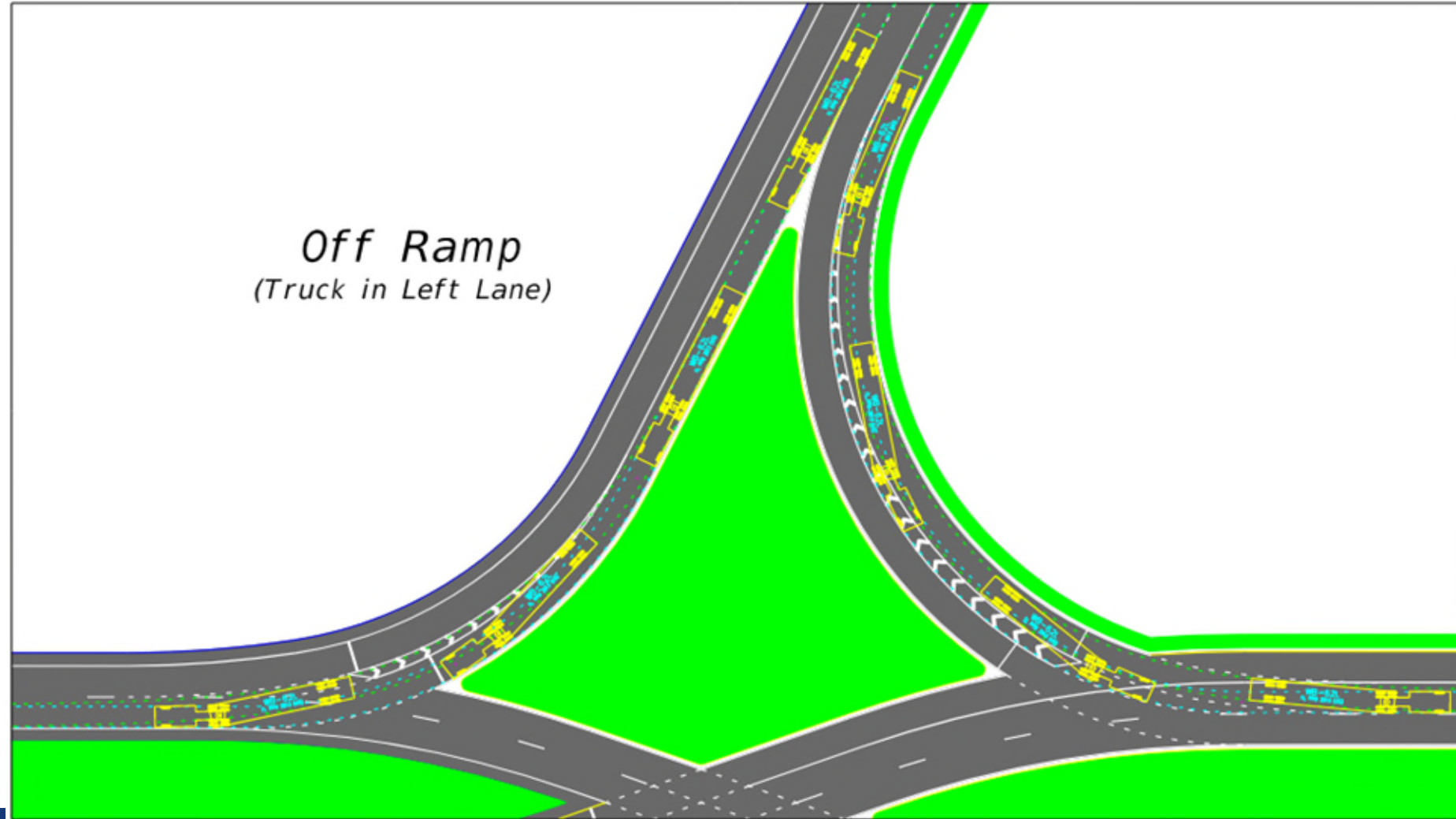
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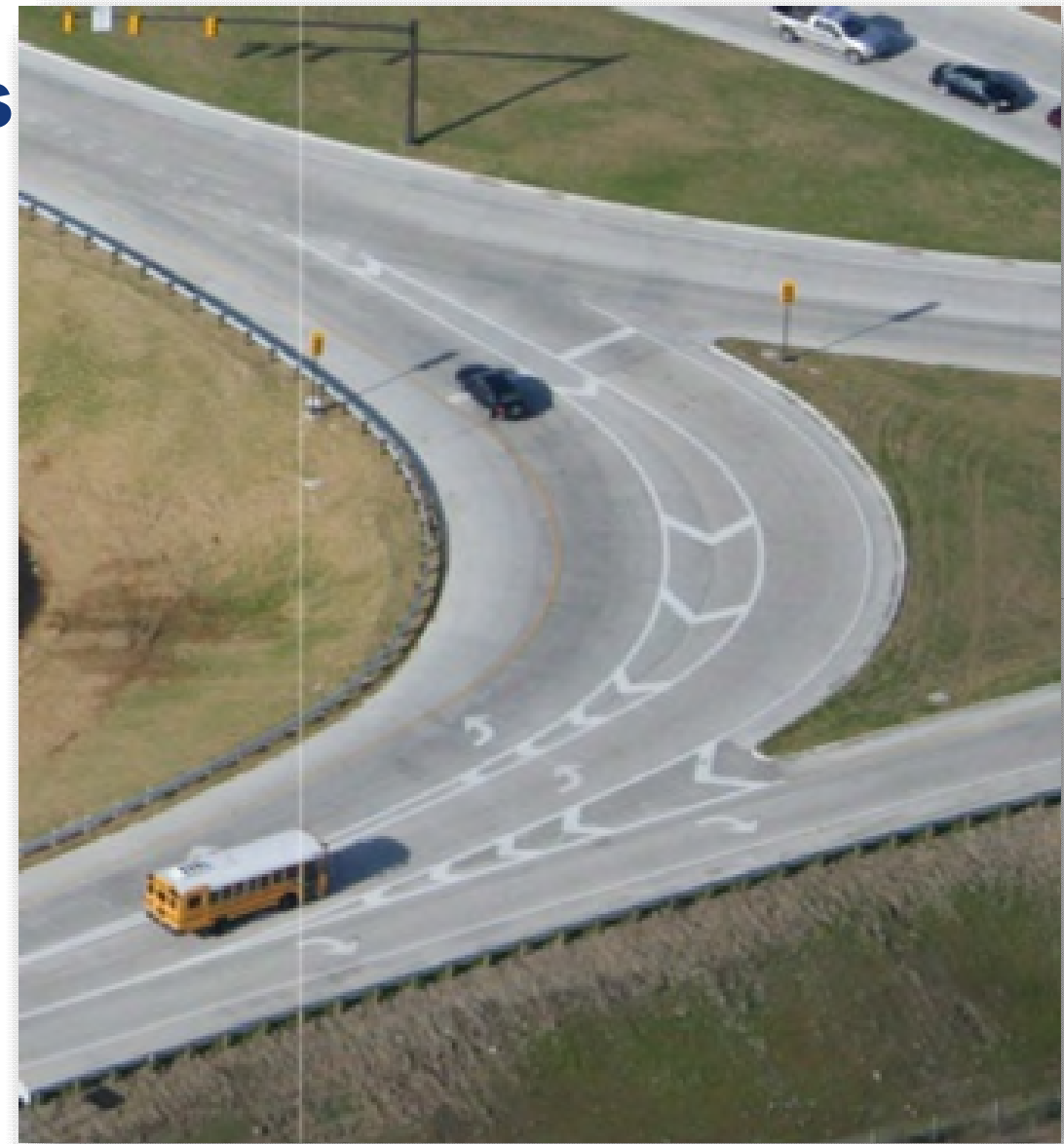
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Signing and Pavement Markings

**More Information on DDI
Signing and Pavement
Markings:**

July 16, 2021 @ 2-3pm





MULTIMODAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Multimodal Accommodations

■ Benefits of DDIs

- Reduced overall right-of-way footprint compared to a conventional diamond interchange
- Two-phase traffic signal control with reduced pedestrian wait time
- Minimized crossing distances
- Simplification of conflicts to one-directional vehicular traffic
- Opportunities for bicycle lanes and multiuse paths through the interchange



Multimodal Accommodations

- **Challenges of DDIs**
 - Altered travel paths with travel in the center of the interchange between vehicular lanes
 - Traffic approaching from unexpected directions
 - Unfamiliar signal phases
 - Uncontrolled crossing of turn lanes



Multimodal Accommodations

- **Pedestrian Accommodations**
 - Section 217.6 - FDOT DDI Developmental Design Criteria
 - Consider pedestrian accommodations early in the DDI design process
 - Develop a balanced design that meets the safety and mobility needs for all users



Multimodal Accommodations

■ Pedestrian Accommodations

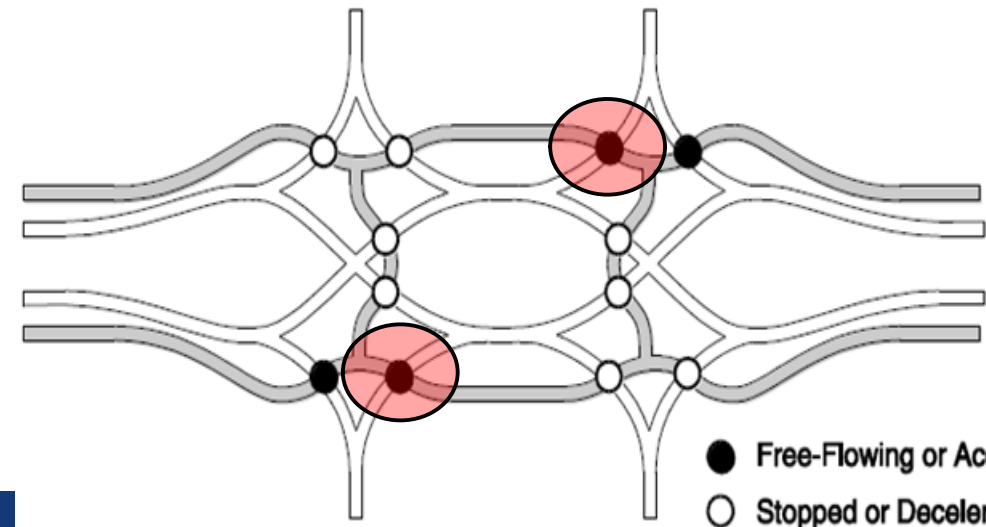
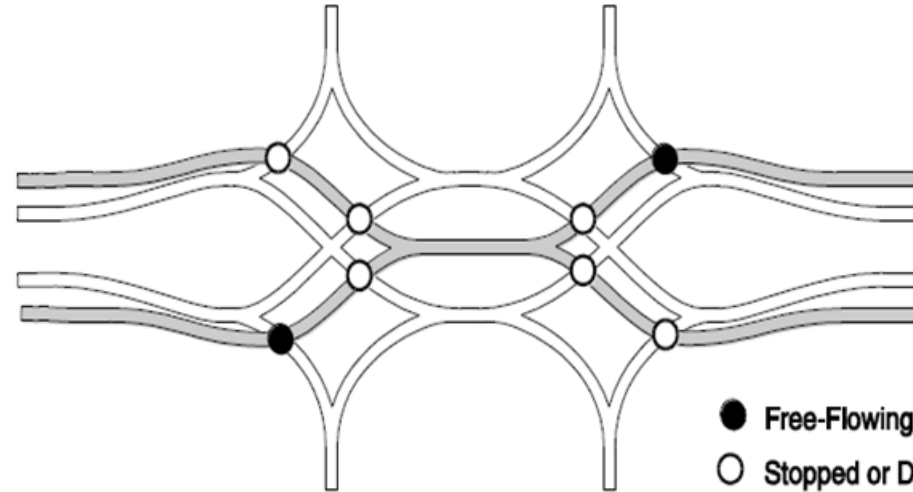
- Inside (center) of the interchange
- Outside of the interchange



Multimodal Accommodations

■ Pedestrian Accommodations

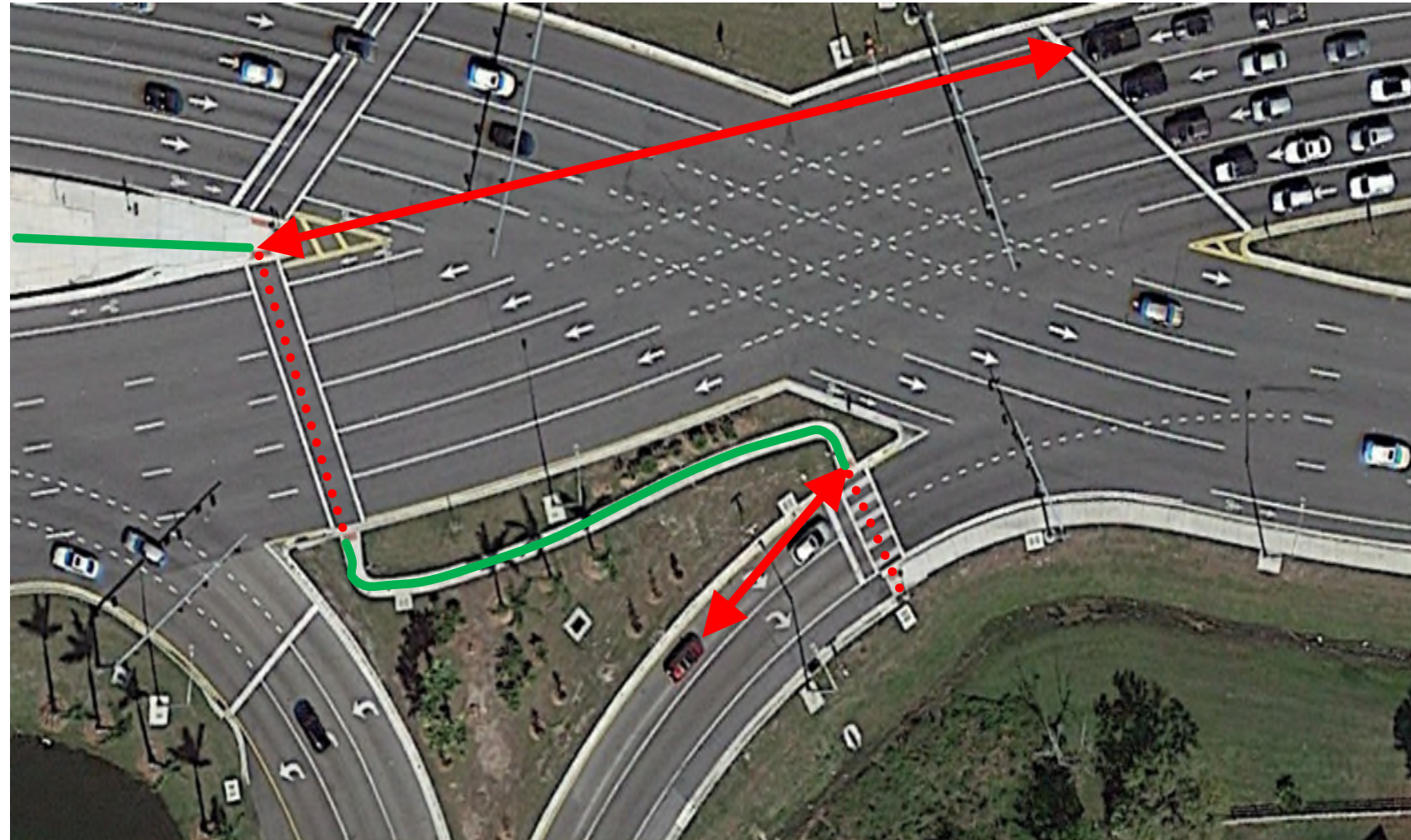
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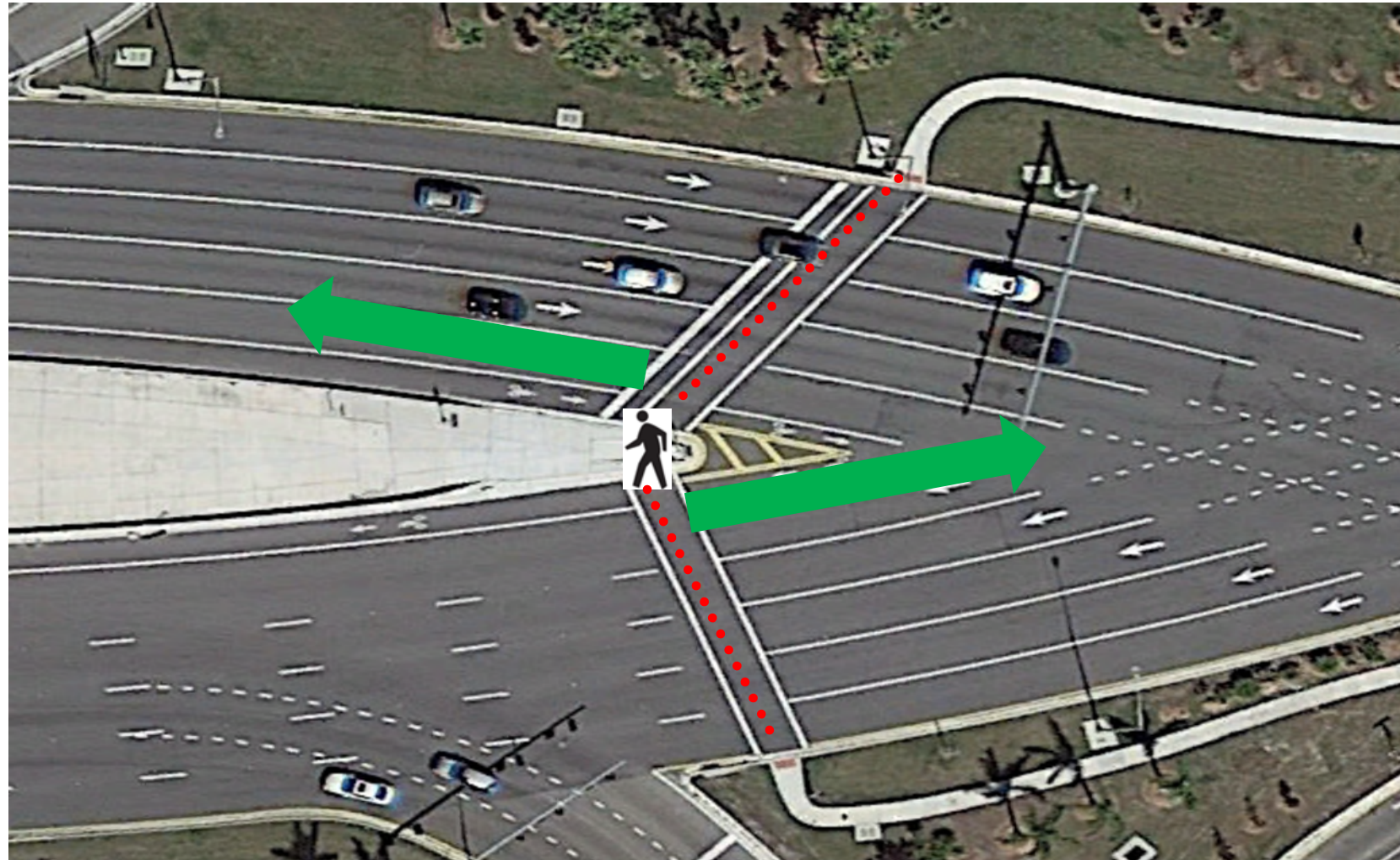
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Multimodal Accommodations

■ Pedestrian Accommodations

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 - Avoids free-flow left turning movement
 - Improve line of sight for between pedestrians and drivers
- Cross at signalized crossover intersection consistent with expectations
 - pedestrians looking left first



Multimodal Accommodations

- **Pedestrians – Outside**
 - Provide clear line of sight at all crossings, especially free-flow crossings



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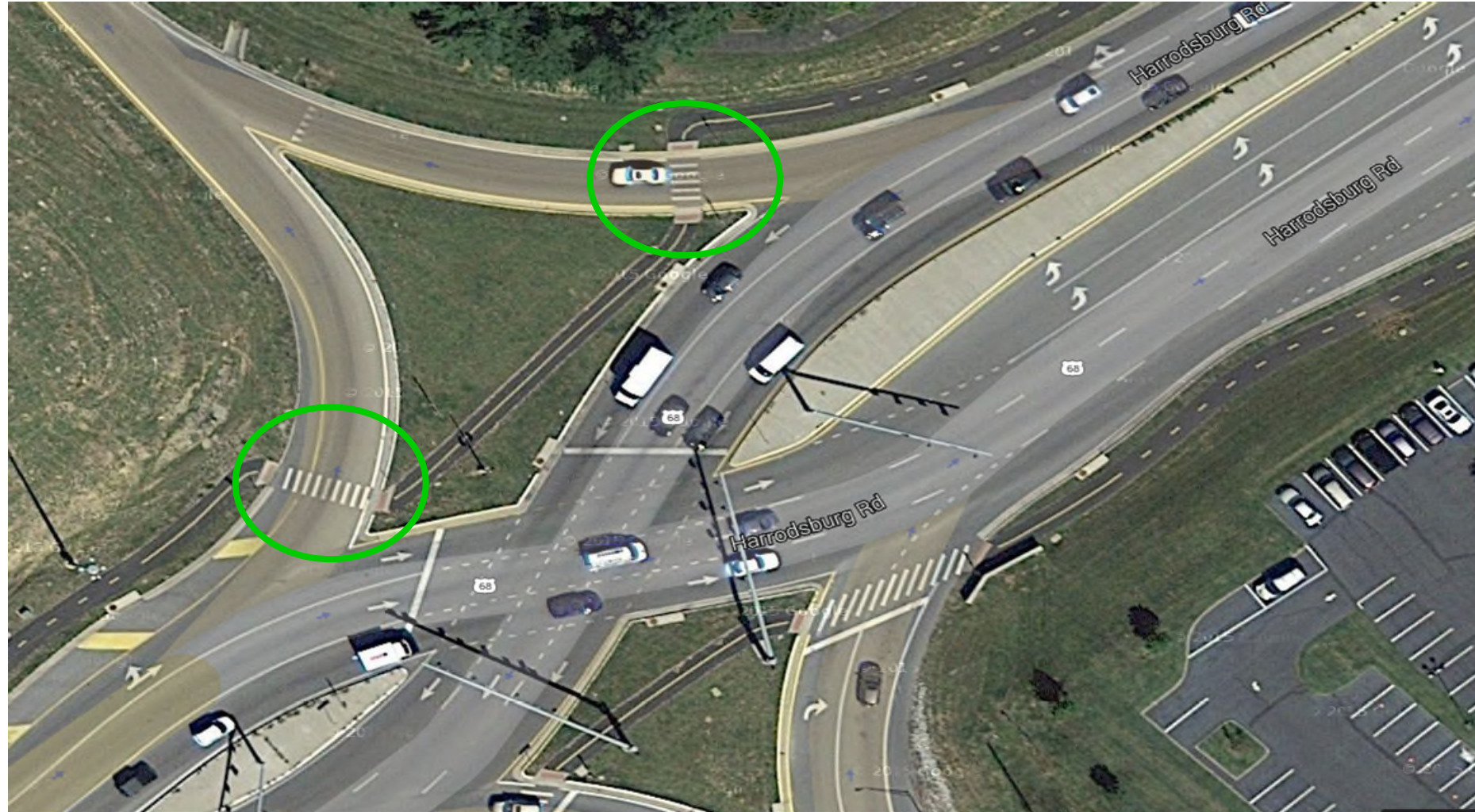
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Multimodal Accommodations

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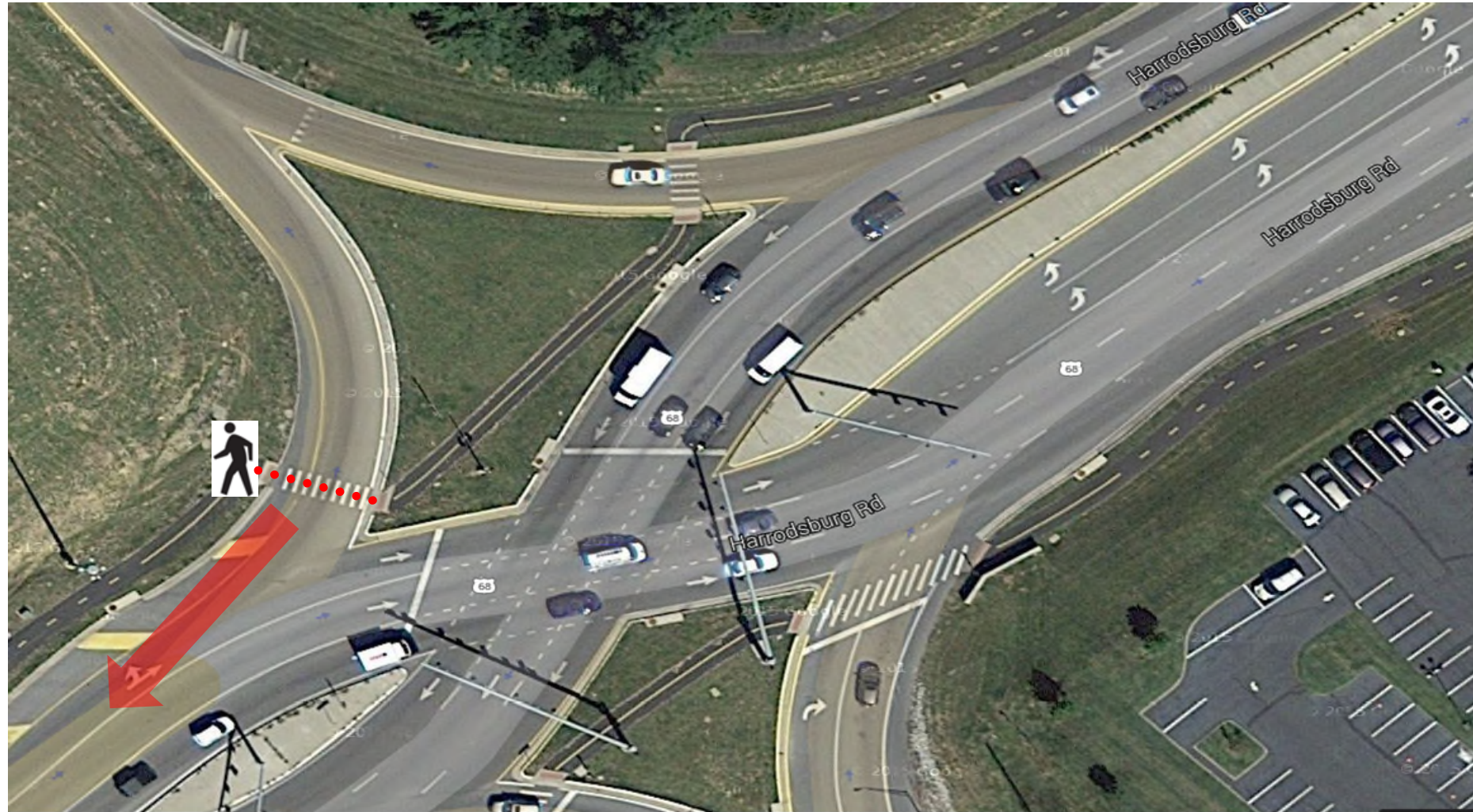
- Provide clear line of sight at all crossings, especially free-flow crossings
- Perpendicular crossings
- Position the crossings close to the arterial to reduce high-speed conflicts



Multimodal Accommodations

■ Pedestrians

- Particularly vulnerable when crossing after looking to their right



Multimodal Accommodations

■ Pedestrians

- Particularly vulnerable when crossing after looking to their right
- Perhaps offer a reminder of where to look



Multimodal Accommodations

■ Bicyclists

- 3 possible treatments at a DDI
 - Separated bicycle lanes or shared use paths
 - Marked bicycle lanes
 - Bicyclists share the driving lanes with vehicular traffic
 - This treatment should be used only in very low-speed conditions



Multimodal Accommodations

■ Bicyclists

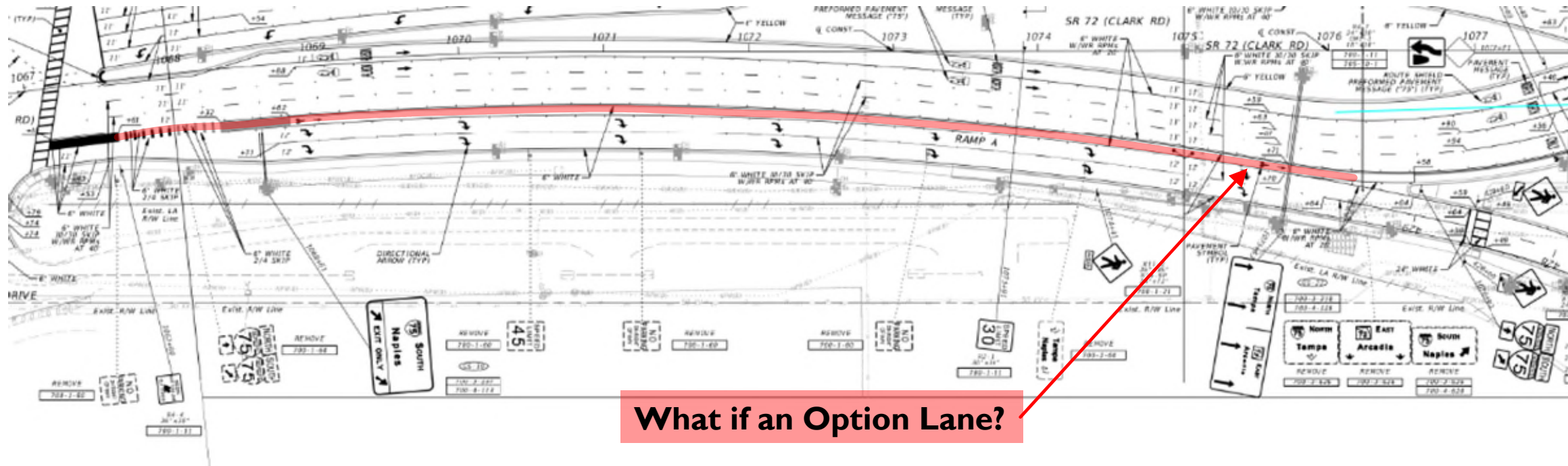
- Keep to the right of the right-most travel lane
- Will position the bicyclist on the “inside of the roadway” across the freeway but still are to the right of the driver



Multimodal Accommodations

■ Bicyclists

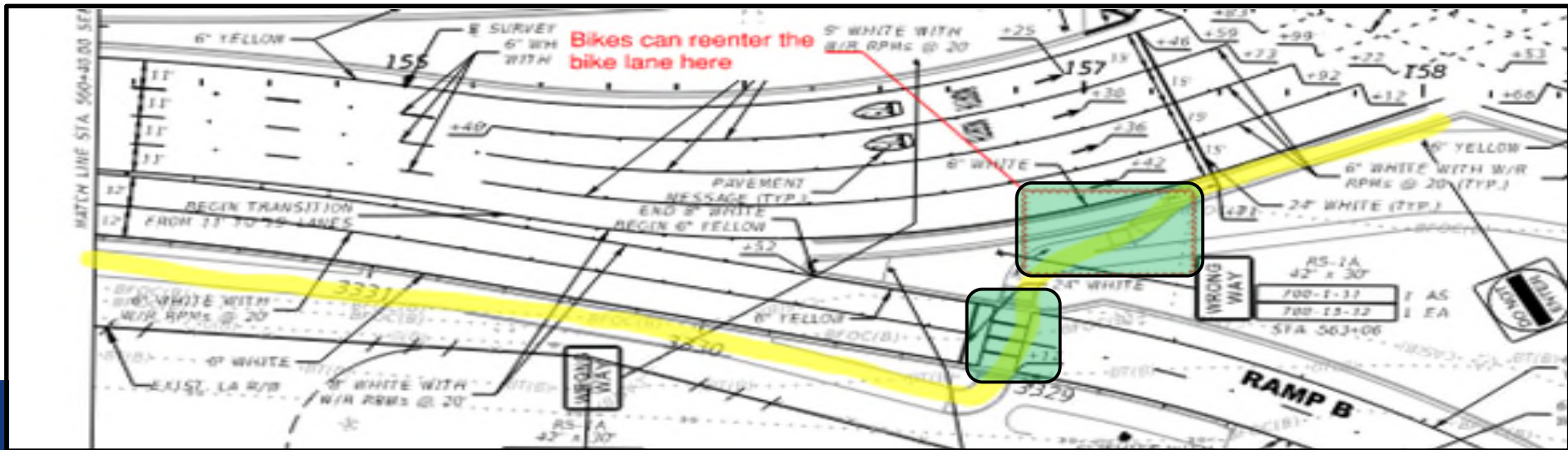
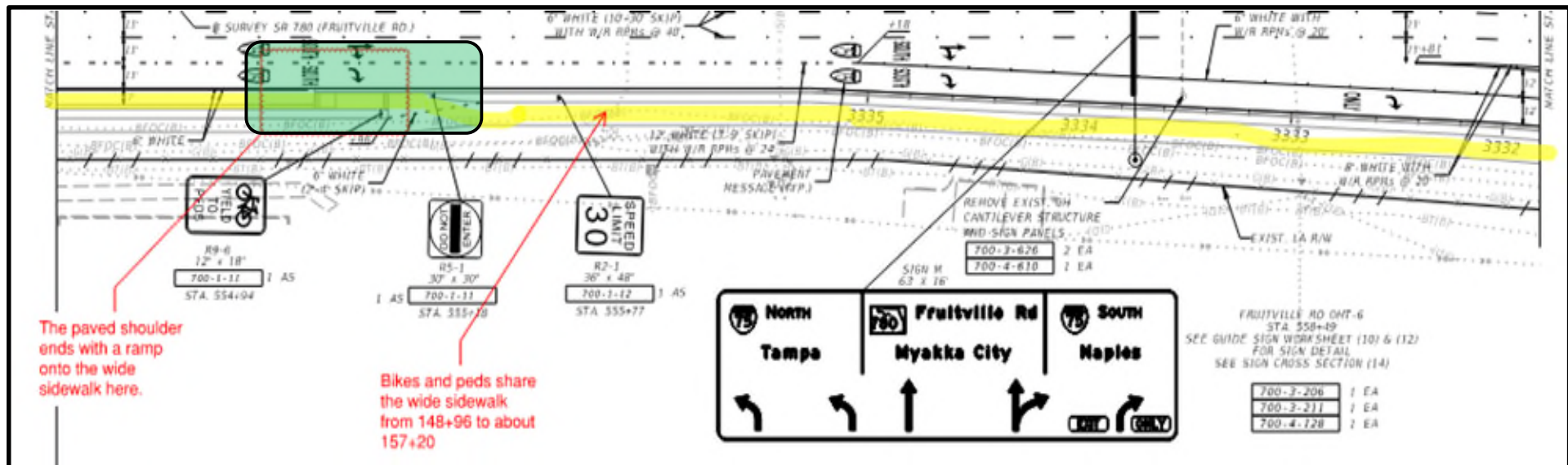
- Or option lanes where bicyclists are unclear where drivers are going



Multimodal Accommodations

■ Bicyclists

- If the “key hole” occurs, one option is to shift them to a wider sidewalk along the outside
- Cross the free-flow ramp with the pedestrians
- Then re-enter the bike lane prior to the crossover



Multimodal Accommodations

**More Information on DDI
Multimodal Accommodations:**

August 24, 2021 @ 2-3pm

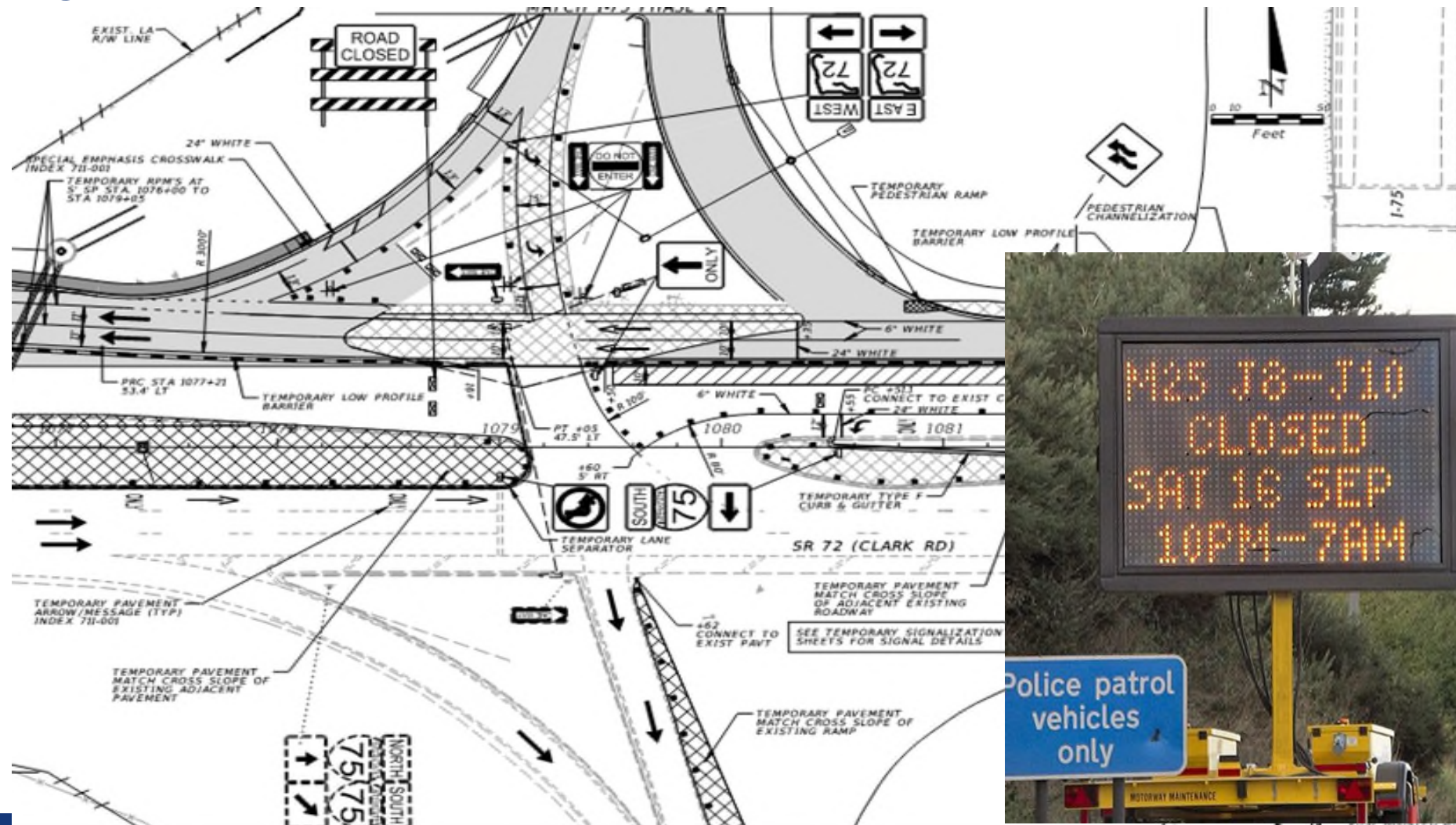




CONSTRUCTABILITY

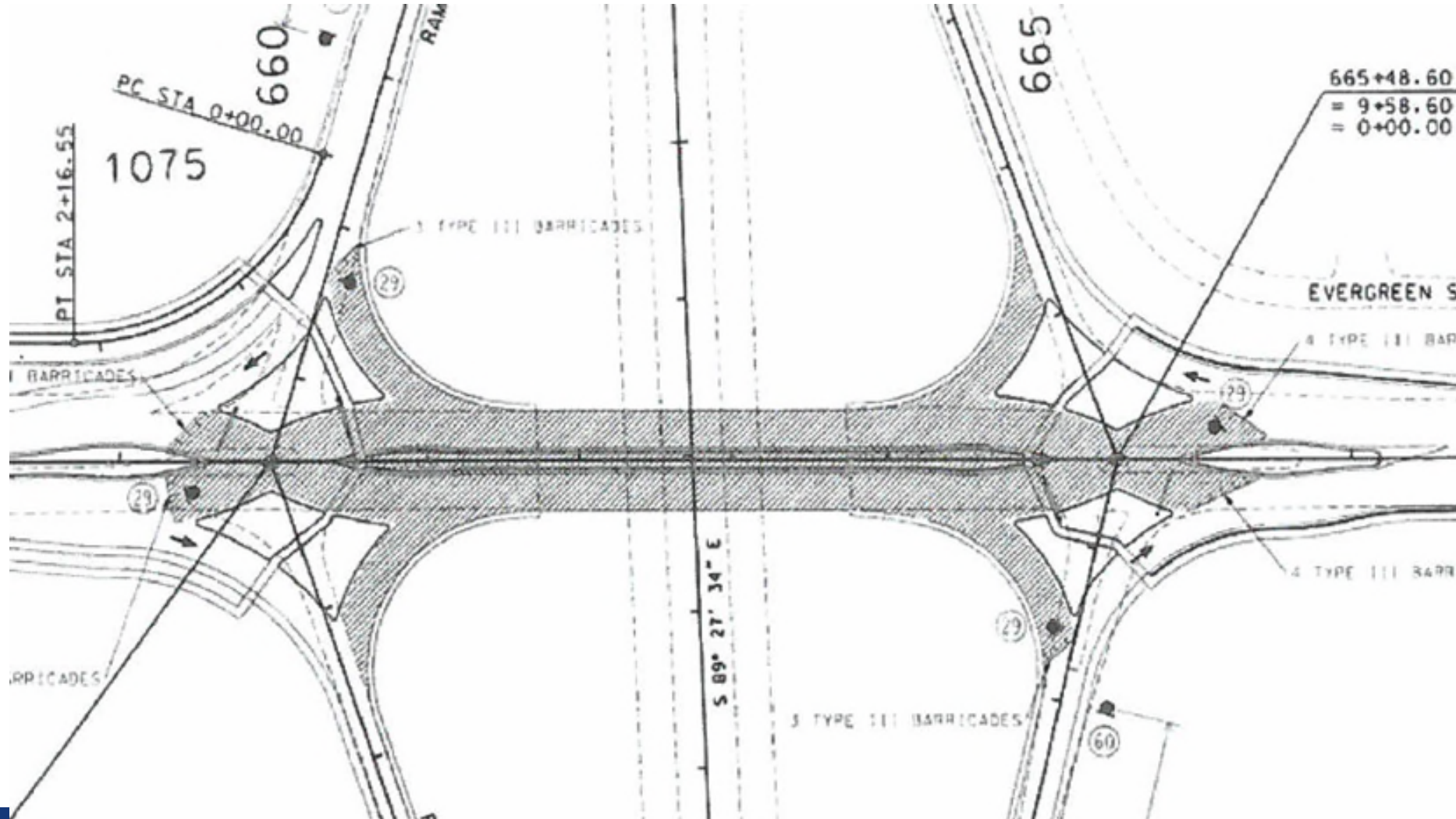
Constructability

- **Temporary Traffic Control**
 - Many options for maintaining traffic
 - Site specific
 - Recommendation: All options have weekend full closure before opening as a DDI
 - Signal testing
 - Final pavement markings



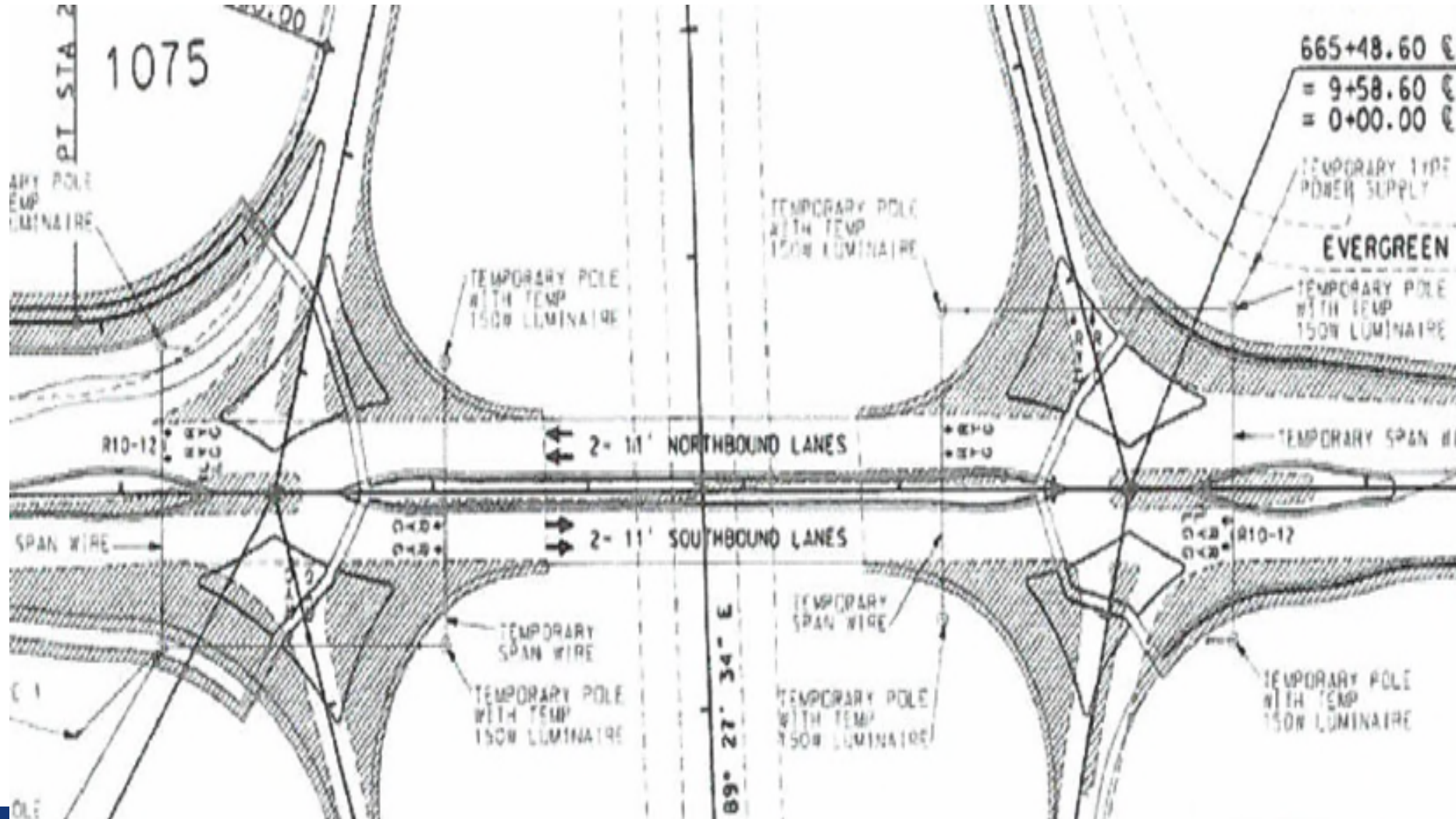
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- **Temporary Traffic Control**
 - Options for maintaining traffic
 - Closure between crossover intersections



Constructability

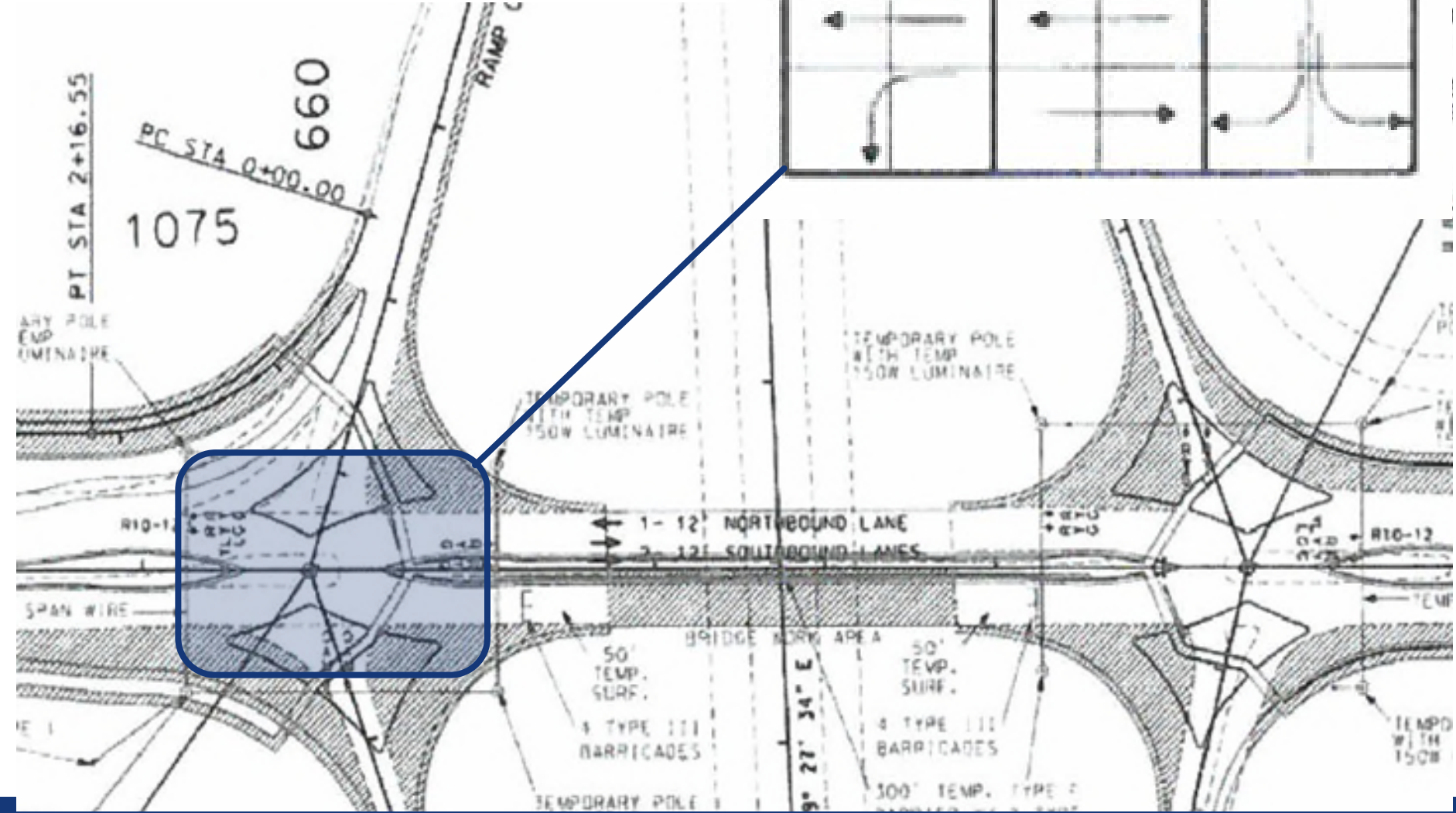
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 - Closure between crossover intersections
 - Off-line construction



Constructability

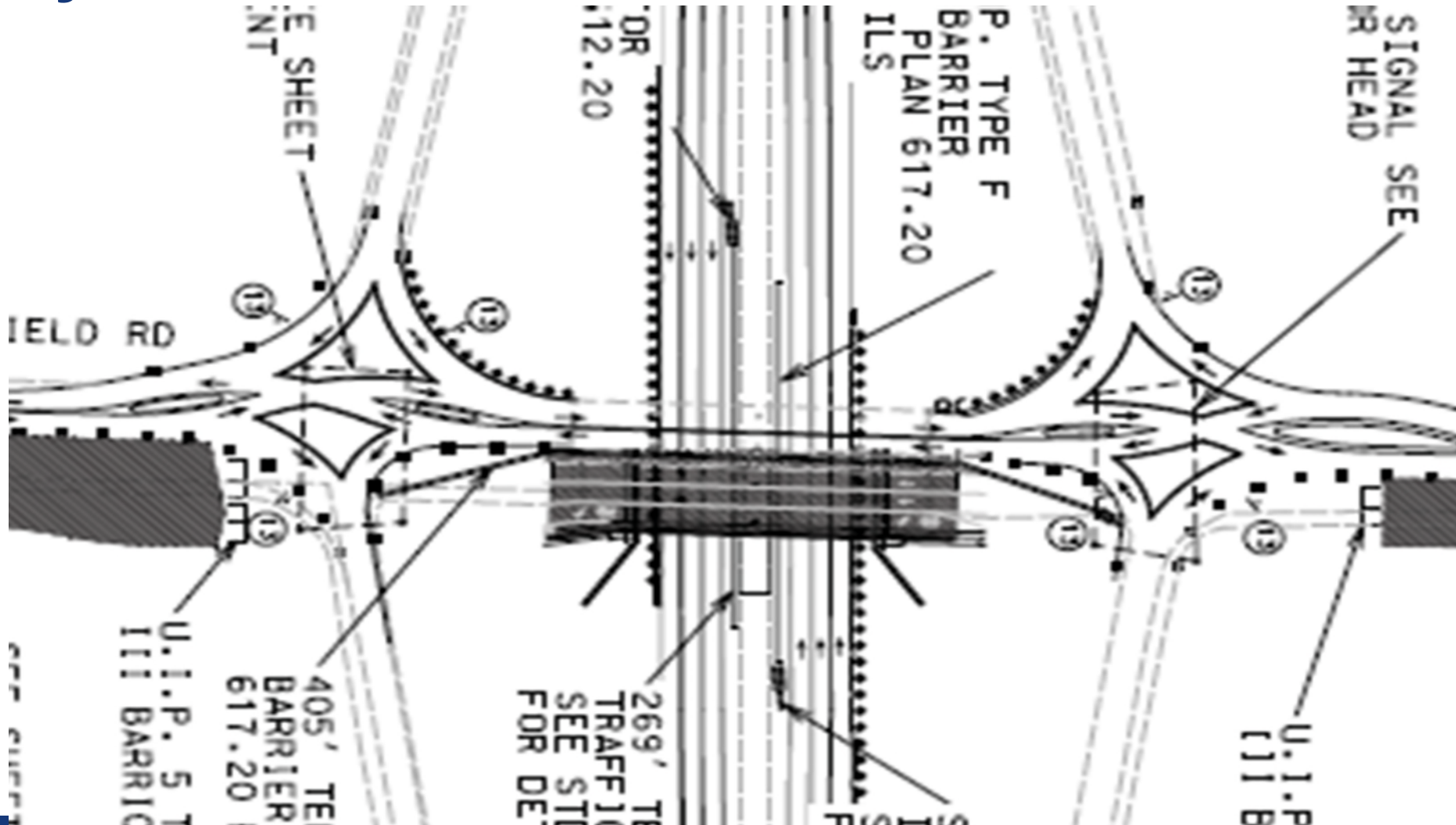
■ Temporary Traffic Control

- Options for maintaining traffic
 - Closure between crossover intersections
 - Off-line construction
 - Part-width construction



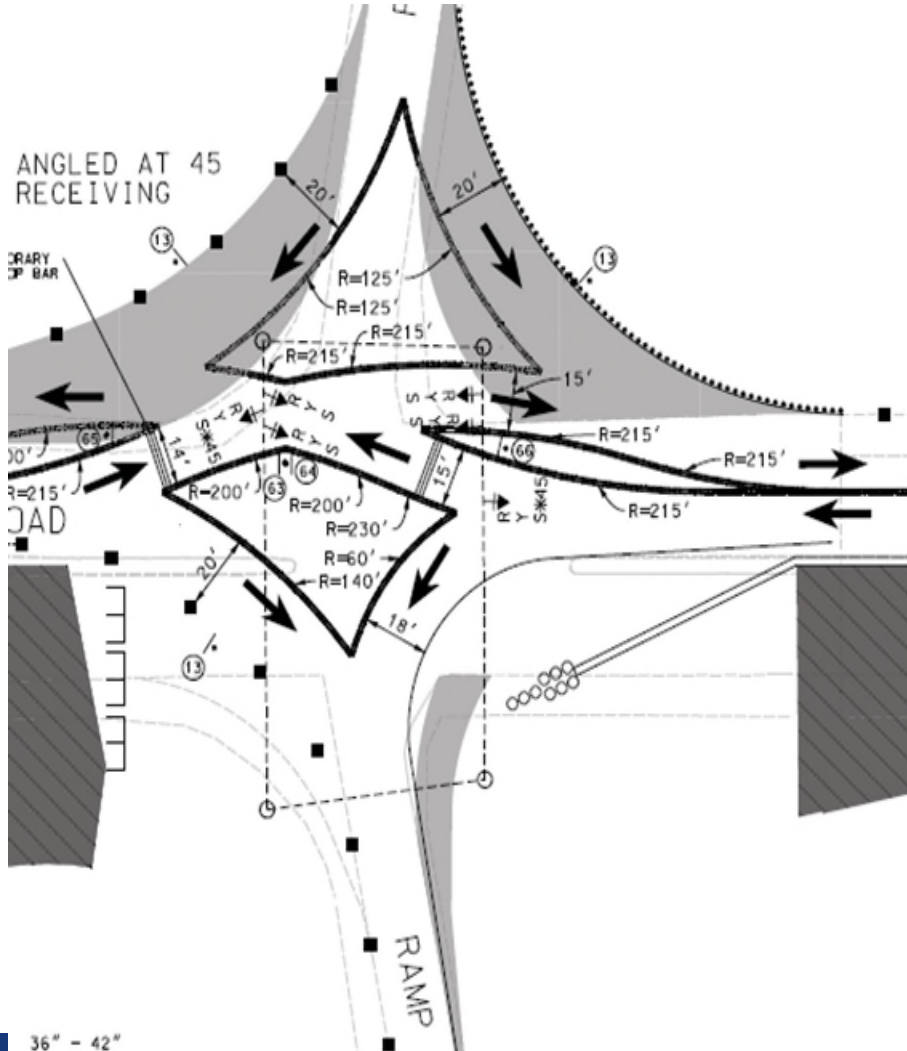
Constructability

- **Temporary Traffic Control**
 - Options for maintaining traffic
 - Closure between crossover intersections
 - Off-line construction
 - Part-width construction
 - Operate as a DDI during construction



Constructability

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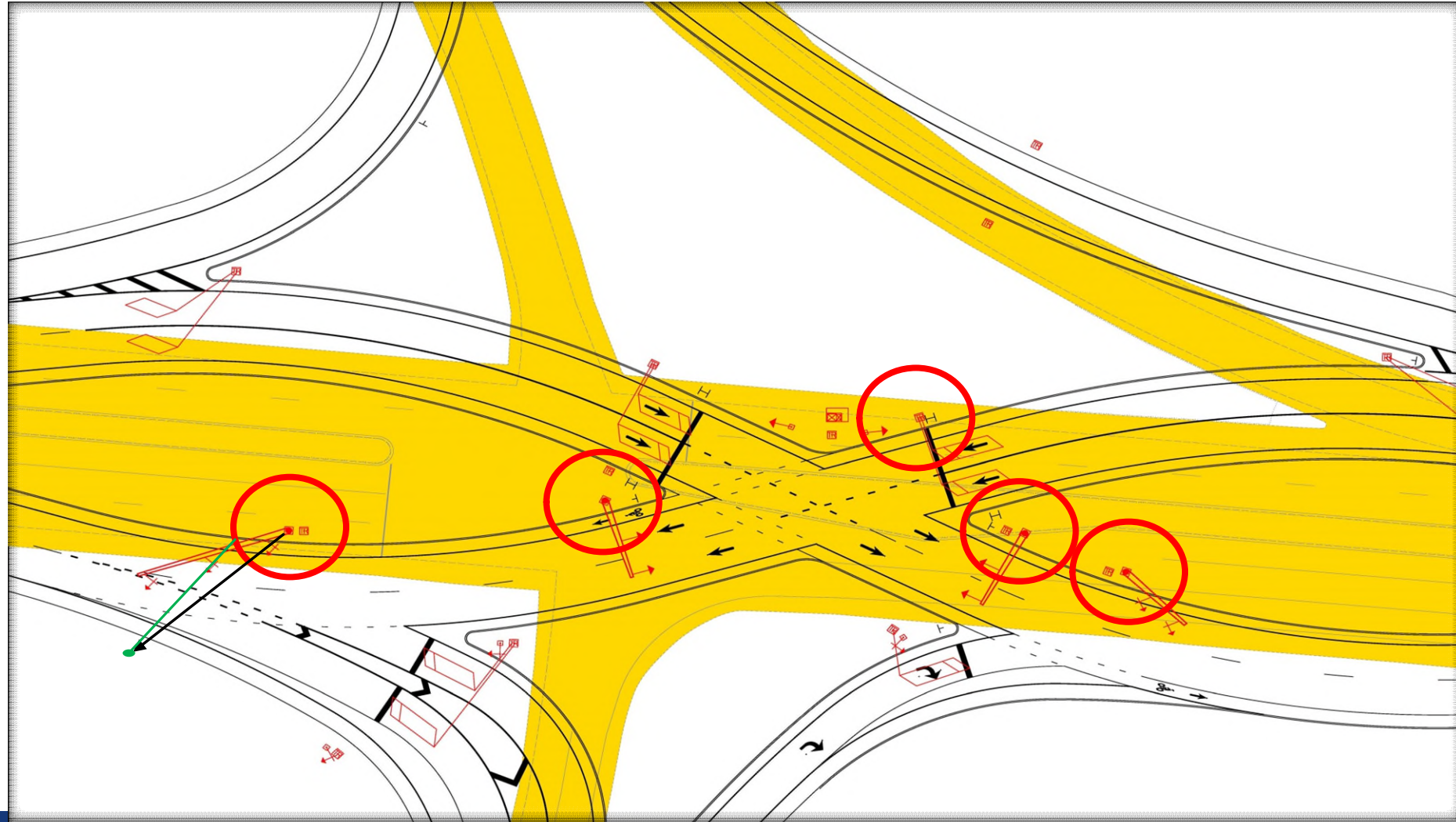


█ PHASE 0 - TEMP PAINT; USED TO FACILITATE THE TEMP CROSSINGS AND INCREASE THE WORK AREA IN PHASE 1
▬▬▬ PHASE 1 - WHERE TRAFFIC IS STOPPED
▨▨▨ PROPOSED WORK ZONE

Constructability

■ Proposed vs Existing

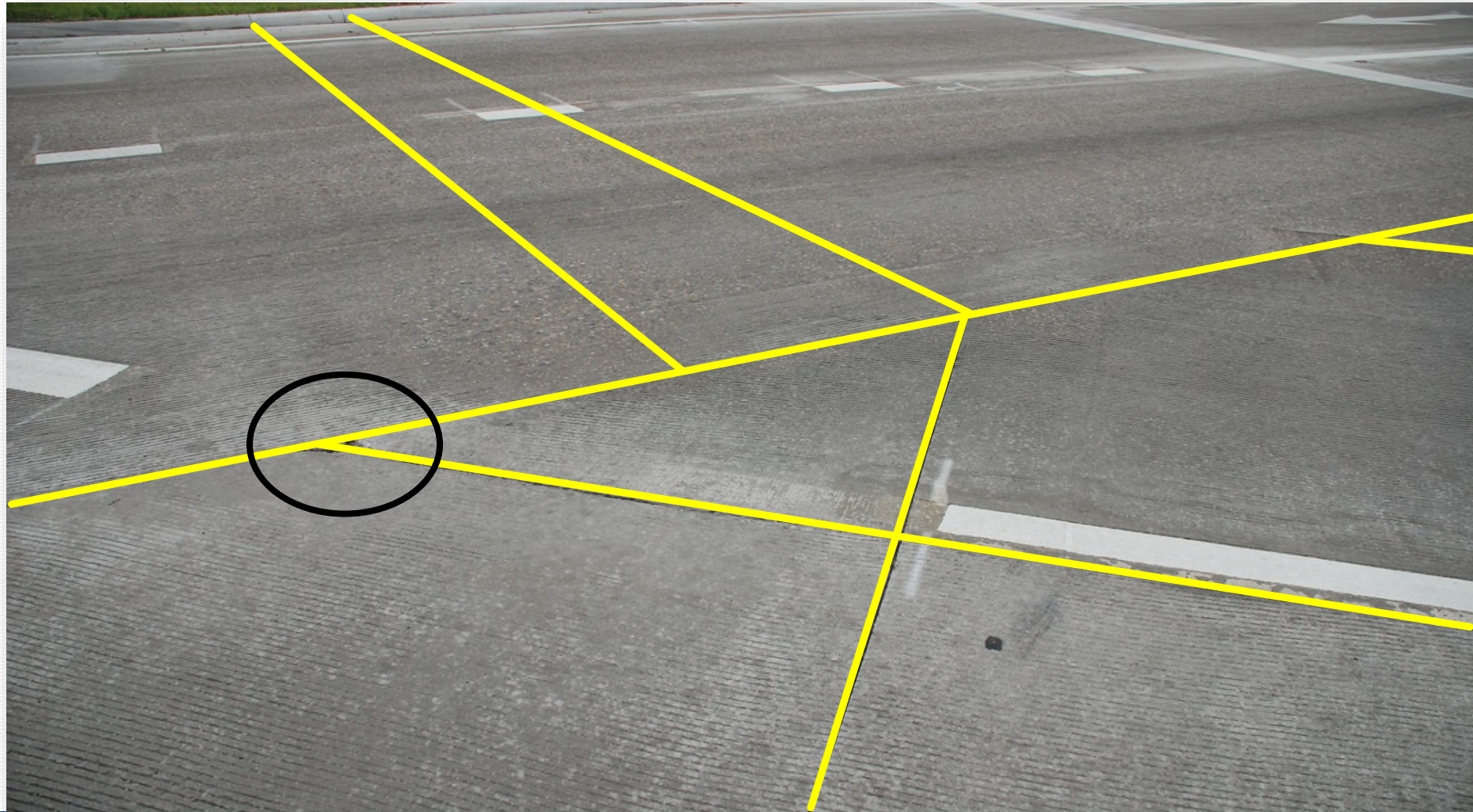
- Proposed Signal Poles – avoid existing pavement if possible
- Show existing pavement when developing design to avoid conflicts that can delay construction



Constructability

■ Pavement Joints

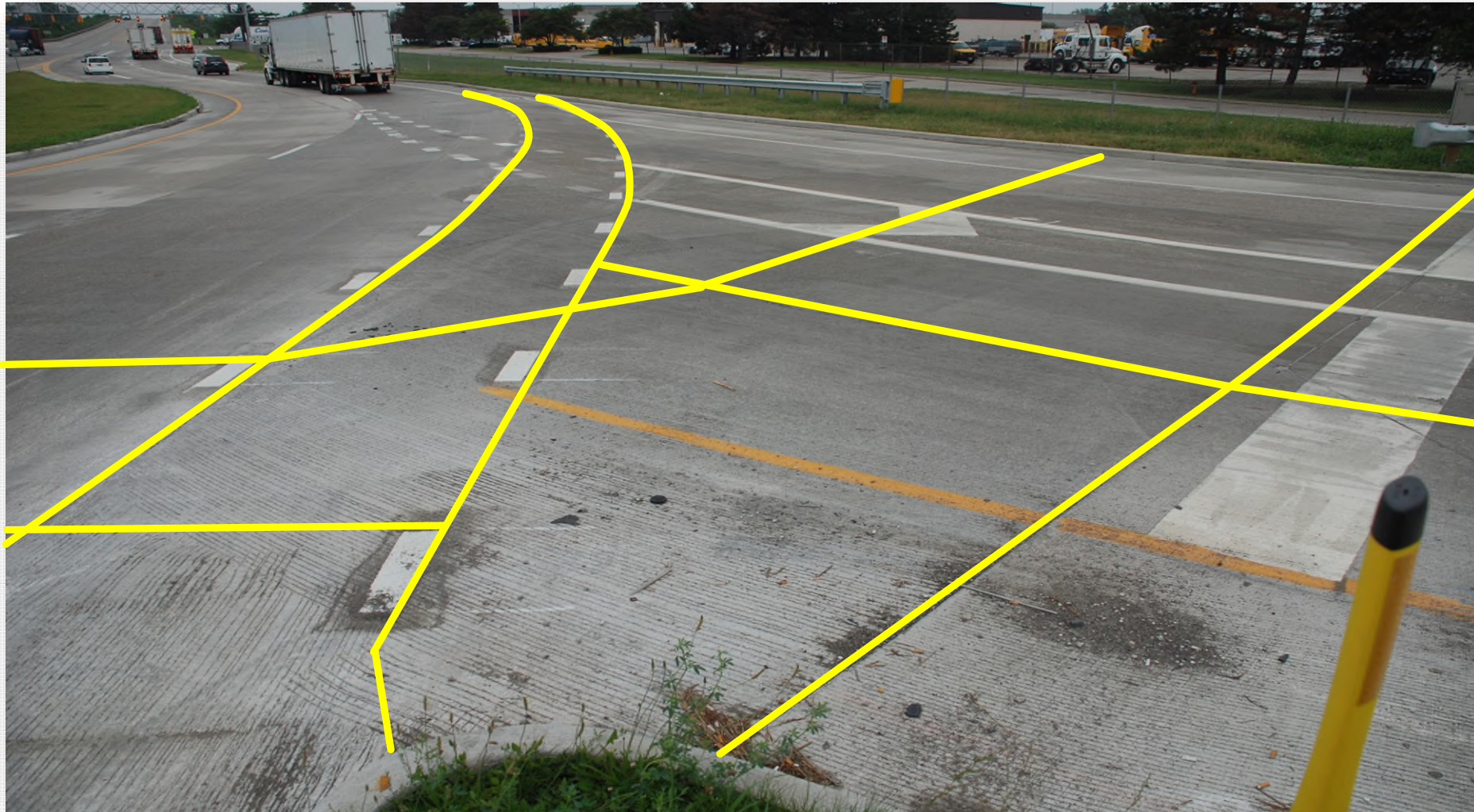
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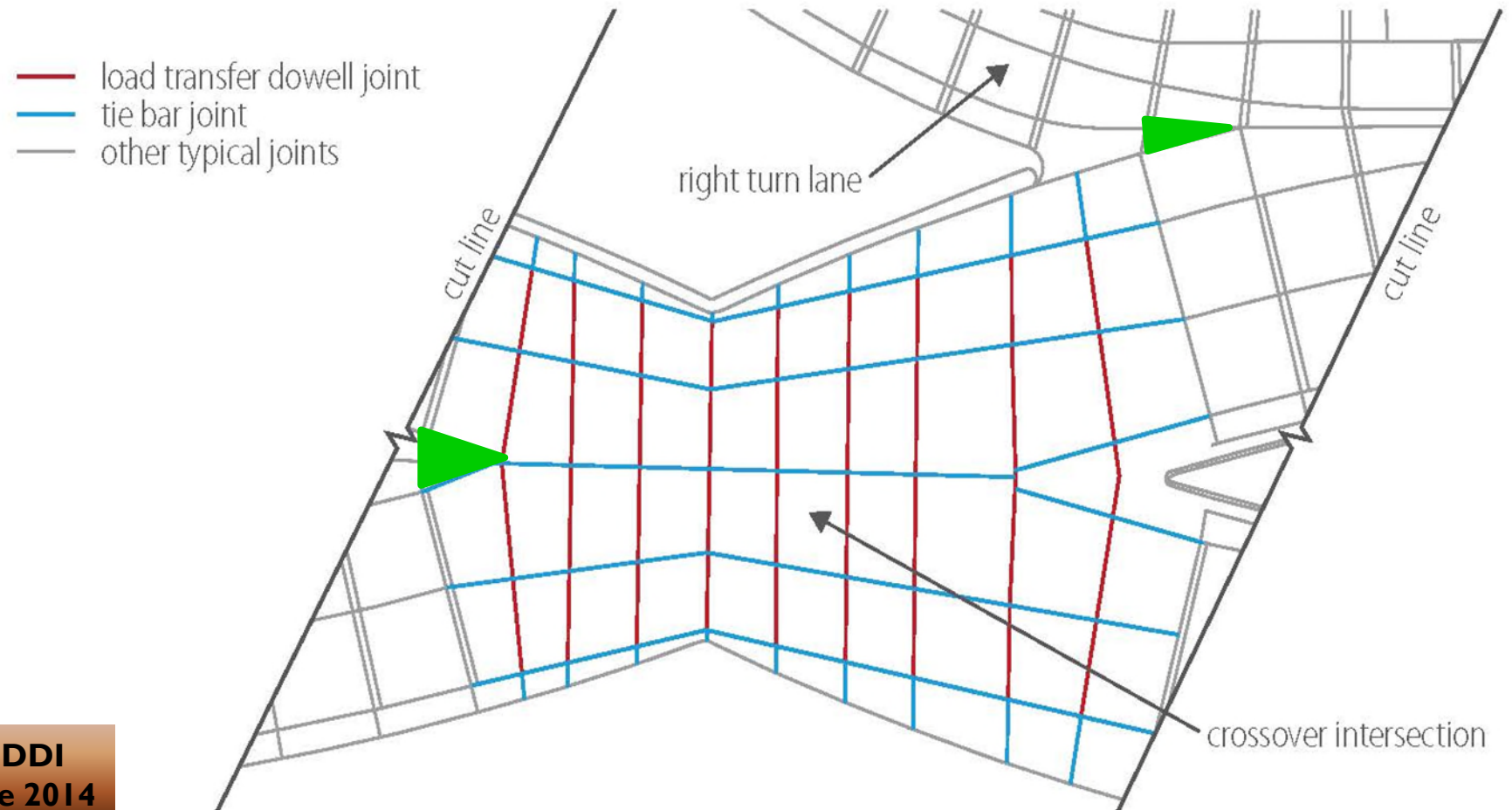


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exhibit 5-2: pccp sample joint layout



Source: UDOT DDI
Guideline – June 2014

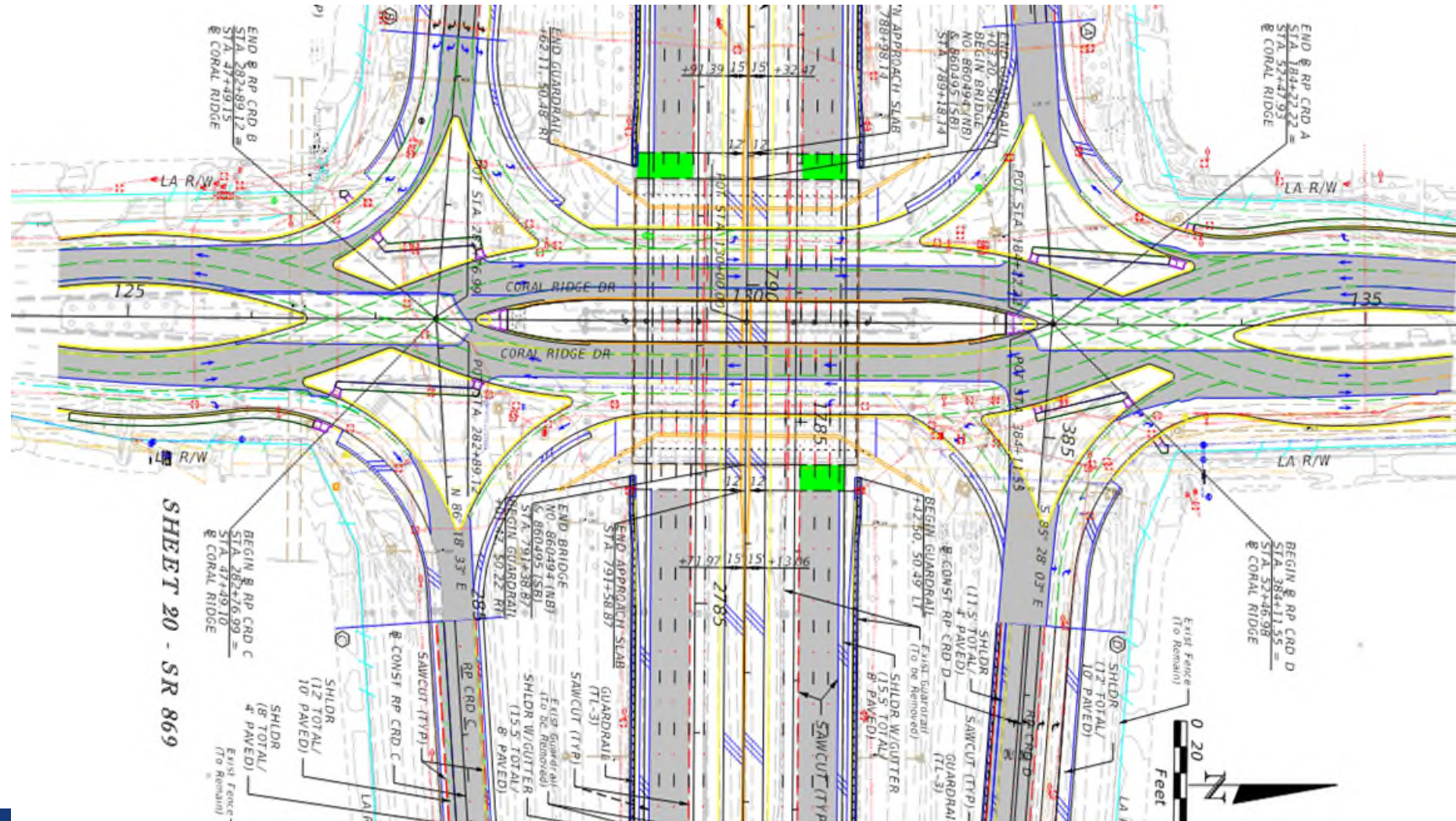
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PLAN DETAILING

Plan Detailing

■ Plan Content

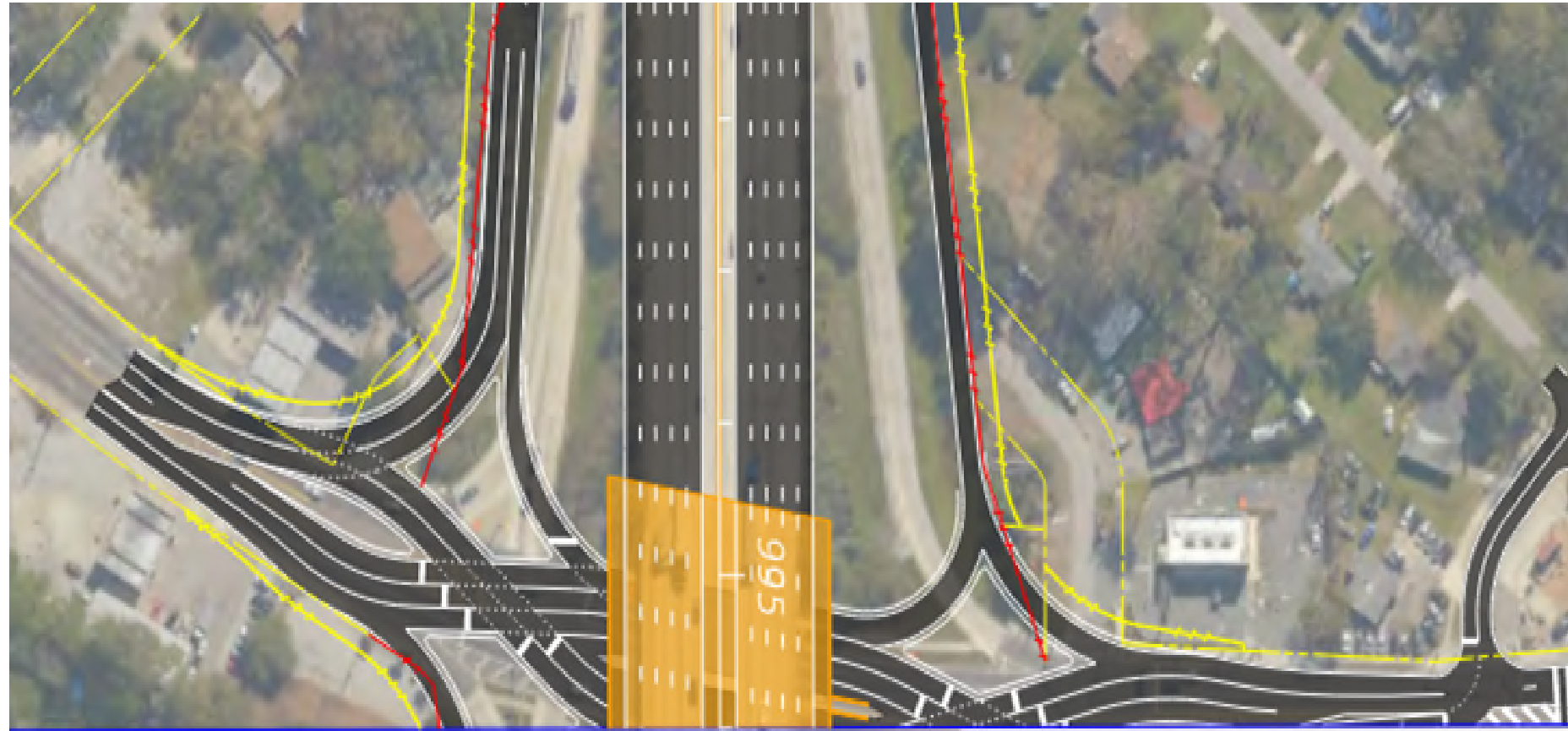
- Early Reviews
 - Horizontal and vertical geometry
 - Truck turn exhibits (see FDOT Developmental Design Criteria)
 - Traffic analysis
 - Signing plan
 - Large roll plot schematic – show entire DDI on one sheet



Plan Detailing

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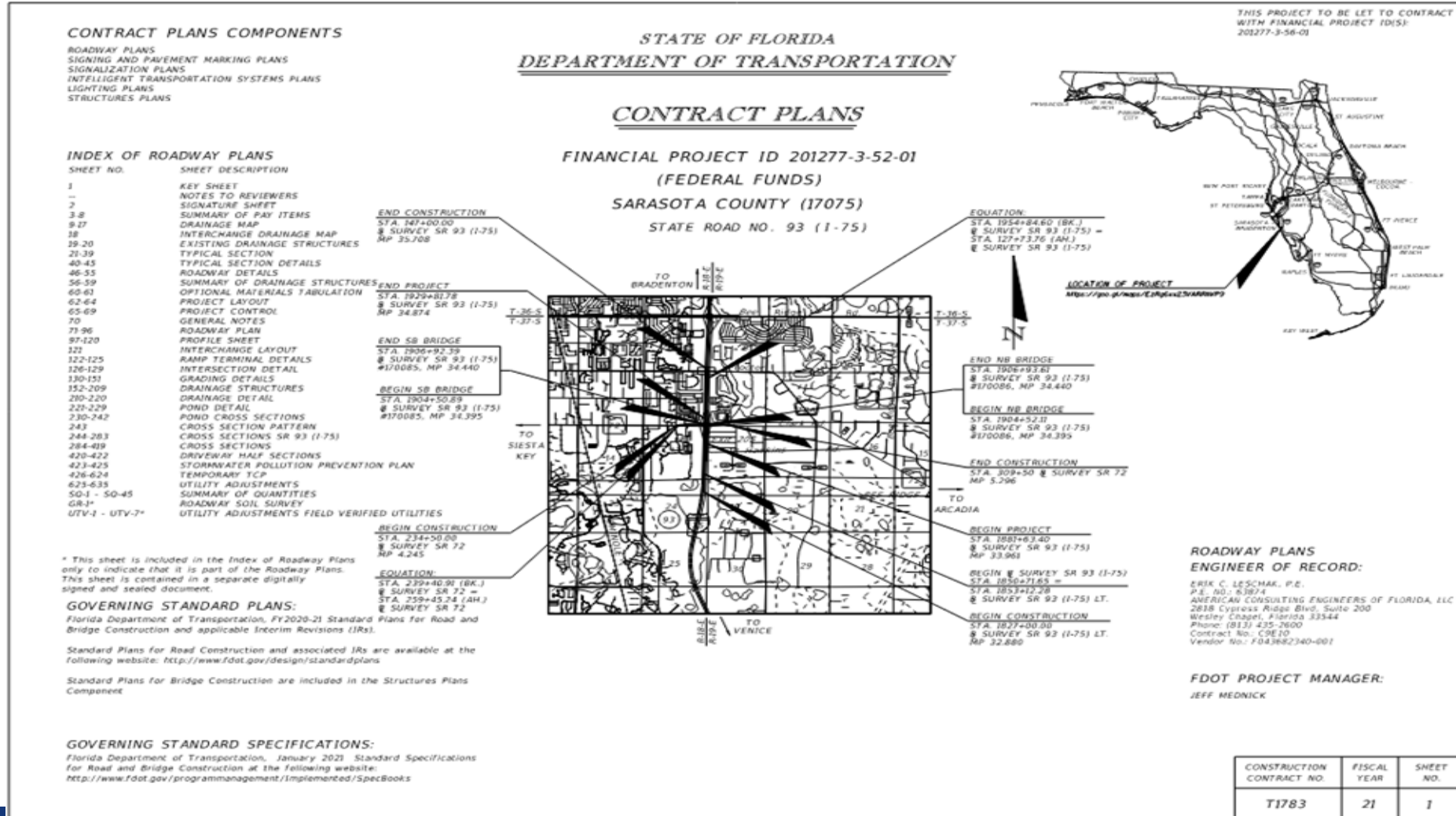


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Final Plans

- Reduce duplication of information
- Reduce confusion
- Utilize proposed surfaces to convey grading, drainage, etc.



Plan Detailing

**More Information on DDI
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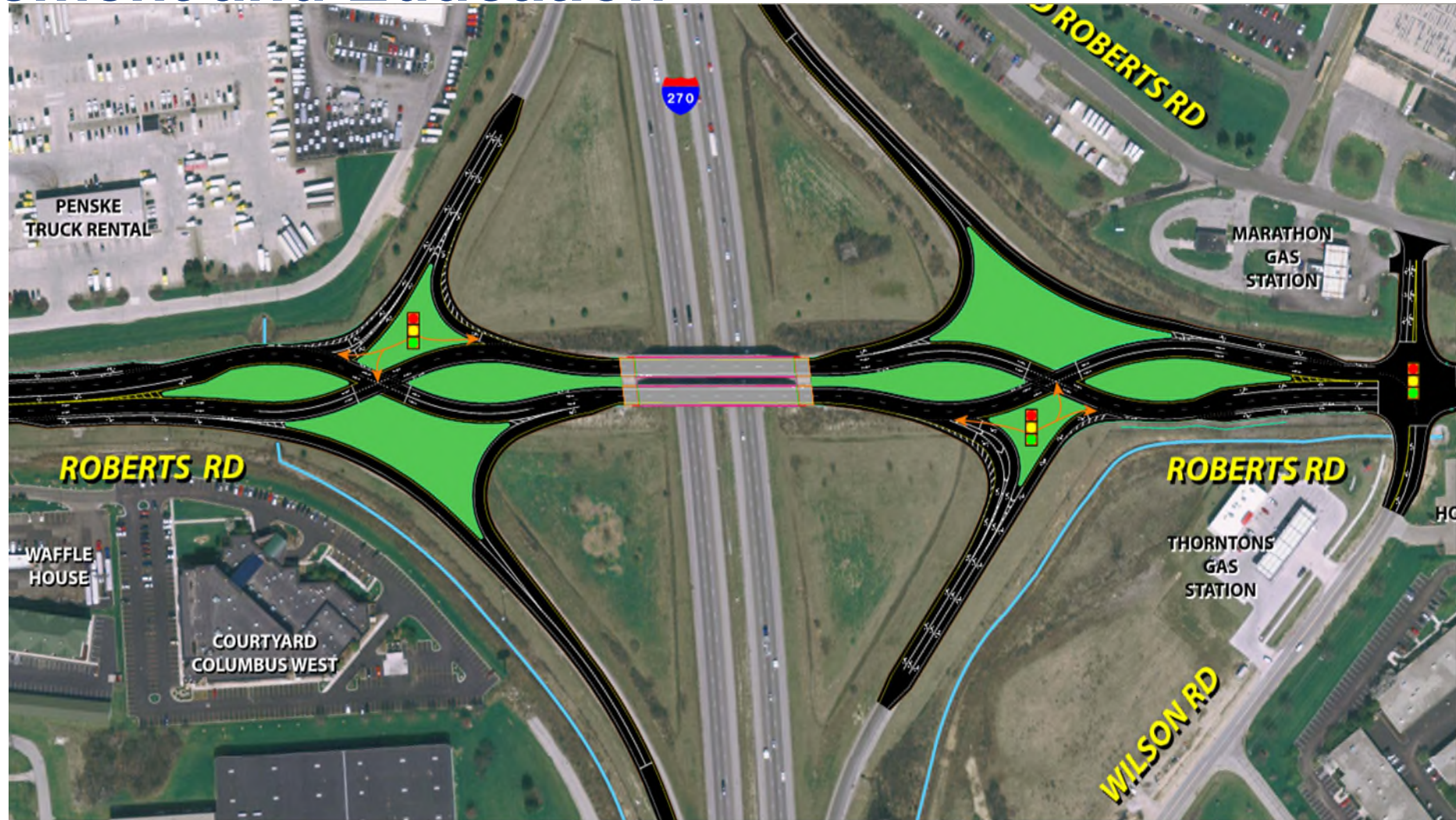




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D217 Diverging Diamond Interchanges

217.1 General

This chapter provides criteria for the geometric layout of the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI). The criteria contained in the FDM are supplemented by guidance provided in the [Federal Highway Administration \(FHWA\) Diverging Diamond Interchange Informational Guide, August 2014](#).

The DDI is an alternative interchange configuration that combines the basic form of a diamond interchange with a pair of directional crossovers on the cross street. The crossovers serve to transpose the directions of travel along the cross street between the ramp terminals on either side of the controlled access facility. Shifting the through movements to the left side of the street between ramp terminals removes conflicts between left turning vehicle to and from the ramps and opposing through traffic on the cross street. This in turn allows for two-phase signal timing at the crossovers improving the operational efficiency of the interchange.

The DDI design significantly reduces the number of vehicle-to-vehicle conflict points compared to a conventional diamond interchange improving overall safety. The DDI also reduces the severity of conflicts, as conflicts between left-turning movements and the opposing through movement are eliminated. The remaining conflicts are reduced to merge/diverge conflicts for turning movements, and the crossover conflict of the two through movements.

217.1.1 DDI Terminology

Figure 217.1.1 provides a schematic of typical DDI terminology. The terms shown in this section are standard terms or variables used within this chapter.

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Missouri's Experience with a Diverging Diamond Interchange

Lessons Learned

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DDI Guideline
A UDOT Guide to Diverging Diamond Interchanges

June 2014

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Michigan Department of Transportation

Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI)
Informational Guide

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