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TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS
FOR
PROPOSED
14-LOT SUBDIVISION

295 CEDAR GROVE LANE
BLOCK 508.02, LOT 12
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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INTRODUCTION

To support a site plan application being submitted to Franklin Township, this Traffic Impact Analysis has been prepared to evaluate the traffic impacts associated with a 14-lot residential subdivision. The new development is proposed along Cedar Grove Lane southbound, approximately 1,600 feet north of its intersection with Amwell Road as shown in Figure 1.

The property currently exists with one single family home and auxiliary structures. Access is provided to the site via one full-movement driveway along Cedar Grove Lane. As part of the redevelopment proposal, the existing structures will all be razed, the lot subdivided, and 14 single family homes constructed.

Dolan & Dean Consulting Engineers, LLC (D&D) has been commissioned by the applicant to prepare this study for the proposed site redevelopment. While any development of the subject property may affect traffic conditions, both the volume and characteristics of that traffic are of important consideration in the evaluation of this application.

This assessment projects the traffic movements along the adjacent roadway network that could occur from the redevelopment and includes an assessment of future site access operating conditions, as well as a review of access, on-site circulation, and parking with respect to the Residential Site Improvement Standards (RSIS).



EXISTING CONDITIONS

The subject property is designated Block 508.02, Lot 12, and is also known as 295 Cedar Grove Lane. The site is located with frontage along Cedar Grove Lane and developed with one single-family home and auxiliary structures. Access is provided via one full-movement driveway as shown in the below photograph.



Cedar Grove Lane has a north/south orientation and provides travel between Amwell Road and Easton Avenue to the North. Within the general site vicinity, the roadway provides one travel lane in each direction with a posted speed limit of 45 miles per hour. Shoulders of varying width are provided and second as designated bike lanes. No on-street parking is permitted. The roadway is under Somerset County jurisdiction and known as County Route 619. Cedar Grove Lane is classified as an urban minor arterial.



TRAFFIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

For this study, traffic projections were prepared by reviewing trip generation data published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) in the 11th Edition of the Trip Generation Manual. The appropriate ITE land uses for the proposed development is Land Use Code 210: “Single Family Detached Housing”. Trip generation projections are summarized in Table I.

TABLE I
TRIP GENERATION PROJECTIONS
14-LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION

PEAK HOUR									DAILY TRIPS		
MORNING			EVENING			WEEKEND					
ENTER	EXIT	TOTAL	ENTER	EXIT	TOTAL	ENTER	EXIT	TOTAL	ENTER	EXIT	TOTAL
3	9	12	10	6	16	12	10	22	83	83	166

As shown, the total peak hour site traffic is relatively low. Typically, traffic impact studies are performed for new uses that generate 100 or more trips in an hour, based on the ITE Manual of Transportation Engineering Studies and as required by the NJDOT State Highway Access Management Code. It is anticipated that the peak hour trip generation associated with the development will result in at most 22% of that level and will have a negligible impact to the adjacent roadway networks. Averaging at most one vehicle movement approximately every three minutes, such an impact would be imperceptible on traffic flows.

As previously mentioned, the site is currently occupied by one single-family home. Table II shows the overall traffic comparison between the existing and proposed site uses.

TABLE II
TRIP GENERATION COMPARISON

USE	SIZE	PEAK HOUR			DAILY TRIPS
		MORNING	EVENING	WEEKEND	
Existing	1 Dwelling	1	1	1	15
Proposed	14 Dwellings	12	16	22	166
Traffic Increase		+11	+15	+21	+151

As shown, the property will continue to operate with minimal peak hour volumes.

The low trip generation associated with the 14-lot subdivision will have virtually no impact on the adjacent roadway network and will not create the need for any off-tract improvements or mitigation.

SITE DRIVEWAY OPERATION

A volume/capacity analysis was conducted for the proposed site driveway along Cedar Grove Lane for the peak hours noted. Traffic data collected at the Cedar Grove Lane intersection with Amwell Road in March 2022 was used to establish peak hour volumes on the roadway. The traffic count sheets have been appended.

Assuming the proposed development would be fully occupied by 2026, a 1.0% growth rate, compounded annually, was applied to the 2022 volumes to establish the Cedar Grove Lane volumes in 2026. The 1.0% growth rate is published by NJDOT for Urban Minor Arterials in Somerset County. The “build” traffic volumes which include the site traffic are shown on Figure 2. Appended Figure 3 displays the anticipated Levels of Service at the driveway. The analysis demonstrates the minimal impact of the proposed development would have along Cedar Grove Lane, where left turns into the property will operate at Level of Service “B” or better.



SITE ACCESS, CIRCULATION AND PARKING

The Site Dimensional Plan prepared by Menlo Engineering Associates has been reviewed with regard to site access, circulation, and parking. The following comments summarize our review:

- One full-movement access is proposed along Cedar Grove Lane. The access, labeled Road A, will be gated and provide two 20-foot lanes separated by a landscaped median to accommodate inbound and outbound movements. The gate will be located 100 feet from Cedar Grove Lane, and a U-turn opening will be provided in advance of the gate.
- Road A will have a 50-foot right-of-way and a 30-foot cartway. These dimensions comply with RSIS and will allow parking on one side of street. The proposed cul-de-sac bulb will have a 45-foot radius, which also complies with RSIS.
- Sidewalk is proposed along the south side of Road A, and along the cul-de-sac bulb. The provision of sidewalk on one side of the street complies with RSIS.
- Each residential dwelling is proposed with a 20-foot by 40-foot (minimum) access driveway leading to a 35-foot by 50-foot paved or graveled area. These dimensions can comfortably provide parking for four or more vehicles. According to RSIS, a 2-car garage and driveway shall count as 3.5 parking spaces, which will support homes with 5 or 6 bedrooms.



CONCLUSIONS

In summary, it is evident that the proposed 14-lot subdivision would generate minimal traffic increases, which will not create a negative impact on the local roadway network.

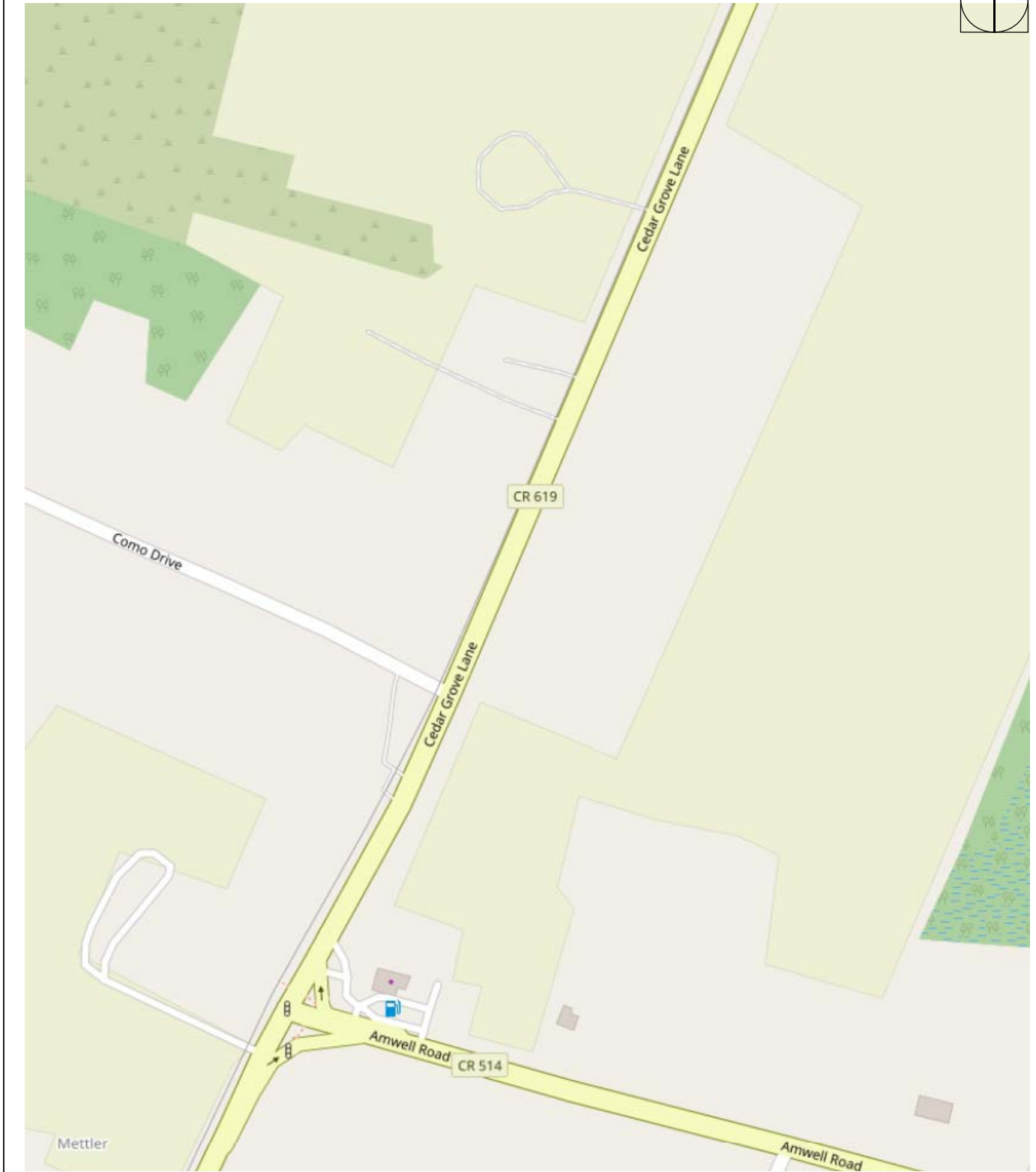
With the traffic generation associated with the application, adequate roadway capacity will continue to exist to accommodate future site traffic. All movements to and from the site will operate safely and efficiently with reasonable and prudent driver behavior.

Based on these findings, it is concluded that the site is particularly well suited for the proposed development. Such an operation will not negatively impact the traffic in the surrounding area or along the adjacent streets as adequate roadway capacity exists to accommodate the increases.



TECHNICAL APPENDIX



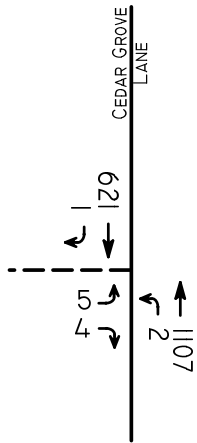


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FIGURE I

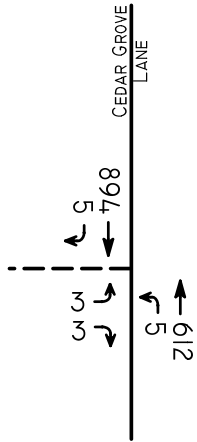


SITE
 ENTER 3 EXIT 9



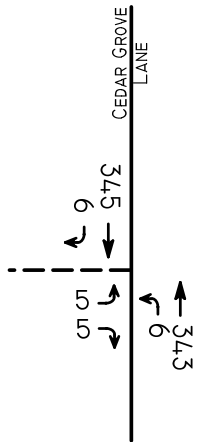
MORNING PEAK HOUR

SITE
 ENTER 10 EXIT 6



EVENING PEAK HOUR

SITE
 ENTER 12 EXIT 10



SATURDAY PEAK HOUR

Legend

- = Existing Roadway
- = Proposed Subdivision Access

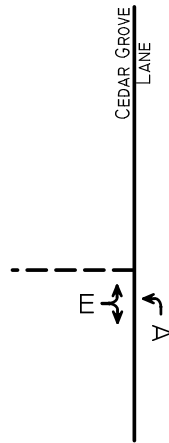
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FIGURE 2



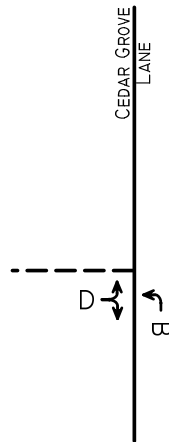


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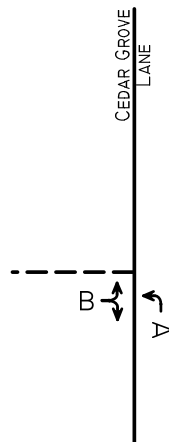
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FIGURE 3

Single-Family Detached Housing (210)

Vehicle Trip Ends vs: Dwelling Units

On a: Weekday,
Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic,
One Hour Between 7 and 9 a.m.

Setting/Location: General Urban/Suburban

Number of Studies: 192

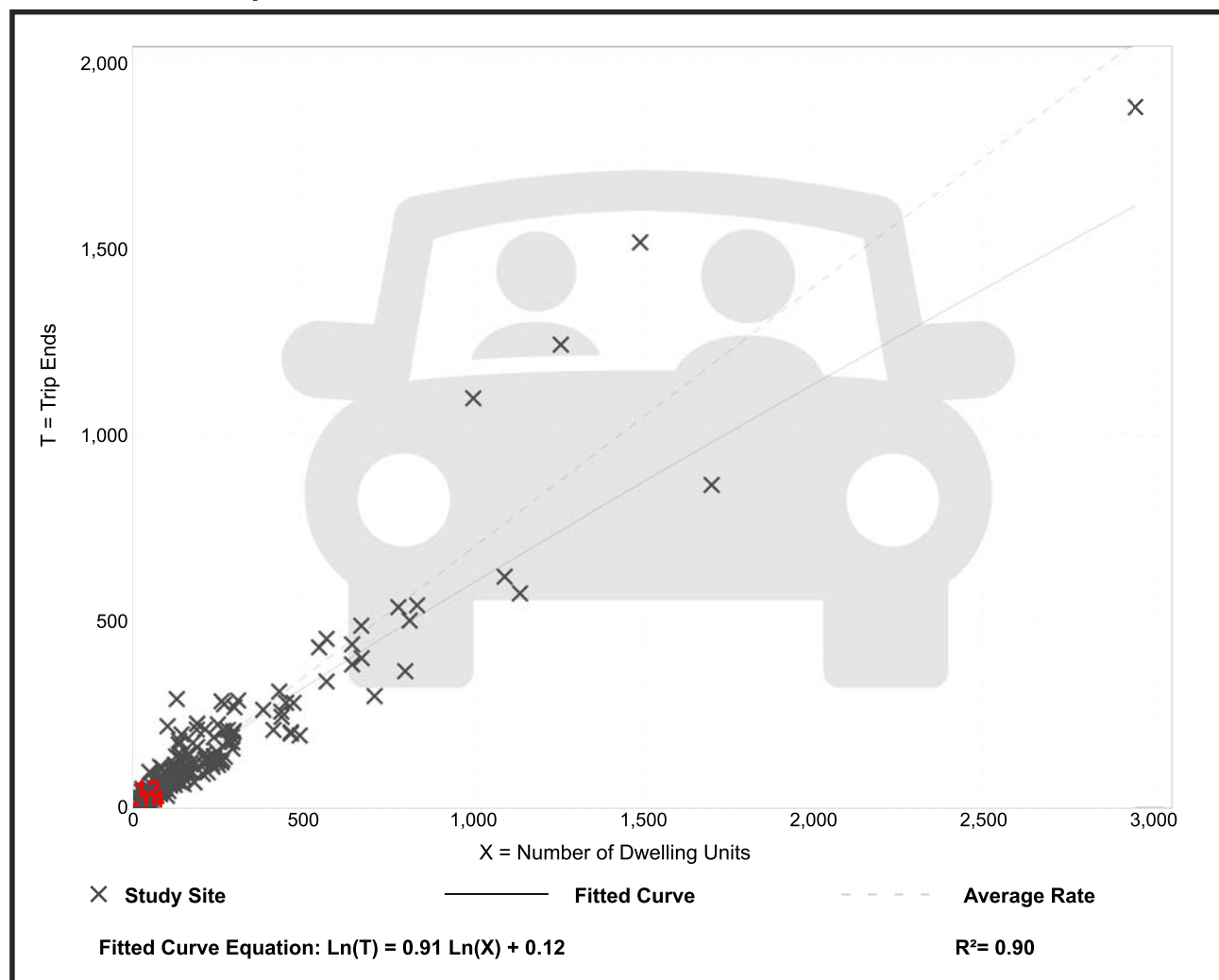
Avg. Num. of Dwelling Units: 226

Directional Distribution: 25% entering, 75% exiting

Vehicle Trip Generation per Dwelling Unit

Average Rate	Range of Rates	Standard Deviation
0.70	0.27 - 2.27	0.24

Data Plot and Equation



Single-Family Detached Housing (210)

Vehicle Trip Ends vs: Dwelling Units

On a: Weekday,
Peak Hour of Adjacent Street Traffic,
One Hour Between 4 and 6 p.m.

Setting/Location: General Urban/Suburban

Number of Studies: 208

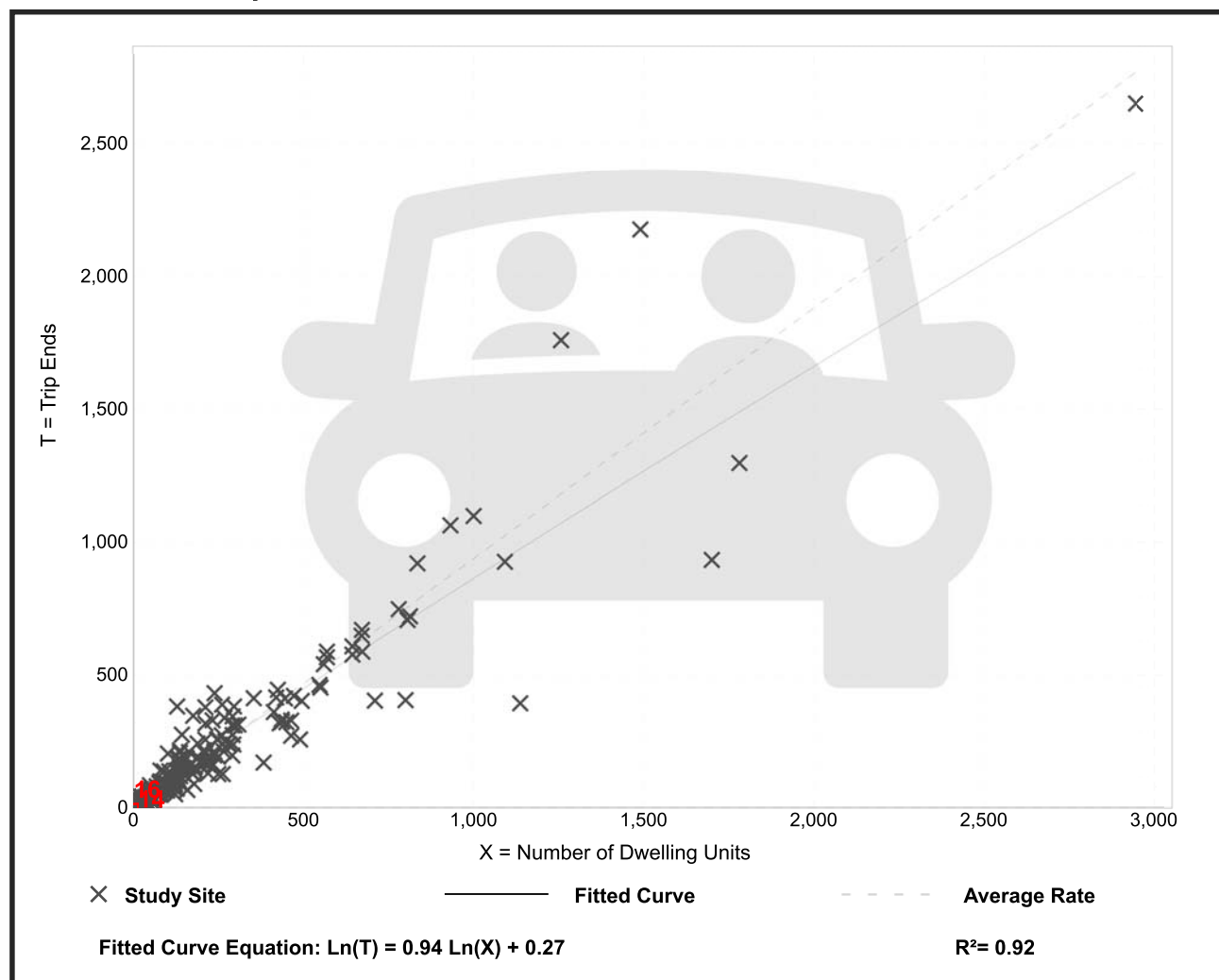
Avg. Num. of Dwelling Units: 248

Directional Distribution: 63% entering, 37% exiting

Vehicle Trip Generation per Dwelling Unit

Average Rate	Range of Rates	Standard Deviation
0.94	0.35 - 2.98	0.31

Data Plot and Equation



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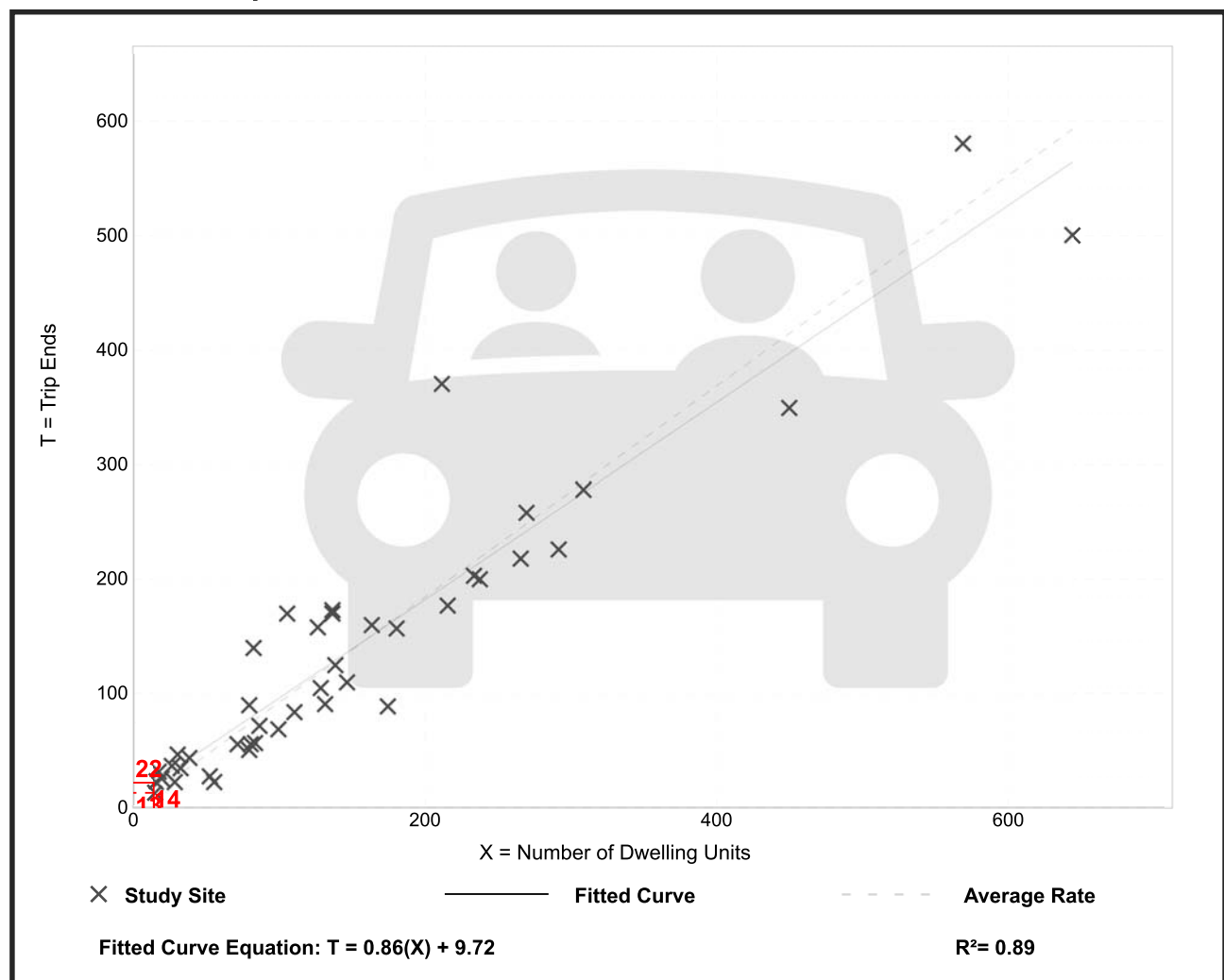
Vehicle Trip Ends vs: Dwelling Units
On a: Saturday, Peak Hour of Generator

Setting/Location: General Urban/Suburban
Number of Studies: 42
Avg. Num. of Dwelling Units: 152
Directional Distribution: 54% entering, 46% exiting

Vehicle Trip Generation per Dwelling Unit

Average Rate	Range of Rates	Standard Deviation
0.92	0.41 - 1.78	0.27

Data Plot and Equation



Single-Family Detached Housing (210)

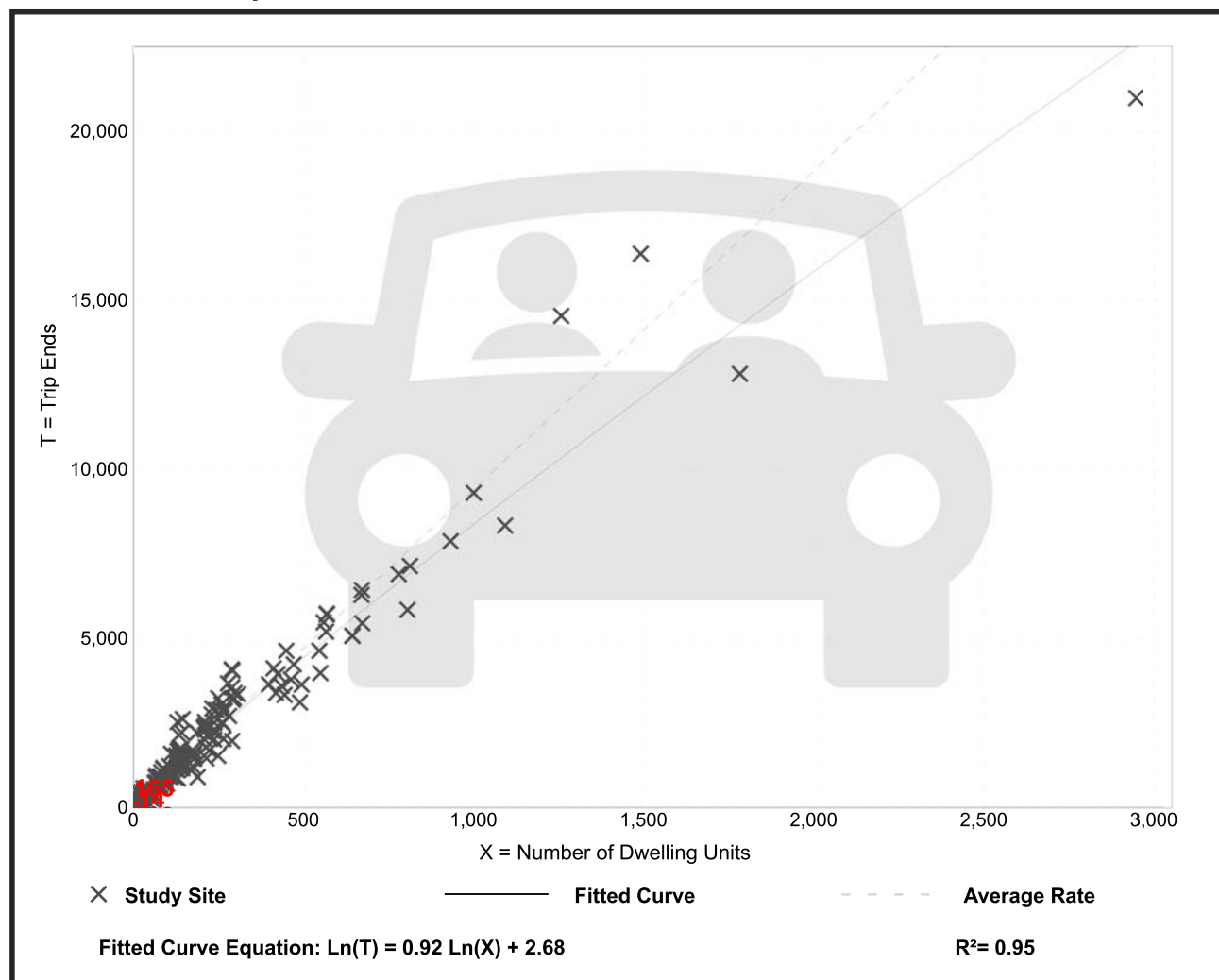
Vehicle Trip Ends vs: Dwelling Units
On a: Weekday

Setting/Location: General Urban/Suburban
Number of Studies: 174
Avg. Num. of Dwelling Units: 246
Directional Distribution: 50% entering, 50% exiting

Vehicle Trip Generation per Dwelling Unit

Average Rate	Range of Rates	Standard Deviation
9.43	4.45 - 22.61	2.13

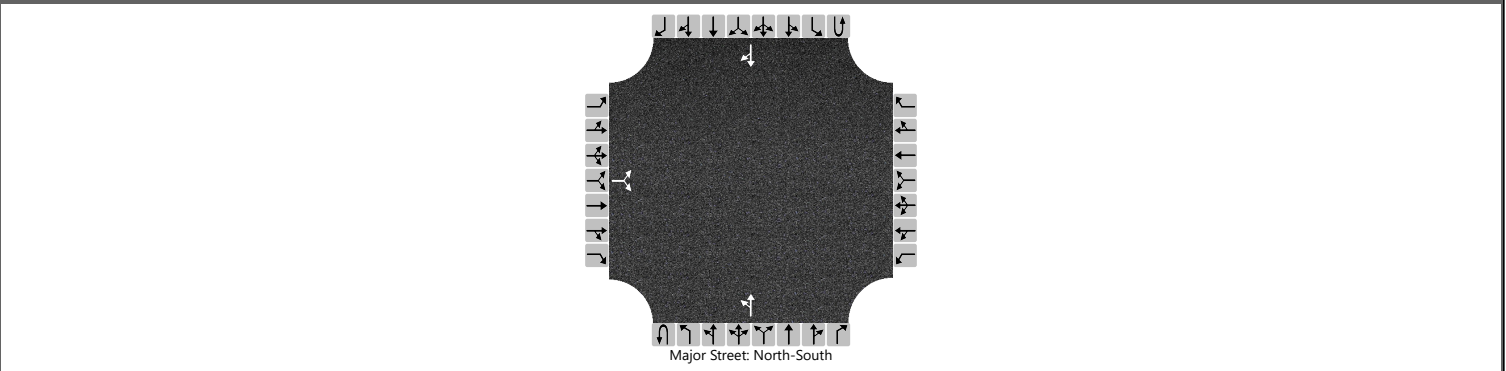
Data Plot and Equation



HCS7 Two-Way Stop-Control Report

General Information				Site Information			
Analyst	EIC	Intersection	Site Driveway				
Agency/Co.	DD	Jurisdiction					
Date Performed	1/26/2024	East/West Street	Site Driveway				
Analysis Year	2024	North/South Street	Cedar Grove Lane				
Time Analyzed	AM Build	Peak Hour Factor	0.92				
Intersection Orientation	North-South	Analysis Time Period (hrs)	0.25				
Project Description							

Lanes



Vehicle Volumes and Adjustments

Approach	Eastbound				Westbound				Northbound				Southbound			
	U	L	T	R	U	L	T	R	U	L	T	R	U	L	T	R
Priority		10	11	12		7	8	9	1U	1	2	3	4U	4	5	6
Number of Lanes		0	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Configuration			LR							LT						TR
Volume (veh/h)		5		4						2	1107				621	1
Percent Heavy Vehicles (%)		3		3						3						
Proportion Time Blocked																
Percent Grade (%)		0														
Right Turn Channelized																
Median Type Storage		Undivided														

Critical and Follow-up Headways

Base Critical Headway (sec)		7.1		6.2						4.1						
Critical Headway (sec)		6.43		6.23						4.13						
Base Follow-Up Headway (sec)		3.5		3.3						2.2						
Follow-Up Headway (sec)		3.53		3.33						2.23						

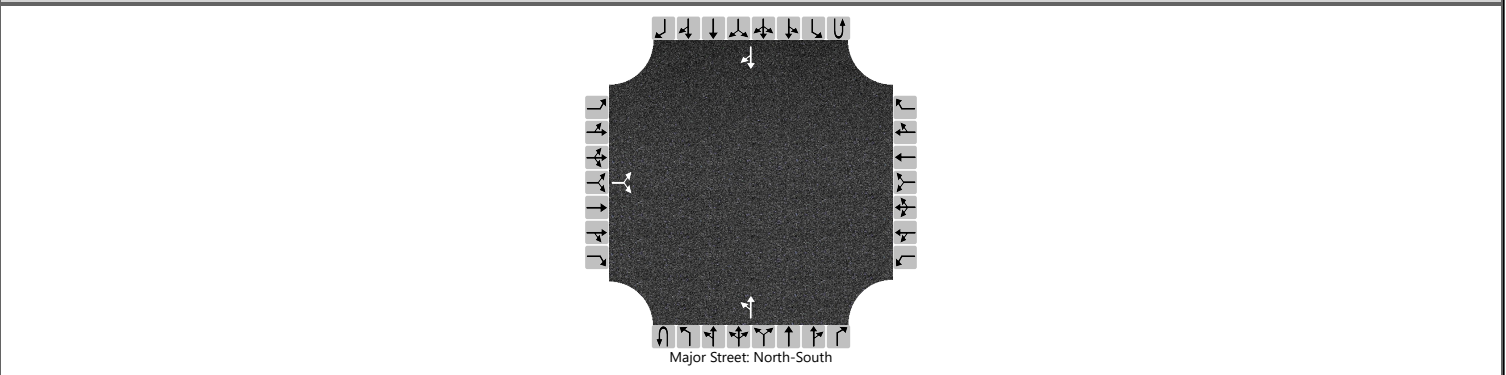
Delay, Queue Length, and Level of Service

Flow Rate, v (veh/h)			10							2						
Capacity, c (veh/h)			122							911						
v/c Ratio			0.08							0.00						
95% Queue Length, Q ₉₅ (veh)			0.3							0.0						
Control Delay (s/veh)			37.1							9.0						
Level of Service (LOS)			E							A						
Approach Delay (s/veh)		37.1								0.1						
Approach LOS		E														

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Number of Lanes		0	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Configuration			LR							LT						TR
Volume (veh/h)		3		3						5	612				894	5
Percent Heavy Vehicles (%)		3		3						3						
Proportion Time Blocked																
Percent Grade (%)		0														
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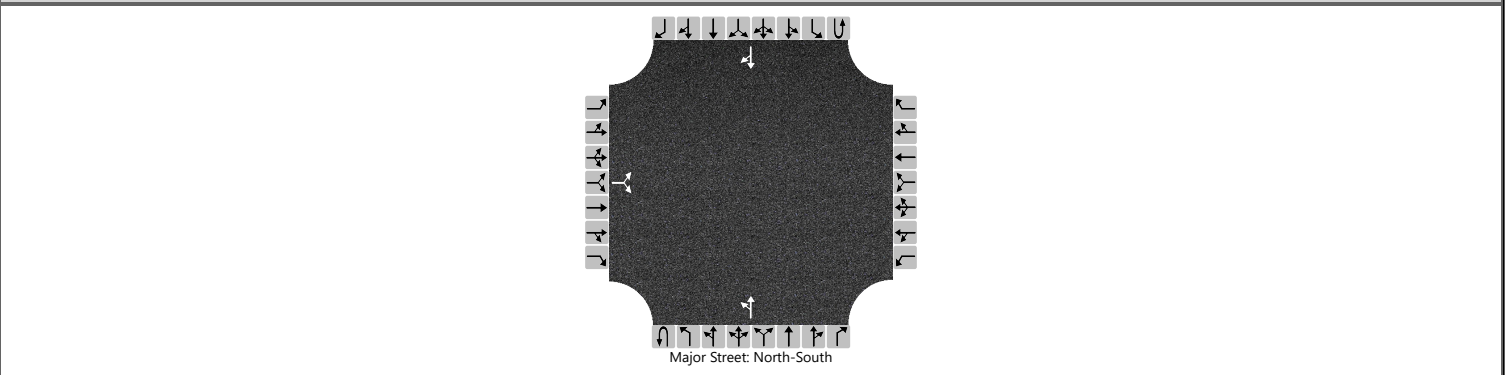
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Capacity, c (veh/h)			158							702						
v/c Ratio			0.04							0.01						
95% Queue Length, Q ₉₅ (veh)			0.1							0.0						
Control Delay (s/veh)			28.8							10.2						
Level of Service (LOS)			D							B						
Approach Delay (s/veh)		28.8								0.2						
Approach LOS		D														

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Movement																
Priority		10	11	12		7	8	9	1U	1	2	3	4U	4	5	6
Number of Lanes		0	1	0		0	0	0		0	1	0		0	1	0
Configuration			LR							LT						TR
Volume (veh/h)		5		5						6	343				345	6
Percent Heavy Vehicles (%)		3		3						3						
Proportion Time Blocked																
Percent Grade (%)	0															
Right Turn Channelized																
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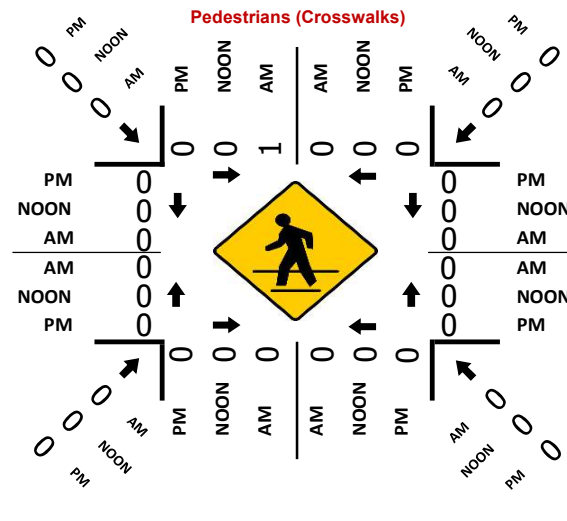
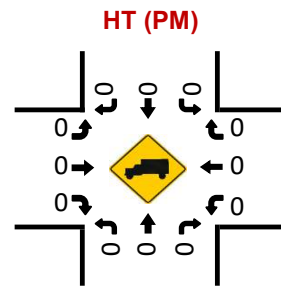
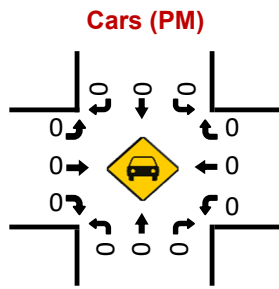
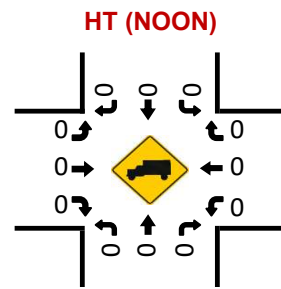
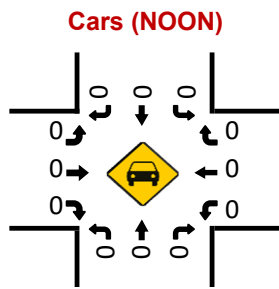
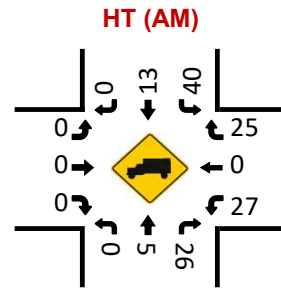
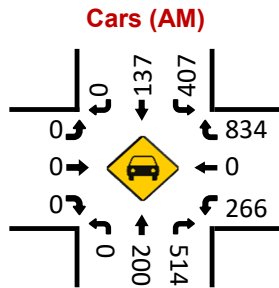
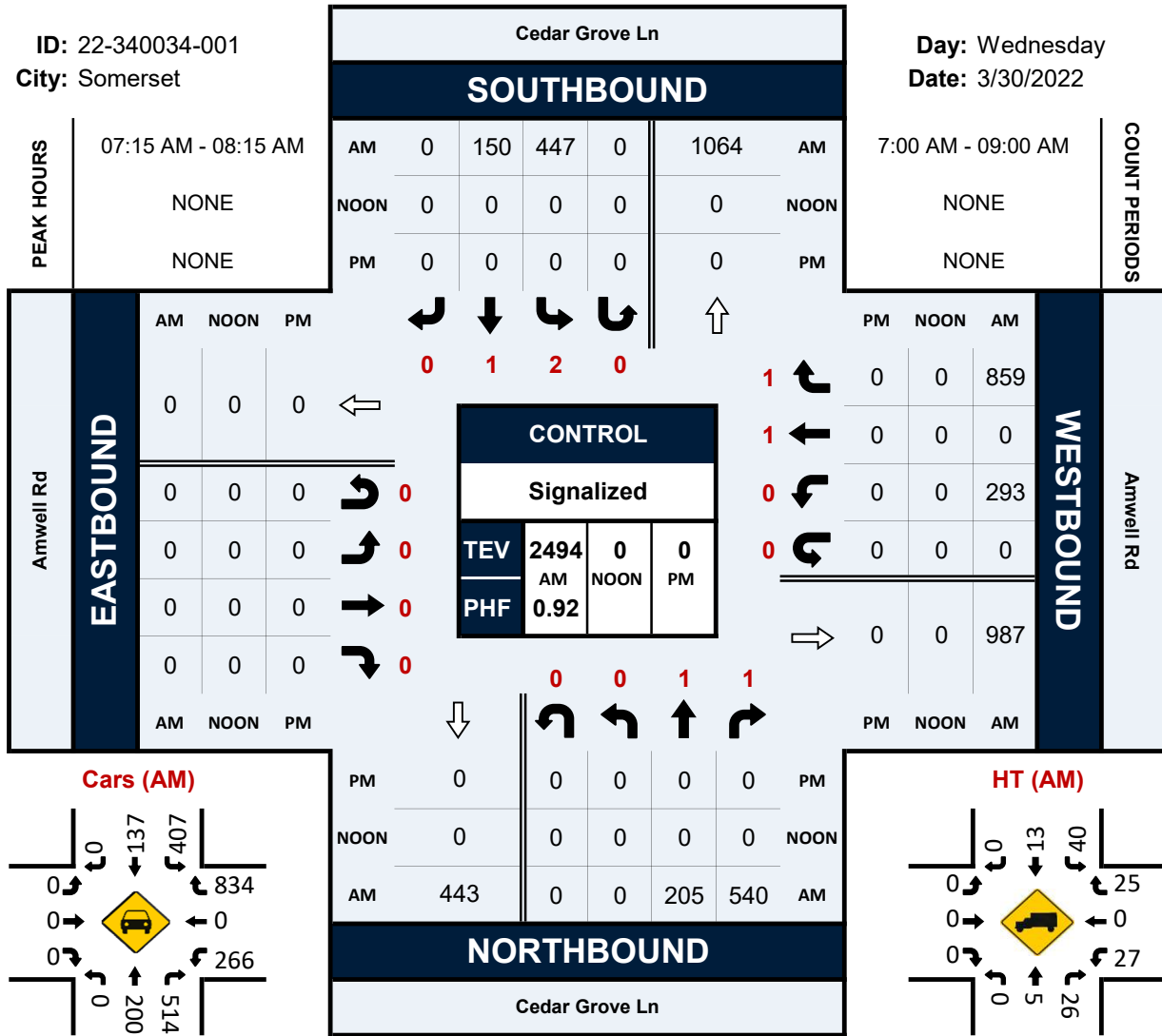
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Capacity, c (veh/h)			474							1171						
v/c Ratio			0.02							0.01						
95% Queue Length, Q ₉₅ (veh)			0.1							0.0						
Control Delay (s/veh)			12.8							8.1						
Level of Service (LOS)			B							A						
Approach Delay (s/veh)	12.8								0.2							
Approach LOS	B															

Cedar Grove Ln & Amwell Rd

Peak Hour Turning Movement Count

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City: Somerset

Day: Wednesday
Date: 3/30/2022

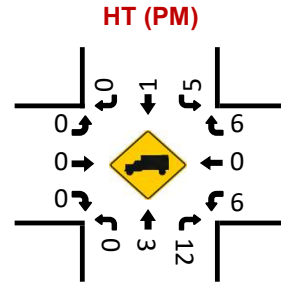
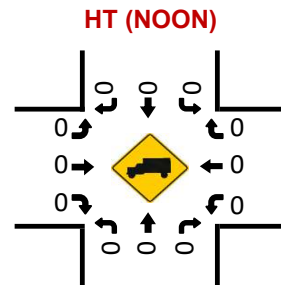
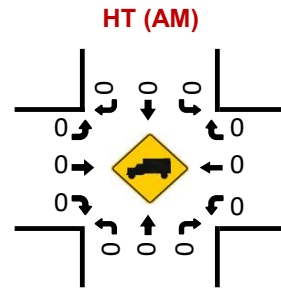
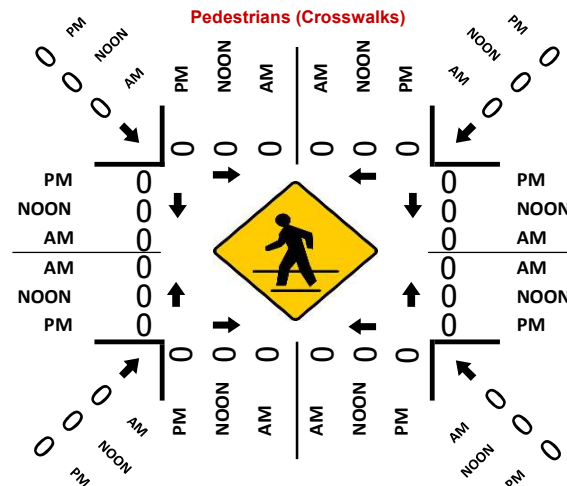
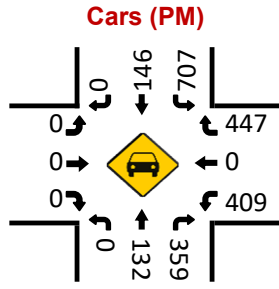
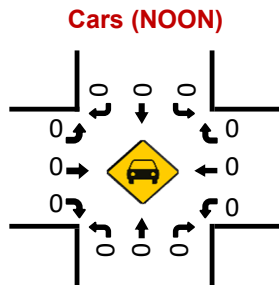
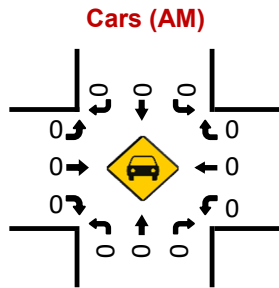
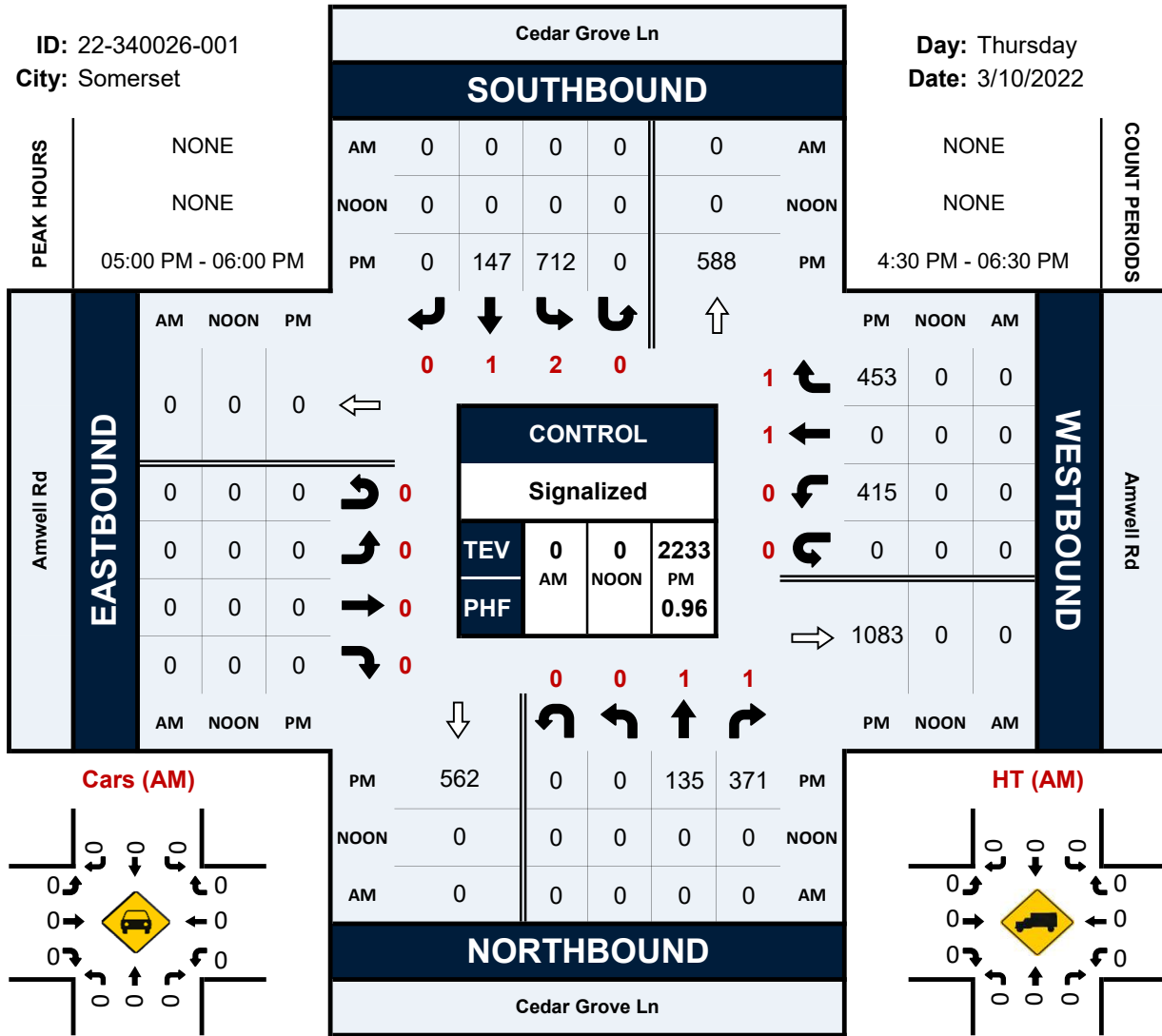


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City: Somerset

Day: Thursday
Date: 3/10/2022



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Peak Hour Turning Movement Count

ID: 22-340026-001
City: Somerset

Day: Saturday
Date: 3/12/2022

