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SUBJECT:

"Evaluation of Reversible Lanes (Nicholasville Road; Lexington, Kentucky)," Research Report 549, KYP-79-87; HPR-PL-1(15), Part III B

A reversible-lane system was implemented on a section of Nicholasville Road (US 27) in Lexington on March 5, 1979. The installation is unique in that left turns are allowed at signalized intersections during operation of the reversible lanes. The objectives of the study were to evaluate its effectiveness in reducing delays and develop recommendations for operational improvements.

The system has been a success. Some experts had doubts and misgivings about the probability of its successful and safe operation. Delays have been reduced substantially in the direction of peak traffic flow during both AM and PM operation. The benefit-cost ratio was 6.90. A one-year before-and-after analysis indicated no significant increase in accidents. Operation of the control system has proven to however, the data indicate an be extremely reliable; realized with better additional improvement may be coordination of signals. Delays in the off-peak direction, particularly during PM operation, increased. An effort should be made to encourage the use of alternate routes by motorists travelling in the off-peak direction. consideration should be given to having the PM peak cutoff the higher traffic at 5:30 rather than 6:00. However, volume at 5:30 might make the transition period more difficult.



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Consideration was given to installing reversible lanes on other arterials in Lexington. Specifically, Harrodsburg Road and Tates Creek Pike, which are parallel streets on either side of Nicholasville Road, have been mentioned. However, data gathered on those arterials indicated that reversible lanes are not warranted there. Also, those arterials provide alternate routes to Nicholasville Road. Traffic in the direction of peak flow has been diverted from these routes to Nicholasville Road, and traffic in the offpeak direction may travel these routes instead of Nicholasville Road. Therefore, installation of reversible lanes on those streets could adversely affect traffic on Nicholasville Road.

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EVALUATION OF REVERSIBLE LANES (Nicholasville Road; Lexington, Kentucky)

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Increased traffic congestion is a major problem in metropolitan areas. During rush hours, many streets operate at or near capacity. This results in forced flow at low speeds and queues of vehicles backing up from restrictions downstream. In many instances, the restrictions are signalized intersections.

Coordination of signals is a common method οf improving operational Computerized signal systems efficiency. coordination -- the provide the best traffic flow is continuously monitored to determine optimum timing of signals and When the directional progression. distribution of traffic on a multilane highway is greatly out of balance during peak hours, the capacity of section can be appreciably increased by assigning more than half of the lanes to the predominant direction of flow.

This study involved an evaluation of reversible lanes as a method of improving traffic flow. The objectives were to evaluate the effectiveness of reversible lanes in reducing delay and develop recommendations for operational improvements.

Nicholasville Road in Lexington, Kentucky was selected as a Federal Highway Administration demonstration project and qualified for 100-percent federal funding under Section 146 of the Federal Highway Act of 1976. The goals of this program are to demonstrate the potential for increased capacity for existing highways, conservation of fuel, decrease in travel time and traffic congestion, improvement in air quality, reduction of noise, improvement of highway safety. This is to be accomplished through the installation and improvement of traffic signal control systems and technology not now in general the requirements One of for use. selection as a demonstration project is extensive collection of data, analysis, This requirement, coupled and reporting. with a lack of information on existing reversible-lane installations, resulted in this research.

system reversible-lane was installed on a 2.6-mile (4.2-km) section Nicholasville Road in Lexington, Kentucky (200,000 population). The system activated on March 5, 1979. reversible-lane section is five lanes wide (57 feet (17.5 m)) and approximately 35,000 per vehicles Two lanes served each direction, and a center lane served as a two-way, left-turn lane (a 2-1-2 configuration). The center lane served as a left-turn lane at eight signalized intersections. The speed limit is 40 mph (64.4 m/s) at the north end and 45 mph (72.4 m/s) at the south end of the project.

Reversible lanes had been considered some time; however, a less than optimal directional split and the large number of left turns created One commonly used warrant for reversible lanes involves the ratio of directional traffic volumes and states that the ratio of major to minor movements should be at least 2:1 and preferably 3:1 (1). Whereas the morning peak conditions did provide a 2:1 split, the evening peak conditions provided only a 1.5:1 split. However, it was theorized that traffic diverted from parallel routes to the reversible-lane route during peak hours would increase this ratio. Also, it was anticipated that some motorists would find alternate routes rather than travel in the restricted number of lanes provided in the off-peak Overall, the expected result direction. was a more favorable directional split. The large number of left turns during the peak hours prevented prohibition of left This meant that left-turn lanes turns. and signal displays had to be shifted during reversible-lane times.

The periods of lane reversal from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday). to 6:00 p.m. these periods, the lane During from the configuration changed 2-1-2 configuration to a 3-1-1 configuration, and the heavy-flow direction received the additional lane. A two-way, left-turn lane was maintained. The PM period, originally extending until 6:30 p.m., was moved back to a cutoff time of 6:00 p.m. after the delay data were analyzed.

INSTALLATION

Nicholasville Road is one of three arterial streets serving the south portion of Fayette County (Figure 1). There is not an adequate grid street system nor are there connector streets so that left turns on any of the three arterials could be prohibited. Nicholasville Road, being the most heavily traveled of the three and located between the other two, was the logical choice for the lane-reversal project.

Because the need to turn left was great (as high as 500 vehicles per hour at one intersection) and because a project goal was to minimize inconvenience to the the decision was made to motorist, accomodate left-turning vehicles. Eight intersections were located signalized within the project limits. Four were controlled by five-phase, semi-actuated traffic signal controllers which provided detection and protection of the left-turn movements from Nicholasville Road. intersections had two-phase controllers but no protected left-turn movement. intersection operated under the control of a three-phase controller which provided split-phase (dual left turns) operation on the side street but no protected left turns on Nicholasville Road. The obvious problem was how to clear the left-turn lanes prior to changing the configuration.

The decision was made to force all the left-turn intersections to phase during the changing of lane assignments. This call to the left-turn phase lapsed after a set time (0-30 seconds) elapsed. The left-turn phase terminated at each intersection after the left-turn demand had been satisfied. The next phase following was Nicholasville Road green at all intersections. The lane - assignment as signals mon I d then change the Nicholasville Road through traffic advanced to enable transition into the proper lanes prior to arrival at the next intersection.

External logic was also used to switch the left-turn lane detectors and signal displays to correspond with the location of the left-turn lane. To clear left-turn phase throughout project, it was necessary to add left-turn phases at three intersections. An example of operation of an intersection during reversible - lane operation is shown in The remaining intersection Figure 2. which did not have a left turn phase was at the end of the project, and left turns were prohibited during the periods of reverse flow.

All existing and the three new of a solid controllers were state design, and all detector circuitry self-tuning amplifiers were a digital, The lane-use-signal controller utilized a cam with an electromechanical clock input. Manual control is also available. Lane-use signals (Figure 3) and the signal spans were installed so a minimum of two spans were visible at any location. The lane-assignment signals incandescent bulbs. contained 150-watt Blank-out signs were used to indicate lane closures and mandatory turns in the lane transition areas (Figure 4). Blank-out signs were also used at the split-phase, reduce dual location to side street turning lanes to single lanes during the periods of reversed flow. Details are given in APPENDIX A.

The cost of the project, including lane-use signals and detectors and signalhead modifications, was approximately \$250,000. The time from award of the contract to system turn-on ыая approximately seven months. The original electro-mechanical clocks used for the master controller were replaced by digital clocks to eliminate a time-drift problem. Failures have been few since that date.

PROCEDURE

The evaluation involved a comparison of data taken before and after installation of the reversible lanes. A test car was equipped with a tachograph, a device that furnished a continuous graph of speed versus time as the test vehicle was driven in traffic at the prevailing

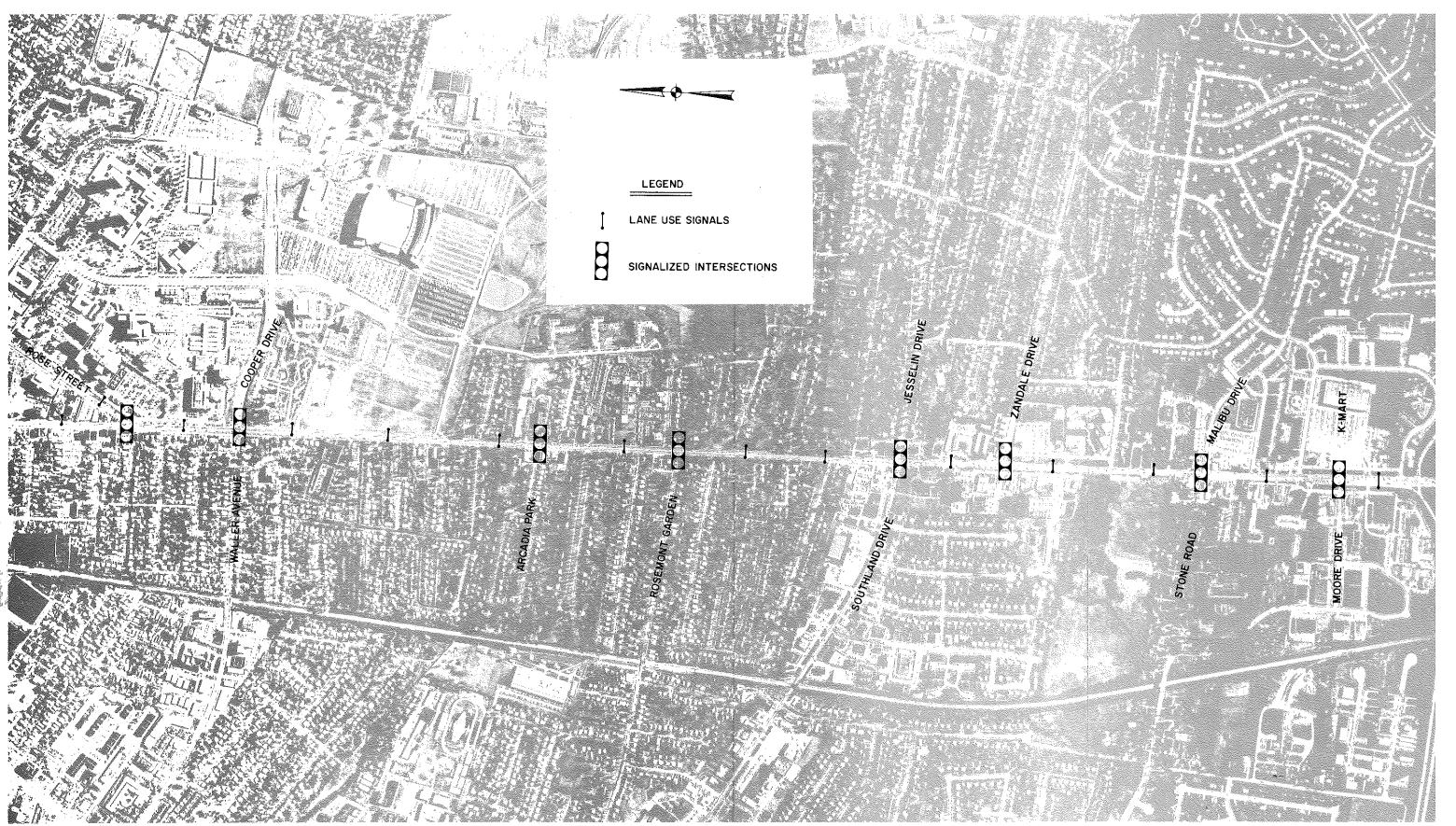


Figure 1. Street Configuration around Reversible-Lane Location

Figure 2. Example of Intersection Signal Operation during

Reversible Lanes Period.

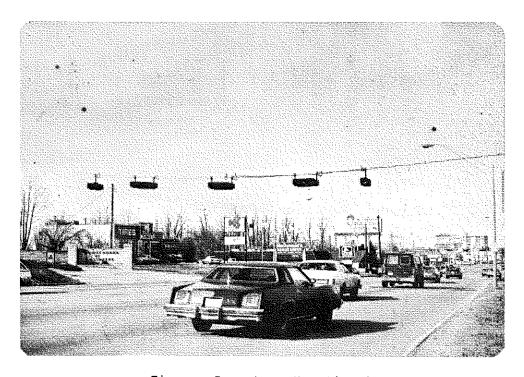


Figure 3. Lane-Use Signals.



Figure 4. Blank-Out Sign.

Tachograph data were collected primarily on Nicholasville Road; however, data were taken on the two parallel arterials and two cross streets. This was to determine what effect the reversible-lane system had on streets in the vicinity. A chart from a test run is given in Figure 5. Data were taken from this chart and input into the "Runcost" computer program developed by the Federal Highway Administration for the purpose of analyzing speed and delay data. Inputs for this program include grade and horizontal curve distribution on roadway, distribution of vehicle types, roadway length, and fuel and operating The output from the program includes average time, cost per vehicle to travel the section, overall speed and stopped time. fuel consumption, pollutants emitted per vehicle. A sample printout is given in Figure 6. Stopwatch times were recorded for each run. Numerous were runs made. and representative sample was selected for Travel times before and after installation were compared. Costs were calculated using output from the "Runcost" program and traffic volumes. A benefitcost ratio was calculated using the installation cost, maintenance cost, and increased accident cost and the benefits from reduction in time and operating cost.

counts were analyzed determine the effect of the reversible lanes on traffic patterns. Accidents for one-year period before and after installation were analyzed. The number and types of accidents were analyzed. Traffic conflicts were studied to estimate change accident in potential. Conflicts were counted during the morning afternoon at six signalized intersections.

Certain environmental factors were studied. The "Runcost" program output enabled analysis of air pollutants, and traffic-stream noise recordings were made. Computer simulation, using the UTCS-1 Network Simulation Model, was done before installation of the reversible lanes to predict their effectiveness. However, the extent of the volume which would be diverted to and from the adjacent streets

was unknown at that time. Using the traffic before, the simulation results did not indicate any significant change in delays from addition of reversible lanes.

RESULTS

VOLUME

For reversible lanes to effectively, the ratio of major to minor movements should be at least 2:1 and preferably 3:1. The change in the directional split which occurred after installation of reversible lanes is shown. in Table 1. During the AM peak period of operation (7:00-9:00 a.m.), the split increased from 2:1 to 3:1. This resulted from an increase in volume of 597 vehicles in the direction of peak traffic flow (northbound) and a decrease of 222 off-peak vehicles i n the direction The directional split also (southbound). increased during the PM peak period but varied according to the peak period considered. From 4:00-6:00 p.m., which had been the period used after the initial cutoff time was changed from 6:30 a.m., the directional split increased from 1.4:1 to 2:1. This resulted from an increase in volume of 420 vehicles in the peak direction (southbound) and a decrease of 480 vehicles in the off-peak direction (northbound). The directional split was higher for a cutoff time at 5:30 p.m.

The average daily traffic (AADT) remained about the same (AADT of 35,320 before and 35,125 after). Plots of the traffic counts are given in Figures 7 and The volumes were fairly constant before and after except for the change which occurred during operation of the reversible lanes. Volumes before and after installation are given in Table 2. Considering the morning peak period of operation (7:00-9:00 a.m.), the volume increased 22 percent in the peak direction and decreased 17 percent in the off-peak direction. The largest volume increase in the peak direction occurred from 7:00-8:00 Considering the afternoon peak period from 4:00-6:00 p.m., the volume in peak direction increased by the off-peak percent, and direction

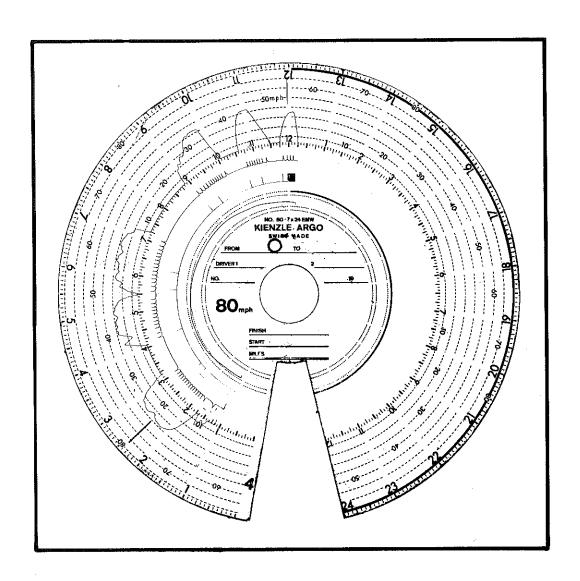


Figure 5. Sample of Tachograph Data.

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AT +4% 0.0 AT +5% 0.0
                                AT -6% 0.0 AT -5% 0.0
AT 0% 1.00000 AT +1% 0.0
AT +6% 0.0 AT +7% 0.0
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AT +2% 0.0
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8% = 0.0
18% = 0.0
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25% = 0.0
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  6% = 0.0
16% = 0.0
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0.0 ARE 20-TON TRUCKS, AND 0.0 ARE 25-TON DIESEL TRUCKS.
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                                                 20-TON
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                 (IN CENTS)
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                                  6-TON
                                                               25-TON AVERAGE
                   14.74
                                28.51
     12.85
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 THE VEHICLE WAS STOPPED FOR . 0.0509350 HOURS.
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 THE TOTAL ELAPSED TIME TO TRAVERSE THIS SECTION IS 0.13499 HOURS.
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 AT A VALUE OF TIME (IN $/VEH-/HR.) OF 5.25000
THE TOTAL TIME COST PER VEH. (IN $) IS 637.83
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Figure 6. Sample Printout of "Runcost" Data.

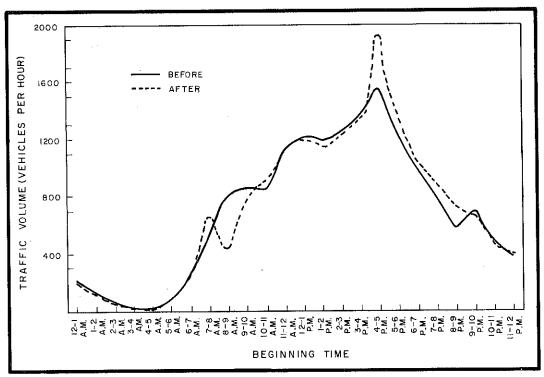


Figure 7. Traffic Volume versus Time of Day (Nicholasville Road, Southbound).

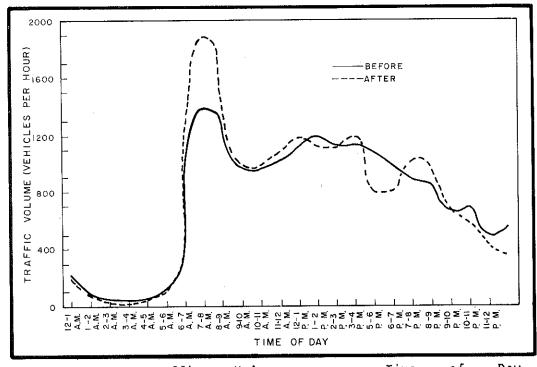


Figure 8. Traffic Volume versus Time of Day (Nicholasville Road, Northbound).

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TABLE 1.	RATIO OF PE	AK TO OFF-	PEAK
TIME	PERIOD	BEFORE	AFTER
AM PEAK	7:00-9:00	2 : 1	3:1
PM PEAK	4:00-6:30 4:00-6:00 4:00-5:30	1.3:1 1.4:1 1.4:1	1.9:1 2:1 2.2:1

TABLE 2. CHANGE INSTAL	IN VOLUME ON LATION OF REV	NICHOLAS ERSIBLE L	VILLE R ANES	OAD AFTER
TIME PE	RIOD	BEFORE	AFTER	PERCENT CHANGE
AM NORTHBOUND (PEAK DIRECTION)	7:00-7:30 7:30-8:00 8:00-8:30 8:30-9:00 7:00-9:00	570 820 704 576 2670	774 1114 758 621 3267	+36 +36 +7 +8 +22
AM SOUTHBOUND (OFF-PEAK DIRECTION)	7:00-7:30 7:30-8:00 8:00-8:30 8:30-9:00 7:00-9:00	208 312 416 384 1320	262 392 231 213 1098	+ 2 6 + 2 6 - 4 4 - 4 5 - 17
PM SOUTHBOUND (PEAK DIRECTION)	4:00-4:30 4:30-5:00 5:00-5:30 5:30-6:00 6:00-6:30 4:00-6:00 4:00-6:30	755 785 711 7559 489 2251 2810 3299	934 973 741 582 541 2648 3230 3771	+24 +24 +4 +4 +11 +18 +15 +14
(OFF-PEAK DIRECTION)	4:00-4:30 4:30-5:00 5:00-5:30 5:30-6:00 6:00-6:30 4:00-5:30 4:00-6:30	550 5534 437 4455 1634 2075	395 395 440 360 378 1230 1590	-28 -28 -18 -18 -15 -25 -23 -22

decreased by 23 percent. The largest changes in volume occurred between 4:00-5:00 p.m.

The analysis of the before and after volumes showed the reversible lanes generated trips in the peak direction and deterred trips in the off-peak direction. This resulted in a substantial increase in the directional split.

DELAYS

A representative sample of tachograph runs were selected for detailed analysis. A summary of the tachograph data is given in APPENDIX B. Plots of the time taken to drive the reversible-lane section versus the beginning time of the run are given in Figures 9 - 12. During the AM peak, there was a large reduction in travel time in the peak direction (Figure 9); there was a small increase in travel time in the offpeak direction (Figure 10). The maximum peak-direction travel times were reduced from about 22 minutes to 14 minutes. During the PM peak, travel times were reduced sharply in the peak direction (Figure 11); however, there was a large increase in travel times in the off-peak direction (Figure 12).

The changes in average travel times per vehicle, in 30-minute intervals, the AM and PM peaks are given in Table 3. During the AM, the largest decrease was almost six minutes and occurred between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. There were lesser decreases during other time periods, and a very small decrease (27 seconds) occurred from 7:00 to 7:30 a.m. Travel times in the off-peak direction increased in each time period; however, the increase in travel times in the off-peak direction was smaller than the decrease for the peak During the PM peak, from 4:00 direction. to 6:00 p.m., travel times were reduced from two to over six minutes in the peak direction. In the off-peak direction, travel times were increased from five to six minutes per vehicle. During part of the PM peak (4:00-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m.), the increase in travel time in the off-peak direction was greater than the decrease in the peak direction.

The change in total travel time (vehicle-hours) was also determined (Table

Vehicle-hours were calculated by multiplying the average travel time per vehicle by traffic volume. Before-andafter comparisons (in 30-minute intervals) were made. There was a decrease in travel times during all time periods except 5:30 The original PM cutoff time to 6:30 p.m. The largest decrease was 6:30 p.m. occurred between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. largest decrease in the PM peak occurred The larger between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. volume in the peak direction meant that, for a given change in travel time per vehicle, the resulting change would be larger in the peak direction.

Travel time vehicle พลร per calculated (weighted by volume) for the peak periods (Table 5). Considering both directions for both peak periods, there was an overall reduction of almost minutes in travel time. There was an overall reduction in the peak directions The same type of four minutes. analysis showed there was a decrease stopped time of slightly over one minute There were very large changes (Table 6). in stopped time during the PM peak. reduction in stopped time was overall minutes i n the peak almost three directions.

This type of analysis was used also to analyze total stops per vehicle (Table 7). There was only a small reduction (0.5 stops) in stops. The decrease in the peak directions was over two stops per vehicle. This indicated an additional improvement in the signal system could be obtained with improved coordination.

obtain a permanent record of conditions before and after the traffic installed, lanes were reversible taken various photographs were at The photographs, shown in locations. were taken at the same time APPENDIX C, in the before and after and location show effectively They periods. changes which occurred. The reduction in delay during the AM peak is illustrated in Figures C1-C3. The reduction in peakdirection delay during the PM peak illustrated in Figures C4 and C5; increase in the PM off-peak direction delay is illustrated in Figure C6.

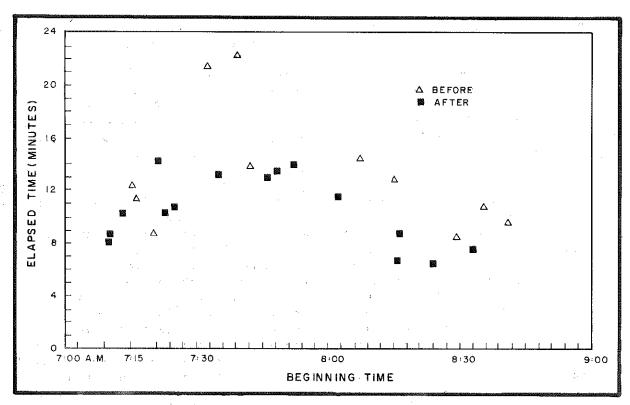


Figure 9. Nicholasville Road Time-Delay Runs, AM Peak, Northbound (Peak Direction).

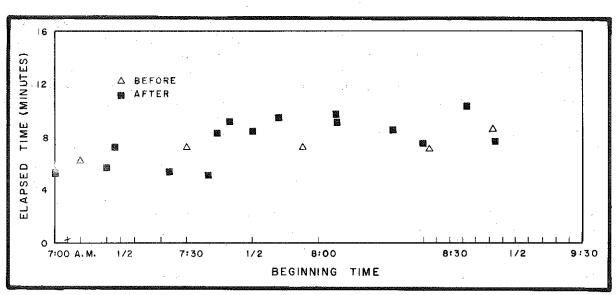


Figure 10. Nicholasville Road Time-Delay Runs, AM Peak, Southbound (Off-Peak Direction).

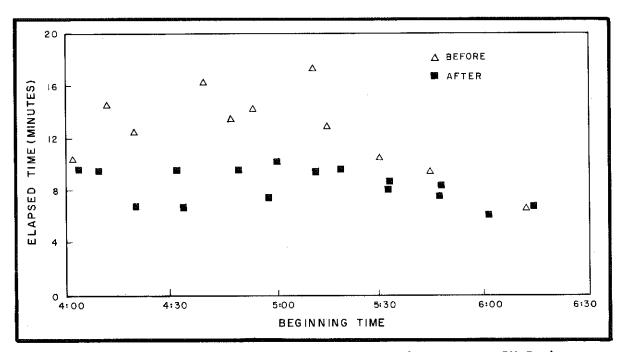


Figure 11. Nicholasville Road Time-Delay Runs, PM Peak, Southbound (Peak Direction).

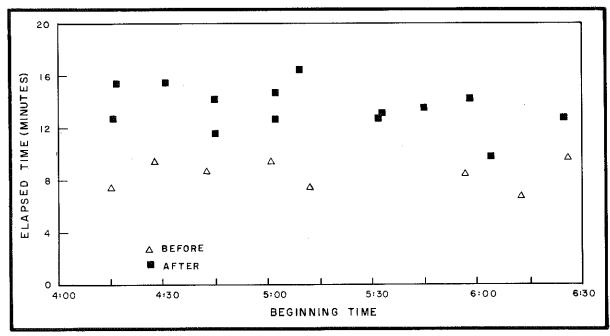


Figure 12. Nicholasville Road Time-Delay Runs, PM Peak, Northbound (Off-Peak Direction).

TABLE 3. CHANGE IN AVERAGE TRAVEL TIMES PER VEHICLE AFTER INSTALLATION OF REVERSIBLE LANES TRAVEL TIME PER VEHICLE (MINUTES) SOUTHBOUND NORTHBOUND TIME PERIOD BEFORE AFTER CHANGE BEFORE AFTER CHANGE 7:00-7:30 7:30-8:00 6:48 ΑM 6:54 +0:06 10:49 10:22 -0:277:09 8:24 9:25 -5:41 -3:32 PEAK +1:15 19:10 13:29 11:53 8:00-8:30 8:21 +2:20 8:30-9:00 8:43 $-\bar{2}:\bar{4}2$ 9:04 +0:21 10:23 4:00-4:30 4:30-5:00 ΡM 12:32 8:44 -3:48 8:26 14:10 +5:44 8:38 13:45 8:24 14:40 PEAK 14:42 8:26 -6:16 +5:07 15:20 10:15 -6:39 -2:11 9:41 5:00-5:30 +6:16 8:09 13:22 8:21 11:22 5:30-6:00 8:04 +5:13 6:00-6:30 6:45 6:29 -0:16+3:01

TABLE		IN TOTAL TATION OF F		
			TRAVEL T E-HOURS P	
	TIME PERIOD	NВ	SB	NET
AM PEAK	7:00-7:30 7:30-8:00 8:00-8:30 8:30-9:00	+0.4 +8.2 +9.0 +1.2	-5.8 -105.5 -44.6 -27.9	-97.3
PM PEAK	4:00-4:30 4:30-5:00 5:00-5:30 5:30-6:00 6:00-6:30	-59.2 -101.6 -82.1 -21.2 -2.4	+33.7 +46.0	-36.1

TABLE 5.	ANALYSIS OF DATA	BY TOTAL	TRAVEL TIME PER	VEHICLE*
	BEFORE	:	AFTER	
TIME PERIOD	TOTAL TRAVEL TIME PER DAY (VEHICLE-HOURS)	AVERAGE TRAVEL TIME PER VEHICLE (MINUTES)		AVERAGE TRAVEL TIME PER VEHICLE (MINUTES)
AM PEAK NORTHBOUND	753	13:50	569	10:27
AM PEAK SOUTHBOUND	135	7:21	152	8:18
PM PEAK** NORTHBOUND	223	8:24	372	14:01
PM PEAK** SOUTHBOUND	722	13:25	472	8:46
PEAK DIRECTIONS (AM & PM)	1475	13:37	1041	9:37
OFF-PEAK DIRECTIONS (AM & PM)	358	7:59	524	11:42
BOTH DIRECTIONS (AM & PM)	1833	11:58	1563	10:13
* AVERAGES ** 4:00-6:0	WERE WEIGHTED BY VO P.M.	OLUME.		

TABLE 6.	ANALYSIS OF DATA	BY STOPPED	TIME*	
	BEFOR	E	AFTER	
TIME PERIOD	TOTAL STOPPED TIME PER DAY (VEHICLE-HOURS)	AVERAGE STOPPED. TIME PER VEHICLE (MINUTES)	TOTAL STOPPED TIME PER DAY (VEHICLE-HOURS)	TOTAL STOPPED TIME PER DAY (VEHICLE-HOURS)
AM PEAK NORTHBOUND	3 2 1	5:54	221	4:05
AM PEAK SOUTHBOUND	28	1:31	44	2:24
PM PEAK* NORTHBOUND	5 1	1:56	159	6:00
PM PEAK** SOUTHBOUND	347	6:27	157	2:55
PEAK DIRECTIONS (AM & PM)	668	6:10	378	3:29
OFF-PEAK DIRECTIONS (AM & PM)	79	1:45	203	4:32
BOTH DIRECTIONS (AM & PM)	747	4:53	581	3:48
* AVERAGES ** 4:00-6:0	WERE WEIGHTED BY O P.M.	VOLUME.		

7. ANALYSIS OF DATA BY NUMBER OF TABLE STOPS PER VEHICLE* AFTER BEFORE TOTAL STOPS TOTAL STOPS PER PER STOPS STOPS VEHICLE PER DAY VEHICLE PER DAY TIME PERIOD AM PEAK 27,553 8.4 22,323 6.8 NORTHBOUND AM PEAK 3.8 4.2 4,146 4,623 SOUTHBOUND PM PEAK** 9.7 6,710 4.2 15,470 NORTHBOUND PM PEAK** SOUTHBOUND 28,370 8.8 19,539 6.0 PEAK DIRECTIONS 8.6 41,562 6.4 55,923 (AM & PM) OFF-PEAK DIRECTIONS (AM & PM) 10,856 4.0 20,093 7.5 вотн DIRECTIONS (AM & PM) 61,955 6.8 66,779 7.3 AVERAGES WERE WEIGHTED BY VOLUME. ** 4:00-6:00 P.M.

ACCIDENTS

Accidents were summarized for a oneyear period before and after conversion to the reversible lanes. The number of accidents during the AM and PM peak periods as well as all accidents for the one-year periods were compared. Separate analyses of the accidents were based on severity, type, location, and direction.

before-and-after accident The summaries are given in Table 8. The number of accidents during the first year the reversible lanes of operation of increased by 11 percent compared to the This resulted from an year before. increase during the PM peak. The number of accidents during the AM peak decreased. There were many more accidents during the PM compared to the AM. However, there was also an 11 percent increase in accidents during off-peak times and an overall increase in all accidents of 11 percent. The fact the increase in accidents during reversible lane operation was identical to the increase during other times indicates the reversible lanes did not generate a significant number of accidents.

Accident severity was compared There were no fatal shown in Table 9. accidents during the "before" or "after" periods. There were identical numbers of incapacitating (Type A) and nonaccidents in the incapacitating (Type B) "before" and "after" periods during peak A severity index was used to conditions. As the severity compare the data (2). index increases, accident severity increases. The severity indexes in the AM and PM peaks "before" (1.73) was almost identical to the "after" period (1.72). a slight decrease There was severity index during the AM peak (from 1.82 to 1.62) and a slight increase during the PM peak (from 1.67 to 1.75). There was also a slight increase in the severity index during off-peak conditions (from 1.71 to 1.90). Low speeds resulted in low study accident severities during both periods, and the reversible lanes did not increase in accident result in any severity.

An analysis of the before and after accidents by type is given in Table 10. The number of rear-end and opposite-

direction sideswipe or head-on accidents o f the operation increased during The opposite-direction reversible lanes. sideswipe or head-on accidents were not Of the five accidents of this severe. type, four involved no injury, other involved one "possible" (Type C) There were no severe head-on in jury. collisions as a result of a driver not understanding the reversible-lane system. Most injury accidents (10 of 12 A- or Binjury accidents) were angle accidents. Most of these involved a vehicle turning left from Nicholasville Road into the path of an oncoming vehicle.

comparison of before-and-after Α accidents by location is given in Table Accidents were identified by either the cross-street intersection at which it occurred or by the two cross-streets on either side of the accident. Large increases in accidents during the PM peak were noted at two locations, and the major contributing factors in these accidents high-accident determined. One were location was between Cooper Drive and Arcadia Park. A large number of accidents occurred at this location when drivers attempted to turn left onto Nicholasville Road from a sidestreet and collided with a vehicle in the left-turn lane. During the PM peak, vehicles back up from Cooper Drive in the off-peak direction. A driver in this line of cars would allow a vehicle to turn left from a sideroad. turning vehicle would then collide with a vehicle proceeding off-peak in the direction in the left-turn lane. illustrates a problem caused when a driver desiring to make a left-turn moved into the left-turn lane a long distance ahead of the left-turn location. The motive, of course, is to avoid the delay in the off-Another high-accident peak direction. location was in the Malibu and Moore Drive vicinity. This portion of Nicholasville Road has a large number of access points A large number to commercial businesses. of angle-type accidents resulted when drivers attempted to turn left into a driveway across the three opposing lanes of traffic.

A summary of accidents during peak periods, by direction, is given in Table

TABLE 8. BEFORE AND AFTER ACCIDENT SUMMARIES NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS PEAK PERIODS AM PEAK* PM PEAK** OFF-PEAK TOTAL ONE-YEAR BEFORE 37 74 111 249 360 ONE-YEAR AFTER 30 93 123 276 399 * MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 7:00 A.M.-9:00 A.M. ** MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.

TABLE	9. ACC	IDEKT	SEVER	ITY SU	MMARY				
				HUM	BER OF	ACCIDEN:	rs		
ACCIDENT	TYPE*	AM PE BEFORE	EAK AFTER	PM PI BEFORE	AK AFTER	OFF-1 BEFORE	PEAK AFTER	TOT: BEFORE	
PDO A B C F		27 1 6 3 0	25 1 1 3 0	59 2 3 10 0	70 2 8 13 0	202 10 15 22 0	2 1 0 1 4 2 3 2 9 0	288 13 24 35	305 17 32 45
OCCORP	LED. PU	0-MO TM 2	URY. A	-TNCAPAC	ידיים יידו	SEVERE I IG INJURY NJURY, F	7.		

TABLE 10. SUMMARY	OF AC	CIDENT	S BY A	CCIDE	ENT TYP	E		
			ומטא	BER OF	ACCIDEN:	rs		
ACCIDENT TYPE	AM P		PM PI BEFORE		OFF-1 BEFORE		TOT: BEFORE	
ANGLE	9	7	33	37	109	117	151	161
REAR-END	18	18	27	37	84	100	129	155
SAME DIRECTION SIDESWIPE	7	4	11	13	42	42	60	59
FIXED OBJECT OR SINGLE VEHICLE	1	0	. 1	1	11	7	13	8
PEDESTRIAN	2	0	1	0	1	3	4	3
OPPOSITE DIRECTION SIDESWIPE OR HEAD-ON	0	1 .	0	5	1	5	1	11
BICYCLE	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	2

TABLE 11. ACCIDEN	T SUMMARIES	BY LOCATION	Ж	
		NUMBER OF	ACCIDENTS	
LOCATION	AM PEAK BEFORE AFTER	PM PEAK BEFORE AFTER	OFF-PEAK BEFORE AFTER	TOTAL BEFORE AFTER
ROSE* ROSE-COOPER** COOPER-ARCADIA ARCADIA-ROSEMONT ROSEMONT-SOUTHLAND SOUTHLAND-ZANDALE ZANDALE ZANDALE-MALABU MALABU MALABU-MOORE MOORE-NEW CIRCLE NEW CIRCLE	4 0 3 6 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 7 1 5 3 5 1 0 2 2 6 3 4 2 2 2 5 0 8 6 4 6 6 5	2 12 16 18 27 28 14 27 28 14 14 13 25 25 12 25 12 27 28 14 14 13 25 25 12 31 31 31 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41 41	9 16 30 34 61 71 16 62 20 17 26
* ACCIDENT OCCURRED ** ACCIDENT OCCURRED	AT INTERSECTI BETWEEN GIVEN		STREET.	

12. The largest increase in accidents occurred in the peak direction.

It was possible that the reversiblelane system could be confusing to nonlocal drivers, causing an increase in accidents involving these drivers in the "after" period. However, the percentage of accidents involving a non-local driver was almost identical in the "before" and "after" periods. Accidents involving a driver from outside Favette County accounted for 45 percent of the accidents in both the "before" and "after" periods. Including adjacent counties with Fayette County reduced the percentage of non-local drivers to 24 percent in the "before" period compared to 25 percent in the after period.

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

Another output from the "Runcost" program was the cost per vehicle to drive the reversible-lane section. The cost consisted of operating and time cost. Time costs made up the largest portion of the total and was responsible for the reduction in cost. The summary of the tachograph data given in APPENDIX B showed there was only a very small change in operating costs. The change in total cost per vehicle is given in Table 13. summarized in 30-minute intervals. There was a reduction in costs the peak direction (except 6:00-6:30 p.m.) and an increase in the During the AM peak, off-peak direction. the increases in costs in the off-peak direction were relatively small compared to the decreases in the peak direction. However, during the PM peak, the increases in costs in the off-peak direction were substantial and even larger than the decreases in the peak direction in some instances.

Multiplying the cost per vehicle by the volume yielded the total user cost for all vehicles within a given time period. The change in cost by direction and the net change in cost are given in Table 14. There was a decrease in total cost during each portion of the AM peak -- the largest decrease occurred between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. This period had a larger decrease than any PM peak period. There

was a decrease in total cost during the PM peak from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., but there was an increase in total cost between 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The largest PM cost decrease occurred between 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The cost savings for the entire AM and PM peak periods were summarized and converted to yearly savings (Table 15). It was assumed the system would operate five days a week for 52 weeks (260 days). The total savings during the AM peak (7:00-9:00 a.m.) was about \$175,000, and the savings during the PM peak operation (4:00-6:00 p.m.) was about \$154,000; this gave a total savings of \$329,000 per year.

benefit-cost ratio could calculated if costs were summarized annually. A summary of the cost analysis is given in Table 16. The initial project cost was \$250,000. Assuming a project life of 20 years and an interest rate of 10 percent gave a uniform annual cost of \$40,750. An annual maintenance cost of \$2,500 was assumed. The additional annual accident cost was estimated using the oneyear before-and-after accident analysis and 1978 estimates of the costs of motorvehicle accidents given by the National Safety Council (3). The costs of the injuries by severity was used. Since most accidents were property-damage-only and most injuries were classified as Type C, the additional cost was not large. comparison of the cost of the one year of "before" and "after" accidents yielded an additional cost of \$9,350 in the year afterwards. Adding the uniform annual installation cost, annual maintenance cost, and annual accident cost resulted in a total annual cost of \$47,600.

summary o f the benefit-cost analysis is given Table in 17. Considering current operating times when resulted determining benefits in benefit-cost ratio of 6.90. Changing the evening cutoff to 5:30 p.m. would increase the benefit-cost ratio to 7.12. the volume at 5:30 p.m. is higher; would make the transition period difficult.

SPEEDS

Another output from the tachograph was the average speed over the reversible-

TABLE 12. SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS DURING PEAK PERIODS BY DIRECTION	SUMMARY	OF AC	CIDENT	s DURI	NG PEA	K PER	IODS B	Y DIRE	CTION							
					NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS	OF ACC	IDENTS									
				3		TIME OF DAY	٩Y					PM PEAK	EAK			
DIRECTION*	7:00 BEFOR	7:00-7:30 BEFORE AFTER	7:31-8:00 BEFORE AFTER	AN PEAN 8:00 8 AFTER BEI	S:01-8:30 BEFORE AFTER	:30 AFTER	8:31-9:00 BEFORE AFTER	:00 AFTER	4:00-4:30 BEFORE AFTER	AFTER	4:31-5:00 BEFORE AFTER	5:00 AFTER	5:01-5:30 BEFORE AFTER	3:30 AFTER	5:31-6:00 BEFORE AFTER	3:00 AFTER
NORTHBOUND	-	м	€	ø	'n	9	īΟ	м	∞	6	9	6	•0	9	H	Ŋ
SOUTHBOUND	2	H	7	~ -1	ю	ю	2	2	7	15	9	15	21	13	\$	10
NORTHBOUND &	7	0	~	1	rH	0	0	0	0	2	м	Ħ	9	H	2	ю
SIDE STREET**	0 *:	7	0	0	Đ	0	0	1	61	0	0	7	0	0	0	-
* REFERS TO TRAFFIC I VEHICLE T	REFERS TO THE VEHICLE TRAVELING ON NICH TRAFFIC IS INVOLVED. REFERS TO VEHICLE VEHICLE TURNS INTO THE PATH OF ANOTHER.	CLE TRA D. REF THE PA	VELING DI FRS TO VI TH OF ANI	N NICHO EHICLE OTHER.	LASVILLE PROCEEDI	ROAD NG STR	ON NICHOLASVILLE ROAD IF CROSS-STREET VEHICLE PROCEEDING STRAIGHT AHEAD IF ANOTHER.	-STREET EAD IF (ONE							
** ONLY SIDE STREET VEHICLES INVOLV	street v	EHICLES	INVOLVED.	Ġ.												

TABLE 13. CHANGE IN TOTAL COST PER VEHICLE AFTER INSTALLATION OF REVERSIBLE LANES

		TOTAL COST	PER	AEHICTE ((CENTS)	
	TIME PERIOD	SOUTHBOUND BEFORE AFTER CH	ANGE	BEFORE	ORTHBOUI AFTER	ND CHANGE
AM PEAK	7:00-7:30 7:30-8:00 8:00-8:30 8:30-9:00	85.82 98.12 +1 81.33 100.97 +1	2.03 2.30 9.64 9.91	121.69 178.89 124.90 115.07	119.63 138.02 101.69 91.61	-2.06 -40.87 -23.21 -23.46
PM PEAK	4:00-4:30 4:30-5:00 5:00-5:30 5:30-6:00 6:00-6:30	165.76 108.11 -5 116.00 93.81 -2	2.84 0.97 7.65 2.19 2.21	104.81 106.91 103.38 93.10 92.50	144.95 137.42 149.10 139.84 123.66	+30.51 +50.70

TABLE	14. CHANGE IN TO OF REVERSIES		AFTER IN	STALLATION
			N TOTAL U	JSER COSTS DAY)
	TIME PERIOD	NВ	SB	NET
AM PEAK	7:00-7:30 7:30-8:00 8:00-8:30 8:30-9:00	+5.32 +48.22 +45.37 +21.11	-15.94 -455.29 -175.93 -145.69	-10.62 -407.07 -130.56 -124.58
PM PEAK	4:00-4:30 4:30-5:00 5:00-5:30 5:30-6:00 6:00-6:30	-306.73 -398.64 -427.19 -129.15 +11.96	+158.56 +120.51 +223.00 +168.26 +117.78	-148.17 -278.13 -204.11 +39.11 +129.74

TABLE 15. TOTAL	DELAY SAVINGS PER DAY AND Y	EAR
TIME PERIOD	SAVINGS PER DAY VEHICLE-HOURS COST (DOLL	COST SAVINGS PER YEAR ARS) (DOLLARS)
7:00-9:00 A.M. 4:00-6:30 P.M. 4:00-6:00 P.M. 4:00-5:30 P.M.	165 673 99 462 115 591 126 630	174,980 120,120 153,660 163,800

TABLE 16. COST ANALYSIS	
INITIAL PROJECT COST PROJECT LIFE INTEREST RATE CAPITAL RECOVERY FACTOR UNIFORM ANNUAL COST ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST ANNUAL ACCIDENT COST TOTAL ANNUAL COST	\$250,000 20 YEARS 10 PERCENT 0.163 \$40,750 \$2,500 \$4,350 \$47,600

TABLE 17. BENEFIT	COST ANALY	SIS	
OPERATING HOURS	ANNUAL BENEFITS	ANNUAL COSTS	BENEFIT-COST RATIO
7:00-9:00 A.M. 4:00-6:30 P.M.	\$295,100	\$47,600	6.20
7:00-9:00 A.M.* 4:00-6:00 P.M.	\$328,640	\$47,600	6.90
7:00-9:00 A.M. 4:30-5:30 P.M.	\$338,780	\$47,600	7.12
* CURRENT OPERAT	ING TIME		

lane section. The average speeds over the AM and PM peak periods are given in Table 18. During the AM peak, the average speed in the peak direction increased from 15.1 mph (6.7 m/s) to 18.7 mph (8.4 m/s); average speed in the off-peak direction decreased from 21.7 mph (9 .7 m/s) to 19.5 mph (8.7 m/s). The change in speeds during the PM peak was much greater. the peak direction (southbound), t.he average speeds increased from 13.2 (5.9 m/s) to 19.2 mph (8.6 m/s); however, there was a large decrease in speeds from 22.1 mph (9.9 m/s) to 13.7 mph (6.1 m/s) in the off-peak direction.

Speeds were compared to a warrant that calls for a reversible-lane system when there is a reduction in average speed of at least 25 percent in the congested time compared to normal time (1). 25-percent reduction in the southbound, off-peak speed yielded a speed of 17.3 mph (7.3 m/s).The "before" peak-period (PM) southbound speed was 13.2 mph (5.9 m/s), which met the speed warrant. A 25-percent reduction in the northbound, off-peak speed yielded a speed of 15.9 mph (7.1 The "before" peak-period (AM) northbound speed was 15.1 mph (6.7 m/s), which just met the speed warrant.

Using speed data taken before the conversion to reversible lanes, peak and off-peak speeds were compared (Table 19). The average, northbound speed during the heaviest volumes of the AM peak (7:30-8:00 a.m.) was compared to the northbound, off-There was about a 50-percent peak speed. reduction in speed during the peak period. a reduction of slightly over 50 Also, percent was observed when the average, southbound speed during peak conditions was compared to (4:30-5:30 p.m.)off-peak speed. Level of southbound, service has been related directly to speed cases (northbound and In both southbound), the corresponding level of service was F (forced flow) during the peak period and C (stable flow, acceptable off-peak period. during the Comparisons between speeds in the peak and off-peak direction during the same time period are possible from Table 20. the level both AM and PM periods, service was F in the peak direction and C in the off-peak direction. Also, in both cases, the speed in the peak direction was slightly under one-half the speed in the off-peak direction.

TRAFFIC CONFLICTS

traffic conflict occurs when commits a violation or makes an driver evasive action such as braking to avoid colliding with another vehicle Types and frequencies pedestrian. traffic conflicts are measures of accident potential and operational problems. previous research report described traffic conflicts procedure used here (5). A summary of the conflict counts is given Data were collected at six in Table 21. of the signalized intersections.

At each intersection, counts were made on both Nicholasville Road approaches during AM and PM peak periods. The total number of conflicts and the conflict rate decreased slightly in the "after" period because of a reduction in congestion-type conflicts. Congestion conflicts accounted (69 percent). the majority congestion-type conflict occurs when vehicle approaches an intersection on green light and must slow or stop due to a queue of vehicles at the intersection. maximum of one congestion conflict lane during the green phase. counted per Because the number of lanes was reduced in the off-peak direction, the number possible congestion-type conflicts, was reduced by one-half. therefore, addition of a lane increased the number of possible congestion conflicts in the peak direction, but the improvement in traffic flow counterbalanced this increase. While the total number οf congestion-type the off-peak conflicts decreased in the number of conflicts per direction, lane increased by over 40 percent. In the peak direction, the number of congestion conflicts per lane decreased by over 30 percent. There was only a small change in the number of other conflict types. total intersection conflict rate decreased peak direction and increased in the slightly in the off-peak direction. There was only a small increase in the number of accidents after conversion to reversible lanes. Considering both peak periods, the

TABLE 18. AVERAGE SPEEDS BEFORE AND AFTER REVERSIBLE LANES

AVERAGE SPEED (MPH)(M/S)

DIRECTION	AM P BEFORE		PM PI BEFORE		OFF-PEAK	SPEED WARRANT*
SOUTHBOUND	21.7 (9.7)		13.2** (5.9)		23.1 (10.3)	17.3 (7.7)
NORTHBOUND	15.1** (6.7)	18.7 (8.4)		13.7	21.2 (9.5)	15.9 (7.1)

ONE WARRANT FOR REVERSIBLE LANE SYSTEM IS A REDUCTION IN AVERAGE SPEED OF AT LEAST 25 PERCENT IN THE CONGESTED TIME PERIOD COMPARED TO NORMAL TIME PERIODS. PEAK DIRECTION. *

TARLE 19	COMPARISON	TN PEAK	AND	OFF-PEAK	SPEED5*

	NORTHBOUND 7:30-8:00 A.M.		NORTHBOUND OFF-PEAK		PERCENT	SOUTHBOUND 4:30-5:30 P.M.		SOUTHBOUND OFF-PEAK		PERCENT
	AVERAGE SPEED (MPH)(M/S)	LEVEL OF SERVICE	AVERAGE SPEED (MPH)(M/S)	LEVEL OF SERVICE	REDUCTION IN SPEED**	AVERAGE SPEED (MPH)(M/S)	LEVEL OF SERVICE	AVERAGE SPEED (MPH)(M/S)	LEVEL OF SERVICE	REDUCTION IN SPEED**
NICHOLASVILLE ROAD	10.0	F	21.2	С	53	10.6 (4.7)	F	23.1 (10.3)	С	54
HARRODSBURG ROAD	24.0 (10.7)	C	(13.4)	+ A	20	21.2 (9.5)	C	31.1 (13.9)	A	32
TATES CREEK ROAD	23.6 (10.5)	c	35.8 (16.0)	Ą	34	26.4 (11.8)	В	37.0 (16.5)	٨	29

^{*} USING "AFTER" DATA FOR HARRODSBURG AND TATES CREEK ROADS AND "BEFORE" DATA FOR NICHOLASVILLE ROAD.

^{**} PERCENT REDUCTION IN OFF-PEAK SPEED COMPARED TO PEAK DIRECTIONS.

			OUND ECTION)	SOUTH (OFF-PEAK		DEBAGUT
TIME PERIOD		AVERAGE SPEED (MPH)(M/S)	LEVEL OF	AVERAGE SPEED (MPH)(M/S)		
AM	NICHOLASVILLE RD.		F	22.0	C	55
(7:30-8:00)	HARRODSBURG RD.	(4.5) 24.0	C	(9.8) 33.0	Α	27
	TATES CREEK RD.	(10.7) 23.6 (10.5)	C	(14.8) 30.3 (13.5)	Α	22
		SOUTHB	DUND	North	BOUND	•
		(PEAK DIR	ECTION)	NORTH (OFF-PEAK	DIRECTION)	PERCENT
TIME PERIOD		AVERAGE SPEED (MPH)(M/S)	LEVEL OF	SPEED	LEVEL OF SERVICE	REDUCTIO IN
PM	NICHOLASVILLE RD.	10.6	F	21.6	c	51
(4:30-5:30)	HARRODSBURG RD.	(4.7) 21.2	77 C	(9.6) 26.1	В	19
	TATES CREEK RD.	(9.5) 26.4 (11.8)	В	(11.7) 29.5 (13.2)	В	11

TABLE 21.	SUMMARY OF	INTERS	SECTIO	N TRAFF	IC CO	NFLICT	COUNT		
TIME PERIOD	DIRECTION	CONGE BEFORE		BER OF C ALL DI BEFORE	HER	TOT	AL AFTER	TOTAL CONF (CONFLICTS PER PER 100 V BEFORE	INTERSECTION (EHICLES)
AM PÈAK	NORTHBOUND* SOUTHBOUND BOTH	351 107 458	378 115 493	97 80 177	65 110 175	448 187 635	443 225 668	5.01 4.28 4.70	3.99 6.02 4.15
PM PEAK	NORTHBOUND SOUTHBOUND* BOTH	329 462 791	197 431 628	139 220 359	124 230 354	468 682 1150	329 661 990	7.20 7.60 7.43	6.57 6.43 6.47
BOTH PEAK PERIODS	NORTHBOUND SOUTHBOUND BOTH	680 569 1249	509 546 1121	236 300 536	189 340 529	916 869 1785	725 886 1650	5.85 6.51 6.16	4.46 6.32 5.45
BOTH PEAK PERIODS	PEAK OFF-PEAK	813 436	809 312	317 219	295 234	1130 655	1104 554	6.24 6.02	5.13 6.33
* PEAK DIRECTIONS									

number of accidents at intersections increased from 38 in the year before to 42 in the year after. Therefore, it can be presumed that there should not be a large increase in intersection-related conflicts.

Two problem areas where special types of data were taken were at each end of the reversible-lane section where three lanes had to be reduced to two in the peak The reversible-lane section direction. stops at an intersection at both ends. diagram of the northern end is shown in During AM peak operation, Figure 13. traffic in Lane A is required to turn right onto Rose Street. Lane B traffic must go then into Lane 1. This requires a slight merge to the right. Lane C traffic A problem arose must move into Lane 2. because some traffic in Lane A moved into instead of turning right as Lane 1 a large percentage of Also, required. traffic in Lane B went into Lane 2 rather than Lane 1, creating a problem because traffic in Lane C had to go into Lane 2. This location was a source of numerous motorist's complaints. Data taken less than a month after installation of the reversible lanes found 12 percent of the traffic in Lane A going straight instead of right and 41 percent of the traffic in Lane B going into Lane 2 instead of Lane These percentages were reduced to 6 respectively, less than and 32 percent, two months later. Additional signing (Figure 14a) was installed to clarify the lane assignments. These signs controlled so that they are visible only during AM operation. Figure 14b is a in a closed photograph of the signs After one year, the percentage position. of traffic in Lane A not turning right had dropped to 5 percent and the percentage of traffic in Lane B going into Lane 2 had Even though there dropped to 21 percent. were numerous conflicts at this location, no accidents were reported in the one-year Apparently, drivers were "after" period. familar with the location and exercised caution.

A diagram of the southern end of the section is given in Figure 15. A blank-out sign was placed above Lane A, stating that the lane ends. Data taken during one

PM period a few weeks after installation showed over 200 vehicles in Lane A after going past Moore Drive, and 20 percent of those vehicles caused a traffic conflict when they merged into Lane B. Data taken one year after installation showed less than 50 vehicles trapped in Lane A.

There has been confusion among some proper lane use motorists concerning reversible-lane conditions. during some drivers in the peak Specifically, direction would turn left from the middle This lane is a left-turn lane the rest of the day but a through lane for the peak direction during operation of the This caused rear-end reversible lanes. and weave conflicts and resulted in some Another potential accident accidents. problem involved a misunderstanding of the Some motorists in flashing yellow "x." the off-peak direction during reversiblelane operation would treat the left-turn lane as a through lane, as it was the This creates the remainder of the day. potential for a severe head-on collision. these problems, To alleviate mounted signing was installed partially explaining the lane-use signals. photograph of the signing is shown After observation of the Figure 16. traffic, a decision on whether additional signing is necessary will be made.

FUEL CONSUMPTION

consumption fuel Multiplying (gallons) per vehicle from the "Runcost" program by traffic volume gave the total A summary of fuel gallons consumed. consumption before and after installation of convertible lanes is given in Table 22. fuel in were minor changes There consumption. This agreed with the finding that the reduction in cost after the reversible lanes were installed was a result of a reduction in time cost. Operating costs changed very little.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

The environmental factors considered were changes in traffic noise and air pollution. Recordings were made to evaluate changes in noise levels. Output from the "Runcost" program was used to evaluate changes in air pollution.

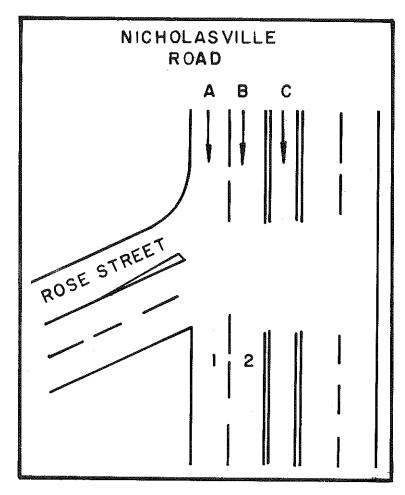


Figure 13. Diagram of North End of Reversible-Lane Section.



Figure 14a. Signing Added to North End of Reversible-Lane
Section; Sign in AM Peak Position.

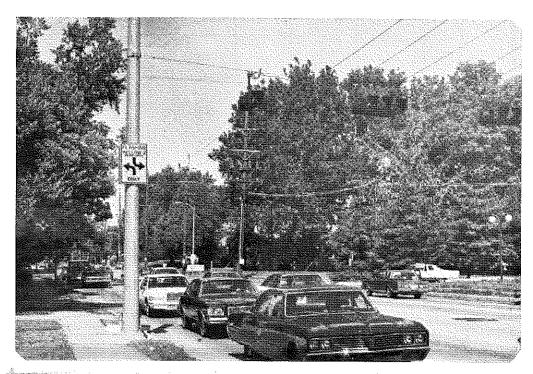


Figure 16. Regulatory Sign Explaining Lane-Assignment Signals.

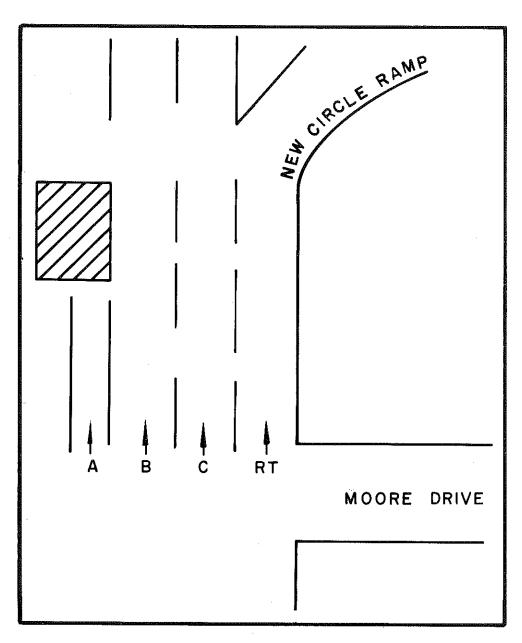


Figure 15. Diagram of South End of Reversible-Lane Section.



Figure 14b. Signing Added to North End of Reversible-Lane
Section; Sign in Closed Position.

TABLE 22. FUEL CONSUMPTION BEFORE AND AFTER INSTALLATION OF REVERSIBLE LANES*

		FUEL CONSUMPTION (GALLONS) (LITERS)	PERCENT
TIME	PERIOD	BEFORE AFTER CHANGE	CHANGE
AM PEAK	7:00-9:00	267,445 270,354 +2,909 (1,012,279) (1,023,290) (+11,011)	+1.1
PM PEAK	4:00-5:30	. 240,302 236,245 -4,057 (909,543) (894,187) (-15,356)	-1.7
	4:00-6:00	292,268 291,450 -818	-0.3
	4:00-6:30	(1,106,234) (1,103,138) (-3,058) 336,192 343,953 +7,761 (1,272,487) (1,301,862) (+29,375)	+2.3
AM AND PM PEAK PERIODS		AM 507,747 506,599 -1,148 PM (1,921,822) (1,917,477) (-4,345)	-0.2
	7:00-9:00 4:00-6:00	AM 559,713 561,804 +2,091 PM (2,118,514) (2,126,428) (+7,914)	+0.4
	7:00-9:00 4:00-6:30	AM 603,637 614,307 +10,670 PM (2,284,766) (2,325,152) (+40,386)	+1.8

^{*} FUEL CONSUMPTION WAS CALCULATED FOR A ONE YEAR PERIOD BEFORE AND AFTER INSTALLATION OF THE REVERSIBLE LANES.

"Before" and "after" noise recordings were made at four locations during the AM and PM peak periods. Data were analyzed according to methods developed earlier (6). The average L10 and Leg noise levels were determined. The L10 noise level is the noise level exceeded 10 percent of the time and is the basis of federal noise standards. The term Leg refers to the and is equivalent level noise frequently in describing traffic noise. Noise measurements were made at the same locations and times before and after the installation. Results of the noise analysis are summarized in Table 23. Each value given represents the average of eight 10-minute recordings. Both the L10 showed no significant and Leg levels change due to installation of reversible lanes.

Pollutants emitted per vehicle is an output from the "Runcost" program. summary is given in APPENDIX B. Using these data, along with volumes, enabled a calculation of air pollutants per year based on pollutant rates. A summary of the results is given in Table 24. Total pollutants per year decreased during the after period. This resulted from the decrease in congestion. During the AM peak, total pollutants were found to have decreased by about 40,000 pounds (18,100 kg) per year. The decrease in carbon monoxide accounted for most of There was a much smaller level decrease. of pollution from hydrocarbons. Although the percent decrease for hydrocarbons was higher than for carbon monoxide, reduction in pounds was much less. There was no change in the nitrogen oxides. During the PM peak, there was a reduction of about 46,000 pounds in pollution for the period from 4:00 to (20,900 kg) 5:30 p.m. The reduction was less (34,000 pounds (15,400 kg)) for the period from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. There was a very slight decrease in pollutants when the analysis period was extended to 6:30 Considering the actual time of operation during the "after" period (7:00-9:00 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.), there was a yearly decrease in pollutants of approximately 74,000 pounds (33,600 kg).

EFFECT ON OTHER STREETS

For the reversible lanes to be effective, it was necessary that traffic diverted to and from adjacent As shown in Figure 1, there arterials. are major, parallel arterials on either side of Nicholasville Road. Tachograph data taken on both of these arterials (Harrodsburg Road and Tates Creek Pike) installation of the before and after reversible lanes are plotted in APPENDIX A summary of average travel times and cost per vehicle for Harrodsburg Road is The "after" shown in Table 25. showed a large reduction in travel time in the AM peak in the peak direction. largest decrease in delay occurred 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and corresponded to decreases on Nicholasville Road. was a smaller decrease in delay during the PM peak in the peak direction. reduction in delay and the resultant reduction in time cost on Harrodsburg Road may be attributed to the diversion of some peak-direction traffic to Nicholasville Road. Data showed an insignificant change in average travel time and cost on Tates Creek Pike (Table 26).

Average speeds on these parallel arterials were also analyzed (Tables 27 The only major change in speeds and 28). was a 6 mph (2.7 m/s) increase in average speed on Harrodsburg Road during the am peak in the peak direction (northbound). Comparison of the "after" speeds with the reversible-lanes speed warrant 25-percent reduction compared to the offpeak speed) showed that, generally, the speeds were close to or above the speed warrant. Tables 19 and 20 compare conditions on Nicholasville Road before the reversible lanes were installed and conditions existing on Harrodsburg Road and Tates Creek Pike after installation of the reversible lanes. Speeds during the high-volume AM and PM periods indicated a level of service F (forced flow) existed in the peak direction on Nicholasville In comparison, speeds in the peak direction on Harrodsburg Road indicated o f level service C (stable flow, acceptable delay). Speeds in the peak direction on Tates Creek Pike levels of service C and B (stable flow,

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AM PEAK 7:00-9:00	30,738 (13,943)	30,738	000	D	4,053 3,535 [1,838] (1,603)	3,535	518 (235)	FT.	401,206 (181,987)	361,843 (164,132)	39,363	10	435,997 (197,768)	396,116	39,881	o.
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TABLE 25. AVERAGE TRAVEL TIMES AND COST PER VEHICLE ON HARRODSBURG ROAD BEFORE AND AFTER REVERSIBLE LANES

PERIOD	DIRECTION*	(M	INUTES)		ER VEHICLE)
PEAK	SOUTHBOUND 7:00-9:00	5:57	6:11	+0:14	83.46	86.37 +2.	91
	NORTHBOUND	9:34	6:51			•	
	NORTHBOUND 7:30-8:00	13:10	7:45	-6:05			
	NORTHBOUND 8:00-8:30	7:46	6 : 0,6	-1:40	100.33	84.38 -15.	95
PEAK	NORTHBOUND 4:00-6:00	5:57	5:33	-0:24	83.46	79.68 -3.	78
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	SOUTHBOUND	8:51	8:13	-0:38	111.79	98.97 -12.	82
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TABLE 26. AVERAGE TRAVEL TIMES AND COST PER VEHICLE ON TATES CREEK PIKE BEFORE AND AFTER REVERSIBLE LAKES

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TIME PERIOD	DIRECTION*	BEFORE	AFTER	CHANGE	BEFORE	AFTER	CHANGE
AM PEAK	SOUTHBOUND	4:39	4:27	-0:12	63.36	62.38	-0.98
7:00-9:00	NORTHBOUND	6:16	5:56	-0:20	76.56	73.57	-2.99
PM PEAK	SOUTHBOUND	5:01	5:12	+0:11	71.78	67.60	-4.16
4:00-6:00	NORTHBOUND	4:37	4:53	+0:16	66.75	66.97	+0.22

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TABLE 27. AVERAGE SPEEDS ON HARRODSBURG ROAD BEFORE AND AFTER REVERSIBLE LANES

DIRECTION	AVERAGE AM PEAK BEFORE AFTER	SPEED (MPH) (M/S) PM PEAK BEFORE AFTER	OFF-PEAK	SPEED WARRANT* MPH(M/S)
SOUTHBOUND	29.1 31.1	22.3** 23.1***	31.1	23.3
	(13.0) (13.9)	(10.0) (10.3)	(13.9)	(10.4)
NORTHBOUND	19.1** 25.1***	25.0 25.8	30.1	22.6
	(8.5) (11.2)	(11.2) (11.5)	(13.4)	(10.1)

- * ONE WARRANT FOR REVERSIBLE LANE SYSTEM IS A REDUCTION IN AVERAGE SPEED OF AT LEAST 25 PERCENT IN THE CONGESTED TIME PERIOD COMPARED TO NORMAL TIME PERIODS.
- ** PEAK DIRECTION
- *** SPEED TO COMPARE TO SPEED WARRANT

TABLE 28. AVERAGE SPEEDS ON TATES CREEK ROAD BEFORE AND AFTER REVERSIBLE LANES

DIRECTION	AM P			1PH) (M/S) PEAK AFTER	OFF-PEAK	SPEED WARRANT* MPH(M/S)
SOUTHBOUND		32.1 (14.3)	28.6** (12.8)	27.5*** (12.3)	37.0 (16.5)	27.8 (12.4)
NORTHBOUND	23.5** (10.5)		31.0 (13.8)	29.4 (13.1)	35.8 (16.0)	26.8 (12.0)

- * ONE WARRANT FOR REVERSIBLE LANE SYSTEM IS A REDUCTION IN AVERAGE SPEED OF AT LEAST 25 PERCENT IN THE CONGESTED TIME PERIOD COMPARED TO NORMAL TIME PERIODS.
- ** PEAK DIRECTION
- *** SPEED TO COMPARE TO SPEED WARRANT

slight delay).

Other studies were made to determine if the reversible lanes changed traffic patterns on adjacent streets. Tachograph data for two major cross routes are shown in Table 29. No major changes in travel times were observed. Also. average stopped delay was determined at several sidestreet approaches аt signalized intersections along Nicholasville Road (Table 30). There was a slight, but insignificant, overall increase i n sidestreet delay.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

- The reversible-lane system has proven to be feasible and reliable during first year of operation. reversible lanes generated trips in the peak direction, deterred trips in the offpeak direction, and improved the directional split. During the AM peak, delays were reduced substantially in the peak direction without a large increase in delays in the off-peak direction. During PM peak operation, delays were reduced sharply in the peak direction; however, there was a large increase in delays in the off-peak direction. Total travel times were decreased during all time periods except between 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The largest decrease occurred from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. The largest net decrease in the PM peak occurred from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. When all vehicles were considered in both peak periods, there was a reduction of about two minutes per vehicle in travel time and one minute in stopped time. There was only a small reduction in number of stops, which suggested additional improvements in the system could be obtained with improved signal coordination.
- 2. There was an overall decrease in user costs during the AM peak period. The largest decrease occurred from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. During the PM peak, cost decreased in the 4:00-5:30 p.m. period but increased in the 5:30-6:30 period.
- 3. The total number of accidents during the first year of operation increased by 11 percent over the year

- before. The increase occurred during the PM operation. However, this increase was identical to the increase during other times. This would indicate that the reversible lanes did not generate a significant number of accidents. was no increase in accident severity. Two types of accidents related to reversible lanes were noted. One involved drivers, desiring to make a left-turn, getting into the left-turn lane a long distance from the left-turn location. This usually occurred during PM operation in the offpeak direction in an attempt by drivers to avoid long delays. The other type involved a driver attempting to turn left into a driveway across three opposing lanes of traffic. The percentage of accidents involving non-local drivers did not increase in the "after" period.
- 4. Using the operating times of 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. resulted in a benefit-cost ratio of 6.90. Changing the evening cutoff to 5:30 p.m. would increase the benefit-cost ratio slightly. However, traffic volume is higher at 5:30 p.m., which probably would make the transition period more difficult.
- 5. Speeds increased in the peak direction during AM and PM periods. There was a large decrease in speeds in the off-peak direction during the PM period.
- The total number of intersection 6. conflicts was slightly less after installation of the reversible mainly due to a reduction in congestion conflicts. The total intersection conflict rate decreased in the peak direction and increased slightly in the off-peak direction. Numerous traffic conflicts were noted at each end of the reversible-lane section where one lane was dropped. However, the number of conflicts decreased with time. No 'accidents were reported at either end point in the oneyear period after installation.
- 7. There were minor changes in fuel consumption due to installation of reversible lanes.
- 8. There was no significant change in the noise level of the traffic stream during operation of the reversible lanes.
- 9. Air pollutants were reduced almost 10 percent after installation of

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TABLE 29.AVERAGE REVERS	TIMES AND SIBLE LANES				FORE AN	D AFTER		
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COOPER-WALLER	AM PEAK PM PEAK	EASTBOUND WESTBOUND EASTBOUND WESTBOUND	7:24 5:57 6:35 9:05	6:44 6:06 7:03 8:48	-0:40 +0:09 +0:28 -0:17	84.05 70.16 76.32 98.56	72.20 67.44 76.94 91.10	-11.45 -2.72 +0.62 -7.46
ALBANY-JESSELINE- ROSEMONT	AM PEAK PM PEAK	EASTBOUND WESTBOUND EASTBOUND WESTBOUND	7:39 9:21 8:34 8:28	7:02 8:13 8:15 9:17	-0:37 -1:08 -0:19 +0:49	94.41 102.69 103.86 95.40	90.03 95.96 95.25 98.59	-4.38 -6.73 -8.61 +3.19

TABLE 30.	AVERAGE SIDESTREET STOPPED DELAY AT FOUR SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS BEFORE AND AFTER REVERSIBLE LANES
	AVERAGE DELAY (SECONDS)
	BEFORE AFTER
AM PEAK PM PEAK	23.1 23.6 22.7 28.2

the reversible lanes. This amounted to a yearly decrease of approximately 74,000 pounds (33,600 kg).

- 10. An analysis οf a parallel arterial (Harrodsburg Road) showed a significant reduction in travel time in the peak direction during the AM peak. Studies on another parallel arterial (Tates Creek Pike) showed no significant change in travel time. Studies on two cross routes also indicated no significant change in travel times.
- 11. Stopped-time delay studies on four sidestreets showed a slight, but insignificant, increase in delays after installation of the reversible lanes.
- 12. Data on Harrodsburg Road Tates Creek Pike showed the level service in the peak direction during and PM conditions is much higher than the level ٥f service which existed Nicholasville Road before installation of the reversible lanes. The volumes, delay, and speed data taken on those roads indicated reversible lanes were warranted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The reversible-lane system installed Nicholasville Road has proven to be successful and merits continuation. existing traffic control devices performing well and have been reliable. data indicate However, an additional improvement in the system could obtained with improved signal coordination. An effort should be made to improve public understanding of this type of signal system. Additional signing explaining the lane-use signals may be necessary. Another means of improving public awareness could be through a public information television spot sponsored by the Office of Highway Safety Programs. Consideration should be given to changing the PM peak cutoff time to 5:30 p.m. Additional efforts should be made to encourage motorists traveling the off-peak direction to use alternate routes, particularly during the PM peak.

Data from Harrodsburg Road and Tates Creek Pike taken after installation of the reversible lanes showed a higher level of service compared to Nicholasville Road the reversible before lanes were installed. Operating conditions on these routes do not warrant installation of reversible lanes. Also, these two routes provide alternate routes to Nicholasville Road in the off-peak direction during reversible lane operation.

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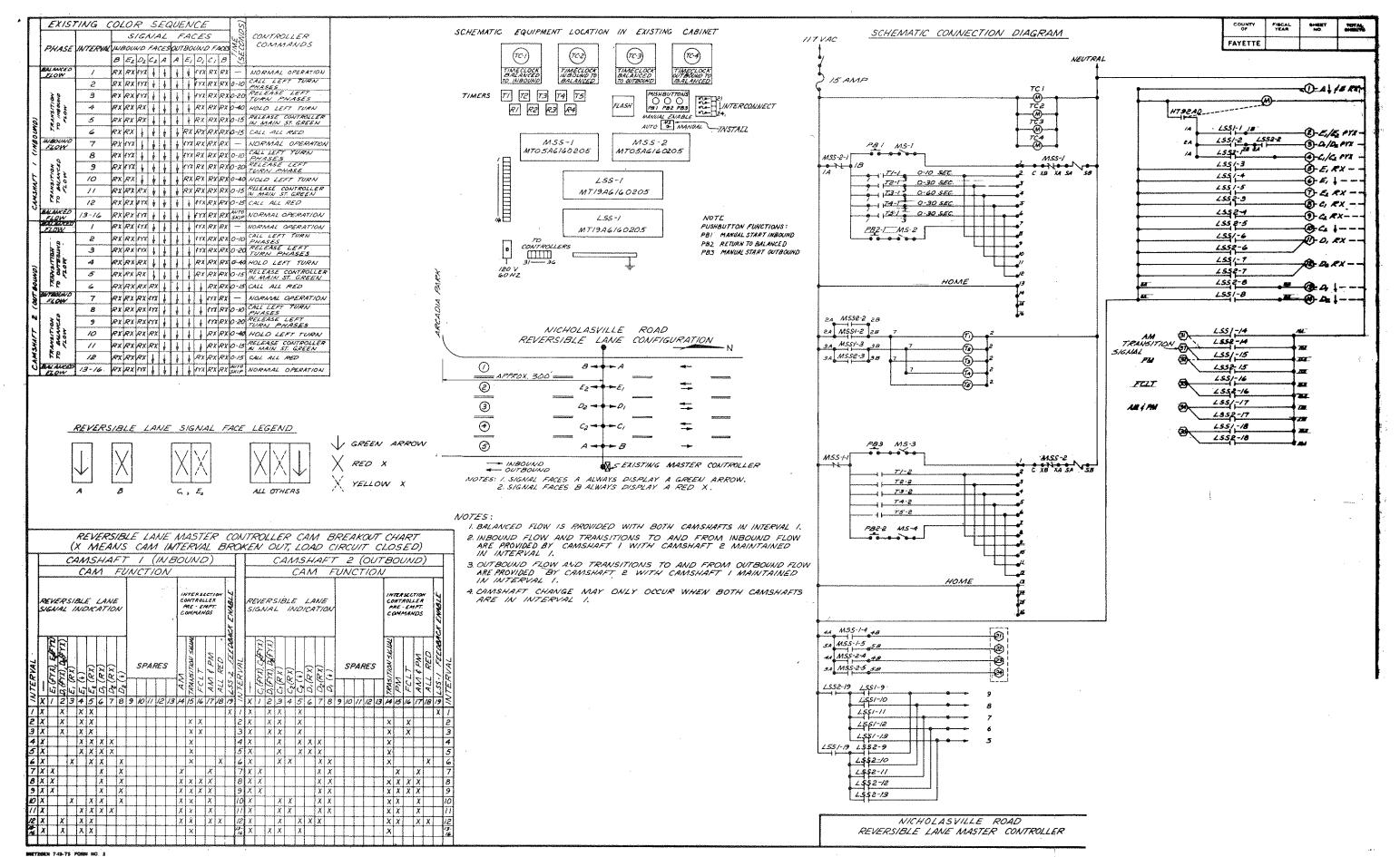
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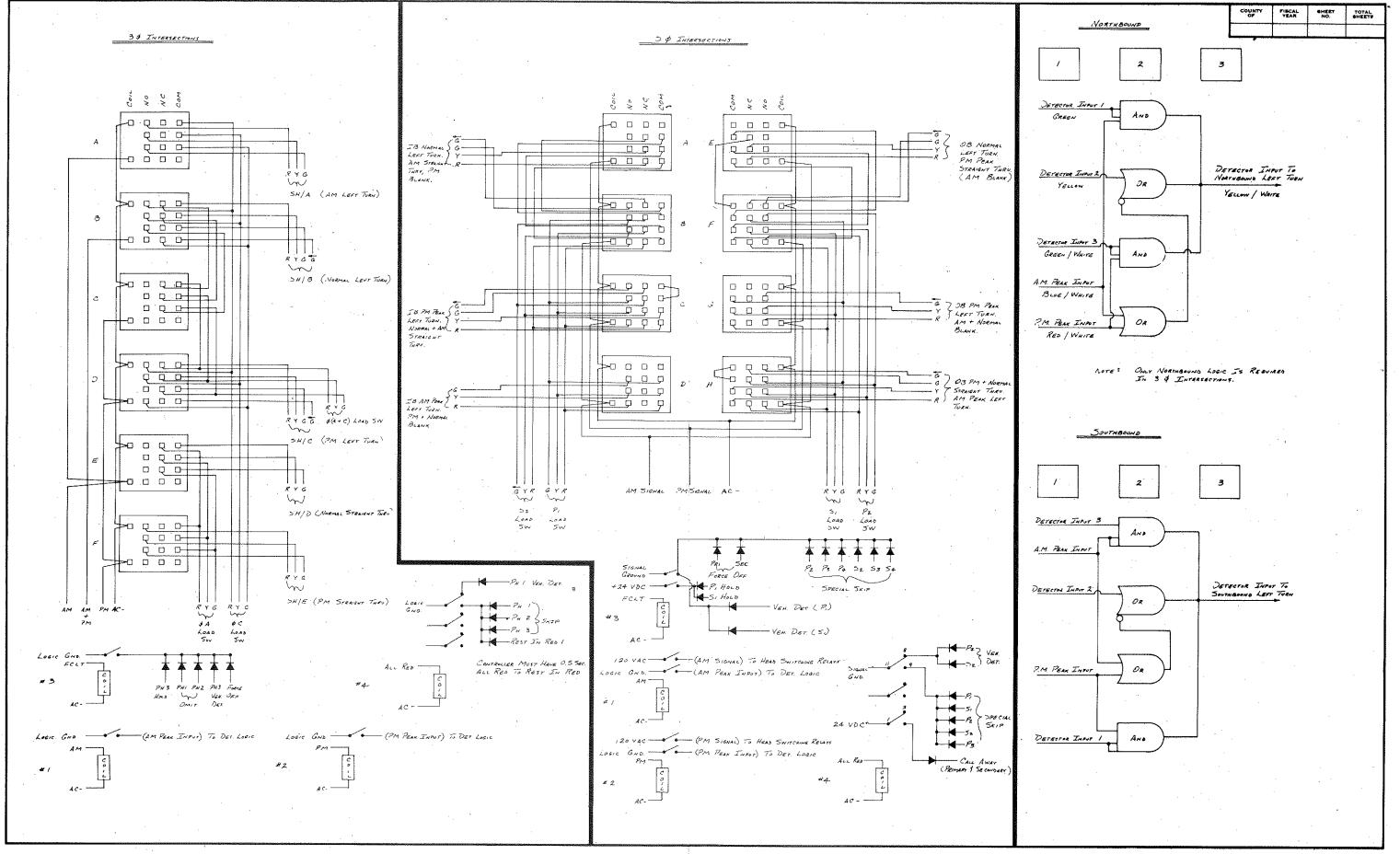
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APPENDIX A

INSTALLATION PLANS

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Figure A2. Traffic Signal Controller and Detection Logic.

APPENDIX B

SUMMARIES OF TACHOGRAPH DATA

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OUTPUTS FROM THE "RUNCOST" COMPUTER PROGRAM

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TABLE B-1. SUMMARY OF TACHOGRAPH DATA, NICHOLASVILLE ROAD, AM PEAK, NORTHBOUND

	TIME PERIOD	TOTAL NUMBER OF RUNS	NUMBER . OF Stops	SPEED (MPH) (M/S)	TOTAL TIME (MINUTES)	STOPPED TIME (MINUTES)	TIME COST PER VEHICLE (CENTS)	DPERATING COST PER VEHICLE (CENTS)	TOTAL COST PER VEHICLE (CENTS)		NTS PER V NDS) (GRA Hydro- Carbons		FUEL CONSUMPTION PER VEHICLE (GAL.)(LIT.)
BEFORE	7:00~7:30	3	7	17.3	10:49	3:32	87.56	34.13	121.69	.02808	.003279 (1.487)	.2909 (131.95)	.2362 (.894)
	7:31-8:00	3	13	10.0	19:10	10:04	143.51	35.39	178.89	.02808	.005142	.5885	.2819 (1.066)
	8:01-8:30	3	6	16.3	11:53	4:08	91.49	33.41	124.90	,02808 (12.73)	.003595	(161.20)	.2398 (,907)
	8:31-9:00	. 2	5	17.7 (7.9)	10:23	3:30	82.27	32.79	115:07	.02808 (12.73)	(1.383)	.2683 (121.70)	(.866)
AFTER	7:00-7:30	6	6	18.3	10:22	3:45	83.11	36.52	119.63	.02808 (12.73)	.003342	.3198 (145.06)	.2496 (.944)
	7:31-8:00	. 4	9	13.6	13:29	6:20	99.90	38.11	138.02	.02808	.003830 (1.737)	(197,17)	.2664 (1.008)
	8:01~8:30	4	6	23.1	8:21	2:19	64.33	37.36	101.69	.02808	.082925	.2842	.2405
	8:31-9:00	1	5	(10.3) . 23.8 (10.6)	7:41	2:37	52.26	39.35	91.61	.02808 (12.73)	(1.326) .002786 (1.263)	(128.91) .3309 (150.09)	(.910) .2298 (.869)

TABLE B-2. SUMMARY OF TACHOGRAPH DATA, NICHOLASVILLE ROAD, AM PEAK, SOUTHBOUND

								AVERAGES	ı				
		YOTAL NUMBER	NUMBER	SPEED	TOTAL	STOPPED	TIME COST PER	OPERATING COST PER	TOTAL COST PER		NTS PER V NDS) (GRA		FUEL CONSUMPTION
	TIME PERIOD	OF RUNS	OF STOPS	(MPH) (M/S)	TIME (MINUTES)	TIME (MINUTES)	VEHICLE (CENTS)	VEHICLE (CENTS)	VEHICLE (CENTS)	NITROGEN OXIDES	HYDRO- Carbons	CARBON MONOXIDE	PER VEHICLE (GAL.)(LIT.)
BEFORE	7:00-7:30	2	3	23.2 (10.4)	6:48	1:39	58.28	28.53	86.81	.02412	.002393	.1585 (71.89)	.1931 (.73)
	7:31-8:00	1	3	22.0	7:09	:48	58.92	26.90	85.82	.02412	(1,109)	.1892 (85.82)	.1785 (.675)
	8:01-8:30	1	3	22.2	7:05	1:12	56,24	25.09	81.33	.02412	,002348 (1,065)	.1781	.1722 (.651)
	8:31-9:00	1	7	18.0	8:43	3:02	63.85	34.93	48.78	(10.94)	.002709 (1.228)	.3258 (147.7)	(.844)
AFTER	7:00-7:30	4	4	23.2	6:54	I:05	58.75	30,08	88.84	.02412 (10.94)	.002332	.1802 (81.73)	.1970 (.745)
	7:31-8:00	5	4	18.9	8:24	2:24	67.96	30.15	98.12	.02412	.002658 (1.205)	(101.7)	.2016
	8:01-8:30	3	5	17.6	9:00	3:02	69.75	31.22	100.97	.02412	002570	,2455 (111.35)	.2088
	8:31-9:00	2	. 4	17.8 (8.0)	9:04	3:20	77.20	31.49	108.69	(10.94)	.002580 (1.170)	.2216 (100.5)	.2166 (.819)

TABLE B-3. SUMMARY OF TACHOGRAPH DATA, NICHOLASVILLE ROAD, PM PEAK, NORTHBOUND

								AVERAGES	•				
		TOTAL NUMBER	NUMBER	SPEED	TOTAL	STOPPED	TIME COST PER	OPERATING COST PER	TOTAL COST PER		NTS PER V		FUEL CONSUMPTION
	TIME PERIOD	OF RUNS	OF STOPS	(MPH) (M/S)	TIME (MINUTES)	TIME (MINUTES)	VEHICLE (CENTS)	VEHICLE (CENTS)	VEHICLE (CENTS)	NITROGEN OXIDES	HYDRO- Carbons	CARBON MONOXIDE	PER VEHICLE (GAL.)(LIT.)
BEFORE	4:00-4:30	2	6	22.0 (9.8)	8:26	2:14	69.44	35.36	104.81	.02808 (12.73)	.002819 (1.278)	.2153 (97.66)	.2359 (.892)
	4:31-5:00	1	4	(9.5)	8:38	2:10	74.74	32.17	106.91	.02808 (12.73)	(1.340)	.2071 (93.94)	.2215 (.838)
	5:01-5:30	2	3	21.9 (9.8)	8:25	1:06	70.08	33.30	103.38	.02808 (12.73)	.003088 (1.400)	.2505 (113.6)	.2226 (.842)
	5:31-6:00	1	4	22,4 (10,0)	8:09	2:22	64.25	28.85	93.10	.02808 (12.73)	.002640 (1.197)	.1840 (83.46)	.2026 (.766)
	6:01-6:30	2	4	22.5 (10.1)	8:21	2:34	62.02	30.48	92.50	.02808 (12.73)	.002614 (1.185)	.2288 (103.78)	.2032 (.769)
AFTER	4:00-4:30	2	8	13.0	14:10	6:26	106.64	38.31	144.95	.02808 (12.73)	.003770 (1.710)	.3963 (179.7)	.2714 (1.027)
	4:31-5:00	3	10	13.5	13:45	5:53	100.39	37.03	137.42	.02808 (12.73)	.003661	.4143 (187.9)	.2629 (.995)
	5:01-5:30	3	10	12.6	14:40	6:33	111.34	37.75	149.10	.02808 (12.73)	.003998 (1.813)	(202.0)	.2707 (1.024)
	5:31-6:00	4	11	13.7 (6.1)	13:22	4:59	102.08	37,76	139.84	.02808 (12.73)	.003660 (1.660)	.4024 (182.5)	.2642 (.999)
	6:01-6:30	2	7	16.4 (7.3)	11:22	4:24	85.22	38.44	123.66	.02808 (12.73)	.003091 (1.402)	(149.8)	.2537 (.960)

TABLE B-4. SUMMARY OF TACHOGRAPH DATA, NICHOLASVILLE ROAD, PM PEAK, SOUTHBOUND

								AVERAGES	i				
		TOTAL HUMBER	NUMBER	SPEED	TOTAL	STOPPED	TIME COST PER	OPERATING COST PER	TOTAL COST PER		NTS PER V NDS) (GRA		FUEL CONSUMPTION
	TIME PERIOD	OF RUNS	OF STOPS	(MPH) (M/S)	TIME (MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	(CENTS)	VEHICLE (CENTS)	(CENTS)	NITROGEN OXIDES	HYDRO- Carbons	CARBON MONOXIDE	PER VEHICLE (GAL.)(LIT.)
BEFORE	4:00-4:30	3	9	12.8	12:32	5:38	99.54	33.91	133.46	.02412	.003463	.3715	.2407 (.911)
	4:31-5:00	3	11	10.7	14:42	6:59	107.50	33.28	146.33	(10.94)	.004154	.4837 (219.4)	.2459 (.930)
	5:01-5:30	2	7	10.5	15:21	8:33	134.49	31.27	165.76	.02412	.003886 (1.762)	.3678 (166.8)	.2450 (.927)
	5:31-6:00	2	7	15.4	10:15	4:10	85.19	30.82	116.00	.02412	.003036 (1.377)	.2758 (125.I)	.2181
	6:01-6:30	1	3	23.3 (10.4)	6:45	0:52	53.86	25.55	79.41	.02412 (10.94)	.002087 (.946)	.1648 (74.75)	.1703 (.644)
AFTER	4:00-4:30	3	6	18.4	8:44	3:18	67.83	32.79	100.62	.02412	.002657	,2599 (117.8)	.2167
	4:31-5:00	4	6	19.0	8:26	2:33	67.08	32.28	99.36	.02412	.002466	.2255	.2141
	5:01-5:30	3	7	16.2	9:41	3:16	74.24	33.86	108.11	.02412 (10.94)	.002736	.2890 (131.09)	.2264
	5:31-6:00	4	5	19.5	8:04	2:30	64.18	29.63	93.81	(10.94)	.002498 (1.133)	.2216	.2014 (.762)
	6:01-6:30	2	5	24.4 (10.9)	6:29	1:59	50.71	30.91	81.62	.02412	(1.080)	.2357	.1960

TABLE B-5. SUMMARY OF TACHOGRAPH DATA, HARRODSBURG ROAD, AM PEAK

						A	VERAGES				
	TOTAL NUMBER	SPEED	TOTAL	STOPPED	TIME COST PER	OPERATING COST PER	TOTAL COST PER	POLLUTA (POL	CONSUMPTION		
TIME PERIOD	RUNS	(MPH) (M/5)	(MINUTES)	TIME (MINUTES)	(MINUTES)	VEHICLE (MINUTES)	VEHICLE (CENTS)	NITROGEN OXIDES	HYDRO- CARBONS	CARBON MONOXIDE	PER VEHICLE (GAL.)(LIT.)
SOUTHBOUND BEFORE	8	29.1 (13.0)	5:57	1:25	51.57	31.88	83.46	.02642 (11.98)	.002463	.1571 (71,26)	.2114
(7:00-9:00)AFTER	7	29.5 (13.2)	6:11	4:94	52.06	34.31	86.37	.02642 (11.98)	.002477 (1.123)	.1597 (72.44)	.2213 (.837)
HORTHBOUND BEFORE	9	19.1	9:47	3:51	81.54	33.91	115.45	.02642	.003118	.2742	.2345
(7:00-9:00)AFTER	8	25.9 (11.6)	6:51	1:15	58.76	34.32	43.08	(11.98)	.002589 (1.174)	.1859 (84.32)	(.845)
(7:30-8:00)BEFORE	2	13.1	13:11	6:16	118.33	34.60	152.94	.02642	.003949	.3802	.2318
AFTER	3	22.6	7:45	1:17	68.47	33.23	101.70	.02642 (11.98)	.002820 (1.279)	,2066 (93.71)	(.834)
(7:00-7:29 BEFORE 8:01-9:00)	7	22.2	8:06	2:10	64.97	35.36	100.34	.02642 (11.98)	.002746	.2311	.2265
AFTER	5	29.1 (13.0)	6:09	1:07	51.00	33.38	84.38	.02642 (11.98)	.002431 (1.102)	.1647 (74.70)	.2142 (.810)

TABLE B-6. SUMMARY OF TACHOGRAPH DATA, HARRODSBURG ROAD, PM PEAK

						A	VERAGES				
	TOTAL NUMBER	SPEED	TOTAL	STOPPED	TIME COST PER	OPERATING COST PER	TOTAL COST PER		NTS PER VINDS) (GRA		CONSUMPTION
TIME PERIOD	OF RUNS	(MPH)	TIME (MINUTES)	TIME (MINUTES)	VEHICLE (MINUTES)	VEHICLE (MINUTES)	VEHICLE (CEHTS)	NITROGEN OXIDES	HYDRO- CARBONS	CARBON MONOXIDE	PER VEHICLE (GAL.)(LIT.)
SOUTHBOUND BEFORE	9	22.3	8:04	2:07	67.95	35.86	103.81	.02642	.002731	.2183 (99,02)	.2329
(4:00-6:00)AFTER	9	23.1 (10.3)	7:38	1:43	63.32	31.39	94.71	.02642 (11.98)	.002623 (1.189)	.1956 (88.72)	.2091 (.791)
(4:30-5:30)BEFORE	6	20.1	8:51	2:25	74.06	37.72	111.79	.02642	.002851	.2478 (112.4)	.2431
AFTER	6	21.2 (9.5)	8:13	2:02	66.59	32.38	98.97	.02642 (11.98)	.002705 (1.226)	.2215 (100.4)	(.809)
(4:00-4:29 BEFORE 5:31-6:00)		26.7 (11.9)	6:32	1:30	55.71	32.14	87.85	.02642 (11.98)	.002490	.1592	.2125 (.804)
AFTER	3	26.8 (12.0)	6:29	1:06	56.79	29.40	86.19	.02642 (11.98)	.002458 (1.114)	.1438 (65.2)	.1994 (.754)
NORTHBOUND BEFORE	: 7	25.0 (11.2)	6:56	1:25	58.22	33.80	92.02	.02642 (11.98)	.002481	.1847 (83.77)	.2197 (.831)
(9:00-6:00)AFTER	8	25.8 (11.5)	6:44	1:18	53.85	32.54	86.39	(11.98)	(1.094)	(81.1)	.2081 (.787)

TABLE B-7. SUMMARY OF TACHOGRAPH DATA, TATES CREEK ROAD

AVERAGES

	TOTAL				TIME	OPERATING		POLLUTA (POL		CONECHETTON	
TIME PERIOD	NUMBER OF RUNS	SPEED (MPH) (M/S)	TOTAL TIME (MINUTES)	STOPPED TIME (MINUTES)	COST PER VEHICLE (MINUTES)	COST PER VEHICLE (MINUTES)	COST PER VEHICLE (CENTS)	NITROGEN OXIDES	HYDRO- CARBONS	CARBON Monoxide	CONSUMPTION PER VEHICLE (GAL.)(LIT.)
AM PEAK BEFOR	E 4	30.7	4:39	8:41	39.23	24.13	63.36	.02182 (9.897)	.001975 (.895)	.1395 (63.27)	.1623
SOUTHBOUND 7:00-9:00 AFTER	. 5	32.1	4:27	0:24	37.46	24.92	62.38	.02182 (9.897)	.001875 (.850)	.1122 (50.88)	(.616)
AM PEAK BEFOR	E 5	23.5	6:16	1:21	51.92	24.84	76.56	.02182 (9.897)	.002302 (1.044)	.1806 (81.92)	.1712
7:00-9:00 AFTER	6	(10.9)	5:56	1:35	49.18	24.40	73.57	.02182 (9.897)	.002126 (.964)	.1690 (76.65)	.1663 (.629)
PM PEAK BEFOR	E 4	28.6 (12.8)	Б:01	0:59	43.62	28 16	71.78	.02182 (9.897)	.007215 (3.272)	.1592 (72.2)	.1848 (.699)
4:00-6:00 AFTER	5	27,4 (12.3)	5:12	0:46	43.01	24.59	67.60	.02182 (9.897)	.001996 (.905)	.1422 (64.50)	.1648 (.623)
PM PEAK BEFOR	E 4	31.0	4:37	0:45	39.70	27.06	66.75	.02182	.001973	.1230 (55.79)	.1772 (.670)
4:00-6:00 AFTER	. 4	(13.1)	4:53	0:36	40.74	26.23	66.97	.02182 (9.897)	.001898 (.860)	.1302 (59.05)	.1693 (.640)

TABLE B-8. SUMMARY OF TACHOGRAPH DATA, COOPER-WALLER

AVERAGES

		TOTAL				TIME	OPERATING	TOTAL		NTS PER V NDS) (GRA		anucumb t toll
TIME PE	RIOD	NUMBER OF RUNS	SPEED (MPH) (M/S)	TOTAL TIME (MINUTES)	STOPPED TIME (MINUTES)	COST PER VEHICLE (MINUTES)	COST PER VEHICLE (MINUTES)	COST PER VEHICLE (CENTS)	NITROGEN OXIDES	HYDRO- CARBONS	CARBON MONOXIDE	CONSUMPTION PER VEHICLE (GAL.)(LIT.)
AM PEAK EASTBOUND 7:00-9:00	BEFORE	4	15.7	7:24	1:57	64.41	19.65	84.05	.01749 (7.93)	.002395 (1.08)	.2222 (100.78)	.1430
	AFTER	5	(7.0) 17.5 (7.8)	6:44	2:07	52.31	19.89	72.20	.01749 (7,93)	.001962 (.88)	.1839 (83.41)	.1399 (.52)
AM PEAK	BEFORE	4	19.4	5:57	1:53	50.20	19.96	70.16	.61749 (7.93)	.001861 (.84)	.1509 (68,44)	.1406
WESTBOUND 7:00-9:00	AFTER	5	(8.7) 18.9 (8.4)	6:06	1:52	47.97	19.47	67.44	(7.93)	.001751 (.79)	.1521 (68.99)	(.51)
PM PEAK EASTBOUND	BEFORE	4	17.5 (7.8)	6:35	1:58	53.54	22.78	76.32	.01749 (7.93)	.002075	,1900 (86,18)	.1557 (.59)
4:00-6:00	AFTER	5	16.4 (7.3)	7:03	2:28	55.21	21.73	76.94	.01749 (7.93)	.002130 (.96)	.2200 (99.79)	.1519 (.57)
PM PEAK	BEFORE	4	12.7	9:05	3:53	72.81	25.74	98.56	.01749 (7.93)	.002545	.2759 (125.14)	.1830 (,69)
WESTBOUND 4:00-6:00	AFTER	5	I3.3 (5.9)	8:48	4:02	67.06	24,84	91.10	.01749 (7,93)	.002361 (1.07)	.2611 (118.43)	.1714 (.64)

TABLE B-9. SUMMARY OF TACHOGRAPH DATA, ALBANY-JESSELIN-ROSEMONT

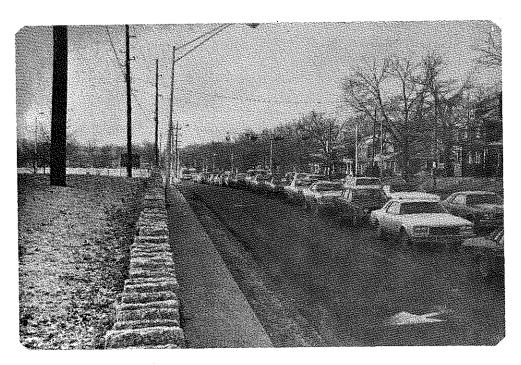
AVERAGES

		TOTAL				TIME	OPERATING	TOTAL		NTS PER V INDS) (GRA		
TIME PERIOD		NUMBER OF RUNS	5PEED (MPH) (M/5)	TOTAL TIME (MINUTES)	STOPPED TIME (MINUTES)	COST PER VEHICLE (MINUTES)	COST PER VEHICLE (MINUTES)	COST PER VEHICLE (CENTS)	NITROGEN OXIDES	HYDRO- CARBONS	CARBON MONOXIDE	CONSUMPTION PER VEHICLE (GAL.)(LIT.)
AM PEAK	BEFORE	4	21.8	7:39	1:55	63.24	31.18	94.41	.02532 (11,48)	.002365	.1796 (81.4)	.2045
EASTBOUND 7:00-9:00	AFTER	3	(10.6)	7:02	1:26	57.31	32.72	90.03	.02532 (11.48)	(1.05)	(81.28)	.2060 (.77)
AM PEAK WESTBOUND	BEFORE	4	19.9	9:21	1:34	70.82	31.87	102.69	.02532 (11.48)	.002519	.2140 (97,07)	.2111
7:00-9:00	AFTER .	3	(9.0)	8:13	2:09	61.37	34.59	95.96	(11.48)	(1.08)	.2155 (97.75)	.2185 (.82)
PM PEAK EASTBOUND	BEFORE	3	20.5	8:34	1:55	78.64	33.21	103.86	.02532 (11.48)	.002455 (1.11)	.2005 (90.94)	.2157 (.81)
4:00-6:00	AFTER	4	(9.0)	8:15	1:15	64.23	31.02	95.25	.02532 (11.48)	(1.07)	.1983 (89.94)	(.77)
PM PEAK WESTBOUND	BEFORE	4	19.7	8:28	2:02	63.47	31.92	95.40	.02532 (11.48)	.002561 (1.16)	.2372 (107.59)	.2108 (.79)
4:00-6:00	AFTER	4	(8.1)	9:17	3:12	66.62	31.97	98.59	.02532 (11.48)	(1.14)	.2366 (107.32)	.2141 (.81)

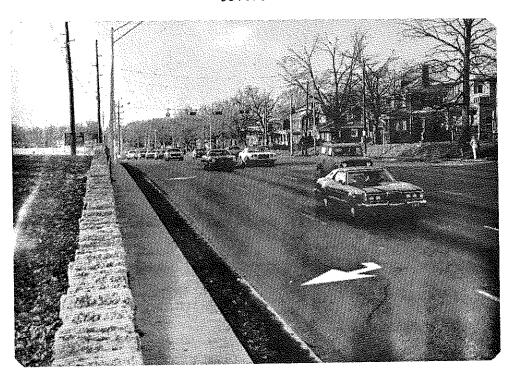
APPENDIX C

PHOTOGRAPHS BEFORE AND AFTER

INSTALLATION OF REVERSIBLE LANES

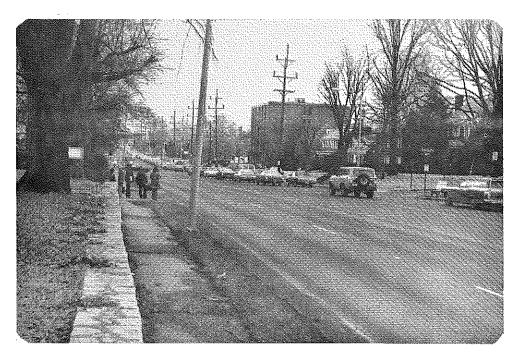


Before

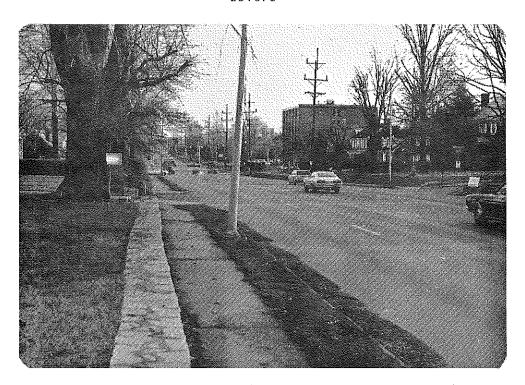


After

Figure CI. Before-and-After Photographs of AM Peak Conditions (Northbound) between Cooper Drive and Arcadia Park.



Before

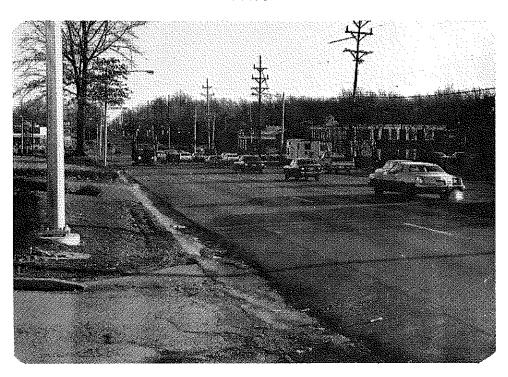


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Figure C2. Before-and-After Photographs of AM Peak Conditions (Northbound) at Rosemont Garden.

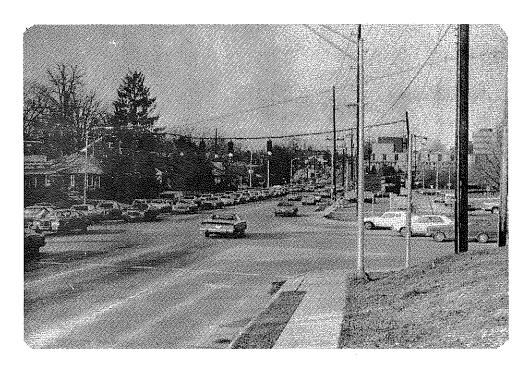


Before



After

Figure C3. Before-and-After Photographs of AM Peak Conditions (Northbound) at Southland Drive.

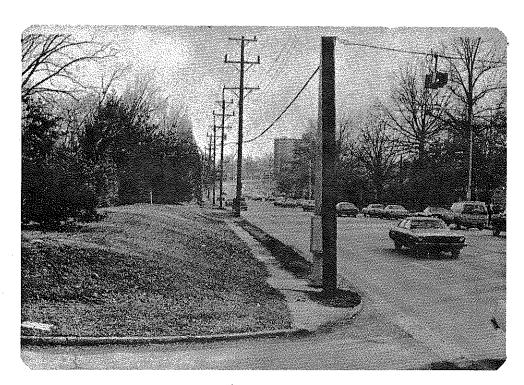


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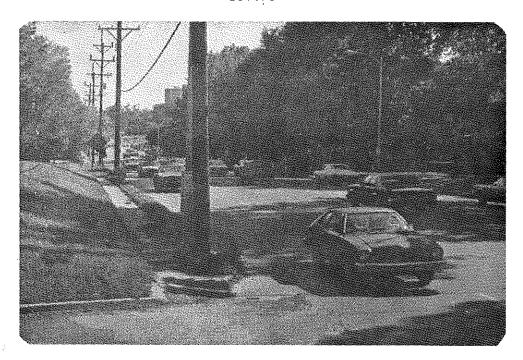


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Figure C4. Before-and-After Photographs of PM Peak Conditions (Southbound) at Cooper Drive.

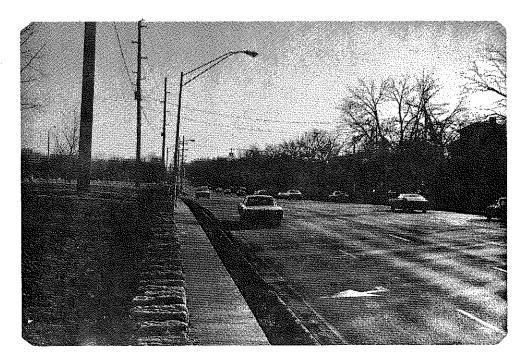


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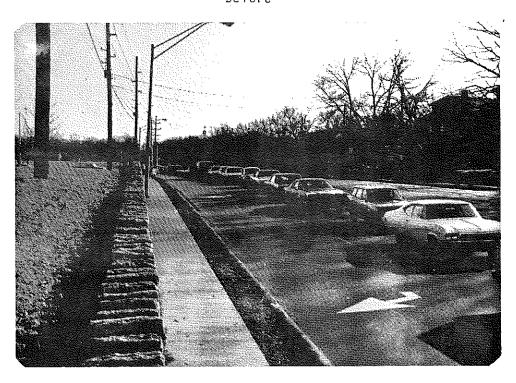


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Figure C5. Before-and-After Photographs of PM Peak Conditions (Southbound) between Rosemont Garden and Southland Drive.



Before



After

Figure C6. Before-and-After Photographs of PM Peak Conditions (Northbound) between Cooper Drive and Arcadia Park.

APPENDIX D

TIME-DELAY RUNS
(HARRODSBURG ROAD AND TATES CREEK PIKE)

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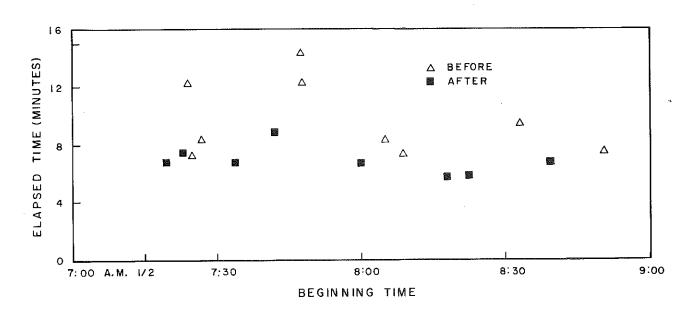


Figure D1. Harrodsburg Road Time-Delay Runs, Am Peak,
Northbound.

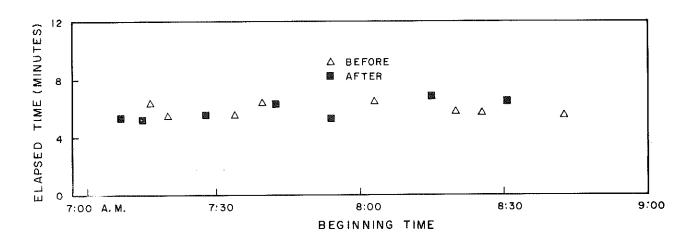


Figure D2. Harrodsburg Road Time-Delay Runs, AM Peak,
Southbound.

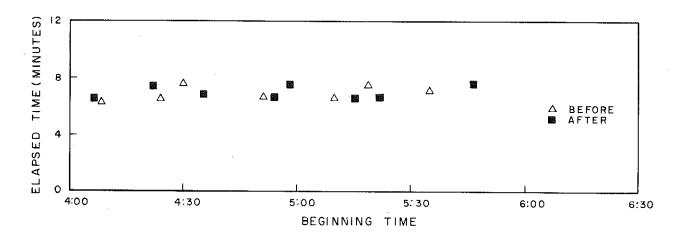


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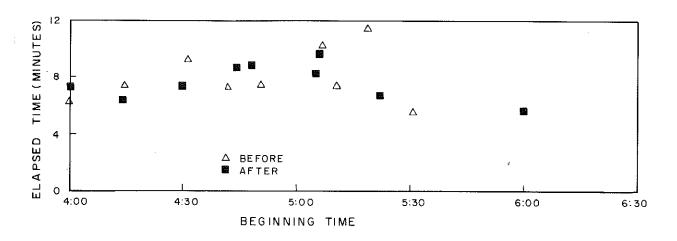


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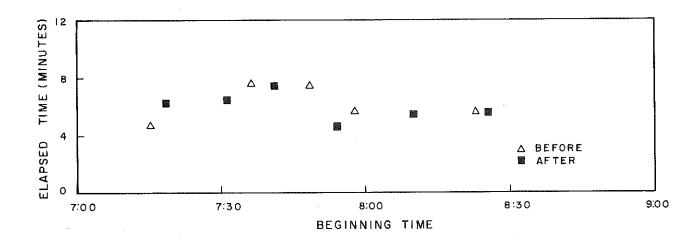


Figure D5. Tates Creek Road Time-Delay Runs, AM Peak,
Northbound.

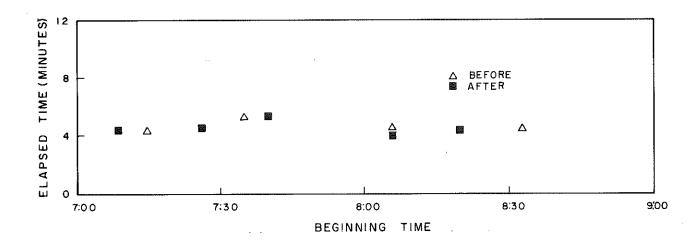


Figure D6. Tates Creek Road Time-Delay Runs, AM Peak,
Southbound.

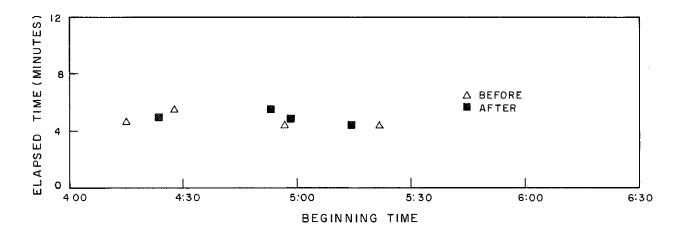


Figure D7. Tates Creek Road Time-Delay Runs, PM Peak,
Northbound.

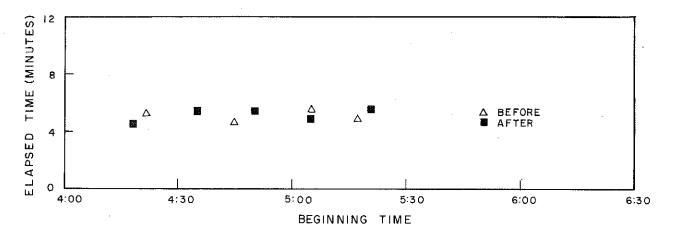


Figure D8. Tates Creek Road Time-Delay Runs, PM Peak, Southbound.