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Diverging Diamond Interchange: An Innovative Geometric Solution

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Preliminary Engineering Report Alternative



Preliminary Engineering Report Interchange



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Value Engineering



20 Alternatives Considered

Evaluation Criteria

- Safety
- Traffic Operations
- Right of Way
- Constructability/Maintenance of Traffic
- Cost



Dumbbell Roundabout

Dumbbell Roundabout Interchange



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Conventional Diamond

Alternative Concept 19x



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Diverging Diamond

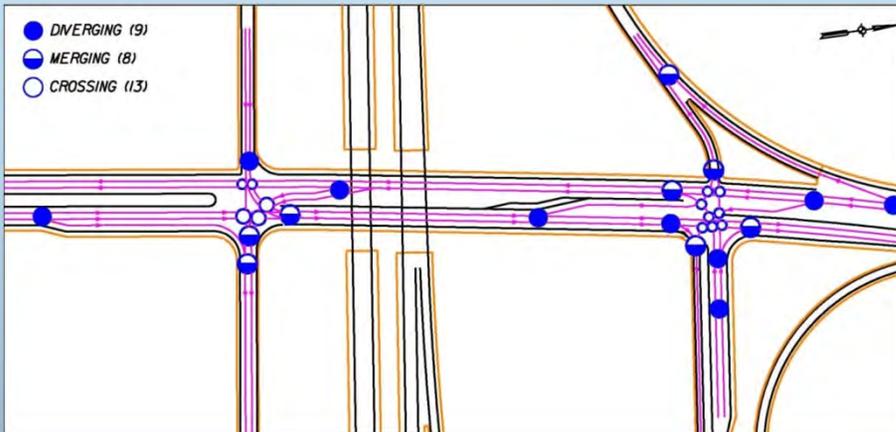
Diverging Diamond Interchange



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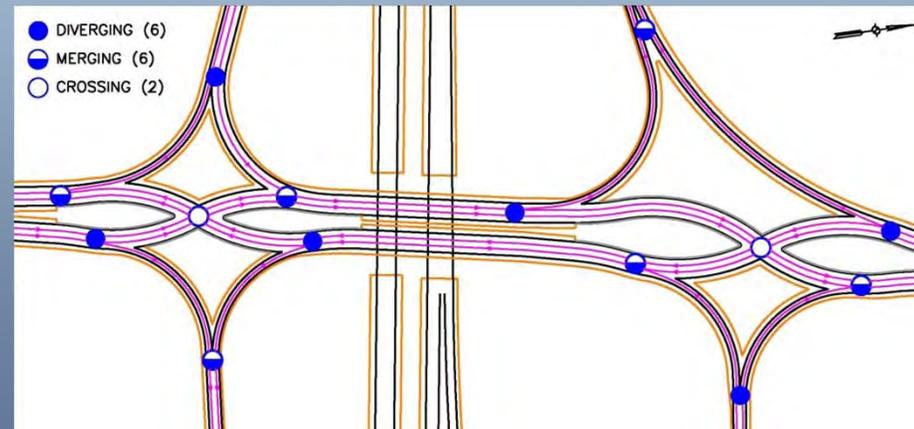
Safety

- Fewer Conflict Points



- Normal Diamond has 30 Conflicts; 13 are crossings

- DDI has 14 conflicts; only 2 are crossings



Safety

- The use of raised islands and glare screens discourages wrong-way movements.
- Speed reduction due to reverse curvature decreases the severity of crashes that do occur.
- Driver simulation study yielded no attempt to travel the wrong way.



Traffic Operations



- VISSIM was primary tool used for capacity analysis
 - HCS, Synchro and aaSIDRA used as needed to supplement VISSIM analysis
- Sensitivity analysis conducted to determine the results of 110%, 120% and 130% of Design Traffic



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Traffic Operations Sensitivity Analysis- Conventional Diamond vs. DDI



100% Traffic Demand		Int	EB			WB			NB			SB		
Alternative 19-X	Delay	LOS	LT	T	RT									
SR 62 and WB Ramp Terminal	20.1	C	-	-	-	D	D	A	C	B	B	D	C	-
SR 62 and EB Ramp Terminal	21.2	C	D	-	-	-	-	-	C	A	D	A	-	-
Port Road and WB Ramp Terminal	7.8	A	-	-	-	D	-	A	A	-	-	A	-	-

100% Traffic Demand		Int	EB			WB			NB			SB		
Alternative 20-X	Delay	LOS	LT	T	RT									
SR 62 and WB Ramp Terminal	19.7	B	-	-	-	C	-	C	A	B	-	-	C	-
SR 62 and EB Ramp Terminal	17.7	B	B	-	-	-	-	-	C	A	A	B	-	-
Port Road and WB Ramp Terminal	10.3	B	-	-	-	C	-	A	A	-	-	-	-	-

110% Traffic Demand		Int	EB			WB			NB			SB		
Alternative 19-X	Delay	LOS	LT	T	RT									
SR 62 and WB Ramp Terminal	20.6	C	-	-	-	D	D	A	D	A	A	D	C	-
SR 62 and EB Ramp Terminal	25.1	C	D	-	-	-	-	-	C	A	D	A	-	-
Port Road and WB Ramp Terminal	9.4	A	-	-	-	D	-	A	A	-	-	A	-	-

110% Traffic Demand		Int	EB			WB			NB			SB		
Alternative 20-X	Delay	LOS	LT	T	RT									
SR 62 and WB Ramp Terminal	21.7	C	-	-	-	C	-	C	A	C	-	-	C	-
SR 62 and EB Ramp Terminal	19.2	B	B	-	-	-	-	-	C	B	A	B	-	-
Port Road and WB Ramp Terminal	10.6	B	-	-	-	C	-	A	A	-	-	-	-	-

120% Traffic Demand		Int	EB			WB			NB			SB		
Alternative 19-X	Delay	LOS	LT	T	RT									
SR 62 and WB Ramp Terminal	22.8	C	-	-	-	E	E	A	C	A	A	D	C	-
SR 62 and EB Ramp Terminal	28.8	C	E	-	-	-	-	-	D	A	D	A	-	-
Port Road and WB Ramp Terminal	11.6	B	-	-	-	D	-	B	A	-	-	A	-	-

120% Traffic Demand		Int	EB			WB			NB			SB		
Alternative 20-X	Delay	LOS	LT	T	RT									
SR 62 and WB Ramp Terminal	23	C	-	-	-	C	-	C	A	C	-	-	C	-
SR 62 and EB Ramp Terminal	20.5	C	B	-	-	-	-	-	C	B	A	C	-	-
Port Road and WB Ramp Terminal	12	B	-	-	-	C	-	B	A	-	-	-	-	-

130% Traffic Demand		Int	EB			WB			NB			SB		
Alternative 19-X	Delay	LOS	LT	T	RT									
SR 62 and WB Ramp Terminal	29.5	C	-	-	-	E	E	A	D	A	A	F	C	-
SR 62 and EB Ramp Terminal	38.4	D	E	-	-	-	-	-	E	A	E	A	-	-
Port Road and WB Ramp Terminal	14.9	B	-	-	-	E	-	C	A	-	-	A	-	-

130% Traffic Demand		Int	EB			WB			NB			SB		
Alternative 20-X	Delay	LOS	LT	T	RT									
SR 62 and WB Ramp Terminal	26.8	C	-	-	-	C	-	C	A	C	-	-	C	-
SR 62 and EB Ramp Terminal	22.3	C	B	-	-	-	-	-	D	B	A	C	-	-
Port Road and WB Ramp Terminal	11.7	B	-	-	-	C	-	B	A	-	-	-	-	-

Operational Advantages

- Two-Phase signals with short cycle lengths significantly reduces delay
- Increases the capacity of turning movements from the ramps.
- Reduce the number of lanes on the crossroad, minimizing impacts to existing right-of-way.



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Level of Service (130%) Conventional Diamond

Alternative Concept 19x Levels of Service



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Level of Service (130% Traffic) Diverging Diamond

Diverging Diamond Interchange Levels of Service



VISSIM Model



Why the DDI?

- Benefits
 - Improved Safety
 - Reduced Conflicts
 - Enhanced Traffic Operations
 - Improved Capacity
 - All movements >LOS D
 - Reduced Cost
 - Fewer Bridges
 - Smaller Footprint



Interchange Cost



- PE Report = \$118,070,000
- Dumbbell = \$80,630,000
- Conventional Diamond = \$60,140,000
- Diverging Diamond = \$51,990,000

- Total Cost Savings = \$66,080,000



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Thank You!

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Proposed Diverging Diamond

- North Intersection

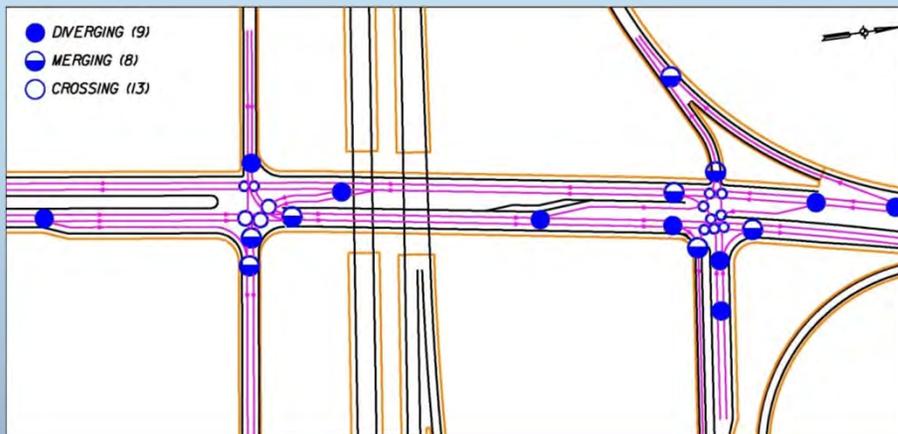


- South Intersection



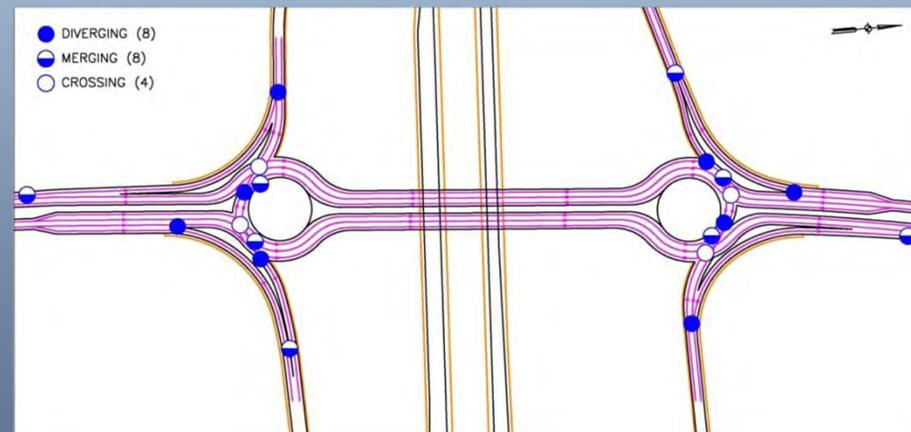
Safety

- Fewer conflict points



- Normal Diamond has 30 Conflicts; 13 are crossings

- Roundabout has 20 conflicts; 4 are crossings



Traffic Volumes (130% Traffic) Diverging Diamond – 2035 Projection

Diverging Diamond Interchange - Traffic Volumes



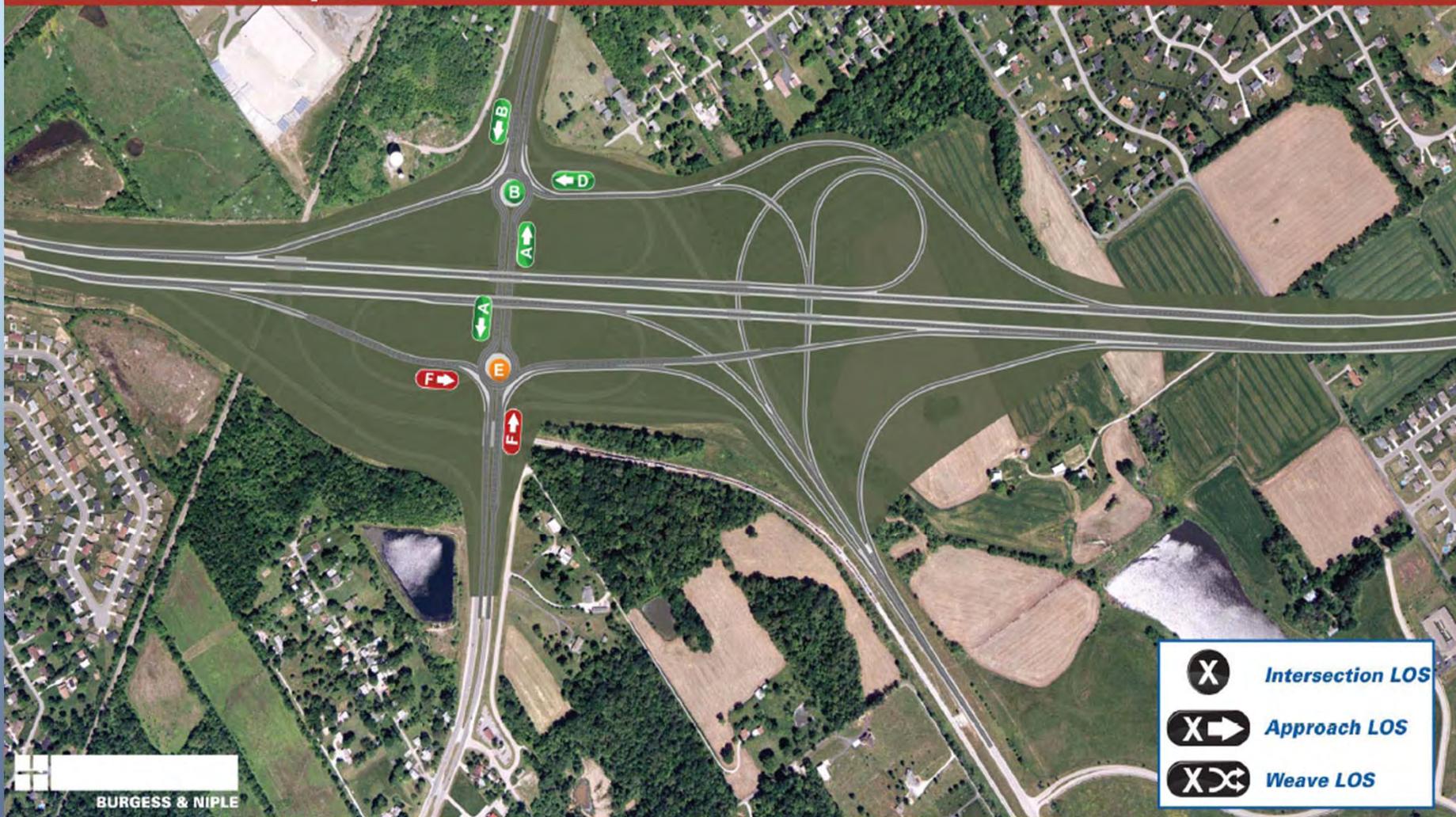
Level of Service (100% Traffic) Preliminary Engineering Report Alternative

Alternative Concept PE Levels of Service



Level of Service (100% Traffic) Dumbbell Roundabout

Alternative Concept 14 Levels of Service



Other DDI Projects



- **First Diverging Diamond in Indiana**
 - Missouri DOT has opened DDI in Springfield, MO
 - I-44/Route 13
 - Utah DOT is currently constructing by Design/Build I-15 and American Fork Main Street Diverging Diamond Interchange and will be completed in late fall of 2010
 - Missouri DOT has another DDI planned (I-435/Front Street)
 - FHWA Case Study
 - Others being considered in Michigan, New York, Kentucky, Louisiana, Ohio and Oregon



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