# VE: Bringing value and innovation beyond the 11' lane



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#### What is VE?

- Review of a project in design
- Multidisciplinary, independent team
- Systematic process
- Makes recommendations on:
  - Improving the function
  - Reducing the cost while retaining needed function

### Why do it?

- Introduce creative or innovative solutions that may not have been considered
- Can confirm design elements
- Identify solutions based on changed conditions on long-term projects



### Lessons Learned



## Traffic Forecasting: the foundation of project decisions

Annual Growth Rate	20 Year Growth Multiplier	Base Traffic	Forecast Traffic
1%	122%	8000	10000
2%	149%	8000	12000
3%	181%	8000	14500

Annual Growth Rate	20 Year Growth Multiplier	Base Traffic	Forecast Traffic
1%	122%	13000	16000
2%	149%	13000	19500
3%	181%	13000	23500

Annual Growth Rate	20 Year Growth Multiplier	Base Traffic	Forecast Traffic
1%	122%	180	220
2%	149%	180	270
3%	181%	180	330

## Traffic Forecasting: the foundation of project decisions





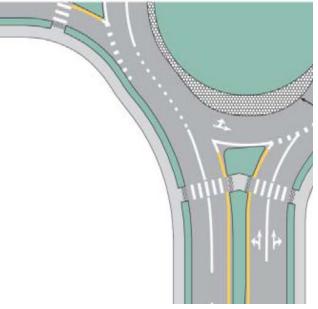
Which design is needed for a forecast ADT of 5,000 vpd? 10,000? 25,000?

## Traffic Engineering: interchanges and intersections

Leg 1 RT Th LT	INTERSECTION ALTERNATIVE		OPERATION EVALUATION		MINIMUM LANE CONFIGURATION  L3 L1 L4 L2 U						
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Median U-Turn (Signalized) (2 Lanes)		Feasible	1,r	1.r	1	r	1.r	t	ו	ภ	
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Median U-Turn (Unsignalized)*		Not Feasible									
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	Median U-Turn (Unsignalized)*		Not Fea			+	+		+	+	
	Superstreet (Signalized)		Not Fea			+				+	
	Superstreet (Unsignalized)		Not Fea			+			<del>                                     </del>	+	
	Inside Left Turn (Signalized) (NB 'T') (1 Lane)		Not Fea	asible							

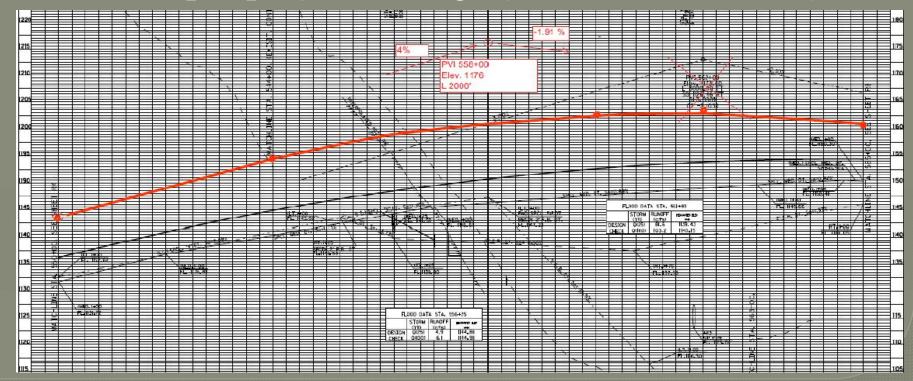






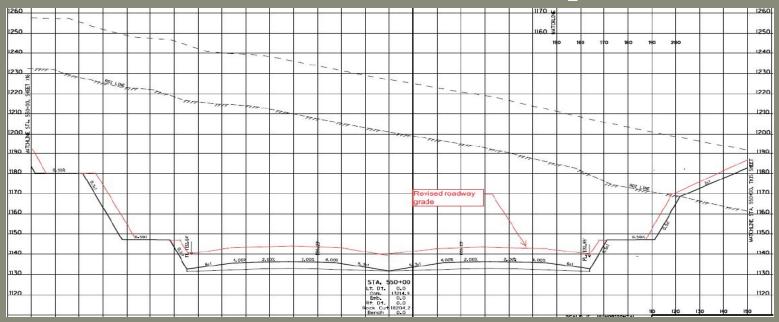
### Making the Grade

- Common recommendation has been better earthwork balancing.
  - Example project savings (400,000 CY/\$1.3 M)



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- Other benefits include:
  - Cost control by avoiding borrow or waste sites
  - Helps blend into existing topography
  - Less R/W and environmental footprint



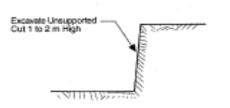
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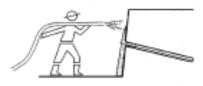
STEP 1. Excavate Small Cut



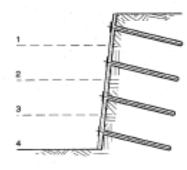
STEP 2. Drill Hole for Nail



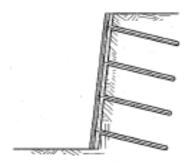
STEP 3. Install and Grout Nail



STEP 4. Place Drainage Strips, Initial Shotcrete Layer & Install Bearing Plates/Nuts



STEP 5. Repeat Process to Final Grade



STEP 6. Place Final Facing (on Permanent Walls)

Figure 2.1 Typical Nail Wall Construction Sequence

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Top Down Excavation Techniques

#### Soldier Piles and Lagging

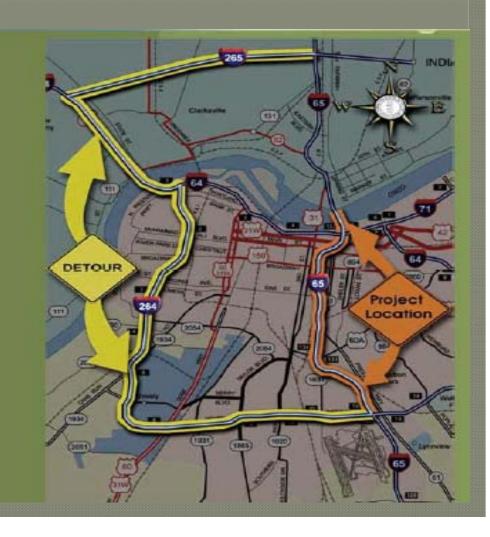


#### MOT Plans:

#### building around rush hour

#### Full Closure Options

- KYTC's 1st Full Freeway
   Closure
- I-65 Closure
- Completed 2000

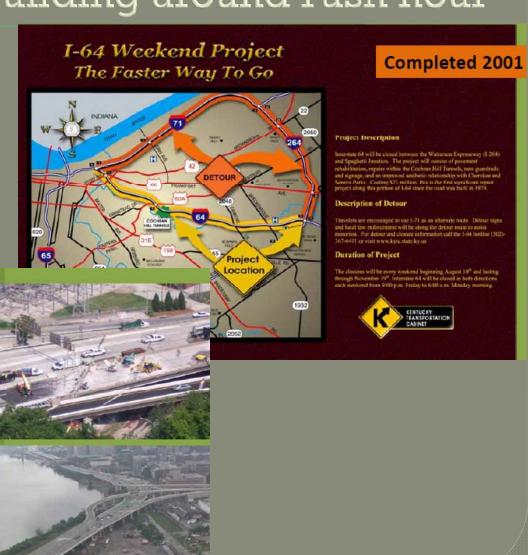


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#### Full Closures

- ® RESTORE 64 (I-64 Downtown)
- Full Closure 30 days
- © Completed 2008



#### MOT Plans:

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#### Accelerated Bridge Construction





### Utility Avoidance: treat it like a 4f resource

#### Treat the utilities like 4f –

Avoid, Minimize, Mitigate (relocate)



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#### Treat the utilities like 4f –

• Locate utilities early in Project Development



## Utility Avoidance: Why Stand Around Waiting?

#### Considerations

- Understand the impacts to utilities are critical to staying on schedule & budget
- Think through the relocation time and costs for both public and private utilities.



## Utility Avoidance: VE Study Recommendations

#### Cost control items:

- Consider pavement depths when determining underground utility impacts. (Geogrid may help in some cases)
- Set proposed profile grade above existing profile (MOT and utilities benefits)
- Develop preliminary traffic signal layouts early
- Weigh how the pavement depths (subbase level) will effect the ability to maintain property access during construction.



### Wrapping it up

## Keeping Perspective: Be Open Minded









- Outside perspective had an idea the Project Team had not considered.
- VE process has the same intent. The result can be innovation that may improve the design or reduce the cost of the project.

Thank You!

Questions?