## **US 301 / Rte 207 Arterial Preservation Plan Progress Update Meeting**

**December 7, 2017** 

**L.E. Smoot Memorial Library** 

King George, VA

## <u>Agenda</u>

- 1. Introductions / goal of today's meeting
- 2. Project Study Area
- 3. Study Scope
- 4. Regional Goals Review
- 5. Future Growth & Development
- 6. Opportunities for Improvement
- 7. Preliminary Recommendations
- 8. Next Steps





#### **Introductions**

## Today's meeting includes representation

#### from:

- Caroline County
- King George County
- Town of Bowling Green
- Town of Port Royal
- Fredericksburg Area MPO
- Department of Defense
- VDOT Fredericksburg District
- VDOT Central, Office Goal of today's meeting is to: Wichael Baker international (consultant)
- Discuss and agree on
  - Regional Goals
  - Future Growth
  - Corridor Deficiencies
  - Recommended Improvements





## **Study Area**

A more detailed access management study will be performed in this area **(12 miles)** CAROLINE COUNTY **Additional areas** to receive higher level of detail analysis

A higher-level safety and access study will be performed in this area

**(29 miles)** 



#### Study Scope Overview

#### **Ultimate** goal of Study

Adoption into County
Comprehensive Plans to allow for
follow-on project development,
funding support and good planning

The study will take on two phases of activity. The first and most detailed level of study will be focused on the section of US 301 in King George County due to development pressures expected as a result of plans to widen the Governor Nice Bridge

#### Typical elements of similar corridor

#### Chapter 1: Introductist Udies

- 1.1 Study Purpose
- 1.2 Study Area
- 1.3 Review of Existing Studies and Documents
- 1.4 Public Involvement Process

#### **Chapter 2: Existing Conditions**

- 2.1 Land Use
- 2.2 Infrastructure
- 2.3 Access Points
- 2.4 Crash Analysis
- 2.4 Traffic Volumes
- 2.5 Traffic Operations

#### **Chapter 3: 2040 Future Conditions**

- 3.1 Future Land Use
- 3.2 Future Traffic Volumes
- 3.3 Transportation Operations and Deficiencies

#### **Chapter 4: Recommendations**

- 4.1 Toolbox of Recommendations
- 4.2 Specific Study Corridor Recommendations
- 4.3 Opinion of Costs
- 4.4 Conclusion and Next Steps





# Regional Goals Overview













#### Regional Goals Review

Review existing Comprehensive Plans in order to keep recommendations aligned with regional goals

#### **Regional Comprehensive Plans Reviewed**

- 2013 King George County Comprehensive Plan
- 2030 Caroline County Comprehensive Plan
  - Port Royal
  - Bowling Green
  - Ruther Glen
- 2040 FAMPO Comprehensive Plan (Rural Section)
- George Washington Regional Commission
- VDOT Six-Year Plans

#### **Overall Goals**

- Promote through-put and increase safety on the Route 207/301 corridor
- Pursue alternate routes and improvements for local traffic in and around the Route 207/301 corridor
- Manage development and provide new access points and connections along the corridor

#### **Examples of Projects**

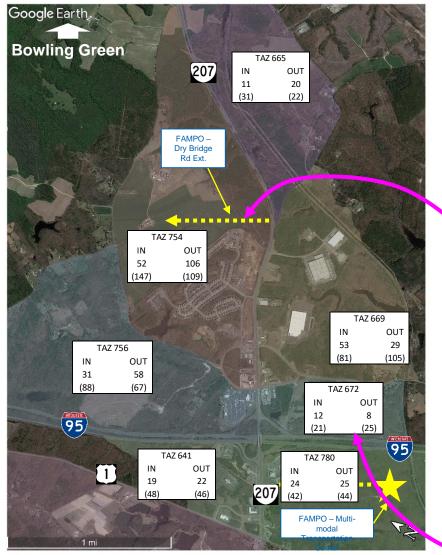
- Road widening projects on collector arterials and locals roads
- · Safety improvements to intersections
- Road extensions through or around the corridor
- Road widening of the Route 207/301 corridor





## **Methodology for Future Growth & Development**

#### Example

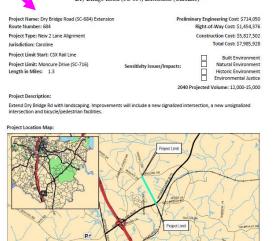


#### **Resources:**

- Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) using regional data
  - TAZ volumes are the difference between 2040 volumes and existing volumes
- Regional, county, and town comprehensive plans
- VDOT planning and projects data
- Stakeholder comments

Project Descriptions for FAMPO Long Range Plan Regional Needs Plan Projects

Dry Bridge Road (SC-684) Extension (Caroline)



Functional Classification: Rural Minor Collector VDOT Classification: Secondary

TAZ ###		
INTO TAZ	OUT OF TAZ	
AM Peak Hour Volume	AM Peak Hour Volume	
(PM Peak Hour Volume)	(PM Peak Hour Volume)	

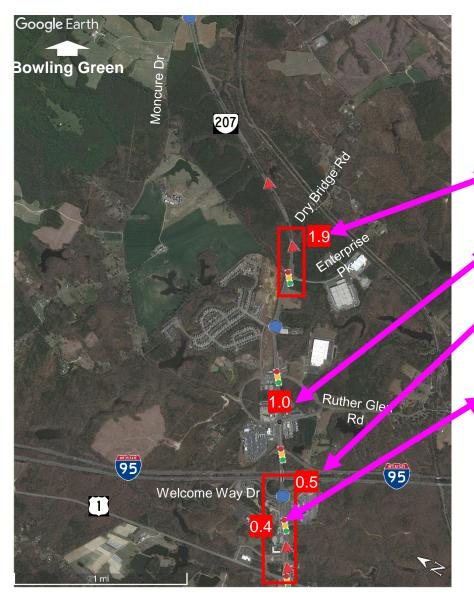






## **Methodology for Opportunities for Improvement**

#### **Example**



#### **Resources:**

- VDOT Road Design Standards
- Traffic operations for present and future
- · Crash data
- Stakeholder comments

#### **Examples:**

- Full median crossover at Dry Bridge Rd and Rte 207 within 950 ft (< 1320 ft) of signalized intersection at Enterprise Pkwy and Rte 207
- 1.0 Multiple business entrances/exits in turn lanes and intersections
- Multiple crossovers and signalized intersections within close proximity of each other, 300 ft to 900 ft (< 1050 ft), between I-95 and Rte 207 Interchange and Rte 1 and Rte 207 intersection.
- 0.4 Welcome Way Dr and Rte 207 signal is affecting I-95 southbound to Rte 207 westbound ramp



Signalized Intersection



**Median Crossovers** 



**Unsignalized Intersection** 



Recommended Crossover Removal







#### **Phase 1 Area: Carmel Church**



Extend Rte 207 southbound right-turn lane onto Moncure Dr

Realign Dry Bridge Rd with extension project. Evaluate speed zone between the section prior to Dry Bridge Rd and I-95 interchange due to increasing development

Reconfigure intersection to Continuous Green-T to accommodate Enterprise Pkwy traffic. Allow right-ins/outs for future 2 road across from Enterprise Pkwy. Install three-phased traffic signal (see slide 9) •

Reconfigure intersection to Continuous Green-T to accommodate Belmont Blvd. Install three-phased traffic signal (see slide 9)

I-95 Interchange requires further study. Short term solutions include modifying the northbound I-95 off ramp to include dedicated left turn lanes with a shared right turn and/or extending the southbound Rte 207 right-turn lane onto I-95

Intersection to require further study in conjunction with I-95 Interchange Study and/or multimodal transportation center

Consolidate Driveways between Welcome Way Dr and Rte 1. Construct directional median at Partnership Blvd

Construct inter-parcel connectors to Rte 1 and Rte 207. Prohibit additional curb cuts along Rte 207 between Rte 1 and the I-95 interchange







Recommended Connection ## # Milepost



**Median Crossovers** 



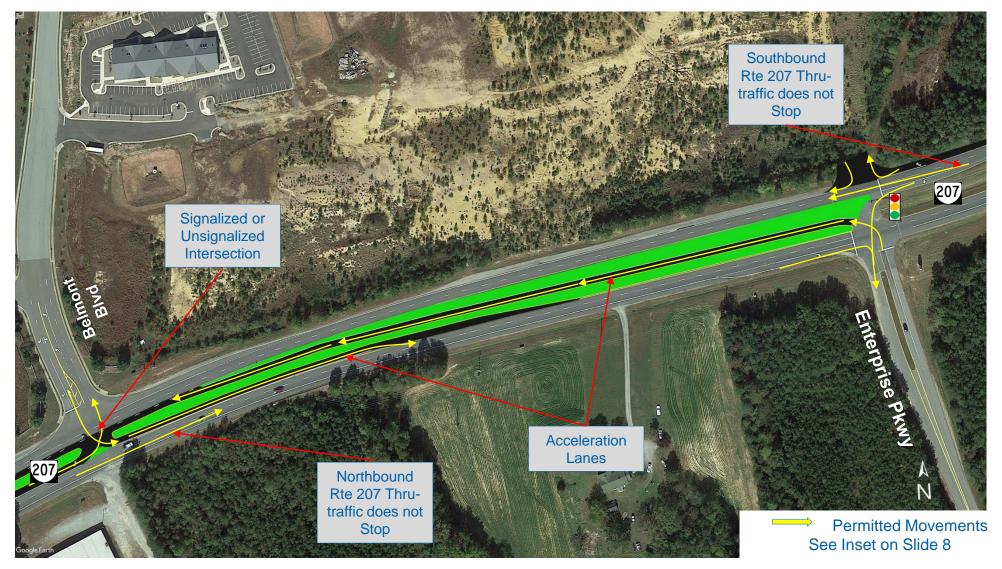
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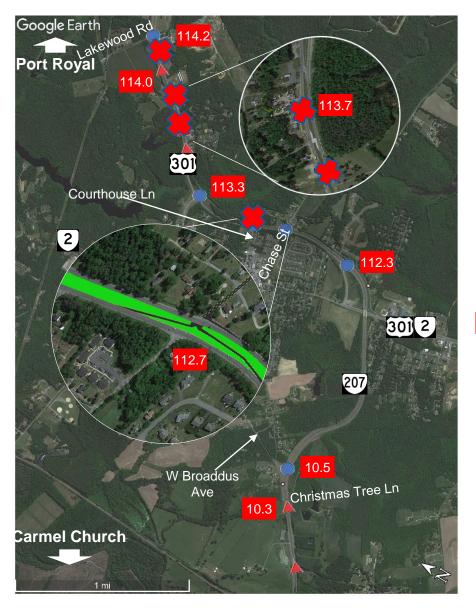
Phase 1 Area: Carmel Church- Continuous Green-T







#### **Phase 1 Area: Town of Bowling Green**



- Evaluate US 301 existing turn-lanes. Evaluate US 301 northbound right-turn lane for future Army expansion
- Construct left-turn lanes at median crossover
- Construct Full Median crossover with turn lanes at Wagon Wheel Road
- Eliminate southbound US 301 leftturn lane and extend median stop bars to improve sight distance. Reconfigure intersection for Continuous Green-T
- Reconfigure intersection at Chase
  St and Rte 207 to Continuous
  Green-T to accommodate
  westbound traffic. Crossover at
  Courthouse Ln restricted to
  emergency vehicles only, extend
  southbound
  southbound
  and permit ripe to 15% (2014) (20

- 10.5 Reconfigure Rte 2 entrance onto Rte 207 to Continuous Green-T
- Reconfigure intersection at W Broaddus Ave and Rte 207 to
   Continuous Green-T with U-turn

lanes located east of accel lanes

 Modify crossover at intersection of Christmas Tree Ln and Rte 207 to a directional median allowing left and U-turns from southbound Rte 207



**Median Crossovers** 







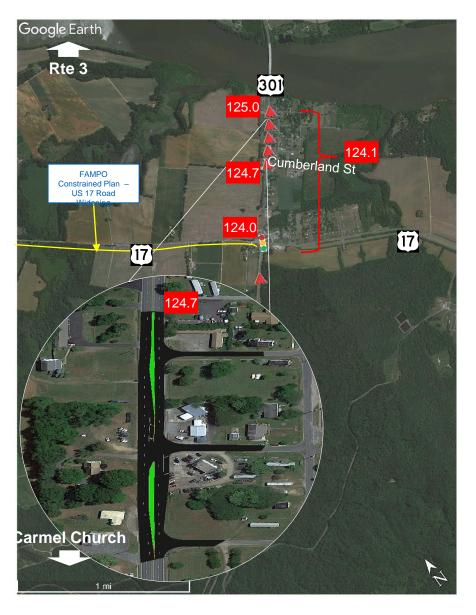
Phase 1 Area: Town of Bowling Green – Continuous Green-T







## **Phase 1 Area: Town of Port Royal**



#### **Short-term Recommendation:**

Cumberland St to be designed as a full median crossover with turn lanes and an emergency-vehicle traffic control signal (See Slides 13/14). Convert the intersections of US 301 with Water St, Middle St, and Back St to only allow rights-in/out. Cumberland St intersection to also be configured to accommodate pedestrians.

• Reconstruct the intersection of Rte 17 and US 301 as part of the Rte 17 widening project. Construct dedicated left-turn lanes for the eastbound and westbound directions and consolidate commercial access points

#### L<sup>125.0</sup>term Recommendation:

 Improve US 301 from Rte 17 to the Rappahannock River Bridge to a four-lane divided roadway with curb, 124.0 gutter, and sidewalks.

• Evaluate 35 MPH speed zone







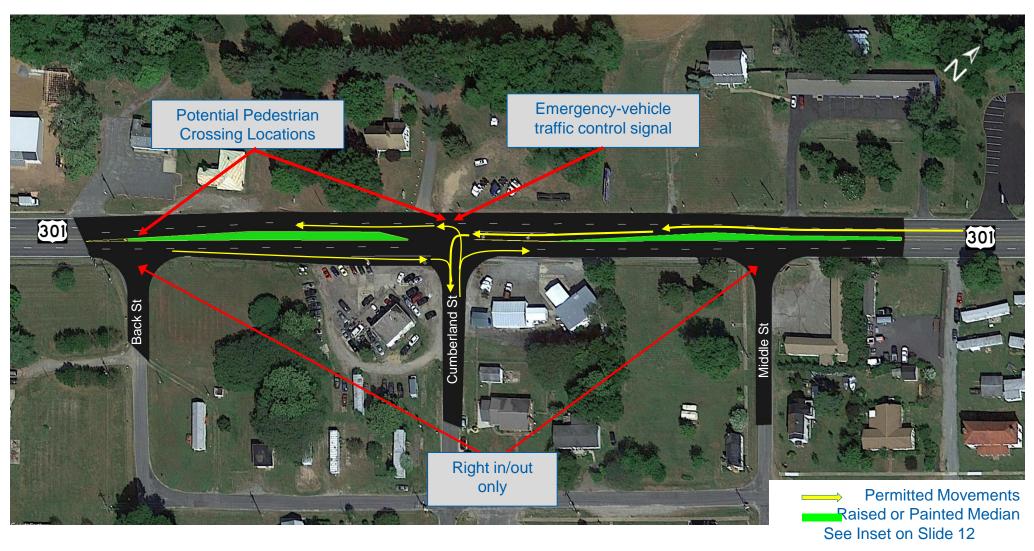


Planned Regional Road Widening





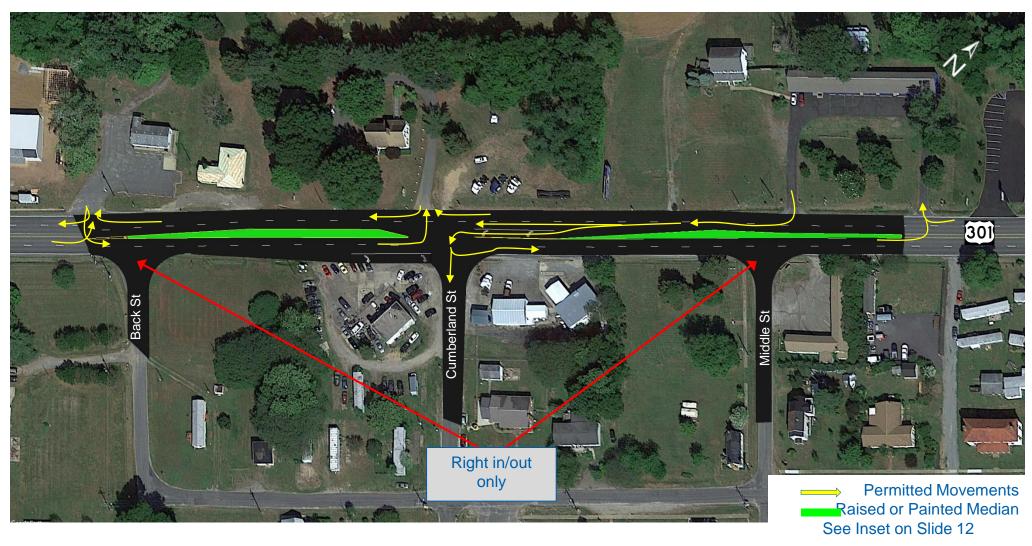
Phase 1 Area: Town of Port Royal – Cumberland St Improvement







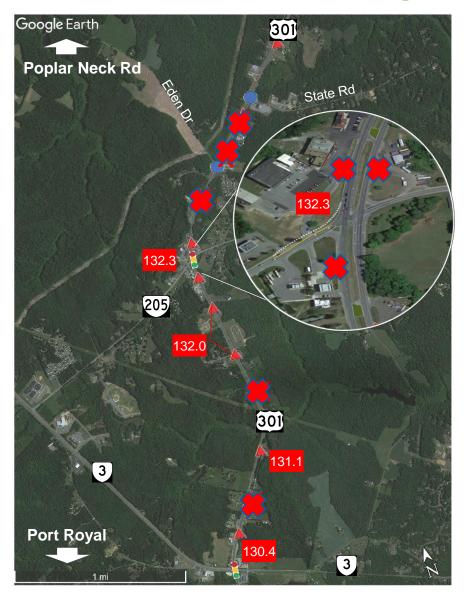
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### **King George County**



- Construct an eastbound left turn lane and consolidate commercial access points at the intersection of Ridge Road and US 301. Convert the median crossovers to directional medians allowing left turns from the US 301 mainline (See Slide 16)
- 132.0 Construct left-turn lanes at median crossovers
- 131.1 Add existing left-turn lanes at median crossover
- Construct a westbound left-turn lane at the intersection of Rte 3 and US 301 for westbound direction.





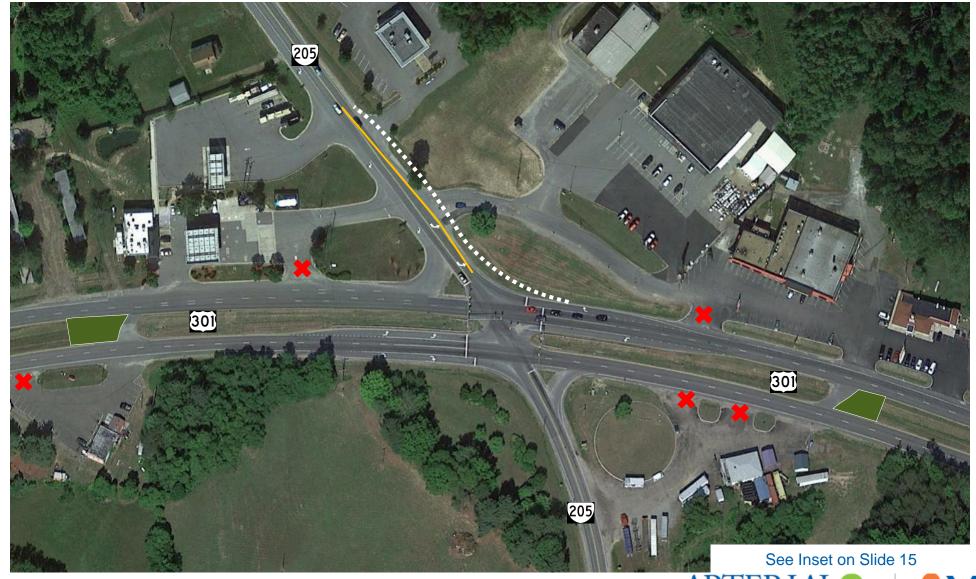






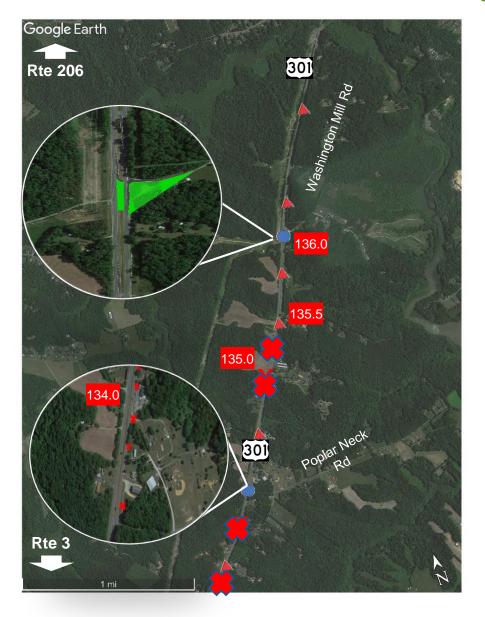


Phase 1 Area: King George County – Rte 205 Dedicated Left-Turn Lane





#### **Phase 1 Area: King George County**



Relocate the intersection of Washington Mill Road and US 301 to the north to remove the intersection skew. Construct the relocated intersection as an RCUT and reconstruct the median crossovers to the north and south to allow U-turns. Coordinate the intersection relocation with the King George County Road extension project.

135.5

 Construct left and right turn lanes at the southern intersection of US 301 and Chestnut Hill Loop

135.0

Eliminate crossovers and construct full median crossover in between existing crossovers to accommodate residential access

134.0

 Consolidate commercial access points in the Poplar Neck Rd vicinity. Close the SR 633 access point just north of Poplar Neck Road or reconstruct the access points to VDOT standards



Signalized Intersection

Unsignalized Intersection



**Median Crossovers** 









## **Phase 1 Area: King George County**



Owens Drive to ensure vehicles entering the military base do not queue into the US 301 mainline. Evaluate speed between Owens Drand University Dr

140.2

RCUT at the intersection of Market Ctr and US 301. (See slide 19)

138.7

 Increase green time at the intersection of US 301 and Rte 206 by prohibiting northbound and southbound left turns from US 301 and constructing U-turn areas north and south of the intersection.
 Construct an additional left turn lane on the eastbound approach and extend the existing eastbound and westbound left-turn bays (See Slide

138.2 <mark>20</mark>)

 Reconstruct the intersection of US 301 and Rte 218 as an unsignalized directional median allowing left turns from northbound and southbound directions. Construct an acceleration lane for Rte 218 right-turns onto northbound US 301

 Construct northbound and southbound left-turn lanes on US 301 at the full median

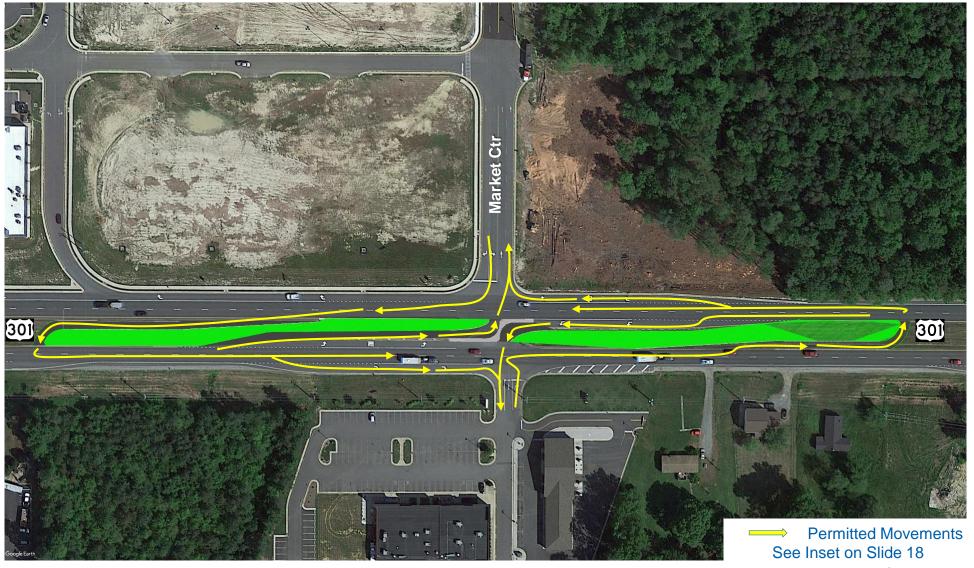








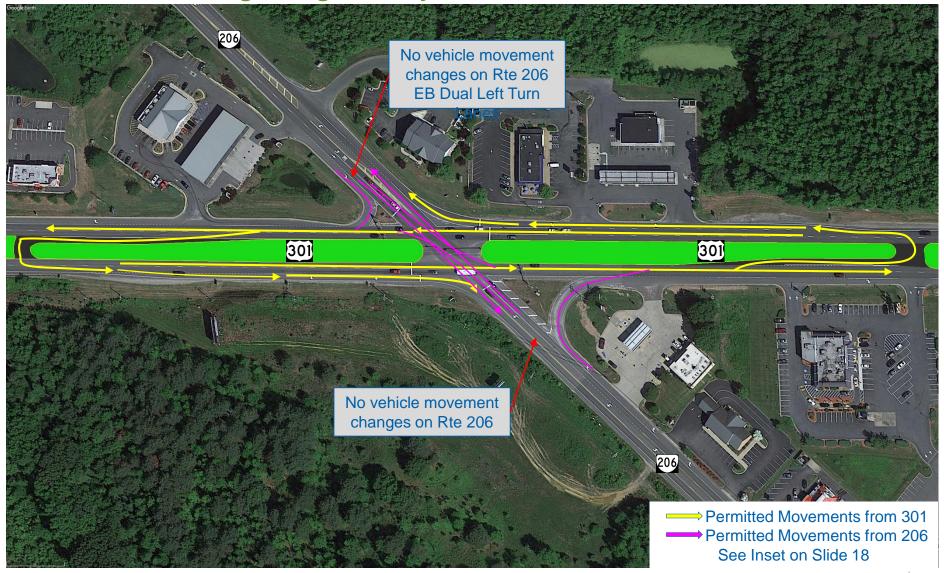
**Phase 1 Area: King George County – Market Ctr Improvement** 







Phase 1 Area: King George County – US 301 & Rte 206 Partial Median U-Turn



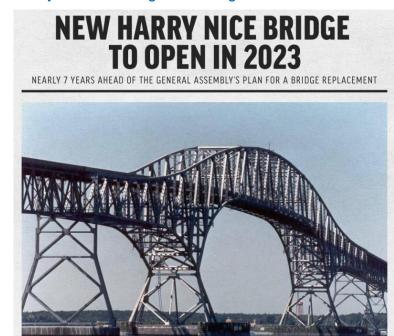




**Phase 1 Area: King George County** 



142.3 Planned Harry W. Nice Bridge Widening







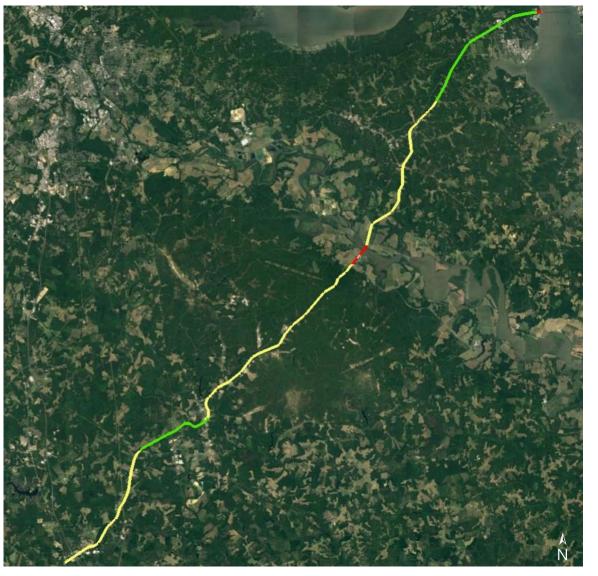








# **Opportunities for Improvement Shoulders**



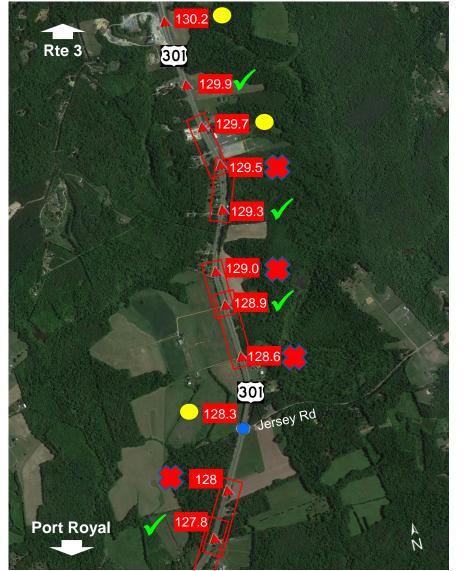
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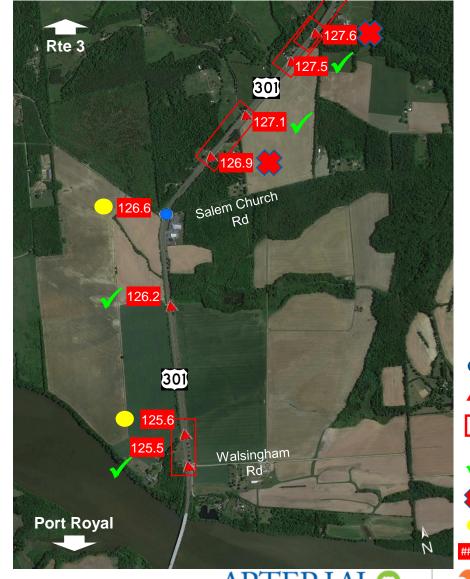
- Meets VDOT Requirements
- Meets on one-side of roadway
- Does not meet





**Phase 2 Area: King George County** 





















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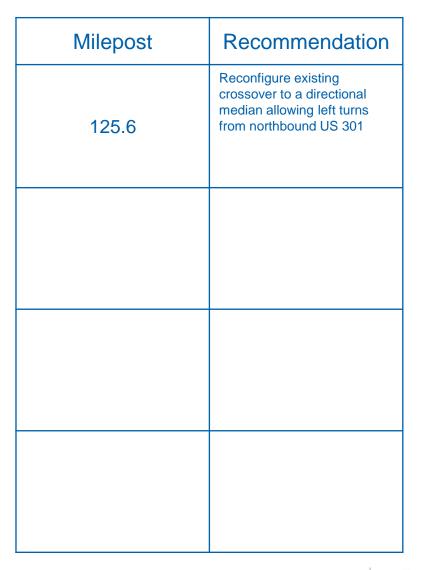
Milepost	Recommendation
130.2	Construct northbound and southbound left-turn lanes and lengthen southbound US 301 right-turn lane storage and taper; Expand spacing between opening in median to accommodate trucks turning
129.7	Construct northbound and southbound left-turn lanes; Expand spacing between opening in median to accommodate trucks turning
128.3	Lengthen existing turn-lanes on US 301; Expand spacing between opening in median to accommodate traffic cutting median; Potential for road realignment (< 50°)
126.6	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on US 301; Future VDOT project to provide actuated advance warning prior to intersection and reconfigure intersection for RCUT; Potential for road realignment (< 55°)





## **Phase 2 Area: King George County**



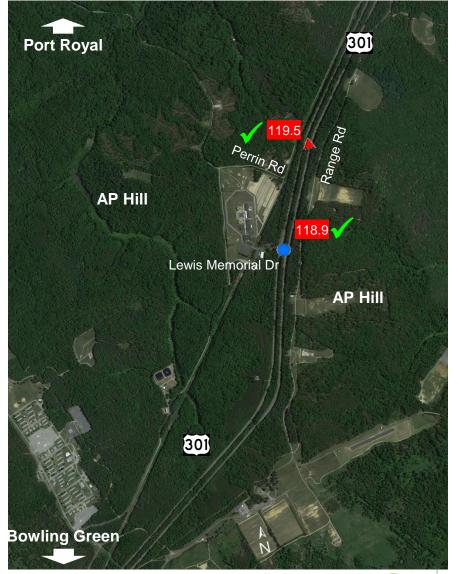






**Phase 2 Area: Caroline County** 









Needs improvements

Unsignalized Intersection

Inadequate intersection spacing per VDOT

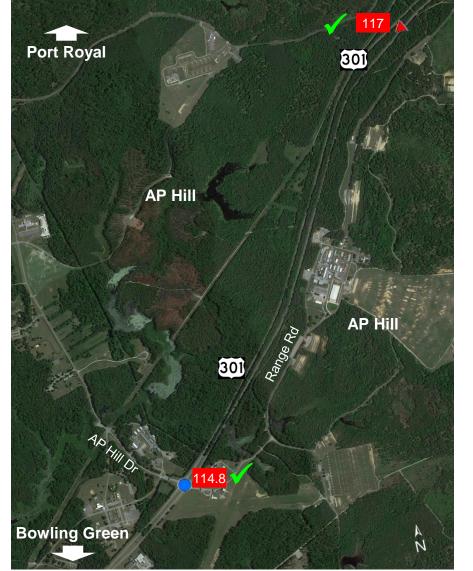
Meets requirements/no recommended improvements
Recommend remove crossover

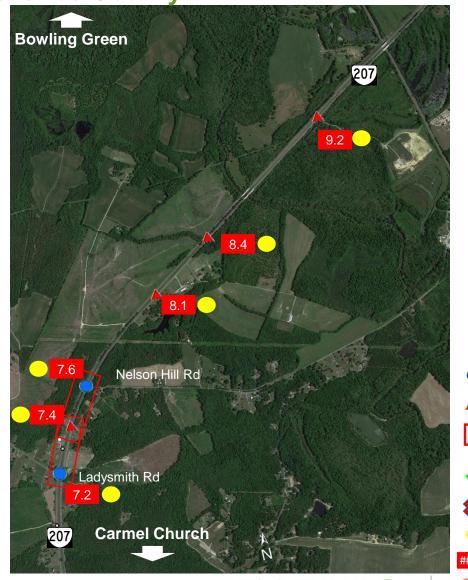
Median Crossovers

standards

Milepost

Phase 2 Area: Caroline County









Milepost

Unsignalized Intersection

Inadequate intersection spacing per VDOT standards

Meets requirements/no

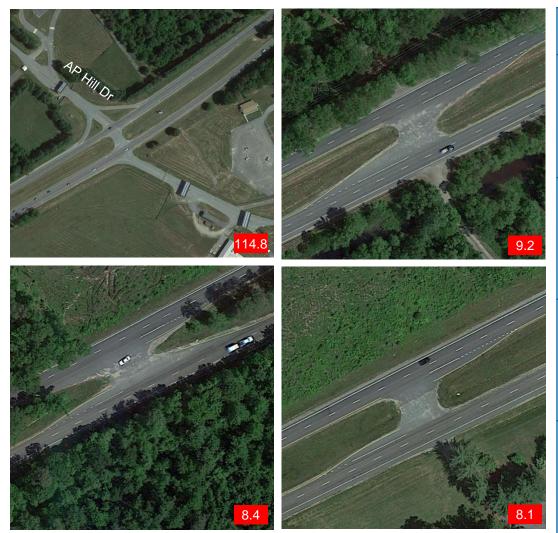
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recommended improvements

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Median Crossovers

# **Preliminary Recommendations Phase 2 Area: Caroline County**



Milepost	Recommendation
114.8 (US 301)	Intersection may require further study
9.2 (Rte 207)	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on Rte 207
8.4 (Rte 207)	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on Rte 207
8.1 (Rte 207)	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on Rte 207





**Phase 2 Area: Caroline County** 







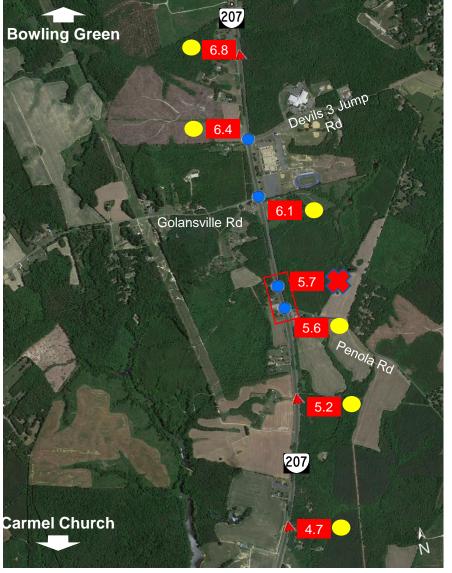
Milepost	Recommendation
7.6	Lengthen existing turn-lanes on Rte 207
7.4	Reconfigure existing crossover to directional crossover to only permit leftsin from Rte 207 northbound
7.2	Lengthen existing turn-lanes on southbound Rte 207







**Phase 2 Area: Caroline County** 







Unsignalized Intersection

Inadequate intersection spacing per VDOT standards

Meets requirements/no

Median Crossovers



### Phase 2 Area









Milepost	Recommendation
6.8	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on Rte 207
6.4	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on Rte 207
6.1	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on Rte 207
5.6	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on Rte 207







Phase 2 Area





Milepost	Recommendation
5.2	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on Rte 207
4.7	Lengthen existing left-turn lanes on Rte 207





## **Next Steps**

- Receive stakeholder comments on today's material no later than 5pm Friday, December 8.
  - Provide comments to Stephen Haynes with cc to Paul Prideaux
- Public Information Meeting on <u>December 14th</u> at Port Royal Volunteer Fire Station
   5pm 7pm
- Study team to hold individual discussions with stakeholders as requested to review public feedback and revise / agree on study recommendations.

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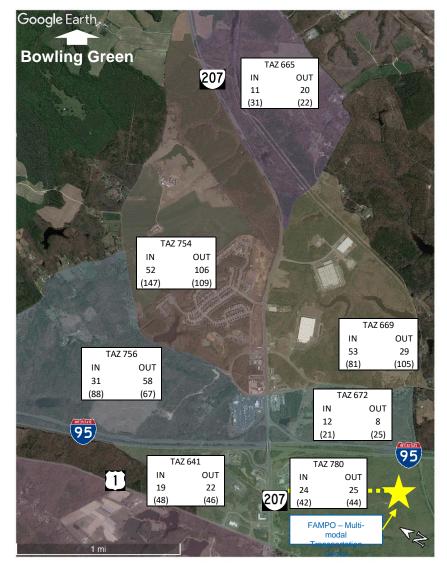


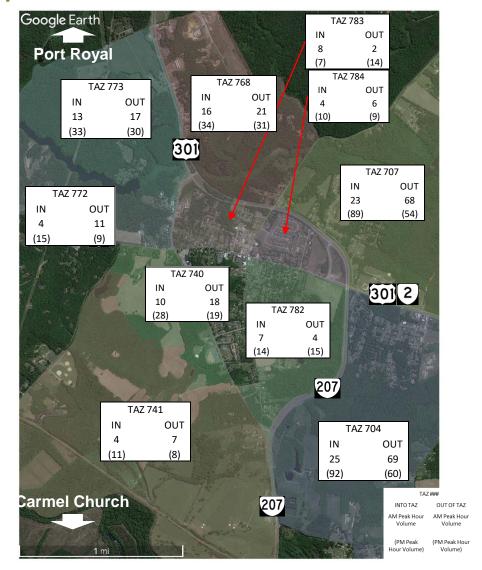
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Phase 1 Area: US 301 / Route 207 Corridor



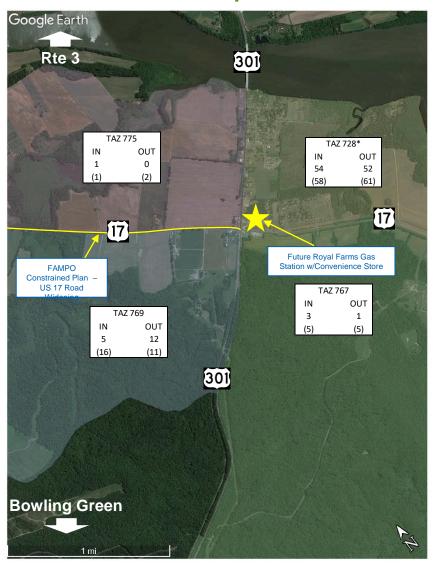








Phase 1 Area: US 301 / Route 207 Corridor



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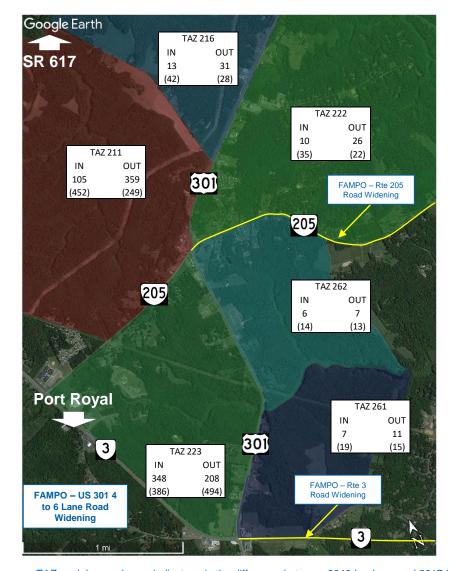
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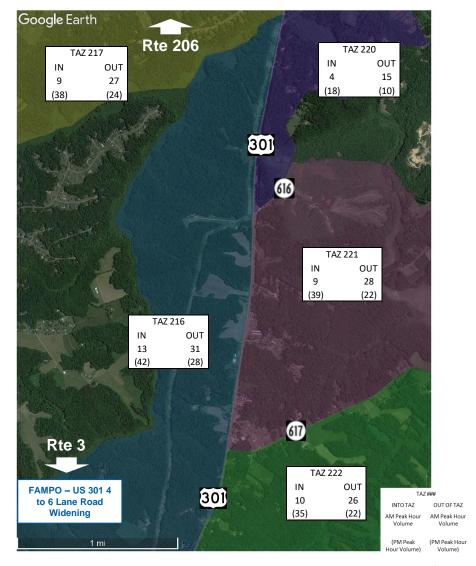
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Phase 1 Area: US 301 / Route 207 Corridor



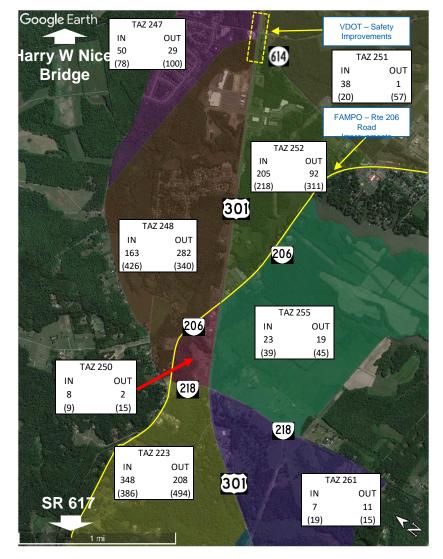


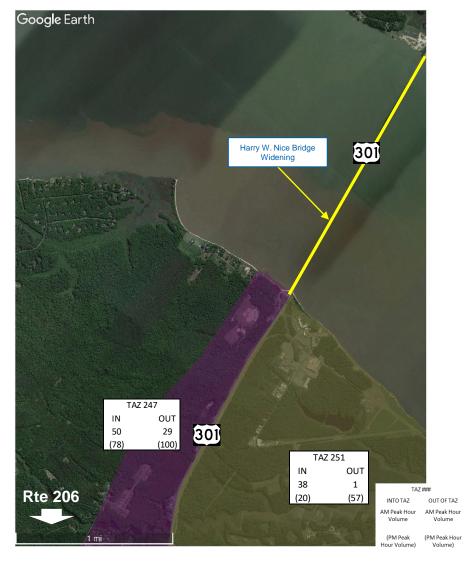
TAZ peak hour volumes indicate only the difference between 2040 land use and 2017 land use





Phase 1 Area: US 301 / Route 207 Corridor









**Phase 1 Area: Carmel Church** 



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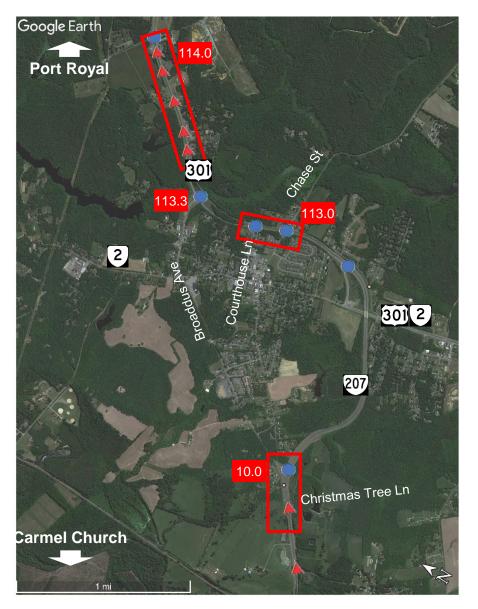




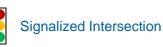




## **Phase 1 Area: Town of Bowling Green**



- Multiple crossovers and unsignalized intersections within close proximity of each other, 300 ft to 950 ft (< 1320 ft), between I-95 and Rte 207 Interchange and Rte 1 and Rte 207 intersection
- Two-stage crossing at intersection of Bowling Green Turnpike and US 301. Sight distance is inadequate looking northbound from median crossover
- 113.0 Two unsignalized intersections at Courthouse Ln and Rte 207 within 950 ft (< 1320 ft) of signalized intersection at Chase St and Rte 207. Significant concentration of traffic crashes at intersections
- 10.0 Full median crossover at Christmas Tree Ln and Rte 207 within 700 ft of right out accel lane and 1100 ft of unsignalized intersection at W Broaddus Ave and Rte 207





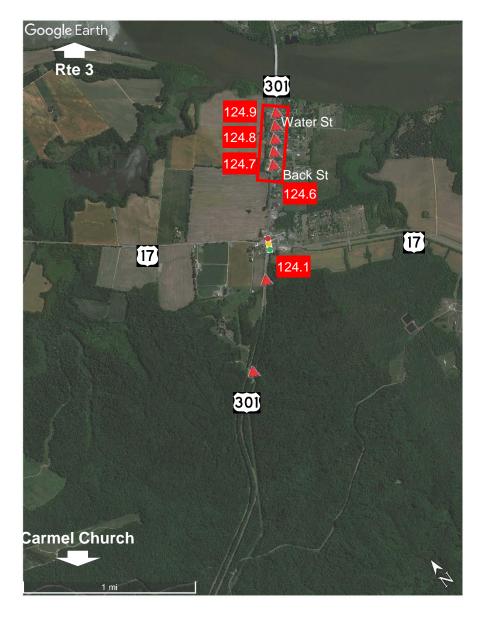
**Median Crossovers** 







### **Phase 1 Area: Town of Port Royal**



- Multiple crossovers within close proximity of each other, 300 ft to 500 ft (< 565 ft), between Water St and US 301 and Back St and US 301 intersections. Significant concentration of traffic crashes near Water St
- No pedestrian accommodations such as sidewalks and signage. Pedestrians must use fairly narrow shoulders with ditches
- 124.7 No dedicated turn lanes for turn movements within town on US 301
- 124.6 Speed zone is 35 MPH entering Port Royal Southbound, however increases to 45 MPH following Back St
- Business entrances/exits are within intersection functional area



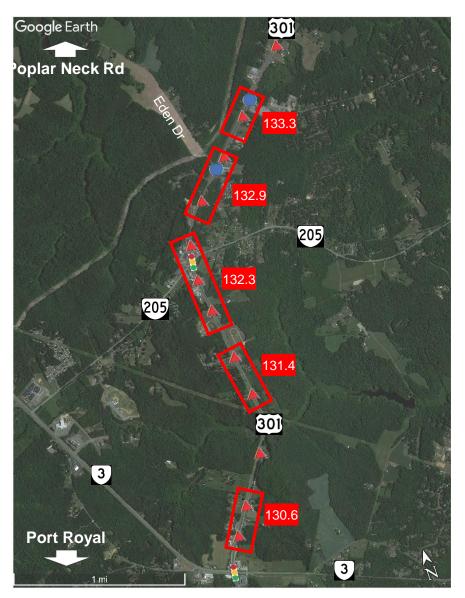








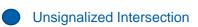
## **Phase 1 Area: King George County**



- Full median crossover within 550 ft (< 1320 ft) of unsignalized intersection at State Rd and US 301
- Full median crossovers within 400 ft to 1000 ft (<1320 ft) of unsignalized intersection at Eden Dr and US 301
- Multiple crossovers within 400 ft to 600 ft (<1320 ft) of signalized intersection at Ridge Rd and US 301.

  Businesses with multiple driveways in turn lanes and signalized intersection
- Median crossovers within 1280 ft (<1320 ft) of each other
- Median crossovers within 960 ft (<1320 ft) of each other</li>





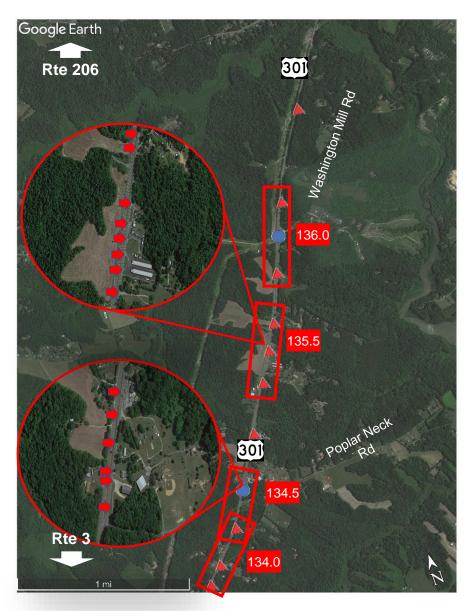


Inadequate intersection spacing per VDOT standards





## **Phase 1 Area: King George County**

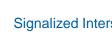


Full median crossovers within 1100 ft (< 1320 ft) of unsignalized intersection at Washington Mill Rd and US 301

Full median crossovers within 1000 ft (<1320 ft) of each other. Multiple business driveways on US 301

Full median crossovers within 1100 ft (< 1320 ft) of unsignalized intersection at Poplar Neck Rd and US 301. Multiple business and residential driveways on US 301

Multiple median crossovers within 700 ft to 1250 ft (<1320 ft) of each other



Signalized Intersection



**Median Crossovers** 

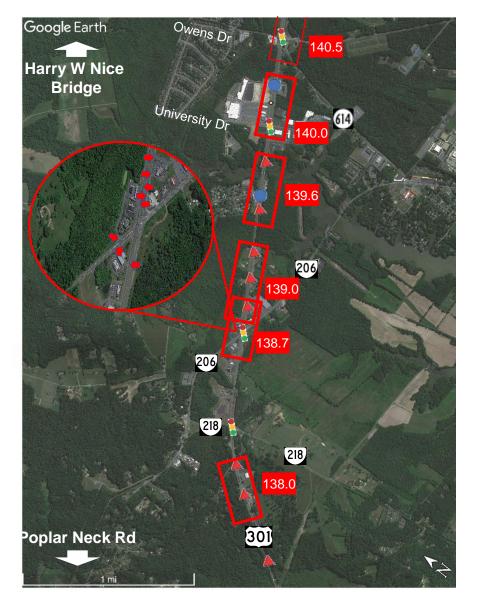








## **Phase 1 Area: King George County**



- Full median crossovers within 1000 ft (< 1320 ft) of signalized intersection at Owens Dr and US 301 (See slide 16)
- Unsignalized intersection within 1280 ft (<1320 ft) of signalized intersection at University Dr and US 301
- Full median crossovers within 1000 ft (< 1320 ft) of unsignalized intersection at Danube Dr and US 301.
- Multiple median crossovers within 800 ft (<1320 ft) of each other
- Full median crossover within 800 ft (<1050 ft) of signalized intersection at Rte 206 and US 301. Multiple business driveways in turn lanes and intersection functional area
- \* Full median crossovers within 950 ft (<1320 ft) of each other
  - Signalized Intersection
- Median Crossovers
- Unsignalized Intersection







**Phase 1 Area: King George County** 



- Full median crossovers within 1000 ft (< 1320 ft) of signalized intersection at Owens Dr and US 301 (See slide 15)
- Full median crossovers within 650 ft (<1320 ft) of each other









