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1 Executive Summary

The objective of this study is to evaluate the impact of the proposed Sherrill Lane Business Park on traffic operation along Sherrill Boulevard and develop any needed improvement recommendation. Sherrill Lane Business Park is a proposed commercial development consisting of five office buildings and four warehouses. The proposed site will be located along Sherrill Boulevard, a service road, at the northeast quadrant of the I-40 at I-440 system interchange in the City of Knoxville, TN. The proposed development is expected to generate 1,021 daily, 215 AM Peak hour, and 237 PM peak hour trips. Access to the site will be provided from Sherrill Boulevard via one full-movement driveway with a single exiting lane. Traffic operations at the proposed site driveway intersection were analyzed based on the year 2031 (build out year plus 5 years) traffic volume condition. Based on the analysis results, it is anticipated that the proposed site driveway intersection would operate at LOS B or better during both AM and PM peak hours. The following improvement measure is recommended at the site driveway:

 Provide a left turn lane with 100 feet minimum storage and appropriate taper by restriping existing pavement.

2 Existing Condition

Sherrill Lane Business Park is a proposed commercial development consisting of office buildings and warehouses and is proposed to be located approximately 4,200' south of the intersection of Mabry Hood Road at Sherrill Boulevard in the City of Knoxville, Tennessee. The proposed site location is presented in Figure 1 and the site plan of the proposed development is presented in Figure 2. It should be noted that while the proposed site and the site driveway belong to Knox County, the surrounding roadways and interchanges referenced in this report are within the City of Knoxville limit. As can be seen from Figure 2, the proposed development will consist of five office buildings, each having a 10,000 square-feet (sf) floor space. The site will also have four warehouses; two warehouses each with 12,000 sf floor space, while each of the two remainder warehouses will have 14,400 sf floor space. Access to the site will be provided from Sherrill Boulevard via an existing full-movement driveway. This driveway will be stop-controlled. It is anticipated that the proposed development will be constructed in a single phase and completed by 2026.

Sherrill Boulevard is a four-lane undivided frontage road with a posted speed limit of 40 miles per hour (mph). No annual average daily traffic (AADT) data is available on Sherrill Boulevard near the vicinity of the proposed site. Existing roadway geometry at the existing driveway intersection at Sherrill Boulevard is presented in Figure 3. Sherrill Boulevard provides connection to I-40 via N Cedar Bluff Road interchange east of the proposed development, and to State Route 162 (Pellissippi Parkway) via Dutchtown Road interchange north of the proposed development.

Weekday AM and PM peak period turning movement counts (TMCs) were collected at the study area intersection on December 19, 2023, when the Knoxville City public schools were in session. Traffic volumes were collected between 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and between 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Peak hour TMCs are presented in Figure 4, while the detail counts are included in Attachment A. As it is shown in Figure 1, there is no development along the proposed driveway and as a result, no meaningful traffic volume from/to the existing driveway was recorded during the data collection. Currently, the existing site driveway is gated (closed) and has no entering/exiting traffic; therefore, no capacity analysis was performed for the existing peak hours.



3 Growth Rates

Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) publishes historic AADTs of their roadways in Traffic Count Database System (TCDS). As of the time of preparing this report, no published AADT data is available along Sherrill Boulevard in TCDS. The nearest count station is located on Mabry Hood Road (ID 47000553), and historic AADTs (from 2016-2023) for this location were used to calculate the growth rate. Linear and compound growth rates for Mabry Hood Road were calculated and are presented in Figure 5. As it can be seen from Figure 5, linear growth rate is 3.07% and compound growth rate is 1.7%. Most of the traffic along the service road is commuter traffic and a 3% growth rate along a service road is deemed too high. An annual 2% growth rate, which is higher than the compound growth rate, was considered more realistic and was used to calculate the growth of the background traffic.

It is anticipated that the development will be built by 2026. Therefore, per TDOT guidelines, 2031 (build out year plus 5 years) is used as the target analysis year. Existing traffic volume was grown by 2% per year (from 2023 to 2031) and the resulting background volume is presented in Figure 4.

4 Site Traffic

4.1 Trip Generation

ITE Trip Generation Manual, 11th Edition was used to calculate estimated trips for the proposed development. ITE Trip Generation Manual provides equations and average rates that estimate the predicted number of trips that will be generated by a development based on similarly sized developments across the country. Trip generation summary for the proposed development is presented in Table 1. ITE Trip Generation report is presented in Appendix B.

	Land				We	ekday Tri	ps		
Land Use	Use	Units	Daily	AN	1 Peak H	our	PI	/I Peak h	lour
	Code		Total	In	Out	Total	In	Out	Total
General Office (Lots 4,5,6,7,9)	710	50,000 SF	785	100	15	115	20	105	125
Warehouse (Lots 1,8) 12K SF	150	24,000 SF	114	38	12	50	16	40	56
Warehouse (Lots 2,3) 14.4K SF	150	28,800 SF	122	40	10	50	16	40	56
		Total	1,021	178	37	215	52	185	237

4.2 Trip Distribution and Assignment

The proposed site is located along Sherrill Boulevard that acts as a service road and connects to Dutchtown Road interchange to north and N Cedar Bluff Road interchange to the east. It is assumed that most of the site traffic from west, north, and south will access the site via Dutchtown Road interchange. Traffic to/from east can access the site via N Cedar Bluff Road interchange. The trip distribution percentage for the proposed site was developed based on this observation and is



presented in Figure 4. The site generated peak hour trips were distributed to the proposed site driveway based on the proposed distribution, and the trip assignment is presented in Figure 4.

5 Future Conditions

Capacity analysis was performed for the 2031 horizon year assuming a single exiting lane with shared left-/right-turn movements. To calculate peak hour traffic volume for the horizon year, existing traffic volume grew by a 2% annual growth rate for seven years and added to the site traffic. Horizon year peak hour volume is presented in Figure 4.

5.1 Capacity Analysis

Level of Service (LOS) at the site driveway was analyzed following the methodologies presented in Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) 6th Edition and utilizing the Synchro capacity analysis software. Traffic operation analysis results for the horizon year (2031) for both AM and PM peak hours are summarized in Table 2. Detail Synchro results are presented in Attachment C.

Table 2: Capacity Analysis Results-2031 Build Conditions

	Intersection			LOS/Delay	(in seconds)	
Intersection	Control	Approach	AM Pea	ak Hour	PM Pea	ak Hour
	Control		Delay ⁽¹⁾	LOS(1)	Delay ⁽¹⁾	LOS(1)
Sherrill Boulevard	Unsignalized	WB	12.0	В	14.2	В
at Site Driveway	(TWSC)	SBL	8.1	Α	8.5	Α

Note: (1) HCM6th Edition TWSC

As can be seen from Table 2, the site driveway will operate at LOS B or better during the AM and PM peak hours of horizon year (2031).

5.2 Turn Lane Analysis

The need for left and right turn lanes were analyzed based on nomograph presented in the Policy on Street and Driveway Access to North Carolina Highways, July 2003 and the analysis results are presented in Figure 6. Based on the analysis, the following turn lane recommendations are made at intersection of Sherill Boulevard at Site Driveway:

- No right turn lane was recommended on the northbound approach of Sherill Boulevard as the maximum peak hour right turn volume is less than 100 vehicles per hour (vph).
- A dedicated left turn with 100 feet of minimum storage and appropriate taper is recommended on the southbound approach of Sherill Boulevard. This left turn will allow a safe refuge for the turning vehicle as they wait to find an acceptable gap in the opposing traffic to cross Sherill Boulevard.

6 Recommendations

- The site driveway at Sherrill Boulevard is expected to operate at LOS B or better. Therefore, it is recommended that the site driveway should continue to operate as stop controlled.
- Provide a left turn lane with 100 feet minimum storage and appropriate taper by restriping existing pavement.



Figures



Figure 1: Project Location

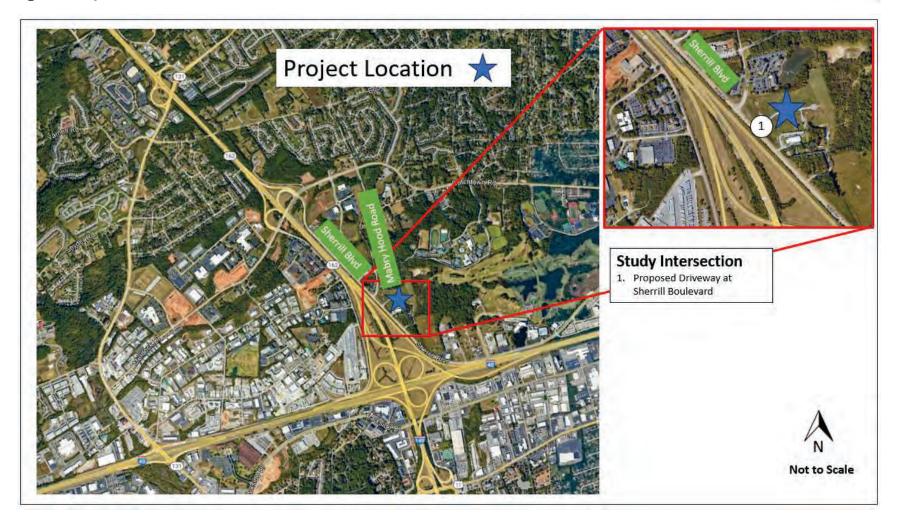




Figure 2: Proposed Site Plan

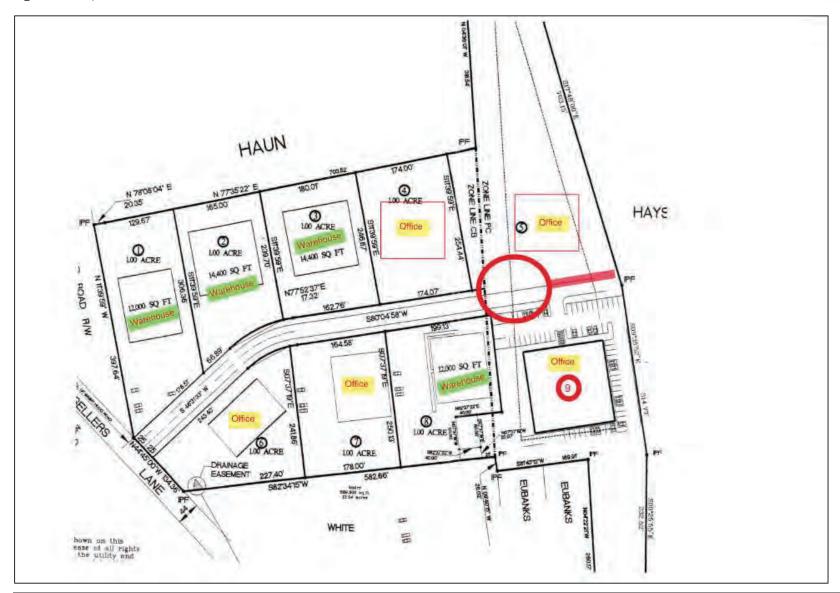






Figure 3: Existing Lane Configuration

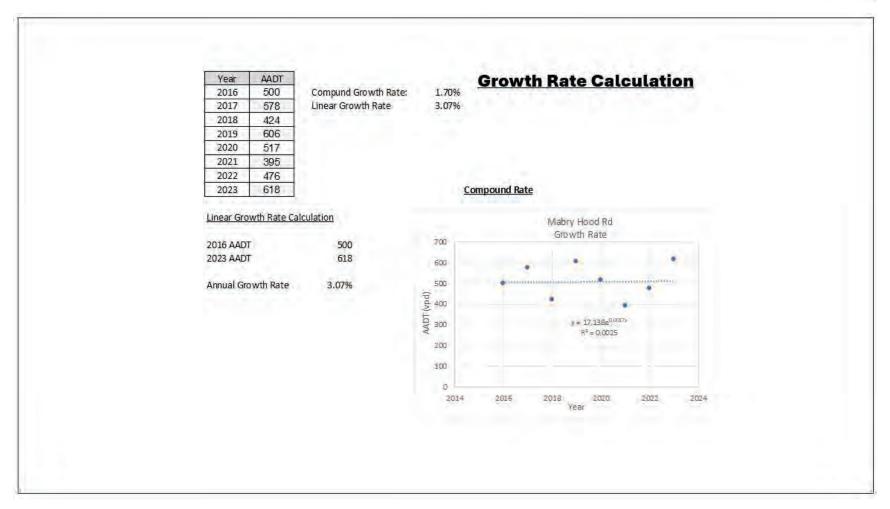


519(183) 596(210) Not to Scale ÷ (75%) **★**- 0(0) <u>←</u> [75%] 1 O(0) **₽** 0(1) F 0(1) ₩ [25%] Site Driveway Site Driveway Site Driveway Sherrill Blvd Sherrill Blvd Sherrill Blvd 177 (441) **Existing Volume** 2031 No Build Traffic Volume Proposed Site Trip Distribution Percentage → 596(210) → 134(39) F 134(39) £ 28(139) £ 28(139) ₹ 9(46) ₹ 9(47) Site Driveway Site Driveway Sherrill Blvd Sherrill Blvd 45(13) Legend xx(xx) - AM (PM) Peak Hour Volume {XX}[XX]-{Inbound}[Outbound] Trip Distribution Site Traffic 2031 Build Traffic Volume

Figure 4: Existing and Horizon Year Traffic Volumes, Trip Distribution Percentage and Site Trips



Figure 5: Annual Growth Rate Calculation Based on Historic AADTs





 AM Peak Hour Warrant for Left and Right-Turn Lanes PM Peak Hour AT GRADE, UNSIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS . Right Turn Storage Lengths are based on opposing volume of 100 VPH (MINIMUM) Policy On Street And Driveway Access to North Carolina Highways S-STORAGE LENGTH REQUIRED OPPOSING VOLUME (VPH) Page 80 July 2003 400 100 200 250 350 Note: Where adjacent signalization may provide opportunities for V. LEFT TURNING VOLUME (VPH) gaps in the traffic stream a reduction in the above storage values can be considered on a case by case basis.

Figure 6: Turn Lane Warrant Analysis



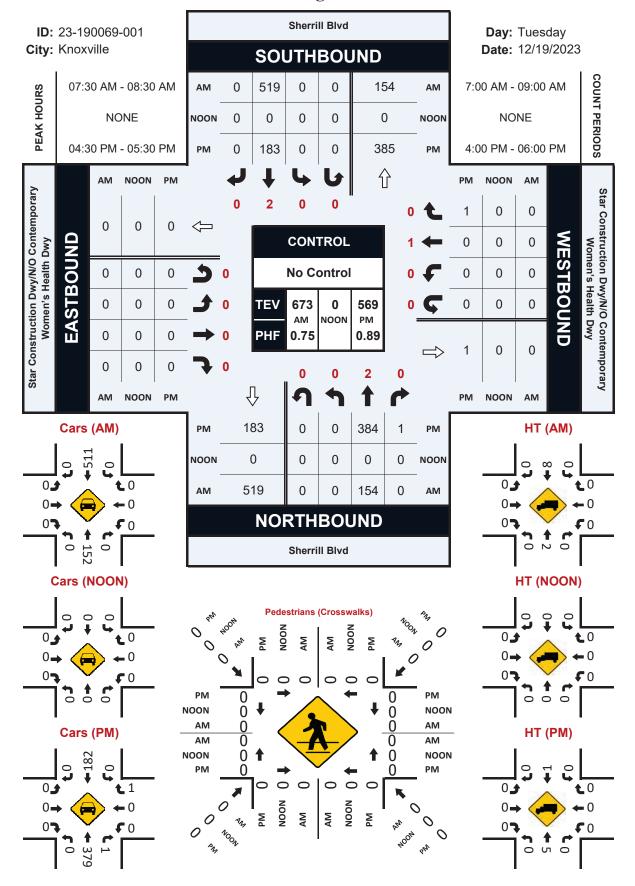
Attachment A

Traffic Count



Sherrill Blvd & Star Construction Dwy/N/O Contemporary Women's Health Dwy

Peak Hour Turning Movement Count



National Data & Surveying Services

Intersection Turning Movement Count

Location: Sherrill Blvd & Star Construction Dwy/N/O Contemporary Women's Health Dwy

City: Knoxville
Control: No Control

Data - Total

Project ID: 23-190069-001

Date: 12/19/2023

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NS/EW Streets:		Sherrill	Blvd			Sherrill	Blvd		Star Cons	truction Dw	,, ,	. ,	Star Cons		,, ,	. ,	1
NS/EW Streets.										Women's H	,			Women's H	,		
		NORTH	BOUND			SOUTH	BOUND			EASTI	BOUND			WEST	BOUND		
AM	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
	NL	NT	NR	NU	SL	ST	SR	SU	EL	ET	ER	EU	WL	WT	WR	WU	TOTAL
7:00 AM	0	11	0	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
7:15 AM	0	23	0	0	0	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
7:30 AM	0	32	0	0	0	126	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	158
7:45 AM	0	50	0	0	0	175	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225
8:00 AM	0	40	0	0	0	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	169
8:15 AM	0	32	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	121
8:30 AM	0	29	0	0	0	69	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99
8:45 AM	0	40	0	0	0	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	107
	NL	NT	NR	NU	SL	ST	SR	SU	EL	ET	ER	EU	WL	WT	WR	WU	TOTAL
TOTAL VOLUMES:	0	257	0	0	0	801	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1059
APPROACH %'s:	0.00%		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	99.88%	0.00%	0.12%									
PEAK HR :		07:30 AM -															TOTAL
PEAK HR VOL :	0	154	0	0	0	519	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	673
PEAK HR FACTOR :	0.000	0.770	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.741	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.748
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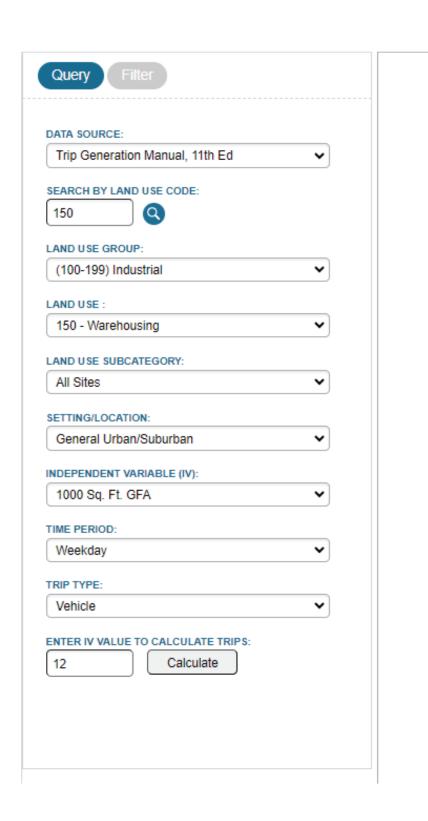
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PM	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
	NL	NT	NR	NU	SL	ST	SR	SU	EL	ET	ER	EU	WL	WT	WR	WU	TOTAL
4:00 PM	0	93	0	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
4:15 PM	0	58	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101
4:30 PM	0	98	1	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	155
4:45 PM	0	103	0	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
5:00 PM	0	107	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	159
5:15 PM	0	76	0	0	0	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115
5:30 PM	0	61	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103
5:45 PM	0	34	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
	NL	NT	NR	NU	SL	ST	SR	SU	EL	ET	ER	EU	WL	WT	WR	WU	TOTAL
TOTAL VOLUMES :	0	630	1	0	0	339	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	971
APPROACH %'s:	0.00%	99.84%	0.16%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	
PEAK HR :		04:30 PM -	05:30 PM														TOTAL
PEAK HR VOL :	0	384	1	0	0	183	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	569
PEAK HR FACTOR :	0.000	0.897	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.832	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.250	0.000	0.895
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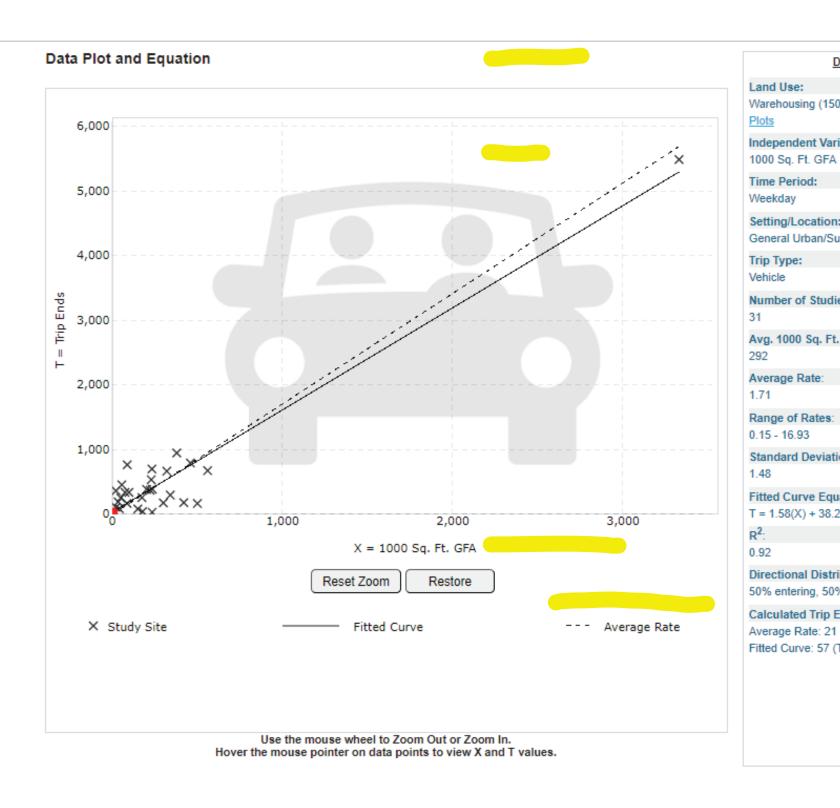
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ITE Trip Generation Report

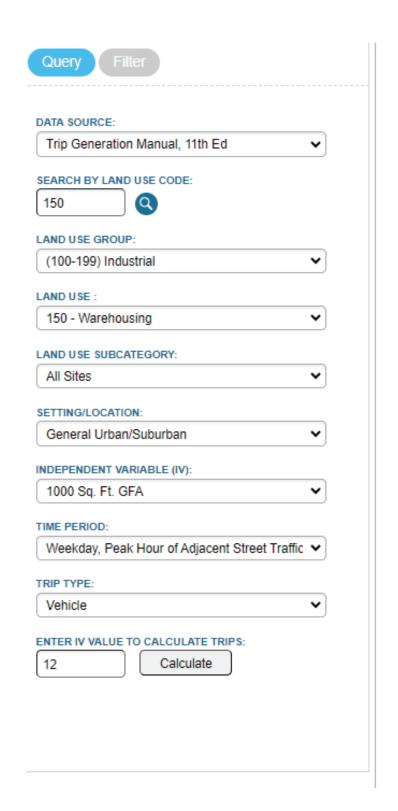


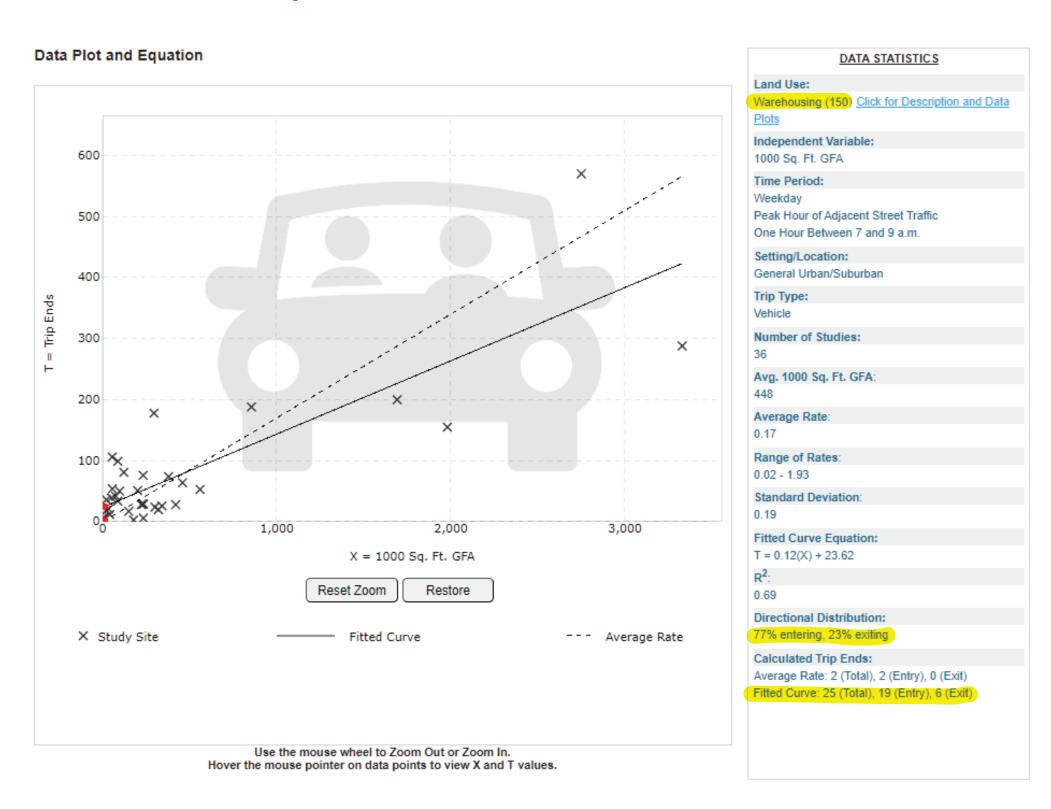
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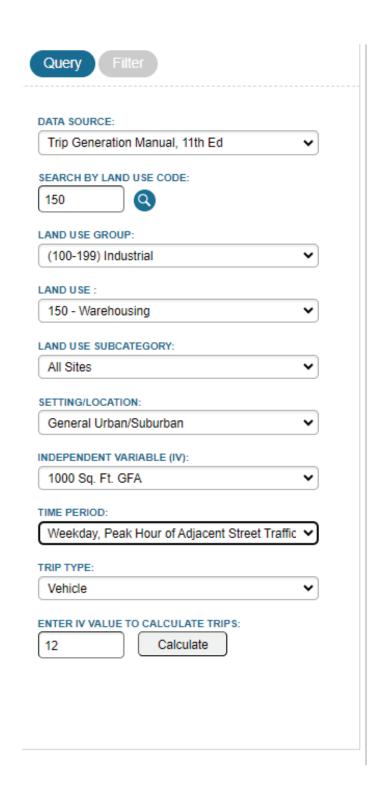


AM Peak Hour Trip-12K SF Warehouse

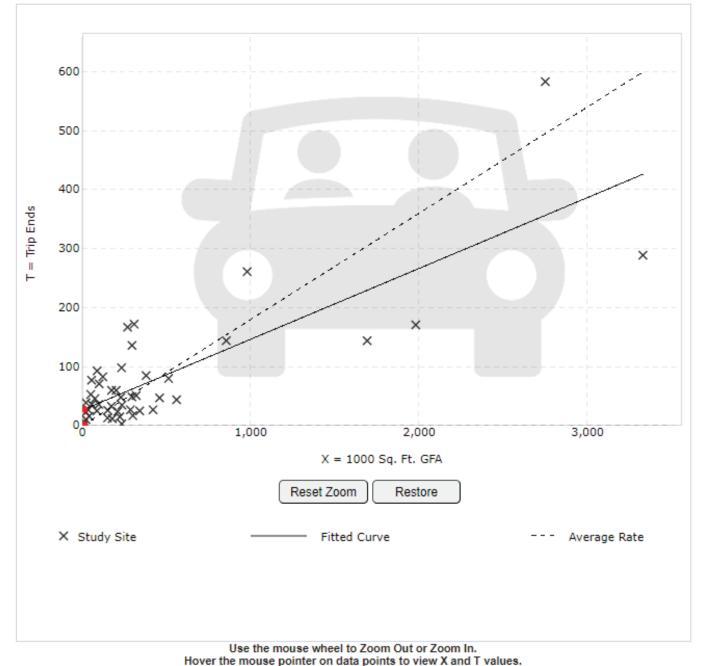




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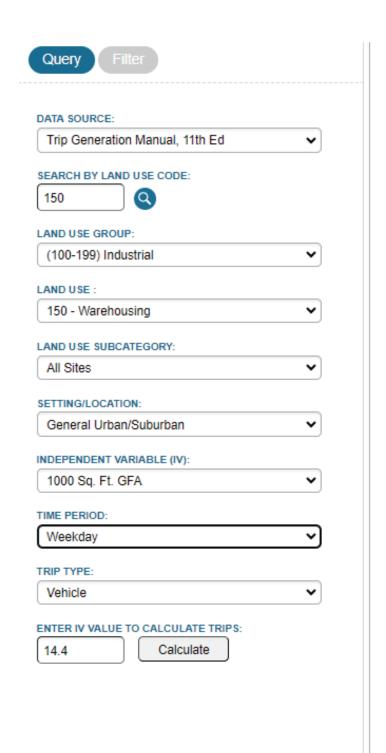


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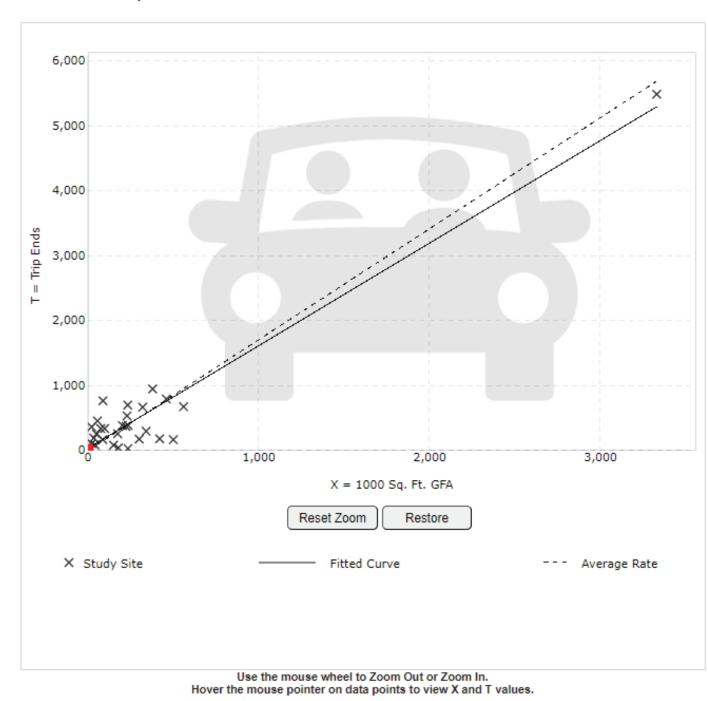




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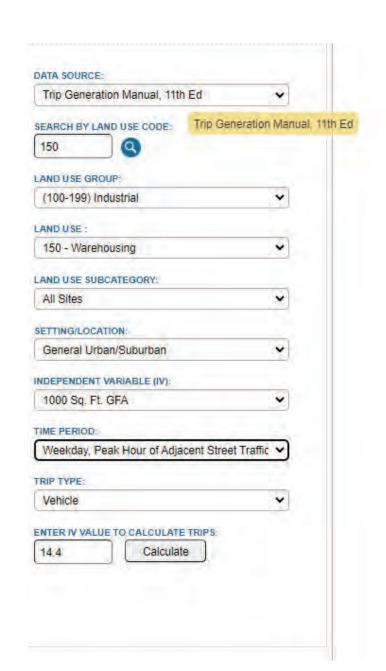


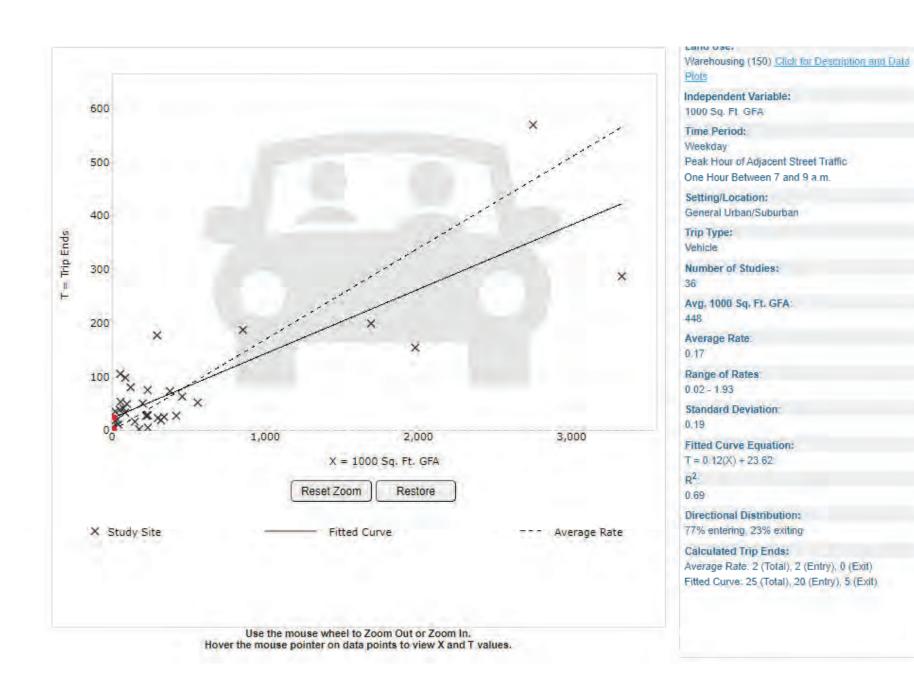
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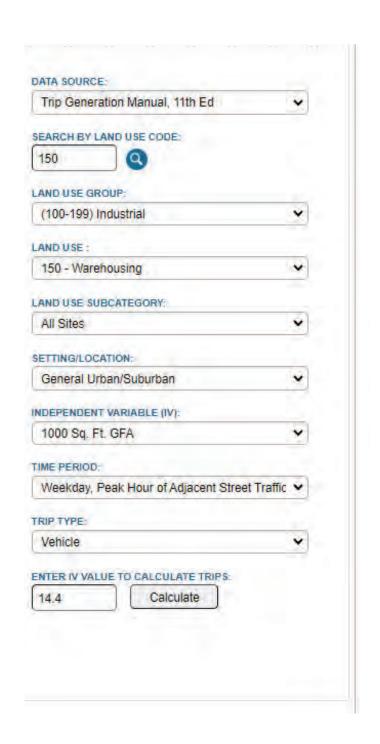
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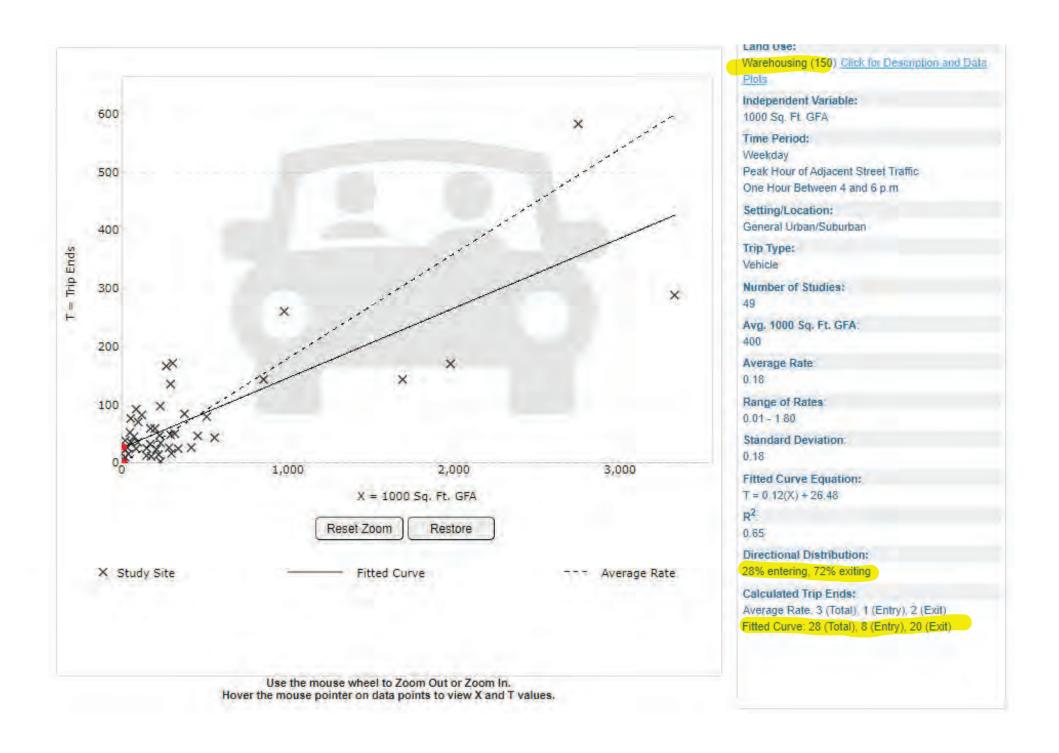
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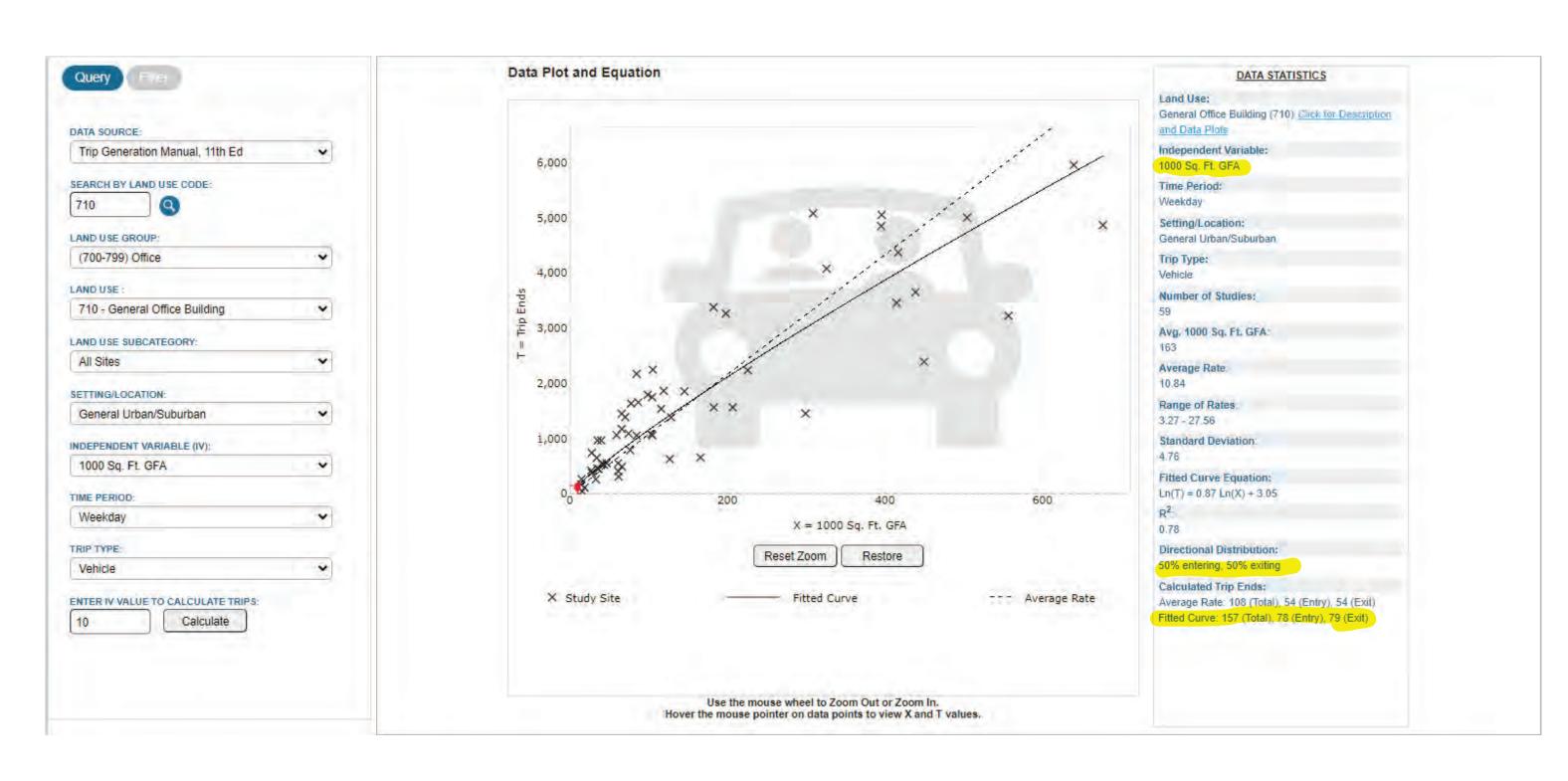


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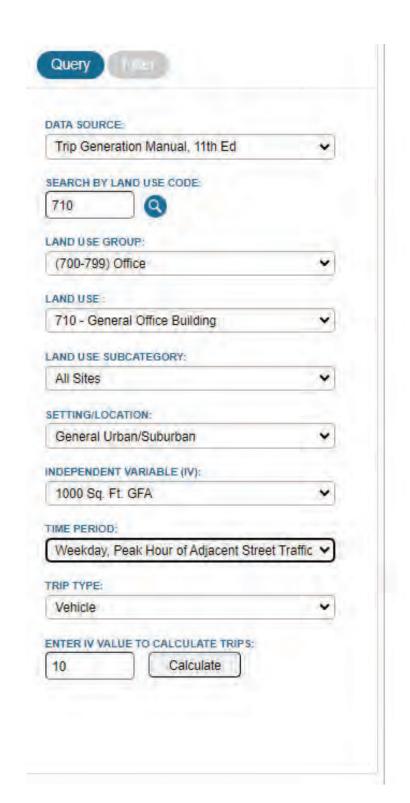


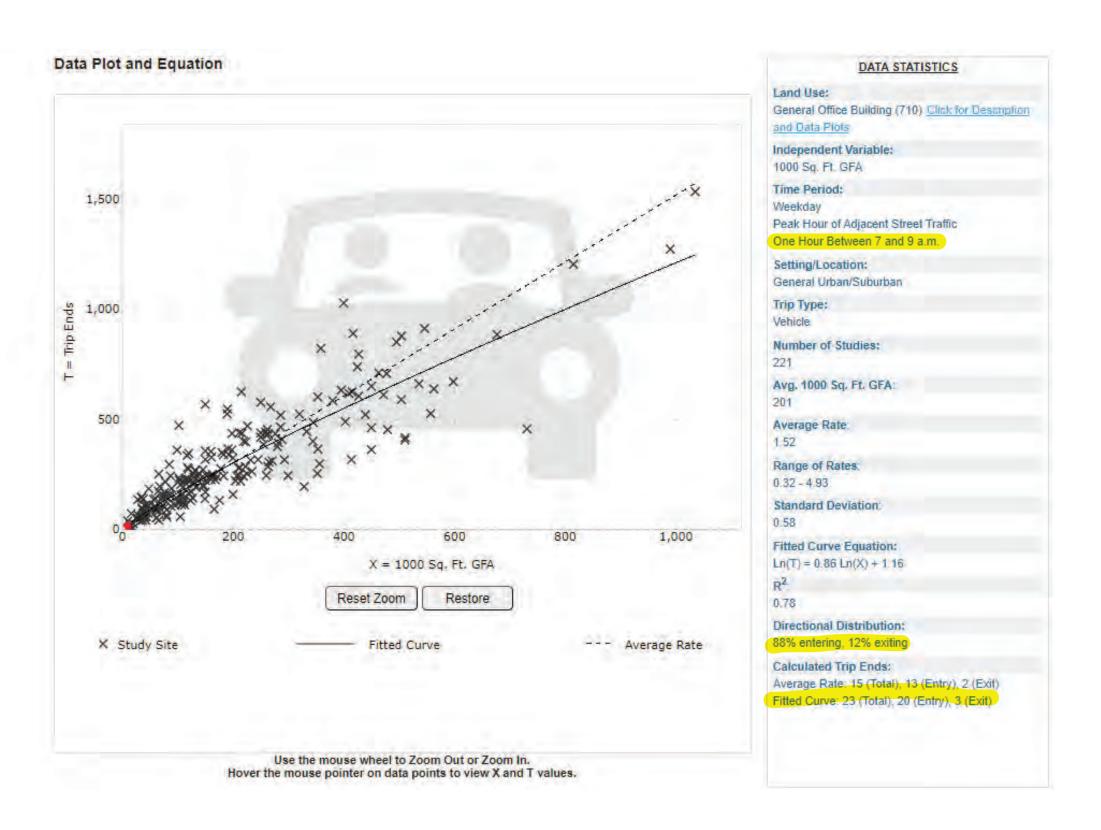


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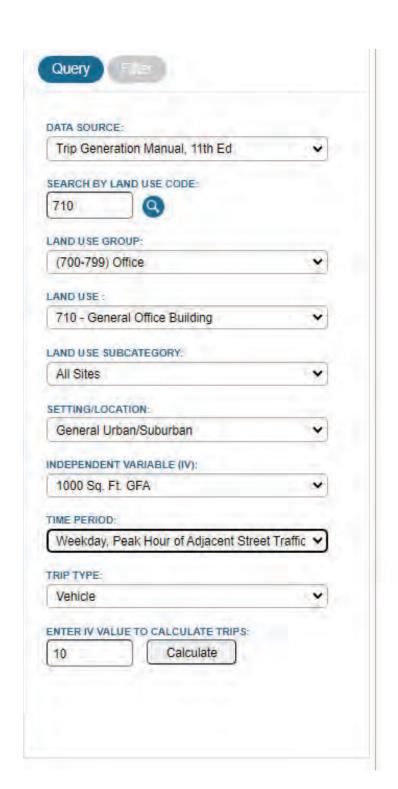


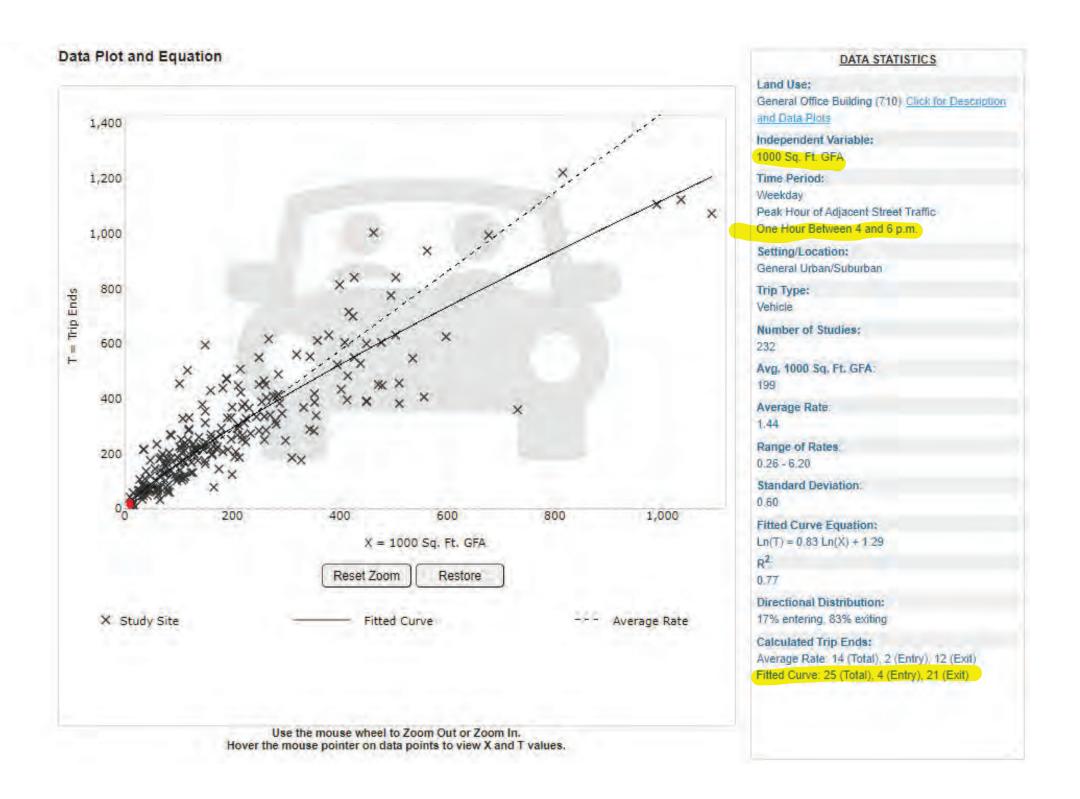
AM Peak Hour





PM Peak Hour





Attachment C

Synchro Analysis Results



Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	1.9					
Movement	WBL	WBR	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT
Lane Configurations	WDL	אטוא	↑ ↑	אטוז	ODL	4∱
Traffic Vol, veh/h	9	28	T I→ 177	45	134	€1 T 596
Future Vol, veh/h	9	28	177	45	134	596
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	28	0	45	0	596
Sign Control		Stop	Free	Free	Free	Free
RT Channelized	Stop -	None	-ree	None	-ree	None
	0	None -	-	None -	-	None -
Storage Length Veh in Median Storage			0	-	-	0
		-				
Grade, %	0	- 02	0	- 02	- 02	0
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	10	30	192	49	146	648
Major/Minor N	/linor1	N	Major1		Major2	
Conflicting Flow All	833	121	0	0	241	0
Stage 1	217	-	-	-		-
Stage 2	616	_	_	_	_	_
Critical Hdwy	6.84	6.94	_	_	4.14	_
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	5.84	-	_	_	- 1.17	_
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	5.84					
Follow-up Hdwy	3.52	3.32	_	_	2.22	_
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	307	908		_	1323	
Stage 1	798	-	_	_	1020	_
Stage 2	501		_	_	-	
Platoon blocked, %	501	-	-	-	_	-
	254	908		-	1323	-
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	254		-	-	1323	-
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	254	-	-	-	-	-
Stage 1	798	-	-	-	-	-
Stage 2	415	-	-	-	-	-
Approach	WB		NB		SB	
HCM Control Delay, s	12		0		1.9	
HCM LOS	В					
Minor Lane/Major Mvm	t	NBT	NBRV	VBLn1	SBL	SBT
Capacity (veh/h)		-	-	558	1323	-
HCM Lane V/C Ratio		-	-	0.072	0.11	-
HCM Control Delay (s)		-	-	12	8.1	0.5
HCM Lane LOS		-	-	В	Α	Α
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)		-	-	0.2	0.4	-
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Intersection						
Int Delay, s/veh	3.4					
Movement	WBL	WBR	NBT	NBR	SBL	SBT
Lane Configurations	WDL	אטוע	↑	אטוי	ODL	4∱
Traffic Vol, veh/h	47	139	441	13	39	210
Future Vol, veh/h	47	139	441	13	39	210
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Stop	Stop	Free	Free	Free	Free
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	
Storage Length	0	-	-	-	-	-
Veh in Median Storage	, # 0	-	0	-	-	0
Grade, %	0	-	0	-	-	0
Peak Hour Factor	92	92	92	92	92	92
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	51	151	479	14	42	228
Major/Minor	Minor1	N	/lajor1	N	Major2	
Conflicting Flow All	684	247	0	0	493	0
Stage 1	486	241	-	-	493	-
Stage 2	198	_	_	_	_	_
Critical Hdwy	6.84	6.94	_	_	4.14	
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	5.84	0.54	_	_		_
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	5.84	_	_	_	_	_
Follow-up Hdwy	3.52	3.32	_	_	2.22	_
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	382	753	-	-	1067	_
Stage 1	584	-	-	-	-	_
Stage 2	816	-	-	-	-	-
Platoon blocked, %			-	-		-
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	365	753	-	-	1067	-
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	365	-	-	-	-	-
Stage 1	584	-	-	-	-	-
Stage 2	779	-	-	-	-	-
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Approach						
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HCM LOS	В					
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Minor Lane/Major Mvm Capacity (veh/h)		NBT -	NBRV -	594	1067	SBT -
Minor Lane/Major Mvm Capacity (veh/h) HCM Lane V/C Ratio	nt	NBT -		594 0.34	1067 0.04	-
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Synchro 11 Report

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