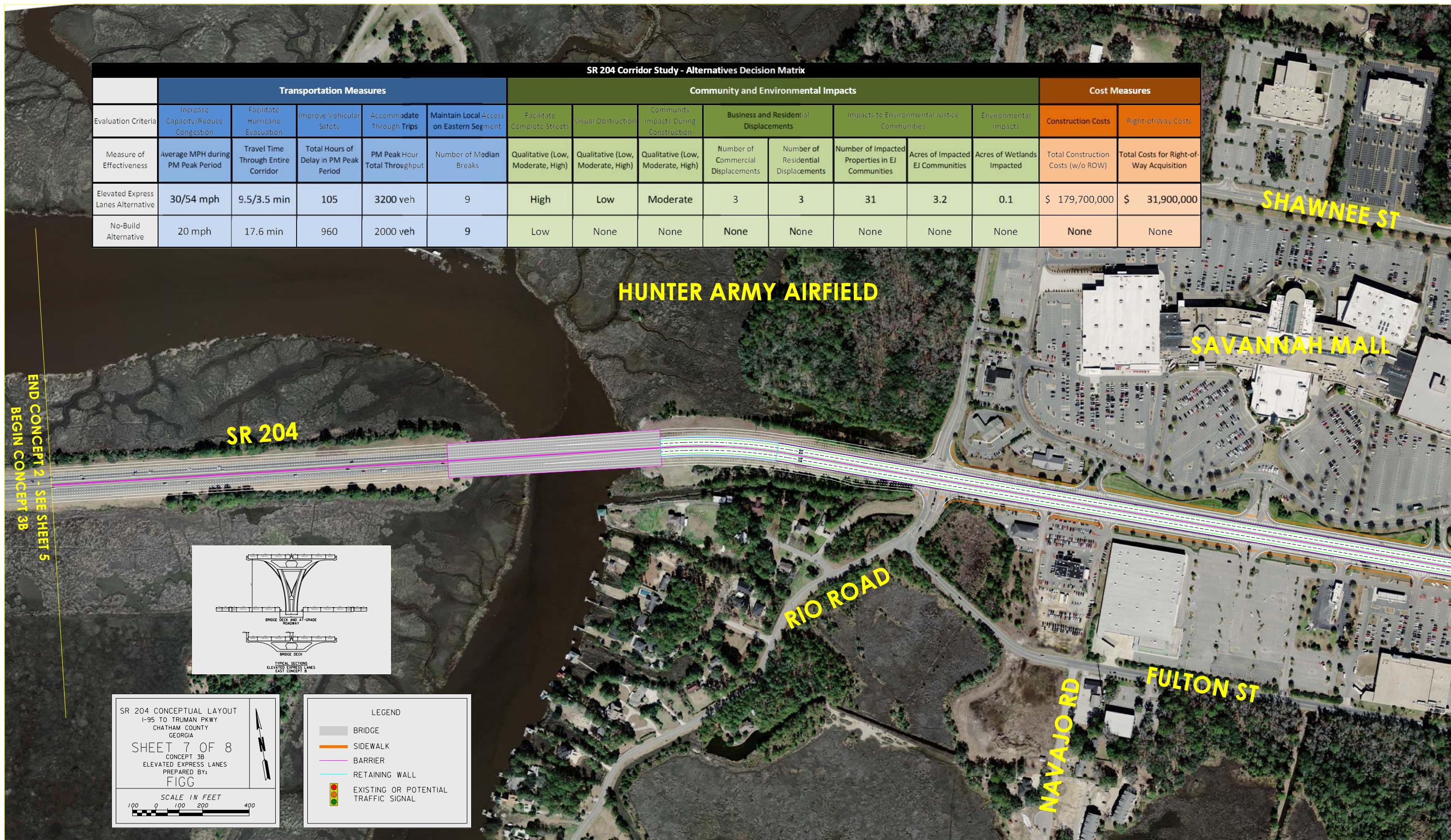
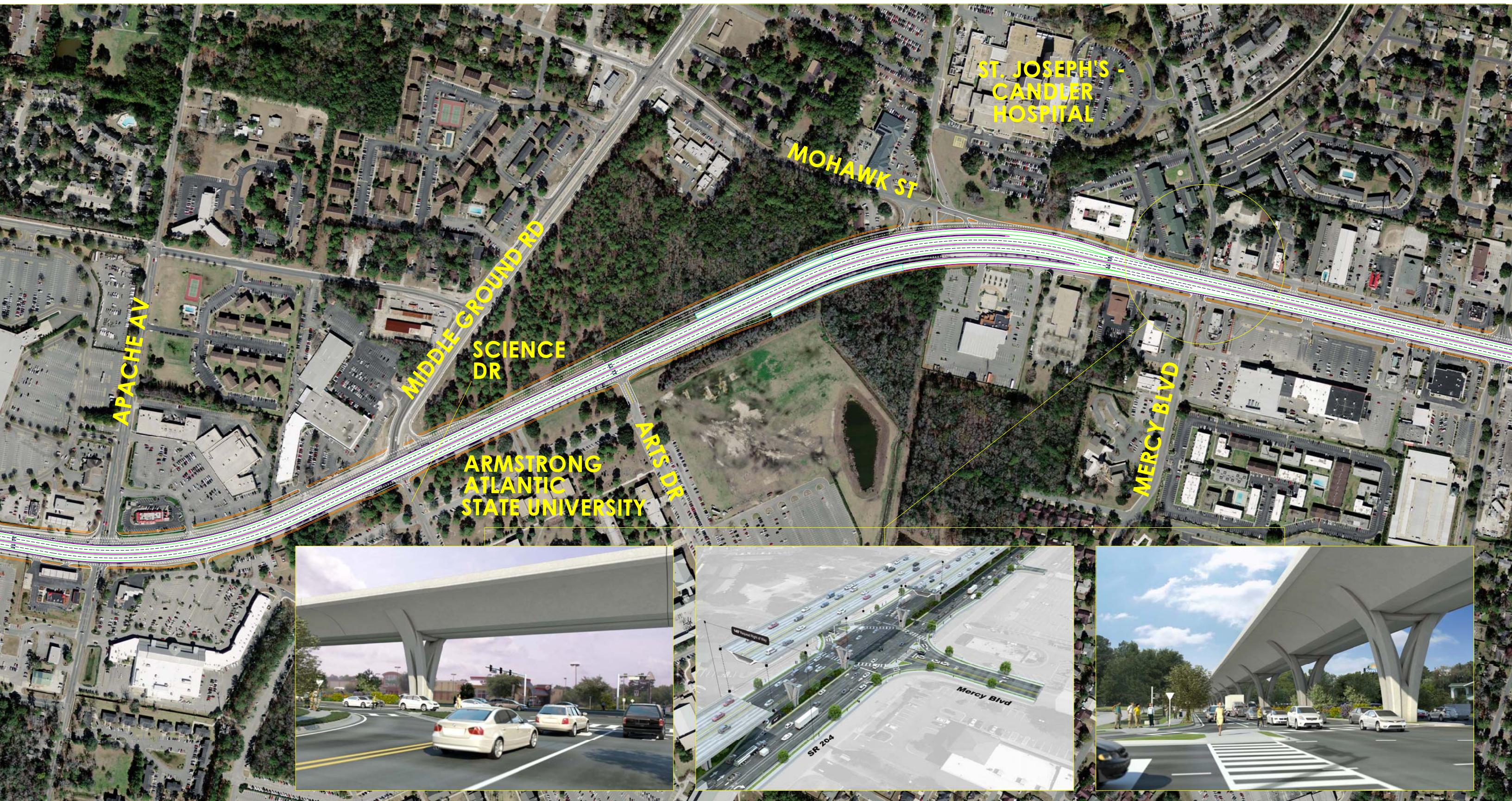
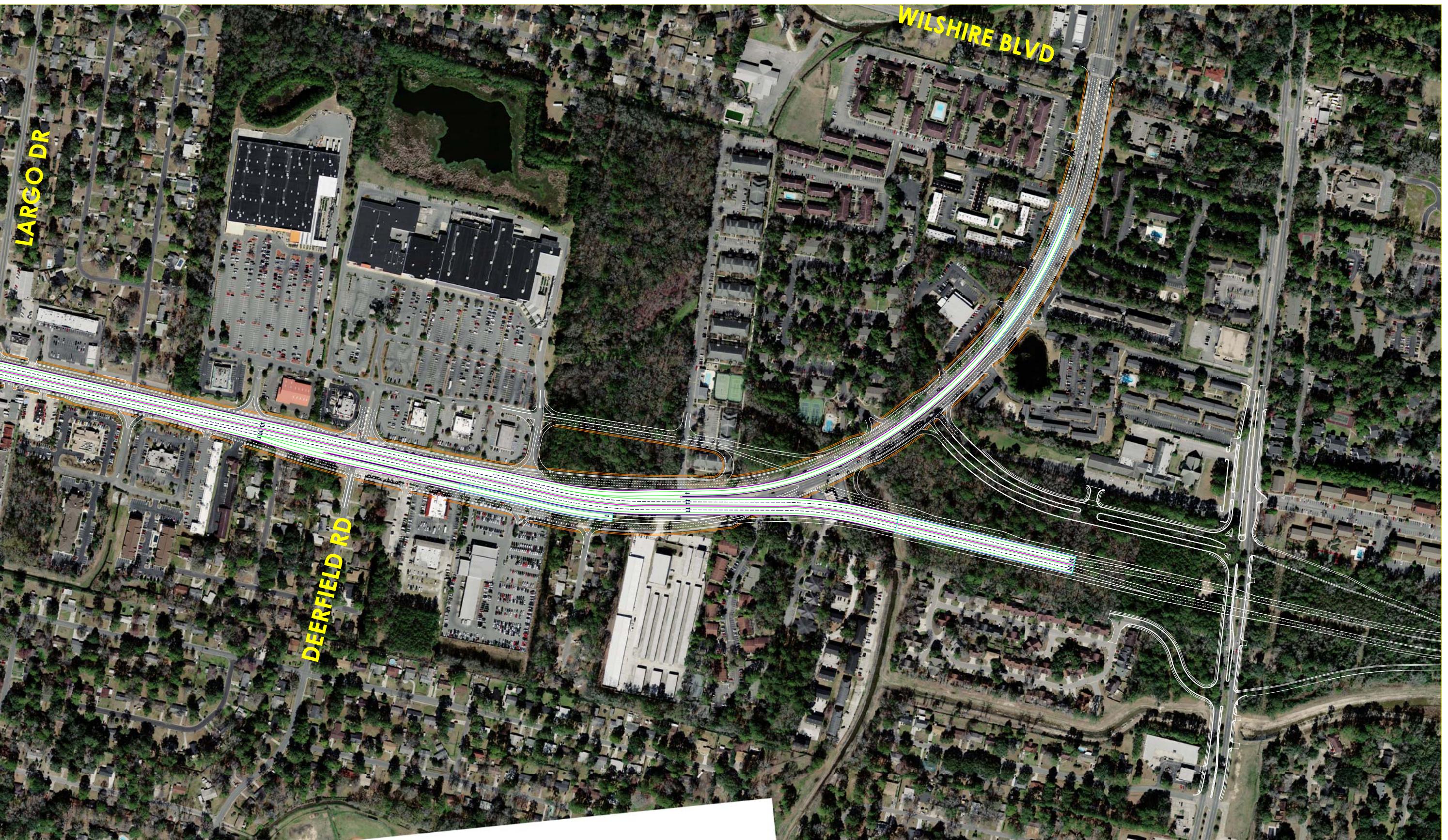


Eastern Segment Concept B



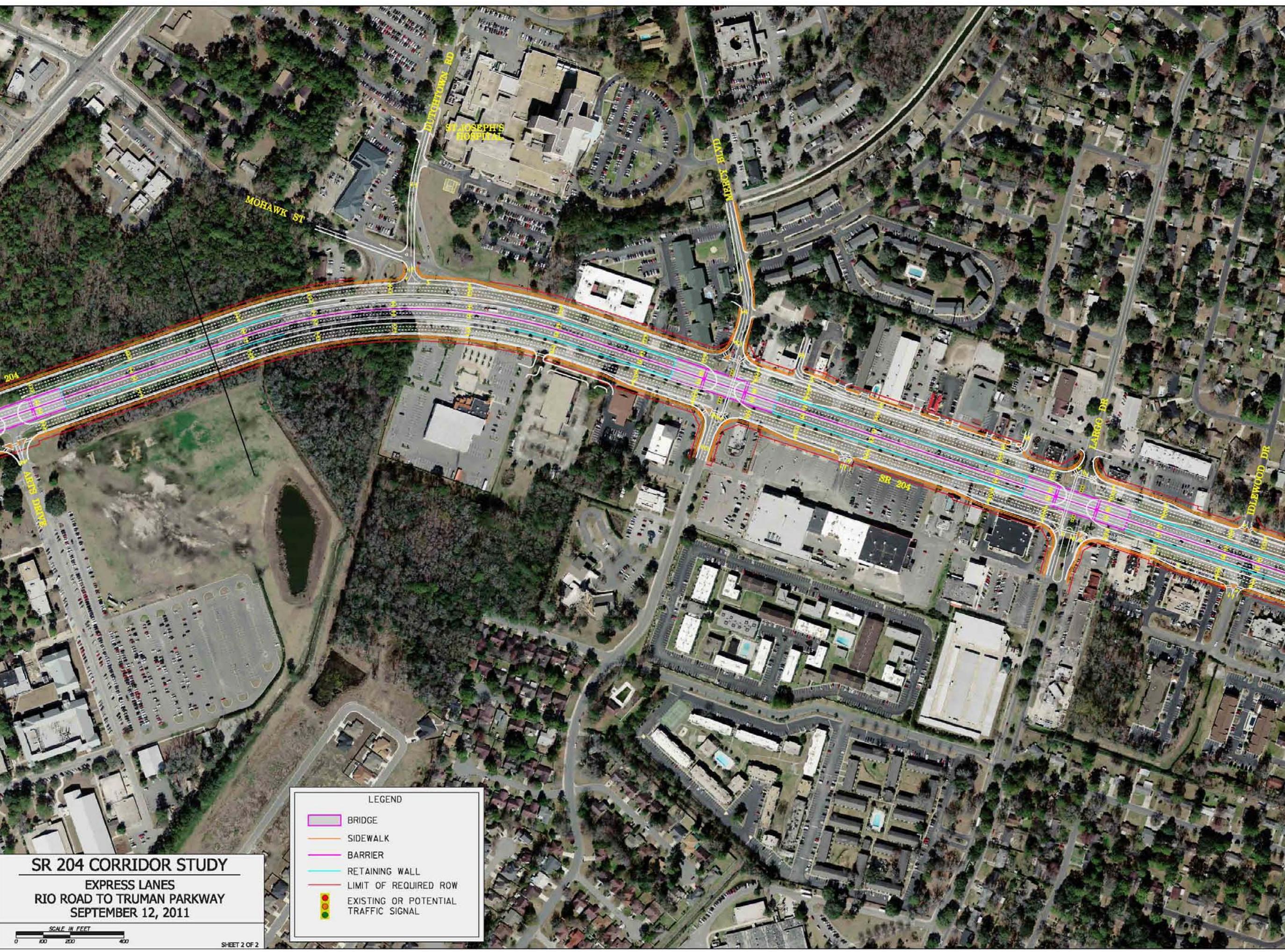


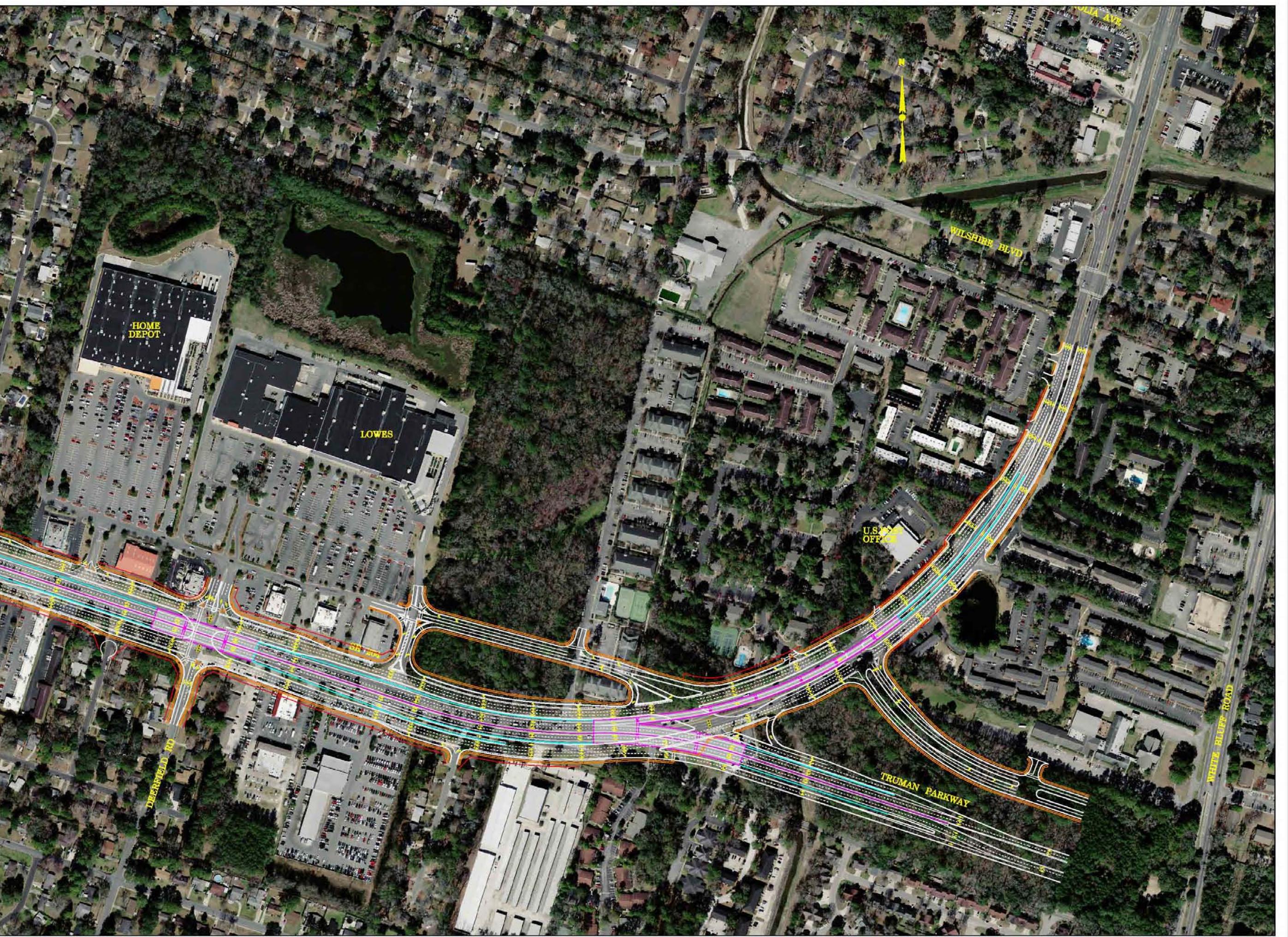


Eastern Segment Concept C









Appendix D – Evaluation of Lane Requirements for Express Lanes Alternative Memorandum



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Memorandum

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From: Robinson Nicol, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (JEG)

Date: July 28, 2011

Subject: SR 204 Corridor Study - Evaluation of Lane Requirements for Express Lanes Alternative

Referenced Projects: P.I. # 0009314 Special Studies Contract: SR 204 Corridor Study

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As part of the SR 204 Corridor Study, Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (JEG) is evaluating three alternative scenarios for the Build condition. The three alternative scenarios considered along SR 204 are the following:

- Concept A: Six through lanes with collector-distributor roads
- Concept B: Four elevated express lanes
- Concept C: Two express lanes

A typical section for each Build alternative is included in Attachment A. As shown in the typical sections, each alternative provides a different number of limited access lanes. The purpose of this memo is to determine if the number of lanes for the express lanes portion of Concept C is sufficient for anticipated traffic demand.

In the proposed design for Concept C, the two express lanes would be built over the existing SR 204 median and the existing lanes of SR 204 would be shifted to the outside. The express lanes would be barrier separated and would provide access to SR 204 west of Rio Road and tie-in with the terminus of Truman Parkway on the eastern side of the project. A half diamond interchange is also included in Concept C at Arts Drive. At major intersections, the express lanes would be grade-separated in order to maintain continuous flow and also provide eastbound and westbound access to the at-grade lanes. The other Build alternatives have similar concepts; however, they provide four express lanes (Concept B) or six limited access lanes (Concept A) instead of two express lanes.

Traffic volume forecasts have been developed for each alternative for opening year (2015) and design year (2035). The future traffic projections were calculated by applying a growth rate to the existing year (2010) volumes. Because historic growth has been relatively flat in the area, the growth rates used to develop traffic volume forecasts were calculated using the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (CORE MPO) 2035 travel demand model (E+C network) and the 2006 base year model. The 2035 model (E+C network) was modified to incorporate geometry proposed for the build conditions. The traffic forecasting methodology



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along with balanced traffic flow diagrams are summarized in a memo submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Office of Planning on June 21, 2011.

In order to evaluate if the lanes provided by Concept C were sufficient, the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) 2000 was used to analyze capacity and level of service (LOS) for the proposed roadway geometry. The methodology used for analyzing the at-grade portion is summarized in Chapter 21 – Multilane Highways and the methodology for analyzing the limited access portion is summarized in Chapter 23 – Basic Freeway Segments. The HCM methodology was used to determine LOS for the high point volume on the at-grade lanes and express lanes of Concept C based on the following input data:

- Geometric Data
- Free-flow speed
- Volume

The analysis was performed for two Build conditions (two and four express lanes) in order to determine if added capacity was necessary to improve LOS. In order to perform this planning-level analysis using design (2035) peak hour volumes, the high point 2035 volume was used to calculate an adjusted 15-minute flow rate based on the peak hour factor (PHF), number of lanes (N), heavy vehicle factor (f_{HV}), and population factor (f_p). This adjusted 15-minute flow rate was compared to the maximum service flow rates reported in the HCM 2000 for multilane and freeway facilities to determine expected LOS.

The results of the analysis are summarized in Table 1 (At-Grade Lanes) and Table 2 (Express Lanes).

Table 1 – At-Grade Lanes HCM Multilane Highway LOS (2035)

Build Condition	At-Grade Lanes				
	Peak Hour	Direction	High Point Volume (vph)	Adjusted 15-min flow rate (pc/h/ln)	*LOS
Two Express Lanes	AM	EB	2,778	1,122	C
Four Express Lanes	AM	EB	2,703	1,092	C

*Based on LOS thresholds from Exhibit 21-2 in HCM 2000

Table 2 – Express Lanes HCM Basic Freeway Segment LOS (2035)

Build Condition	Express Lanes				
	Peak Hour	Direction	High Point Volume (vph)	Adjusted 15-min flow rate (pc/h/ln)	*LOS
Two Express Lanes	AM	EB	1,602	1,942	E
Four Express Lanes	PM	WB	2,307	1,356	C

*Based on LOS thresholds from Exhibit 23-2 in HCM 2000

As shown in Table 1, the at-grade lanes are expected to have acceptable LOS (LOS C or better) at the high point volume location with both two and four express lanes. Using this methodology, the express lanes are expected to have unacceptable LOS (LOS E) at the high point volume location with two express lanes, as shown in Table 2. However, the Build

condition with four express lanes is expected to have acceptable LOS (LOS C) according to the analysis.

Some caution should be used with these planning-level results, particularly for the two-lane (one travel lane in each direction) freeway segment analysis. The HCM 2000 freeway methodology was researched using facilities with a minimum of two travel lanes in each direction. With one travel lane in each direction, traffic will have no opportunity to move around slower traffic. Decreased maneuverability tends to reduce the average speed of vehicles, so the actual LOS experienced on a two-lane freeway section may be worse than that reported in Table 2.

Additionally, it is important to consider how the traffic volumes were derived. Peak hour and average daily traffic (ADT) volumes were forecasted from growth rates obtained from base year and design year travel demand models. Additionally, the volume split between express lanes and at-grade lanes was determined from the model volume outputs. Because the modeling software considers travel time when determining routes, traffic is assigned to a route based on available capacity. For this reason, traffic in the model will no longer be assigned to the express lanes if capacity is reached and travel times begin to decrease. Therefore because the volume forecasted to utilize the express lanes is constrained by capacity in the model and does not include latent demand, the actual LOS may be worse than predicted by the model volumes.

An additional analysis was performed using the forecasted ADT volumes and comparing them against generalized LOS tables prepared by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) for use in reviewing Developments of Regional Impact (DRI). These tables are used by GRTA to perform a generalized assessment of traffic conditions based on ADT volumes on roadway segments adjacent to proposed developments. Similar to the HCM analysis, high point 2035 volumes were used to determine expected roadway LOS along the SR 204 facility for two Build conditions (two and four express lanes) using this methodology. Because the volume thresholds for two freeway lanes were not provided in the tables, they were estimated from the thresholds provided using a linear trend matching known data points, using the least squares method. The results of the express lane and at-grade lane analysis are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3 – Generalized Roadway LOS for Express Lanes and At-Grade Lanes

Build Condition	Express Lanes		At-Grade Lanes	
	High Point Volume (vpd)	*LOS	High Point Volume (vpd)	**LOS
Two Express Lanes	33,927	***E	48,500	D
Four Express Lanes	46,741	C	43,886	D

**Based on LOS thresholds for Group II Freeway*

***Based on LOS thresholds for Class II Arterial*

****Extrapolated from data for Group II Freeway and Class II Arterial*

As shown in Table 3, the express lanes are expected to experience unacceptable LOS (LOS E) with two express lanes based on forecasted ADT volumes and an extrapolated volume threshold for a two-lane freeway facility. With four express lanes, the LOS is expected to be acceptable (LOS C). For both two and four express lanes, the at-grade lanes are expected to have acceptable segment LOS (LOS D) based on forecasted ADT volumes.

In addition to the traffic volume analysis, other potential issues associated with a two-lane express lane section include the absence of a passing lane and the difficulty of any future widening. Because a two-lane section would not permit passing in either direction, traffic issues could arise from slow vehicles, breakdowns, or wrecks. Also, since the two-lane section in Build Concept C requires shifting and reconstructing the existing lanes along SR 204 to the outside, any future widening of the express lanes would require shifting the newly-constructed SR 204 lanes.

Conclusion

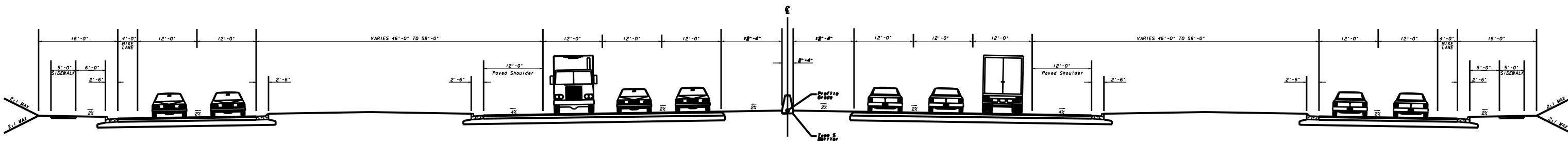
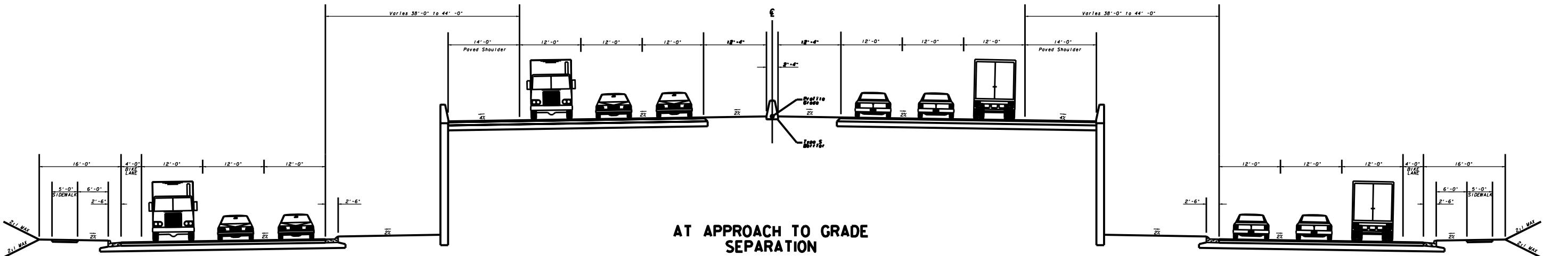
From the results of the analysis, a minimum of four limited access lanes is required for acceptable traffic operations. Additional reasons four express lanes are preferable to the two-lane section include the absence of a passing lane and the costs associated with widening if a four-lane express lane section becomes necessary for future traffic. Based on this evaluation, the number of lanes proposed for the express lanes portion of Build Concept C is not expected to be sufficient to serve projected traffic demand adequately. Therefore, it is recommended that Build Concept C is not given further consideration as part of the SR 204 Corridor Study.



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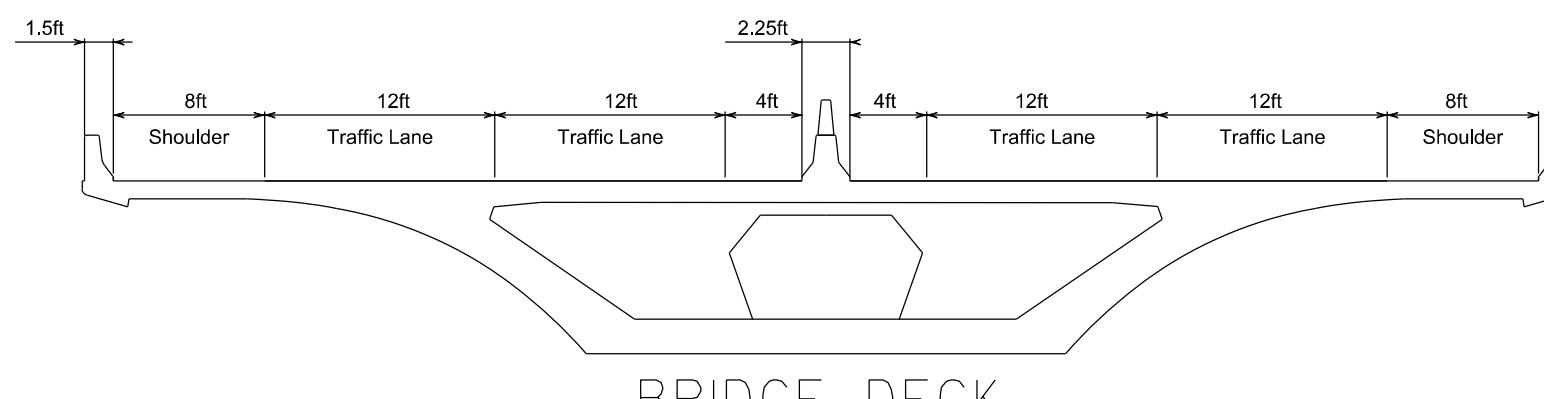
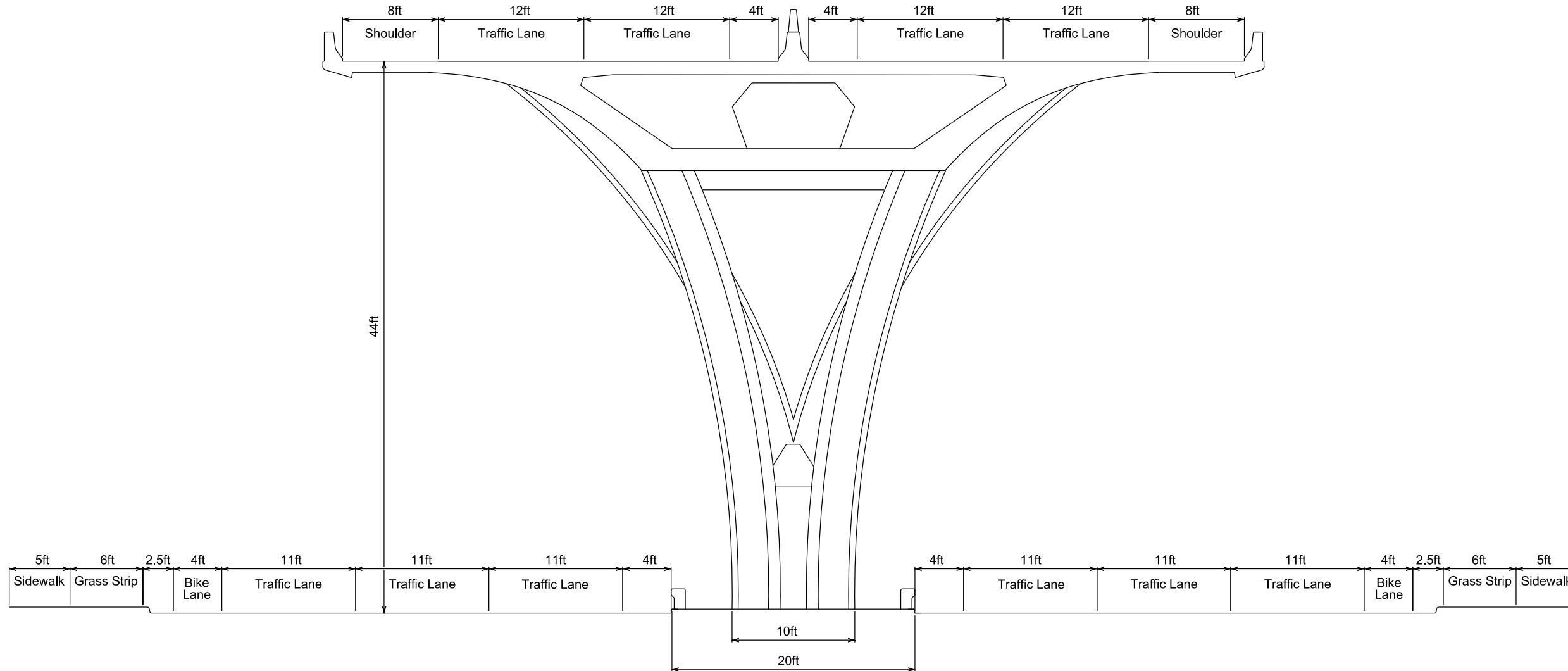
**Attachment A -
Typical Sections for Each Build
Alternative**

Concept A: Six through lanes with collector-distributor roads



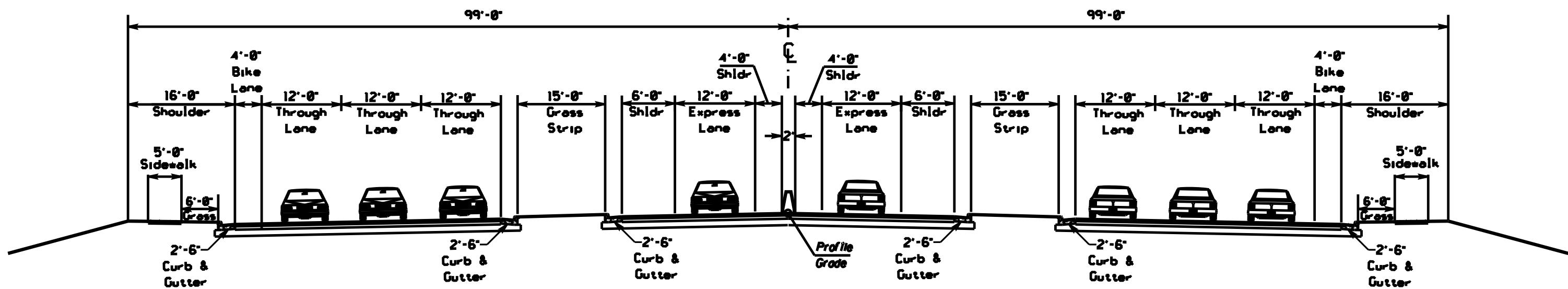
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FRONTAGE ROAD SYSTEM
EAST CONCEPT A

Concept B: Four elevated express lanes



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EAST CONCEPT B

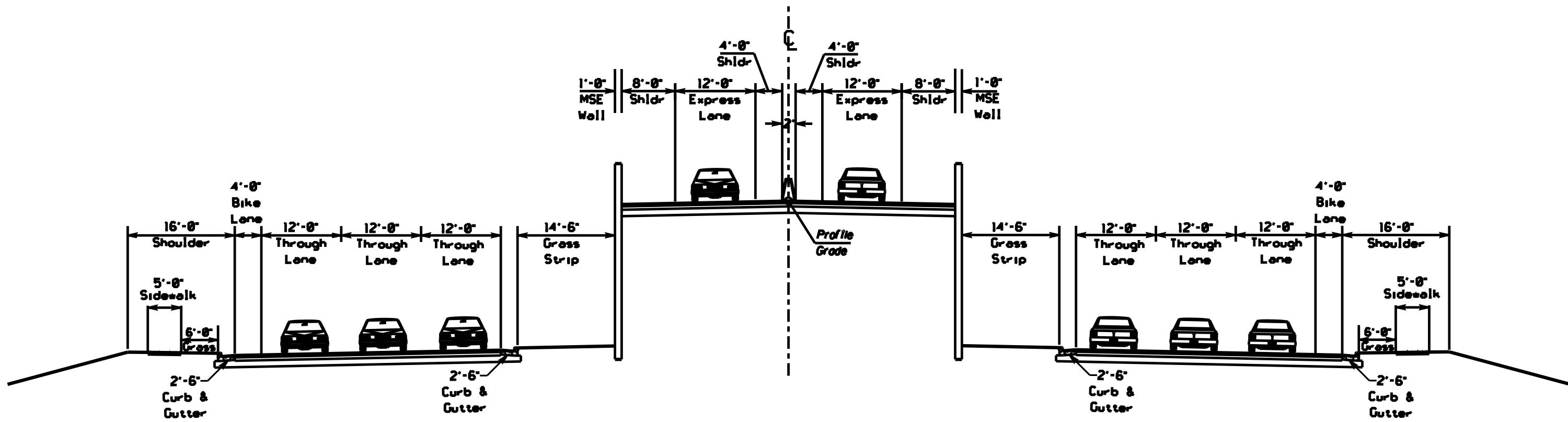
Concept C: Two express lanes



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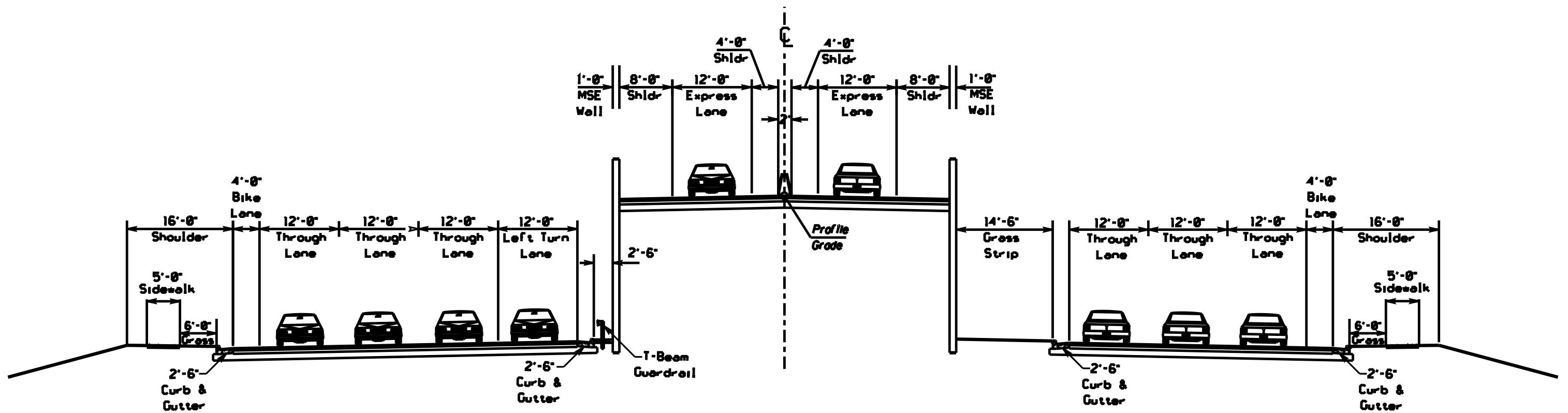
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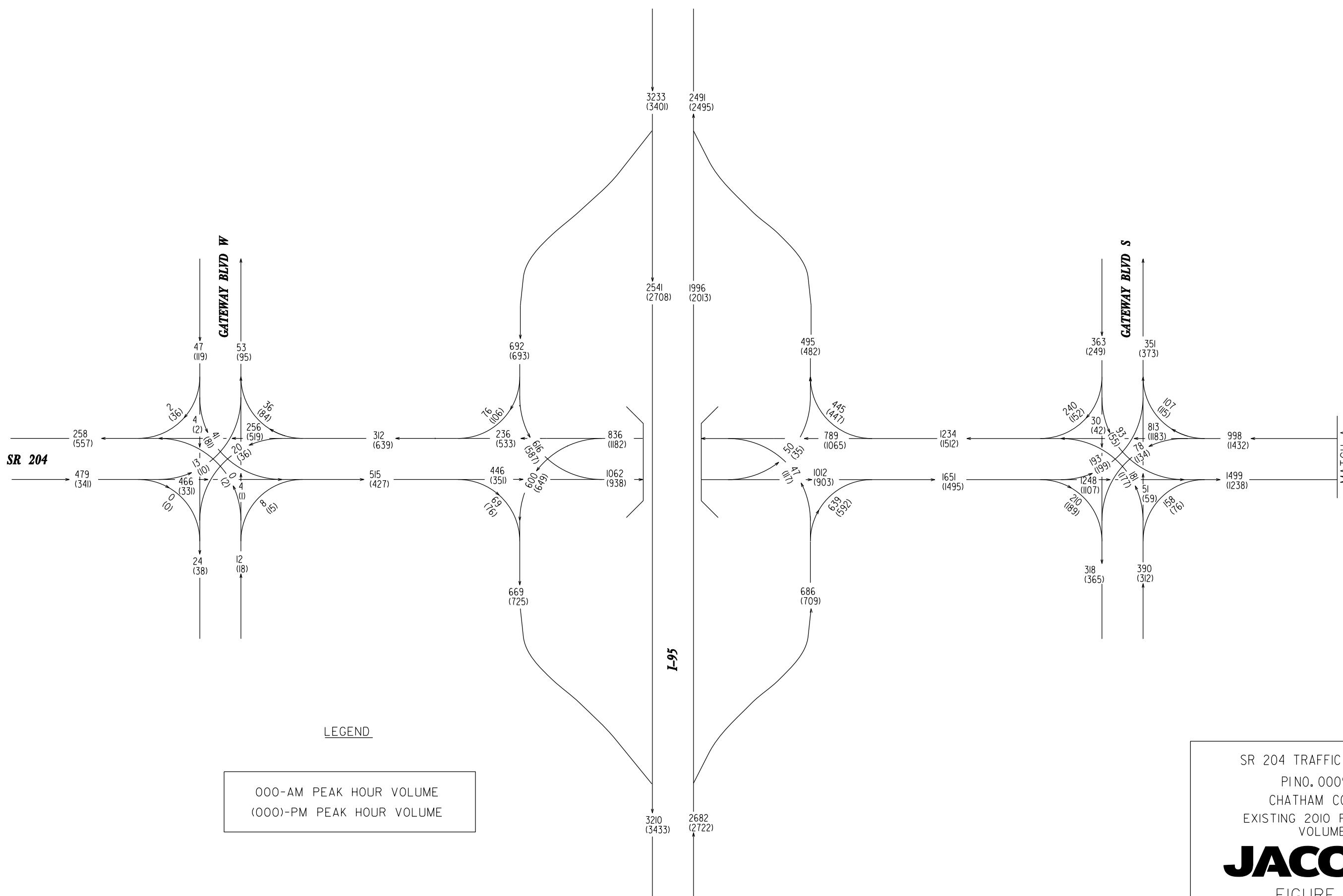


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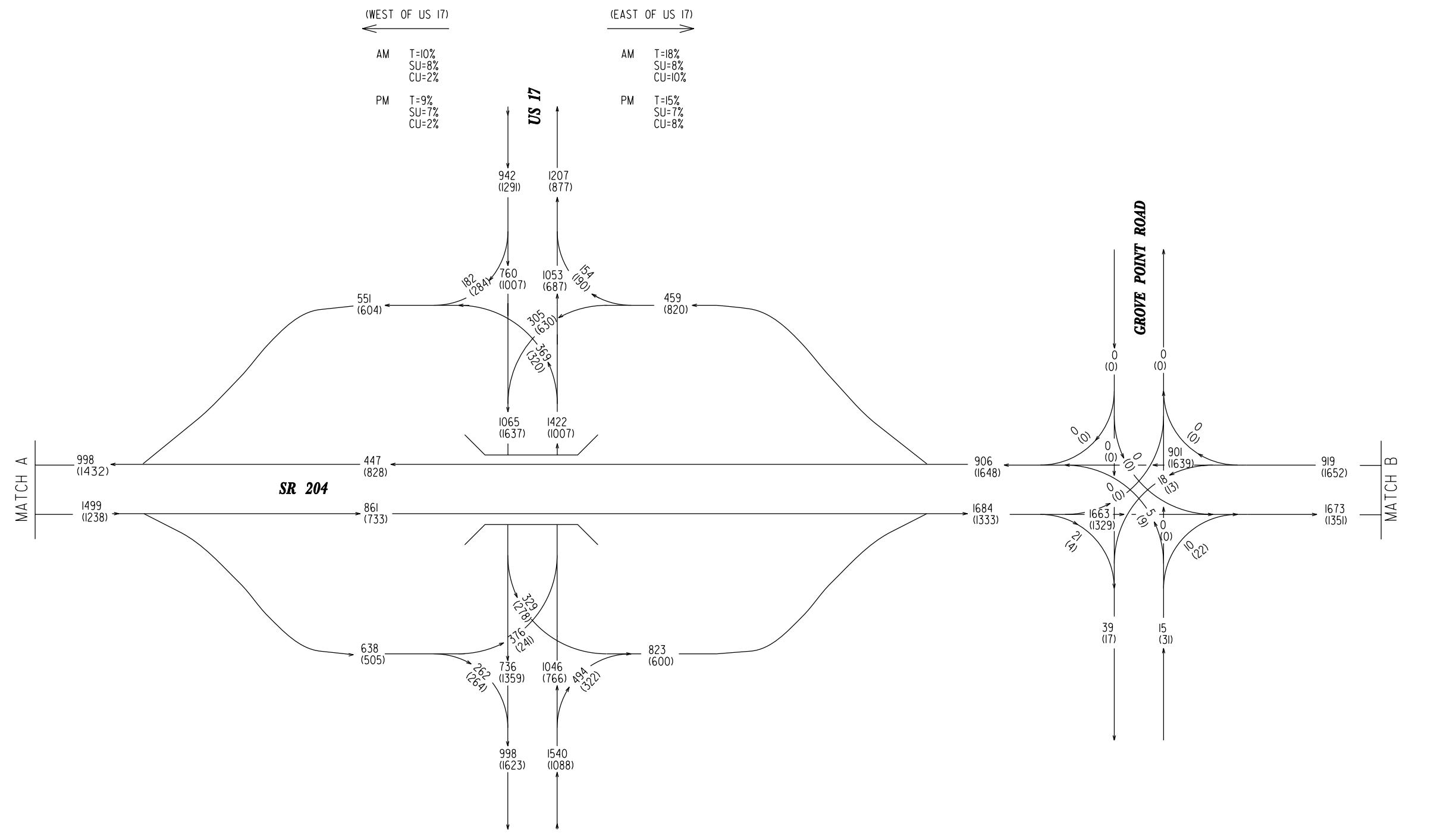
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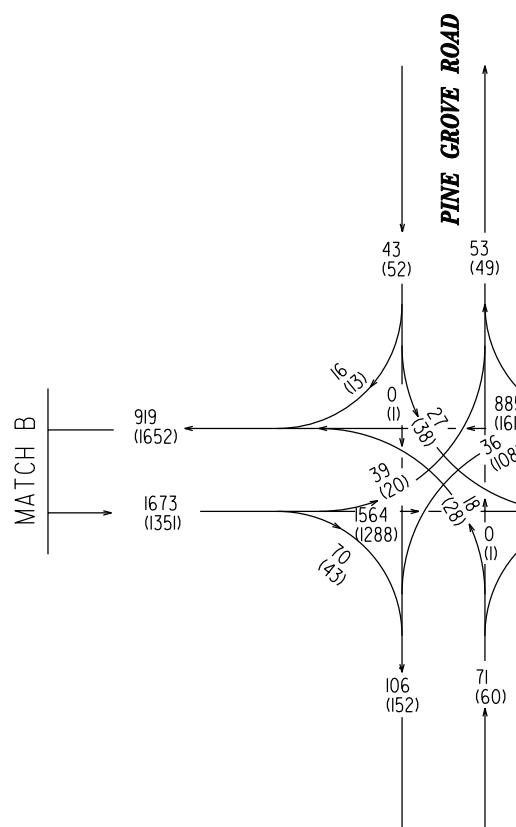
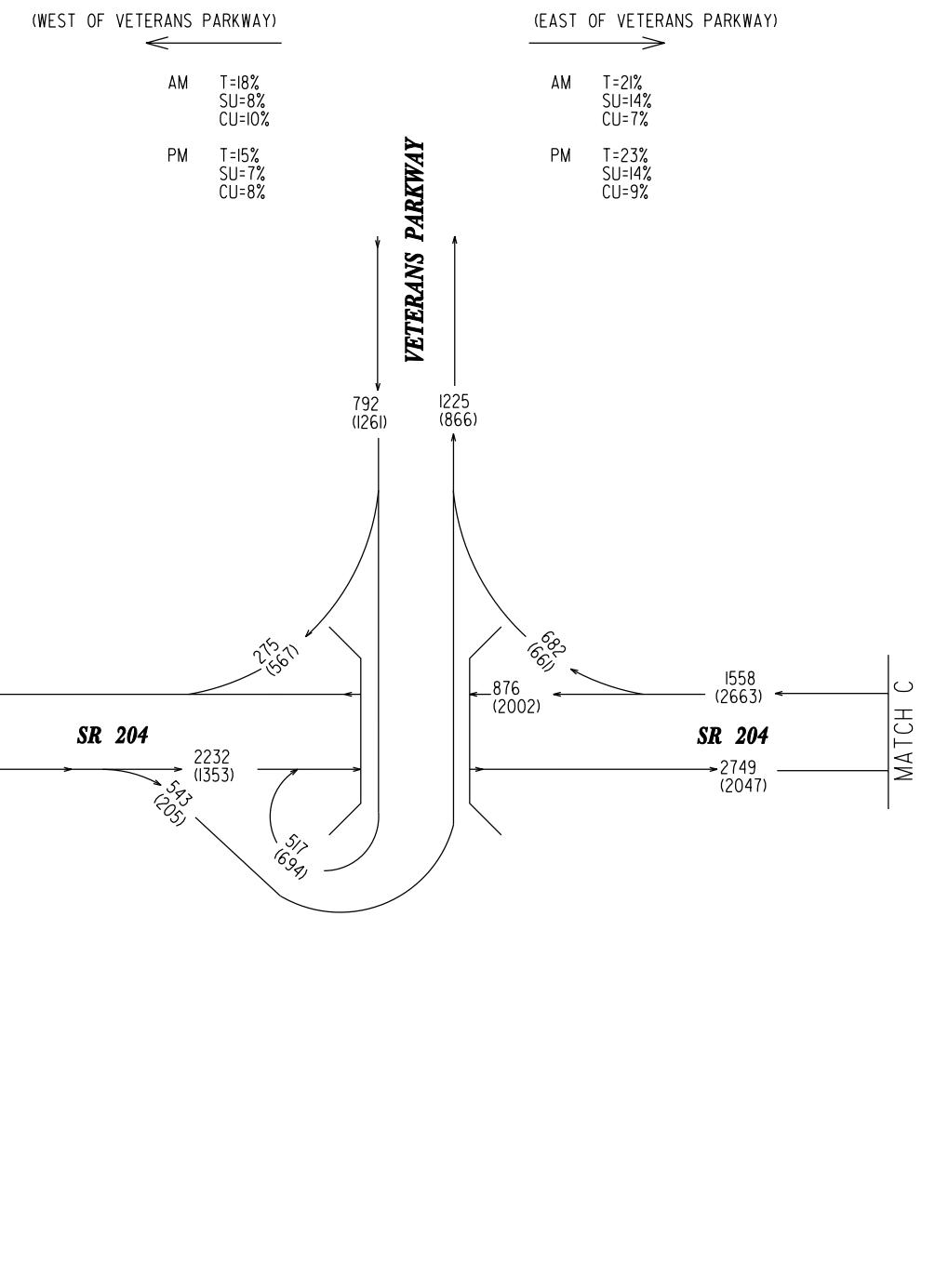
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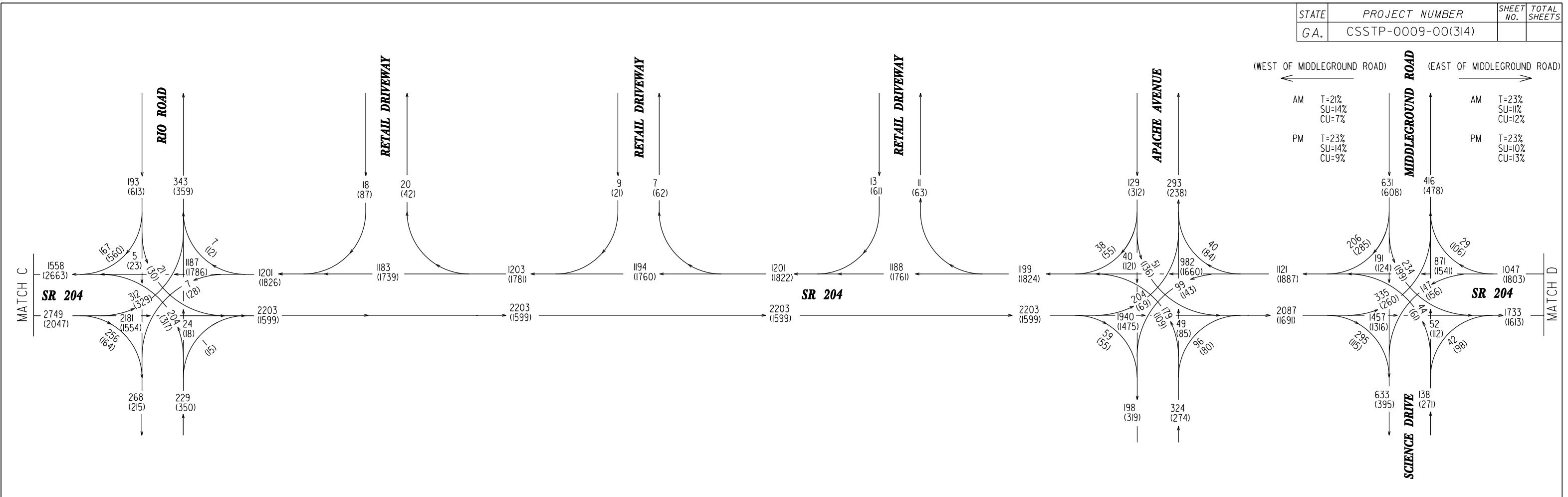
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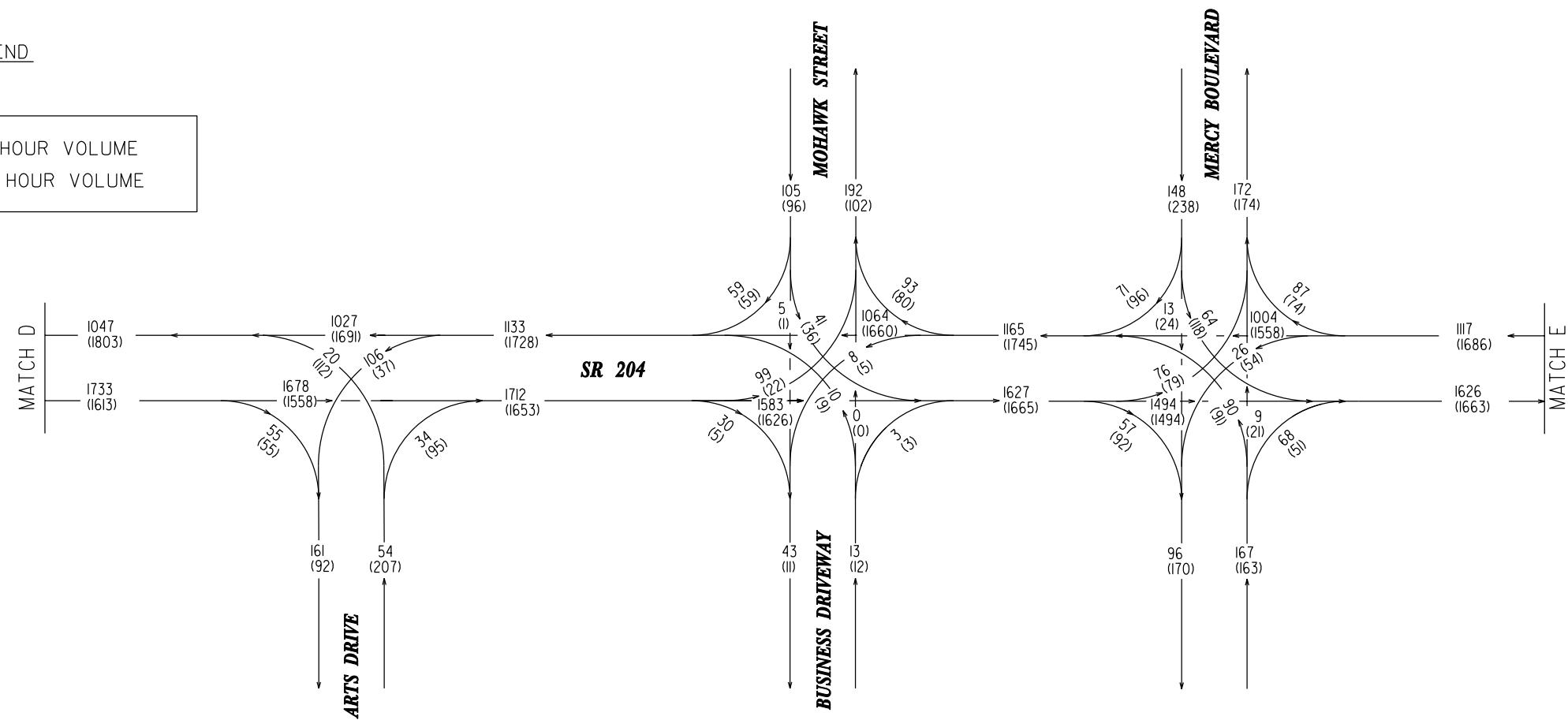
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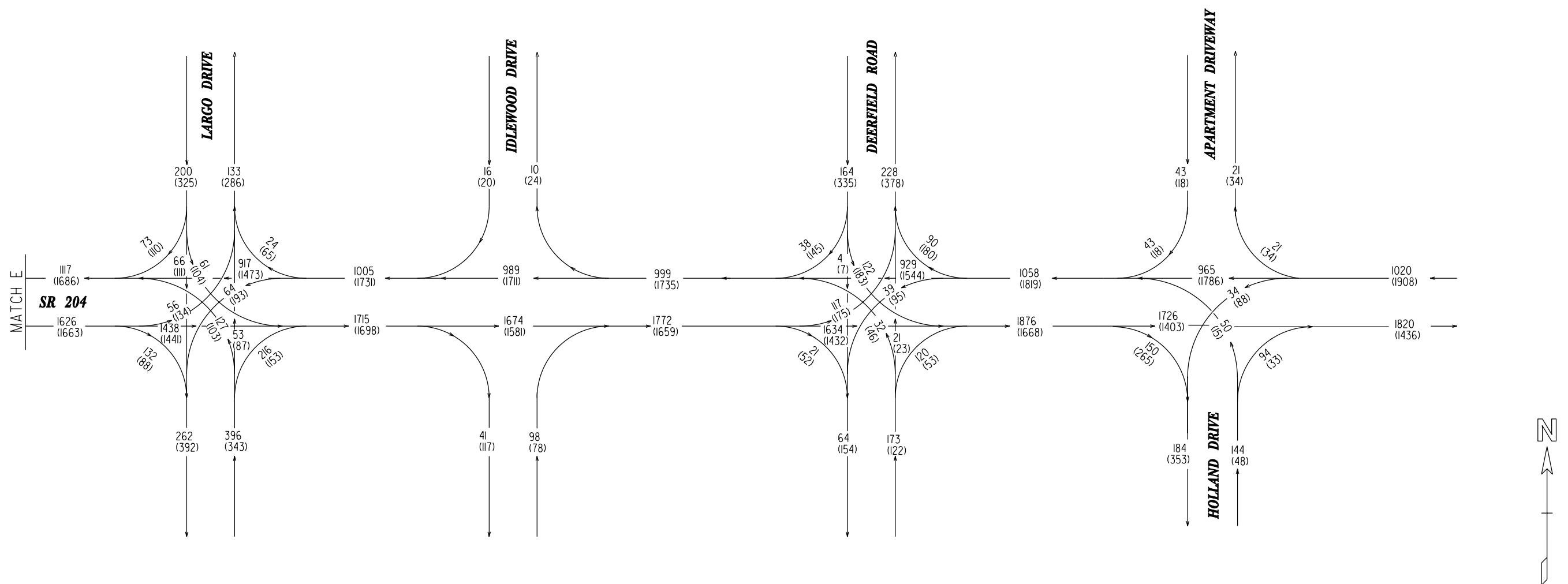
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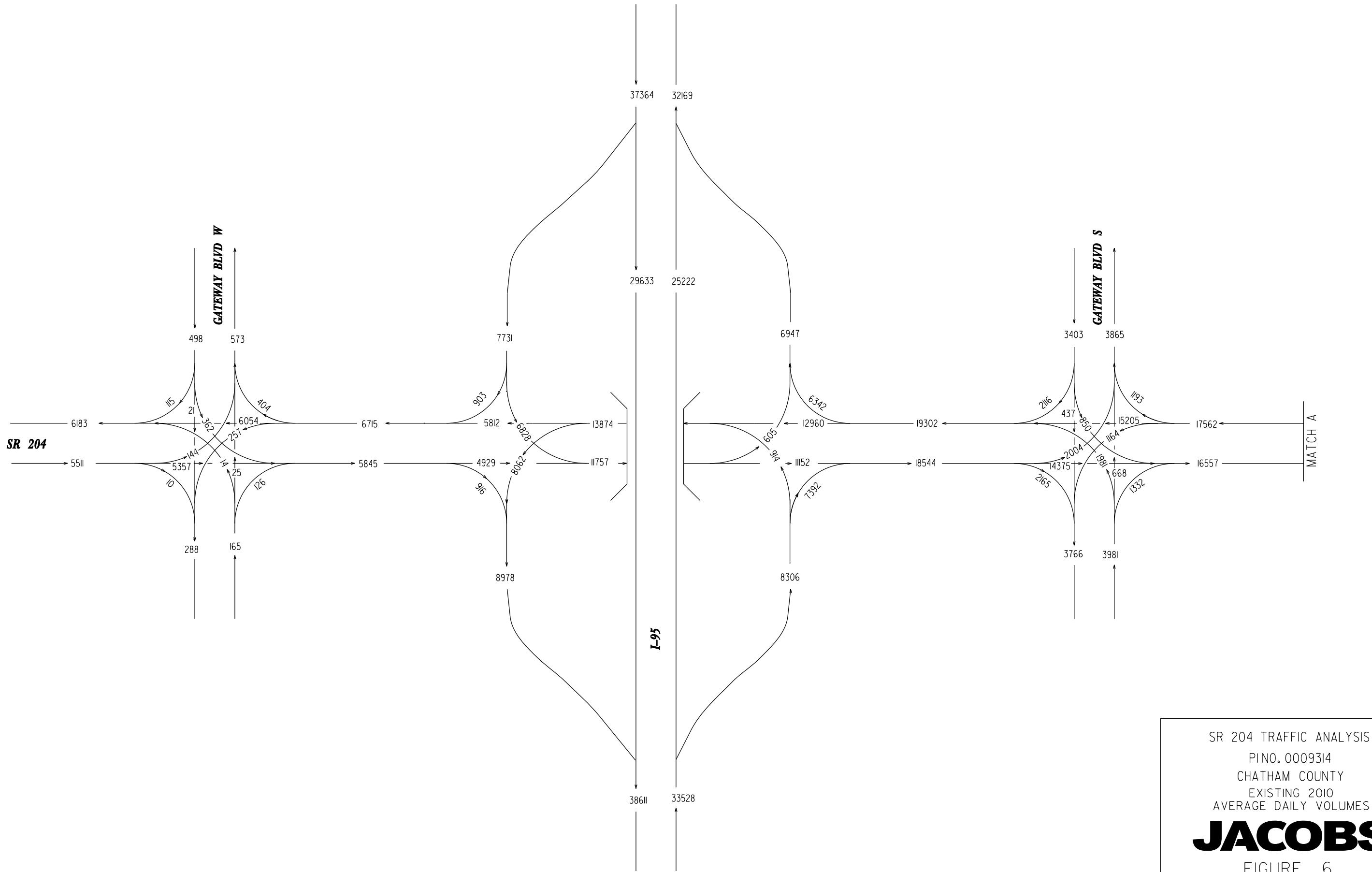
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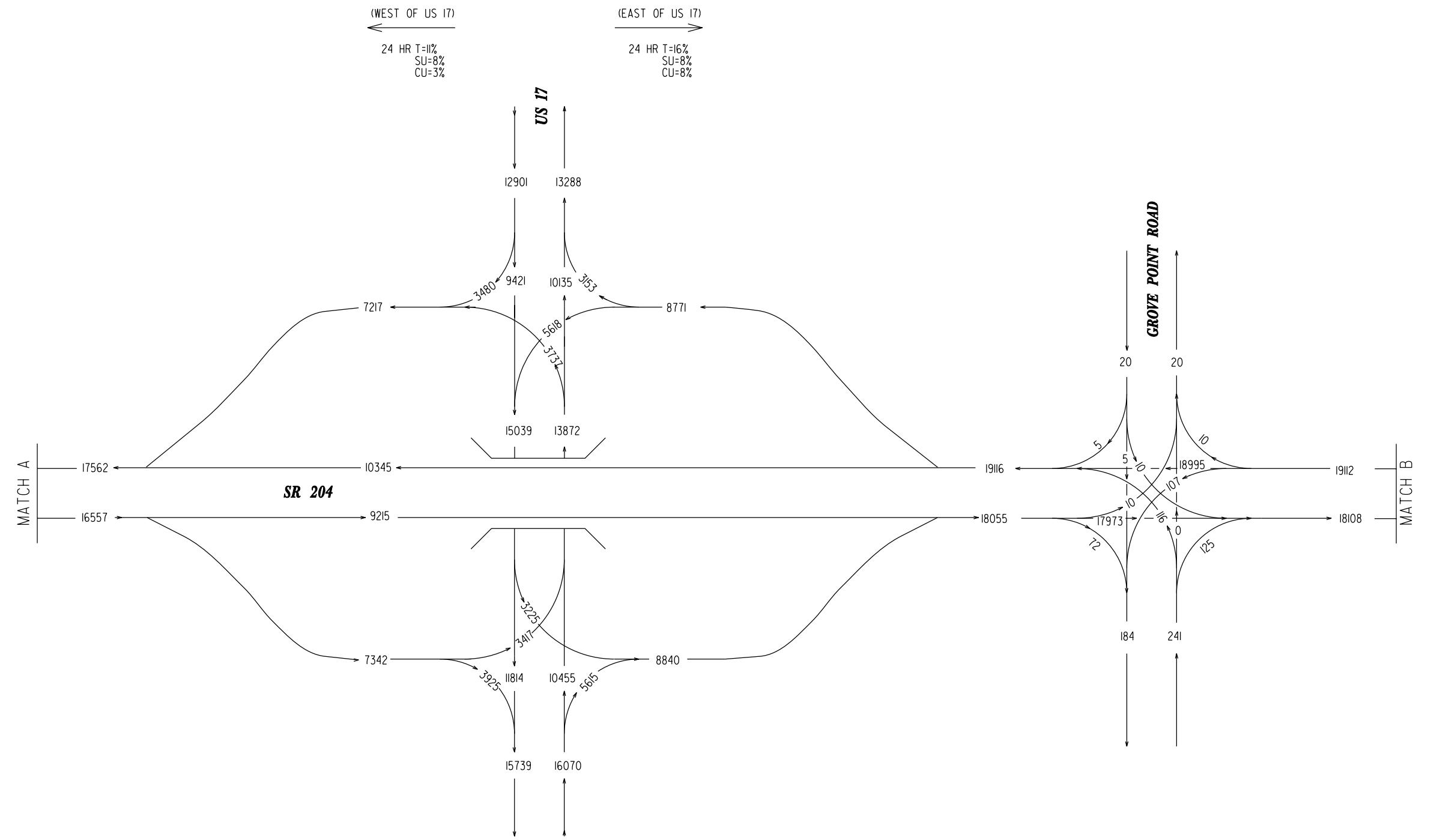
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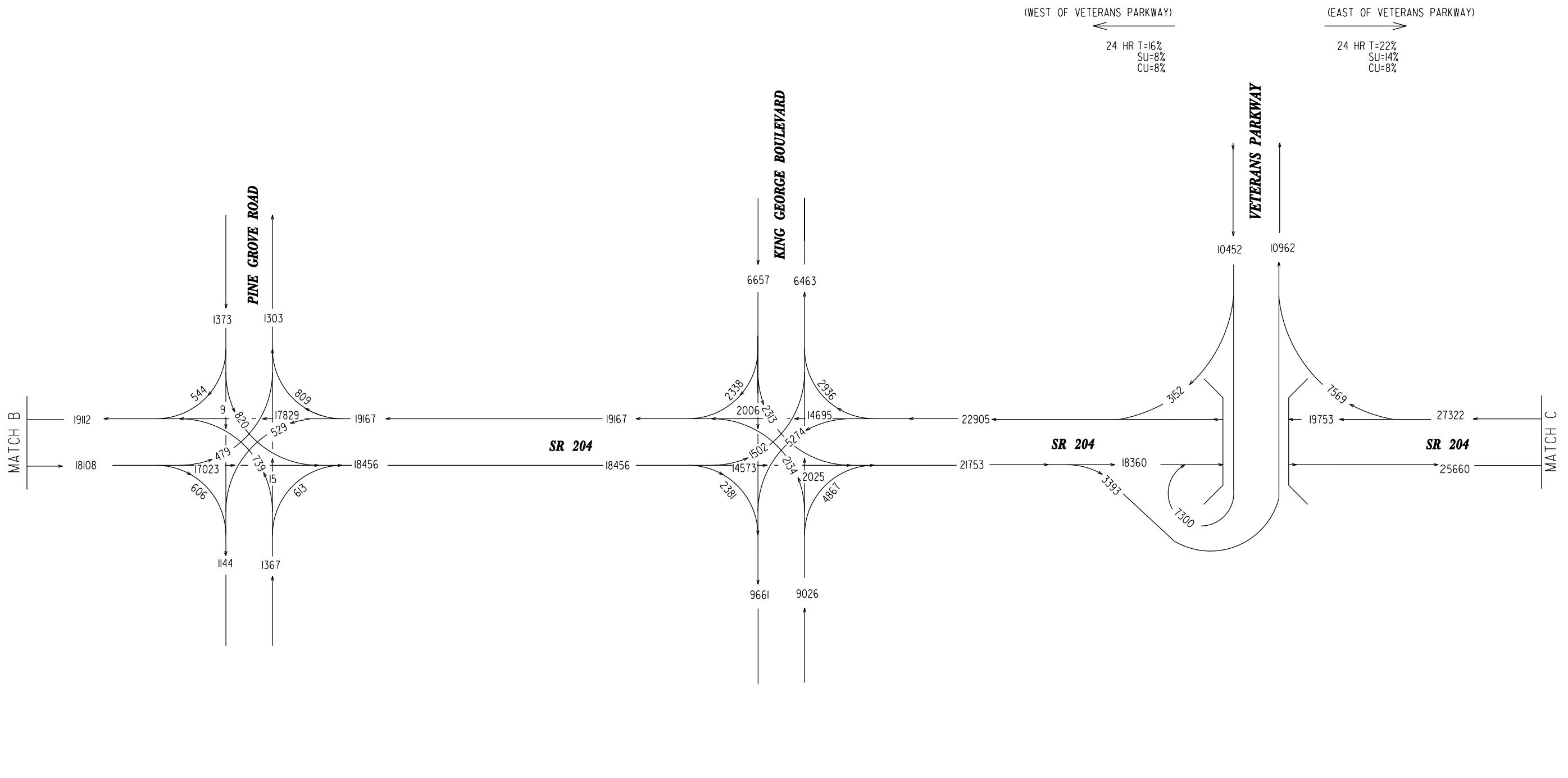
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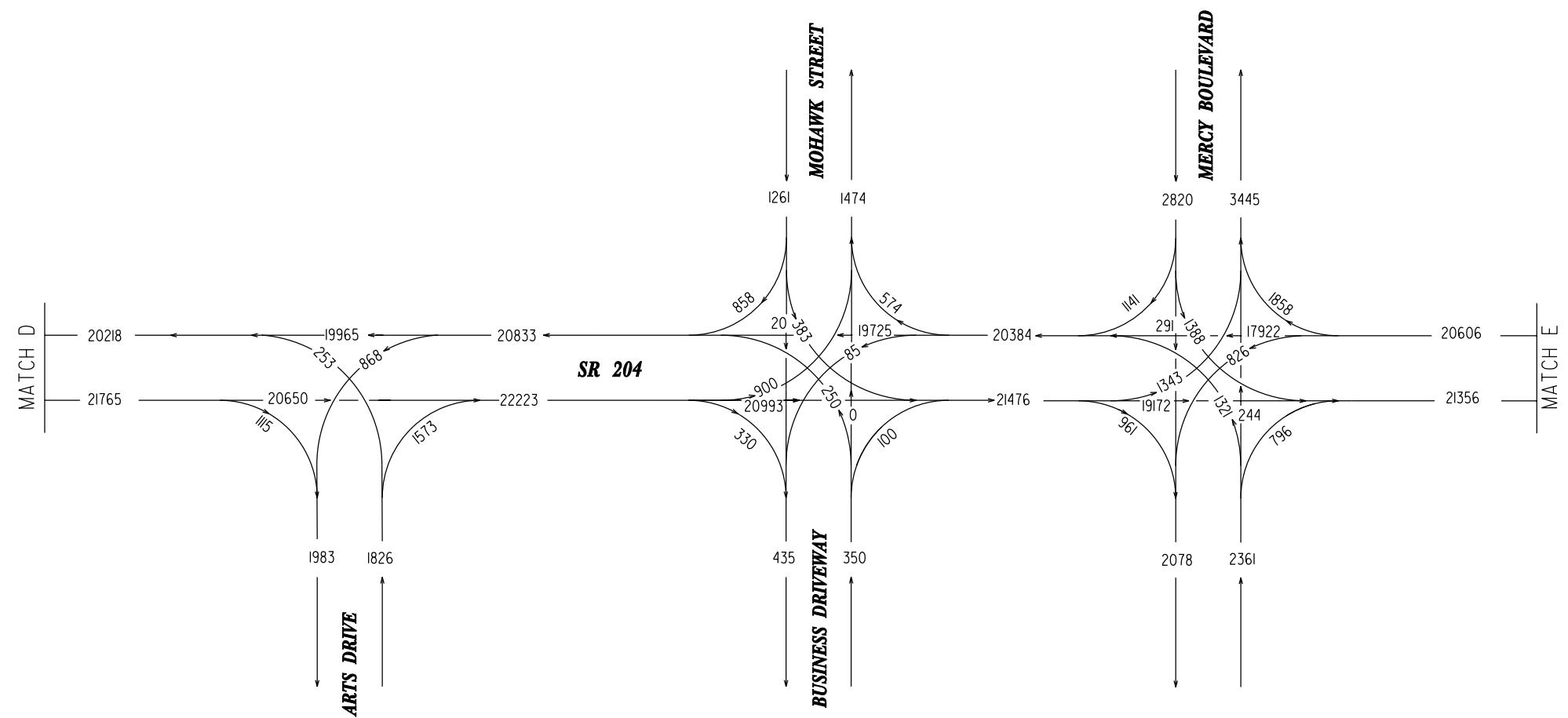
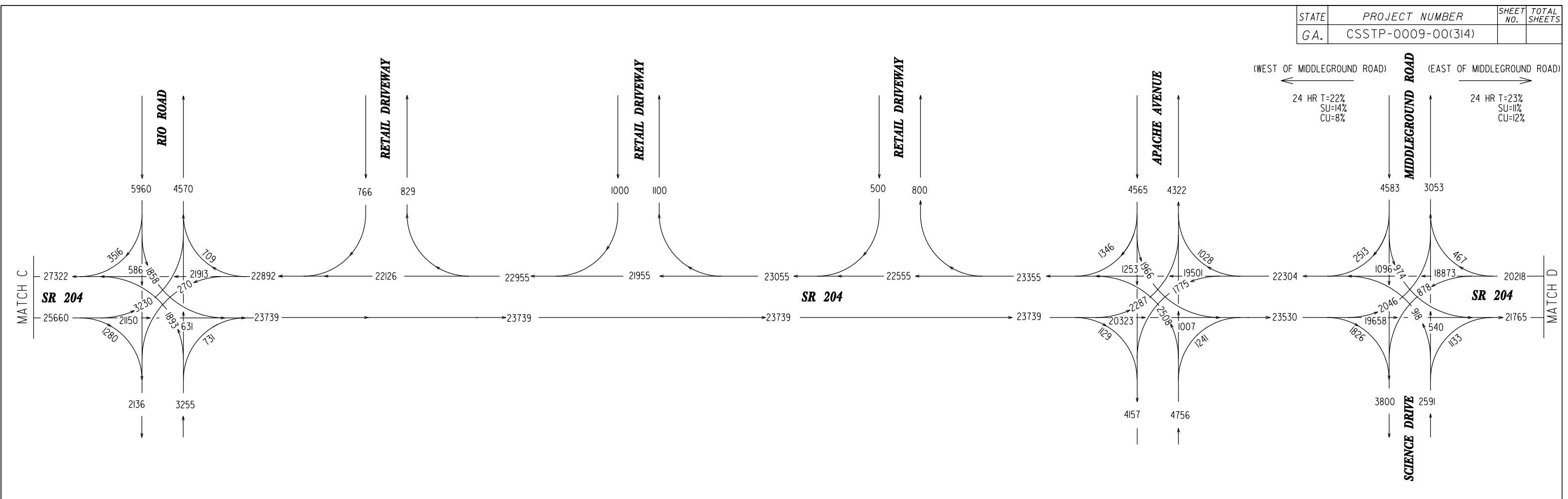
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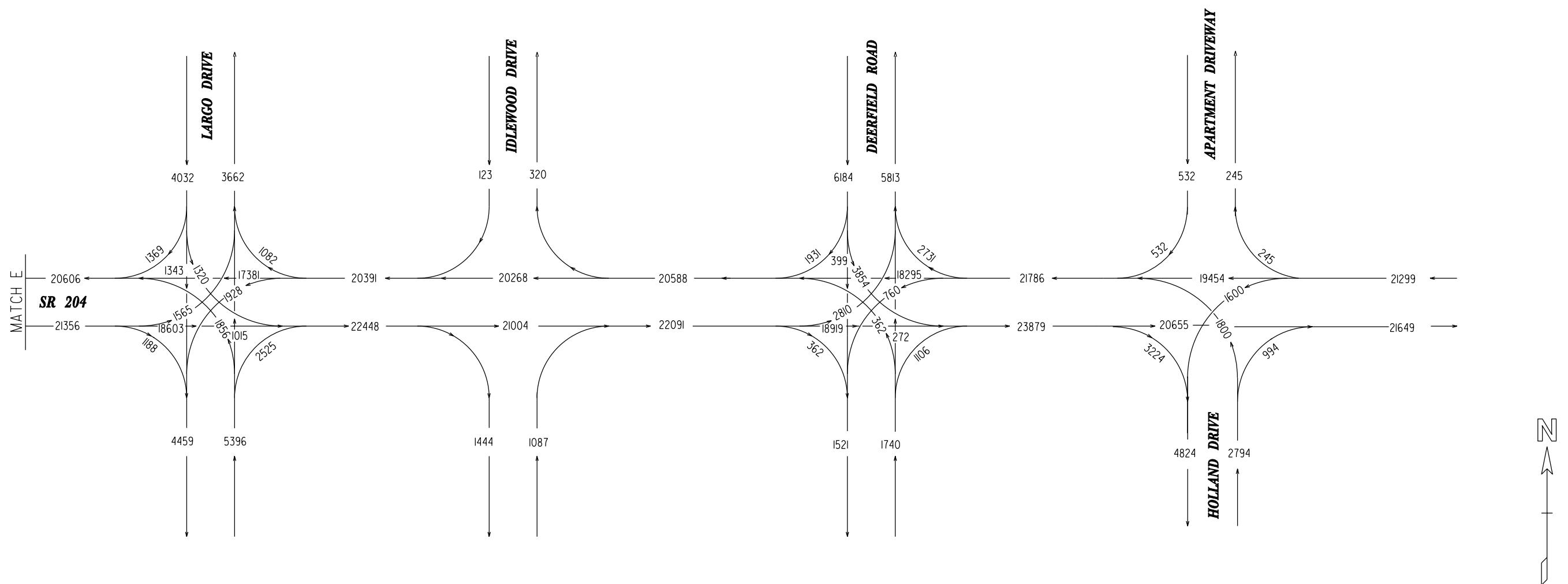
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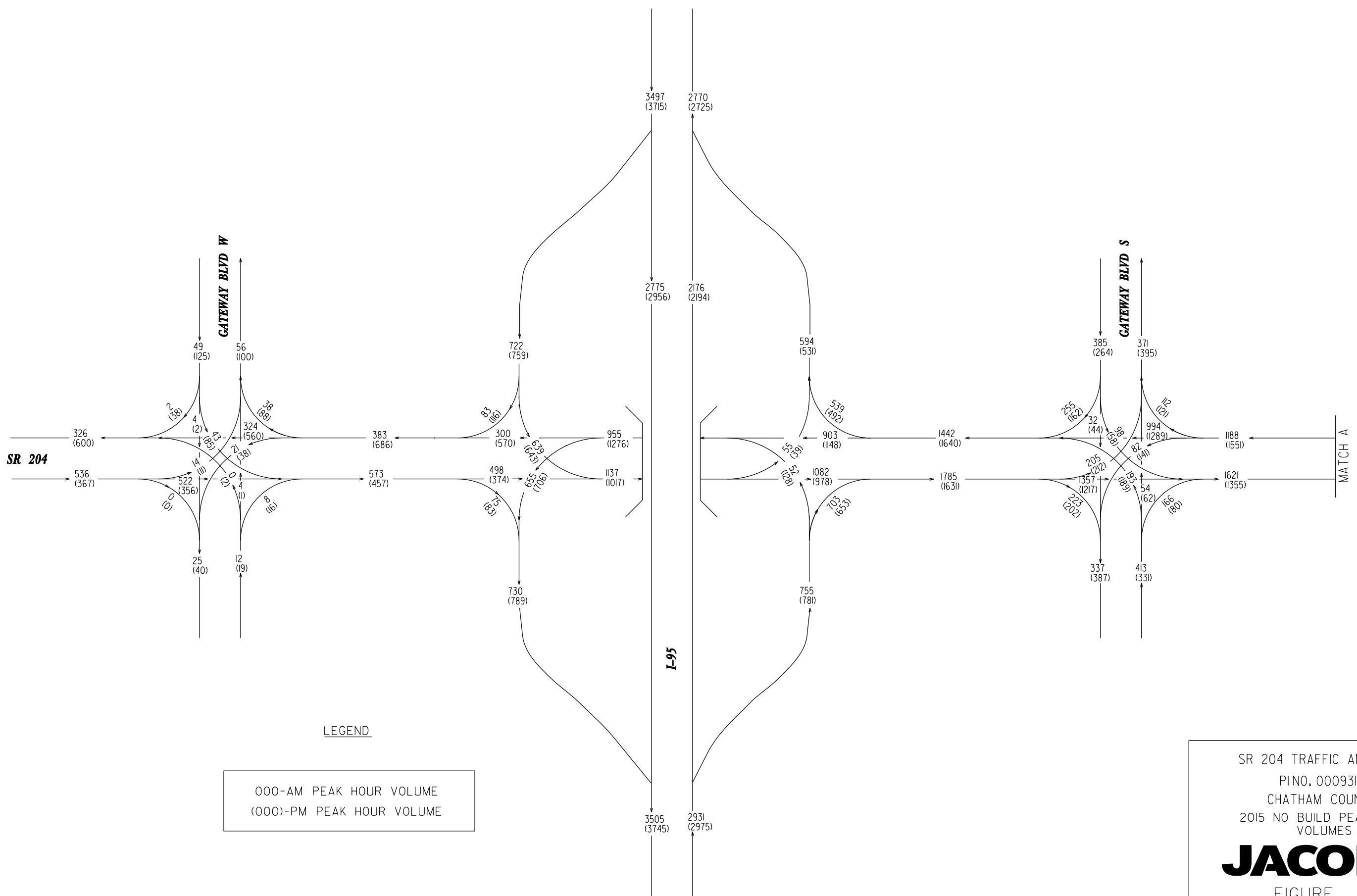
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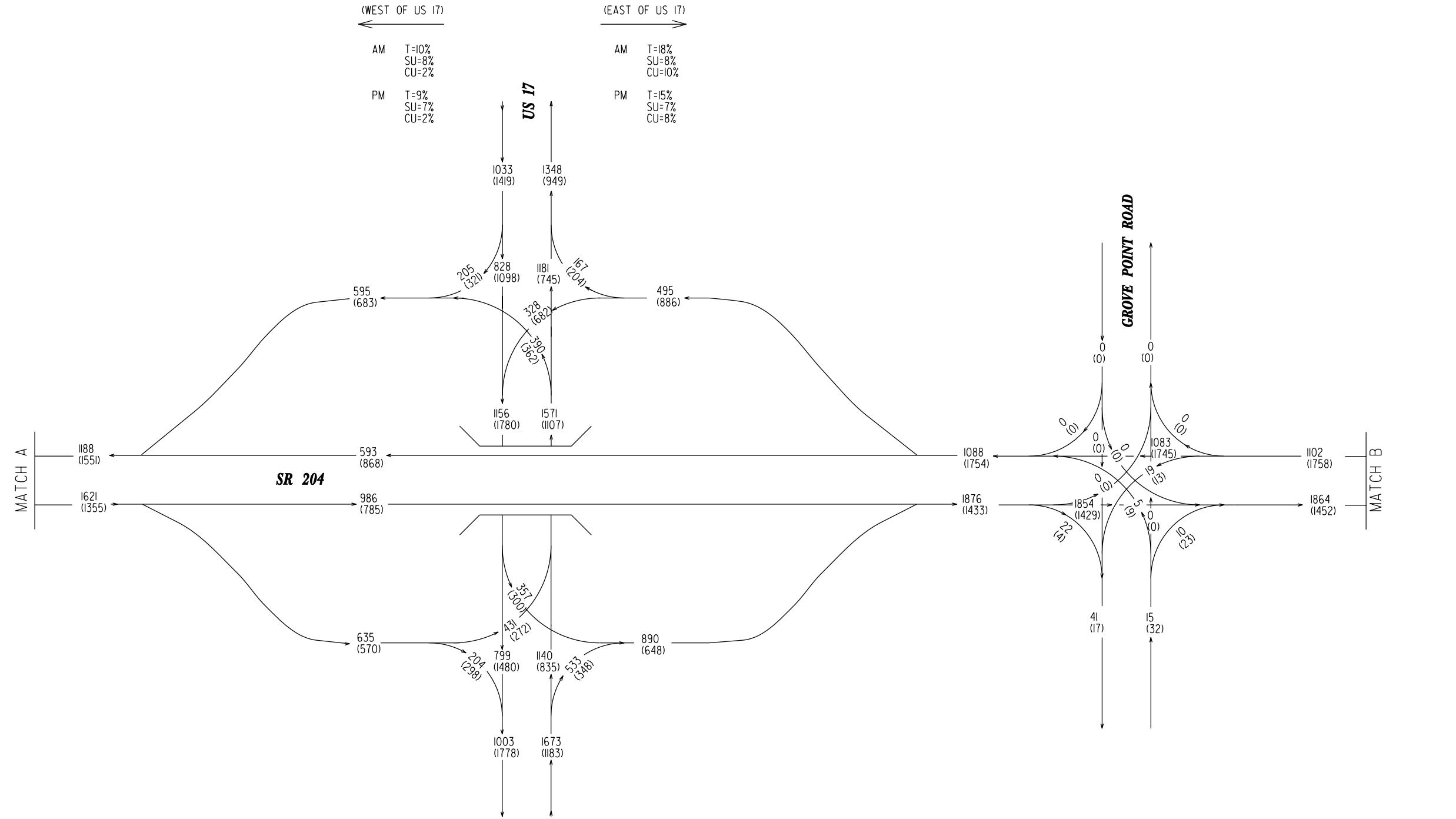
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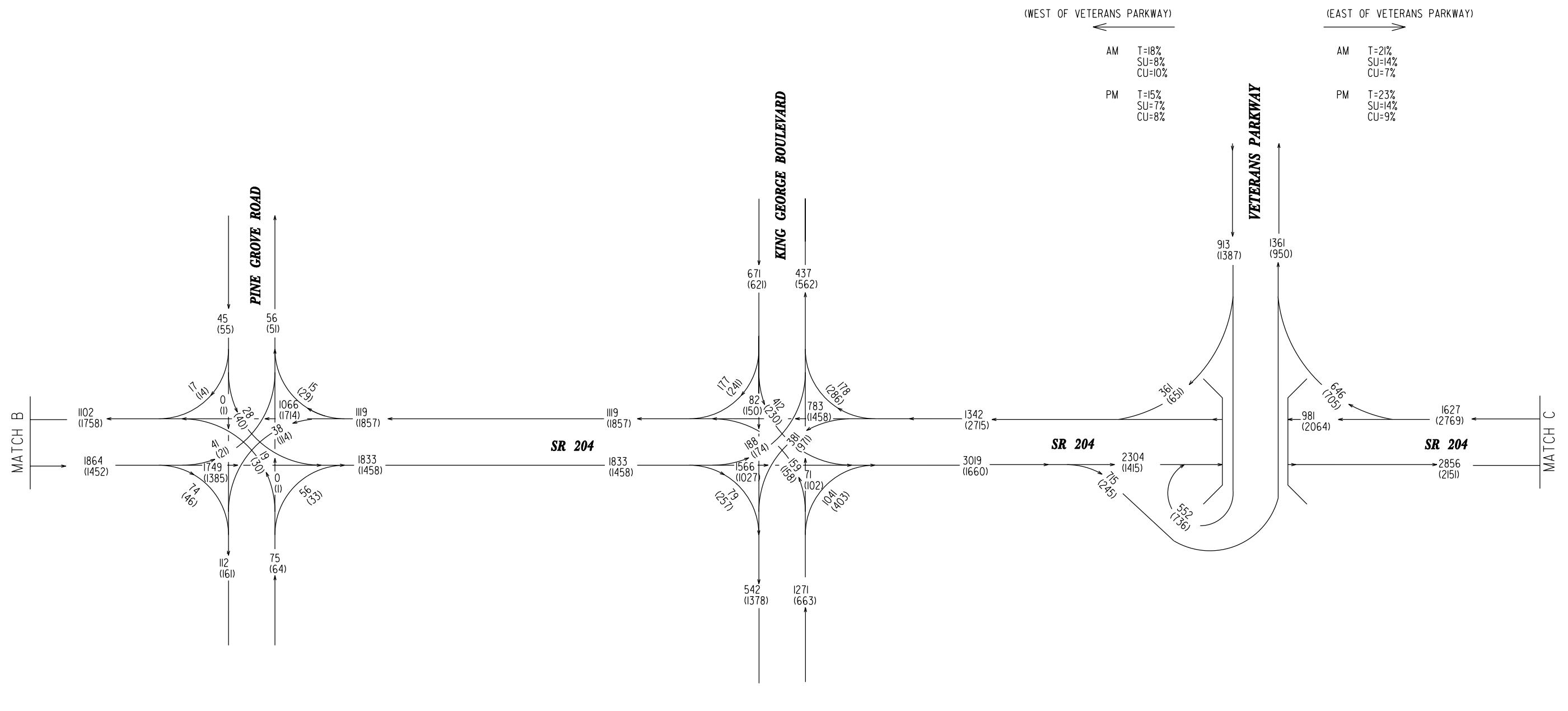
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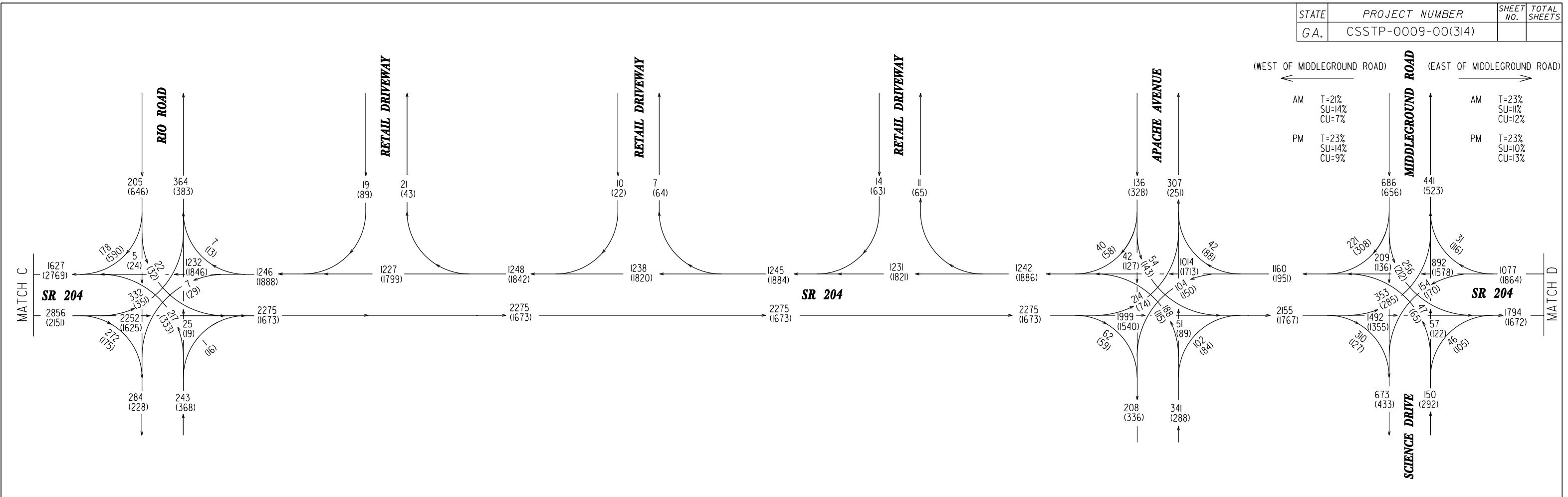
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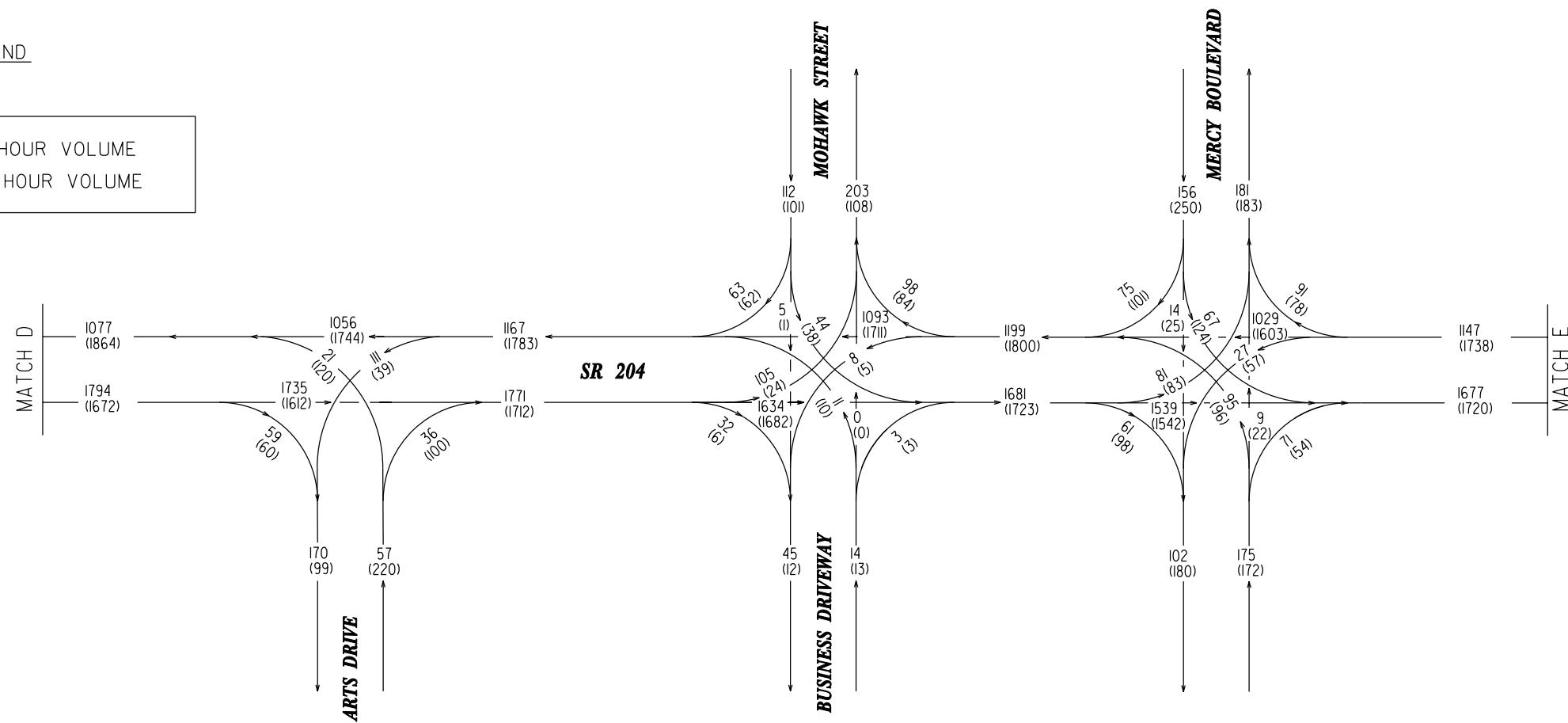
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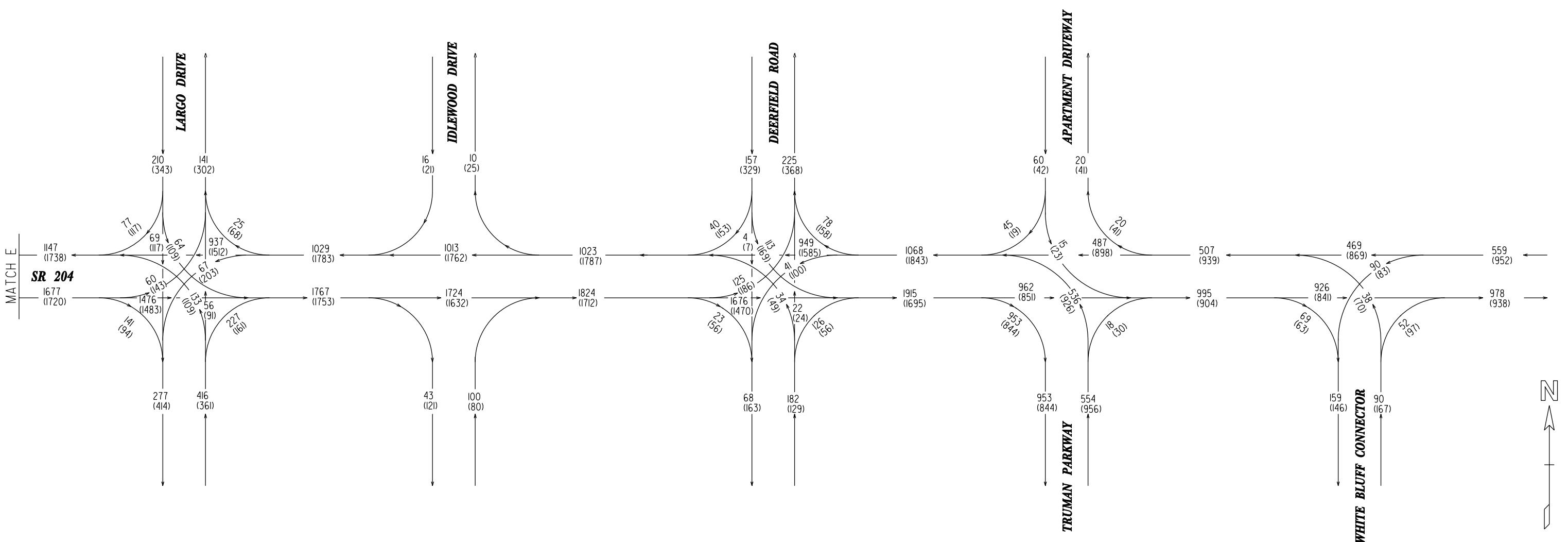
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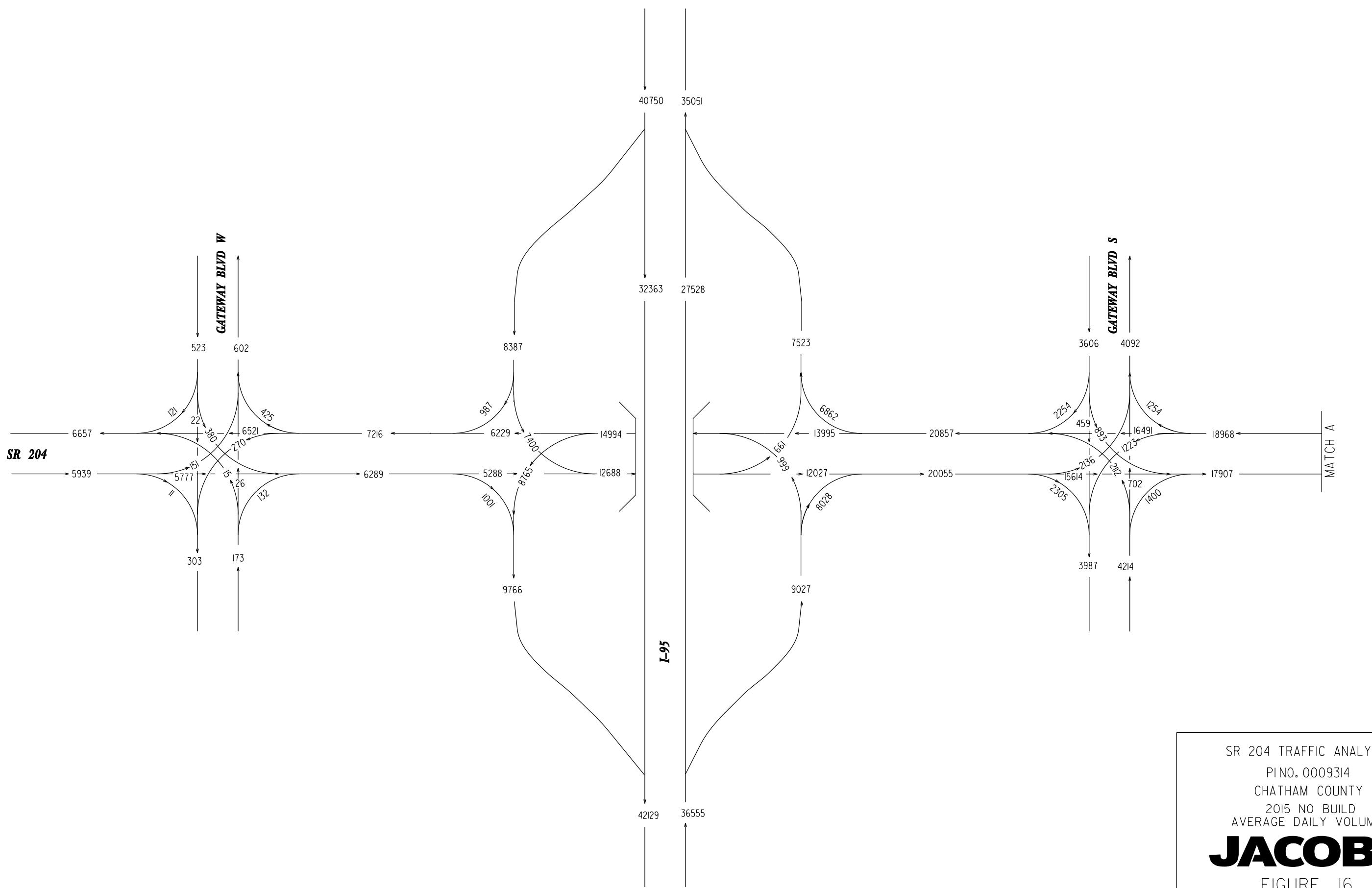
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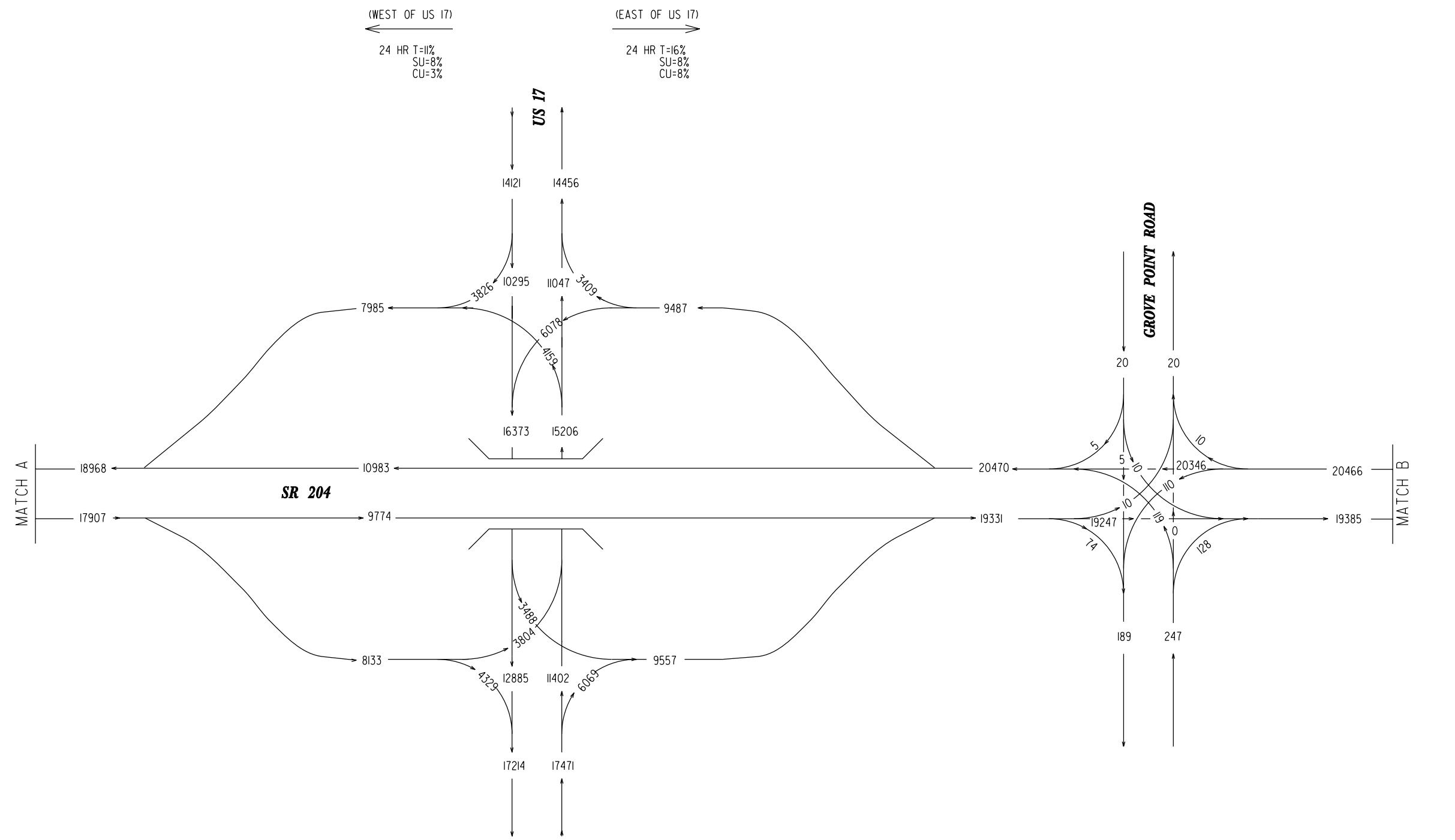
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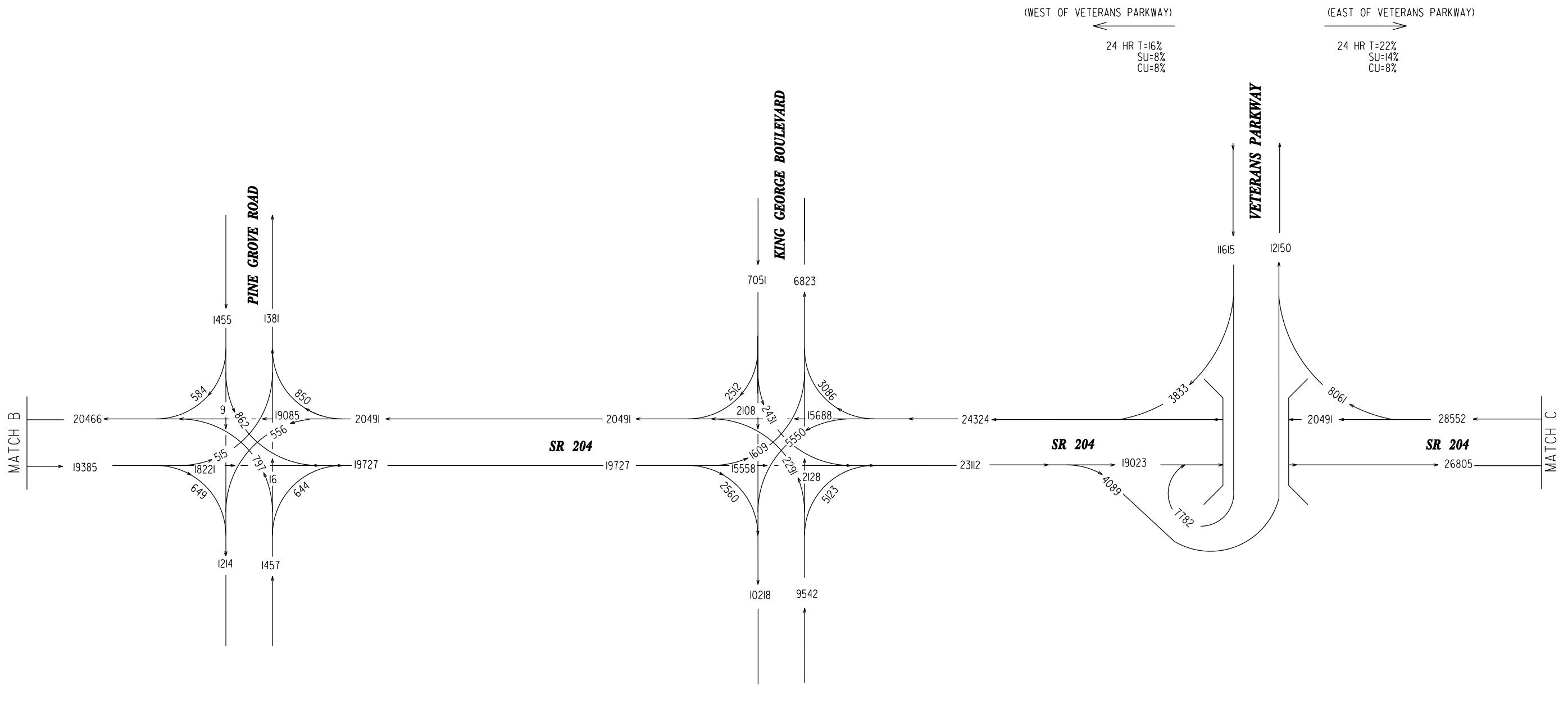
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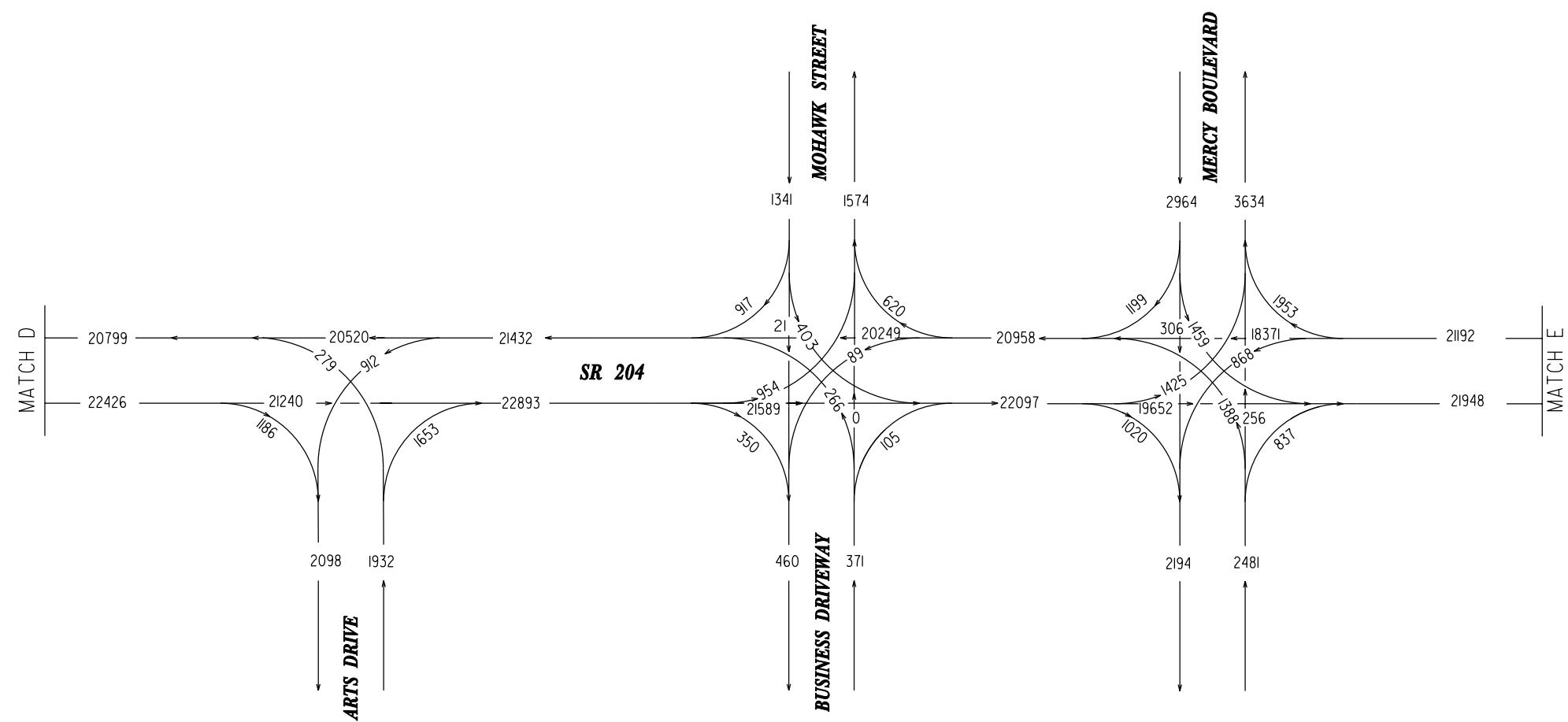
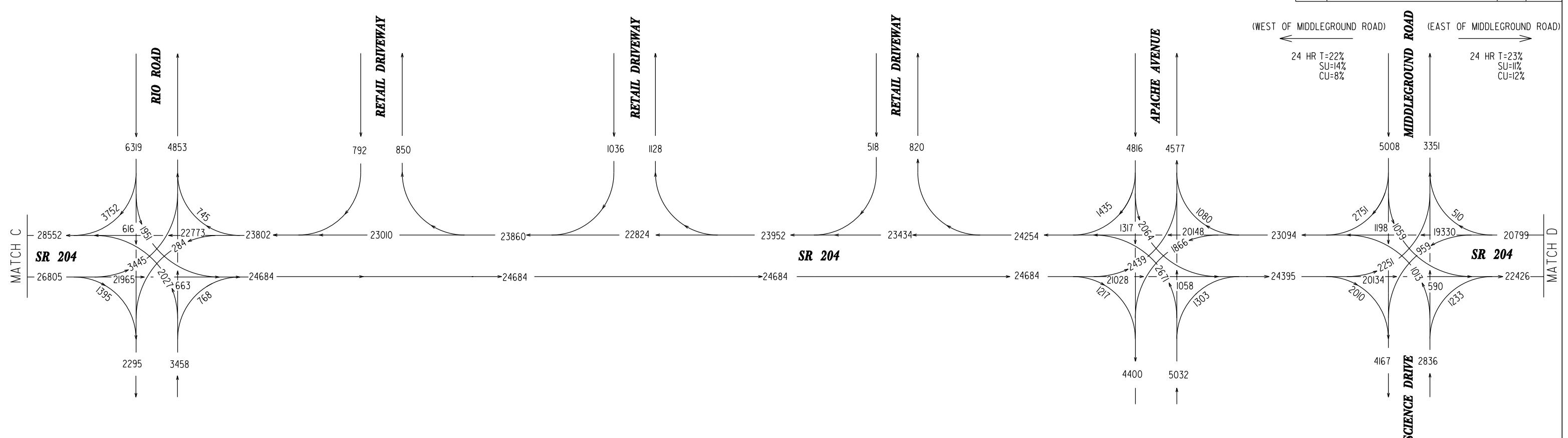
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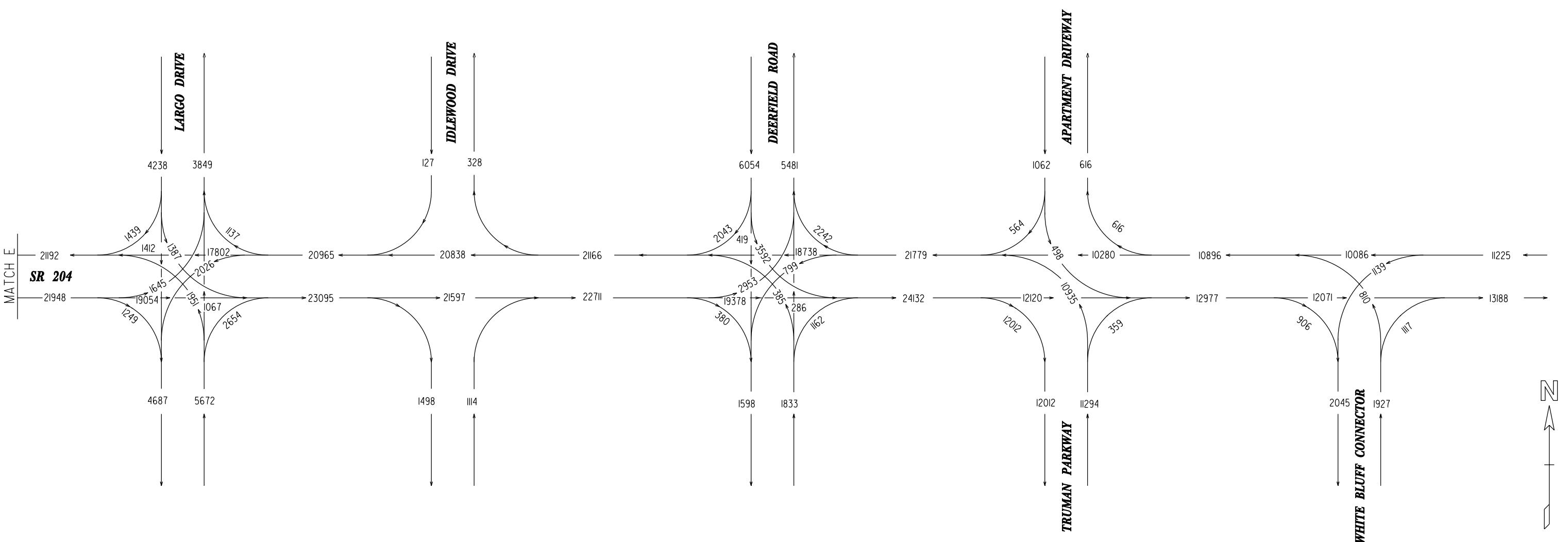
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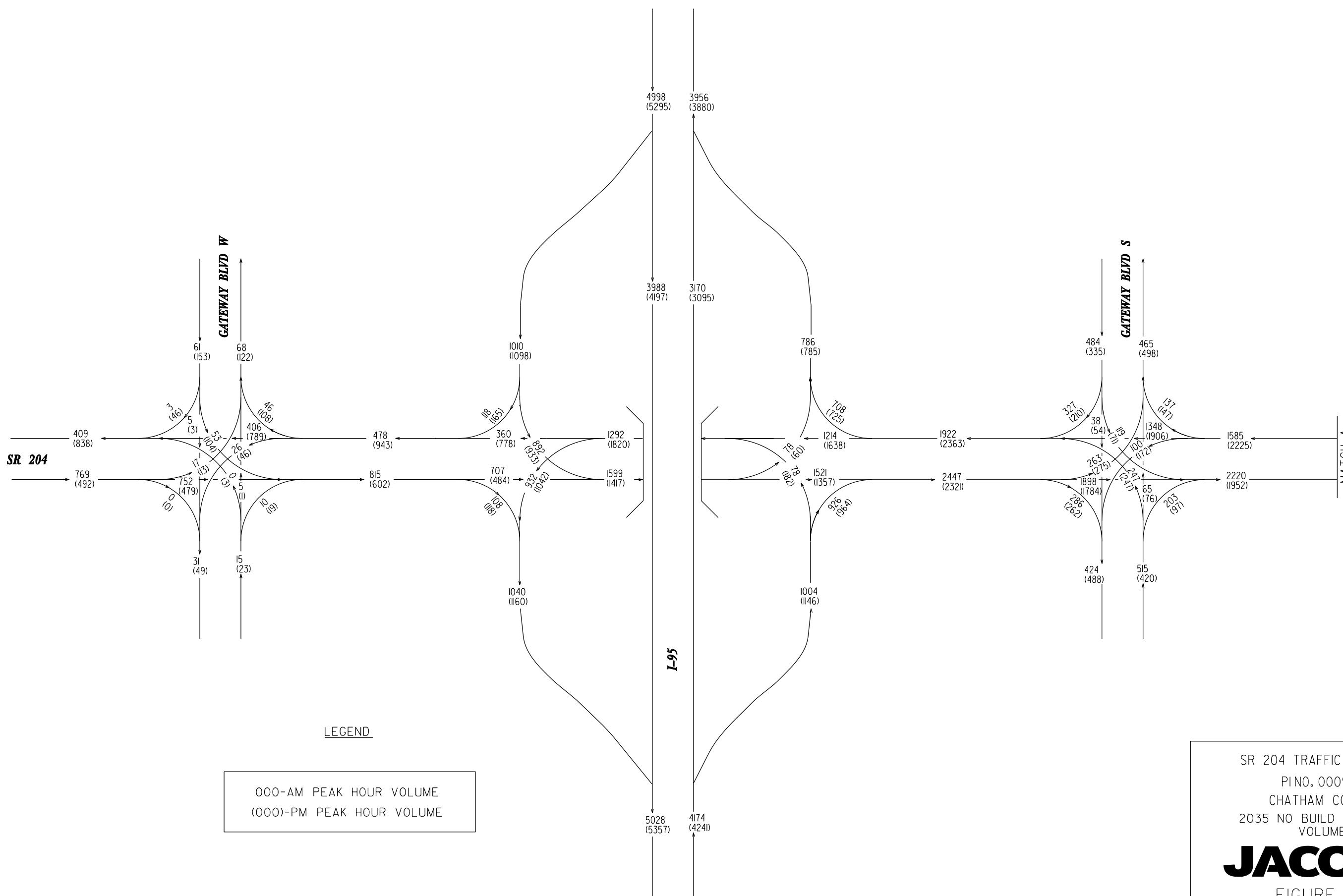
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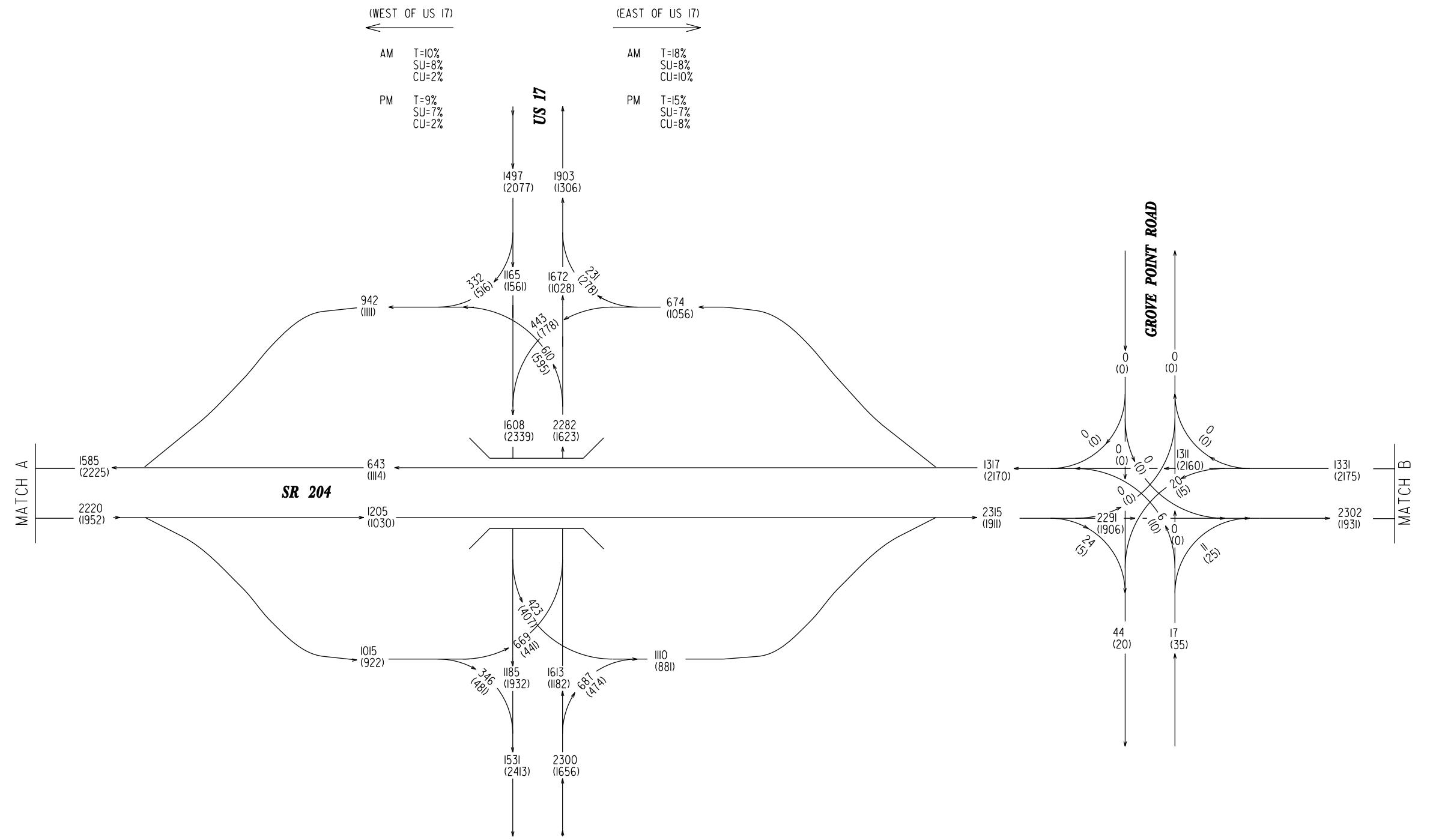
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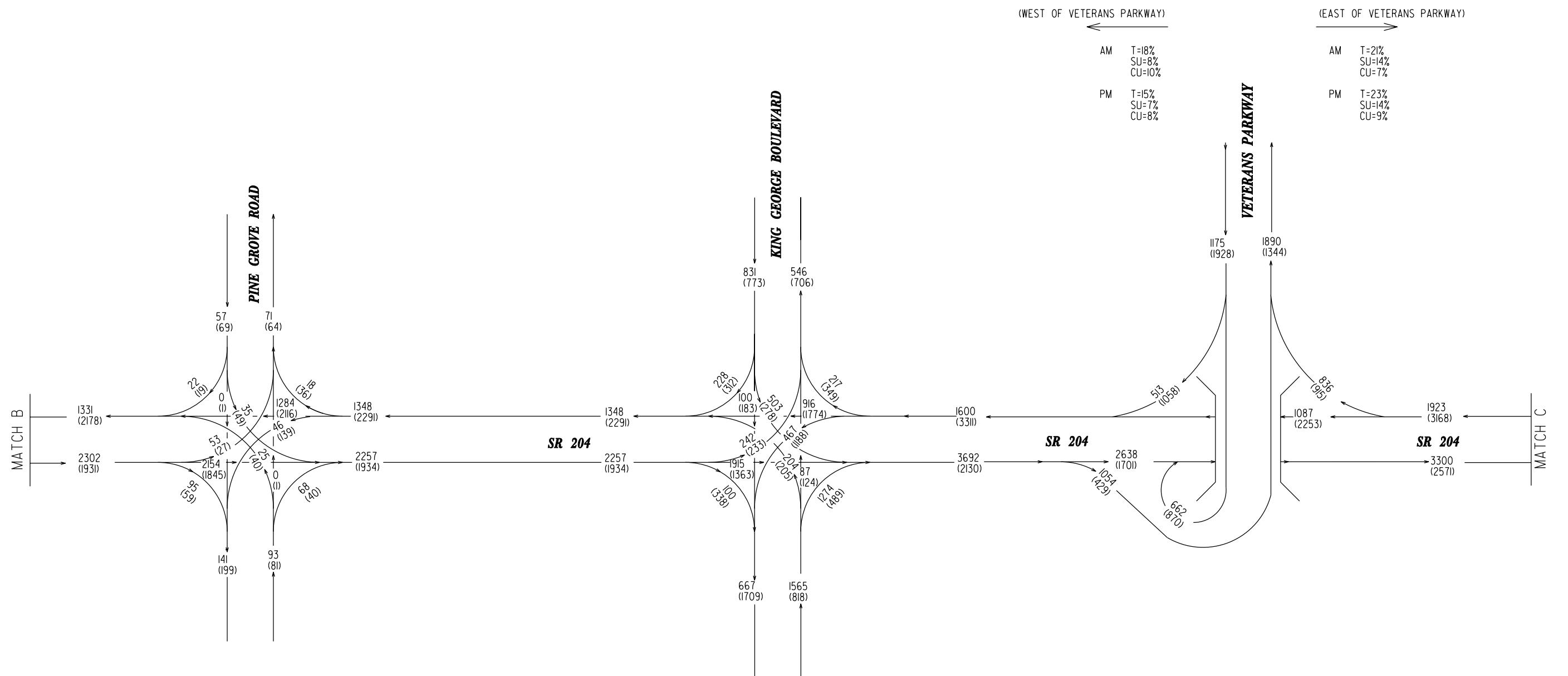
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FIGURE 22

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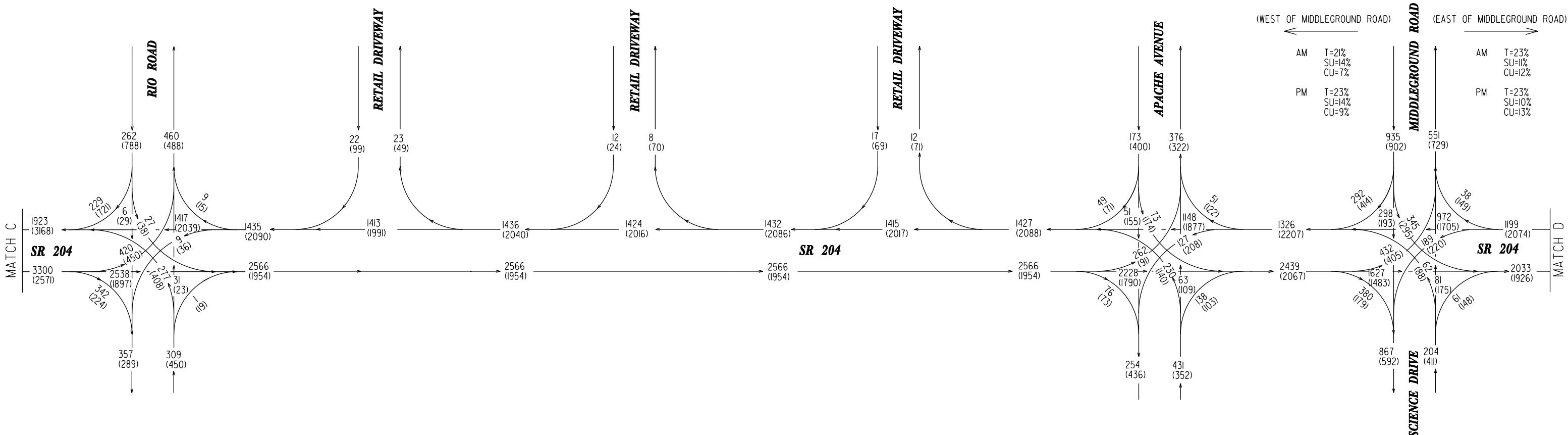
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FIGURE 23

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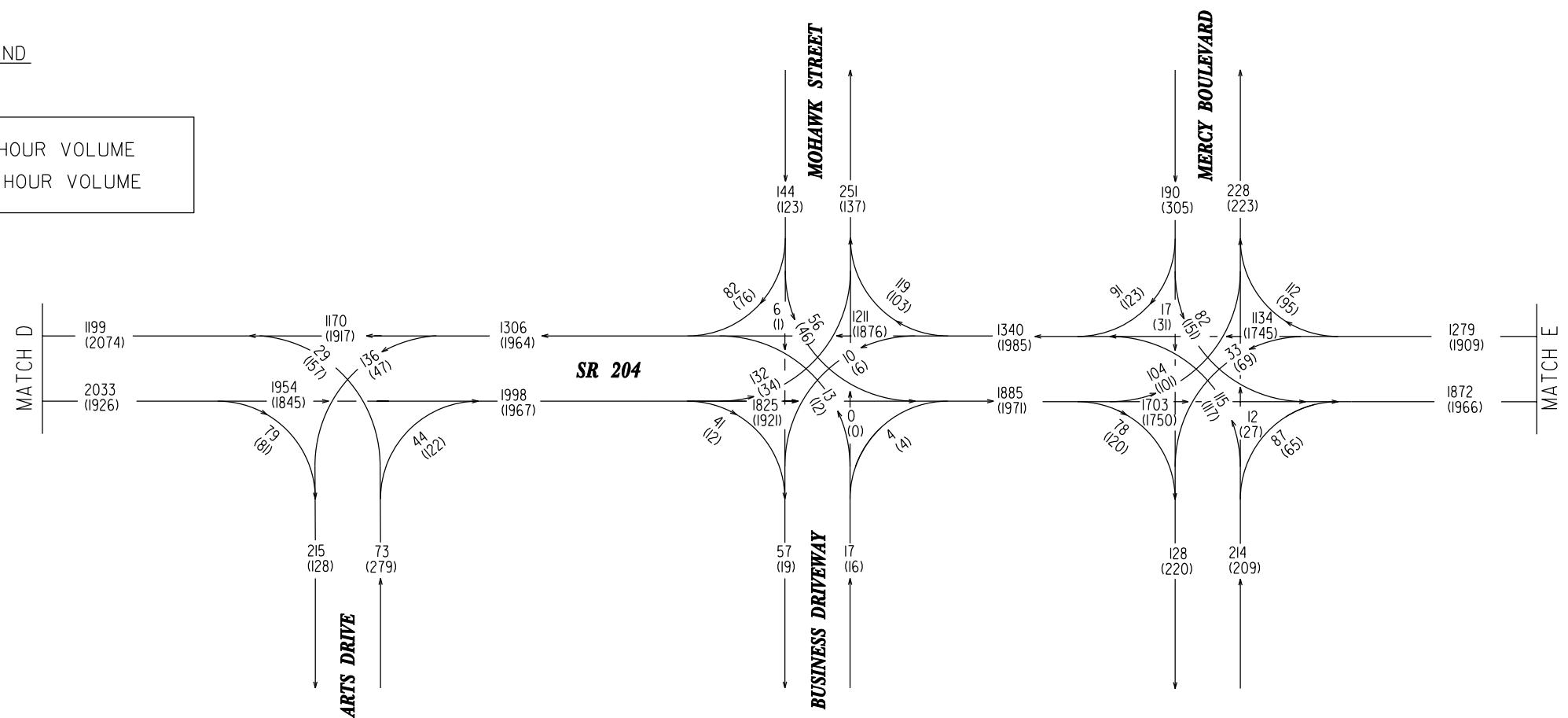
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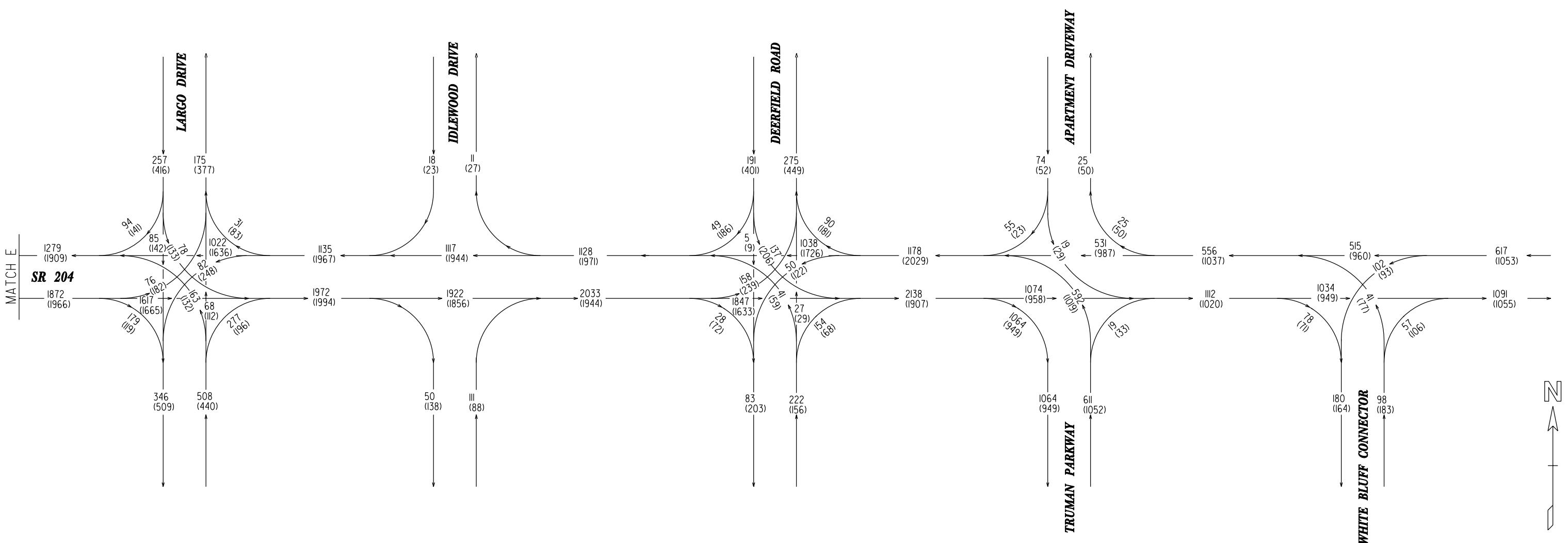
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FIGURE 24

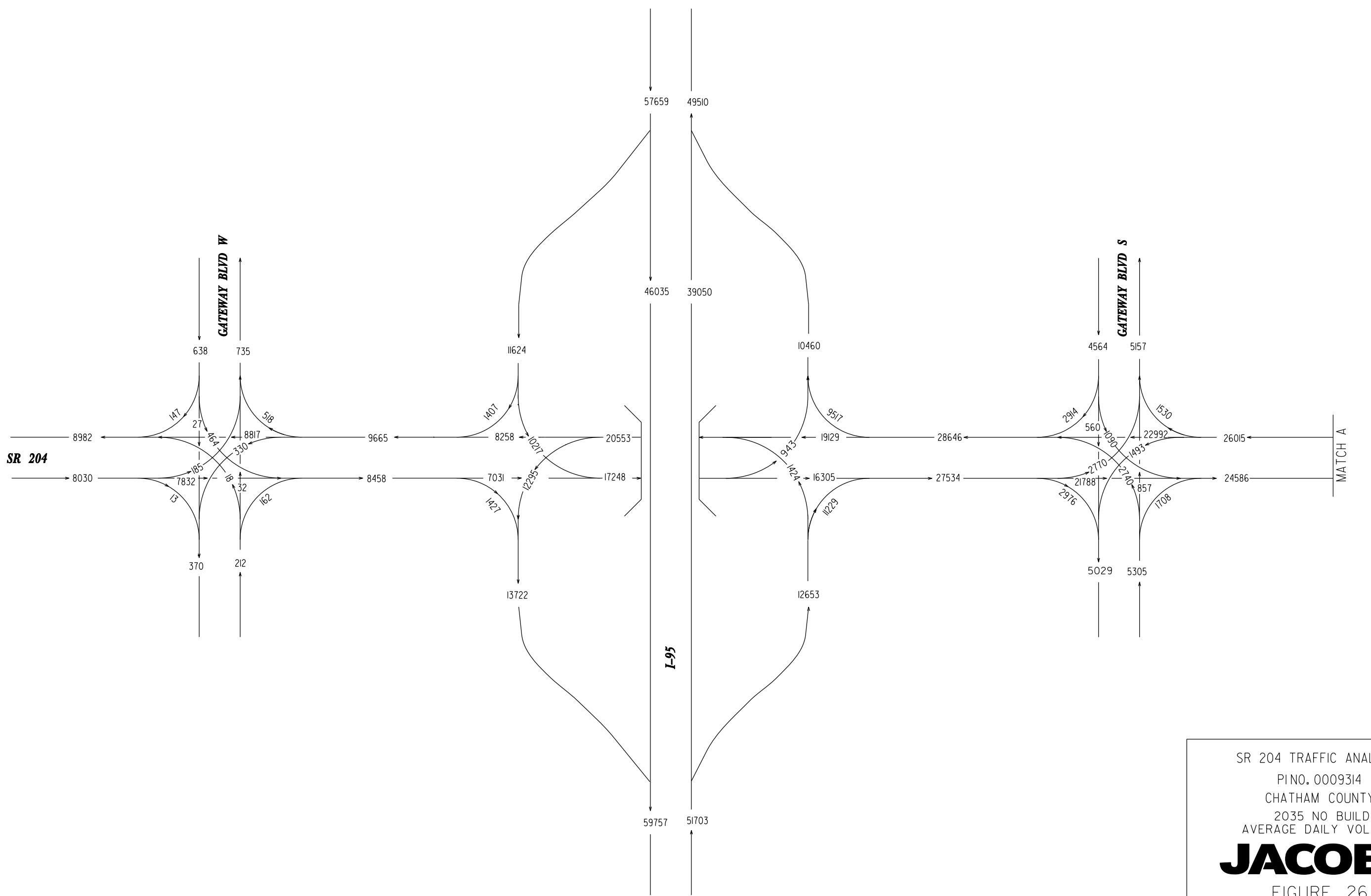
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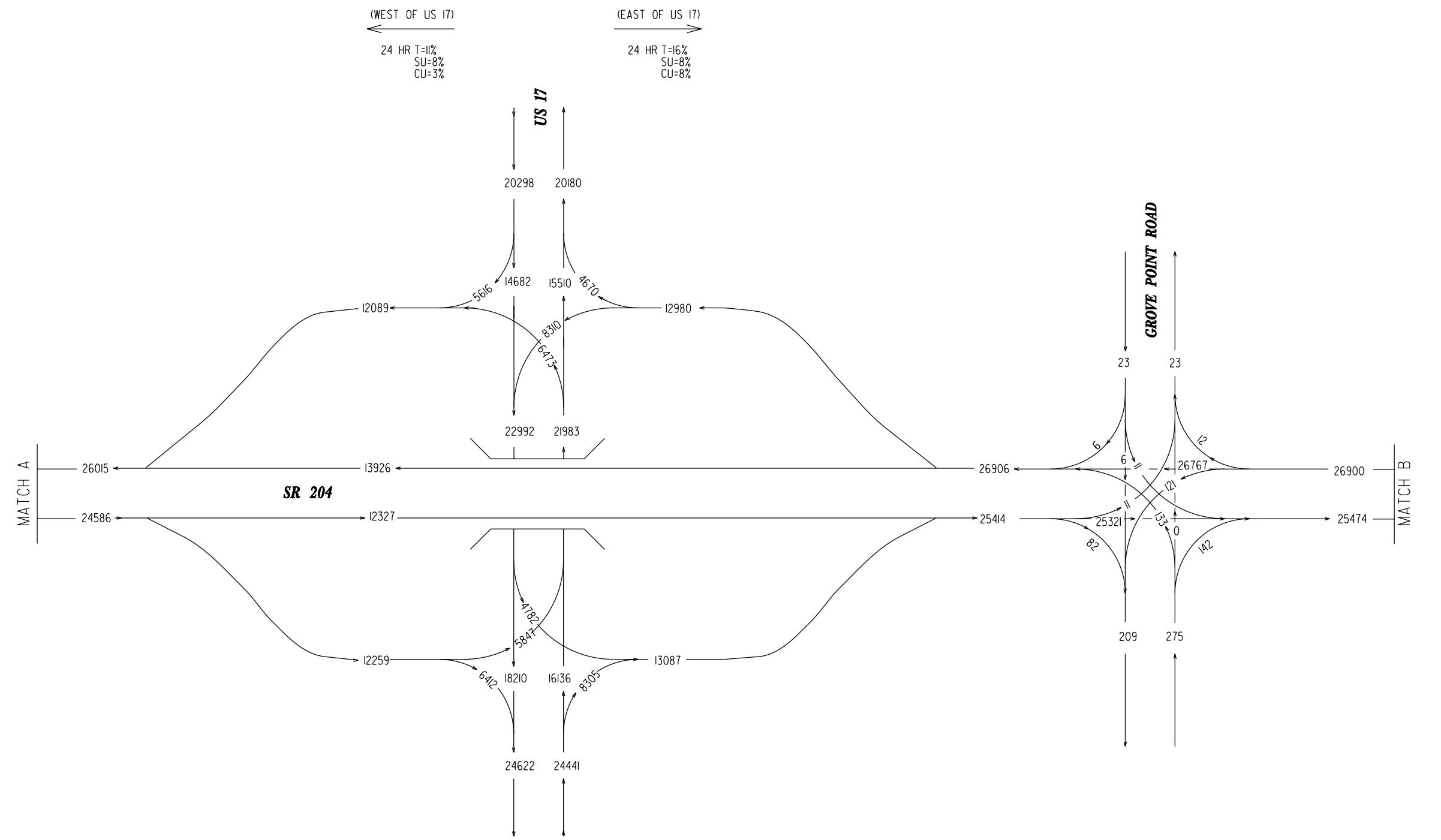
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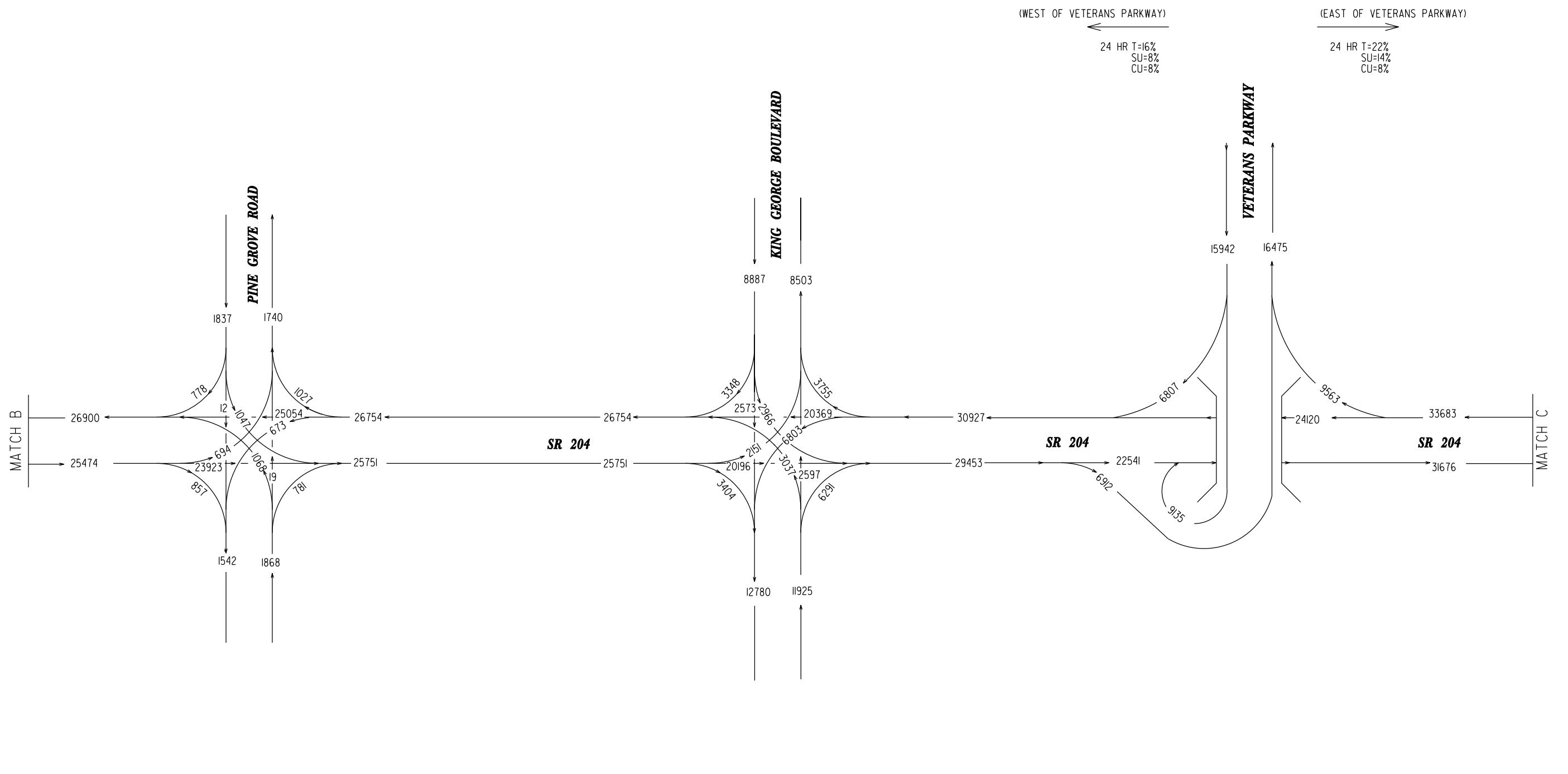
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FIGURE 27

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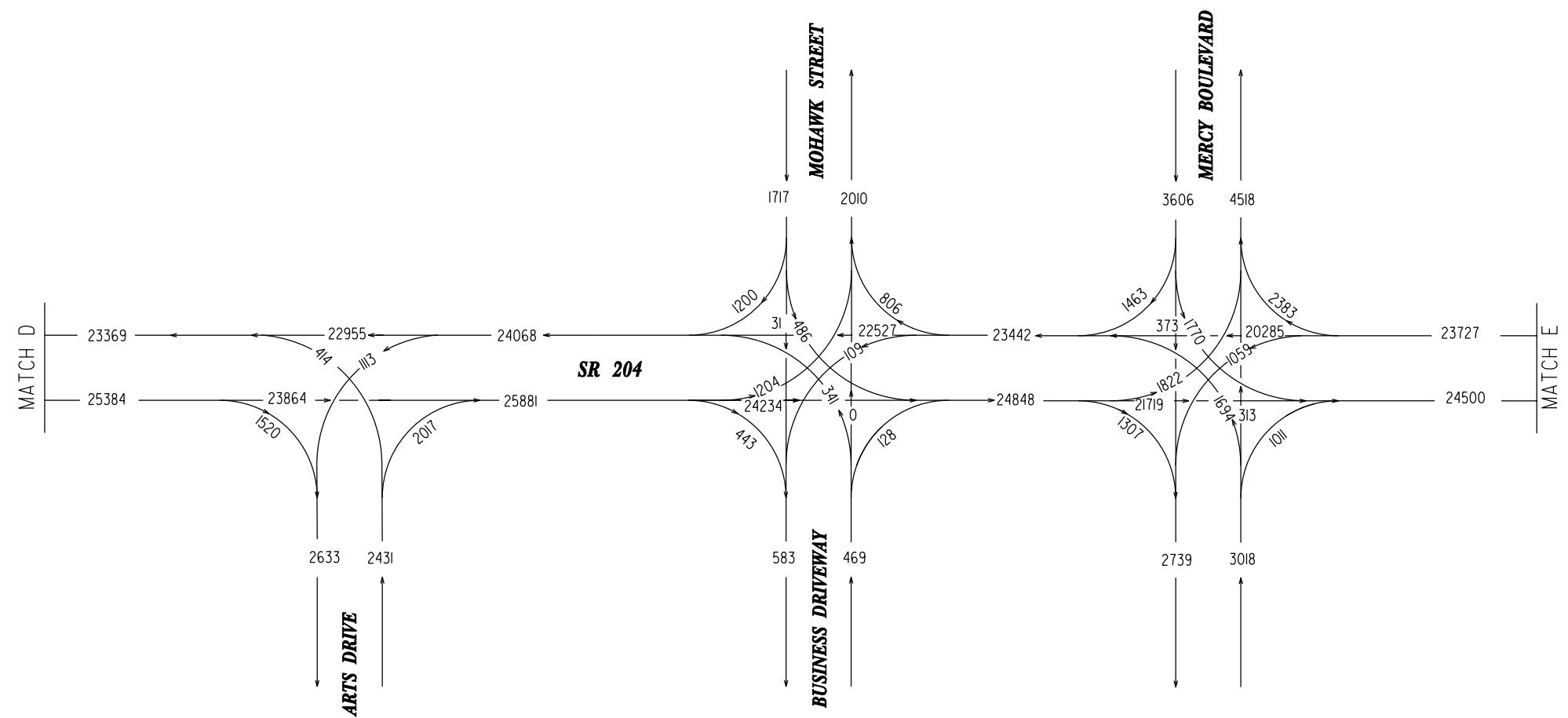
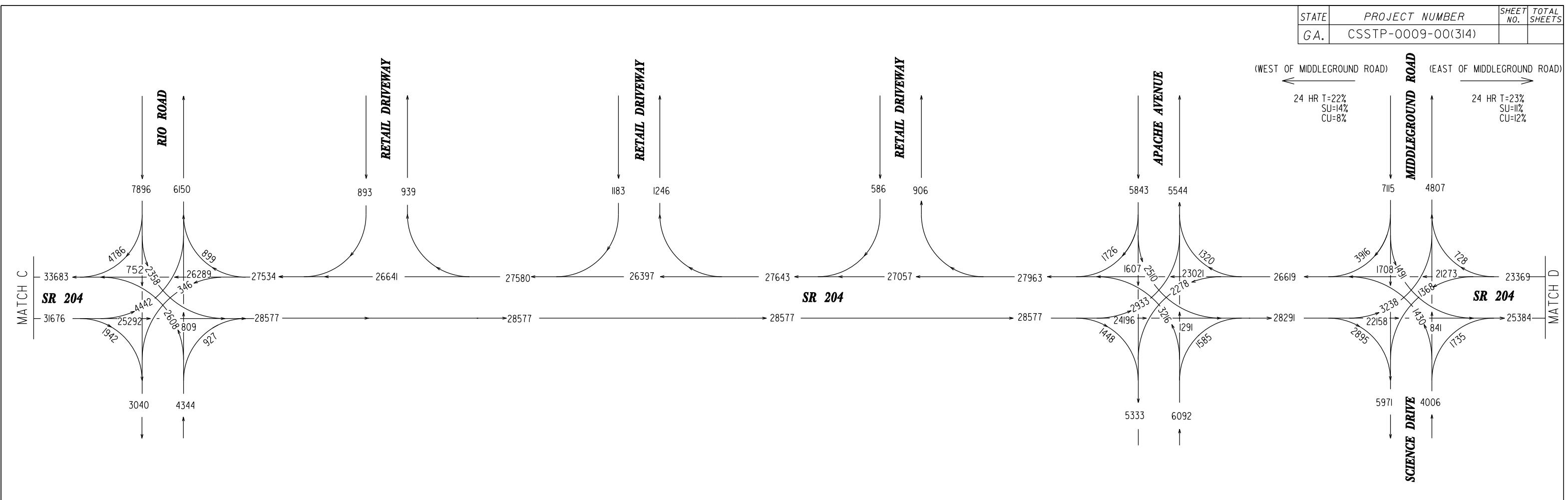
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FIGURE 28

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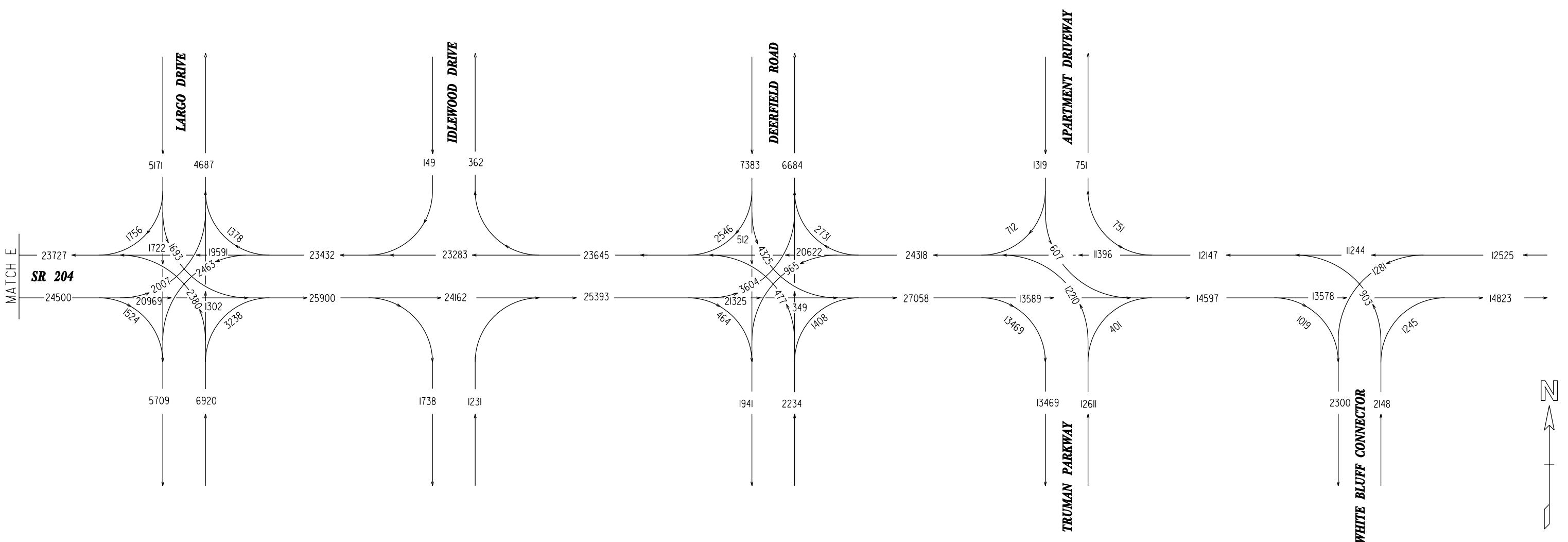
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FIGURE 29

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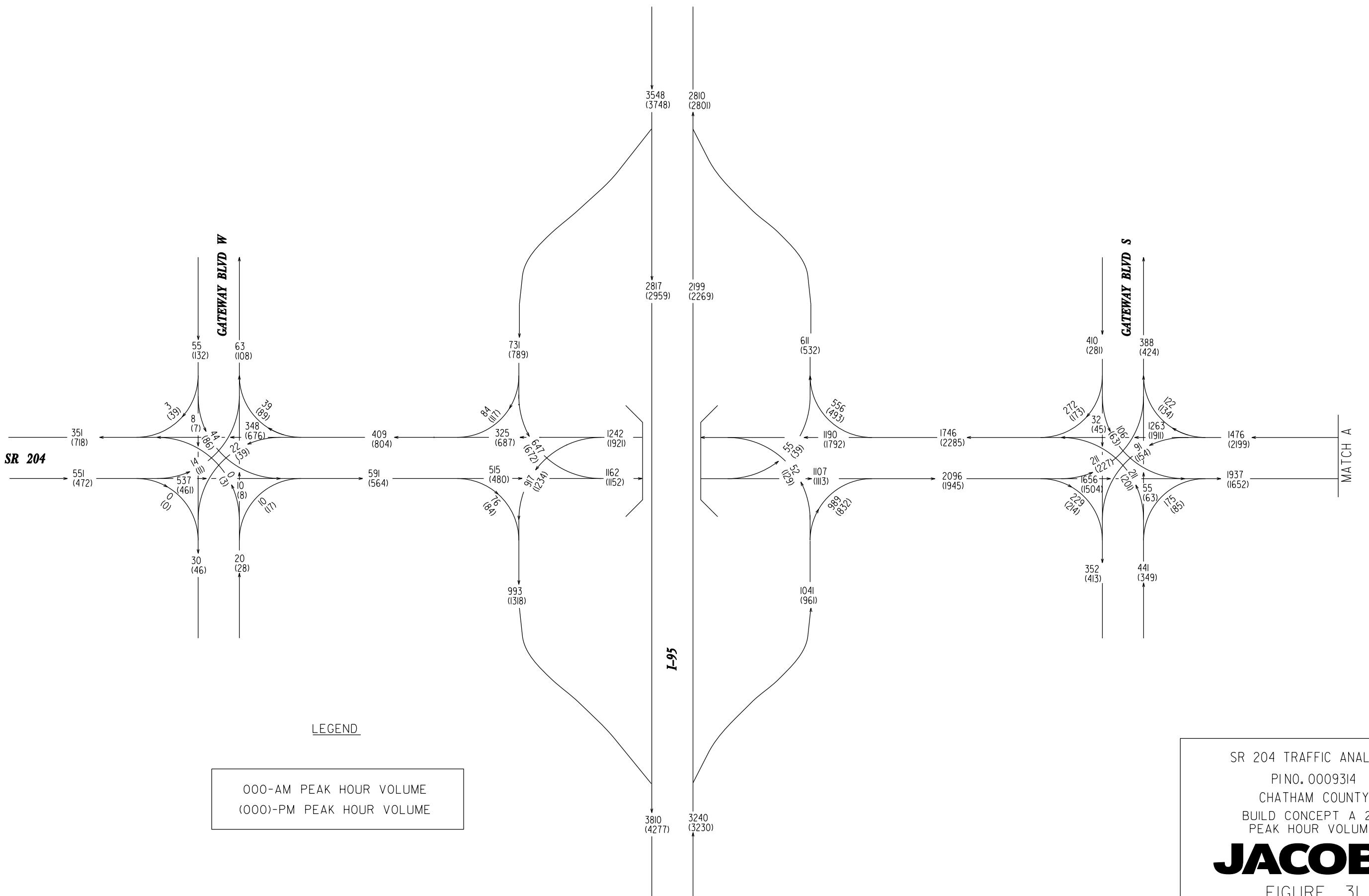
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FIGURE 30

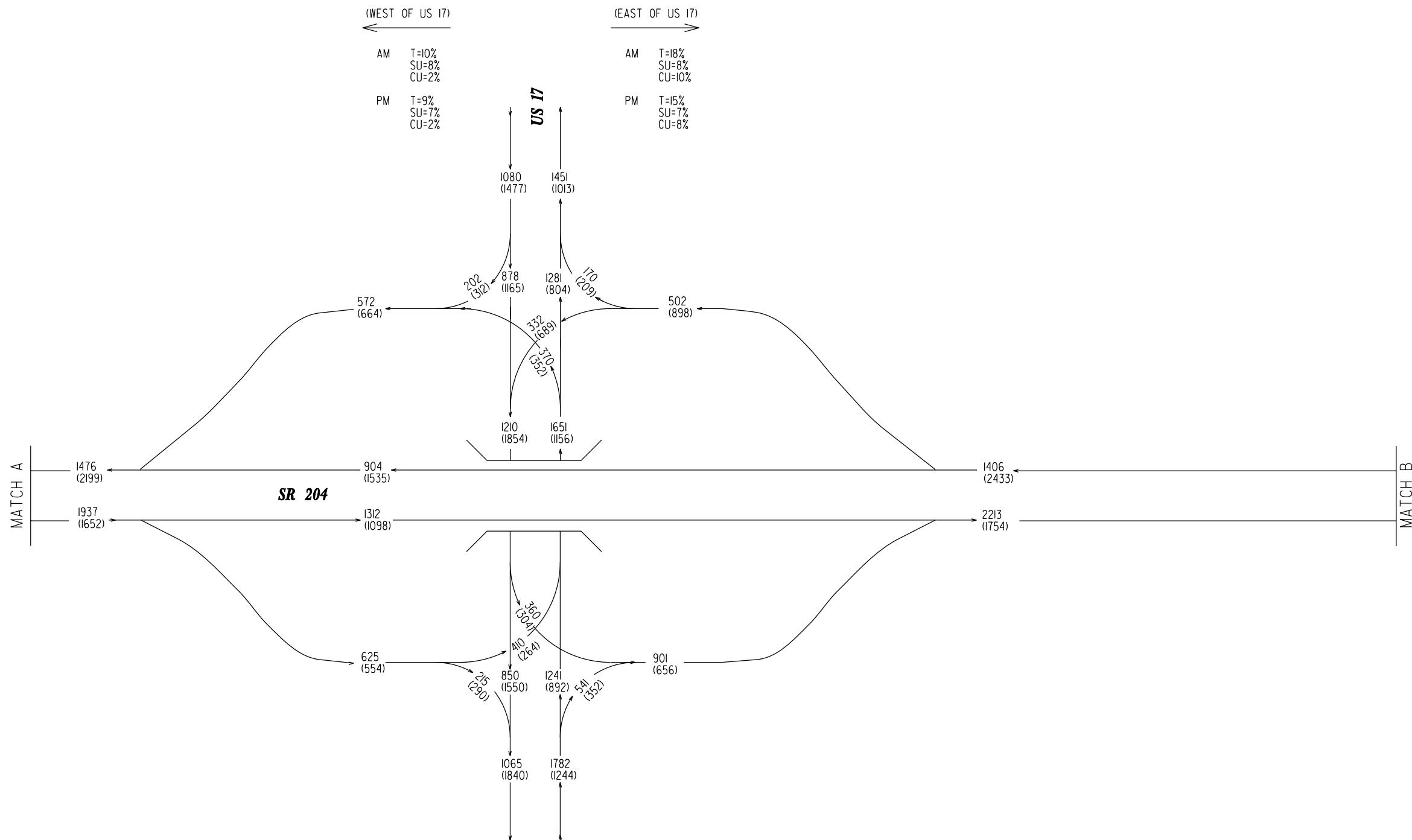
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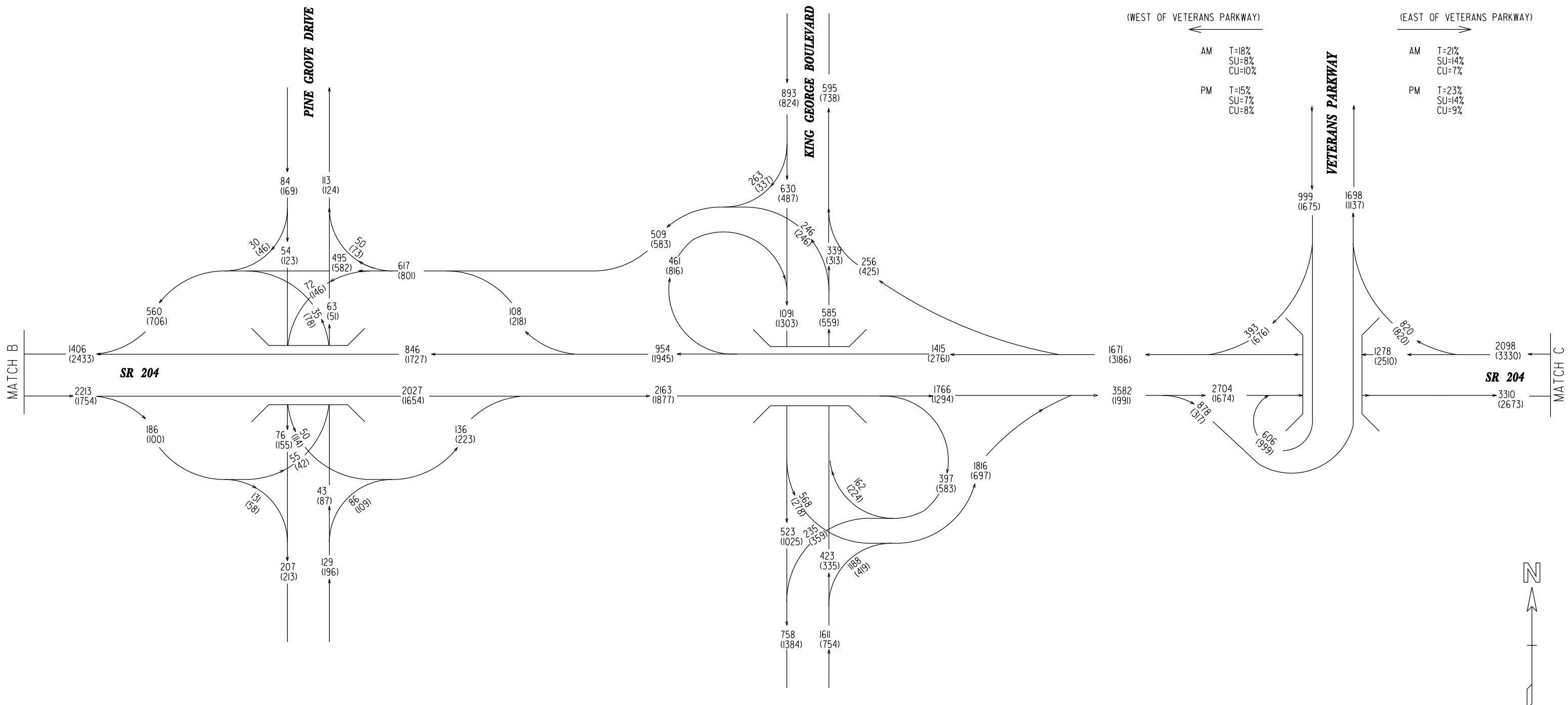
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FIGURE 32

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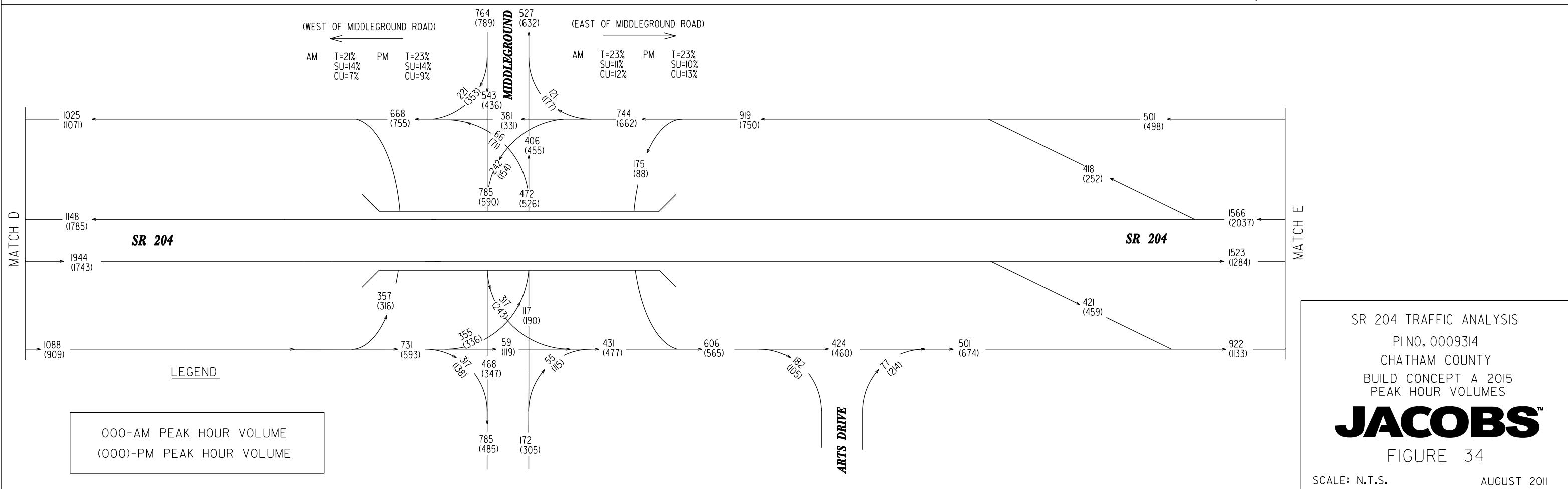
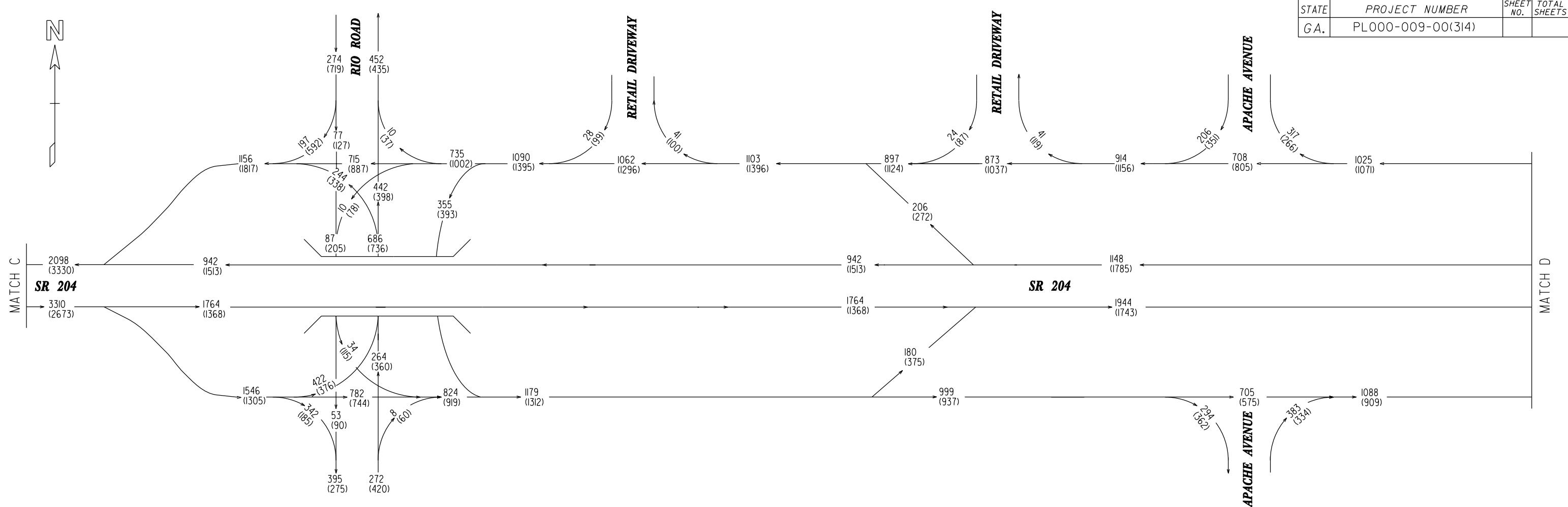
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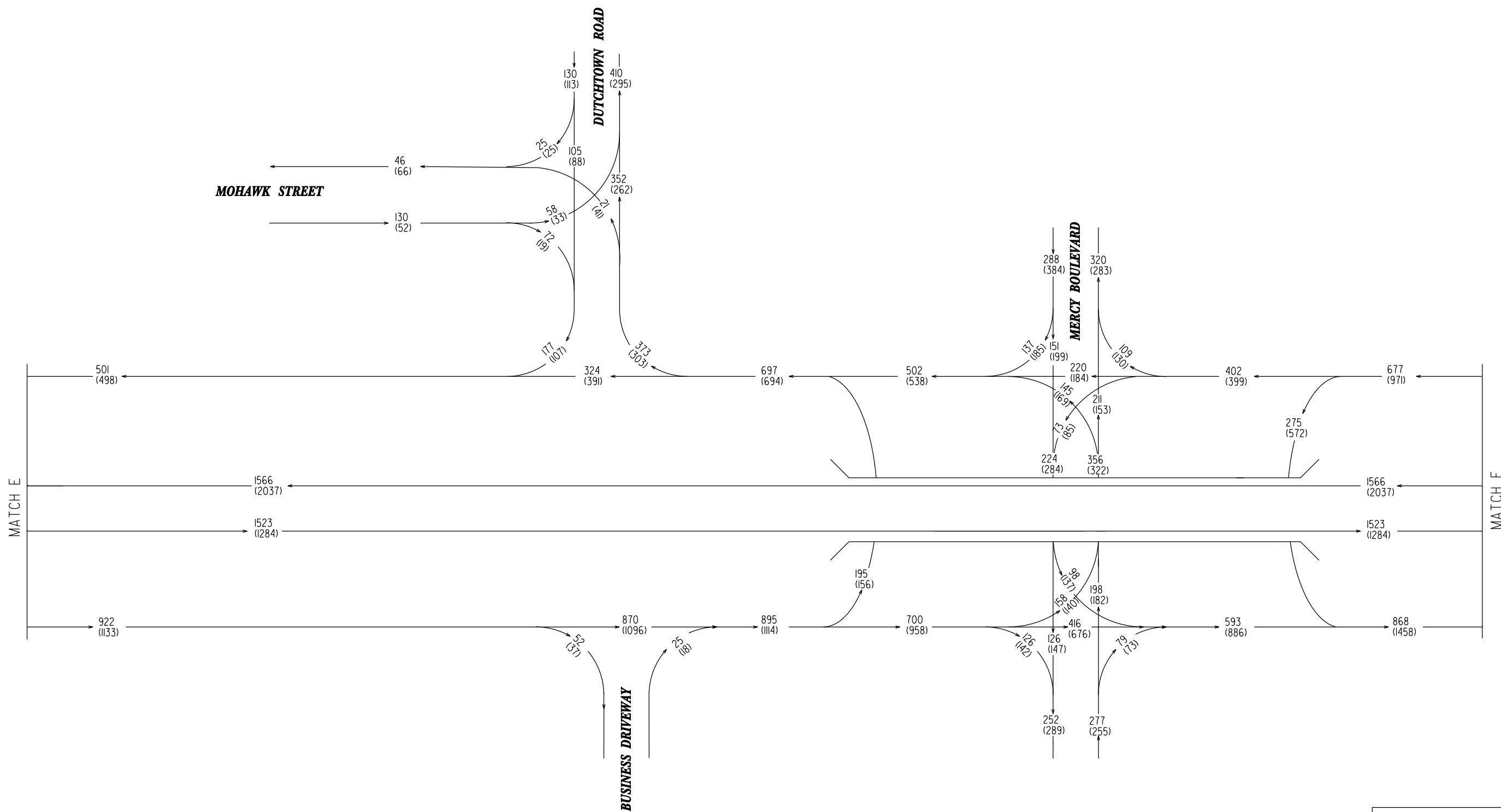
FIGURE 33

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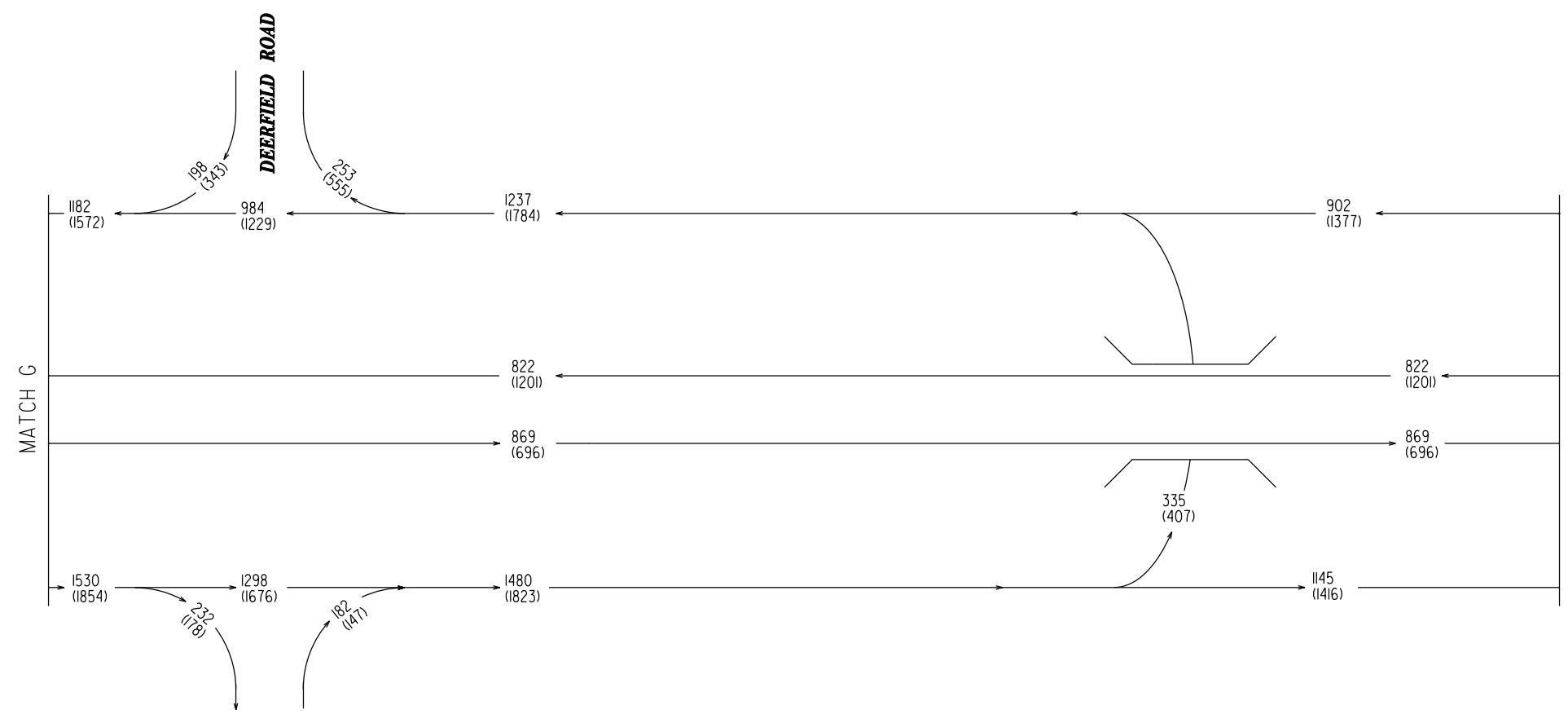
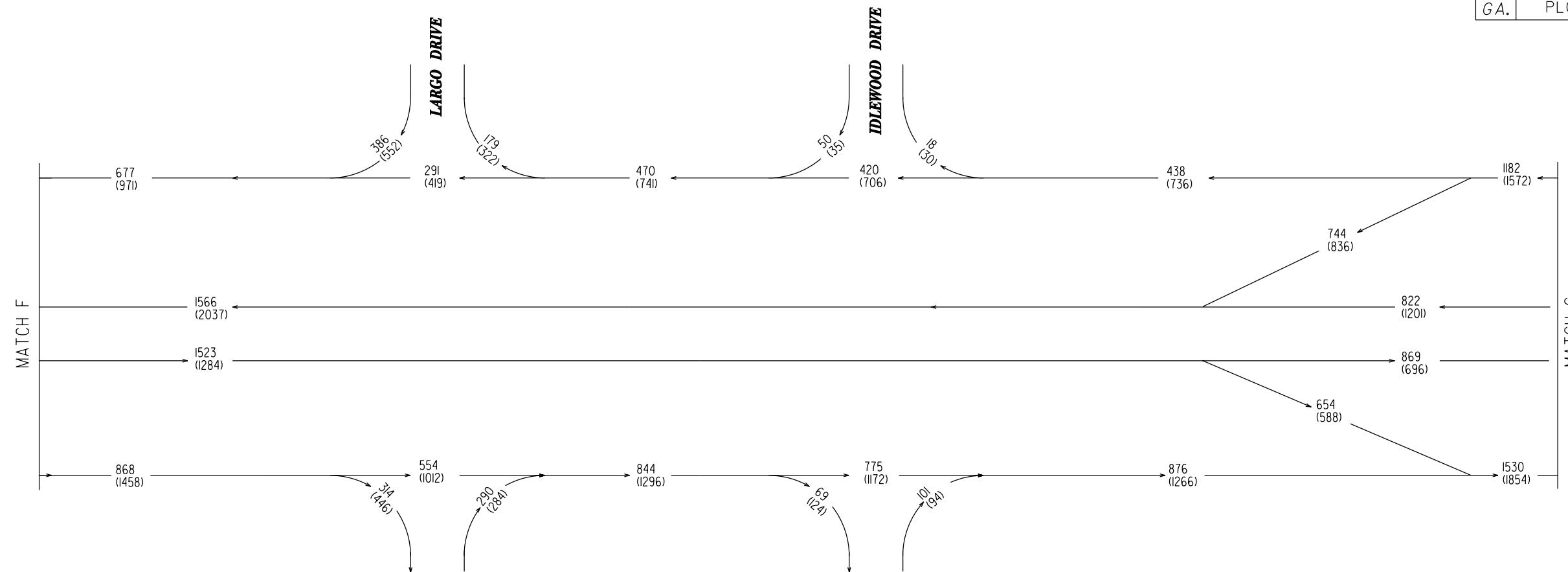
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FIGURE 35

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FIGURE 36

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