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CBCL Limited (CBCL) is pleased to submit the Windsor Street Exchange Functional Plan Draft Report. This report summarizes the work undertaken by CBCL and HDR with HRM staff to confirm and refine the recommended reconfigurations options derived from the Value Engineering Workshop, improve confidence in the reconfiguration's ability to meet transportation objectives, and develop a workable 30\% design.

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#### Abstract

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## 1 Introduction

The "Windsor Street Exchange" or "WSE" area in North End Halifax functions as the fulcrum for multiple mobility systems across the Halifax region and the Beford Basin (as illustrated on Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2). The WSE is a node for several major transportation routes, including the MacKay Bridge, Highway 111, Highway 102/Highway 103, the Bedford Highway, and major arterial and collector roads on the Halifax Peninsula. It is home to commercial and industrial activity and serves as the primary access point to the Port of Halifax's Fairview Cove Container Terminal ("FCCT") and HRM's Mackintosh Depot.


Figure 1-1: WSE Area Context


Figure 1-2: General WSE Area
To this role as a prime vehicular mover is added the need to accommodate expansion of local and rapid transit services, as well as improved Active Transportation linkages within the framework of HRM's Integrated Mobility Plan. These dynamics translate to conditions of significant friction in all directions, the formation of severe bottlenecks in peak directions, and the creation of critical conflict points between the different users of the system. The WSE accommodates 90,000-110,000 vehicles per day, with approximately 48,000 vehicles transiting the Windsor Street intersection itself. This requirement has recently been accentuated by the announcement of the Strawberry Hill Growth Node development proposal, with at least 3,500 residential units planned.

This project is led by HRM and is a joint project with the Province of Nova Scotia and the Port of Halifax, which is receiving funding from the National Trade Corridors Fund administered by Transport Canada. The scope under this funding source involves reconfiguring the WSE to improve access to FCCT and increase the capacity of a key intersection in the regional transportation network to support a complementary project submitted by the Port of Halifax. The most recent efforts towards this critical reconfiguration began in March 2023, when HRM held a Value Engineering Workshop to assess the recommended option issued from the earlier Windsor Street Exchange Functional Design Study, carried out between 2021 and 2022, and develop alternative
design options towards delivering the highest value to the project. The Workshop proposed multiple alternative design options, six of which were selected by HRM for additional evaluation and refinement. The Functional Plan is a milestone in the overall project timeline, illustrated on Figure 1-3.


Figure 1-3: WSE Project Timeline

### 1.1 Study Objectives

Starting with the initiation and its funding agreement through NTCF, the project had seven key objectives, four of which are a results of the Transport Canada funding application:

1. Reduce congestion.*
2. Reduce collision frequency and severity.*
3. Reduce transit run-time variability.*
4. Reduce green house gas emissions.*
5. Improve safety for all road users.
6. Active transportation network connections.
7. Improve access to Africville museum.
*Transport Canada funding requirement.

The Functional Plan addresses these objectives, and provides direct quantitative evidence derived from a comprehensive evaluation of vehicular volumes and delays. The methodology laid out below follows on the findings of the VE Workshop, and the requirements for additional traffic analysis set out at the Workshop's completion.

The six alternative design options shortlisted from the VE Workshop provide a balance in their combined ability to improve the WSE area's travel demand throughput, reduce overall multi-modal delays, reduce the number of movements contributing to vehicular collisions, improve active transportation facilities throughout the WSE area and to Africville, and generally improve transit service. Overall, these improvements lead to reduced greenhouse gas emission per capita, and incur tangible benefits.

Concurrently with this project, there are planned upgrades to Halifax Water's infrastructure, including the construction of a North End Feeder water main and a major sewer separation. These parallel projects will be incorporated into the overall WSE project but will only be briefly discussed in this Functional Plan Report.

### 1.2 Project Description

The intersection of Bedford Highway, Windsor Street and Lady Hammond Road is currently operating over capacity, leading to significant queuing and delays extending north on the Bedford Highway, especially during peak hours. The original project scope focused on this area; however during further assessment and traffic modeling during the development of the functional design options and the value engineering study, it was determined that travel through the WSE area was also significantly impacted by existing conditions at the Bedford Highway-Joseph Howe Interchange, and the exit from the MacKay Bridge towards Massachusetts Ave. The project scope has been expanded to include these areas as well. To this end, the $30 \%$ design is generally separated into three major intervention areas, as illustrated on Figure 1-4. The 30\% drawings are included in Appendix C.


Figure 1-4:WSE Area Breakdown

### 1.2.1 Area 1

The core reconfiguration aspect of the WSE project involves realigning the Bedford Highway - Highway 111 eastbound (EB) lanes to match the westbound (WB) lanes in a free-flow configuration. This adjustment would eliminate the dual left turns currently required at the Windsor Street intersection. This change is illustrated on Figure 1-5.

In conjunction with improvements in Area 2 and Area 3, discussed below, an additional connection is necessary between Lady Hammond Road and Bayne Street, since the Mackintosh Street link alone does not have sufficient capacity and is constrained by existing structure. As represented in Figure 1-6, a new underpass is therefore proposed, connecting Lady Hammond Street with Bayne Street, thus providing an additional pathway across the Bedford Highway / Highway 111 corridor. Together with Mackintosh Street, this underpass would provide a circular distributor system between Lady Hammond Road and Bayne Street to direct travelers originating in, or destined to the WSE area, towards to Bedford or MacKay Bridge gateways.


Figure 1-5: WSE Core Reconfiguration


Figure 1-6: New Connector

### 1.2.2 Area 2

In support of the core reconfiguration, the Project proposes to address capacity constraints on the Bedford Highway NB to Joseph Howe SB by adding a second lane to the Bedford Highway - Joseph Howe SB ramp (illustrated on Figure 1-7). This expansion can be accommodated within the space under the Fairview Overpass retaining wall and pier.

South of the Fairview Overpass, the Project proposes adding an additional lane on the ramp from Main Avenue. This lane would facilitate northbound access from Joseph Howe to Bedford Highway eastbound to the west of the Fairview Overpass, via a new signalized intersection, as illustrated on Figure 1-8.

To the east of the Fairview Overpass, the Project proposes introducing a signalized intersection to control access from the DVK ramp from Joseph Howe. Eastbound traffic from Bedford Highway towards the MacKay Bridge would remain free-flow through this signal. Simultaneously, the DVK ramp would be reconfigured to formalize the pavement to a single lane, and to convert the sidewalk to a 3.0 m multi-use path.


Figure 1-7: Joseph Howe Dual Ramp


Figure 1-8: Joseph Howe Displaced Left Turn and DVK Ramp Signal and Multi-Use Path

### 1.2.3 Area 3

To the east of the WSE area, an extension of Bayne Street would provide a direct exit from Barrington Street / MacKay Bridge to the WSE core area via a slip lane, as illustrated on Figure 1-9. This is a modification of the option developed in the VE Workshop, in that the weaving area between Barrington Street and the MacKay Bridge ramps would be formalized to a 4-lane weaving section, with dual entry and exit lanes (see Figure 1-10). Overall, this reconfiguration would direct travellers destined to the WSE node via Bayne Street, while keeping regional travellers destined to Joseph Howe and Bedford on the highway lanes.


Figure 1-9: Bayne Street Extension


Figure 1-10: Barrington Street Weave

## 2 Methodology

The evaluation was conducted using a traffic modelling framework based on the PTV VISSIM microsimulation software. Traffic models are built to produce a robust analysis system that is not only capable of reproducing existing traffic patterns, but is able to reliably forecast future conditions, given changes to the transportation networks and travel demand.

Such modelling is concerned chiefly with two things: accurately estimating travel demand between two points of origin and destination, and selecting the fastest routes between these points under varying traffic conditions.

A microsimulation model breaks down all traffic generated in a Study Area into smaller, more manageable Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ), each representing individual blocks, discrete land uses, or functional clusters such as the Port of Halifax Fairview Terminal. All traffic generated by these TAZ enters and exits a digital representation of the Study Area's road network via representative parking lots. Trips between TAZ are loaded onto the road network via Origin-Destination (O-D) matrices, that aggregate individual trips over a given analysis period. Through an iterative process, the model seeks optimal paths over the road network between each O-D pair based on initial travel times, assigns a portion of the total volume on the road network, simulates the movement of each vehicle and road user between TAZ of Origin and TAZ of Destination, and re-iterates the process with updated travel times. The process is repeated until the assignment process converges on an optimal solution. When successive iterations produce minimal change in travel times between all available paths, the network is considered to reflect Dynamic User Equilibrium, whereby road users cannot take any further action to reduce their travel time across the road network.

This methodology is outlined as follows:

- Divide the Study Area into operational TAZ.
- Build the Study Area road network in detail.
- Review seed O-D matrices extracted by HRM from the StreetLight Data analytics product;
- Review, compile and balance intersection Turning Movement Count data available for the Study Area, as illustrated on Figure 3-2, and summarized in Table 3-1.
- Factor the Street-Light Data O-D matrices to the total inbound and outbound volumes observed at the gateways to the Study Area, using a Furness doubly-constrained growth factoring method. The factoring was run for no more than 15-20 iterations, to ensure the underlying pattern of the O-D matrices was maintained, while achieving correct gateway volumes.
- Separate auto travel demand O-D matrices from commercial heavy truck demand, based on the StreetLight Data truck indices. Indices were factored to achieve correct truck volumes on the MacKay Bridge, as observed through bridge crossing data from HHB.
- Add bus transit PT routes and stops as static routes.
- Calibrate the microsimulation Dynamic Traffic Assignment procedure and road network parameters to reproduce existing traffic conditions as observed through turning movement counts (TMC) at key major intersections in the Study Area, and as seen during site visits. This entailed iteratively changing vehicle look-ahead parameters and driving behaviours to account for critical lane changes, merging and weaving actions.
- Validate the microsimulation model to travel times along the major roads, as extracted from the Google Maps API, through comparison with StreetLight Data average travel times between O-D pairs, and against direct observation.

Within this modelling framework, our overall methodology is broadly illustrated below.


Figure 2-1: Modelling Framework Methodology

### 2.1 Microsimulation Model

The assessment evaluated conditions along road segments and intersections. To this end, CBCL conducted an in-depth analysis using a PTV VISSIM multi-modal traffic microsimulation model of the study area. The modelling approach simulates each individual vehicle, according to behavioural models, and intent. Vehicles (e.g., auto, trucks, bicycles, etc.) navigate the simulation environment between a point of origin and a destination point, seeking to find the shortest total travel time. In addition, Pedestrians and transit can also be effectively incorporated into the software.

The strength of this microsimulation software platform lies in its ability to accurately reproduce a road environment over a broader study area. It simulates each individual vehicle circulating on a complex surface, the movements of each vehicle at a very highresolution, and the interaction between vehicles and pedestrians as they navigate through the study area. Potential traffic interactions in the nearby communities were incorporated to consider sensitive land uses along the road corridor (e.g., schools and places of worship).

The traffic simulation framework enabled the generation of a detailed travel demand profile for peak periods, accurately reflecting the fluctuations within both the peak hour and the adjacent shoulder periods. This approach produces a realistic loading of traffic on the road network instead of assuming a homogenous hourly demand (i.e., constant traffic demand over the peak period). The simulation provided a visual representation of complex multi-modal circulation onto an aerial map, which illustrates the dynamics of site circulation, wayfinding, conflict points, obstacles, and potential hazards.

### 2.2 Analysis Scenarios

## The modelling exercise entailed a comparative analysis of WSE area network conditions under existing network conditions and travel demand, future no-build conditions with estimated future travel demand, and future conditions under different built scenarios, summarized in

Table 2-1, and described in detail in Section 4.3.

Table 2-1: Analysis Scenarios

Road Network
Existing Road Network Future No Build Road Network
Future Build Base Case Design with
Alternative Options
Future Build Proposed Redesign

Existing Demand
AM / PM peak hours
AM / PM peak hours
AM / PM peak hours

AM / PM peak hours

### 2.3 Analysis Procedure

The methodology used to conduct the traffic operational analysis is summarized as follows:

1. Divide the WSE area into Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ) corresponding to the gateway links to/from the area.
2. Develop Origin-Demand matrices of all vehicular trips traversing the WSE area between the TAZ, for the weekday AM and PM peak hours.
3. Assess baseline Existing Conditions and identify existing capacity and operational constraints using the microsimulation model.
4. Estimate future vehicular traffic volumes based on growth derived from HRM's regional VISUM travel demand model.
5. Assess Future No-Build Conditions and identify capacity and operational constraints using the microsimulation model.
6. Modify the road network to reflect the proposed WSE reconfiguration option and evaluate Future Build Conditions using the microsimulation model and report on overall performance improvement and meeting of Project Objectives.

## 3 Model Preparation

### 3.1 Model Area

For the purposes of this study, the TAZ system consists entirely of gateway zones; the Strawberry Hill Growth Node and the Mackintosh Depot properties are also represented as gateways into the Study Area network. TAZ are numbered in sets of 100, according to cardinal directions; thus the northwestern zones are 100s, eastern zones are 200s, northern (Port) zones are 300s, and southern zones are 400s, as illustrated on Figure 3-1.


Figure 3-1: VISSIM Model TAZ System

### 3.2 Model Intersections



Figure 3-2: Study Area Intersections
Table 3-1: $\quad$ Study Area Intersections with TMC Data

| Intersection ID | Intersection Name | Control Type |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Bedford \& Bayview | Signalized |
| 2 | Bedford \& Dealership | Signalized |
| 5 | Bedford \& Joseph Howe | Unsignalized |
| 6 | Bedford \& Windsor | Signalized |
| 8 | Kempt \& Lady Hammond | Signalized |
| 9 | Lady Hammond \& Mackintosh | Unsignalized |
| 12 | Lady Hammond \& Mackintosh | Signalized |

The TMC data procured at these intersections comes from different years and seasons. They were therefore balanced to produce an approximation of a single snapshot of conditions across the Study Area. Balancing was based on the counts with the heavier volumes, and it produces conditions that may be heavier than what may now be considered as typical.

Balanced volume turn diagrams are provided in Appendix A.

### 3.3 Road Network Coding

The PTV VISSIM platform allows the modelling of complex transportation networks and travel patterns with very high fidelity. For the WSE Study Area, the road network was reproduced in VISSIM with all geometric and functional parameters reflecting reality. The road network includes current lane geometries, lane tapers, circulation signs, and traffic control devices. Public Transit routes were coded as routes on the network, based on Halifax Transit route maps. Speed limits were coded for each link according to speed limit signs, and the Study Area's five traffic signals were coded according to signal timing plans provided by HRM, and reviewed by CBCL.

The road network was built with behavioural controls (desired speeds, driving behaviour) consistent with the actual road classifications and posted speed limits (as summarized in Table 3-2).

Table 3-2: $\quad$ Summary of Study Area Highway Network

| Name | Type | Posted Speed Limit (km/hr) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Bedford Highway | Arterial Road | 70 |
| Highway 111 | Arterial Road | 70 |
| Barrington Street | Arterial Road | 70 |
| Windsor Street | Arterial Road | 60 |
| Joseph Howe Drive | Arterial Road | 60 |
| Lady Hammond Road | Arterial Road | 60 |
| Kempt Road | Collector Road | 50 |
| Bayne Street | Local | 50 |
| Mackintosh Street | Local | 50 |

Public Transit services were coded into the road network with the following parameters:

- Existing Routes and schedules.
- Station dwell time 20s +/-5.
- Add BRT, assume no major changes to existing routes.
- Headways as per Rapid Transit Strategy.


### 3.4 Travel Demand

To develop a traffic model representative of existing vehicular volumes and travel patterns, the Project undertook a travel demand estimation exercise. The Project team considered several data sources that, in isolation, reflected different aspects of the WSE area circulation:

1. Multi-modal intersection turning movement counts at the major intersections summarized above, collected between 2017 and 2020.
2. Mobile device-based analytics from 2019 StreetLight Data Insights, providing the proportional distributions of all vehicular traffic between the WSE traffic zones, with estimates of zone-zone volumes and average travel times.
3. HRM Regional VISUM Travel Demand Model based on the future 2031 Rapid Transit Strategy.
4. Google Maps API, zone-zone typical, optimistic and pessimistic travel time estimates.

The travel demand estimation progressed as follows:

1. Compile traffic data provided by HRM, summarize for key intersections identified above and for gateway points into the model area (summarized via Turn Diagrams in Appendix A.
2. Review HRM VISUM Model subarea traversal matrices for the WSE area.
3. Review StreetLight Data insights (STL) - 2019 query yields 10,000-12,000 auto in AM/PM peak hours, double the volumes extracted from HRM VISUM model.
4. Factor STL matrices according to count data, using the Furness factor method.
5. Add Port truck traffic as separate matrices, as extracted from STL record.
6. Add bus transit PT routes and stops.

Under the baseline Existing conditions, the transportation network, as modeled, experiences a total traffic demand of over 9,350 vehicles during the weekday AM peak hour and over 11,600 vehicles during the PM peak hour, as detailed below.

### 3.4.1 AM Peak Hour

During the weekday AM peak hour, the Study Area is estimated to experience a volume of approximately 8,324 auto trips and approximately 600 heavy trucks, as summarized in

Table 3-3. Most of these trips occur between Bedford Highway, Massachusetts, and the MacKay Bridge.

Table 3-3: AM Peak Hour O-D Matrices

| Auto AM | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 211 | 212 | 221 | 222 | 301 | 302 | 303 | 401 | 402 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | 0 | 35 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 368 | 234 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 150 | 213 | 6 | 105 | 250 | 119 | 55 | 1567 |
| 102 | 43 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 211 | 160 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 50 | 2 | 55 | 100 | 31 | 5 | 694 |
| 103 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 50 |
| 104 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 22 |
| 211 | 100 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 23 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 13 | 208 |
| 212 | 187 | 266 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 2 | 2 | 324 | 450 | 18 | 68 | 110 | 916 | 185 | 2628 |
| 221 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 222 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 301 | 40 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 61 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 21 | 0 | 8 | 19 | 7 | 0 | 176 |
| 302 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 16 |
| 303 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| 401 | 59 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 328 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 2 | 51 | 150 | 10 | 48 | 737 |
| 402 | 69 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 507 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 18 | 4 | 782 |
| 403 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 51 |
| 404 | 26 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 9 | 3 | 105 |
| 405 | 82 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 103 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 42 | 74 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 16 | 14 | 413 |
| 406 | 16 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 511 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 555 |
| 407 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 198 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 37 | 9 | 89 | 86 | 36 | 0 | 545 |
| Total | 649 | 447 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 759 | 2192 | 131 | 13 | 11 | 640 | 894 | 44 | 407 | 821 | 1170 | 333 | 8563 |



### 3.4.2 PM Peak Hour

During the weekday PM peak hour, the Study Area experiences a volume of over 9,850 auto trips and approximately 450 heavy trucks, as summarized on Table 3-4. The main contributors to trips remain the MacKay Bridge, Massachusetts, and Bedford Highway, albeit in the reverse direction from the AM peak hour.

Table 3-4: PM Peak Hour O-D Matrices

| Auto PM | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 211 | 212 | 221 | 222 | 301 | 302 | 303 | 401 | 402 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | 0 | 119 | 26 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 163 | 160 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 84 | 9 | 51 | 75 | 12 | 150 | 912 |
| 102 | 51 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 212 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 15 | 9 | 36 | 57 | 4 | 6 | 483 |
| 103 | 30 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 70 |
| 104 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 26 |
| 211 | 389 | 156 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 9 | 4 | 105 | 58 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 31 | 87 | 867 |
| 212 | 259 | 341 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 314 | 425 | 7 | 25 | 50 | 450 | 193 | 2090 |
| 221 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 222 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 301 | 139 | 60 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 143 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 77 | 26 | 4 | 0 | 35 | 1 | 83 | 586 |
| 302 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| 303 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| 401 | 135 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 370 | 21 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 22 | 7 | 40 | 64 | 8 | 194 | 925 |
| 402 | 198 | 52 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 551 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 3 | 28 | 962 |
| 403 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 52 |
| 404 | 87 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 37 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 7 | 38 | 265 |
| 405 | 258 | 127 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 178 | 103 | 24 | 9 | 59 | 94 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 4 | 90 | 984 |
| 406 | 169 | 53 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 1005 | 38 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 8 | 0 | 59 | 1402 |
| 407 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 139 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 19 | 6 | 44 | 44 | 9 | 0 | 357 |
| Total | 1748 | 984 | 58 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 416 | 2848 | 212 | 47 | 32 | 738 | 750 | 47 | 237 | 419 | 530 | 933 | 10019 |


| Auto PM | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 211 | 212 | 221 | 222 | 301 | 302 | 303 | 401 | 402 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 38 |
| 102 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| 103 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 211 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 16 |
| 212 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 12 | 107 |
| 221 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 222 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 301 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 54 |
| 302 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 303 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 401 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 31 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 53 |
| 402 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 37 |
| 403 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 404 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| 405 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 31 |
| 406 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 95 |
| 407 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 15 |
| Total | 44 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 184 | 41 | 1 | 0 | 62 | 31 | 1 | 9 | 18 | 27 | 23 | 468 |

### 3.5 Simulation Parameters

The traffic simulation exercise used VISSIM's Dynamic Traffic Assignment Module, with the following parameters:

- Load 30 minute seed and 1-hour demand matrices - Review TMC data to segment hourly volume into 15-minute slices to capture variation within the peak hour, add 15minute tail.
- Distribute vehicle class according to TMC data (95\% auto, 5\% truck).

The model was run using the Dynamic User Equilibrium Traffic Assignment module (DTA). This entailed running the DTA path finding procedure, which searches for the quickest paths between each origin-destination pair. The procedure short-lists the 3 best paths, avoiding long detour options. Up to 50 iterations of the path finding procedure were run; the procedure searches for new paths each time, assigning the travel demand in small increments, repeating the process until the path finding convergences on a stable, optimal "equilibrium" solution to assign the complete travel demand.

We note that path selection parameters were constrained such that detouring paths between common nodes are excluded if they are $50 \%$ longer than the optimal path. This
parameter allows for some random adjustment of paths over the peak hour, but generally keeps major flows together.

### 3.6 Model Calibration

Once the network was reviewed for connectivity, consistency and correct intersection and link operations, the calibration effort focused on reproducing actual travel patterns as observed through intersection Turning Movement Counts (TMC) at the intersections within the Study Area that had traffic count data.

A set of model calibration criteria were followed for this assignment, consistent with industry modelling standards. These criteria, illustrated below, follow two target sets:

- Ensuring that linear regression between observed and modelled volumes at intersections and on links is at least $90 \%$.
- Ensuring that the relative difference between observed and modelled volumes for intersection turning movements falls within a GEH measure of 5-10 for most intersections. The GEH "Statistic" is an assessment formula named after its creator, Geoffrey E. Havers. It allows comparison of the relative differences between observed and modelled results, and is defined as:

$$
G E H=\sqrt{\frac{2 / M-C^{2}}{(M+C)}}
$$

Where M is the modelled hourly volume, and C is the observed volume.

With path selection at equilibrium, 10 iterations of the model were run to extract turning movement volumes at key intersections, and travel times between gateway zones. This process entailed comparing modelled volumes to the count data; manually adjusting the matrices to produce more realistic movements at count locations, adjusting driver behaviour and road parameters, and re-running the DTA procedure until convergence was achieved. The process was repeated until the calibration criteria were met.

## AM Peak Hour

Observation of link flows and individual OD paths along the model network found logical behaviour; not surprising as the Study Area road network consists of linear corridors, with no parallel paths.

The model was found to be well calibrated during the weekday AM Peak Hour. As illustrated in Figure 3-3, the model assignment produced an R2 of close to 98\% for turn volumes. The model is balanced, with modelled volumes following the regression line closely on both sides with few outliers. Demands remain consistent and are not systemically over-estimated or underestimated. One outlier is observed, corresponding
with the Joseph Howe Northbound DVK ramp, which fails to achieve the observed demand processing rates.

This discrepancy can be attributed to two factors. Firstly, although the ramp features a single lane, it is wide enough to function as a de facto two-lane road on the approach to Highway 111, thereby processing higher volumes than is strictly possible on a single lane. This geometry is not reproduced in the model, as the intent is to restrict such stacking in the future for safety reasons. Secondly, the ramp merging onto Highway 111 requires weaving between two heavy eastbound vehicular flows. This is often only possible through courtesy gaps and a high level of collaboration between lane-changing vehicles. This behaviour is not entirely captured by the simulator, which takes an all-or-nothing approach to movement priority.

Overall, the model accurately reproduces the observed conditions, with the most significant queues observed in the eastbound direction on Bedford Highway, and the northbound direction on Joseph Howe. Users on the road demonstrate high familiarity with the road network, with a preference for early lane changes leading to a marked lane imbalance in the utilization of road capacity.


Figure 3-3: $\quad$ Turn Volume Calibration - AM Peak Hour

GEH analysis shows that 88\% of turns have a GEH less than 5 exceeding the criteria threshold of $85 \%$; almost all turns have a GEH less than 10, also exceeding the threshold of $95 \%$. This was achieved equally well across the whole road network, demonstrating that the model overall produced reliable travel patterns across the entire Study Area, as summarized in Table 3-5.

| AM Peak Hour | Modelled | Total | Modelled | Target | Check |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turns with GEH <=5 | 46 | 52 | $88 \%$ | $85 \%$ | OK |
| Turns with GEH $<=10$ | 51 | 52 | $98 \%$ | $95 \%$ | OK |

Table 3-5: AM Peak Hour TMC Calibration Measures

| Node | FromLink | ToLink | TurnCode | TMC AM | Modelled AM | \% Diff AM | GEH AM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Bedford Highway SB | Basinview WB | 101SBR | 35 | 36 | 3\% | 0.2 |
| 1 | Bedford Highway SB | Bedford Highway SB | 101SBT | 1370 | 1359 | -1\% | 0.3 |
| 1 | Basinview EB | Bedford Highway NB | 101EBL | 43 | 39 | -9\% | 0.6 |
| 1 | Basinview EB | Bedford Highway SB | 101EBR | 649 | 577 | -11\% | 2.9 |
| 1 | Bedford Highway NB | Basinview WB | 101NBL | 434 | 399 | -8\% | 1.7 |
| 1 | Bedford Highway NB | Bedford Highway NB | 101NBT | 658 | 620 | -6\% | 1.5 |
| 2 | Bedford Highway NB | Bedford Highway NB | 102NBT | 1074 | 1012 | -6\% | 1.9 |
| 2 | Dealership EB | Bedford Highway SB | 102EBR | 31 | 43 | 39\% | 2.0 |
| 2 | Dealership EB | Bedford Highway NB | 102EBL | 18 | 8 | -56\% | 2.8 |
| 2 | Bedford Highway SB | Dealership WB | 102SBR | 11 | 15 | 36\% | 1.1 |
| 2 | Bedford Highway SB | Bedford Highway SB | 102SBT | 2008 | 1887 | -6\% | 2.7 |
| 3 | Bedford Highway SB | Bedford Highway SB | 103SBT | 2039 | 1892 | -7\% | 3.3 |
| 3 | Bedford Highway NB | Bedford Highway NB | 103NBT | 928 | 926 | 0\% | 0.1 |
| 3 | Bedford Highway NB | Joseph Howe Ramp EB | 103NBR | 837 | 806 | -4\% | 1.1 |
| 3 | Joseph Howe Ramp WB | Bedford Highway NB | 103WBR | 105 | 91 | -13\% | 1.4 |
| 5 | Bedford Highway EB | Bedford Highway EB | 105EBT | 1754 | 1597 | -9\% | 3.8 |
| 5 | Bedford Highway WB | Bedford Highway WB | 105WBT | 1765 | 1732 | -2\% | 0.8 |
| 5 | Bedford Highway EB | Joseph Howe SB | 105EBR | 285 | 281 | -1\% | 0.2 |
| 5 | Joseph Howe NB | Joseph Howe NB | 105NBT | 105 | 92 | -12\% | 1.3 |
| 5 | Joseph Howe NB | Bedford Highway EB | 105NBR | 1515 | 1212 | -20\% | 8.2 |
| 5 | Joseph Howe SB | Joseph Howe SB | 105SBT | 837 | 804 | -4\% | 1.2 |
| 6 | Bedford Highway EB | Windsor NB | 106EBL | 1845 | 1679 | -9\% | 4.0 |
| 6 | Bedford Highway EB | Lady Hammond EB | 106EBT | 965 | 738 | -24\% | 7.8 |
| 6 | Bedford Highway EB | Windsor SB | 106EBR | 510 | 339 | -34\% | 8.3 |
| 6 | Windsor SB | Windsor SB | 106SBT | 390 | 473 | 21\% | 4.0 |
| 6 | Windsor NB | Windsor NB | 106NBT | 555 | 521 | -6\% | 1.5 |
| 6 | Windsor NB | Lady Hammond EB | 106NBR | 100 | 85 | -15\% | 1.6 |
| 6 | Windsor NB | Bedford Highway WB | 106NBL | 150 | 120 | -20\% | 2.6 |
| 6 | Lady Hammond WB | Bedford Highway WB | 106WBT | 195 | 165 | -15\% | 2.2 |
| 6 | Lady Hammond WB | Windsor SB | 106WBL | 80 | 96 | 20\% | 1.7 |
| 7 | Bayne Ramp SB | Bedford Highway WB | 107SBR | 110 | 160 | 45\% | 4.3 |
| 7 | Hwy 111 WB | Bayne Ramp NB | 107WBR | 90 | 132 | 47\% | 4.0 |
| 7 | Hwy 111 WB | Bedford Highway WB | 107WBT | 1310 | 1288 | -2\% | 0.6 |
| 8 | Kempt NB | Lady Hammond EB | 108NBR | 60 | 18 | -70\% | 6.7 |
| 8 | Kempt NB | Lady Hammond WB | 108NBL | 50 | 48 | -4\% | 0.3 |
| 8 | Lady Hammond EB | Kempt SB | 108EBR | 420 | 335 | -20\% | 4.4 |
| 8 | Lady Hammond EB | Lady Hammond EB | 108EBT | 755 | 620 | -18\% | 5.1 |
| 8 | Lady Hammond WB | Kempt SB | 108WBL | 20 | 17 | -15\% | 0.7 |
| 8 | Lady Hammond WB | Lady Hammond WB | 108WBT | 225 | 214 | -5\% | 0.7 |
| 9 | Lady Hammond WB | MacKintosh NB | 109WBR | 120 | 123 | 3\% | 0.3 |
| 9 | Lady Hammond WB | Lady Hammond WB | 109WBT | 320 | 309 | -3\% | 0.6 |
| 9 | Lady Hammond EB | MacKintosh NB | 109EBL | 95 | 55 | -42\% | 4.6 |
| 9 | Lady Hammond EB | Lady Hammond EB | 109EBT | 690 | 582 | -16\% | 4.3 |
| 9 | MacKintosh SB | Lady Hammond WB | 109SBR | 80 | 126 | 58\% | 4.5 |
| 9 | MacKintosh SB | Lady Hammond EB | 109SBL | 45 | 82 | 82\% | 4.6 |
| 12 | Joseph Howe SB | Joseph Howe SB | 112SBT | 776 | 720 | -7\% | 2.0 |
| 12 | Joseph Howe SB | Dutch Village Road WB | 112SBR | 346 | 370 | 7\% | 1.3 |
| 12 | Joseph Howe NB | Joseph Howe NB | 112NBT | 920 | 914 | -1\% | 0.2 |
| 12 | Joseph Howe NB | Dutch Village Road WB | 112NBL | 48 | 44 | -8\% | 0.6 |
| 12 | Dutch Village Road EB | Joseph Howe SB | 112EBR | 43 | 21 | -51\% | 3.9 |
| 12 | Dutch Village Road EB | Joseph Howe NB | 112EBL | 700 | 394 | -44\% | 13.1 |

## PM Peak Hour

The PM peak hour model was also well calibrated, as illustrated in Figure 3-4, with Linear Regression R2 very strong, close to $100 \%$. Queues were produced as expected, with the major flows destined to Bedford Highway north.


Figure 3-4: Turn Volume Calibration - PM Peak Hour

The model meets the GEH calibration criteria for most of the intersection turns.

| AM Peak Hour | Modelled | Total | Modelled | Target | Check |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Turns with GEH <=5 | 47 | 52 | $90 \%$ | $85 \%$ | OK |
| Turns with GEH <=10 | 52 | 52 | $100 \%$ | $95 \%$ | OK |

## Table 3-6: PM Peak Hour TMC Calibration Measures

| Node | FromLink | ToLink | TurnCode | TMC PM | Modelled PM | \% Diff PM | GEH PM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Bedford Highway SB | Basinview WB | 101SBR | 119 | 124 | 4\% | 0.5 |
| 1 | Bedford Highway SB | Bedford Highway SB | 101SBT | 685 | 678 | -1\% | 0.3 |
| 1 | Basinview EB | Bedford Highway NB | 101EBL | 51 | 52 | 2\% | 0.1 |
| 1 | Basinview EB | Bedford Highway SB | 101EBR | 424 | 469 | 11\% | 2.1 |
| 1 | Bedford Highway NB | Basinview WB | 101NBL | 900 | 853 | -5\% | 1.6 |
| 1 | Bedford Highway NB | Bedford Highway NB | 101NBT | 1851 | 1922 | 4\% | 1.6 |
| 2 | Bedford Highway NB | Bedford Highway NB | 102NBT | 2727 | 2749 | 1\% | 0.4 |
| 2 | Dealership EB | Bedford Highway SB | 102EBR | 42 | 43 | 2\% | 0.2 |
| 2 | Dealership EB | Bedford Highway NB | 102EBL | 24 | 25 | 4\% | 0.2 |
| 2 | Bedford Highway SB | Dealership WB | 102SBR | 26 | 31 | 19\% | 0.9 |
| 2 | Bedford Highway SB | Bedford Highway SB | 102SBT | 1083 | 1119 | 3\% | 1.1 |
| 3 | Bedford Highway SB | Bedford Highway SB | 103SBT | 1125 | 1160 | 3\% | 1.0 |
| 3 | Bedford Highway NB | Bedford Highway NB | 103NBT | 2588 | 2533 | -2\% | 1.1 |
| 3 | Bedford Highway NB | Joseph Howe Ramp EB | 103NBR | 1272 | 1313 | 3\% | 1.1 |
| 3 | Joseph Howe Ramp WB | Bedford Highway NB | 103WBR | 191 | 234 | 23\% | 2.9 |
| 5 | Bedford Highway EB | Bedford Highway EB | 105EBT | 875 | 987 | 13\% | 3.7 |
| 5 | Bedford Highway WB | Bedford Highway WB | 105WBT | 3860 | 3838 | -1\% | 0.4 |
| 5 | Bedford Highway EB | Joseph Howe SB | 105EBR | 218 | 198 | -9\% | 1.4 |
| 5 | Joseph Howe NB | Joseph Howe NB | 105NBT | 191 | 223 | 17\% | 2.2 |
| 5 | Joseph Howe NB | Bedford Highway EB | 105NBR | 1072 | 1266 | 18\% | 5.7 |
| 5 | Joseph Howe SB | Joseph Howe SB | 105SBT | 1272 | 1316 | 3\% | 1.2 |
| 6 | Bedford Highway EB | Windsor NB | 106EBL | 1235 | 1316 | 7\% | 2.3 |
| 6 | Bedford Highway EB | Lady Hammond EB | 106EBT | 620 | 541 | -13\% | 3.3 |
| 6 | Bedford Highway EB | Windsor SB | 106EBR | 380 | 394 | 4\% | 0.7 |
| 6 | Windsor SB | Windsor SB | 106SBT | 425 | 427 | 0\% | 0.1 |
| 6 | Windsor NB | Windsor NB | 106NBT | 465 | 511 | 10\% | 2.1 |
| 6 | Windsor NB | Lady Hammond EB | 106NBR | 90 | 112 | 24\% | 2.2 |
| 6 | Windsor NB | Bedford Highway WB | 106NBL | 385 | 323 | -16\% | 3.3 |
| 6 | Lady Hammond WB | Bedford Highway WB | 106WBT | 540 | 646 | 20\% | 4.4 |
| 6 | Lady Hammond WB | Windsor SB | 106WBL | 90 | 101 | 12\% | 1.1 |
| 7 | Bayne Ramp SB | Bedford Highway WB | 107SBR | 520 | 418 | -20\% | 4.7 |
| 7 | Hwy 111 WB | Bayne Ramp NB | 107WBR | 20 | 63 | 215\% | 6.7 |
| 7 | Hwy 111 WB | Bedford Highway WB | 107WBT | 2415 | 2465 | 2\% | 1.0 |
| 8 | Kempt NB | Lady Hammond EB | 108NBR | 70 | 31 | -56\% | 5.5 |
| 8 | Kempt NB | Lady Hammond WB | 108NBL | 185 | 188 | 2\% | 0.2 |
| 8 | Lady Hammond EB | Kempt SB | 108EBR | 270 | 235 | -13\% | 2.2 |
| 8 | Lady Hammond EB | Lady Hammond EB | 108EBT | 530 | 524 | -1\% | 0.3 |
| 8 | Lady Hammond WB | Kempt SB | 108WBL | 25 | 13 | -48\% | 2.8 |
| 8 | Lady Hammond WB | Lady Hammond WB | 108WBT | 445 | 556 | 25\% | 5.0 |
| 9 | Lady Hammond WB | MacKintosh NB | 109WBR | 340 | 265 | -22\% | 4.3 |
| 9 | Lady Hammond WB | Lady Hammond WB | 109WBT | 620 | 711 | 15\% | 3.5 |
| 9 | Lady Hammond EB | MacKintosh NB | 109EBL | 70 | 108 | 54\% | 4.0 |
| 9 | Lady Hammond EB | Lady Hammond EB | 109EBT | 515 | 449 | -13\% | 3.0 |
| 9 | MacKintosh SB | Lady Hammond WB | 109SBR | 120 | 113 | -6\% | 0.6 |
| 9 | MacKintosh SB | Lady Hammond EB | 109SBL | 45 | 10 | -78\% | 6.7 |
| 12 | Joseph Howe SB | Joseph Howe SB | 112SBT | 800 | 767 | -4\% | 1.2 |
| 12 | Joseph Howe SB | Dutch Village Road WB | 112SBR | 690 | 750 | 9\% | 2.2 |
| 12 | Joseph Howe NB | Joseph Howe NB | 112NBT | 895 | 1051 | 17\% | 5.0 |
| 12 | Joseph Howe NB | Dutch Village Road WB | 112NBL | 194 | 199 | 3\% | 0.4 |
| 12 | Dutch Village Road EB | Joseph Howe SB | 112EBR | 58 | 62 | 7\% | 0.5 |
| 12 | Dutch Village Road EB | Joseph Howe NB | 112EBL | 368 | 436 | 18\% | 3.4 |

### 3.7 Model Validation

Once calibrated to observed traffic volumes, the model's validity was subsequently tested against travel times along the major roads in the Study Area. As summarized in Table 3-7, Study Area travel times range from 2-7 minutes during the AM peak hour, and 1-6 minutes during the PM peak hour, with the longer times corresponding to the longest traversal distance between Bedford Highway and the MacKay Bridge ramps. These travel times and average speeds are generally in line with our experiences circulating through the Study Area. We note that in some cases, the model reflects greater weaving friction, as the positive effect of courtesy gaps are not fully reproduced.

Table 3-7: $\quad$ Study Area Travel Times and Speeds

| ID | From Link | To Link | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dst } \\ & \text { (m) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{AM} \\ \mathrm{TT}(\mathrm{~s}) \end{gathered}$ | AM Spd (km/h) | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{PM} \\ \Pi(\mathrm{~s}) \end{gathered}$ | PM Spd (km/h) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Bedford Highway SB | Joseph Howe SB | 1,308 | 216 | 22 | 202 | 23 |
| 2 | Bedford Highway SB | Windsor SB | 1,903 | 368 | 19 | 254 | 27 |
| 3 | Bedford Highway SB | Massachusetts SB | 2,388 | 420 | 20 | 358 | 24 |
| 4 | Bedford Highway SB | MacKay Outbound | 2,495 | 426 | 21 | 369 | 24 |
| 5 | Bedford Highway SB | Barrington SB | 2,473 | 423 | 21 | 367 | 24 |
| 6 | Joseph Howe NB | Bedford Highway NB | 1,418 | 171 | 30 | 204 | 25 |
| 7 | Joseph Howe NB | Windsor SB | 1,153 | 304 | 14 | 127 | 33 |
| 8 | Joseph Howe NB | Massachusetts SB | 1,638 | 398 | 15 | 248 | 24 |
| 9 | Joseph Howe NB | MacKay Outbound | 1,745 | 395 | 16 | 250 | 25 |
| 10 | Joseph Howe NB | Barrington SB | 1,723 | 395 | 16 | 248 | 25 |
| 11 | Windsor NB | Bedford Highway NB | 1,725 | 405 | 15 | 356 | 17 |
| 12 | Windsor NB | Joseph Howe SB | 1,432 | 398 | 13 | 345 | 15 |
| 13 | Windsor NB | Massachusetts SB | 1,068 | 327 | 12 | 120 | 32 |
| 14 | Windsor NB | MacKay Outbound | 1,175 | 329 | 13 | 127 | 33 |
| 15 | Windsor NB | Barrington SB | 1,153 | 329 | 13 | 124 | 33 |
| 16 | Massachusetts NB | Bedford Highway NB | 2,312 | 134 | 62 | 203 | 41 |


| ID | From Link | To Link | Dst <br> (m) | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{AM} \\ & \Pi \mathrm{~T}(\mathrm{~s}) \end{aligned}$ | AM Spd (km/h) | $\begin{gathered} \text { PM } \\ T(s) \end{gathered}$ | PM Spd (km/h) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 17 | Massachusetts NB | Joseph Howe SB | 2,020 | 123 | 59 | 190 | 38 |
| 18 | Massachusetts NB | Windsor SB | 1,264 | 158 | 29 | 191 | 24 |
| 19 | Massachusetts NB | MacKay Outbound | 864 | 43 | 72 | 44 | 70 |
| 20 | Massachusetts NB | Barrington SB | 842 | 42 | 72 | 44 | 69 |
| 21 | Barrington NB | Bedford Highway NB | 2,941 | 165 | 64 | 286 | 37 |
| 22 | Barrington NB | Joseph Howe SB | 2,648 | 156 | 61 | 274 | 35 |
| 23 | Barrington NB | Windsor SB | 1,893 | 207 | 33 | 254 | 27 |
| 24 | Barrington NB | Massachusetts SB | 1,576 | 90 | 63 | 135 | 42 |
| 25 | MacKay Inbound | Bedford Highway NB | 2,939 | 165 | 64 | 274 | 39 |
| 26 | MacKay Inbound | Joseph Howe SB | 2,646 | 154 | 62 | 261 | 36 |
| 27 | MacKay Inbound | Windsor SB | 1,890 | 201 | 34 | 253 | 27 |
| 28 | MacKay Inbound | Massachusetts SB | 1,573 | 91 | 62 | 136 | 42 |

An initial comparison was made between modelled travel times and travel time data extracted from Google Maps, which aggregates location-based metrics from mobile devices. This was done via the Google Maps API (Application Programming Interface), which permits the submission of automated queries to the Google Maps travel time dataset, broken down by road and direction. This approach provided an estimate of typical, pessimistic, and optimistic travel times estimates based on the historical record. We note that 2021 and 2022 have had a significant impact on this record, as the lower vehicular volumes observed on the road over the two years of COVID pandemic, has significantly skewed the travel time record. It is not possible to query a given year in the Google Maps historical record; as such, the travel time estimates are smoothed out, representing a significantly more optimistic view of travel conditions. Further, we note that in the Google Maps data, there is almost no variation between the optimistic, pessimistic and typical travel time in the AM peak hour. The Google Maps query was made as an average of estimated travel times between Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, in September last week. The PM however, is different, showing very significant variability between the three estimates. This makes sense as afternoon patterns are generally more dispersed with more discretionary trips and staggered departure times.

For this reason, a second comparison was made to the travel times reported by the StreetLight Data analytics. By comparison to Google Maps API, the StreetLight Data shows
higher times across the WSE area. While data were not available for all O-D pairs, and notwithstanding some discrepancies, generally the modelled travel demands agree with the StreetLight Data ones, and within 1-2 minutes of each other, as illustrated below on Table 3-8 and Table 3-9.

Table 3-8: AM Peak Hour Travel Times

| AUTO AM Modelled |  | Bedford Highway | Bayview | Steele | Main | Barrington lbd | Mackay Ibd | Barrington Obd | Mackay Obd | Port | Mackintosh | Bayne | Joseph Howe | Windsor | Strawberry Hill | Kempt | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lady } \\ \text { Hammond } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Massachusett | Dutch Village |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 211 | 212 | 221 | 222 | 301 | 302 | 303 | 401 | 402 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 |
| Bedford Highway | 101 | 0 | 50 | 108 | 209 | 0 |  | 0402 | 404 | 446 | 0 | 0 | 238 | 367 | 366 | 391 | 409 | 403 | 231 |
| Bayview | 102 | 174 | 0 | 127 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 429$ | 431 | 455 | 0 | 0 | 270 | 390 | 375 | 415 | 428 | 437 | 246 |
| Steele | 103 | 122 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 382 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 337 | 0 | 352 | 0 | 386 | 201 |
| Main | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 273 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 0 | 0 | 233 | 252 | 0 | 102 |
| Barrington Ibd | 211 | 187 | 211 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 197$ | 0 | 126 | 0 | 0 | 191 | 223 | 0 | 219 | 191 | 49 | 184 |
| Mackay lbd | 212 | 188 | 212 | 172 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 226 | 113 | 152 | 67 | 192 | 221 | 212 | 217 | 200 | 98 | 183 |
| Barrington Obd | 221 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackay Obd | 222 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Port | 301 | 122 | 154 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 130$ | 125 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 133 | 274 | 222 | 158 | 97 | 127 | 129 |
| MacKintosh | 302 | 143 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 0 | 0 |
| Bayne | 303 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 115 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Howe | 401 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 357$ | 359 | 382 | 226 | 0 | 0 | 284 | 277 | 316 | 327 | 367 | 84 |
| Windsor | 402 | 495 | 530 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 395$ | 402 | 436 | 380 | 0 | 515 | 0 | 154 | 360 | 372 | 405 | 492 |
| Strawberry Hill | 403 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kempt | 404 | 324 | 331 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 335 | 268 | 168 | 0 | 77 | 0 | 312 |
| Lady Hammond | 405 | 221 | 244 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 74$ | 77 | 61 | 33 | 50 | 226 | 225 | 199 | 109 | 0 | 74 | 212 |
| Massachusetts | 406 | 155 | 180 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 44$ | 45 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 158 | 166 | 0 | 191 | 124 | 0 | 155 |
| Dutch Village | 407 | 225 | 254 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 413$ | 418 | 407 | 0 | 0 | 135 | 345 | 326 | 368 | 383 | 417 | 0 |


| AUTO AM StreetLight |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bedford } \\ & \text { Highway } \end{aligned}$ | Bayview | Steele | Main |  | Barrington lbd | Mackay lid | Barrington Obd | Mackay Obd | Port | Mackintosh | Bayne |  | Joseph Howe | Windsor | Strawberry Hill | Kempt | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lady } \\ \text { Hammond } \end{gathered}$ | Massachusett | Dutch Village |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 |  | 211 | 212 | 221 | 222 | 301 | 302 | 303 |  | 401 | 402 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 |
| Bedford Highway | 101 | 0 | 196 | 219 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 337$ | 384 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 323 | 316 | 0 | 347 | 368 | 462 | 0 |
| Bayview | 102 | 180 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 278$ | 354 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 510 | 357 | 0 | 429 | 400 | 355 | 0 |
| Steele | 103 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Main | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 117 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Barrington Ibd | 211 | 160 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackay lbd | 212 | 298 | 285 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 125 | 0 |  | 0 | 232 | 154 | 196 | 186 | 208 | 80 | 488 |
| Barrington Obd | 221 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackay Obd | 222 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Port | 301 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackintosh | 302 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bayne | 303 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Howe | 401 | 313 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 263 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 361 | 0 | 273 | 330 | 0 | 133 |
| Windsor | 402 | 283 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 128 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 0 |  |
| Strawberry Hill | 403 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kempt | 404 | 301 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lady Hammond | 405 | 263 | 262 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 176 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 148 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Massachusetts | 406 | 235 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 62 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dutch Village | 407 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 287 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 105 | 235 | 263 | 222 | 293 | 302 |  |

Table 3-9: PM Peak Hour Travel Times

| AUTO PM Modelled |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Bedford } \\ & \text { Highway } \end{aligned}$ | Bayview | Steele | Main | Barrington lbd | Mackay lid | Barrington Obd | Mackay Obd | Port | Mackintosh | Bayne | Joseph Howe | Windsor | Strawberry Hill | Kempt | $\begin{gathered} \text { Lady } \\ \text { Hammond } \end{gathered}$ | Massachusett s | Dutch village |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 211 | 212 | 221 | 222 | 301 | 302 | 303 | 401 | 402 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 |
| Bedford Highway | 101 | 0 | 141 | 179 | 224 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 383$ | 386 | 463 | 0 | 0 | 264 | 289 | 271 | 330 | 374 | 382 | 261 |
| Bayview | 102 | 102 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 261$ | 265 | 324 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 171 | 152 | 208 | 256 | 268 | 132 |
| Steele | 103 | 137 | 125 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0242 | 241 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 240 | 0 | 0 |
| Main | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 224 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 |
| Barrington Ibd | 211 | 296 | 290 | 225 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 330 | 370 | 437 | 300 | 262 | 0 | 274 | 0 | 135 | 303 |
| Mackay lbd | 212 | 288 | 289 | 232 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 386 | 321 | 0 | 306 | 296 | 266 | 247 | 291 | 363 | 130 | 294 |
| Barrington Obd | 221 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackay Obd | 222 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Port | 301 | 182 | 182 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 225$ | 217 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 191 | 272 | 274 | 0 | 215 | 182 | 188 |
| MacKintosh | 302 | 216 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 81 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 227 | 0 | 0 | 128 | 173 | 0 | 0 |
| Bayne | 303 | 231 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 262 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Howe | 401 | 228 | 225 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0256 | 254 | 299 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 153 | 124 | 184 | 234 | 252 | 72 |
| Windsor | 402 | 410 | 404 | 324 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 162$ | 164 | 245 | 0 | 0 | 422 | 0 | 68 | 101 | 171 | 165 | 411 |
| Strawberry Hill | 403 | 343 | 372 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 146 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 368 |
| Kempt | 404 | 313 | 313 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 155 | 0 | 329 | 118 | 0 | 0 | 128 | 0 | 324 |
| Lady Hammond | 405 | 250 | 250 | 199 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 72$ | 76 | 77 | 36 | 53 | 256 | 148 | 122 | 90 | 0 | 75 | 260 |
| Massachusetts | 406 | 224 | 228 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 46$ | 46 | 259 | 0 | 289 | 228 | 209 | 173 | 223 | 291 | 0 | 231 |
| Dutch Village | 407 | 204 | 207 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 280$ | 276 | 312 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 164 | 174 | 208 | 253 | 272 | 0 |


| AUTO PM StreetLight |  | Bedford <br> Highway | Bayview | Steele |  | Main | Barrington lbd | Mackay lbd | Barrington Obd | Mackay Obd | Port | Mackintosh | Bayne |  | Joseph Howe | Windsor | Strawberry Hill | Kempt | Lady Hammond | Massachusett | Dutch Village |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 101 | 102 | 103 |  | 104 | 211 | 212 | 221 | 222 | 301 | 302 | 303 |  | 401 | 402 | 403 | 404 | 405 | 406 | 407 |
| Bedford Highway | 101 | 0 | 147 |  | 0 | 234 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 400$ | 503 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 399 | 305 | 0 | 281 | 348 | 443 | 476 |
| Bayview | 102 | 180 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 497 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 394 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| Steele | 103 | 99 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Main | 104 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 183 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Barrington Ibd | 211 | 516 | 507 |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackay lbd | 212 | 613 | 557 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 254 | 0 |  | 0 | 556 | 263 | 0 | 335 | 225 | 107 | 694 |
| Barrington Obd | 221 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackay Obd | 222 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Port | 301 | 368 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 421 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mackintosh | 302 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bayne | 303 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Howe | 401 | 307 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 406 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 355 | 0 | 400 | 399 | 0 | 82 |
| Windsor | 402 | 398 | 438 |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 176 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 164 | 0 | 737 |
| Strawberry Hill | 403 | 481 | 407 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 248 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 73 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kempt | 404 | 395 | 426 |  | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 | 610 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 290 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lady Hammond | 405 | 443 | 470 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 181 | 168 | 0 |  | 0 | 536 | 215 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 556 |
| Massachusetts | 406 | 427 | 465 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | $0 \quad 0$ | 105 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 559 |
| Dutch Village | 407 | 885 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 374 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 117 | 302 | 0 | 310 | 342 | 487 |  |

### 3.8 Model Limitations

The VISSIM model was based on several sources of information. The initial road network built during the Value Engineering Workshop was expanded and reconfigured to run with Dynamic Traffic Assignment, instead of static routes, and travel demand was provided through Origin-Destination matrices rather than static inputs. The travel demand was produced through a factoring of trip matrices from the 2019 StreetLight Data analytics product, to conform to intersection Turning Movement Counts complied from several studies and surveys undertaken from 2014 to 2021. Travel time was derived partly from querying the Google Maps database, which presents an optimistic view of traffic conditions, and from the more reduced StreetLight Data record. As such, discrepancies persist between the different data sources.

Furthermore, we note that the WSE area road network is metered downstream, particularly in the PM peak hour. Delays on the MacKay outbound cause a spillback into WSE, with higher delays on the EB flows. Delays on Bedford Highway north of Basinview similarly also circulation down in the WB direction. While these dynamics were reproduced to some extent in the VISSIM model road network, it was not possible to fully reflect boundary conditions.

Overall, we find that the VISSIM models generally match existing conditions well, and reproduce the phenomena observed on-site.

## 4 Traffic Analysis

Once calibrated and validated, the model was used to evaluate traffic conditions under the existing and 2031 scenarios for each of the weekday AM and PM peak hours. For each scenario, 10 simulation iterations were evaluated with different "seed" conditions, to account for variability and randomness in driver behaviour. Traffic conditions were collected in aggregate across the road network, at the intersection of interest, and along the WSE road corridors, with several performance indicators averaged over the 10 simulation runs.

The key performance indicators include vehicular volume, average speeds, average and maximum queues, and average vehicle delay, expressed in terms of Level of Service (LOS). LOS is the main indicator of intersection performance with respect to traffic movement and is defined by the average amount of delay experienced by motorists using each of the various intersection movements. Higher delays result in increased driver discomfort, fuel consumption, and travel time. LOS gives an indication of speed, travel time, traffic interruptions, traffic flow, comfort, and convenience, and is expressed as a scale from ' A ' to 'F'. LOS 'A' represents conditions approaching free-flow and LOS 'F' represents a level of delay generally unacceptable to drivers and where travel demand generally exceeds the road's hourly capacity. LOS 'E' was used as the minimum acceptable level of service during peak periods for this study.

The criteria associated with each LOS are summarized in Table 4-1. As shown in the table, the delays listed for signalized intersections are higher than for the same level of service at unsignalized intersections; this is because motorists are typically more tolerant of extended delays at signalized intersections.

Table 4-1: Level of Service (LOS) Criteria for Signalized and Unsignalized Intersections

| Level of Service (LOS) | Average Delay per Vehicle (sec) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Signalized | Insignalized |
| B | $<10$ | $<10$ |
| C | $>10$ and $<20$ | $>10$ and $<15$ |
| D | $>30$ and $<35$ | $>15$ and $<25$ |
| E | $>55 \mathrm{and}<80$ | $>25 \mathrm{and}<35$ |
| F | $>80$ | $>35 \mathrm{and}<50$ |

### 4.1 Existing Conditions

An initial evaluation was conducted of the study area road network under existing conditions.

As discussed in Section 3.4, and as summarized in Table 4-2 the study area currently experiences approximately 8,930 vehicular trips during the weekday AM peak hour, and ~10,500 trips during the weekday PM peak hour.

Table 4-2: 2021 Traffic Conditions

| Time Period | Total Volume |
| :---: | :---: |
| Am Peak Hour | 8,924 |
| PM Peak Hour | 10,487 |

### 4.1.1 AM Peak Hour

During the weekday AM peak hour, the study area road network experiences significant capacity constraint in the eastbound direction crossing the CN rail corridor. The dominant flow, from Bedford Highway and Joseph Howe, destined towards the MacKay Bridge, Barrington Street and Massachusetts Drive, is limited by the requirement to execute a dualleft turn at the Windsor Street intersection; relative flows are illustrated in Figure 4-1. As visualized in Figure 4-2, this causes an operational bottleneck as the demand exceeds the hourly operational capacity of the system, causing average speeds to plummet around 520km/h.


Figure 4-1: $\quad$ WSE Area Relative Flows - AM Peak Hour


Figure 4-2: Existing Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Speeds
This exceedance of the WSE area road network capacity translates to significant delays (Figure 4-3) and queues (see Figure 4-4) at all intersection west of Windsor Street, as well as on Joseph Howe at Dutch Village Road.


Figure 4-3: Existing Conditions - AM Peak Hour - LOS


Figure 4-4: Existing Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Average Queues

These significant queues spills back to the Fairview Overpass, with subsequent impacts on the Bedford Highway Flow, and the DVK ramp from Joseph Howe. The latter was observed to extend at least as far south as Bayer's Road (see Figure 4-5), while the latter routinely extends up Bedford Highway to at least Basinview Drive (see Figure 4-6). Similar queues form on Dutch Village Road, occasionally extending back to Titus Street and the Lacewood Drive flow.


Figure 4-5: Northbound Queue Extending to Bayer's Road


Figure 4-6: Bedford Highway Southbound Queue From Icon Bay

At a closer level, a turn visualization of the Windsor Street intersection shows in Figure 4-7, that almost all movements operate at an LOS F, with vehicles in queue waiting multiple 3minute signal cycles to traverse the intersection. Similar levels of service are experienced on the DVK ramp (see Figure 4-8), with levels of service improving marginally to LOS E and D towards Icon Bay on Bedford Highway (see Figure 4-9).


Figure 4-7: Existing Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Level of Service Windsor Street


Turn Value Visualization Color Scheme
Attribute: Level-of-service value (Avg,Avg,All)
LOS A-C
LOS D
LOS E
LOS F
Base color
$\square$

Figure 4-8: Existing Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Level of Service DVK Ramp


Figure 4-9: Existing Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Level of Service Bedford Highway

This standing is the most significant constraint on the WSE area's capacity during the weekday AM peak hour. As summarized on Table 4-3, on average, drivers through the area experience over two minutes of non-stopped delay, operate with an average speed of $28 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, and experience close to 1:30 minutes of stopped delay. Under these operating conditions the WSE area can process approximately 8,400 vehicles during the AM peak hour, and statically store 600 vehicles. Close to 550 road users are in queue at the end of the AM peak hour, waiting on links at the periphery of the WSE area; these are seen on the Iong queues on Bedford Highway, Joseph Howe, and Dutch Village Road.

## Table 4-3: Existing Conditions - General Traffic Performance Measures - AM Peak Hour

| AM | Average <br> Delay(s) | Average <br> Stops | Average <br> Speed | Average <br> Stopped <br> Delay | Vehicles <br> Active | Vehicles <br> Arrived | Latent <br> Demand |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Existing <br> Conditions | 130 | 8 | 28 | 76 | 599 | 8,397 | 539 |

Overall, the analysis finds over 113 hours of cumulative personal travel time traversing the 5 major routes during the weekday AM peak hour (as summarized in Table 4-4).

Table 4-4: Existing Conditions - Cumulative Person Travel Time - AM Peak Hour

| Route | Travel Time <br> $(\mathrm{s})$ | Vehicle <br> Trips | Person <br> Trips | Person-Hours <br> of Travel |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RTE 1: Bedford Hwy - Mackay Bridge | 376 | 185 | 226 | 23.59 |
| RTE 2: Joseph Howe - MacKay Bridge | 498 | 265 | 324 | 44.80 |
| RTE 3: Windsor St - Bedford Hwy | 250 | 65 | 79 | 5.52 |
| RTE 4: MacKay Bridge - Bedford Hwy | 164 | 192 | 234 | 10.67 |
| RTE 5: MacKay Bridge - Windsor St | 190 | 448 | 547 | 28.86 |
| Cumulative Total |  |  |  | $\mathbf{1 1 3 . 4 4}$ |

### 4.1.2 PM Peak Hour

Similar constrained conditions are observed during the weekday PM peak hour, when high volumes inbound from MacKay Bridge traverse the WSE area while the area itself experiences crossflows between multiple local connections.

In aggregate, as summarized on Table 4-5, the WSE area vehicles experience close to three minutes of moving delay, with average speeds of $22 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, and close to a minute spent in stopped delay. The area processes over 10,600 vehicles and can store close to 900. A residual demand of close to 500 vehicles is still in queue on the periphery of the WSE area at the end of the PM peak hour. During this time, significant queues propagate east along the MacKay Bridge to Dartmouth. The current toll plaza imposes a metering effect on the travel demand entering the Bridge, and thence the WSE area.

## Table 4-5: Existing Conditions - General Traffic Performance Measures - PM Peak Hour

| PM | Average <br> Delay(s) | Average <br> Stops | Average <br> Speed | Average <br> Stopped <br> Delay | Vehicles <br> Active | Vehicles <br> Arrived | Latent <br> Demand |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Existing | 171 | 10 | 22 | 57 | 886 | 10,618 | 471 |

A review of relative flows (Figure 4-10) demonstrates that the dominant flow is indeed the MacKay Bridge - Bedford highway axis. As illustrated on Figure 4-11, this results in significant friction at three major areas; the weaving section in the northeast between Barrington Street and the MacKay Bridge ramps, the central area around Windsor Street and Kept Road, and the westbound access to Bedford Highway and Joseph Howe.


Figure 4-10: WSE Area Relative Flows - PM Peak Hour
This travel pattern translates to higher delays and queues in the westbound/southbound directions at all intersections within the study area (see Figure 4-12 and Figure 4-13).

Broadly, we observe that during the weekday PM peak hour, the westbound flows towards Bedford Highway and Joseph Howe are constrained first by the Bedford Highway to Joseph Howe southbound ramp, which is limited to a $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ speed due to its very tight curvature, and has low processing capacity, about 1,300 vehicles per hour (see Figure 4-14). This causes delays on a major flow that is ultimately destined towards Highway 102/103 and the South Shore. The westbound flows on the Fairview Overpass approach 3,900 vehicles during this time, as illustrated on Figure 4-15, and these flows are delayed. The delay incurred by this movement spills back into the Windsor Street intersection and the Highway 111 lanes from the MacKay Bridge. The Windsor Street intersection also experiences high conflicting vehicular demands, particularly between the eastbound and westbound flows; westbound
queues on the Bedford Highway lanes spill back and impede Windsor-bound flows from exiting efficiently. Generally, this results in significant delays, even though volumes are not as high as during the weekday AM peak hour (see Figure 4-16).


Figure 4-11: Existing Conditions - PM Peak Hour - Speeds


Figure 4-12: Existing Conditions - PM Peak Hour - Level of Service


Figure 4-13: Existing Conditions - PM Peak Hour - Average Queues


Figure 4-14: Existing Conditions - PM Peak Hour - LOS - Joseph How

Overall, these conditions suggest the need for improvements to the Bedford Highway Joseph Howe interface, to alleviate the delays in the westbound direction. At the same time, the configuration of the Windsor Street intersection and the proximity of the Kempt Road signal introduce additional complexity that reduces the overall efficiency of the WSE area.

In terms of personal travel time, the analysis shows a cumulative of close to 250 hours of travel on the major WSE routes (see Table 4-9).

Table 4-6: Existing Conditions - Cumulative Person Travel Time - PM Peak Hour

| Route | Travel <br> Time (s) | Vehicle <br> Trips | Person <br> Trips | Person-Hours <br> of Travel |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RTE 1: Bedford Hwy - Mackay Bridge | 513 | 35 | 43 | 6.09 |
| RTE 2: Joseph Howe - MacKay Bridge | 411 | 419 | 512 | 58.36 |
| RTE 3: Windsor St - Bedford Hwy | 323 | 162 | 198 | 17.77 |
| RTE 4: MacKay Bridge - Bedford Hwy | 504 | 682 | 833 | 116.52 |
| RTE 5: MacKay Bridge - Windsor St | 404 | 350 | 427 | 47.97 |
| Cumulative Total |  |  |  | $\mathbf{2 4 7}$ |



Turn Value Visualization Color Scheme
Attribute: Level-of-service value (Avg,Avg,All)


Figure 4-15: Existing Conditions - PM Peak Hour - LOS - Fairview Overpass


Figure 4-16: Existing Conditions - PM Peak Hour - LOS - Windsor Street

### 4.2 Future No-Build Conditions Analysis

### 4.2.1 Background Growth

The WSE project is planned to achieve substantial completion by the end of 2027. For the purposes of this Functional Plan exercise, a horizon year of 2031 was assumed, consistent with HRM travel demand planning.

Traffic growth was estimated based on HRM's regional VISUM travel demand model, which provides an estimate of vehicular travel demand across all of HRM. This model has a regional focus in that it aims to reproduce general large travel patterns across the regional high-order transportation system. It is geared to assessing impacts on the highway and arterial road network, cross-harbour circulation, and the uptake of bus transit. To estimate the vehicular flows that would be expected to cross the WSE area, the VISUM model's Rapid Transit Strategy scenario as reviewed for the years 2016 and 2031. The process generally entailed extracting a subarea of the regional model, corresponding to the WSE area, and using the vehicular volumes traversing the subarea. This is laid out as follows:

1. Reviewed 2016-2031 subarea traversal matrices from HRM VISUM model, which produced weekday PM peak hour auto volumes.
2. A subarea model extraction provided us with traversal Origin-Destination matrices of the period 2016-2031 for the weekday PM peak hour. Prorated to the 2019-2031 growth period, this resulted in $\sim 3,200$ extra personal auto vehicles on the area roads.
3. HRM's Regional VISUM Travel Demand Model did not assess the AM period at the time of this assessment. For the weekday AM peak hour, the regional-level travel demand matrices were therefore transposed in VISUM, with the rationale that at a regional level, commuting patterns would be reversed between the AM and PM peak hours. The transposed matrices were re-assigned on the regional road network, and a subarea was again extracted. This resulted in an increase of $\sim 3,300$ personal vehicles through the WSE area. While this procedure was not calibrated or validated under existing conditions, the volumes produced on the road were reviewed and found to demonstrate a logical pattern through the WSE area.
4. The total OD matrix growth was added to existing OD matrices. Using an additive approach instead of proportional factoring achieved a more conservative and defensible estimate. Direct factoring could significantly overestimate growth on the existing demand. New total origins and destinations were used for a second round of Furness factoring to derive future OD auto matrices.
5. Future port-bound truck traffic was assumed to double within the 2031 horizon, based on information from the Port Authority.
6. We note the Strawberry Hill Growth Node, Shannon Park and Ocean Breeze will add significant growth on the road network. While these projects have just been announced and may reach some level of completion by 2031, the background growth projected through the VISUM regional model will already place maximum demand on the highway and arterial road network peak hour capacities, as well as on the MacKay Bridge. The additional travel demand associated with the growth nodes would therefore not change net conditions over the peak hour, but rather extend these conditions over a longer period.

### 4.2.2 AM Peak Hour

Analysis of the future No-Build scenarios suggests that, without any intervention, the constraints observed under existing conditions would be exacerbated. As illustrated on Figure 4-17, Most road segments will operate with average speeds staying within $5-10 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ in the eastbound and northbound directions. The friction discussed under existing conditions would be accentuated, with most intersections operating at capacity (see Figure 4-18).


Figure 4-17: Future No-Build Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Speeds
Comparing to existing conditions, we note that the WSE area will be required to process a higher vehicle load during the AM peak hour, with worsening conditions. Table 4-7 shows that under No-Build conditions, close to 850 more vehicles would traverse the WSE area, with another 550 vehicles stored on the road. Average moving delays would increase dramatically to close to 10 minutes, with at least two minutes of stopped delay. Average speeds would have dropped by $50 \%$ to $16 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$, and a very significant portion of the travel demand growth would not enter the WSE area during the peak hour, but rather in the hour following.

Table 4-7: Future No-Build Conditions - General Traffic Performance Measures AM Peak Hour

| AM | Average <br> Delay(s) | Average <br> Stops | Average <br> Speed | Average <br> Stopped <br> Delay | Vehicles <br> Active | Vehicles <br> Arrived | Latent <br> Demand |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Existing | 130 | 8 | 28 | 76 | 599 | 8,397 | 539 |
| Future No Build | 295 | 27 | 16 | 139 | 1,155 | 9,240 | 2,814 |



Figure 4-18: Future No-Build Conditions - AM Peak Hour - LOS


Figure 4-19: Future No-Build Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Average Queues
These conditions translate to an increase of close to 70 hours of cumulative travel time, compared to existing conditions (summarized on Table 4-8).

Table 4-8: $\quad$ Future No-Build Conditions - Cumulative Travel Time - AM Peak Hour

|  | Existing Conditions |  |  |  | Future No-Build Conditions |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Travel Time | Travel Time (s) | Vehicle Trips | Person <br> Trips | PersonHours of Travel | Travel Time (s) | Vehicle <br> Trips | Person Trips | PersonHours of Travel |
| RTE 1: Bedford Hwy Mackay Bridge | 376 | 185 | 226 | 23.59 | 508 | 188 | 230 | 32.39 |
| RTE 2: Joseph Howe MacKay Bridge | 498 | 265 | 324 | 44.80 | 577 | 253 | 309 | 49.52 |
| RTE 3: Windsor St Bedford Hwy | 250 | 65 | 79 | 5.52 | 438 | 80 | 98 | 11.88 |
| RTE 4: MacKay Bridge - Bedford Hwy | 164 | 192 | 234 | 10.67 | 247 | 215 | 263 | 17.98 |
| RTE 5: MacKay Bridge - Windsor St | 190 | 448 | 547 | 28.86 | 388 | 525 | 641 | 69.15 |
| Cumulative Total |  |  |  | 113.44 |  |  |  | 181 |

### 4.2.3 PM Peak Hour

During the weekday PM peak hour, the anticipated vehicular travel demand through the area will very quickly exceed the WSE area's processing capacity. As summarized in Table $4-9$, the area will be able to accommodate only an additional 150 vehicles during the peak hour. Vehicles will experience in general an average moving delay of 3:40 minutes, and an additional 1:30 minutes in stopped condition. Average speeds will drop marginally to $20 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{hr}$. As expected, and similar to the weekday AM peak hour, most of the travel demand destined for the peak hour will actually traverse during a longer peak period after the peak hour, as the peak hour has already reached saturation.

Table 4-9: Future No-Build Conditions - General Traffic Performance Measures - AM Peak Hour

| PM | Average <br> Delay(s) | Average <br> Stops | Average <br> Speed | Average <br> Stopped <br> Delay | Vehicles <br> Active | Vehicles <br> Arrived | Latent <br> Demand |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Existing | 171 | 10 | 22 | 57 | 886 | 10,618 | 471 |
| Future No <br> Build | 220 | 13 | 20 | 81 | 1,138 | 10,760 | 2,801 |

This saturation is visualized in low speeds on the MacKay Bridge approach, on Lady Hammond Road, and on Joseph Howe Drive, with general slow movement in the centre of the WSE area (Figure 4-20).


Figure 4-20: Future No-Build Conditions - PM Peak Hour - Speeds

The resulting delays are illustrated on Figure 4-21; we note significant friction on all movements between Joseph Howe and Massachusetts Drive, with the resulting queues extending to the MacKay Bridge, Lady Hammond Road, Massachusetts Drive, Joseph Howe and Dutch Village Road (see Figure 4-22).


Figure 4-21: Future No-Build Conditions - PM Peak Hour - LOS


Figure 4-22: Future No-Build Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Average Queues

Across the major routes traversing the area, we find that under the No-Build scenario, travellers would spend a cumulative 260 hours on the road during the PM peak hour (see Table 4-10).

Table 4-10: Future No-Build Conditions - Cumulative Travel Time - PM Peak Hour

| Travel Time | Existing Conditions |  |  |  | Future No-Build Conditions |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Travel Time (s) | Vehicle <br> Trips | Person <br> Trips | PersonHours of Travel | Travel Time (s) | Vehicle <br> Trips | Person <br> Trips | PersonHours of Travel |
| RTE 1: Bedford Hwy Mackay Bridge | 513 | 35 | 43 | 6.09 | 502 | 33 | 40 | 5.62 |
| RTE 2: Joseph Howe MacKay Bridge | 411 | 419 | 512 | 58.36 | 480 | 464 | 567 | 75.48 |
| RTE 3: Windsor St Bedford Hwy | 323 | 162 | 198 | 17.77 | 334 | 212 | 259 | 24.04 |
| RTE 4: MacKay Bridge - Bedford Hwy | 504 | 682 | 833 | 116.52 | 467 | 679 | 829 | 107.46 |
| RTE 5: MacKay Bridge - Windsor St | 404 | 350 | 427 | 47.97 | 384 | 362 | 442 | 47.14 |
| Cumulative Total |  |  |  | 247 |  |  |  | 260 |

### 4.3 Reconfiguration Options

The WSE project shortlisted six alternative design options from the Value Engineering Workshop, as situated on Figure 4-23, and summarized in Table 4-11.


Figure 4-23: Reconfiguration Options

## Table 4-11: Reconfiguration Options

| VE | Description | Alternative Challenges |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Alt |  |  |

Convert the WB ramp from Bedford Highway to SB
BC-1 Joseph Howe Drive from a single lane ramp to a dual lane loop ramp.
Create a direct taper exit ramp for WB traffic coming off the MacKay Bridge and develop an either/or exit to WB Bedford Highway and Massachusetts

The ramp is subject to significant grade changes which may impose stringent speed constraints on dual lane movement. Survey of the Fairview Overpass structures indicates that it is possible to accommodate a dual southbound lane and the northbound lane within the structure abutment and piers.

The existing road corridor at this location is narrow, and subject to some significant embankment widening to accommodate the platform for the layout of the direct taper and exit to Bayne Street, with appropriate lane balance.

Avenue/Robie
Street/Bayne Street.

Provide a displaced DDI for left turn onto existing ramp towards Main Avenue and install signals
BC-3 at ramp terminal intersection at Main Avenue. The DV-K ramp remains as a single lane ramp.

Convert Kempt Road to be right-in, right-out only. Eliminate on-ramp from
BC- Kempt Road to EB Bedford
5C Highway and provide a new loop ramp for WB Lady Hammond onto EB Bedford Bypass. Re-align the Highway 111 / Bedford Highway eastbound lanes to convert the dual-left turn in the Windsor Street intersection to a through movement,
BAG- equivalent to the current
2 arrangement of the westbound direction. Introduce a grade separation to the east of Windsor Street, with a new local crossing. Includes BC5C VE Recommendation

Joseph Howe Drive is the first major north-south link on the west side of the CN rail corridor. It connects the Windsor Exchange with Highway 102, and with the Armdale Roundabout, while also servicing multiple local activity generators and east-west links. It is experiencing increasing friction across its length in the form of major real-estate developments. As such, it is transitioning from a primary function as a link, to one as an activity origin and destination. The design of the new right turn lane onto EB Bedford Highway will require the development of a layout that will avoid impacting the existing bridge parapet wall at the west end of the bridge, yet still accommodate the separate transit lane. Given that skewed layout of the new signalized intersection along Joseph Howe at the ramp to/from Main Avenue, requirements for traffic signal installation will also need to be reviewed to make sure that any additional requirements for signal functionality are identified and potential impacts documented.

Together with BAG-2, this design alternative simplifies the Kempt Road intersection at Lady Hammond Road, and provides the opportunity to address significant stormwater management constraints, most recently demonstrated on July $22^{\text {nd }} 2023$.

Combined with BC-5C, this alternative opens additional connectivity to Africville Road, and offers a loop with Bayne Street for local movement. It simplifies the Windsor Street intersection, while making the dominant Bedford Highway MacKay Bridge axis more fluid.
and revised intersection geometry for Bayne Street WB onto WB Bedford Bypass

Convert sidewalks into Multi Use Paths.

This design consideration allows the carrying throughout the WSE area of a 3.0 m multi-use path that would connect several active transportation corridors via the WSE nexus. This intervention will improve local conditions for active road users, while also providing enhanced connectivity to Africville.

### 4.3.1 Reconfiguration Scenario Analysis

The initial future analysis modelling exercise evaluated the comparative advantages of different combinations of the interventions outlined in Table 4-11 and the VE Workshop Report. The intent of the exercise was to determine whether all the interventions were desirable, or whether a single reconfiguration option or a combination of them would yield the best results. The main combinations tested successfully are summarized in Table 4-12; we note that tests were also carried out with each option in isolation, with generally poor results.

Table 4-12: Reconfiguration Scenarios

|  | BC1 | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{BC2} \\ (\bmod ) \end{gathered}$ | BC3 | BAG2 | BC5C | AT4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scenario 4 - Full Buildout | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Scenario 4 - Full Buildout (multiple Transit Priority Configurations configurations) | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Scenario 3 |  | X |  | X | X | X |
| Scenario 2 | X | X |  | X | X | X |
| Scenario 1 | X |  | X |  |  |  |

These scenarios were evaluated using the VISSIM model, to identify the optimal reconfiguration for vehicular movement. The assessment, summarized in Table 4-13 and Table 4-14, for the AM and PM peak hours, respectively, reports several key performance measures collected in aggregate over the entire WSE model area, and the total peak hours:

- Average Delay reports the delay, in seconds, experienced on average by all the vehicles that have been simulated.
- Average Stops indicates the average number of stops that a vehicle experiences through the course of traversing the model space. This includes stopping at intersections.
- Average Speed reports the average speed of all vehicles through the peak hour
- Average Stopped Delay summarizes the time spent in a stopped condition incurred by delay.
- Vehicles Active reports the number of vehicles still in the model road network at the end of the simulation period.
- Vehicles Arrived indicates the number of simulation agents (vehicles) that have completed their traversal of the model network and have reached their destination by the end of the simulation period.
- Latent Demand reports the portion of vehicular demand that has not yet entered the simulation area. This measure corresponds to the residual demand that is attempting to traverse the WSE area during the peak hour but is unable to do so. These vehicles are held back on the periphery of the WSE model are; in reality this demand spreads out of the peak hour, thereby "spreading the peak".

Table 4-13: Future Scenario Comparison - General Traffic - AM Peak Hour

| AM | Average <br> Delay(s) | Average <br> Stops | Average <br> Speed | Average <br> Stopped <br> Delay | Vehicles <br> Active | Vehicles <br> Arrived | Latent <br> Demand |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Existing | 130 | 8 | 28 | 76 | 599 | 8,397 | 539 |
| Future No Build | 295 | 27 | 16 | 139 | 1,155 | 9,240 | 2,814 |
| Scenario 1 | 190 | 10 | 22 | 122 | 969 | 10,052 | 1,751 |
| Scenario 2 <br> Scenario 3 | 111 | 212 | 14 | 20 | 105 | 1,032 | 9,670 |
| Scenario 4 - no <br> Transit Priority | 115 | 3 | 30 | 74 | 698 | 10,365 | 1,598 |
| Scenario 4- TPM <br> 1_bus lane to <br> DVK | 119 | 3 | 29 | 80 | 685 | 9,947 | 2,080 |
| Scenario 4 - PM <br> 2 _transit signal <br> at DVK _bus <br> lane to east of <br> Windsor | 198 | 13 | 21 | 121 | 888 | 9,080 | 2,835 |


| AM | Average <br> Delay(s) | Average <br> Stops | Average <br> Speed | Average <br> Stopped <br> Delay | Vehicles <br> Active | Vehicles <br> Arrived | Latent <br> Demand |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Scenario 4- TPM <br> 3 _transit signal <br> at DVK_bus lane <br> to DVK_queue <br> jump lane at | 119 | 3 | 29 | 81 | 691 | 9852 | 2166 |
| Windsor |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4-14: Future Scenario Comparison - General Traffic - PM Peak Hour

| PM | Average <br> Delay(s) | Average <br> Stops | Average <br> Speed | Average <br> Stopped <br> Delay | Vehicles <br> Active | Vehicles <br> Arrived | Latent <br> Demand |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Existing | 171 | 10 | 22 | 57 | 886 | 10,618 | 471 |
| Future No Build | 220 | 13 | 20 | 81 | 1,138 | 10,760 | 2,801 |
| Scenario 1 | 258 | 14 | 18 | 126 | 1,347 | 11,070 | 2,249 |
| Scenario 2 <br> Scenario 3 | 141 | 11 | 26 | 50 | 832 | 11,546 | 2,403 |
| Scenario 4 - no <br> Transit Priority | 156 | 20 | 22 | 56 | 921 | 10,598 | 3,323 |
| Scenario 4- TPM <br> 1_bus lane to <br> DVK | 233 | 24 | 19 | 108 | 1,188 | 10,593 | 3,154 |
| Scenario 4- TPM <br> 2 _transit signal <br> at DVK _bus <br> lane to east of <br> Windsor | 200 | 17 | 21 | 90 | 1,029 | 10,451 | 3,484 |
| Scenario 4- TPM <br> 3 _transit signal <br> at DVK _bus <br> lane to DVK <br> _queue jump <br> lane at Windsor | 178 | 14 | 23 | 66 | 945 | 11,562 | 2,376 |

As summarized, Scenario 4, combining all of the shortlisted reconfiguration options, achieved the highest benefit in terms of reducing average and stopped delays, improving speeds, and increasing overall vehicular throughput; this confirmed the findings and recommendations of the VE Workshop.

This scenario was found to provide the best performance for vehicular travel without any dedicated Transit Priority Measures. Generally, this reconfiguration would reduce moving
and stopped delays to a level below existing during the weekday AM peak hour, while increasing average speeds and increasing the vehicular throughput of the WSE area. Similar improvements would be achieved during the weekday peak hour. Considering HRM's future Bus Rapid Transit routes, however, and the objective of the study to improve transit service, several Transit Priority Measures (TPM) were explored, with marginal reductions in the overall performance of the WSE area road network. The following were selected for inclusion in the final reconfiguration scenario:

1. A transit phase at the new signal on the eastbound Fairview Overpass regulating the DVK ramp flow.
2. Dedicated bus lane from the Displaced Left Turn signal on Joseph Howe, to the top of the DVK ramp on the Fairview Overpass.
3. Queue jump lane at the Windsor Street intersection.

### 4.4 Future Build Conditions Analysis

Upon completion of the Reconfiguration Scenarios Analysis, Scenario 4, with Transit Priority Measures for bus routes, was found to produce the most valuable gains, and is therefore the preferred reconfiguration option from a Traffic Analysis standpoint.

### 4.4.1 AM Peak Hour

Comparing to the Future No-Build conditions, and to some extent the Existing conditions, we find that the proposed reconfiguration of the WSE area road network achieves significant improvements in the core, and along the Bedford Highway-MacKay Bridge axis, by virtue of eliminating the movement configuration responsible for most of the friction. As illustrated on Figure 4-24, speeds are noticeably higher along the main line, comfortably reaching averages of $50 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$ or more. The segments experiencing most of the delay are on Joseph Howe Drive, Dutch Village Road, and Windsor Street, on account of the signal timings prioritizing the dominant. eastbound flows.


Figure 4-24: Future Build Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Speeds

While the current timings reflected in this analysis incur delays on these secondary collector roads (see Figure 4-25 and Figure 4-26 for summary levels of service and average queues), they produced the best overall balance in terms of delays and vehicle processing. There are opportunities to improve conditions on these roads through the implementation of different signal timings, and a balance can be struck between prioritizing the Bedford Highway-MacKay Bridge mainline, and servicing the local portion of the WSE area.


Figure 4-25: Future Build Conditions - AM Peak Hour - LOS


Figure 4-26: Future Build Conditions - AM Peak Hour - Average Queues
When compared to the No-Build conditions, the reconfiguration is found to achieve a general reduction of $46 \%$ in cumulative person travel time across the major routes traversing the WSE area, during the AM peak hour.

Table 4-15: $\quad$ Future Build Conditions - Cumulative Travel Time - AM Peak Hour

| Travel Time | Future No-Build Conditions |  |  |  | Scenario 4 - TMP 3 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Travel <br> Time (s) | Vehicle Trips | Person Trips | Person- <br> Hours of <br> Travel | Travel Time (s) | Vehicle Trips | Person Trips | PersonHours of Travel |
| RTE 1: Bedford Hwy Mackay Bridge | 508 | 188 | 230 | 32.39 | 183 | 196 | 239 | 12.16 |
| RTE 2: Joseph Howe MacKay Bridge | 577 | 253 | 309 | 49.52 | 952 | 132 | 161 | 42.64 |
| RTE 3: Windsor St Bedford Hwy | 438 | 80 | 98 | 11.88 | 335 | 45 | 55 | 5.11 |
| RTE 4: MacKay Bridge <br> - Bedford Hwy | 247 | 215 | 263 | 17.98 | 181 | 230 | 281 | 14.11 |
| RTE 5: MacKay Bridge <br> - Windsor St | 388 | 525 | 641 | 69.15 | 240 | 295 | 360 | 24.00 |
| Total Person-Hours |  |  |  | 180.91 |  |  |  | 98.02 |
| Total Person-Hour Savings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -82.90 |
| Percent Savings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -46\% |

In terms of transit service, the analysis finds that the proposed reconfiguration of the WSE could achieve reductions of 7 cumulative person hours on the bus, a $36 \%$ reduction from the No-Build conditions (Table 4-16). As summarized, some routes would see very significant travel time reductions of $50 \%$ or more.

## Table 4-16: Future Build Conditions - Cumulative Transit Travel Time - AM Peak Hour

| Travel Time | Future No-Build Conditions |  |  | Scenario 4-TMP 3 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Travel <br> Time (s) | Vehicle <br> Trips | Person <br> Trips | Person- <br> Hours of <br> Travel | Travel <br> Time <br> (s) | Vehicle <br> Trips | Person <br> Trips | Person- <br> Hours of <br> Travel |
| RTE 1: Bedford Hwy - <br> Mackay Bridge | 510 | 2 | 60 | 8.50 | 174 | 2 | 60 | 2.91 |
| RTE 2: Joseph Howe - <br> MacKay Bridge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| RTE 3: Windsor St - <br> Bedford Hwy | 424 | 2 | 60 | 7.07 | 384 | 2 | 60 | 6.40 |
| RTE 4: MacKay Bridge <br> - Bedford Hwy | 246 | 2 | 60 | 4.10 | 192 | 2 | 60 | 3.21 |
| RTE 5: MacKay Bridge <br> -Windsor St | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total Person-Hours |  |  |  | $\mathbf{1 9 . 6 7}$ |  |  |  | $\mathbf{1 2 . 5 1}$ |
| Total Person-Hour <br> Savings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{- 7 . 1 6}$ |
| Percent Savings |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\mathbf{- 3 6 \%}$ |  |

### 4.4.2 PM Peak Hour

During the weekday PM peak hour, the VISSIM analysis framework demonstrates that the proposed reconfiguration with TPM achieves significant fluidity in the WSE road network. Both the eastbound and westbound flows operate with good speeds, as illustrated on Figure 4-27.


Figure 4-27: Future Build Conditions - PM Peak Hour - Speeds
The condition outlined at the Dutch Village Road and Joseph Howe intersection remains, however, while the signal timings on Bedford Highway do prioritize the mainline flows, and contribute to some queueing on the DVK ramp, they do not cause the major issue, which is rather one of competition between the two flows (see Figure 4-28 and Figure 4-29). Specifically, this intersection features an advance-left turn for the northbound Joseph Howe approach, which allows a significant demand to access Titus Street and Lacewood Drive. This flow conflicts with the one from Dutch Village Road, which is destined to the DVK ramp. We note that there is limited opportunity to improve this situation in the current configuration of this intersection specifically, and of Joseph Howe Drive in general.

The main issue on the Joseph Howe corridor is that it is itself a bottleneck leading into the WSE nexus. The reconfiguration proposed herein achieves significant improvements to the WSE nexus' capacity and throughput, but it also reaches the maximum of what is doable within the area's constraints, elaborated further in Section 5.3.

During the weekday PM peak hour, the analysis finds that the proposed reconfiguration would have a more modest impact than during the AM peak hour, on account of the WSE
area road network having reached its processing capacity. As summarized in Table 4-17, drivers would observe a reduction in cumulative travel time of approximately 26 hours, equivalent to a $10 \%$ reduction against the future No-Build condition.

Table 4-17: $\quad$ Future Build Conditions - Cumulative Travel Time - PM Peak Hour

| Travel Time | Future No-Build Conditions |  |  |  | Scenario 4 - TMP 3 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Travel Time <br> (s) | Vehicle Trips | Person Trips | Person- <br> Hours of <br> Travel | Travel Time <br> (s) | Vehicle Trips | Person Trips | Person-Hours of Travel |
| RTE 1: Bedford Hwy Mackay Bridge | 502 | 33 | 40 | 5.62 | 279 | 37 | 45 | 3.50 |
| RTE 2: Joseph Howe MacKay Bridge | 480 | 464 | 567 | 75.48 | 374 | 381 | 465 | 48.34 |
| RTE 3: Windsor St Bedford Hwy | 334 | 212 | 259 | 24.04 | 296 | 72 | 88 | 7.22 |
| RTE 4: MacKay Bridge <br> - Bedford Hwy | 467 | 679 | 829 | 107.46 | 449 | 726 | 886 | 110.61 |
| RTE 5: MacKay Bridge <br> - Windsor St | 384 | 362 | 442 | 47.14 | 489 | 386 | 471 | 63.99 |
| Total Person-Hours |  |  |  | 259.74 |  |  |  | 233.66 |
| Total Person-Hour Savings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -26.08 |
| Percent Savings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -10\% |



Figure 4-28: Future Build Conditions - PM Peak Hour - LOS

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Figure 4-29: Future Build Conditions - PM Peak Hour - Average Queues
Similar to general traffic, transit services will also experience a reduction in travel times across the major routes. As summarized in

Table 4-18, the proposed reconfiguration of the WSE could achieve reductions of close to 4:30 hours of cumulative person hours on the bus, corresponding to a $20 \%$ reduction from the No-Build conditions. As during the AM peak hour, the routes between Bedford Highway and the MacKay Bridge, and between Windsor Street and Bedford Highway would see travel time reductions of approximately $50 \%$.

Table 4-18: Future Build Conditions - Cumulative Transit Travel Time - PM Peak Hour

| Travel Time | Future No-Build Conditions |  |  |  | Scenario 4 - TMP 3 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Travel <br> Time (s) | Vehicle Trips | Person Trips | PersonHours of Travel | Travel Time (s) | Vehicle Trips | Person Trips | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Person- } \\ \text { Hours of } \\ \text { Travel } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| RTE 1: Bedford Hwy - Mackay Bridge | 523 | 2 | 60 | 8.71 | 286 | 2 | 60 | 4.77 |
| RTE 2: Joseph Howe - Lady Hammond |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | 0.00 |
| RTE 3: Joseph Howe - MacKay Bridge | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| RTE 4: Windsor St -Bedford Hwy | 350 | 2 | 60 | 5.83 | 290 | 2 | 60 | 4.83 |
| RTE 5: MacKay Bridge - Bedford Hwy | 472 | 2 | 60 | 7.86 | 501 | 2 | 60 | 8.35 |
| RTE 6: MacKay Bridge -Windsor St | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total PersonHours |  |  |  | 22.40 |  |  |  | 17.95 |
| Total PersonHour Savings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -4.45 |
| Percent Savings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | -20\% |

## 5 Functional Plan

### 5.1 30\% Design

The findings of the microsimulation analysis informed the refinement of a design solution incorporating all six reconfiguration interventions. The resulting 30\% design is illustrated on Figure 5-1, and presented in detail in Appendix C.


Figure 5-1: Functional Plan (30\%)

### 5.2 New Bridge Overpass General Arrangement Drawing

The new underpass connection between Lady Hammond Road and Bayne Road is proposed to be spanned by a new 5-lane structure that will carry both the eastbound and westbound lanes of Highway 111 (see Figure 5-2 and Appendix D). The open structure will span approximately 26 m , allowing for a connector road with two lanes in the southbound direction, and sufficient space for a third northbound lane, should one be considered necessary in the future (Figure 5-3).


Figure 5-2: New Bridge Overpass - Plan


Figure 5-3: New Bridge Overpass - Sections

### 5.3 Study Area Constraints

The WSE project was, from its conception, required to work within certain confines dictated by existing major infrastructure and land uses, most notably the Port to the north, the Fairview Cemetery to the south, and CN rail corridor to the west. These constraints dictated to some extent the general approach to the development of a workable solution for the operational problems experienced by the WSE area.

### 5.3.1 Structures

Compounding the limiting land use factors of the study area, the Bedford Highway Highway 111 corridor is marked by the presence of several major overpass structures and ramps, as illustrated on Figure 5-4.


Figure 5-4: Structural Constraints

To the west, the corridor is carried over the Fairview Overpass to span the rail corridor and the terminal lanes of the Joseph Howe Drive. The eastern (WB) approach to the overpass is carried atop a significant retaining wall overlooking the FCCT marshalling yard. The EB side of the Bedford highway at this location is joined by the DVK (Dutch Village - Kempt) ramp, which funnels major flows from Armdale, Highway 102 and Highway 103 towards Dartmouth and the Circumferential Highway via the MacKay Bridge.

To the east of the WSE, Highway 111 crosses over Mackintosh Road atop two bridge structures, with ramps subsequently extending to and from Massachusetts Drive, and additional connections with Barrington Street and the MacKay Bridge.

The WSE project had to respect these structural components and work within their confines. This presented a significant limit on the engineering solutions developed through the course of the project.

### 5.3.2 Properties

Due to the high volume of traffic within the currently configured Windsor Street Exchange, existing properties will significantly influence design and site constraints. As summarized on Figure 5-5, and shown in detail in Appendix E-30\% Design Construction Heat Map, private properties are not significantly impacted by the current 30\% design, although there is a potential for temporary construction impacts. Roads, flatworks, and the new MUP were integrated into HRM-owned land to minimize the impact on private properties.


Figure 5-5: Property Impacts

### 5.3.3 Utilities

The WSE area is characterized as a junction point and traversal area for multiple municipal infrastructure corridors, on account if being one of only four crossings over the rail cut. Water and wastewater, telecommunications, and gas linear plant crisscross the area, posing some complexity to the project design and future construction, as illustrated in detail in Appendix F, and discussed below.

### 5.3.3.1 Halifax Water

The Windsor Street Exchange project presents an opportunity to realign aging water infrastructure in Halifax. Therefore, existing site conditions will impact not only stormwater systems but also existing grades, ramps, flatworks, and will extend to deep services as well.

Halifax Water provided GIS files for the project area, which CBCL integrated with new survey data into the design. Based on externally provided information, several design constraints were identified.

Shallow stormwater systems within the WSE Study Area must be re-aligned to meet redesign constraints. In addition, current combined sewer flows and historical surcharging manhole and increasing HRM water demands has led to the identification of two major projects in coordination with Halifax Water. These projects will be considered during ongoing design and construction of the WSE interchange:

- The Fairview Cove Trunk Sewer.
- The North End Feedermain Replacement.

Existing water, sanitary, and storm systems within the Windsor Street Exchange construction zone will be removed and relocated in coordination with Halifax Water. The design and construction zone, illustrated on Figure 5-6 and Appendix F will allow for continued coordination and partnership with Halifax Water, providing an opportunity to replace many of their services while utilizing traffic control measures implemented for the Windsor Street Exchange Project.


Figure 5-6: Utility Construction Zone

### 5.3.3.2 Eastlink and Bell Aliant

Eastlink and Bell Aliant have identified existing infrastructure locations, including ductbanks in several critical areas of the project site:

- North side of Lady Hammond Road.
- North of the Windsor Street Intersection.
- South side of Kempt Road.
- South of the Bedford Highway near the Joseph Howe Interchange.
- Along Mackintosh Street.

Based on current information and design, the project is expected to pose limited direct construction impact on existing Eastlink and Bell Aliant infrastructure.

### 5.3.3.3 Nova Scotia Power

Nova Scotia Power (NSPI) record information has been incorporated into the 30\% Design work file to prevent future conflicts. Significant ductbanks are outlined as follows:

- Routed along the south side of the Bedford Highway and Lady Hammond Road, extending to Kempt Road.
- Routed along MacKintosh Street, between Lady Hammond Road and Forrester Street.

Additionally, NSPI maintains easements for overhead cables and towers across the western portion of the site. Overall the project is expected to incur minimal construction impacts on underground ductbanks, with limited temporary impacts on surface cables.

### 5.3.3.4 Heritage Gas

CBCL and HRM met with Heritage Gas to discuss their network within the vicinity of the WSE Project, encompassing both high-pressure and low-pressure lines. Information gathered during this meeting and from provided GIS data has been integrated into the 30\% design, with no impacts anticipated.

### 5.4 Circulation Rationale

The proposed reconfiguration of the WSE area satisfies the Project Objectives by generally optimizing the dominant movements in the area. While some of the minor movements are made more circuitous, the design achieves a good overall balance, as demonstrated in the microsimulation analysis.

The overarching rationale of the design is that the major regional flows stay on the higherorder facilities (Bedford Highway, Highway 111) without any need for turning movements, while movements to and from the WSE node itself are routed via Bayne Street, Lady Hammond Street, Mackintosh Street, and a new underpass connection. These roads take on a collector/distributive role, providing access to the major ramps.

Circulation towards Bedford Highway, the Mackay Bridge and Barrington Street, and to local destination, is illustrated on Figure 5-7, Figure 5-8, and Figure 5-9, respectively.

Microscopic traffic analysis of the proposed reconfiguration demonstrated the need for signalization and changes to existing intersection controls to fluidize the conflicting flows revolving around the WSE node. The overall intersection control plan is illustrated on Figure 5-10. Signal coordination has been explored along the Lady Hammond Road and Bayne Street corridors to optimize east-west flows. Additional signal refinement will be required at later detailed design stages to balance the connecting movements.


Figure 5-7: Circulation Towards Bedford


Figure 5-8: Towards MacKay Bridge / Barrington Street


Figure 5-9: Local WSE Access


Figure 5-10: Intersection Control

### 5.5 Active Transportation Considerations

In addition to these road-based reconfigurations, the project proposes a minimum 3 m Multi-Use Path (MUP) (illustrated conceptually on Figure 5-11). along the south/west side of Bedford Highway and Lady Hammond Road, along the side of Mackintosh Road, and along the north side of Bayne Street (as illustrated on Figure 5-12). This MUP network would provide continuous connectivity to planned facilities on Bedford Highway and Windsor Street, and allow for future connections to Africville Road, the Barrington Street Greenway, and to planned active transportation facilities on the MacKay Bridge (see Figure 5-13).


Figure 5-11: Multi-Use Path Network


Figure 5-12: Active Transportation Facilities
To improve connectivity to Africville, the project has explored several options of extending Mackintosh Street directly to Africville Road. Given the topography of this area, a Mackintosh Street extension would have a steep grade on the order of $10 \%-12 \%$ to incorporate a crossing of the CN rail corridor before joining Africville Road. Such a direct connection would deviate from HRM active transportation standards, and would also be sub-optimal for trucks and auto travel. Alternatives were also explored to weave a switchback ramp down to the track level, or to span the entire corridor with an AT structure, as illustrated on Figure 5-13. None of these options, however, were found to be practical or safe; therefore, an extension of Mackintosh Road to Africville Road is not being considered.


Figure 5-13: Mackintosh Street Extension AT Facilities

## 6 Conclusion

The proposed reconfiguration of the WSE area detailed herein achieves the objectives laid out for the project.

In terms of vehicular traffic, the reconfiguration will make the major east-west movement more fluid and eliminate the major source of delay in the area. It would increase the WSE area's vehicular throughput by $\sim 1,200$ vehicles in the AM peak hour and $\sim 800$ in the PM peak hour, corresponding to an increase of 7-12\% over the future No-Build scenario.

While accommodating a higher throughput, the reconfiguration also translates to a reduction in the average vehicular delay by $29 \%$ (PM) to $61 \%(A M)$, keeping it to $\sim 2$ minutes over the entire Study Area. Overall, it will reduce total person hours travelled by 400 hours in the AM and 133 hours in the PM peak hours, reductions of $13 \%$ to $37 \%$.

Focusing on the FCCT operations, the reconfigurations will reduce cumulative Port travel time by 19 hours during the PM peak hour. At the same time, it will reduce access time between the Port and main peripheral destinations by 30-50\% (Bedford Highway, Massachusetts, Joseph Howe, MacKay Bridge, Barrington).

In terms of non-auto travel, the proposed changes to the WSE area would achieve a $44 \%$ reduction in transit delay (from 5 minutes to just over 2:30 minutes) during the AM peak hour, and 30\% (from 3:30 minutes to 2:30 minutes) during the PM peak hour. The provision of transit priority signalling at the Fairview Overpass and at Windsor Street will allow buses to bypass queues and generally achieve more higher reliability and lower service variability.

These improvements will also reduce the number of conflicting movements responsible for the most critical collision types. This is particularly evident at the Windsor Street intersection, where the majority of vehicular collisions have occurred, primarily between northbound-left and westbound-through movements towards Bedford Highway, and southbound movements.

The proposed reconfiguration will also introduce a formal 3m Multi-Use Path network throughout the area, with connections to planned active transportation infrastructure on all sides of the WSE area, improved crossings across the Bedford Highway-Highway 111 corridor, and allowances for future connections to the Barrington Street Greenway and the MacKay Bridge.

Ultimately, the proposed reconfiguration of the WSE area is a significant intervention on one node of the road network that is also a nexus point on one of the five access points to
the Halifax peninsula. The reconfiguration maximizes the achievable improvements within the area's constrains. In the long term, additional consideration should be given to additional crossings of the railway cut to provide networkwide improvements.

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## APPENDIX A

Intersection Turn Diagrams


## APPENDIX B

Intersection Movement LOS Summary

| AM Peak Hour LOS Summary |  | Existing Conditions |  |  |  |  | 2031 No-Build |  |  |  |  | 2031 Build (Scenario 4-TPM3) |  |  |  |  |
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| Intersection | Movement | Vol | Queue Avg | Queue Max | Delay | LOS | Vol | Queue Avg | Queue Max | Delay | LOS | Vol | Queue Avg | Queue Max | Delay | LOS |
| 1: Bedford Highway \& Bayview | SBR | 36 | 19 | 114 | 15 | B | 32 | 42 | 161 | 29 | C | 28 | 11 | 97 | 10 | B |
|  | SBT | 1356 | 25 | 127 | 19 | B | 1384 | 50 | 174 | 35 | D | 1384 | 16 | 110 | 12 | B |
|  | Ebl | 40 | 31 | 129 | 113 | F | 32 | 52 | 154 | 181 | F | 56 | 22 | 144 | 75 | E |
|  | ebr | 596 | 63 | 154 | 59 | E | 444 | 141 | 183 | 139 | F | 792 | 32 | 165 | 19 | B |
|  | NBL | 400 | 25 | 106 | 33 | c | 428 | 44 | 159 | 47 | D | 364 | 24 | 105 | 33 | c |
|  | NBT | 616 | 25 | 106 | 4 | A | 840 | 44 | 159 | 8 | A | 732 | 24 | 105 | 5 | A |
| 2: Bedford Highway <br> \& Car Dealership | EBR | 44 | 3 | 18 | 40 | D | 40 | 2 | 16 | 62 | E | 44 | 1 | 11 | 19 | B |
|  | EBL | 8 | 1 | 8 | 56 | E | 8 | 2 | 16 | 68 | E | 8 | 1 | 11 | 56 | E |
|  | SBR | 16 | 78 | 189 | 39 | D | 12 | 198 | 311 | 88 | F | 16 | 3 | 67 | 3 | A |
|  | SBT | 1908 | 75 | 183 | 33 | c | 1788 | 193 | 305 | 77 | E | 2156 | 3 | 62 | 2 | A |
|  | NBL | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A | 8 | 3 | 62 | 27 | C | 8 | 2 | 49 | 37 | D |
|  | NBT | 1008 | 1 | 40 | 2 | A | 1264 | 3 | 62 | 2 | A | 1084 | 2 | 49 | 2 | A |
| 3: Bedford Highway \& Joseph Howe | SBT | 1912 | 80 | 209 | 66 | F | 1828 | 181 | 265 | 110 | F | 2196 | 0 | 14 | 6 | A |
|  | NBT | 924 | 0 | 14 | 0 | A | 1208 | 85 | 191 | 3 | A | 1064 | 0 | 2 | 2 | A |
|  | NBR | 804 | 0 | 14 | 4 | A | 1040 | 85 | 191 | 48 | E | 1288 | 0 | 2 | 2 | A |
|  | WBR | 88 | 0 | 10 | 2 | A | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A |
| 5: Joseph Howe \& Bedford Highway | EBT | 1612 | 178 | 334 | 47 | E | 1572 | 329 | 394 | 56 | F | See intersection 4010 |  |  |  |  |
|  | WBT | 1732 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A | 2264 | 42 | 99 | 13 | B |  | See in | tersection 4010 |  |  |
|  | EBR | 280 | 0 | 0 | 4 | A | 284 | 0 | 17 | 24 | c | 312 | 14 | 79 | 30 | c |
|  | NBT | 88 | 20 | 116 | 1 | A | 60 | 76 | 125 | 22 | c | 32 | 1 | 14 | 57 | E |
|  | NBR | 1204 | 20 | 116 | 32 | D | 1080 | 76 | 125 | 81 | F | 600 | 103 | 138 | 226 | F |
|  | SBT | 804 | 0 | 5 | 4 | A | 1036 | 126 | 340 | 47 | E | 1288 | 32 | 141 | 28 | c |
| 6: Windsor \& Lady Hammond | EBL | 1684 | 399 | 586 | 130 | F | 1560 | 364 | 601 | 91 | F | 684388 | $\begin{array}{r} 18 \\ 6 \end{array}$ | 12292 | $\begin{array}{r} 42 \\ 6 \end{array}$ | D |
|  | Ebt | 744 | 399 | 587 | 83 | F | 712 | 365 | 602 | 80 | F |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ebr | 340 | 175 | 535 | 35 | c | 384 | 155 | 542 | 29 | c |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SBT | 472 | 33 | 64 | 13 | B | 584 | 33 | 52 | 12 | в |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SBL | 132 | 18 | 56 | 21 | C | 120 | 15 | 42 | 24 | c | 624184 |  |  |  |  |
|  | NBT | 520 | 63 | 122 | 91 | F | 592 | 100 | 135 | 109 | F |  | 9095 | 131139 | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 41 \end{aligned}$ | E |
|  | NBR | 84 | 0 | 5 | 66 | E | 104 | 1 | 8 | 76 | E |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | NBL | 120 | 22 | 50 | >120 | F | 140 | 30 | 72 | >120 | F |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WBT | 164 | 31 | 76 | 89 | F | 168 | 30 | 80 | 74 | E |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  <br> Windsor | SBR | 160 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A | 264 | 0 | 3 | 1 | A |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | SBT | 472 | 15 | 124 | 61 | F | 588 | 506 | 872 | >120 | F |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WBR | 132 | 0 | 0 | 2 | A | 192 | 14 | 42 | 30 | D | 76 | 0 | 4 | 2 | A |
|  | WBT | 1288 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A | 1716 | 14 | 42 | 41 | E | 1776 | 0 | 4 | 1 | A |
| 8: Lady Hammond \& Kempt | NBR | 20 | 0 | 5 | 7 | A | 32 | 0 | 9 | 10 | A | 128 | 0 | 16 | 3 | A |
|  | NBL | 48 | 8 | 34 | 81 | F | 76 | 11 | 46 | 84 | F |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Ebr | 340 | 0 | 9 | 1 | A | 352 | 1 | 18 | 2 | A | 244 | 0 | 44 | 3 | A |
|  | Ebt | 620 | 7 | 90 | 6 | A | 584 | 10 | 93 | 8 | A | 624 | 0 |  | 1 | A |
|  | WBL | 16 | 13 | 59 | 37 | D | 24 | 26 | 81 | 67 | E |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | WBT | 212 | 13 | 59 | 25 | c | 224 | 26 | 81 | 44 | D | 812 | 0 | 8 | 3 | A |
| 9: Lady Hammond \& MacKintosh | WBR | 124 | 0 | 4 | 1 | A | 212 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A | 420 | 17 | 82 | 16 | B |
|  | WBT | 308 | 0 | 4 | 0 | A | 348 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A | 236 | 17 | 82 | 26 | c |
|  | EBL | 56 | 8 | 128 | 11 | B | 64 | 11 | 142 | 13 | B | 244 | 30 | 125 | 21 | c |
|  | EBT | 580 | 5 | 101 | 6 | A | 548 | 7 | 114 | 8 | A | 512 | 30 | 125 | 23 | c |
|  | SBR | 128 | 1 | 35 | 4 | A | 160 | 3 | 48 | 6 | A | 20 | 31 | 99 | 53 | D |
|  | SBL | 84 | 5 | 46 | 29 | D | 124 | 10 | 73 | 26 | D | 260 | 31 | 99 | 48 | D |
| 10: Hwy 111 \& Bayne | NBL | 68 | 2 | 33 | 9 | A | 92 | 9 | 62 | 14 | B | 64 | 4 | 32 | 26 | C |
|  | NBR | 64 | 3 | 38 | 7 | A | 100 | 8 | 61 | 12 | B | 8 | 4 | 32 | 8 | A |
|  | ebr | 68 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A | 92 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A | 84 | 6 | 63 | 20 | в |
|  | EBt | 136 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A | 172 | 0 | 0 | 1 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A |
|  | WBL | 92 | 0 | 6 | 1 | A | 176 | 1 | 23 | 4 | A | 492 | 10 | 85 | 13 | B |
|  | WBT | 72 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A | 96 | 0 | 12 | 1 | A | 116 | 10 | 85 | 15 | B |
| 11: MacKintosh\& Bayne | NBR | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | A | 4 | 0 | 12 | 1 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A |
|  | NBL | 164 | 0 | 11 | 1 | A | 264 | 0 | 13 | 1 | A | 656 | 17 | 79 | 21 | c |
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|  | SBT | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A | 16 | 0 | 2 | 1 | A | 4 | 1 | 14 | 64 | E |
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|  | WBL | 12 | 0 | 11 | 7 | A | 8 | 0 | 12 | 7 | A | 232 | 34 | 116 | 29 | c |
|  | EBt | 4 | 5 | 46 | 10 | B | 4 | 7 | 57 | 14 | B | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A |
|  | EBL | 8 | 4 | 44 | 9 | A | 4 | 11 | 65 | 12 | B | 4 | 0 | 19 | 38 | D |
|  | Ebr | 188 | 2 | 37 | 8 | A | 264 | 7 | 57 | 12 | B | 40 | 0 | 18 | 6 | A |
| 12: Joseph Howe \& Dutch Village | SBT | 720 | 40 | 157 | 26 | c | 932 | 114 | 221 | 36 | D | 1184 | 44 | 189 | 16 | B |
|  | SBR | 372 | 34 | 149 | 21 | c | 396 | 103 | 210 | 29 | c | 424 | 38 | 177 | 13 | B |
|  | NBT | 840 | 162 | 210 | >120 | F | 464 | 196 | 217 | >120 | F | 256 | 200 | 218 | >120 | F |
|  | NBL | 40 | 162 | 210 | 82 | F | 20 | 195 | 215 | >120 | F | 12 | 198 | 217 | >120 | F |
|  | ebr | 28 | 0 | 0 | 105 | F | 36 | 0 | 0 | >120 | F | 20 | 0 | 4 | >120 | F |
|  | EBL | 456 | 67 | 83 | $>120$ | F | 676 | 300 | 330 | $>120$ | F | 376 | 319 | 330 | >120 | F |
| 15: Bayne \& Connector | WBT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 608 | 6 | 85 | 1 | A |
|  | WBL |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 432 | 6 | 85 | 7 | A |
|  | EBt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 44 | 3 | 50 | 17 | B |
|  | EBR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 120 | 2 | 46 | 9 | A |
| 902: Lady Hammond \& Connector | WBT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 256 | 0 | 0 | 0 | A |
|  | SBR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 552 | 0 | 23 | 2 | A |
|  | Ebt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 752 | 1 | 18 | 1 | A |
| 4010: Bedford Highway \& DVK | EBR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 864 | 104 | 314 | 33 | C |
|  | Ebt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1056 | 94 | 314 | 6 | A |
|  | NBR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 204 | 178 | 231 | 46 | D |
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## APPENDIX C 30\% Design Drawings

## WINDSOR STREET EXCHANGE VALUE

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## APPENDIX D

Bridge Overpass General Arrangement Drawing


## APPENDIX E <br> 30\% Design Construction Heat Map

## APPENDIX F

Utility Review








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