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| UTC Project Information – CAMMSE @ UNC Charlotte | |
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| Project Title | Signal Timing Strategy for Displaced Left Turn Intersections |
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| Brief Description of | Displaced left turn (DLT), also known as continuous flow intersection |
| Research Project | (CFI), is an innovative intersection designed to increase the mobility |
| | of an intersection by relocating its left turn lane (lanes) to the far-left |
| | side of the road at upstream location of the main signalized |
| | intersection. Since DLT is relatively new and only implemented in a |
| | few states, there are few existing guidelines available for designing |
| | DLT intersections. One of the critical elements when designing a DLT |
| | is the signal timing plan. An appropriate signal timing plan will |
| | maximum the intersection capacity, reduce congestion, and improve |
| | safety. The purpose of this research is to develop a comprehensive |
| | signal timing strategy for DLT intersections. To achieve this purpose, |
| | the research team will first review and summarize current design |



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| | guidelines and research findings on how to design and optimize signal |
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| | timing for DLT intersections. Then, a new DLT signal time design |
| | methodology will be proposed by considering various geometric |
| | configurations and traffic conditions. A DLT intersection located at |
| | Texas is selected as a case study location to apply and validate the |
| | signal timing strategy developed in this project. VISSIM simulation will |
| | be conducted to evaluate the developed signal timing method. |
| Describe Implementation | |
| of Research Outcomes | |
| (or why not | |
| implemented) | |
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| Impacts/Benefits of | |
| Implementation (actual, | |
| not anticipated) | |
| Web Links | https://cammse.uncc.edu/sites/cammse.uncc.edu/files/media/CAM |
| Reports | MSE-UNCC-2019-UTC-Project-Information-13-Qi.pdf |
| Project website | https://cammse.uncc.edu/sites/cammse.uncc.edu/files/media/CAM |
| | MSE-UNCC-2019-UTC-Project-Report-13-Qi-Final.pdf |