

## Section Four South Segment

(US-23/M-14 interchange to north of North Territorial Road interchange)

### SOUTH SEGMENT LIMITS

The limits of the South Segment are from north of North Territorial Road to north of the West US-23BR/M-14 interchange. This section consists of six miles of freeway and includes one local interchange at North Territorial Road and three structures. Traffic analyses of the area of influence were extended to south of the east M-14 interchange. This segment connects Northfield Township, Ann Arbor Township and the City of Ann Arbor in Washtenaw County.

### PAVEMENT AND BRIDGE CONDITION

Built in the 1960s, the pavement of the south section is concrete with bituminous overlay. Most of the pavement in this section has a remaining service life of 8 to 12 years (**Figure 4-1: Pavement Conditions-Remaining Service Life**). The Ride Quality Index measures pavement roughness and is shown in **Figure 4-2: (Pavement Conditions-Ride Quality Index)** for the south segment. **Table 4-1** provides vital bridge information for the South Segment structures.

TABLE 4-1

US-23 BRIDGE STATISTICS - SOUTH SEGMENT					
Facility Carried	Year Reconstructed (rehabilitated)	Overall structure Rating	Last inspection date*	Under-clearance	Structure number
North Territorial Overpass	1957	Fair	5/2006	14'4"L, 14'6"R	S07
Joy Road Overpass	1962	Fair	5/2006	14'4"L, 14'4"R	S06
Warren Road Overpass	1962	Fair	5/2006	14'8"L, 14'2"R	S05

\*As of March 2008

### TYPICAL RIGHT-OF-WAY

The right-of-way along the South Section roadway is 150 feet wide along the center of the roadway. Individual interchange aerial photos located in the *South Segment Structures* section illustrate more detailed right-of-way information near the interchanges.

FIGURE 4-1

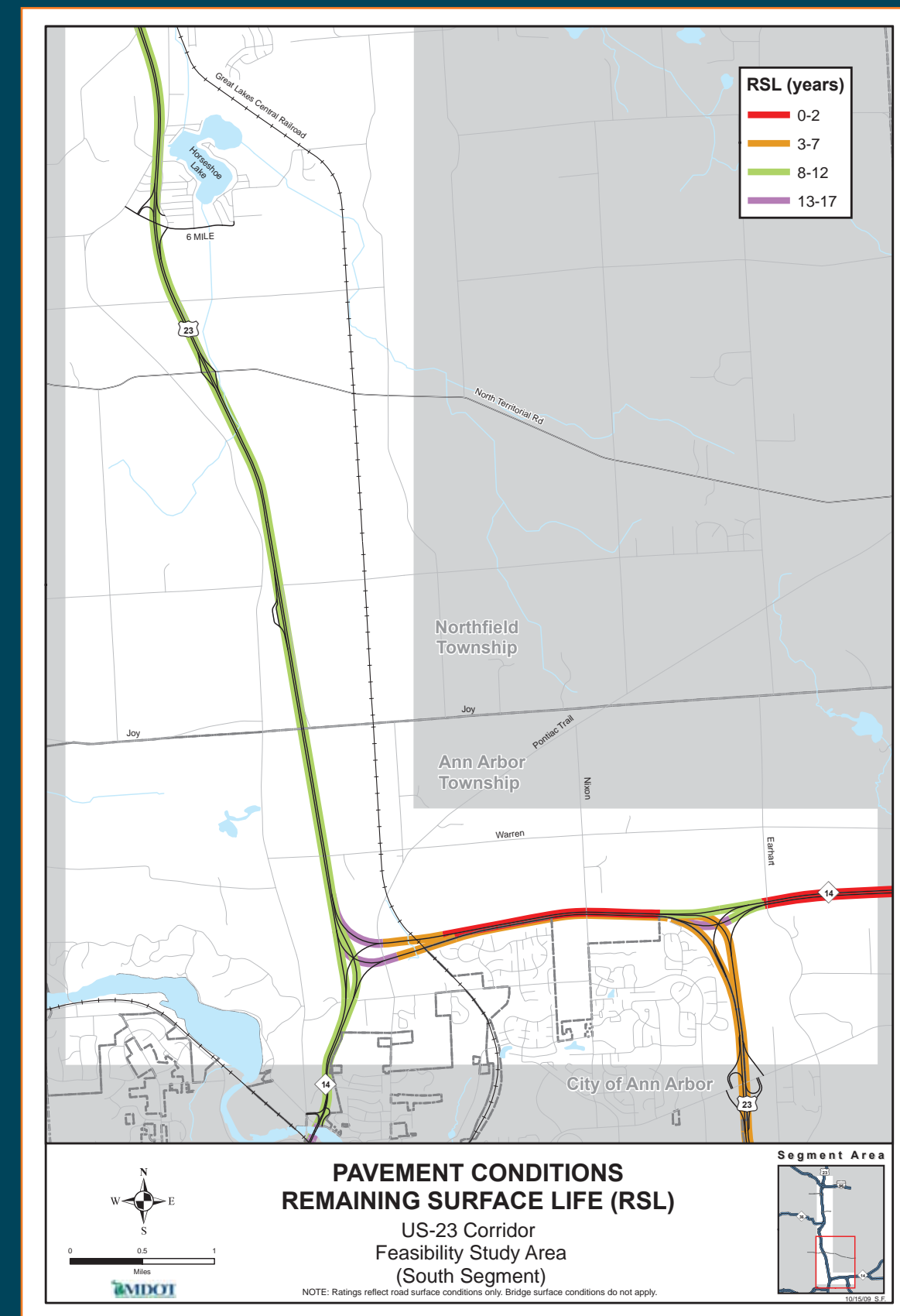
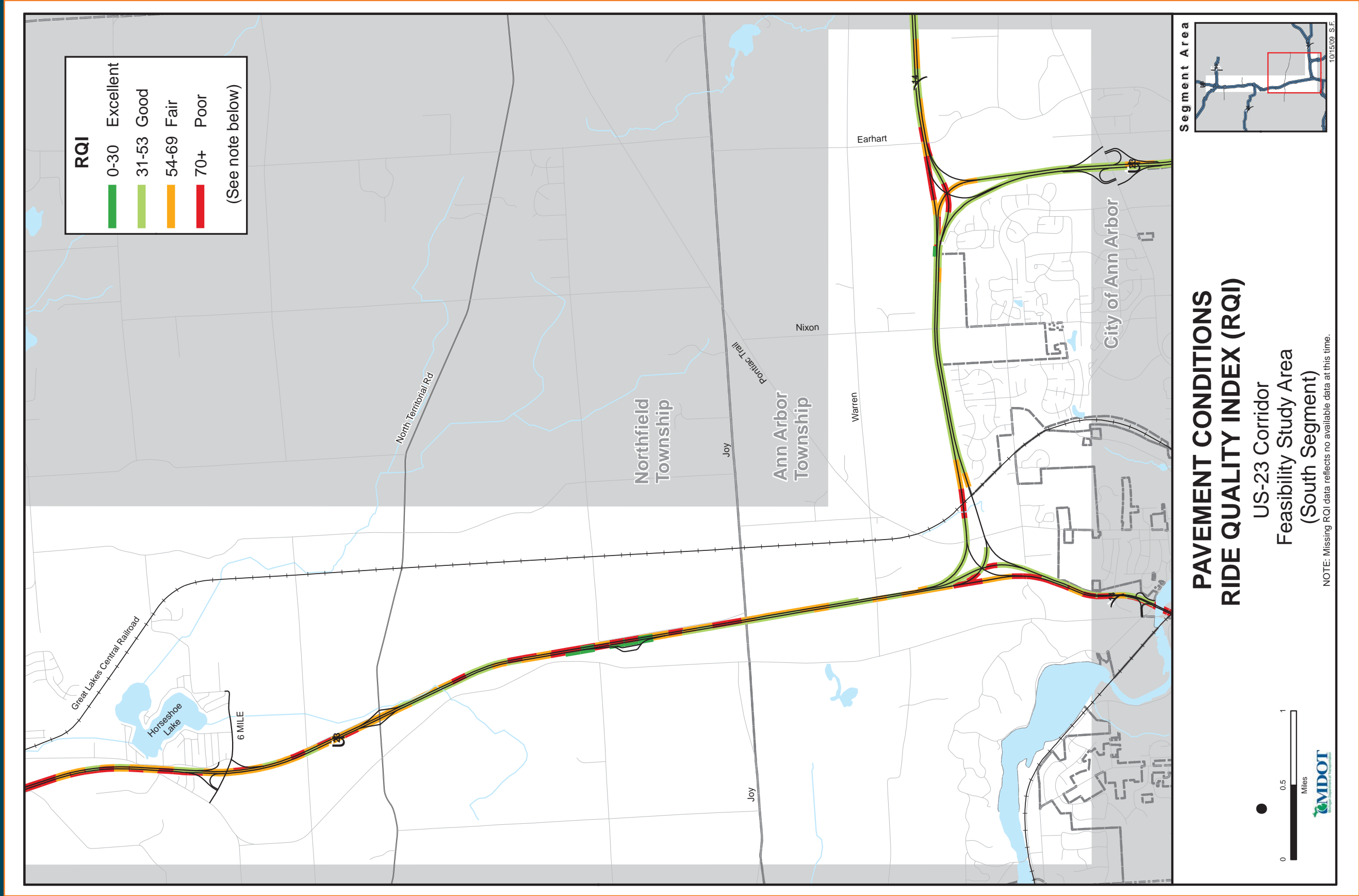


FIGURE 4-2



TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

2007 Freeway Segments Analyses (Existing Conditions)

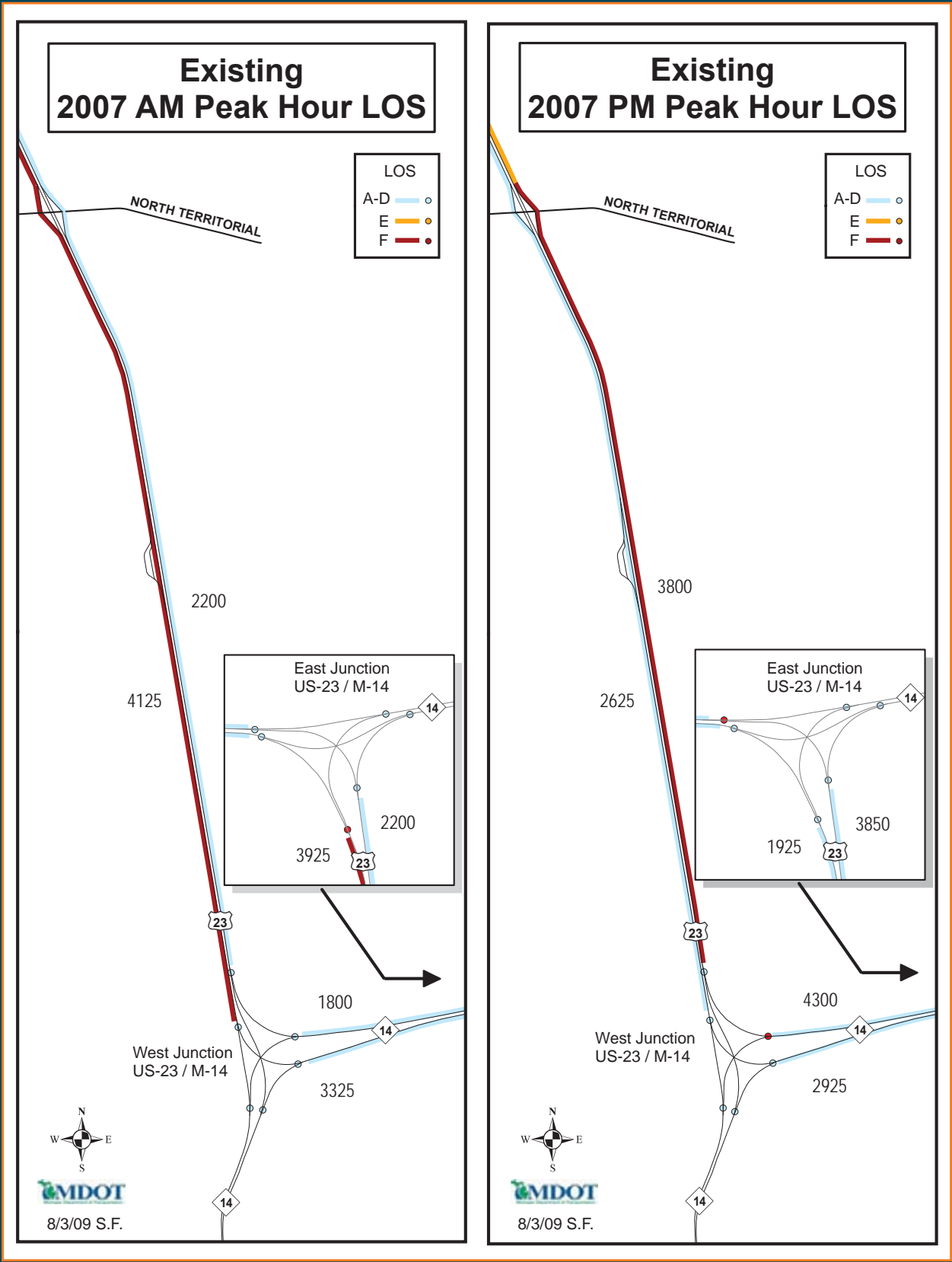
The AM Peak Hour period for the US-23 corridor between the North Territorial Road interchange and M-14 occurs on weekdays between 7:30-8:30. **Table 4-2** shows the US-23 AM and PM Peak Hour data on basic freeway segments for the 2007 Base Year under No-Build conditions. The PM Peak Hour period for US-23 corridor between the North Territorial Road interchange and M-14 occurs on weekdays between 5:00-6:00. The southbound traffic between North Territorial and US-23/M-14 and SB US-23 south of M-14 operates at an unacceptable LOS during the AM Peak Hour. The northbound traffic between US-23/M-14 and North Territorial operates at an unacceptable LOS during the PM Peak Hour. **(Figure 4-3: Existing 2007 AM/PM Peak Hour LOS).**

TABLE 4-2

EXISTING (2007) AM & PM PEAK HOURS LEVEL OF SERVICE BASIC FREEWAY SEGMENTS								
2007 Southbound US-23 AM Peak					2007 Southbound US-23 PM Peak			
Freeway Segment To/From	Volume, V	Flow Rate, Pc/hr	Density*, Pc/mi/ln	LOS	Volume, V	Flow Rate, Pc/hr	Density*, Pc/mi/ln	LOS
North Territorial to M-14/ US-23BR	4,125	2,429	>45	F	2,625	1,546	22.2	C
US-23BR/M-14 To US-23/M-14*	3,325	1,305	18.6	C	2,925	1,148	16.4	B
US-23/M-14 To Plymouth*	3,925	2,311	40.8	E	1,925	1,134	16.2	B
2007 Northbound US-23 AM Peak					2007 Northbound US-23 PM Peak			
Freeway Segment To/From	Volume, V	Flow Rate, Pc/hr	Density*, Pc/mi/ln	LOS	Volume, V	Flow Rate, Pc/hr	Density*, Pc/mi/ln	LOS
Plymouth To US-23/M-14*	2,200	864	12.3	B	3,850	1,511	21.7	C
US-23/M-14 To US-23BR/M-14*	1,800	707	10.1	A	4,300	1,688	24.5	C
M-14/US-23BR to North Territorial	1,950	1,148	16.4	B	3,800	2,238	37.9	E

\*Outside of Project Area

FIGURE 4-3



2030 Forecasted Freeway Segments Analyses (No-Build Conditions)

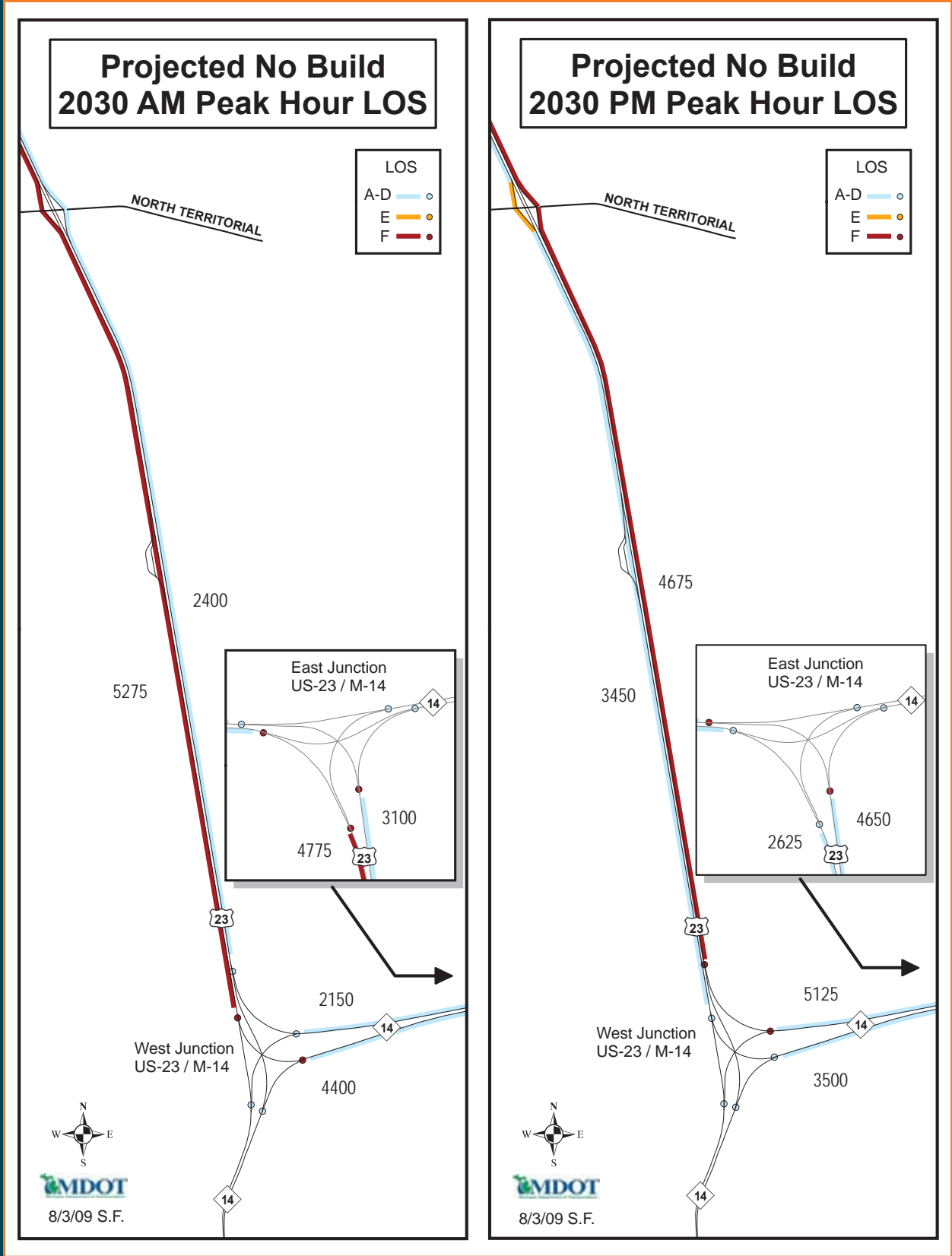
The SEMCOG Planning Model, coupled with a review of historical growth provided the future year (2030) peak-hour traffic projections for the South Segment. **Table 4-3** shows US-23 AM and PM Peak Hour data on basic freeway segments for 2030 Future Year under No-Build conditions. The southbound traffic between North Territorial and US-23/M-14 and SB US-23 south of M-14 operates at an unacceptable LOS during the 2030 AM Peak Hour. The northbound traffic between US-23/M-14 and North Territorial operates at an unacceptable LOS during the 2030 PM Peak Hour. (Figure 4-4: Projected No Build 2030 AM/PM Peak Hour LOS).

TABLE 4-3

FUTURE (2030) AM & PM PEAK HOURS LEVEL OF SERVICE BASIC FREEWAY SEGMENTS (NO BUILD SERVICE)								
2030 Southbound US-23 AM Peak					2030 Southbound US-23 PM Peak			
Freeway Segment To/From	Volume, V	Flow Rate, Pc/hr	Density*, Pc/mi/ln	LOS	Volume, V	Flow Rate, Pc/hr	Density*, Pc/mi/ln	LOS
North Territorial to M-14/US-23BR	5,275	3,106	>45	F	3,450	2,032	31.6	D
US-23BR/M-14 To US-23/M-14*	4,400	1,727	25.2	C	3,500	1,374	19.6	C
US-23/M-14 To Plymouth*	4,775	2,812	>45	F	2,625	1,546	22.2	C
2030 Northbound US-23 AM Peak					2030 Northbound US-23 PM Peak			
Freeway Segment To/From	Volume, V	Flow Rate, Pc/hr	Density*, Pc/mi/ln	LOS	Volume, V	Flow Rate, Pc/hr	Density*, Pc/mi/ln	LOS
Plymouth To US-23/M-14*	3,100	1,217	17.4	B	4,650	1,826	27.0	D
US-23/M-14 To US-23BR/M-14*	2,150	844	12.1	B	5,125	2,012	31.1	D
M-14/US-23BR to North Territorial	2,400	1,413	20.2	C	4,675	2,753	>45	F

\*Outside of Project Area

FIGURE 4-4





**2007 Ramp/Merge/Weave Analyses (Existing Conditions)**

**Table 4-4** provides merge/weave traffic analyses along the mainline US-23 Corridor in the AM and PM Peak Hour under existing conditions. The analyses shows undesirable LOS for all southbound merge/weave movements near Territorial Road in the AM Peak Hour and all the northbound movements in the PM Peak Hour.

**TABLE 4-4**

EXISTING (2007) AM & PM PEAK HOUR LEVEL OF SERVICE MERGE / WEAVE ANALYSIS									
2007 Southbound US-23 AM Peak									
	Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Adj. Ramp Name	Adj. Ramp Volume	Freeway Flow Rate	Ramp Flow Rate	Adj. Ramp Flow	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS
N. Territorial Off Ramp	4,200	425	N. Territorial On Ramp	350	4,858	479	395	43.9	F
N. Territorial On Ramp	3,775	350	N. Territorial Off Ramp	425	4,446	395	479	41.8	F
2007 Northbound US-23 AM Peak									
N. Territorial Off Ramp	1,950	150	N. Territorial On Ramp	225	2,297	169	254	21.1	C
N. Territorial On Ramp	1,800	225	N. Territorial Off Ramp	150	2,120	254	169	21.9	C
2007 Southbound US-23 PM Peak									
N. Territorial Off Ramp	2,625	225	N. Territorial On Ramp	225	3,092	254	254	28.7	D
N. Territorial On Ramp	2,400	225	N. Territorial Off Ramp	225	2,827	254	254	28.1	D
2007 Northbound US-23 PM Peak									
N. Territorial Off Ramp	3,800	300	N. Territorial On Ramp	550	4,476	338	620	39.9	F
N. Territorial On Ramp	3,500	550	N. Territorial Off Ramp	300	4,122	620	338	40.2	F

**Figure 4-5 (US-23/East and West Junctions of M-14)** depicts the ramp locations of the east and west junction of US-23 and M-14 by letter, as documented in the following merge/weave analyses tables.

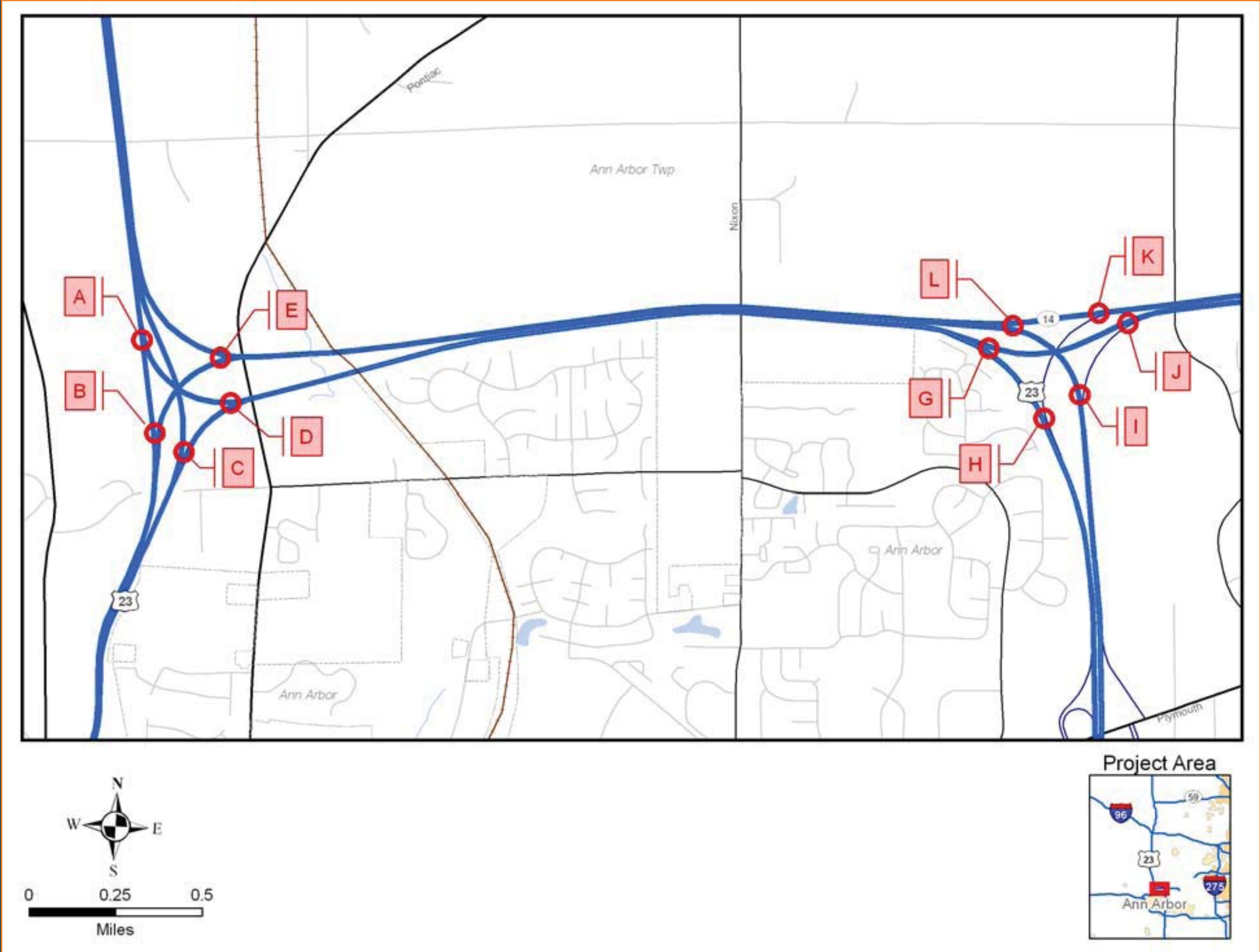
**Table 4-5** summarizes ramp junction performance at interchanges along US-23 at the M-14 west and east junctions under existing (2007) conditions. All junctions operated at an acceptable LOS during the AM peak hour, except where southbound US-23 merges with westbound M-14 in the west junction, and westbound M-14 to southbound US-23 in the east junction, operating at LOS F. In the PM peak hour, multiple junctions were found to operate at an unacceptable LOS. These three ramps operate at LOS F: the western junction of the northbound US-23 ramp to westbound M-14 and the eastern junction of northbound US-23 to eastbound M-14 and westbound M-14 to northbound US-23.

**TABLE 4-5**

EXISTING (2007) AM AND PM PEAK HOUR LEVEL OF SERVICE US-23 AND M-14 RAMP FREEWAY JUNCTIONS (WEST AND EAST)										
West Junction			AM Peak Hour				PM Peak Hour			
			Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS	Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS
Mainline	Ramp									
A	SB US-23	To WB M-14	4125	2625	27.6	F	2625	1525	12.6	B
B	WB M-14	From SB US-23	1500	700	12.6	B	1100	2300	22.6	C
C	EB M-14	To NB US-23	1550	850	3.8	A	3200	1800	20.5	C
D	EB M-14	From SB US-23	2625	700	26.2	C	1525	1400	22.2	C
E	NB US-23	To WB M-14	1800	700	8.7	A	4300	2300	33.7	F
F	NB US-23	From EB M-14	1100	850	16.4	B	2000	1800	32.7	D
East Junction			AM Peak Hour				PM Peak Hour			
			Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS	Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS
Mainline	Ramp									
G	SB US-23	To EB M-14	3325	700	13.3	B	2925	2100	9.3	A
H	SB US-23	From WB M-14	2625	1300	35.5	F	825	1100	17.4	B
I	NB US-23	To EB M-14	2200	1200	13.0	B	3850	950	29.7	F
J	EB M-14	From NB US-23	700	1200	19.2	B	2100	950	29.8	D
K	WB M-14	To SB US-23	2100	1300	16.5	B	2500	1100	20.6	C
L	NB US-23	From WB M-14	1000	800	6.5	A	2900	1400	29.2	F

\*vph – volume per hour

FIGURE 4-5



2030 Forecasted Ramp/Merge/Weave Analyses (No-Build Conditions)

**Table 4-6** provides forecasted 2030 merge/weave traffic analyses along the mainline US-23 Corridor in the AM and PM Peak Hour under No-Build conditions. The analysis shows undesirable LOS and increased density for all ramps going southbound in the morning peak hours. All merge/weave movements show unacceptable LOS in the PM Peak Hour.

TABLE 4-6

FUTURE (2030) NO BUILD AM AND PM PEAK HOUR LEVEL OF SERVICE RAMP/MERGE/WEAVE ANALYSES (NO-BUILD CONDITIONS)									
2030 Southbound US-23 AM Peak No Build									
	Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Adj. Ramp Name	Adj. Ramp Volume	Freeway Flow Rate	Ramp Flow Rate	Adj. Ramp Flow	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS
N. Territorial Off Ramp	5,450	775	N. Territorial On Ramp	600	6,419	875	677	57.3	F
N. Territorial On Ramp	4,675	600	N. Territorial Off Ramp	775	5,506	677	875	52.1	F
2030 Northbound US-23 AM Peak No Build									
	Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Adj. Ramp Name	Adj. Ramp Volume	Freeway Flow Rate	Ramp Flow Rate	Adj. Ramp Flow	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS
N. Territorial Off Ramp	2,400	225	N. Territorial On Ramp	325	2,827	254	367	25.7	C
N. Territorial On Ramp	2,175	325	N. Territorial Off Ramp	225	2,562	367	254	26.1	C
2030 Southbound US-23 PM Peak No Build									
	Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Adj. Ramp Name	Adj. Ramp Volume	Freeway Flow Rate	Ramp Flow Rate	Adj. Ramp Flow	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS
N. Territorial Off Ramp	3,575	475	N. Territorial On Ramp	375	4,211	536	395	38.3	E
N. Territorial On Ramp	3,100	375	N. Territorial Off Ramp	475	3,651	395	536	35.6	E
2030 Northbound US-23 PM Peak No Build									
	Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Adj. Ramp Name	Adj. Ramp Volume	Freeway Flow Rate	Ramp Flow Rate	Adj. Ramp Flow	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS
N. Territorial Off Ramp	4,175	875	N. Territorial On Ramp	450	4,976	987	508	49.5	F
N. Territorial On Ramp	4,625	450	N. Territorial Off Ramp	875	5,506	508	987	48.7	F

**Table 4-7** provides forecasted 2030 performance for both the east and west junction of US-23 and M-24 under the No-Build condition (with no geometric or operational improvements). For the west junction, in the AM Peak Hour, the southbound US-23 to Westbound M-14 and Eastbound M-14 movements are expected to operate at LOS F. In the PM Peak Hour, northbound US-23 to westbound M-14, eastbound M-14 to northbound US-23 and southbound US-23 to westbound M-14 are also expected to operate at LOS F.

Three east junction ramps perform at unacceptable levels of service in the AM peak hour by 2030, along with two ramps during the PM peak hour. In the AM peak hour, southbound US-23 to eastbound M-14, southbound US-23 from westbound M-14, and northbound US-23 to eastbound M-14 are anticipated to operate at LOS F. In the PM peak hour, northbound US-23 to eastbound M-14 and northbound US-23 from westbound M-14 perform at LOS F.

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FUTURE (2030) NO BUILD AM AND PM PEAK HOUR LEVEL OF SERVICE US-23 AND M-14 RAMP FREEWAY JUNCTIONS (WEST AND EAST)										
West Junction			AM Peak Hour				PM Peak Hour			
			Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS	Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS
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B	WB M-14	From SB US-23	1675	700	14.2	B	1400	2450	26.7	F
C	EB M-14	To NB US-23	1750	950	5.8	A	3450	2000	23.0	C
D	EB M-14	From SB US-23	3600	800	36.1	F	2050	1450	27.4	C
E	NB US-23	To WB M-14	2150	700	12.2	B	5125	2000	41.9	F
F	NB US-23	From EB M-14	1450	950	20.4	C	2675	2000	40.5	F
East Junction			AM Peak Hour				PM Peak Hour			
			Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS	Fwy. Volume (vph)	Ramp Volume (vph)	Density	Merge/ Diverge LOS
Mainline		Ramp								
G	SB US-23	To EB M-14	4400	925	24.1	F	3500	2300	15.1	B
H	SB US-23	From WB M-14	3475	1300	43.2	F	1200	1425	23.6	C
I	NB US-23	To EB M-14	3100	1850	22.2	F	4650	1100	37.9	F
J	EB M-14	From NB US-23	925	1850	26.8	C	2300	1100	32.9	D
K	WB M-14	To SB US-23	2200	1300	17.5	B	3000	1425	25.6	C
L	NB US-23	From WB M-14	1250	900	9.7	A	3550	1575	36.7	F

\*vph – volume per hour / For locations see Figure 4-5

**Figure 4-6: 2007 Operational Hotspots and Figure 4-7: 2030 Operational Hotspots** provide a summary of the primary traffic and operational concerns along the South Segment under 2007 Base Year and 2030 Future Year conditions. The 2007 Base Year and 2030 Future Year AM and PM Peak Hour traffic schematics for the Territorial Road and east and west junctions of the US-23/M-14 interchanges along with their existing aerials are located at the end of this section. **(Figures 4-11 through 4-15)** These No-Build schematics include detailed turning movements at the interchange termini.



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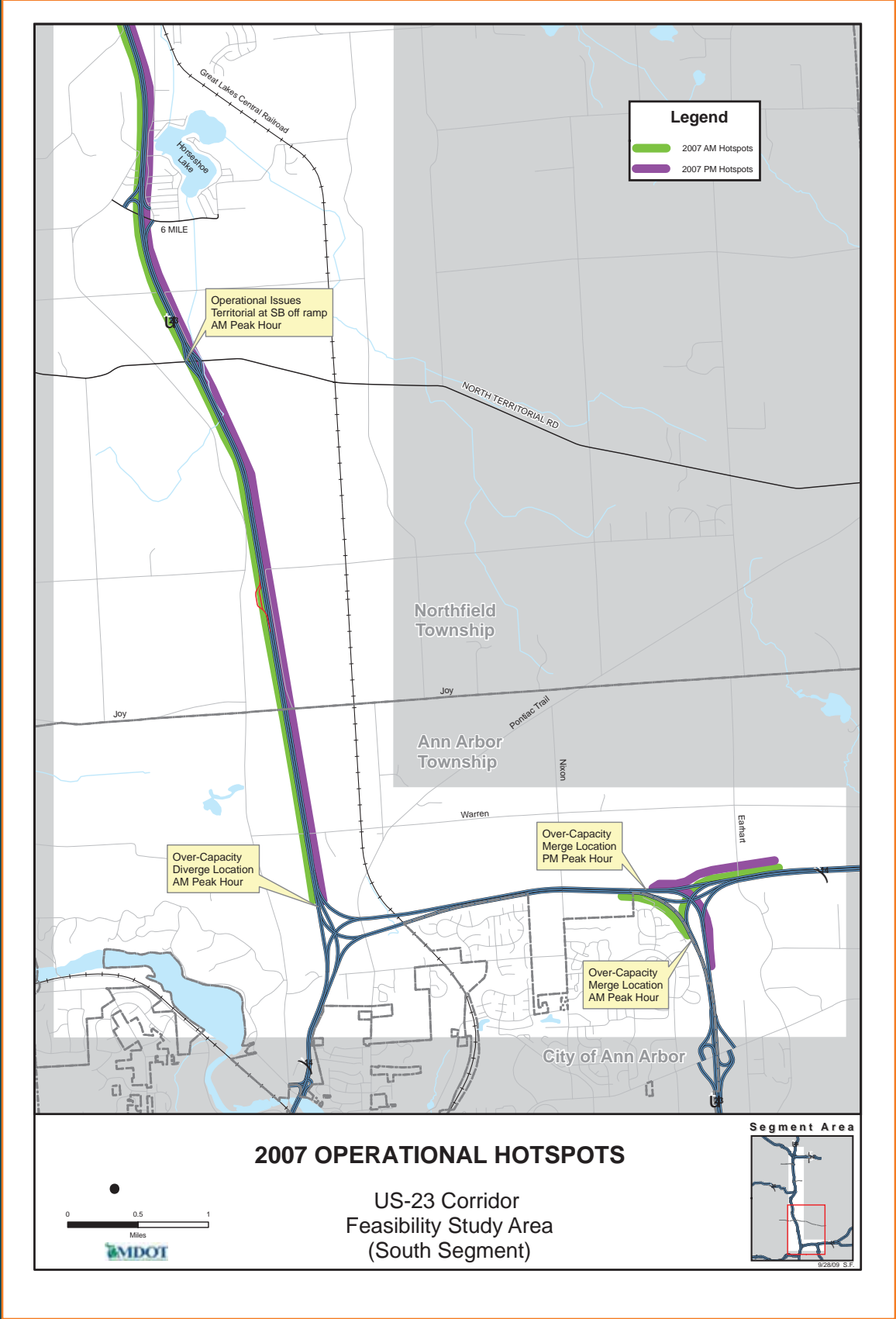
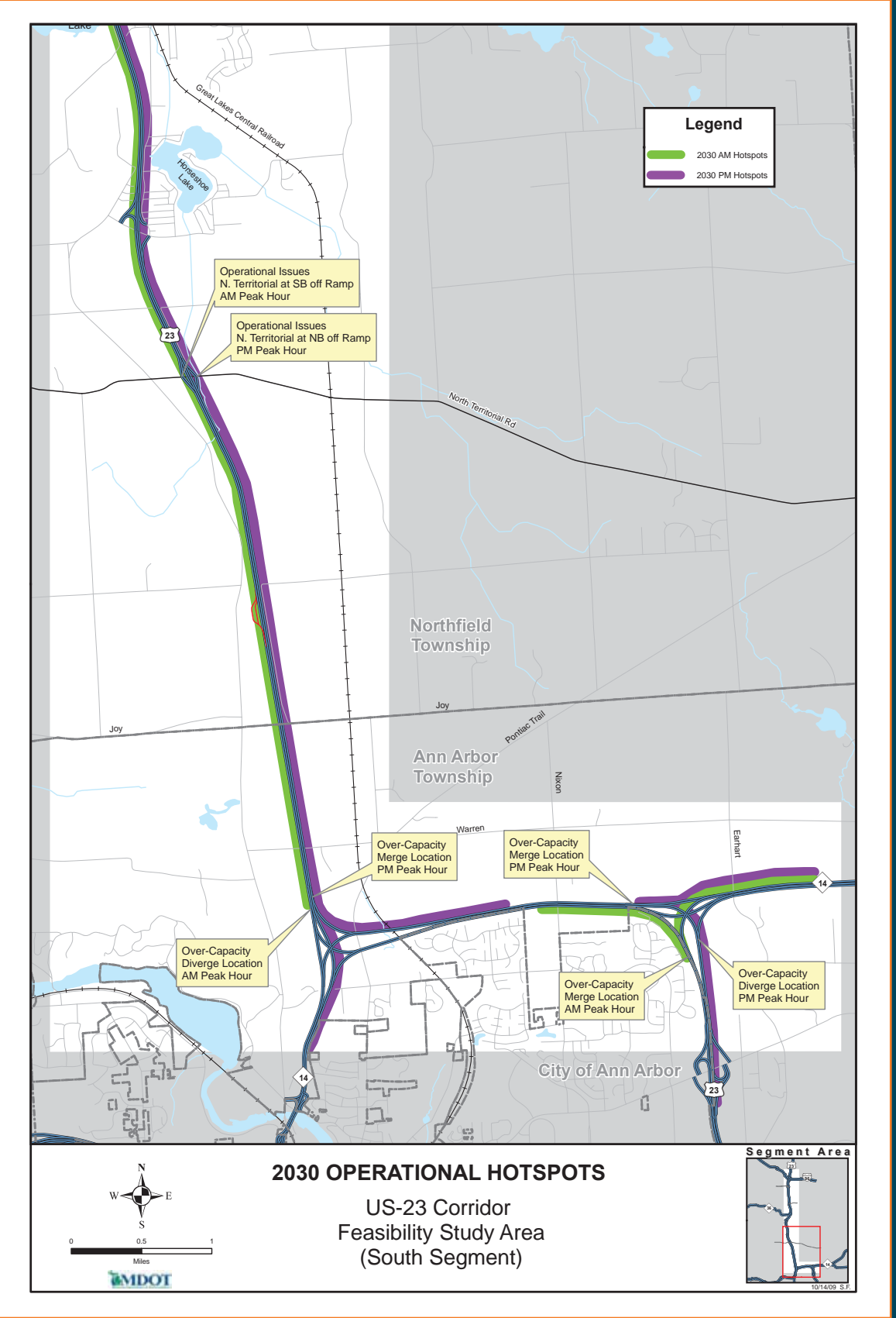


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**Safety**

**Table 4-8** provides crash data covering the South Segment between March 2005 and March 2008. Crashes total 238 and are broken down into nine categories as shown in the table. The most common crash type is the Fixed Object totaling 88 crashes, 37 percent of the total. About 85 percent of the crashes took place during the hours of darkness, and in icy or wet conditions. There were a total of two fatalities and 52 injuries during this three-year period.

**Figure 4-8: Crashes South Segment** distinguishes the incapacitating injuries and fatalities from the remaining crashes by location in the south segment. **Figure 4-9: Crash Patterns and Planned Improvements** provides crash patterns and planned improvements along the south segment.

TABLE 4-8

US-23 CRASH TYPES SOUTH SEGMENT 3/2005-3/2008	
Crash Type	Count
Misc. 1 Vehicle	18
Overturn	8
Fixed Object	88
Other Object	5
Animal	24
Angle Straight	13
Rear-End Straight	38
Side Swipe Same	38
Other	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>238</b>

**Mobility**

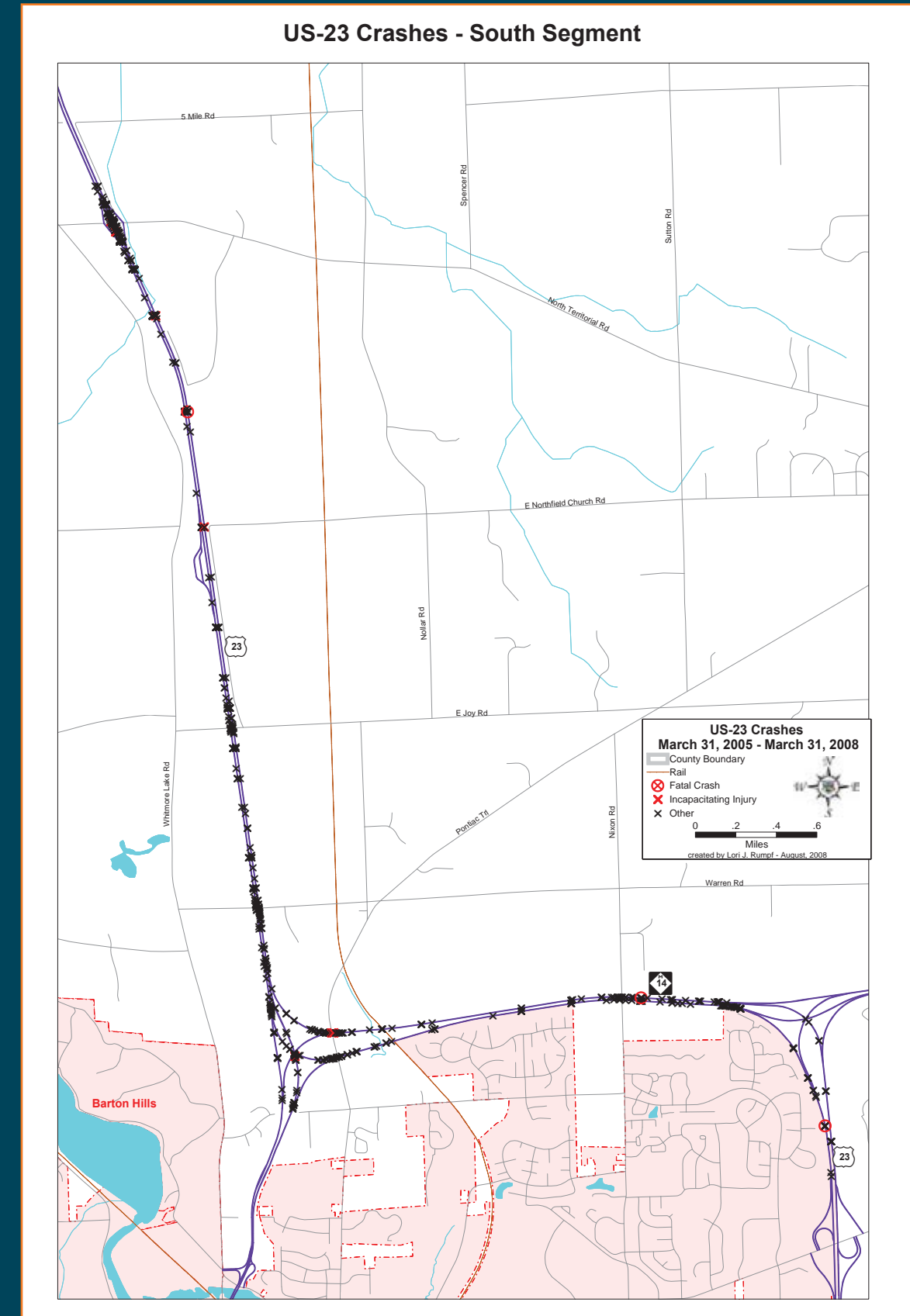
Under existing conditions, there is no fixed-route transit service offered along this segment of the US-23 corridor or on nearby arterial roadways. The Ann Arbor Transportation Authority (AATA) and Northfield's Human Services People's Express (PEX) offers demand-responsive para-transit services in the vicinity, although neither plays a significant role in supporting travel along the corridor itself.

MDOT operates and maintains a carpool lot at the US-23/North Territorial Road interchange. The lot is paved, with 40 marked spaces and is heavily used. Although not in service, the Coalition is also pursuing the initiation of commuter transit and rail commuter service paralleling this corridor.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND ASSOCIATED CONSTRAINTS**

The potential impacts to resources in the south segment of the study area are mainly related to the Huron River. The Huron River has an associated 100-year floodplain; any fill in this regulated area will require a Part 31 permit from the MDEQ. Additionally, any work within the Huron River may be subject to "no work" dates during the breeding season of March 1 through May 31. **Figure 4-10: Constraints Map** illustrates the Constraints Map for the South Segment.

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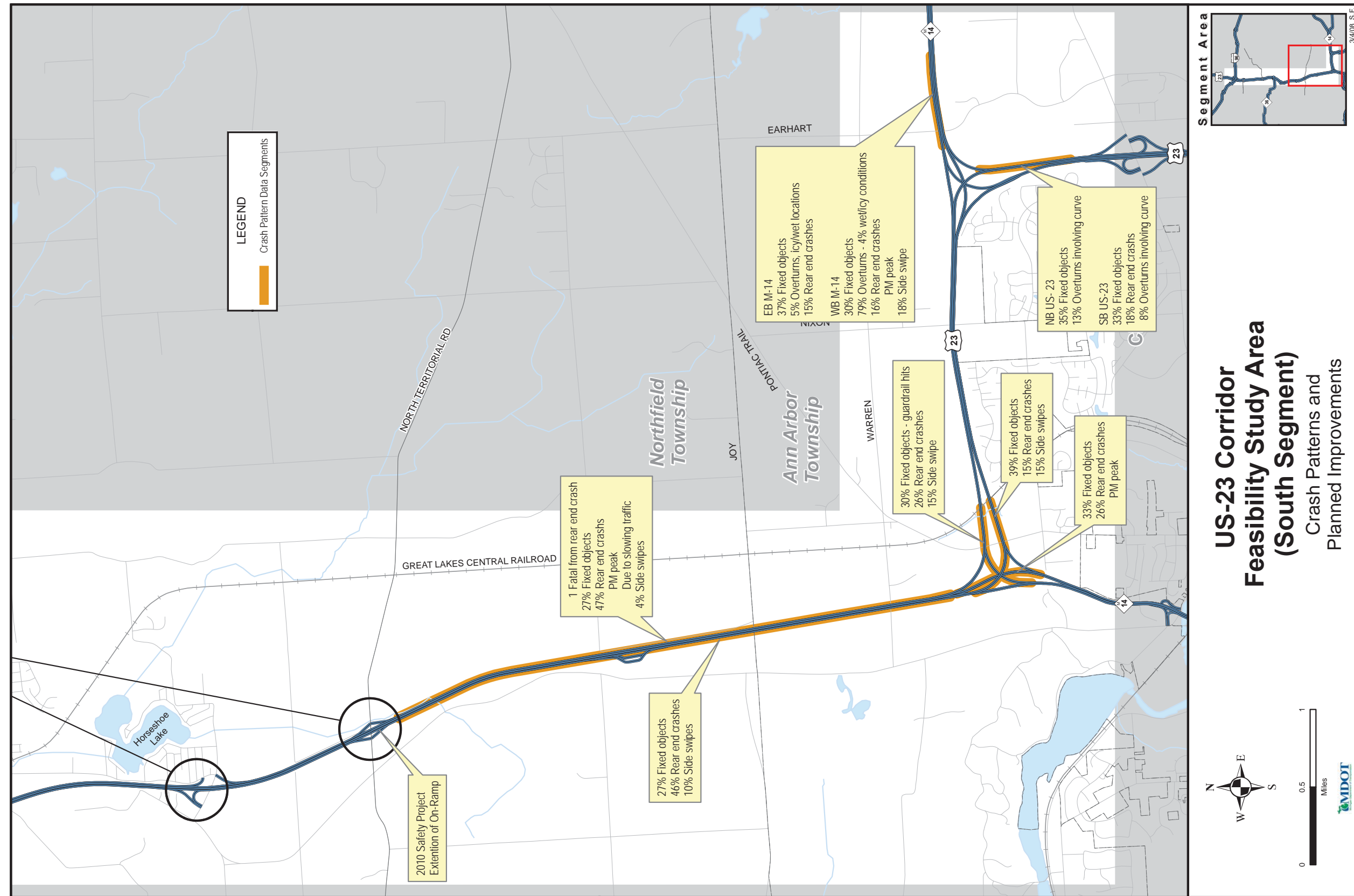




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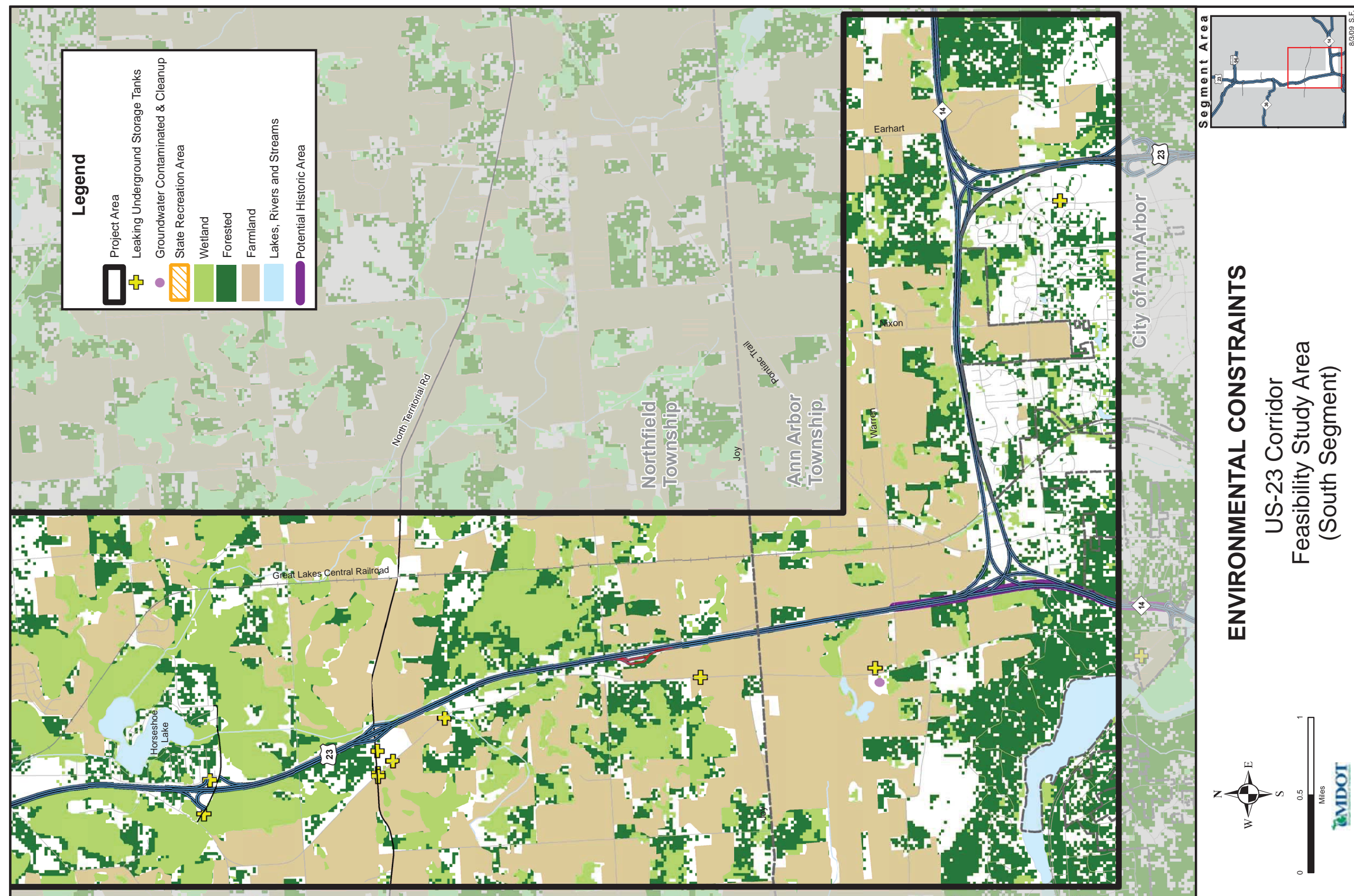


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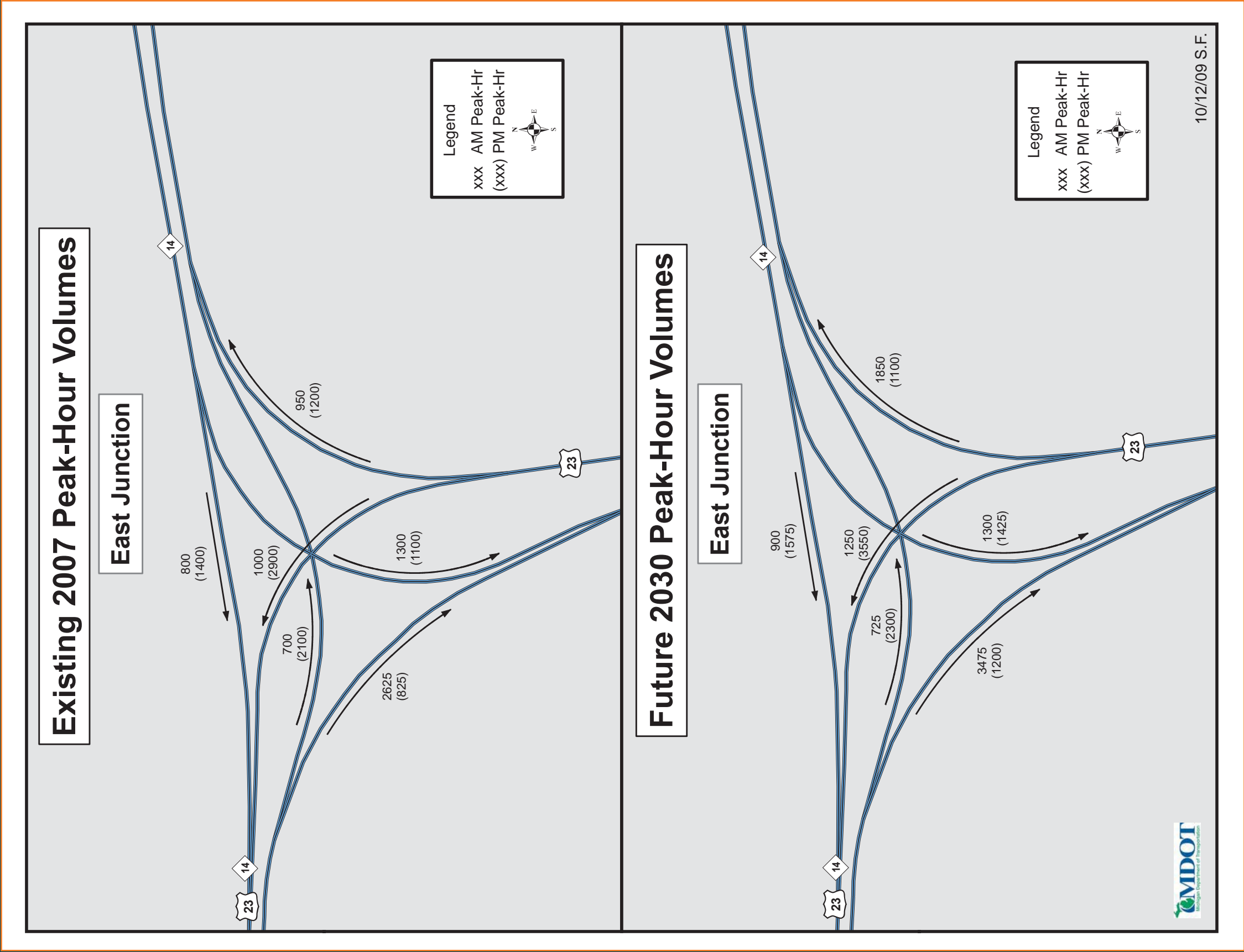




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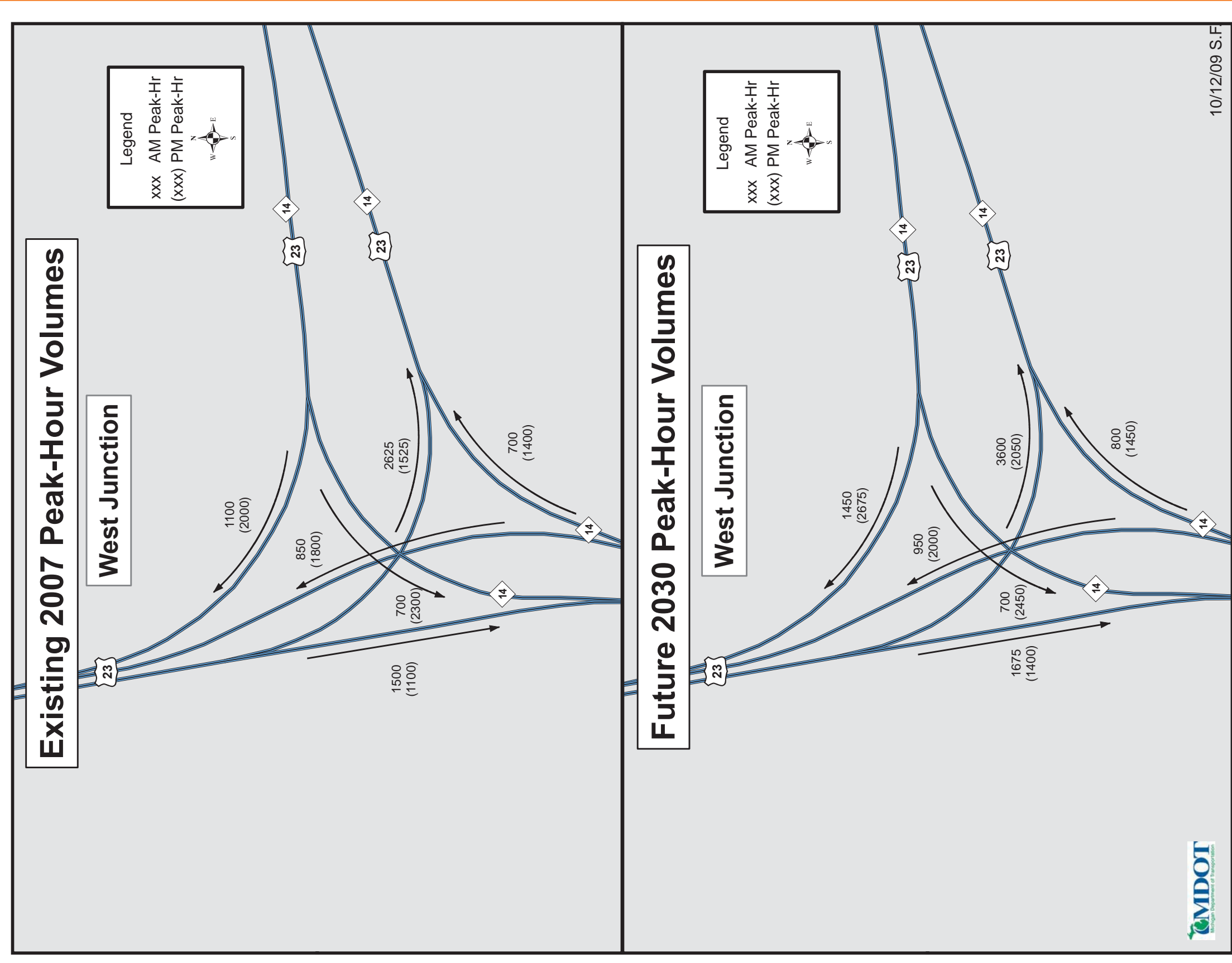
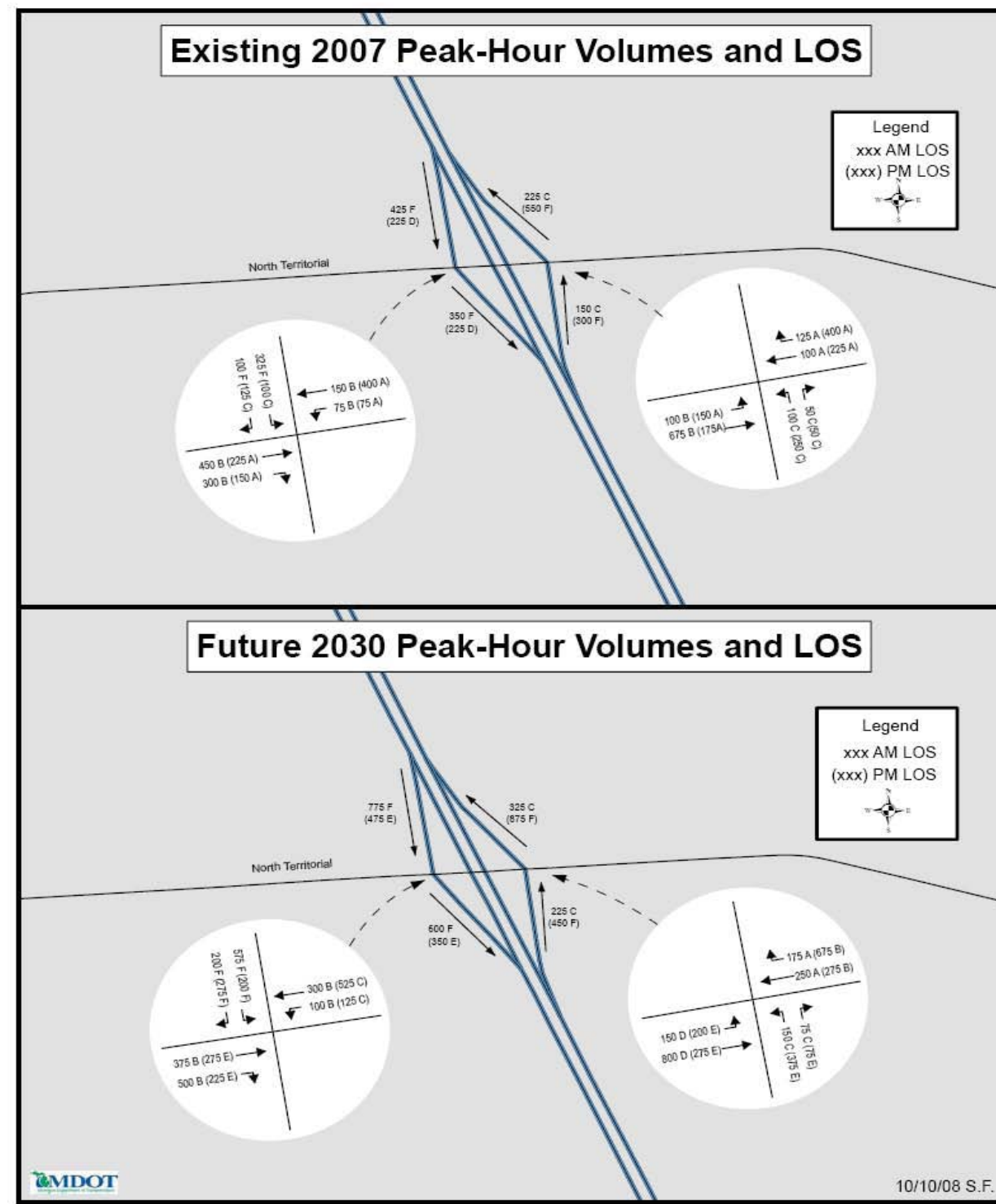


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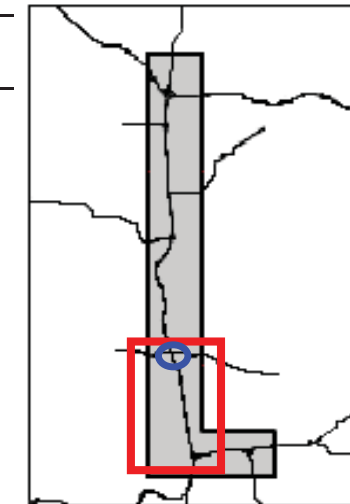


### Issues and Constraints

- 1 Short taper/merge length on exit/entrance ramps.
- 2 Structure in poor condition.



### Project Area



- 3 Local Service Road and Carpool lot access connected to entrance ramp

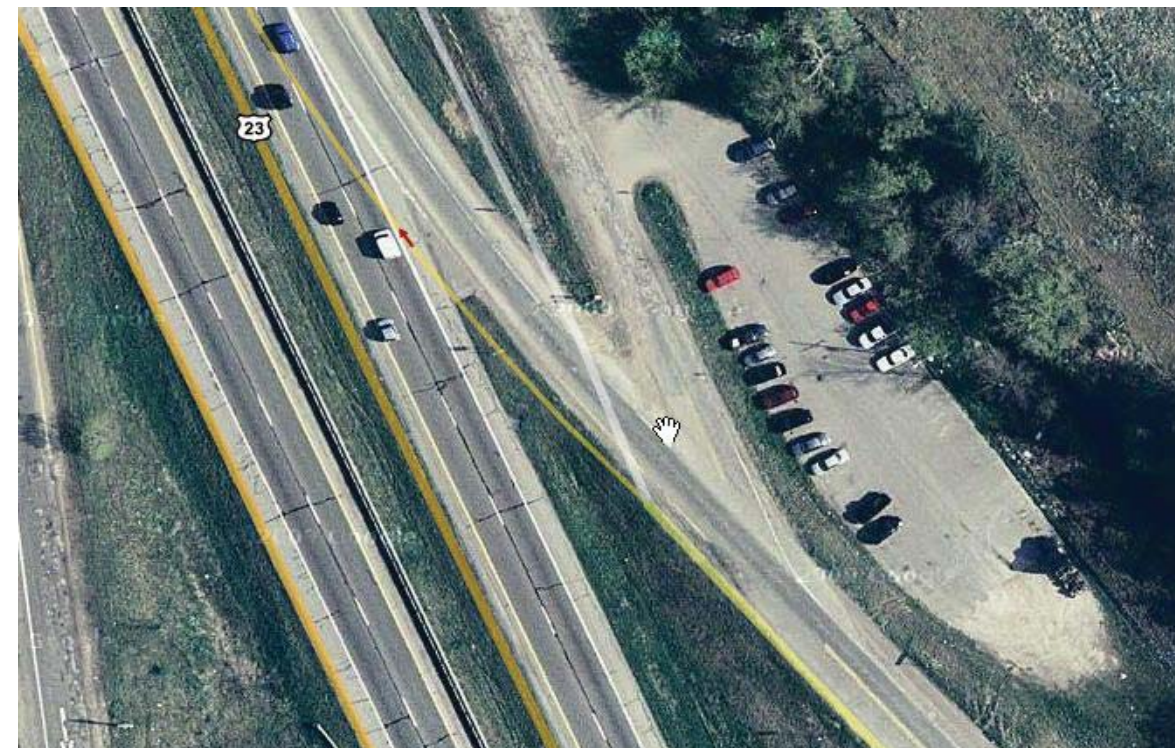




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