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**Traffic Signal Timing Project Update**

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# Traffic Signal Timing Project Update

- Summary of scope of work
- Summary of results for completed corridors
- Summary of future corridors to be retimed
- Lessons learned

# LADOTD State Projects / Task Order Based

State Project No. 700-99-0546 – Districts 61, 62 & 02

Retainer Contract for Signal Timing Studies

State Project No. 700-99-0542 – Districts 03, 04, 05, 07, 08 & 58

Retainer Contract for Signal Timing Studies

# Signal Timing Project Scope of Work

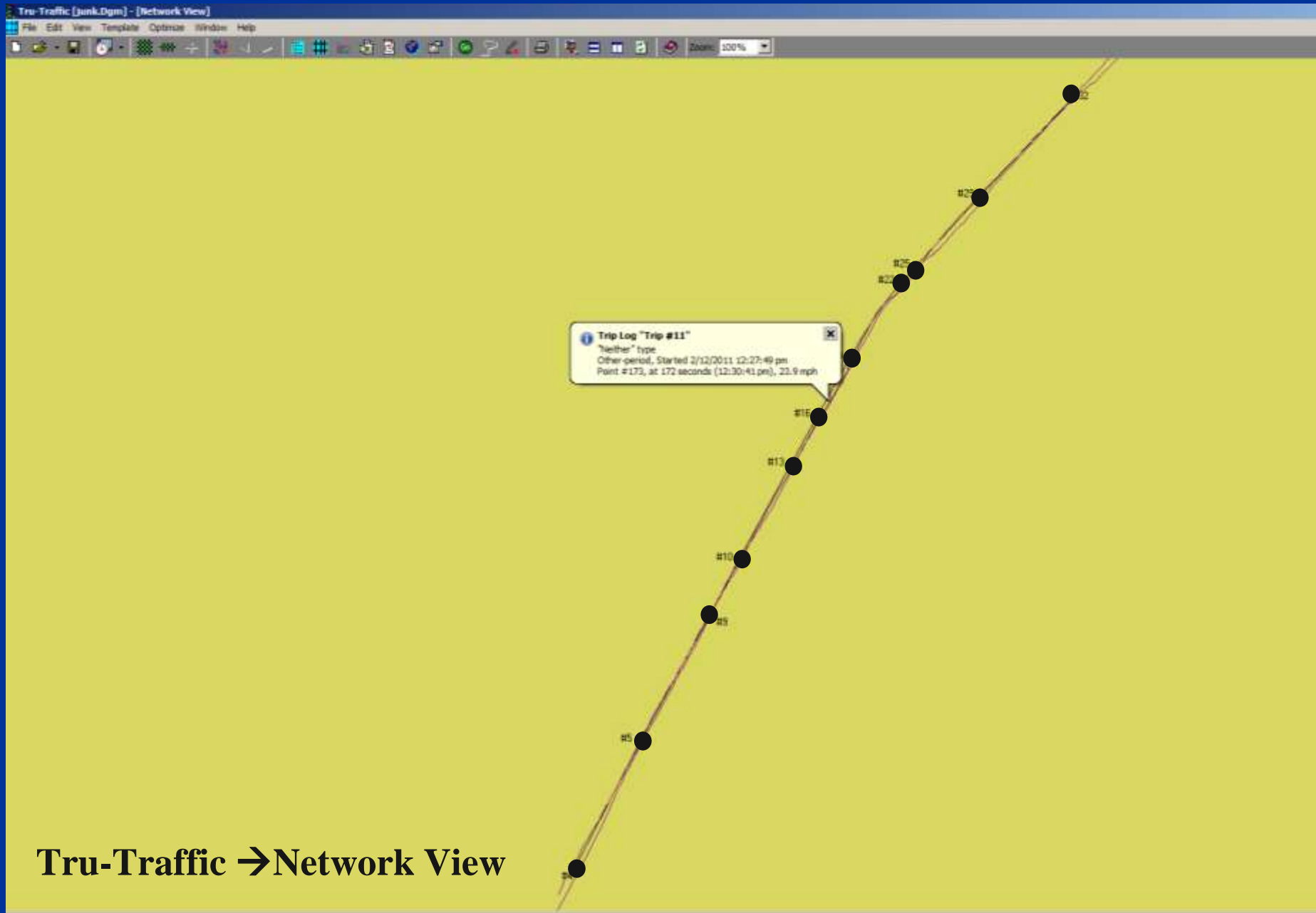
- Task 1 – Initial Data Collection Report
- Task 2 – Final Data Collection Report
- Task 3 – New Proposed TSIs
- Task 4 – Programming Controllers

# Task 1 - Initial Data Collection Report

- 7-day, 24 hour approach traffic counts, 15 min. intervals
- Intersection / Controller inventories
- Controller database uploads
- Crash summary and/or collision diagram (if required)
- Warrants analysis
- Determination of peak periods for TMCs, travel time runs and peak hour observations
- Submittal of Initial Data Collection Report

## Task 2 - Final Data Collection Report

- Perform peak hour TMCs, 15 minute intervals w/queue lengths
- Perform peak hour observations
- Perform peak hour travel time runs using GPS and TRU-TRAFFIC
- Perform clearance interval calculations
- Submittal of Final Data Collection Report



Tru-Traffic → Network View



AM PEAK 5/10/2011	TRAVEL RUN 1			TRAVEL RUN 2			TRAVEL RUN 3		
	SOUTHBOUND			SOUTHBOUND			SOUTHBOUND		
Intersection	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)
LA 1 (W. 1st St)	7:10:42 AM			7:49:00 AM			7:55:43 AM		
W. 4th St	7:10:50 AM	8	0	7:49:17 AM	16	8	7:55:52 AM	9	0
St. Mary St	7:11:02 AM	12	0	7:49:50 AM	34	16	7:56:07 AM	14	0
W. 7th St	7:11:16 AM	15	0	7:50:07 AM	17	0	7:56:41 AM	34	18
W. 10th St	7:12:09 AM	53	21	7:50:56 AM	48	10	7:57:17 AM	36	0
Total	1 Min 28 Sec	88	21	1 Min 55 Sec	115	34	1 Min 33 Sec	93	18
NORTHBOUND			NORTHBOUND			NORTHBOUND			
Intersection	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)
W. 10th St	7:14:25 AM			7:51:57 AM			8:00:00 AM		
W. 7th St	7:14:52 AM	27	0	7:52:30 AM	33	0	8:00:42 AM	42	8
St. Mary St	7:15:06 AM	14	0	7:53:22 AM	52	38	8:00:59 AM	17	0
W. 4th St	7:15:19 AM	12	0	7:53:39 AM	17	0	8:01:12 AM	13	0
LA 1 (W. 1st St)	7:16:52 AM	94	87	7:53:49 AM	10	0	8:01:56 AM	44	36
Total	2 Min 27 Sec	147	87	1 Min 52 Sec	112	38	1 Min 56 Sec	116	44

AM PEAK 5/10/2011	TRAVEL RUN 4			TRAVEL RUN 5			AVERAGE TRAVEL RUN		
	SOUTHBOUND			SOUTHBOUND			SOUTHBOUND		
Intersection	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)
LA 1 (W. 1st St)	8:04:06 AM			8:29:50 AM					
W. 4th St	8:04:13 AM	8	0	8:29:57 AM	7	0		10	2
St. Mary St	8:04:42 AM	28	13	8:30:09 AM	11	0		18	4
W. 7th St	8:04:58 AM	16	0	8:30:43 AM	34	16		24	7
W. 10th St	8:05:27 AM	29	0	8:31:15 AM	33	0		36	3
Total	1 Min 21 Sec	81	13	1 Min 25 Sec	85	16	1 Min 28 Sec	88	16
NORTHBOUND			NORTHBOUND			NORTHBOUND			
Intersection	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)	TIME	TRAVEL TIME (SEC)	STOP DELAY (SEC)
W. 10th St	8:06:06 AM			8:31:58 AM					
W. 7th St	8:06:40 AM	33	0	8:32:45 AM	47	13		35	2
St. Mary St	8:07:08 AM	28	10	8:33:06 AM	21	0		25	9
W. 4th St	8:07:36 AM	28	0	8:33:22 AM	16	0		17	0
LA 1 (W. 1st St)	8:08:11 AM	35	29	8:34:03 AM	42	33		37	29
Total	2 Min 4 Sec	124	39	2 Min 6 Sec	126	46	1 Min 54 Sec	114	40



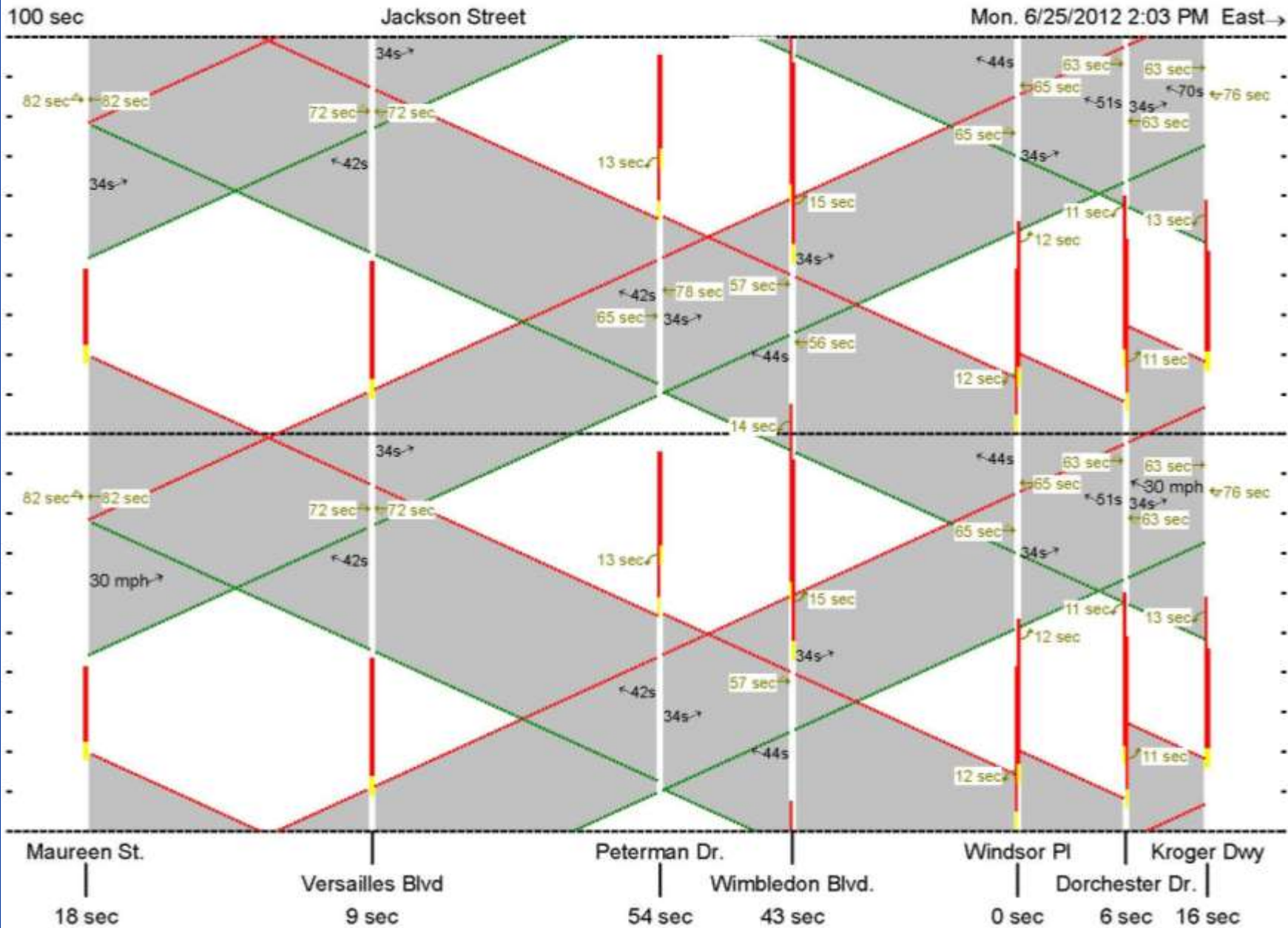


## Task 3 - New Proposed TSIs

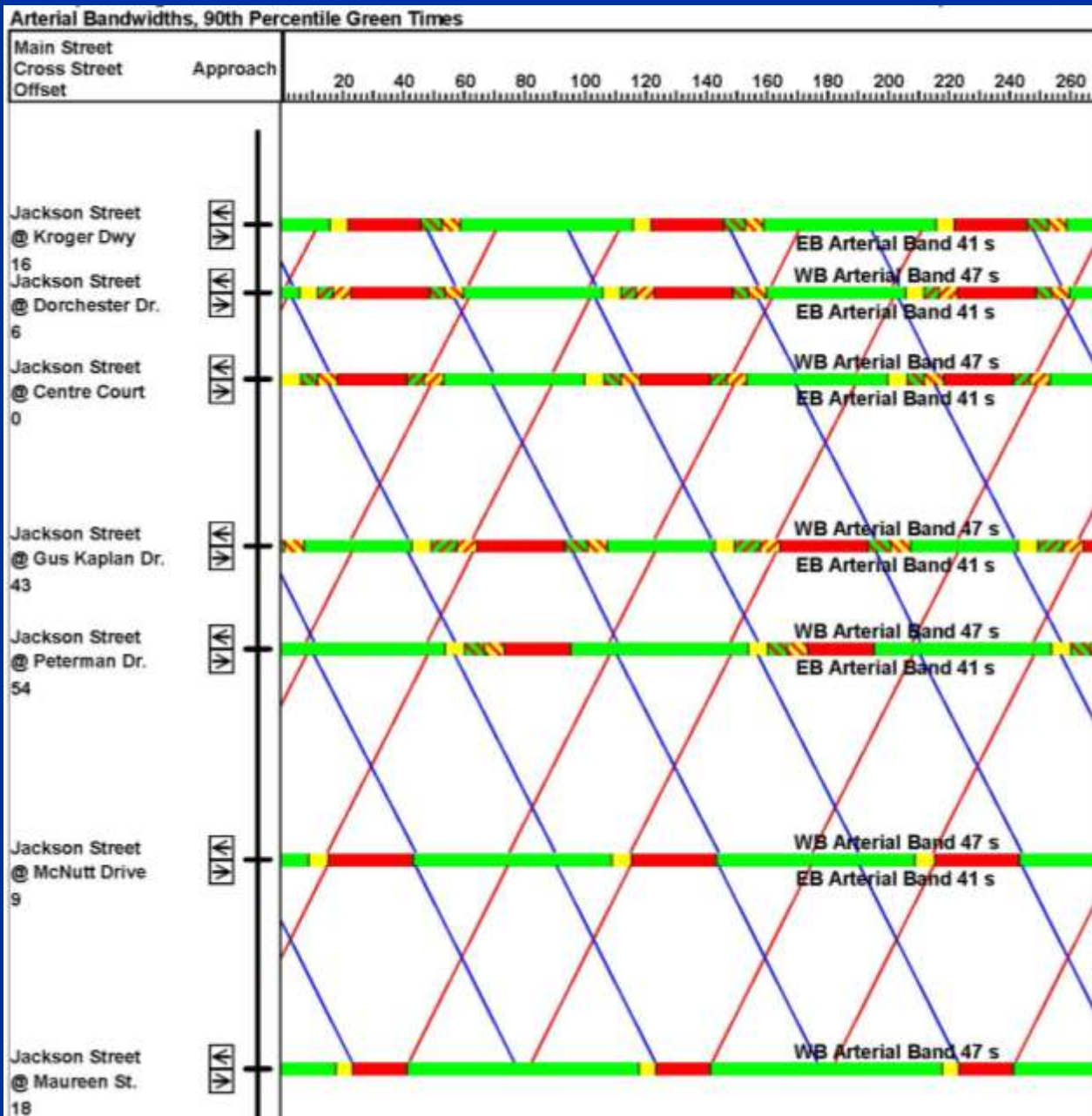
- Develop Synchro models for existing peak hour conditions (existing geometry, signal timing, and peak hour volumes).
- Calibrate existing Synchro models based on the travel time runs collected in Task 2.0.
- Develop Synchro models for recommended signal timings.
  - Coordinated Systems / Subsystems
  - Cycle Lengths
  - Signal Phasing
  - Phase Splits
  - Offsets
- Provide recommendations on striping/lane use changes, signal equipment upgrades and geometric improvements.

## Task 3 - New Proposed TSIs Cont'd.

- Submittal of Recommend Signal Timing Report
  - New TSIs with recommend signal timing plans
  - Comparison of existing and proposed LOS/Delay for all peaks.
  - Comparison of existing and proposed travel times for all peaks.
  - Comparison of existing and proposed time space diagrams.
  - Summary of all signal equipment upgrade recommendations.
  - Summary of all striping/lane use recommendations.
  - Summary of all geometric recommendations.



Tru-Traffic → Time-Space Diagram



Synchro → Time-Space Diagram

## Task 4 - Programming Controllers

- Develop Streetwise Signal Timing Databases based on approved signal timing plans.
- Recommended signal timing plans are programmed by either the NSI team or by LADOTD District personnel and downloaded to controllers.
- Monitor signal timing plans in the field to verify operations. Make timing adjustments as necessary.
- Perform post travel time runs to compare to existing travel time runs.
- Provide updated TSI forms for all intersections once all adjustments have been completed and field verified.

# Corridors Completed To Date

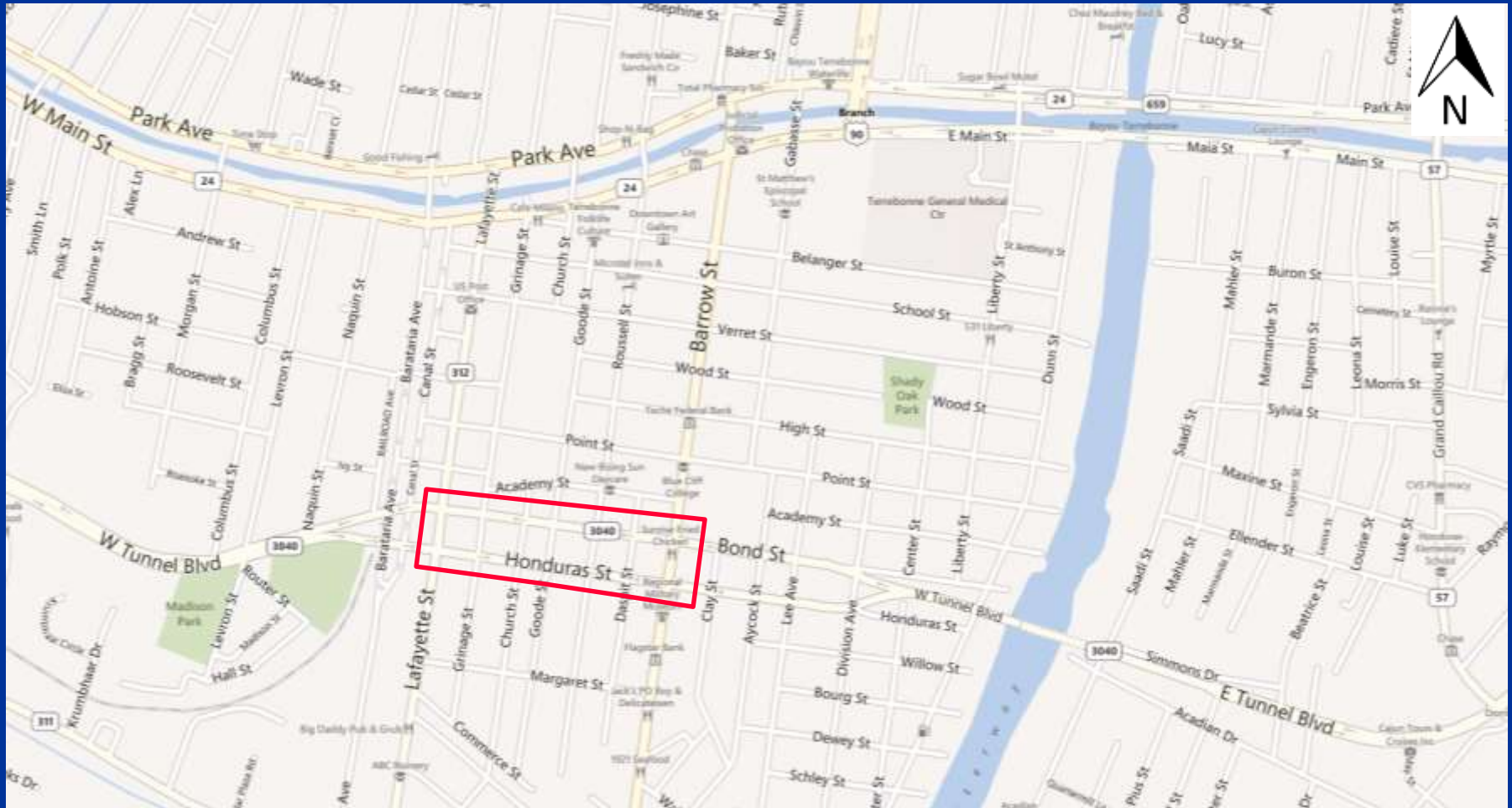
- LA 3040 (6 intersections), Houma, LA
- LA 20 (5 intersections), Thibodaux, LA
- LA 57 (13 intersections), Houma, LA
- LA 3 (11 intersections), Bossier City, LA
- LA 526 (8 intersections), Shreveport, LA
- US 61 (20 intersections), New Orleans, LA
- US 11 (17 intersections), Slidell, LA



# State Project No. 700-99-0546 – Districts 61, 62 & 02

Task Order No. H.005750

LA 3040, Houma, LA (6 intersections), (LA 182 to LA 312)



# LA 3040 - Houma, LA

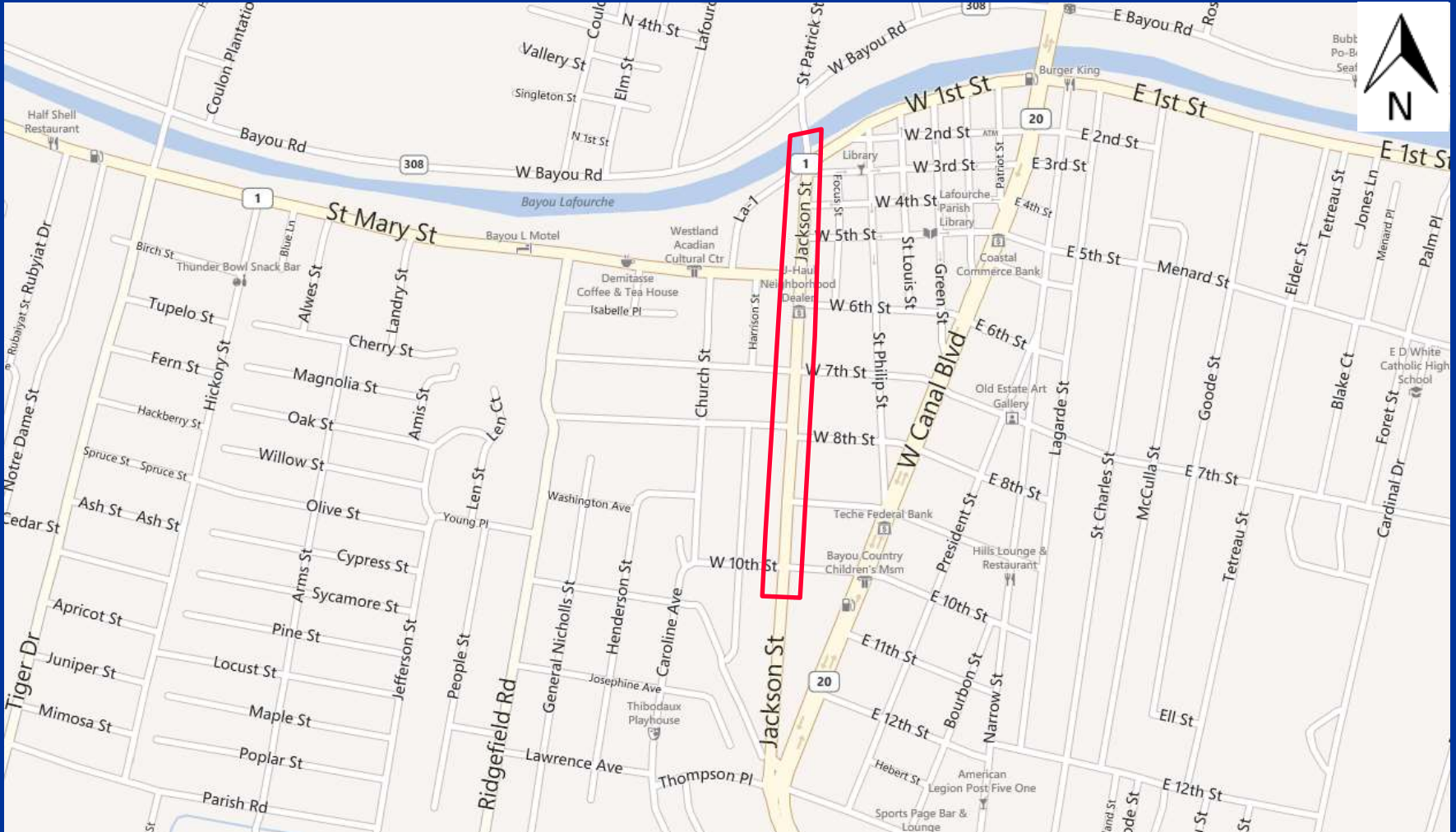
## RESULTS SUMMARY:

	BEFORE	AFTER
Timing Plans	1	1
Cycle Length (seconds)	70 (all peaks)	70 (all peaks)
Avg. Travel Time Savings	WB – 0% / EB – 16%	

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LA 20, Thibodaux, LA (5 intersections), (W. 10<sup>th</sup> St. to LA 1)



# LA 20 (Jackson Street) - Thibodaux, LA

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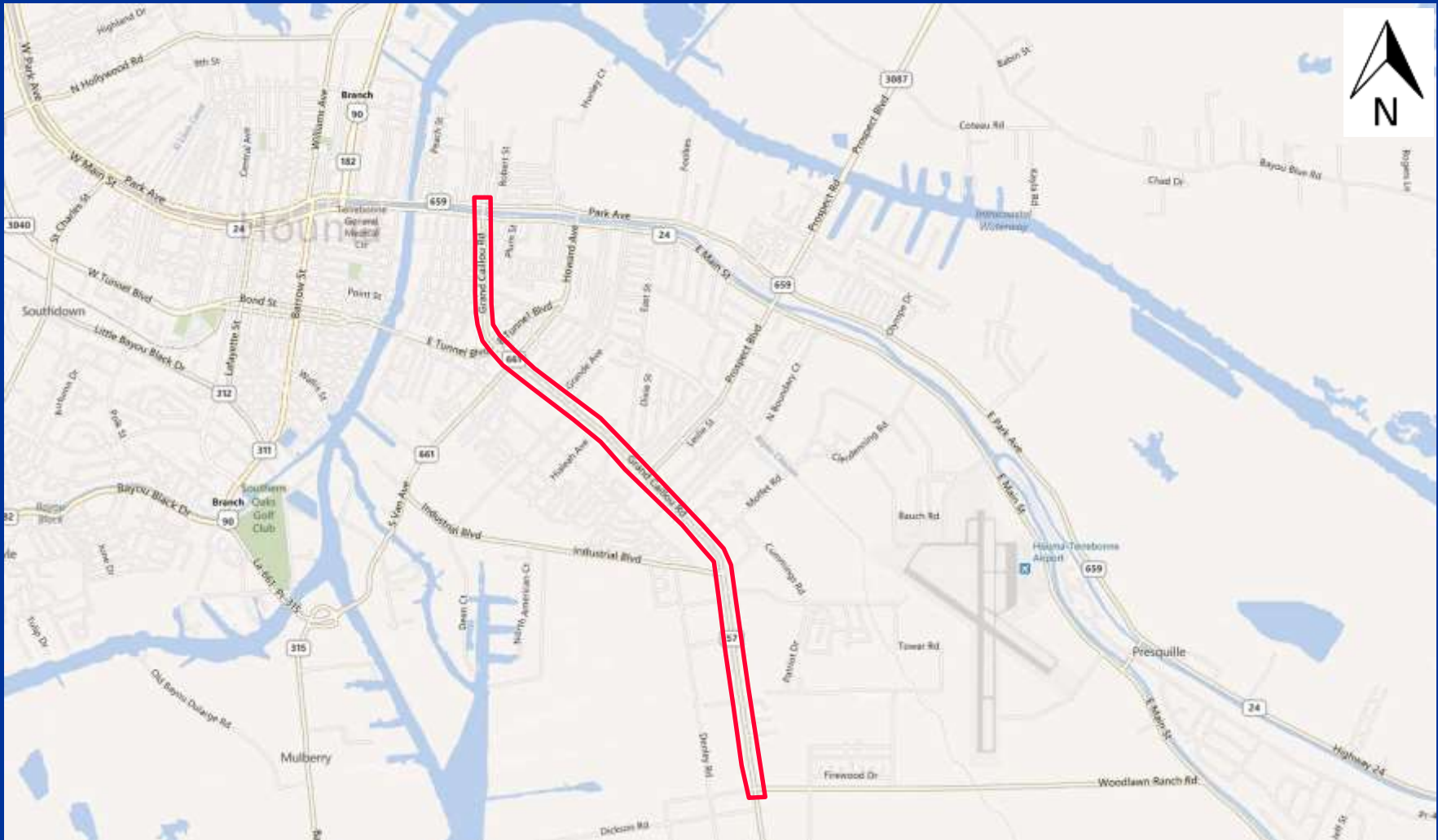
	BEFORE	AFTER
Timing Plans	1	2
Cycle Length (seconds)	70 (all peaks)	70 (AM) 90 (Noon/PM)
Avg. Travel Time Saving	NB - 28% / SB - 18%	



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## Task Order No. H.005750

LA 57, Houma, LA (13 intersections), (LA 24 to Woodlawn Ranch Rd.)



# LA 57 (Grand Caillou Road) - Houma, LA

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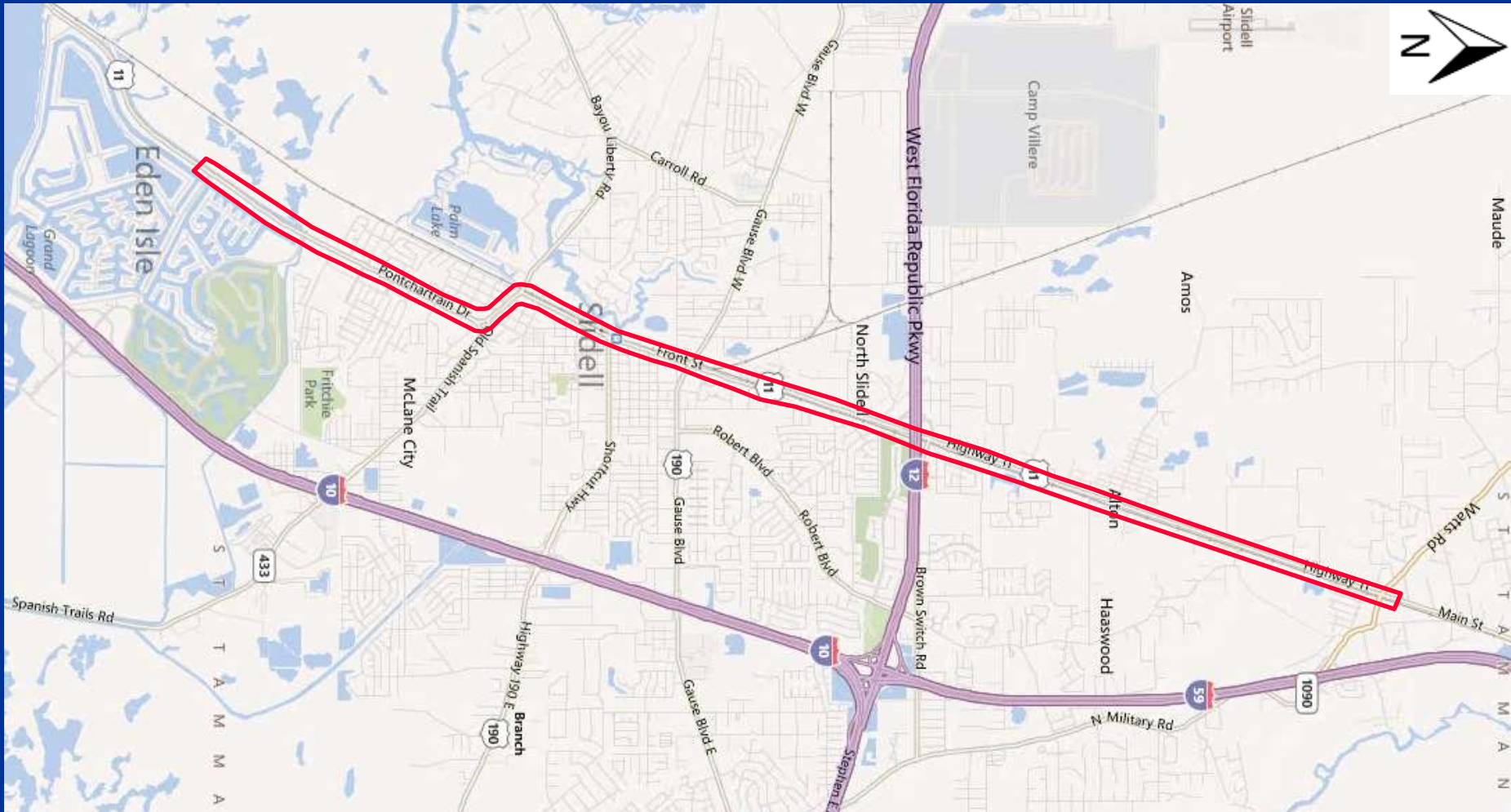
	BEFORE	AFTER
Timing Plans	1	3
Cycle Length (seconds)	Varied (60-100)	90 (AM/Noon) 100 (PM)
Avg. Travel Time Saving	NB - 34% / SB - 22%	



# State Project No. 700-99-0546 – Districts 61, 62 & 02

Task Order No. H.005757.5

US 11, Slidell, LA (17 intersections), (Eden Isles Blvd. to LA 41/LA 3081)



# US 11 – Slidell, LA

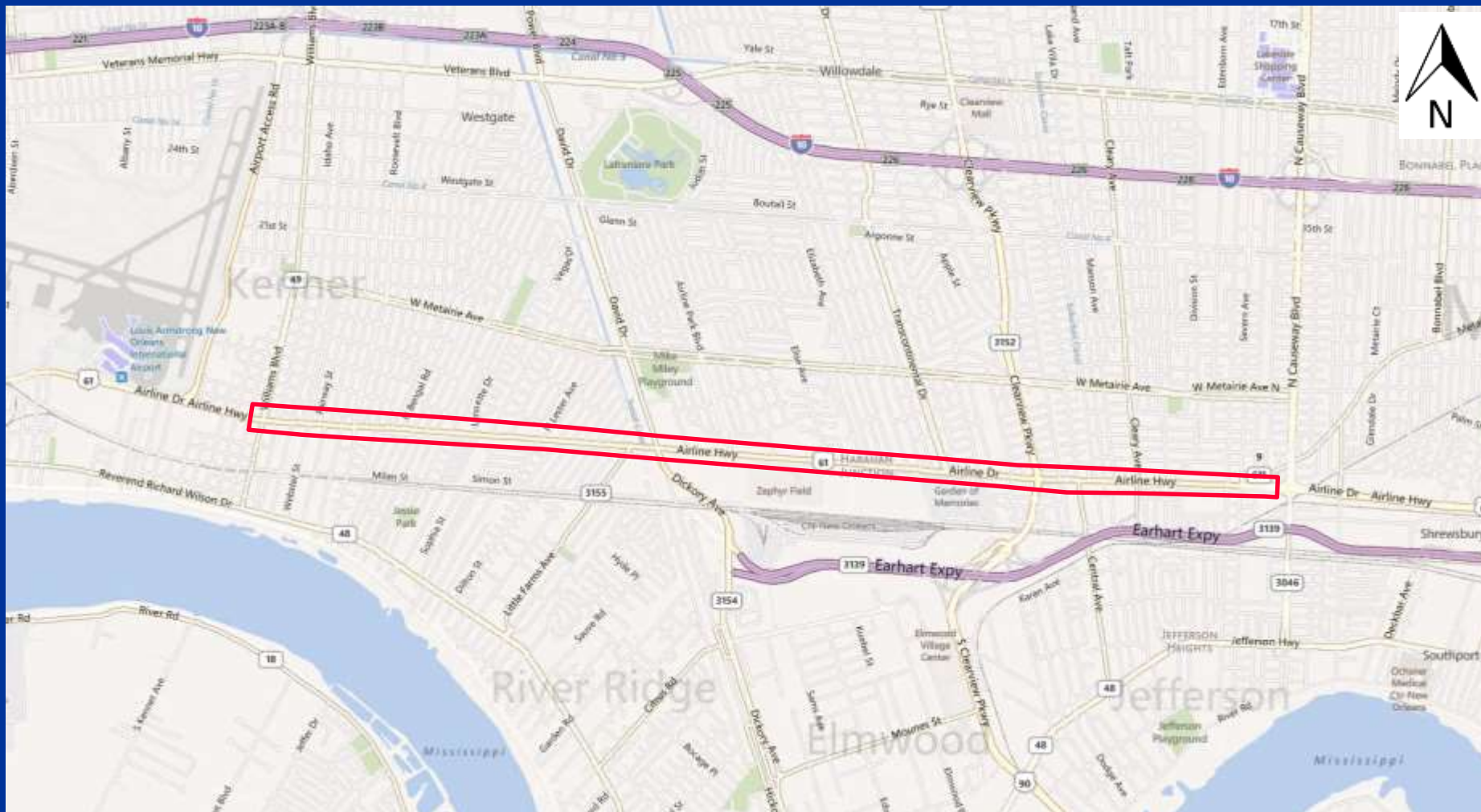
## RESULTS SUMMARY:

	BEFORE	AFTER
Timing Plans	3 Subsystems w/ 3 Plans AM/Noon/PM	3 Subsystems w/ 3 Plans AM/Noon/PM
Cycle Length (seconds)	Subsystem 1 – 100/100/140 Subsystem 2 – 90/110/110 Subsystem 3 – 80/80/80	Subsystem 1 – 120/100/120 Subsystem 2 – 90/110/110 Subsystem 3 – 80/80/100
Avg. Travel Time Saving	Subsystem 1: NB – 26% / SB – 26% Subsystem 2: NB – 27% / SB – 22% Subsystem 3: NB – 15% / SB – 20% Overall: NB – 17% / SB – 19%	

# State Project No. 700-99-0546 – Districts 61, 62 & 02

Task Order No. H.005760

US 61, New Orleans, LA (20 intersections), (Williams Blvd. to Severn Ave.)



# US 61 (Airline Drive) – New Orleans, LA

## RESULTS SUMMARY:

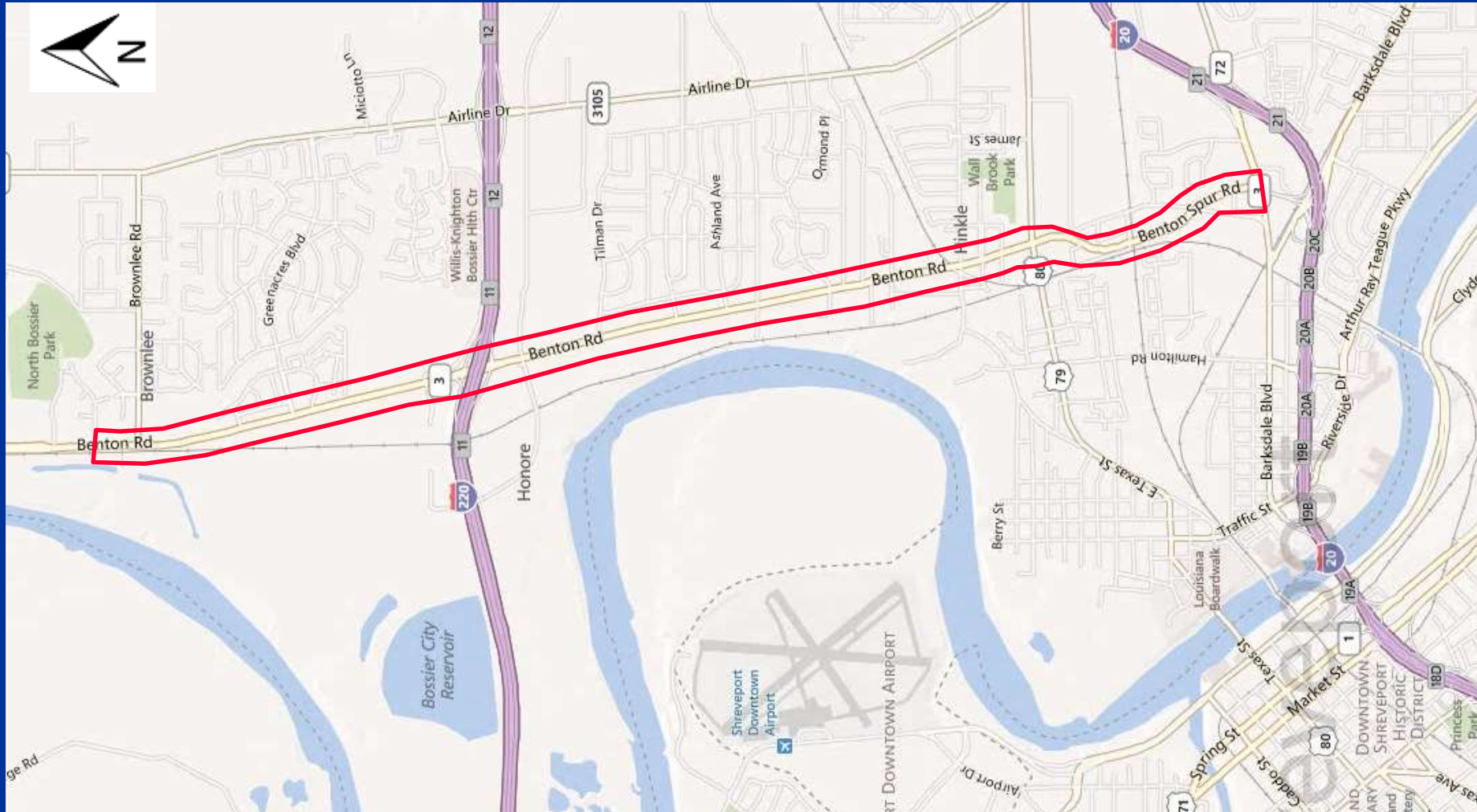
	BEFORE	AFTER
Timing Plans	3 Subsystems w/ 3 Plans AM/Noon/PM	2 Subsystems w/ 4 Plans AM/Noon/PM/Wknd
Cycle Length (seconds)	Subsystem 1 – Free Op Subsystem 2 – 80/70/90 Subsystem 3 – 120/100/120	Subsystem 1 – 140/100/130/100 Subsystem 2 – 120/100/130/130
Avg. Travel Time Saving		Subsystem 1: EB – 26% / WB – 22% Subsystem 2: EB – 38% / WB – 45%



# State Project No. 700-99-0542 – Districts 03, 04, 05, 07, 08 & 58

## Task Order No. H.005756.5

LA 3, Bossier City, LA (11 intersections), (Brownlee Rd. to Old Minden Hwy.)



# LA 3 (Benton Road) – Bossier City, LA

## RESULTS SUMMARY:

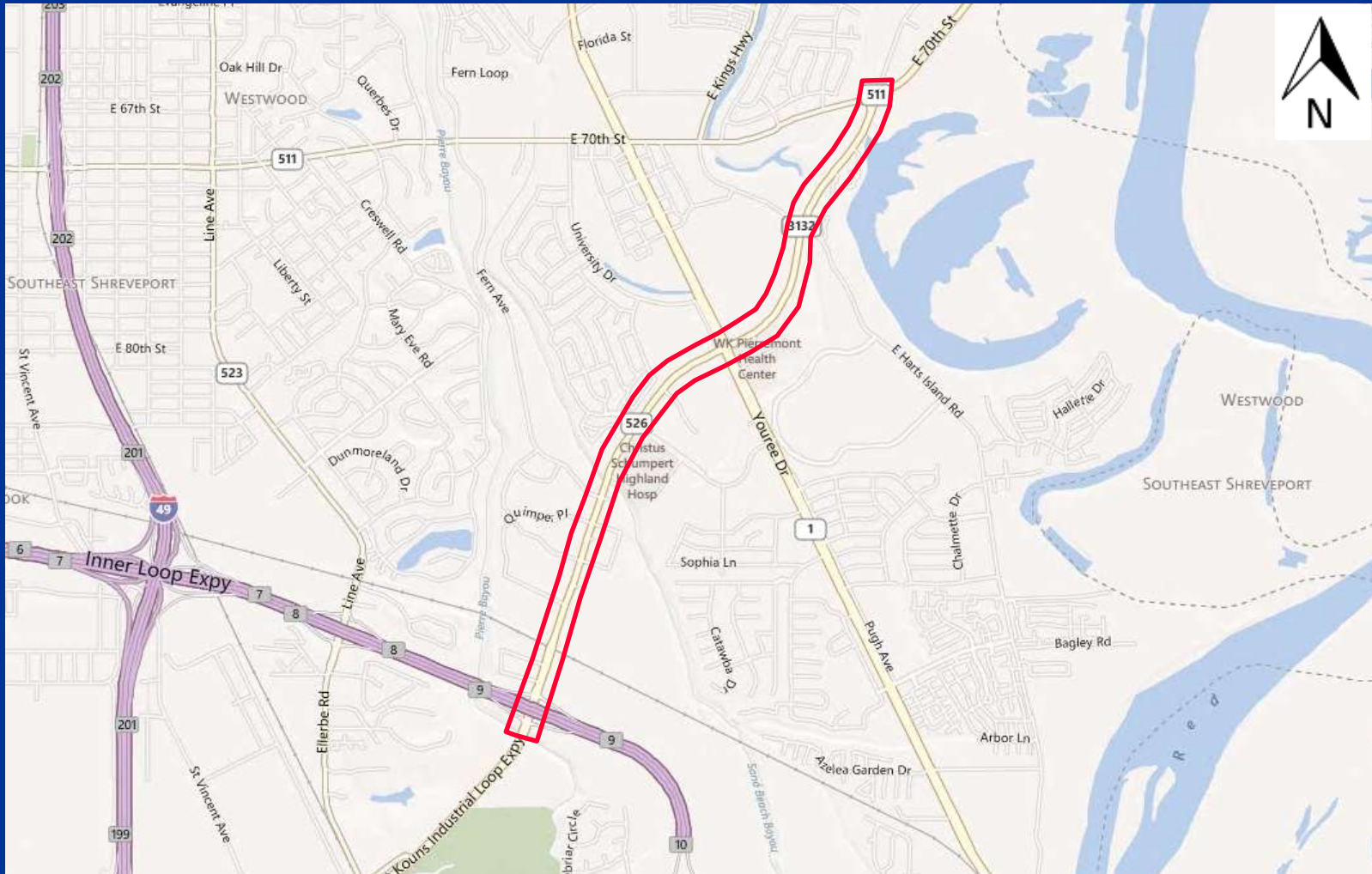
	BEFORE	AFTER
Timing Plans	2 Subsystems w/ 4 Plans AM/Noon/PM/Wknd	2 Subsystems w/ 4 Plans AM/Noon/PM/Wknd
Cycle Length (seconds)	Subsystem 1 – 120/130/130/110 Subsystem 2 – 130/100/130/100	Subsystem 1 – 140/120/150/120 Subsystem 2 – 160/100/150/90
Avg. Travel Time Saving	Subsystem 1: NB – 29% / SB – 34% Subsystem 2: NB – 5% / SB – 23% Overall: NB – 18% / SB 21%	



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## Task Order No. H.005756.5

LA 526, Shreveport, LA (8 intersections), (LA 511 to LA 3132)



# LA 526 – Shreveport, LA

## RESULTS SUMMARY:

	BEFORE	AFTER
Timing Plans	4 Plans AM/Noon/PM/Wknd	4 Plans AM/Noon/PM/Wknd
Cycle Length (seconds)	110 (All Peaks)	110 (All Peaks)
Avg. Travel Time Saving	NB – 17% / SB – 23%	

# Ongoing Traffic Signal Timing Studies

<b>Corridor / Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
LA 19 (11 intersections) - Baker, LA	Final Data Collection
LA 44 (10 intersections) - Gonzales, LA	Signal Timing Phase
US 425 (11 intersections) - Vidalia/Ferriday, LA	Final Data Collection
LA 3124/LA 60 (8 intersections) - Bogalusa, LA	Initial Data Collection
LA 10 (7 intersections) - Franklinton, LA	Initial Data Collection
LA 16 (11 intersections) - Amite, LA	Initial Data Collection
LA 3105 (19 intersections) - Bossier City, LA	Initial Data Collection

# Ongoing Traffic Signal Timing Studies Cont'd.

<b>Corridor / Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
LA 72 (9 intersections) - Bossier City, LA	Initial Data Collection
LA 1 (17 intersections) - Shreveport, LA	Initial Data Collection
US 171 (29 intersections) - Shreveport, LA	Initial Data Collection
LA 526 (17 intersections) - Shreveport, LA	Initial Data Collection

# Lessons Learned

- Recommend to have all controllers upgraded to TS2 with GPS units especially if no other interconnect is present.
- Make sure all controller's clocks are in sync.
- Have vehicle detection verified before implementing.
- Be prepared to spend field time on trouble shooting controller issues and detection issues.
- Verify Streetwise Databases before implementing timings.

QUESTIONS?