

NAU SOUTH CAMPUS TRAFFIC STUDY

Transportation & Systems Engineering



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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CLIENT: GREG MACE

LOCATION: Flagstaff, AZ

NAU South Campus

PURPOSE: Mitigate the heavy congestion of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the 20-25 minute intervals between classes.



Figure 1: NAU Campus

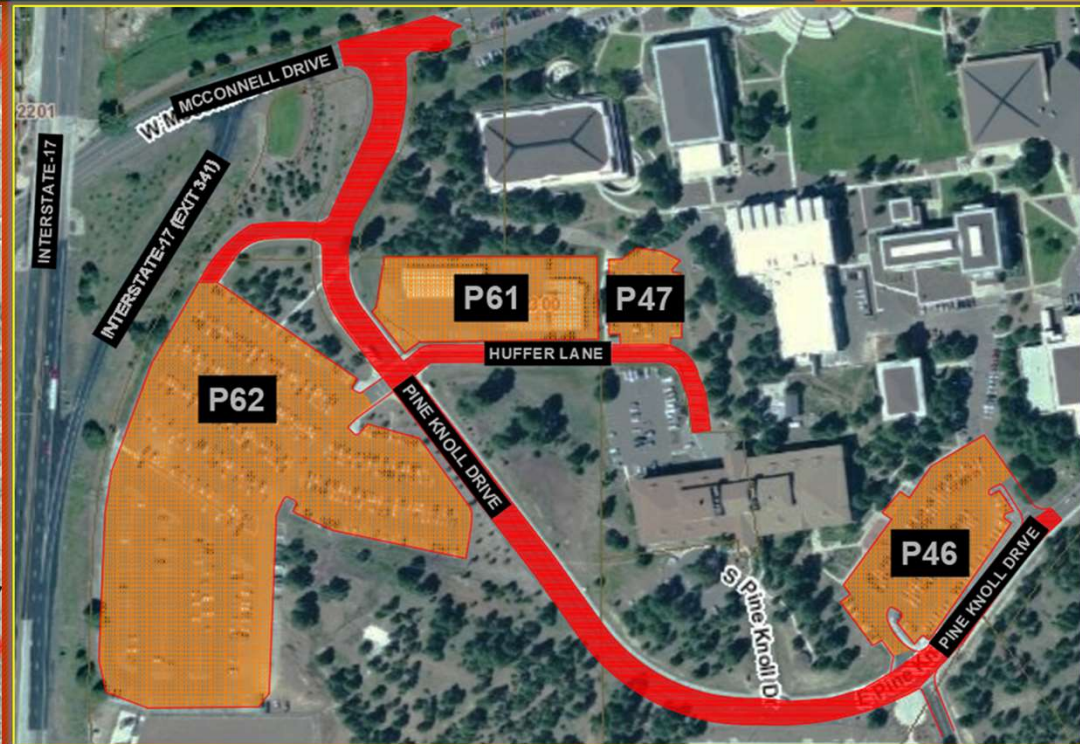


Figure 2: NAU South Campus

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EXISTING CONDITIONS

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➤ CRASH DATA

- Provided by the NAU Police Department
- Mostly Property Damage Only Crashes

➤ PEAK HOUR FACTOR

- Results are indicative of a very sharp peak for an urban environment ~ consistent with what was expected for a smaller town

Table 1: Crash Data

Crash Data for the Two Intersections			
Year	Pine Knoll/McConnell	Pine Knoll/Huffer	Comprehensive Crash Costs
2014	4	2	\$ 81,900.00
2015	6	4	\$ 149,000.00
2016	4	2	\$ 119,400.00

Table 2: Peak Hour Volume

Peak Hour Volume			
Intersection	Peak Hour	Volume(veh/hr)	Peak Hour Factor
Pine Knoll/McConnell	11:00-12:00	1029	0.86
Pine Knoll/Huffer Lane	3:15-4:15	731	0.78

LEVEL OF SERVICES (LOS) : INPUT & RESULTS

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Table 5: (HCS) Intersection of Pine Knoll Dr and McConnell

Highway Capacity Software Summary of Results									
	Eastbound			Westbound			Northbound		
	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right
Number of Lanes	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Configuration		T	R		TR		L		R
Volume (veh/hr)		154	212	84	162		322		95
Percent Heavy Vehicles	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Approach Delay (s/veh)	19.75			15.58			28.77		
Approach LOS	C			C			D		

Table 6: (HCS) Intersection of Pine Knoll Dr and S Huffer Lane

Highway Capacity Software Summary of Results												
	Eastbound			Westbound			Northbound			Southbound		
	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right
Number of Lanes	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Configuration		LTR		LT		R		LTR			LTR	
Volume (veh/hr)	25	7	62	134	2	20	62	166	12	18	206	17
Percent Heavy Vehicles	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Approach Delay (s/veh)	10.74			11.42			10.19			9.36		
Approach LOS	B			B			B			A		

VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION STUDY

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Federal Highway Administration:

- Traffic Monitoring Guide

Class Type:

- Class 4

Design Vehicle:

- S-BUS-36
- Conventional School Bus
- Maximum Turning Path: 39.5 Feet
- Steering Angle: 37.2 Degrees

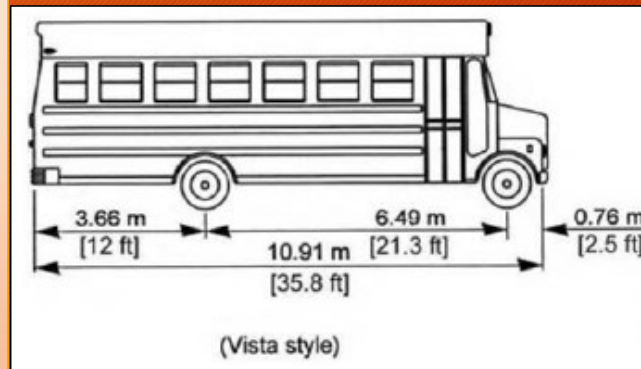


Figure 3: Design vehicle 65 passenger bus [2].

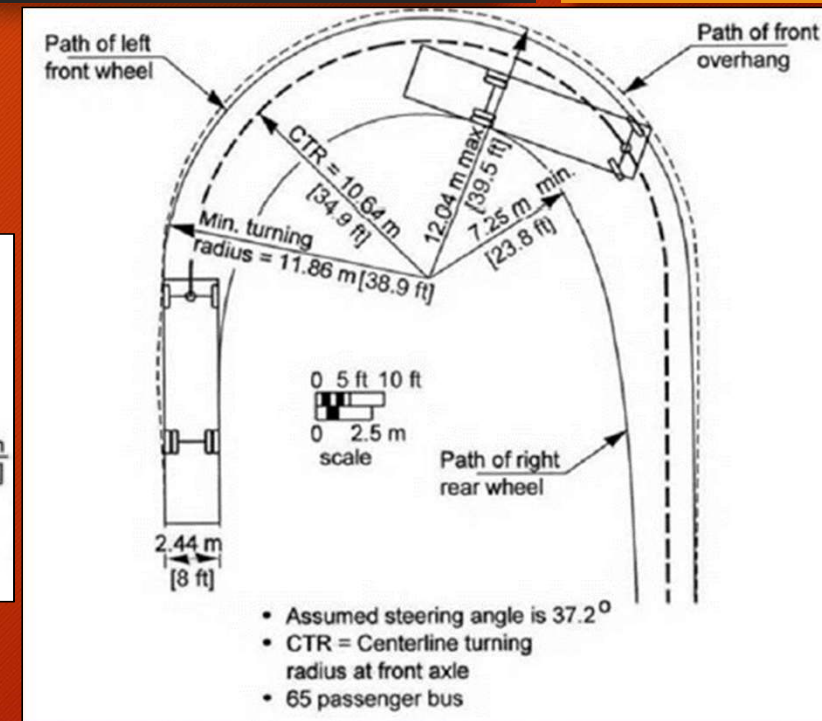


Figure 4: Vehicle Turn Radius

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POTENTIAL DESIGNS

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Roundabout

- Reduces the vehicular delay at the intersection
- Increase pedestrian safety
- The total cost estimated to be \$375,000

Pedestrian Bridge

- Reduces vehicular delay at both intersections in the area of Interest
- Eliminates The Variability Of Pedestrian Behavior Through The Intersection
- The Total Cost Estimated to be \$985,000

Lane Addition

- Will decrease the average vehicular delay (not accounting for delay caused by pedestrians)
- Does not mitigate pedestrian traffic
- The Total Cost Estimated to be \$1,112,000

ANALYSIS OF CRASH DATA

Table 7: Crash Modification Factor (CMF)

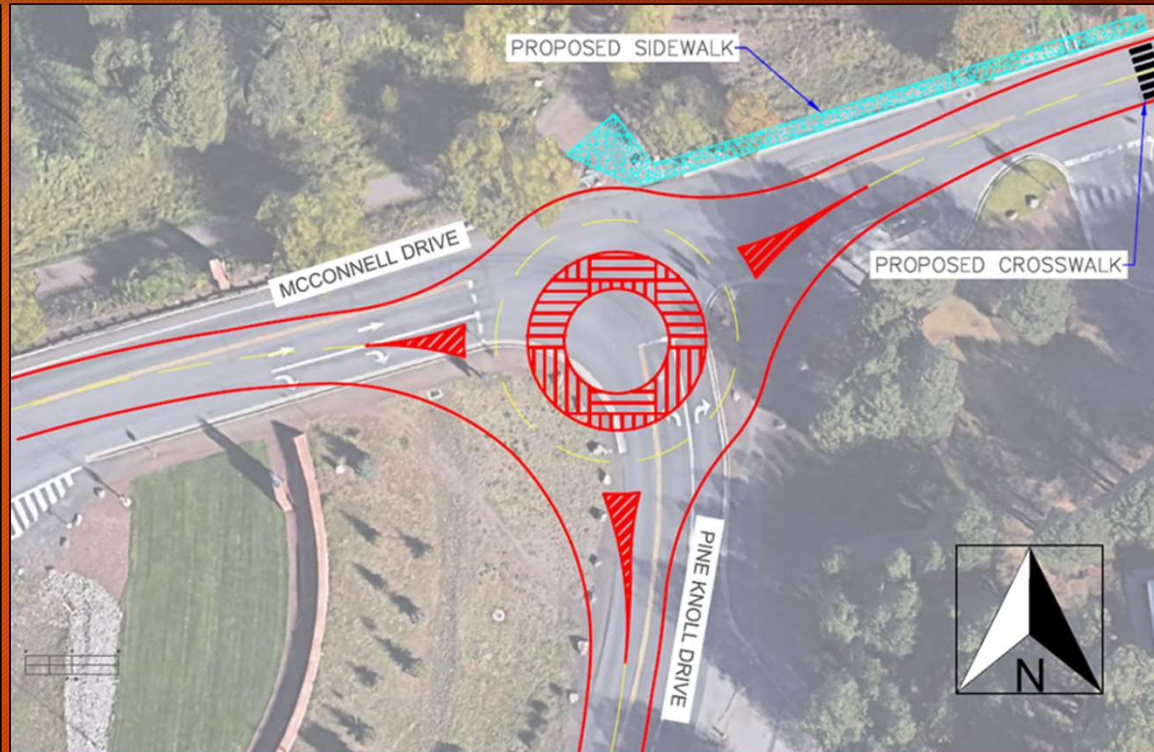
CMF Analysis						
Countermeasure	Number of Crashes	CMF	Future Crashes	Crash Costs	Savings	Cost/Benefit
Lane Addition						
2014	6	0.74	4	\$ 29,600.00	\$ 52,300.00	\$ 556,000.00
2015	10	0.74	7	\$ 89,300.00	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 370,666.67
2016	6	0.74	4	\$ 29,600.00	\$ 89,800.00	\$ 556,000.00
Roundabout						
2014	6	0.38	2	\$ 14,800.00	\$ 67,100.00	\$ 62,500.00
2015	10	0.38	4	\$ 14,800.00	\$134,200.00	\$ 41,666.67
2016	6	0.38	2	\$ 14,800.00	\$104,600.00	\$ 62,500.00
Pedestrian Bridge						
2014	6	0.50	3	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 366,666.67
2015	10	0.50	5	\$ 74,500.00	\$ 74,500.00	\$ 220,000.00
2016	6	0.50	3	\$ 22,200.00	\$ 97,200.00	\$ 366,666.67

ROUNDAABOUT DESIGN ALTERNATIVE

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Single Lane Roundabout

- East Approach:
 - Entry width: 19ft
 - Approach Half width: 11 ft
 - Inscribed diameter: 20ft
 - Entry Angle: 33
- West Approach:
 - Entry width: 20ft
 - Approach Half width: 11 ft
 - Inscribed diameter: 26ft
 - Entry Angle: 34
- Pine Knoll:
 - Entry width: 19ft
 - Approach Half width: 11 ft
 - Inscribed diameter: 19ft
 - Entry Angle: 33.6



- Design Vehicle: Class 4 (Bus)
- Inscribed Circle Diameter: 110ft
- Circle Inner Speed: 25mph
- Raised Splitter Lanes
- Level Apron
- No pedestrian crossing on the North or West

Figure 5: Proposed Roundabout Design

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LEVEL OF SERVICES (LOS): OUTPUT RESULTS

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Table 8: Roundabout Delay Under Existing Conditions

Roundabout Design HCS Delay and LOS												
	Eastbound			Westbound			Northbound			Southbound		
	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right
Approach Delay (s/veh)	5.64			7.13			6.9					
Approach LOS	A			A			A					

Table 9: 25 Year Roundabout Design Values

25 Year Design HCS Delay and LOS												
	Eastbound			Westbound			Northbound			Southbound		
	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right	Left	Thru	Right
Approach Delay (s/veh)	7.82			11.61			9.2					
Approach LOS	A			B			A					

BENEFITS OF A ROUNDAABOUT DESIGN

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- Roundabouts reduce the amount of conflict points between vehicle and other users of the intersection by 75%
- Significantly reduce the amount of delay experienced at an intersection per vehicle.
- Reduction in delay causes a time travel savings value(VTTS) of \$24.50 per hour.

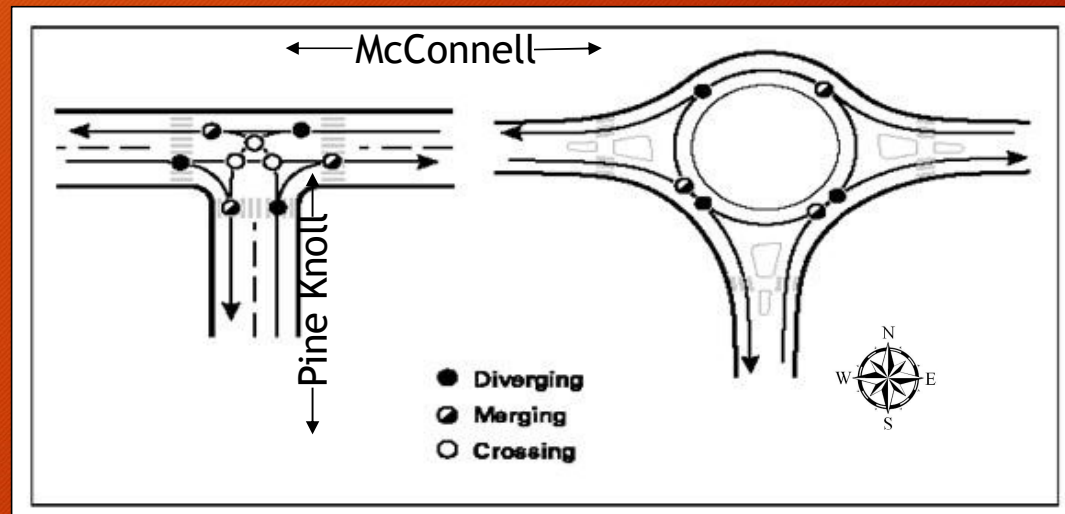


Figure 6: Conflict Points[9]

ROUNDAABOUT COSTS

- The table on the right is an approximation of the construction costs (only) of the roundabout.
- Labor costs would likely add a significant amount to the total construction cost. This is the need for the \$250,000 cost estimation.

Table 10: Itemized Roundabout Costs

Item	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Total
Landscape Removal	Acre	\$ 2,500.00	0.5	\$ 1,250.00
Removal of Concrete Curb and Gutter	ft	\$ 15.00	75	\$ 1,125.00
Sign Removal	each	\$ 200.00	4	\$ 800.00
Roadway Excavation	yd^3	\$ 20.00	400	\$ 8,000.00
Aggregate Base, Class 2	yd^3	\$ 105.00	400	\$ 42,000.00
Asphalt Concrete	ton	\$ 40.00	20	\$ 800.00
Asphalt Rubber	ton	\$ 650.00	6	\$ 3,900.00
Mineral Admixture	ton	\$ 90.00	1	\$ 90.00
Slip Base	each	\$ 250.00	8	\$ 2,000.00
Sign Post	ft	\$ 17.00	10	\$ 170.00
Warning Marker	ft^2	\$ 35.00	3	\$ 105.00
Pavement Markings(White)	ft	\$ 2.00	1848	\$ 3,696.00
Pavement Markings(Yellow)	ft	\$ 2.00	1848	\$ 3,696.00
Paint Bull Nose	each	\$ 175.00	4	\$ 700.00
Concrete Curb(C-05.10)(Type G)	ft	\$ 23.00	350	\$ 8,050.00
Concrete Curb(C-05.10)(Type G)	ft	\$ 27.00	1500	\$ 40,500.00
Concrete Sidewalk Ramp(C-05.30 Type	each	\$ 2,200.00	4	\$ 8,800.00
Concrete Sidewalk(C-05.20)	ft^2	\$ 12.00	800	\$ 9,600.00
				\$ 135,282.00

IMPACTS

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ECONOMICAL

- Least expensive design concept
- Maintenance is typically limited to landscaping
- VTTS is directly beneficial to the user of the intersection.

ENVIRONMENTAL

- Decreased delay results in decreased fuel consumption and increased VTTS for the user of the intersection
- Calming effects on traffic
 - Reduction in noise pollution

SOCIAL

- Initially, users of roundabouts do not like them, but repeat users are more likely to favor them.
- Public Education
- The rules for roundabouts are typically the opposite of standard traffic behavior

P E D E S T R I A N B R I D G E

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Design Criteria:

AASHTO Proposed Guide Specifications for the Design of FRP Pedestrian Bridges

Design Load:

- 85 psf (Pedestrian Live Load)
- 10,000 lbs (Standard H-5 Truck)

Deflection:

- Not Exceed $L/500$ (Service Pedestrian Live Load)

Clearance:

- 14 feet above Existing Roadway

Regulations:

- ADA Standards (Access Ramp)
- Grade (5% - 8.3%)

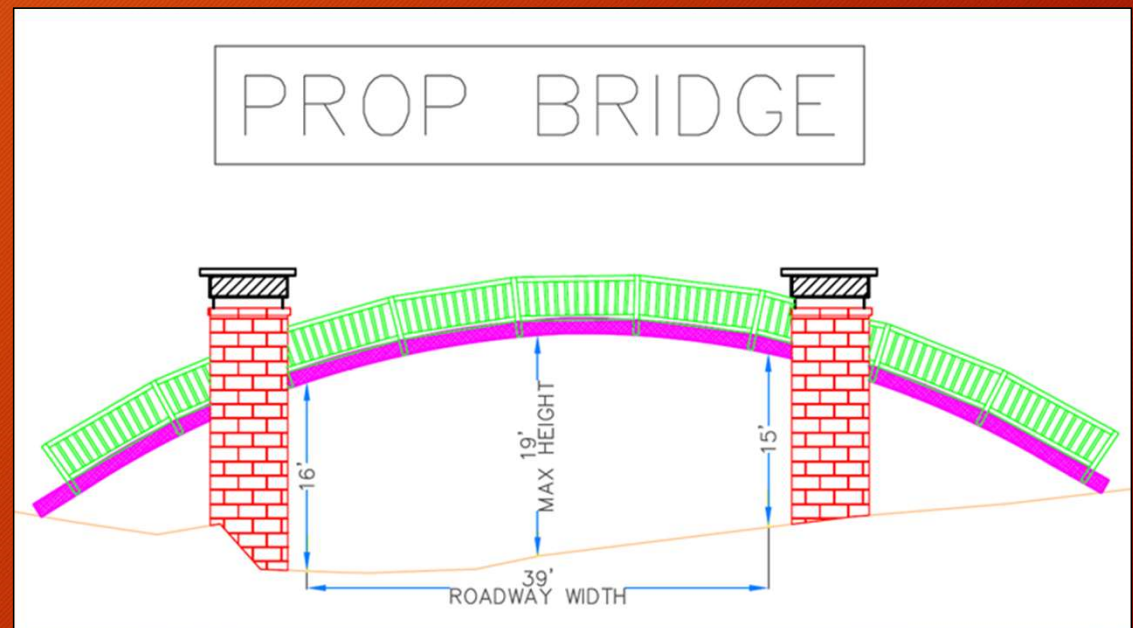


Figure 7. Pedestrian bridge proposal.

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C O S T O F I M P L E M E N T A T I O N

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Design: Pedestrian Bridge
Build Year: 2022
Capital Cost: \$985,524

Factors:

- Construction Costs
- Procurement & Installation of Equipment
- Design
- Project Administration Costs

Table 11: Total Costs for Pedestrian Bridge.

Pedestrian Bridge: Facility Costs	
Construction Cost:	\$476,865
Equipment Cost:	\$ 920
Operations & Maintenance (Annually):	\$ 583
Project Contingency	
Administration (Construction) 6%	\$ 28,667
Planning (Construction) 2%	\$ 9,556
Design/Engineering 10%	\$ 47,778
Field Inspection 2%	\$ 9,556
Total Build Year Capital Cost: \$985,524	

ACCOMODATIONS

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Pedestrian Bridge and Parking Lots (P61 and P47 Redesign)

Design Criteria:

- City of Flagstaff Division 10-50.80 Parking Standards
- One-Way Drive Aisle
- Parking Stalls Angle: 45 Degrees

Figure 8: Proposed bridge at Pine Knoll Drive & Huffer Lane intersection.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

- Annual Operations and Maintenance is \$593
- In a 2009 study, relationship between walking & real estate value, increase value of \$700-\$3,000 for every one-point increase in Walk Score (PedBikeInfo)
- The 2012 Benchmarking Report on Bicycling and Walking in the U.S. found that bicycling and walking projects create 11-14 jobs per \$1 million spent, compared to just 7 jobs created per \$1 million spent on highway projects.

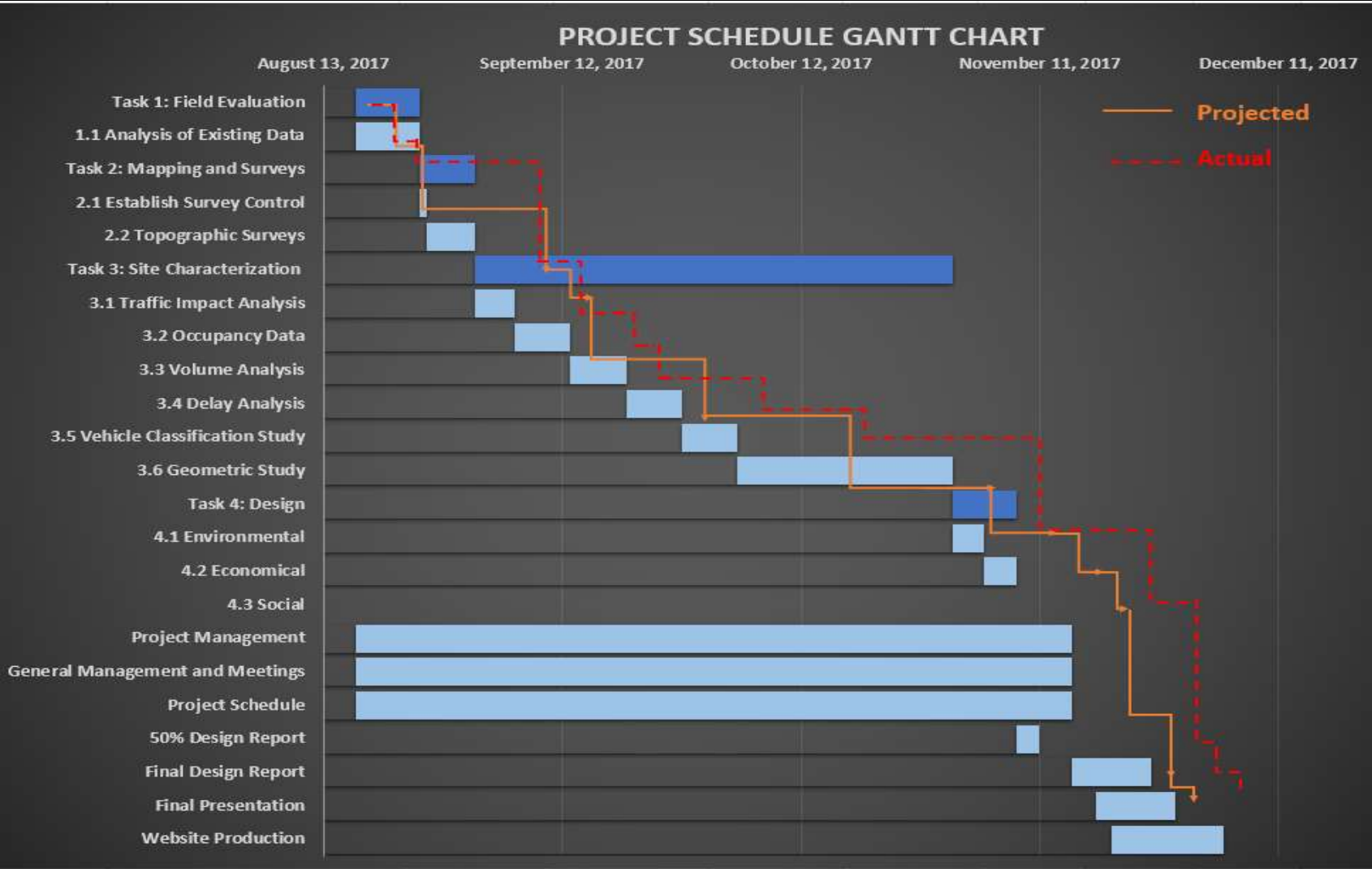
ENVIRONMENTAL/SAFETY

- Annual Decrease in Auto-Use (Urban) area is \$23
- Respects NAU's environmental issues of topographic characteristics and preserving the vegetation.

SOCIAL/FEASIBLE

- Provides Mobility
- Alleviates the traffic congestion for both pedestrian and vehicular conflicts.
- Provides access for bicyclists

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PROJECTED HOURS

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Table 12. Projected Total Hours vs Actual Hours.

Projected Hours						
Task	Senior Engineer	Project Engineer	Engineer in Training	Intern	Total Hours	Actual Hours
Task 1: Field Evaluation						
1.1 Analysis of Existing Data	10	20	35	35	100	70
Task 2: Mapping and Surveys						
2.1 Establish Survey Control	2	8	8	8		
2.2 Topographic Surveys	2	8	32	32	100	25
Task 3: Site Characterization						
3.1 Traffic Impact Analysis	Total Sum:	28	66	131		
3.1.1 Occupancy Data	3	8	25	35		
3.1.2 Volume Analysis	3	8	16	35		
3.1.3 Delay Analysis	2	8	15	35		
3.1.4 Vehicle Classification Study	1	4	10	26	234	207
Task 4: Design						
4.1 Geometric Study	3	5	20	20		
4.2 Environmental	2	8	15	16		
4.3 Social	2	6	15	16		
4.4 Economical	2	8	20	8	166	171
				Total	600	473

ENGINEERING SERVICES

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Table 13. Project Personnel Position & Qualifications.

Positions	Qualifications
Senior Engineer	Transportation Specialty
Project Engineer	Traffic & Systems Specialty
Engineer In Training (E.I.T)	Traffic Systems Specialty
Intern	Traffic Data Collector Specialty

Table 14. Engineering Services for Project Personnel.

Personnel	Classification	Hours	Base Pay Rate (\$/Hour)	Benefits of Base Pay Rate (%)	Actual Pay (\$/Hour)	Billing Rate (\$/Hour)	Cost
	Senior Engineer	34	\$ 120.00	50%	\$ 185.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 7,480.00
	Project Engineer	79	\$ 100.00	20.00%	\$ 133.00	\$ 160.00	\$12,640.00
	Engineer In Training (E.I.T)	172	\$ 50.00	25.00%	\$ 95.00	\$ 140.00	\$24,080.00
	Intern	188	\$ 25.00	30.00%	\$ 83.00	\$ 110.00	\$20,680.00
Total:							\$64,880.00

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