

MEMORANDUM

To: Lynnise Hawes, PE – NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit

From: Tommy Pate, PE – Mott MacDonald

Date: October 26, 2021

Re: Traffic Forecast for H090760 (WBS: 34263.1.1)

Harnett and Lee Counties US 421 Improvements

This forecast was approved by the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division on October 26, 2021.

Please find attached the 2020/2045 traffic forecast for H090760 in Harnett and Lee Counties. This forecast was requested by Lynnise Hawes with the NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit.

The proposed project will improve US 421 in Lee and Durham Counties by providing modernization and widening to 4-lanes between Lillington and Sanford. This project is located within the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO) and the Mid-Carolina RPO.

This is the first forecast for this project. The following individuals were contacted during the development of this forecast:

- Behshad Norowzi, CPM NCDOT TPD
- Scott Walston, PE, CPM NCDOT TPD
- Hemal Shah NCDOT TPD
- Mike Rutan Mid-Carolina RPO
- Phil Geary, PE NCDOT TPD
- Julie Bogle, PE NCDOT TPD
- Chris Lukasina Capital Area MPO
- Matt Day, AICP Triangle Area RPO
- Lynnise Hawes, PE NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit
- Jay Sikes Harnett County Planning Services
- Marshall Downey, AICP Sanford Planning & Development
- Joshua Perry Lillington Planning
- Darius Sturdivant NCDOT Division 6
- Bryan Kluchar, PE NCDOT Division 8

The following scenarios are provided as part of this forecast.

Table 1: Scenarios

Scenario	Alternative [Model Run]	Description
2020 Base Year No-Build	1A [1]	No-Build/Modernization
2020 Base Year Build	1B [2]	Modernization with US 401 Bypass
2020 Base Year Build	2A [3]	4-lane Widening
2020 Base Year Build	2B [4]	4-lane Widening with US 401 Bypass
2045 Future Year No-Build	1A [5]	No-Build/Modernization
2045 Future Year Build	1B [6]	Modernization with US 401 Bypass
2045 Future Year Build	2A [7]	4-lane Widening
2045 Future Year Build	2B [8]	4-lane Widening with US 401 Bypass

Modernization improvements to US 421 are not assumed to substantially increase the capacity of, or traffic volumes along, US 421. Therefore, the No-Build Traffic Forecast scenarios are suitable for use in analyzing modernization alternatives.

Certain assumptions were made in the development of the forecast:

FISCAL CONSTRAINT

NCDOT's latest STIP document was reviewed for project in the area that might affect the future traffic volume and travel patterns. There are no projects along the study area roadways; however, some were found just outside of the study area. These are not anticipated to have any effect on the future traffic volume or travel patterns.

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

Based on a site visit and input from stakeholders, there are no developments or projects within the study area that would be anticipated to significantly impact the forecast.

METHODOLOGY

The 2020 Base Year No-Build forecast was developed based on the traffic data collected for this forecast, historic traffic counts, and trends. The 2045 Future Year Build forecast was prepared by applying growth rates developed from trend data, information from the travel demand model, and an assessment of development potential. The North Carolina Statewide Transportation Model (NCSTM Gen 3, 2019) and the Lee County Travel Demand Model (2019) were used as tools in the development of the traffic forecasts.

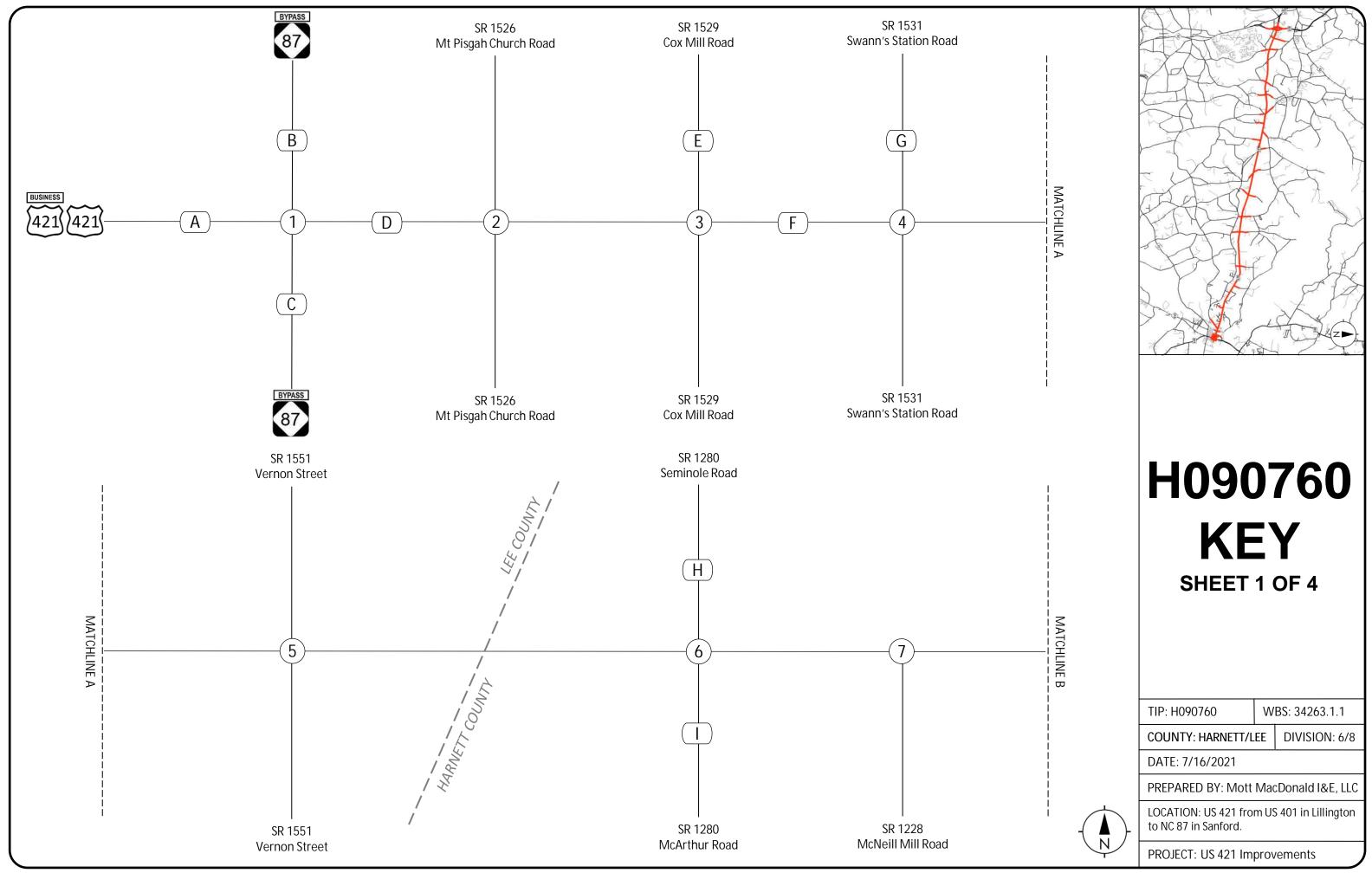
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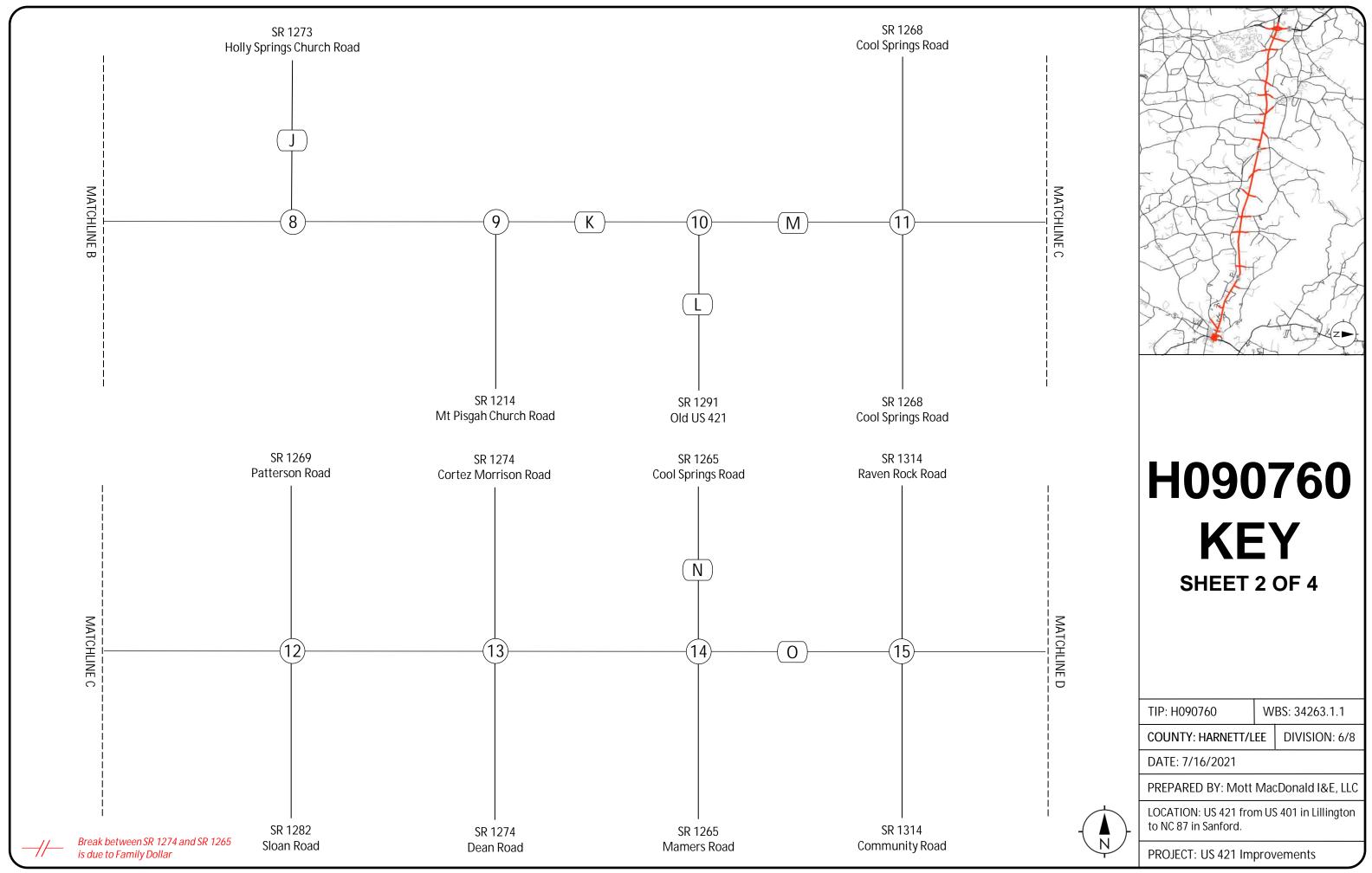
To determine any intermediate years, straight-line interpolation may be used between the 2020 Base Year No-Build and 2045 Future Year No-Build scenarios, as well as the 2020 Base Year Build and 2045 Future Year Build scenarios. AADT volumes may be extrapolated for up to two years immediately following 2045. If it is determined that any of these assumptions have become inconsistent with the project and surrounding area activity, please request updated projections at this location.

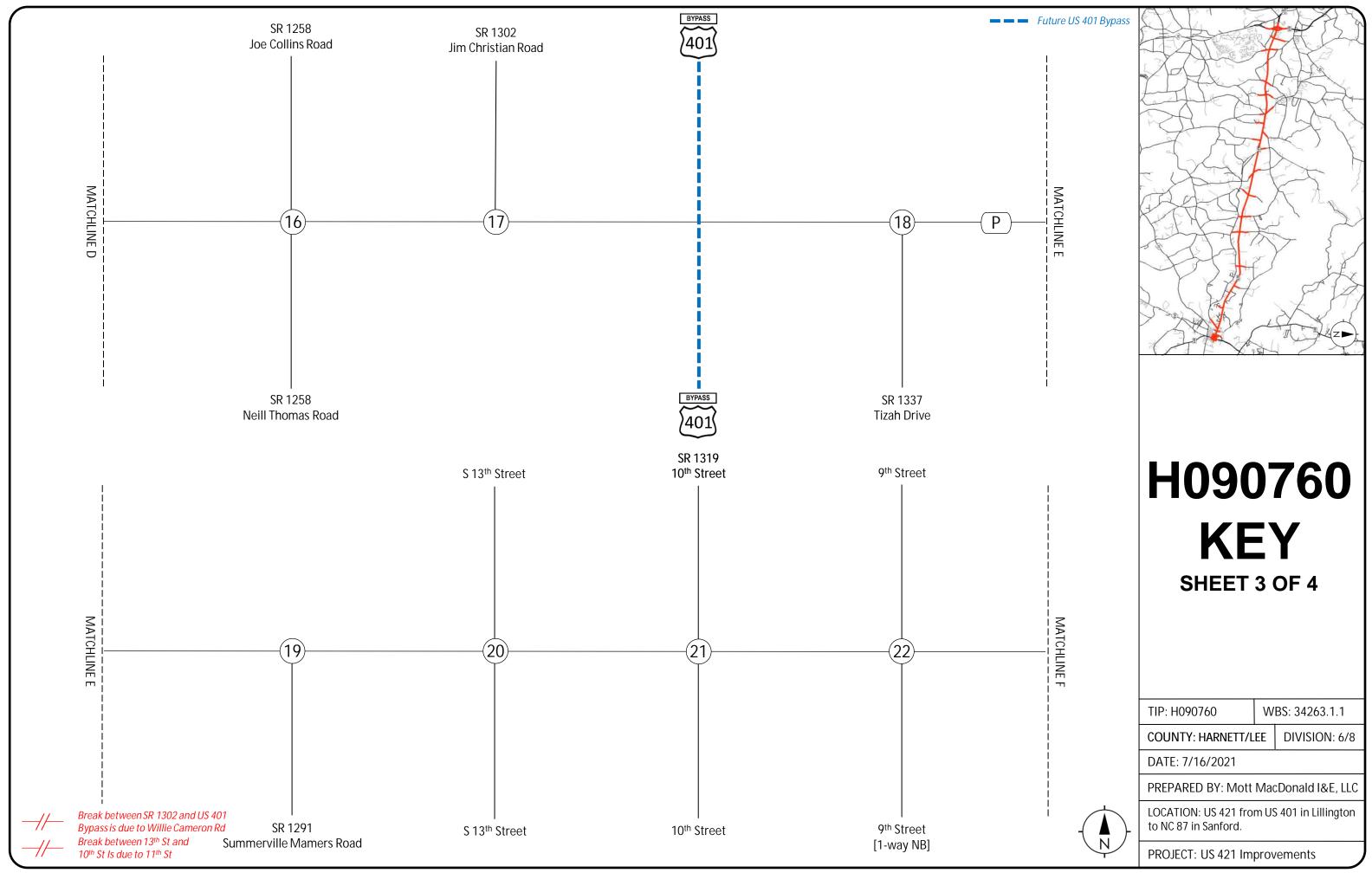
Should you need any additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 919.552.2253 or at tommy.pate@mottmac.com.

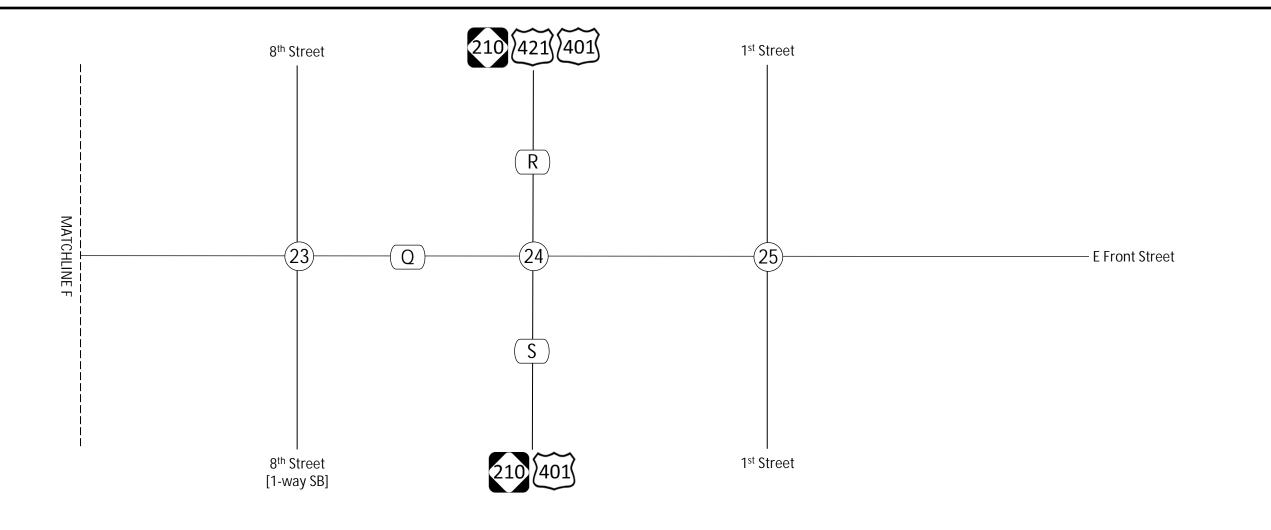
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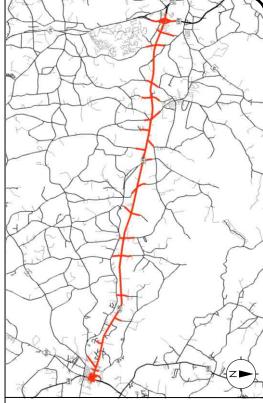
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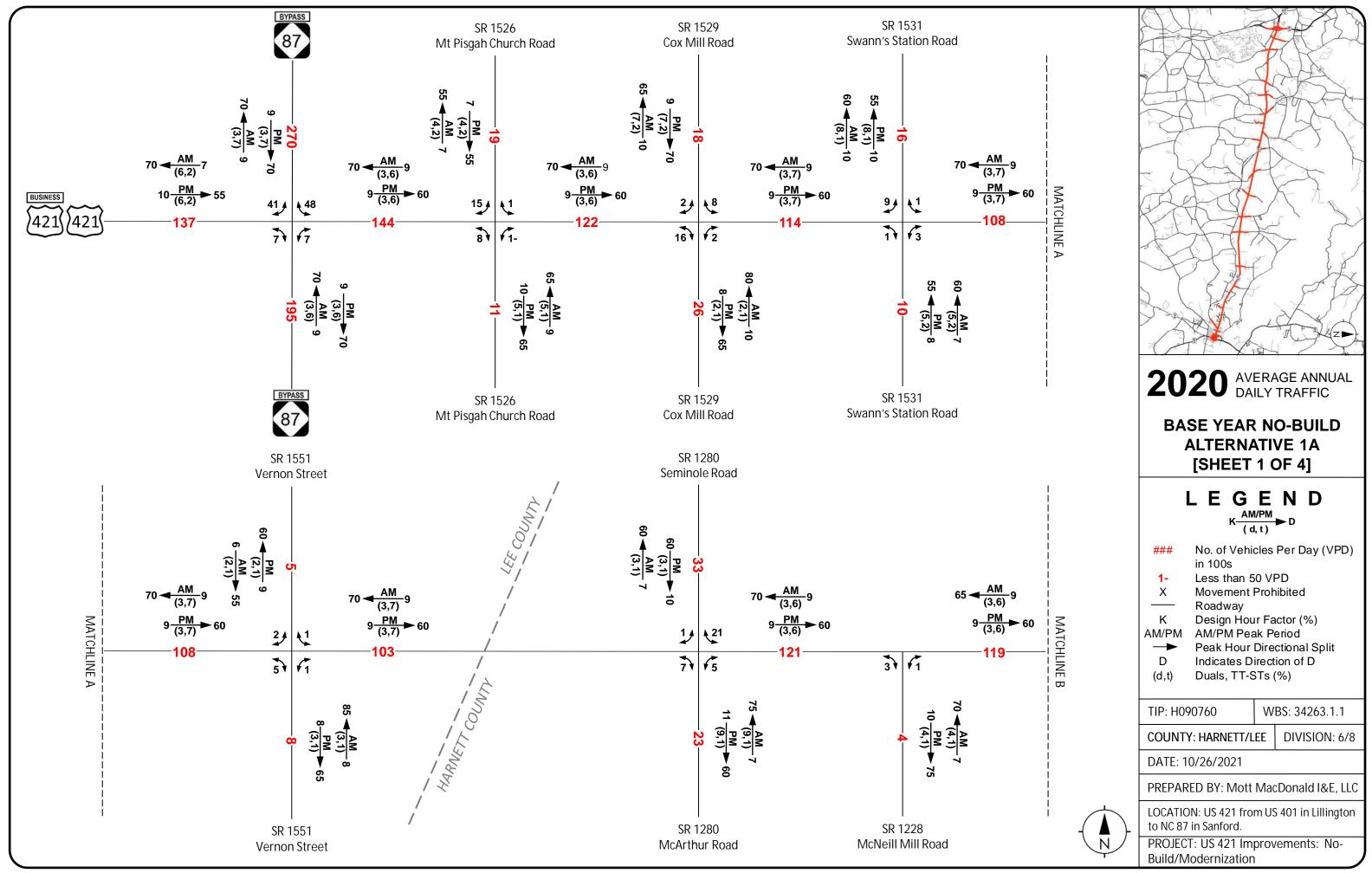
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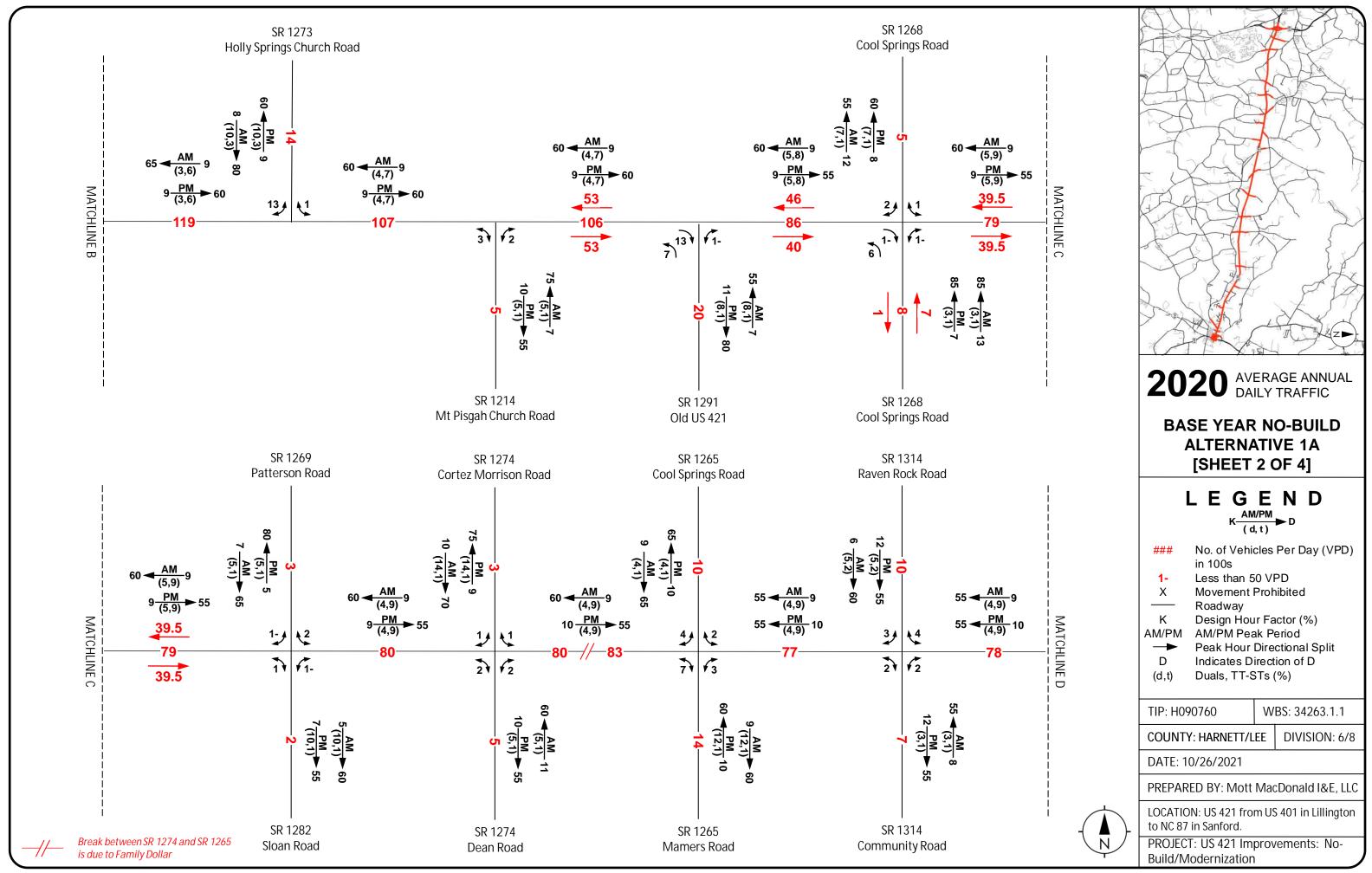
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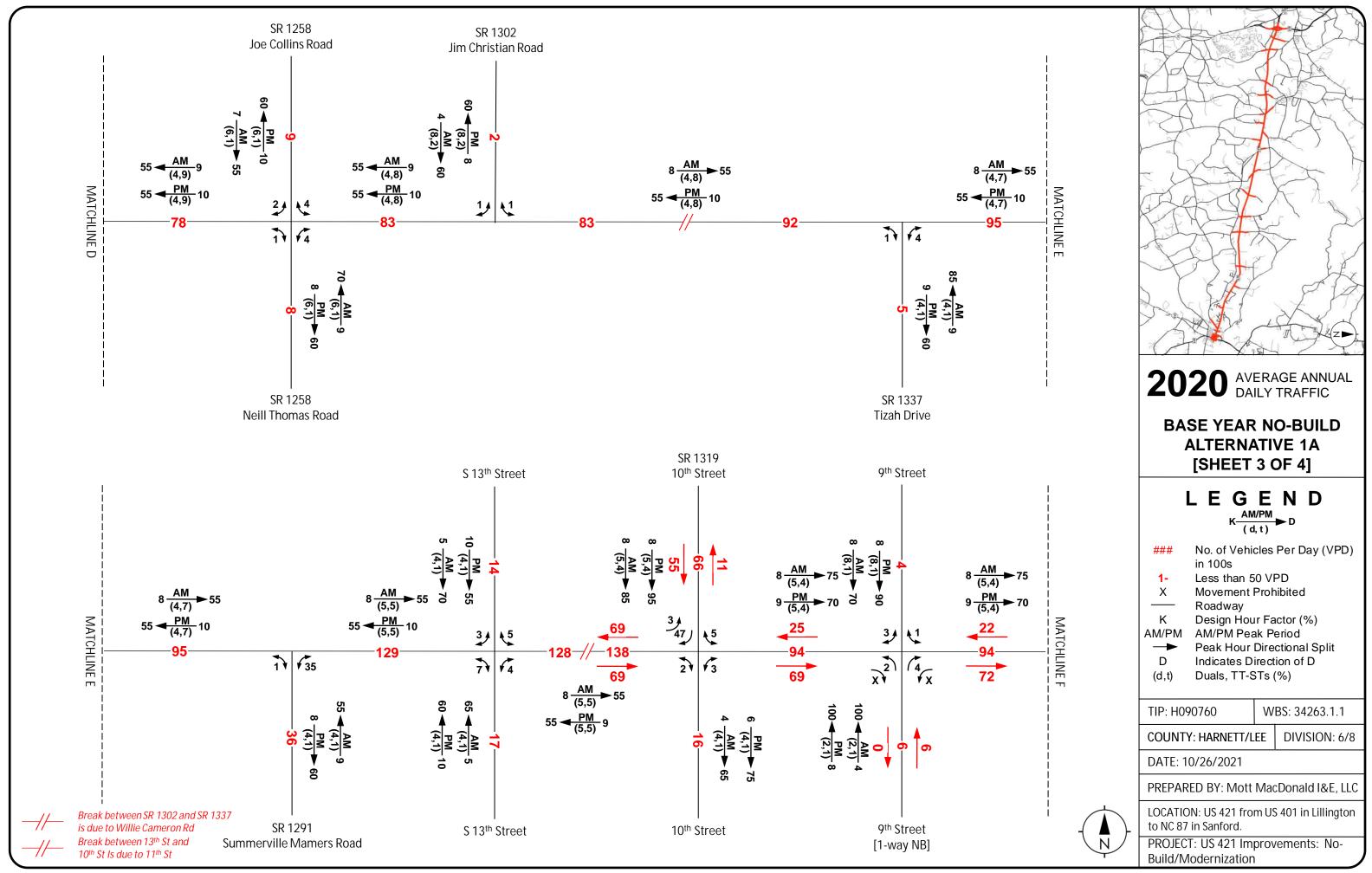
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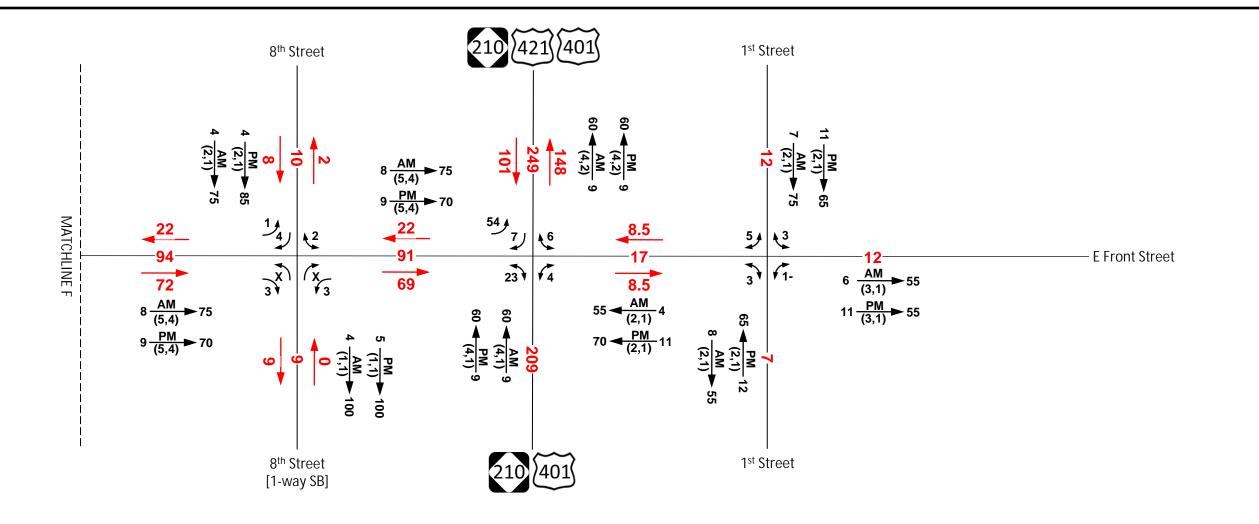
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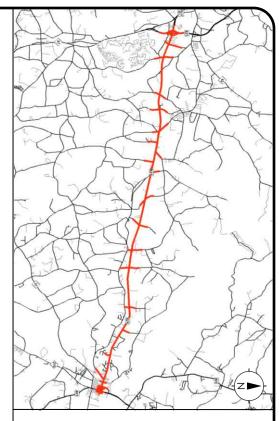












BASE YEAR NO-BUILD ALTERNATIVE 1A [SHEET 4 OF 4]

LEGEND

No. of Vehicles Per Day (VPD) in 100s

Less than 50 VPD Movement Prohibited

Roadway

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AM/PM Peak Period

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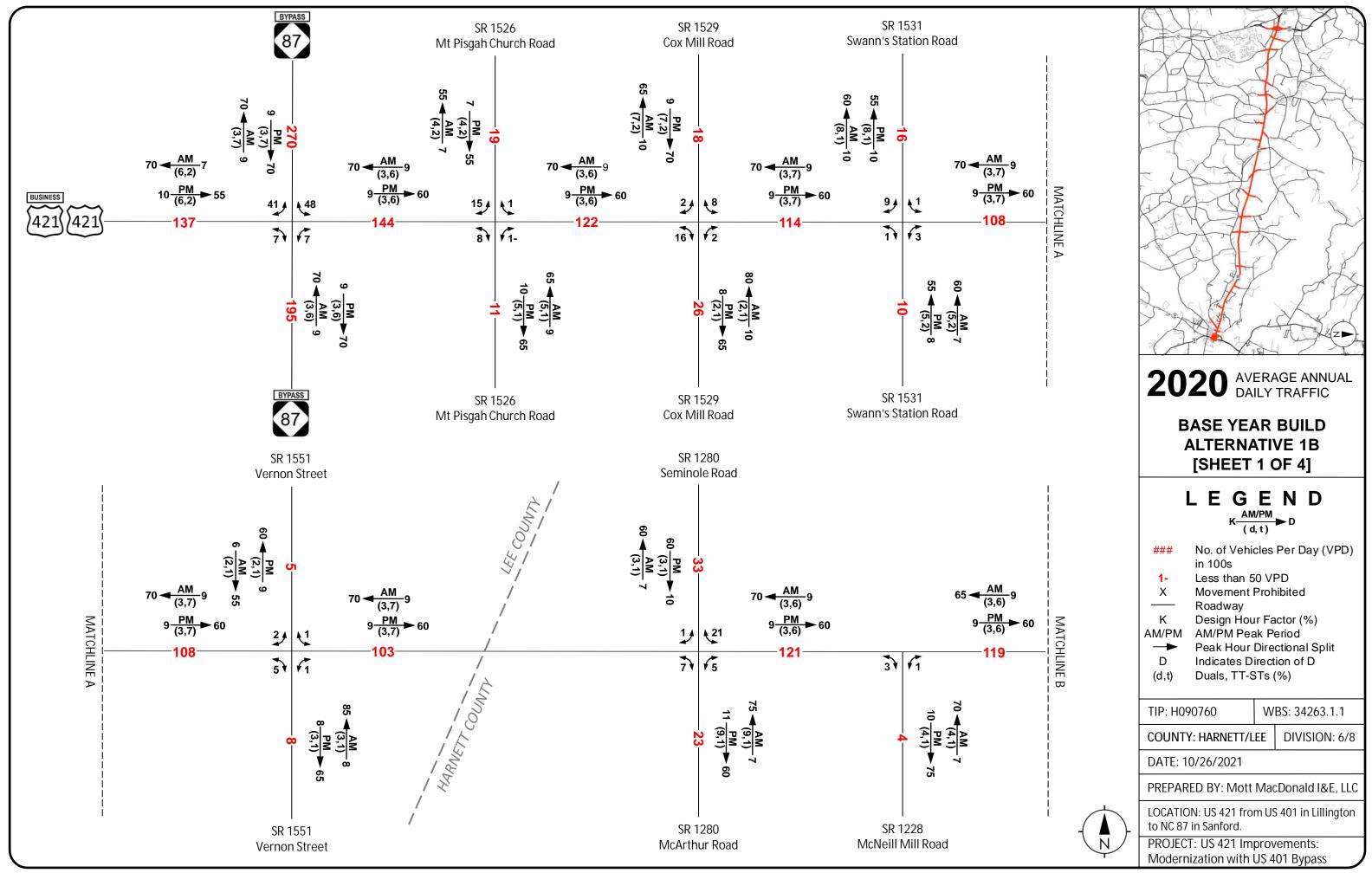
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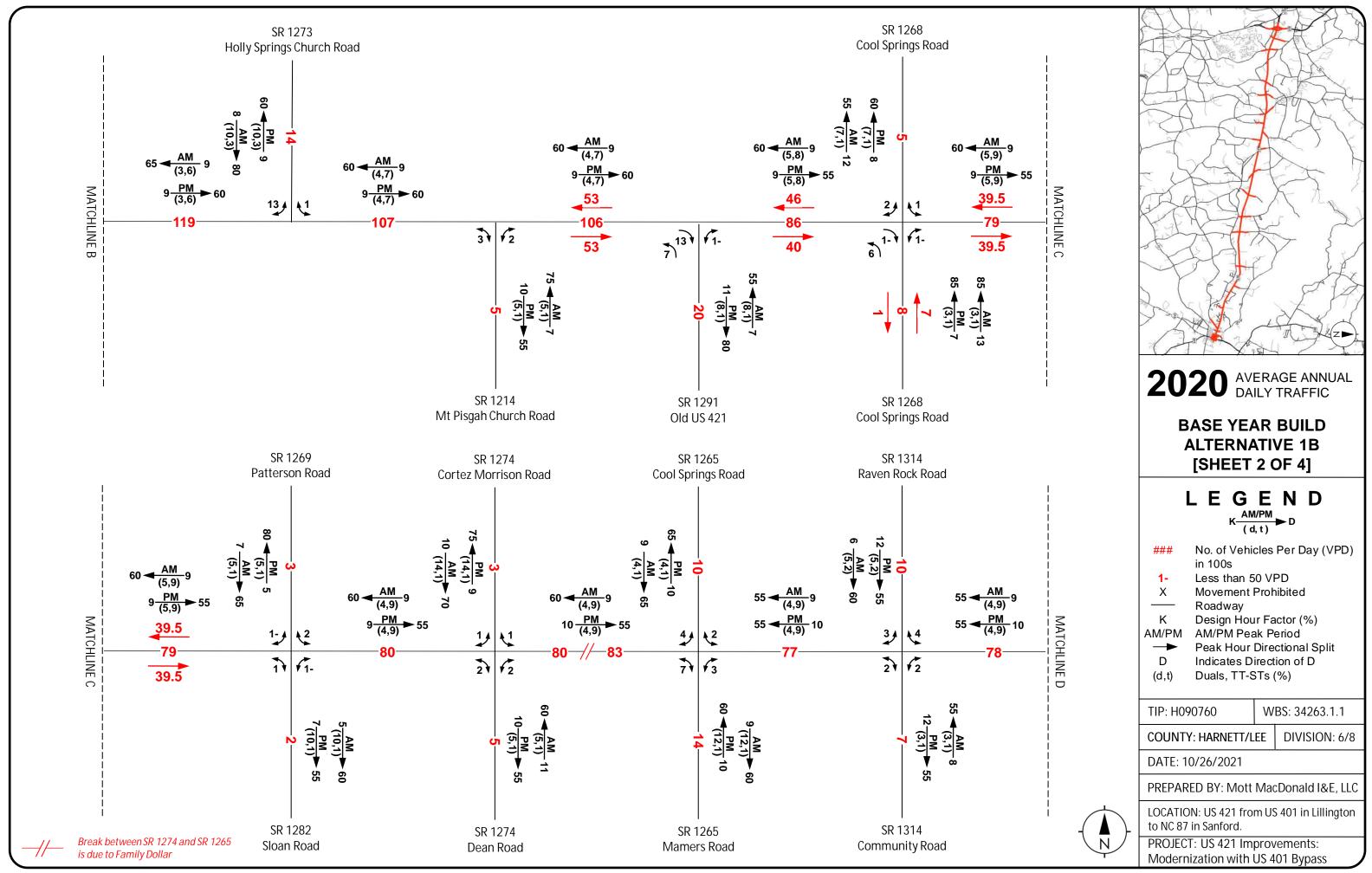
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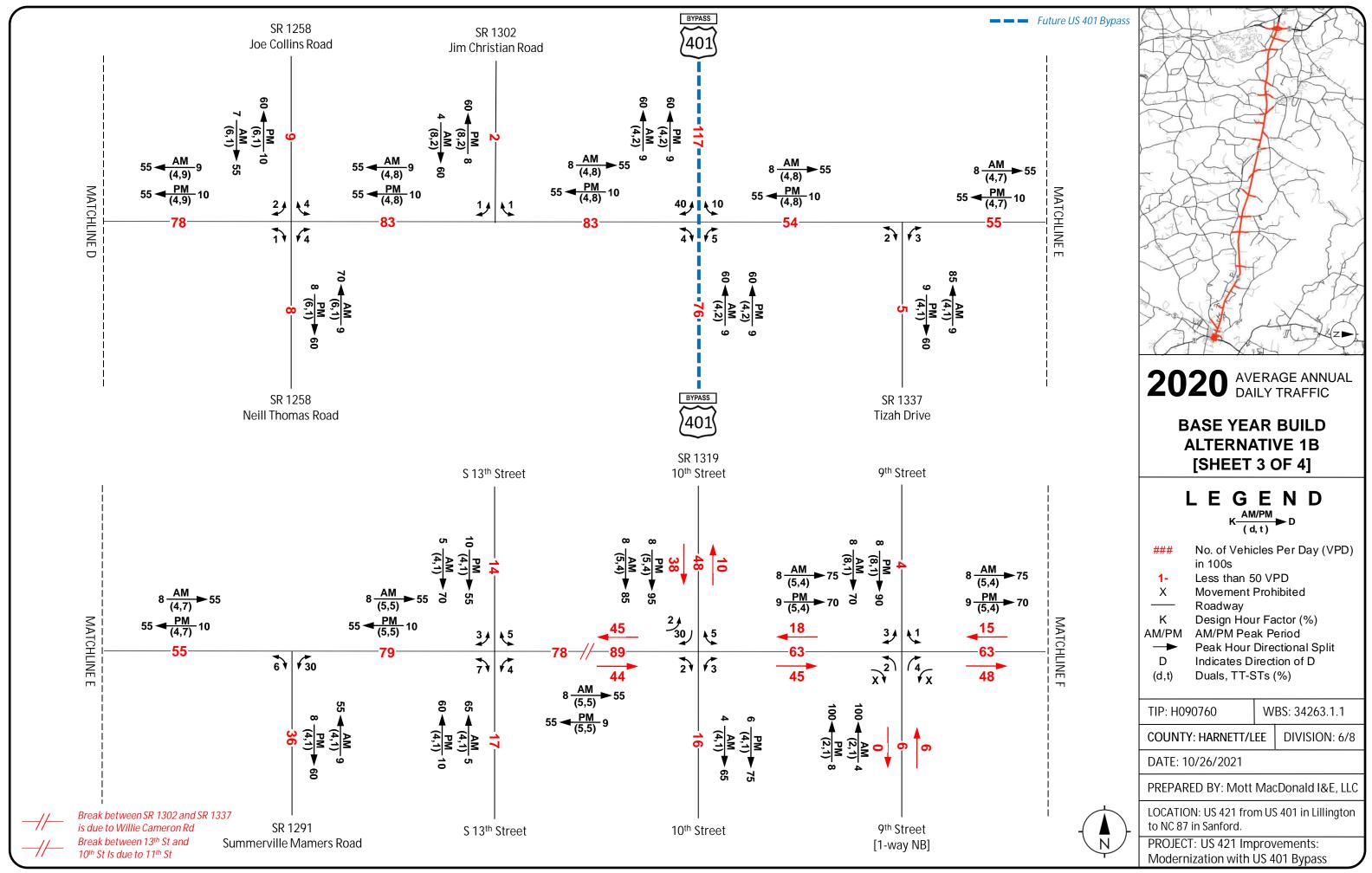
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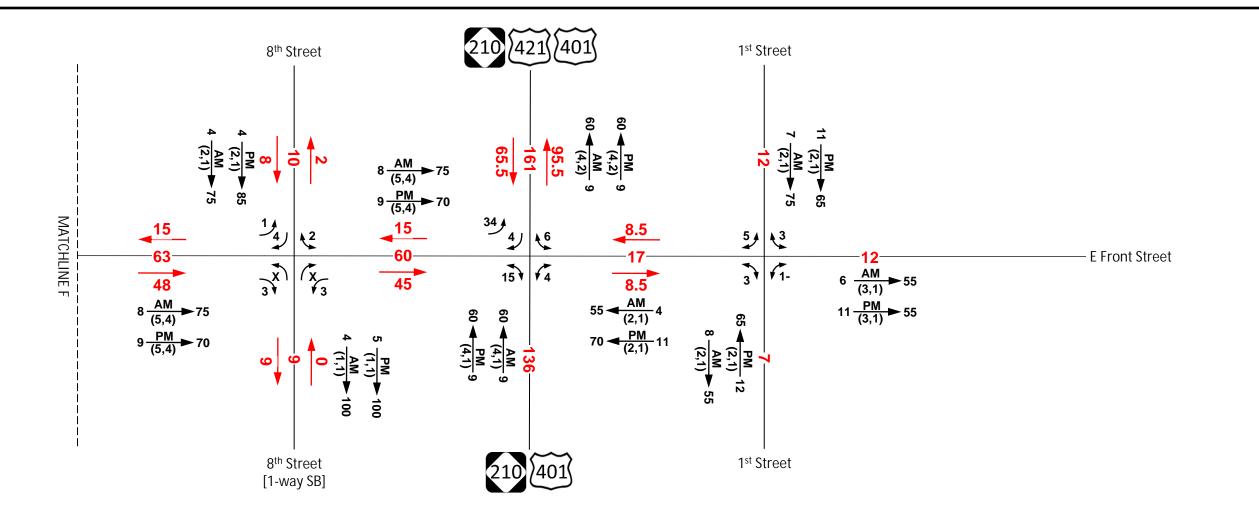
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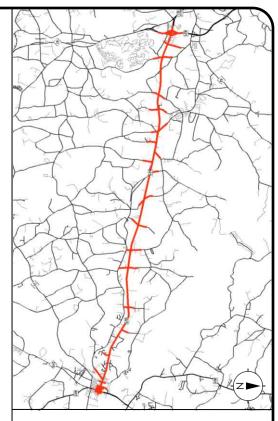












BASE YEAR BUILD ALTERNATIVE 1B [SHEET 4 OF 4]

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No. of Vehicles Per Day (VPD) in 100s

1- Less than 50 VPD

Movement Prohibited

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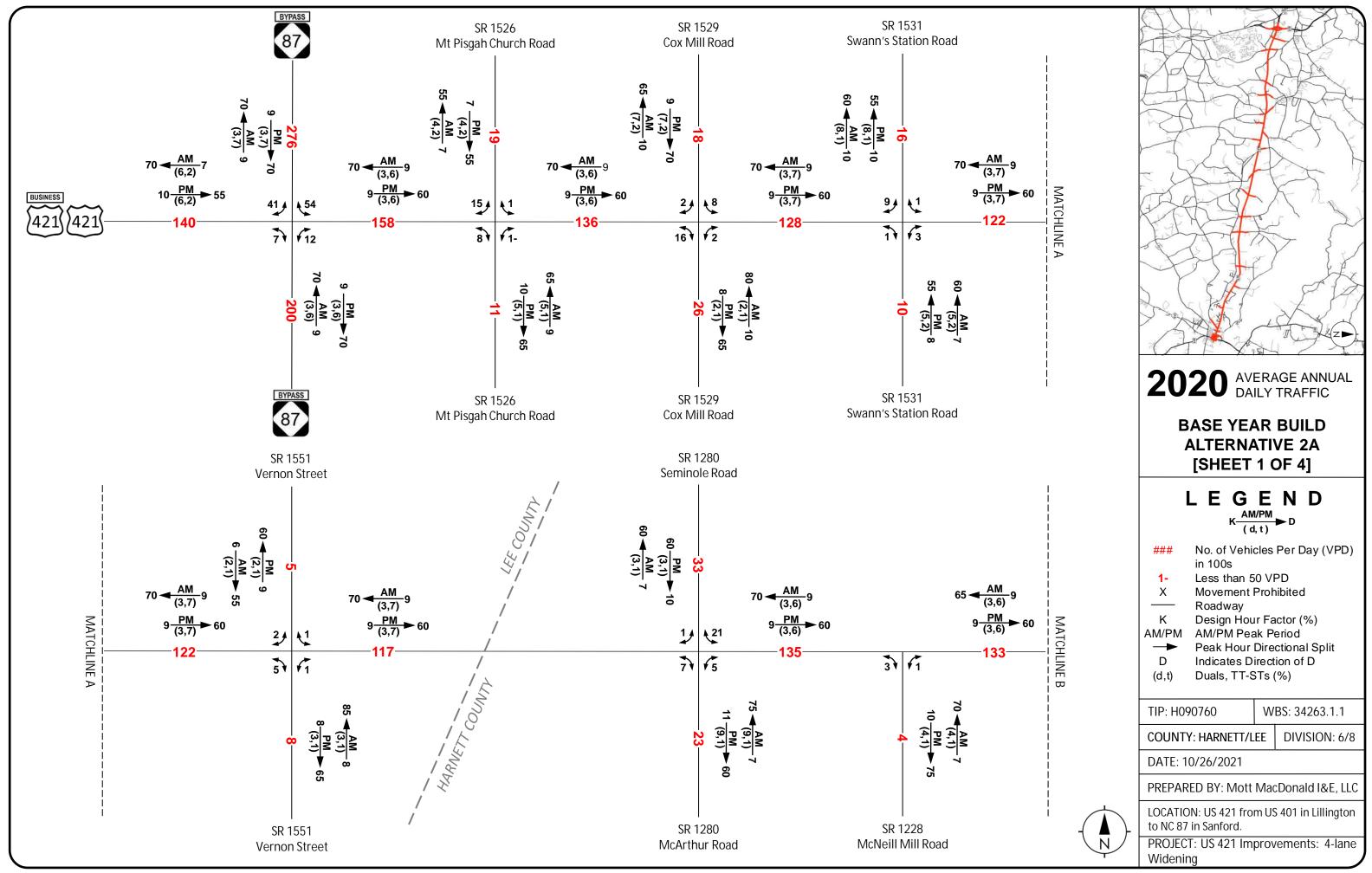
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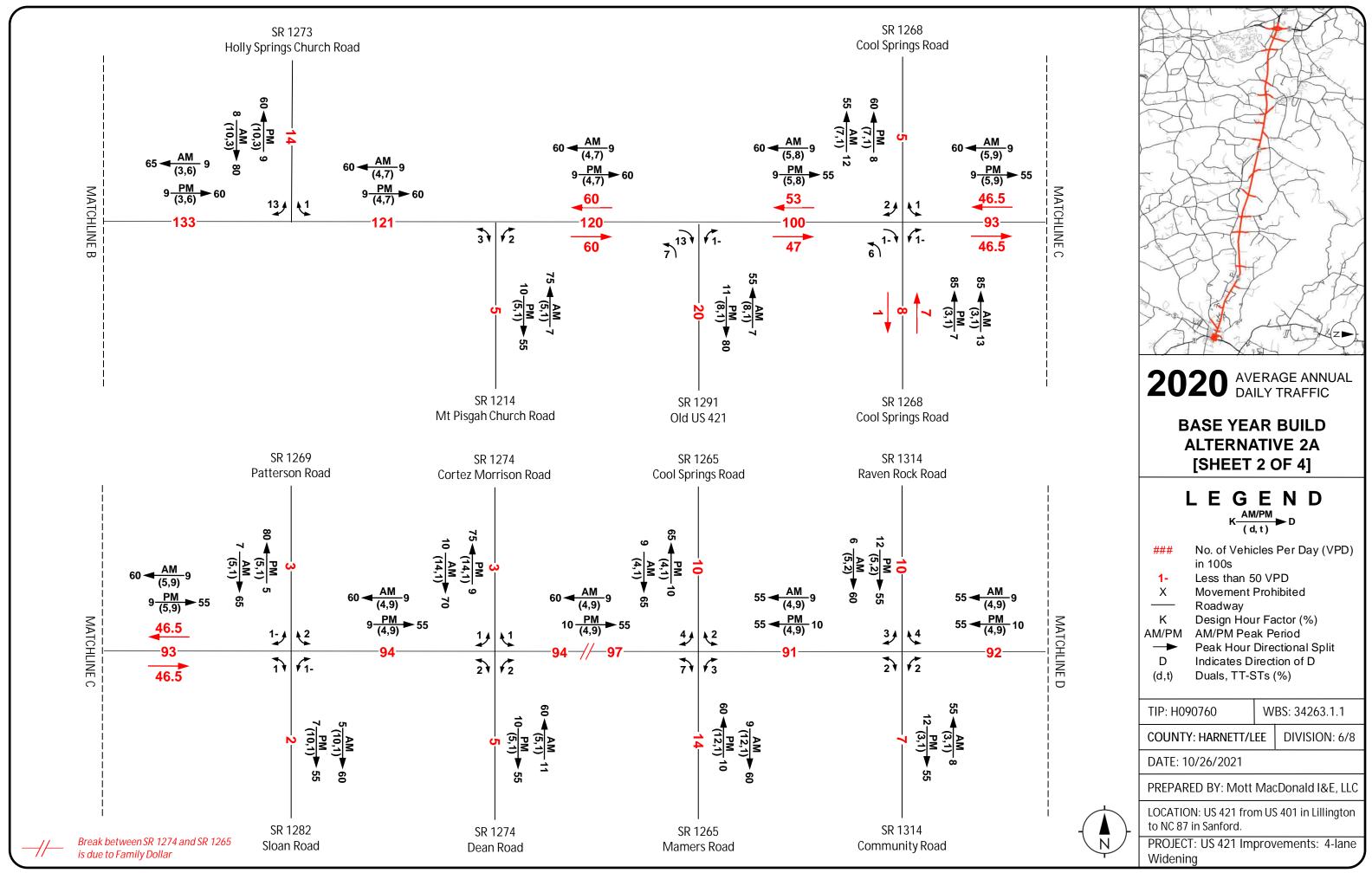
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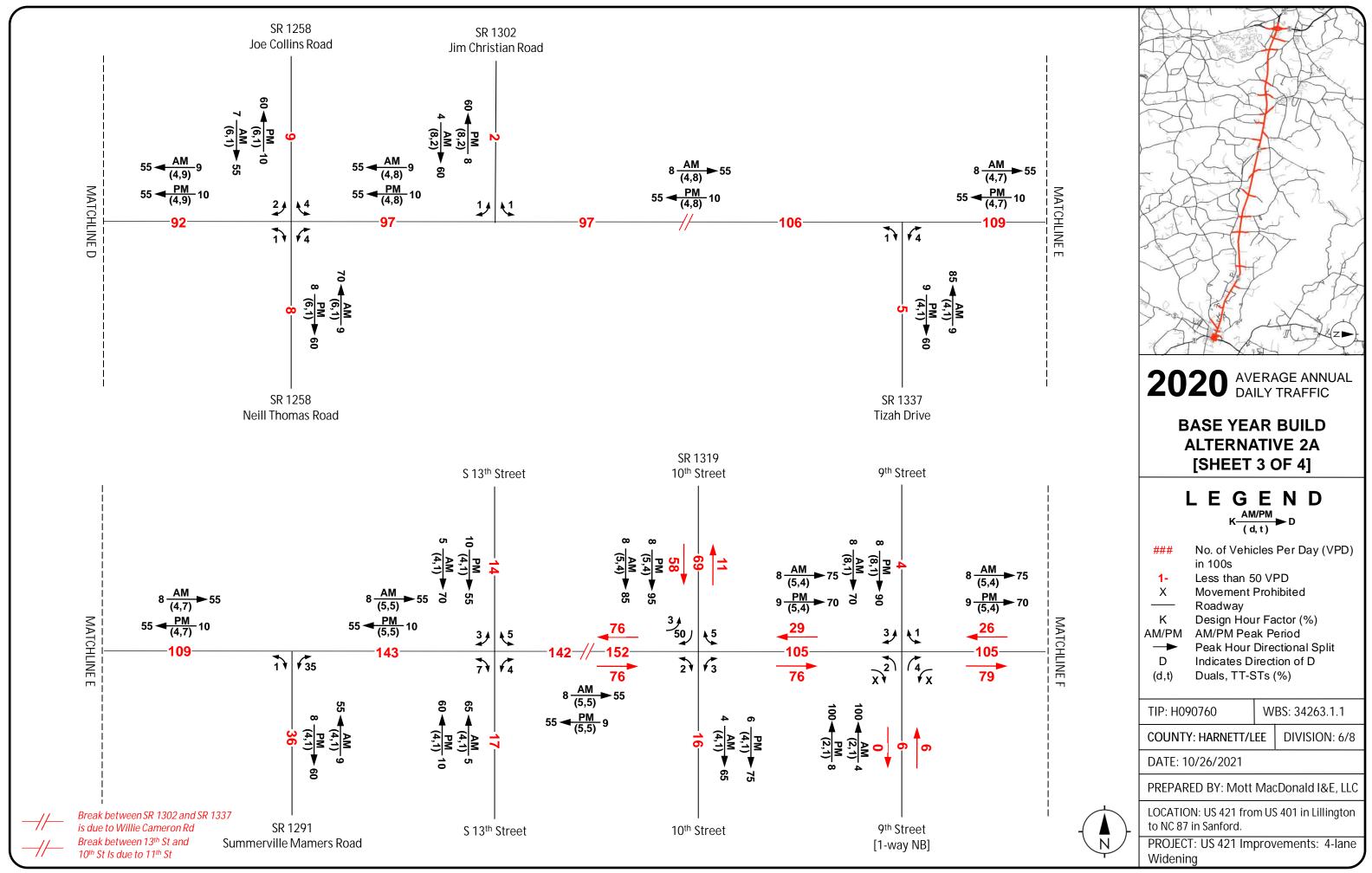
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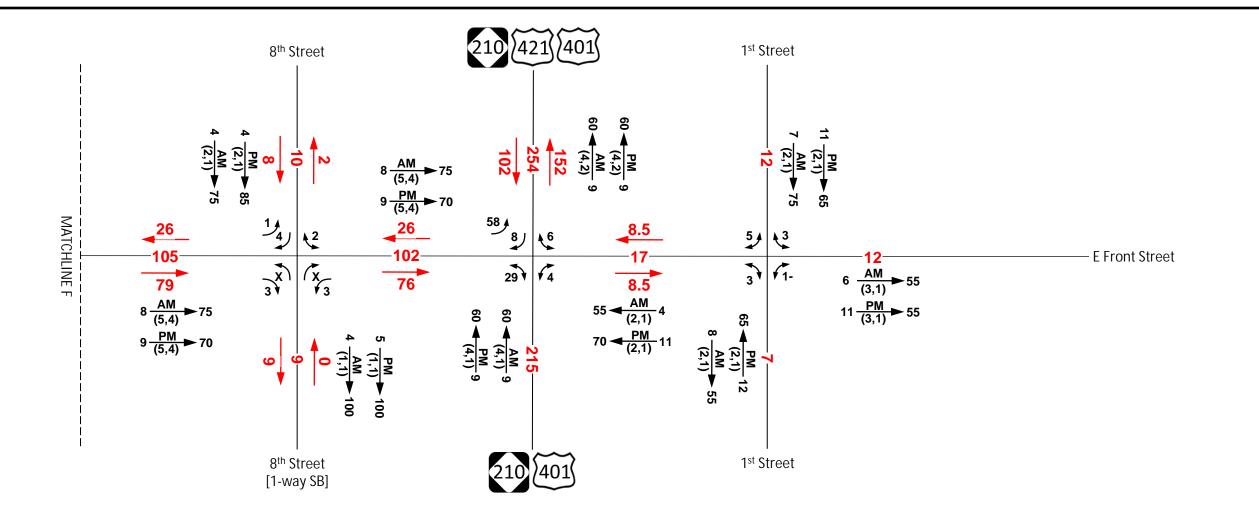
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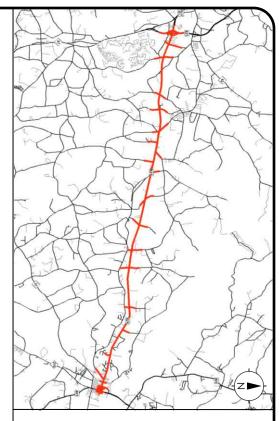












BASE YEAR BUILD ALTERNATIVE 2A [SHEET 4 OF 4]

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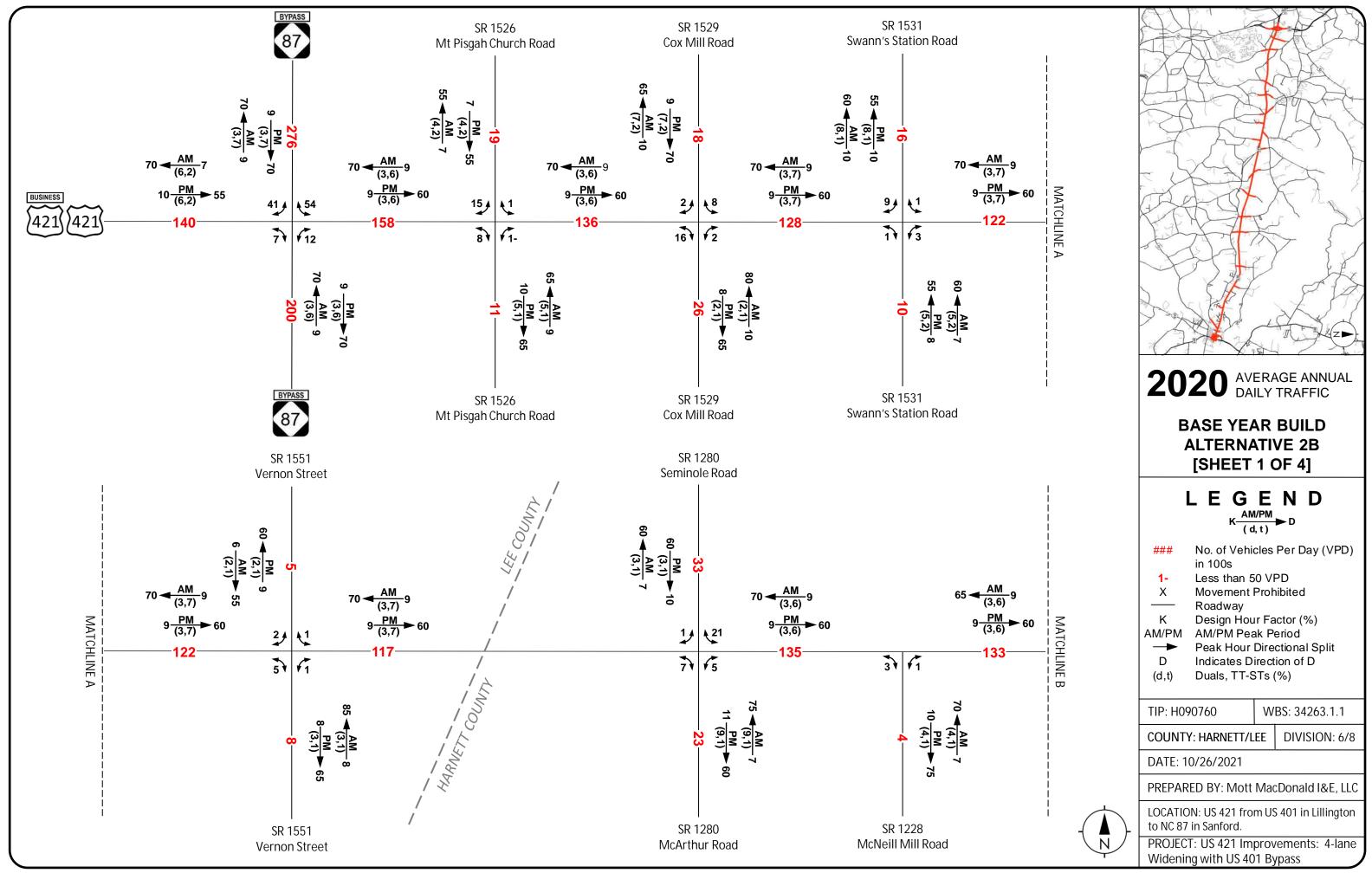
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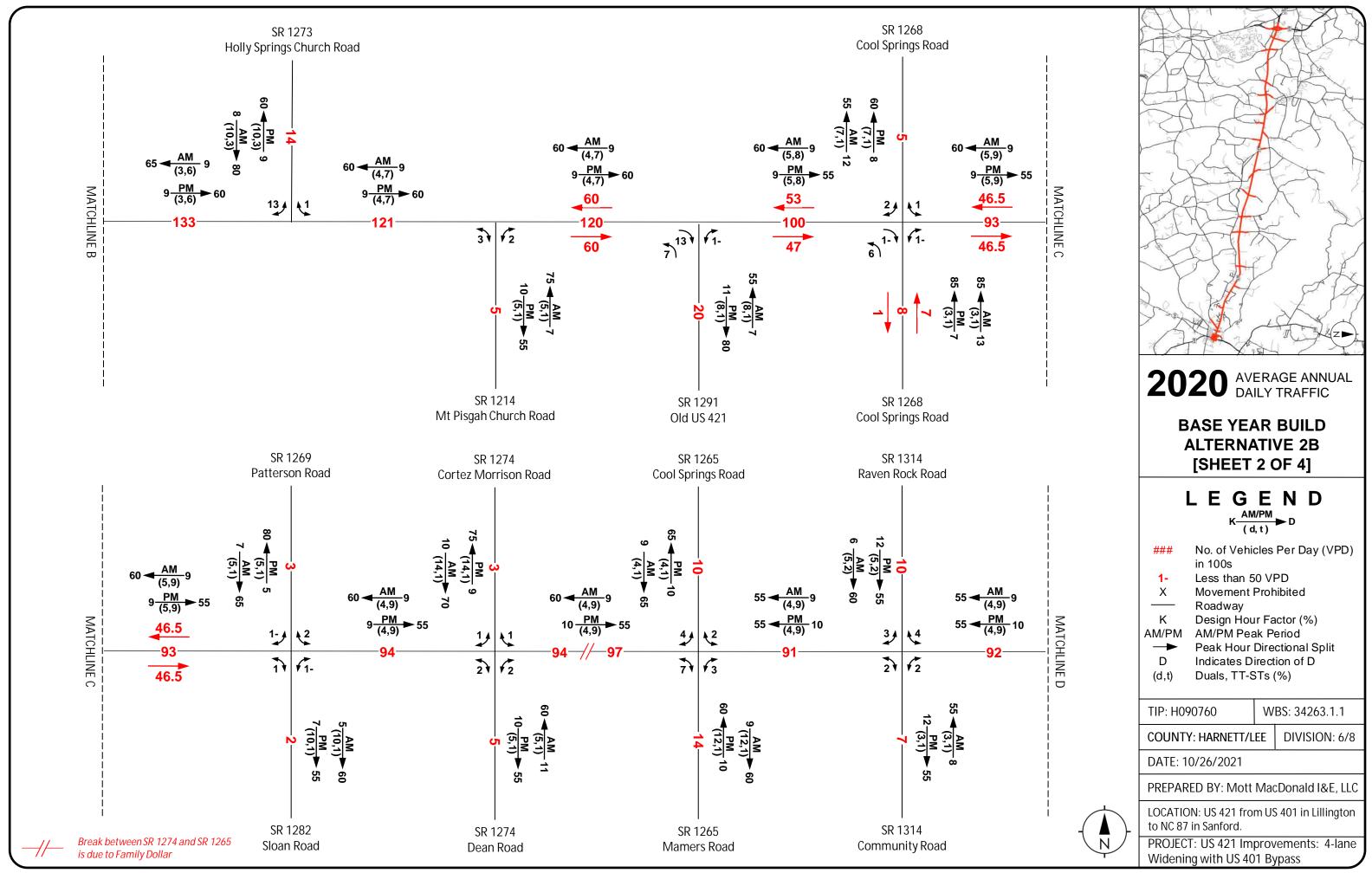
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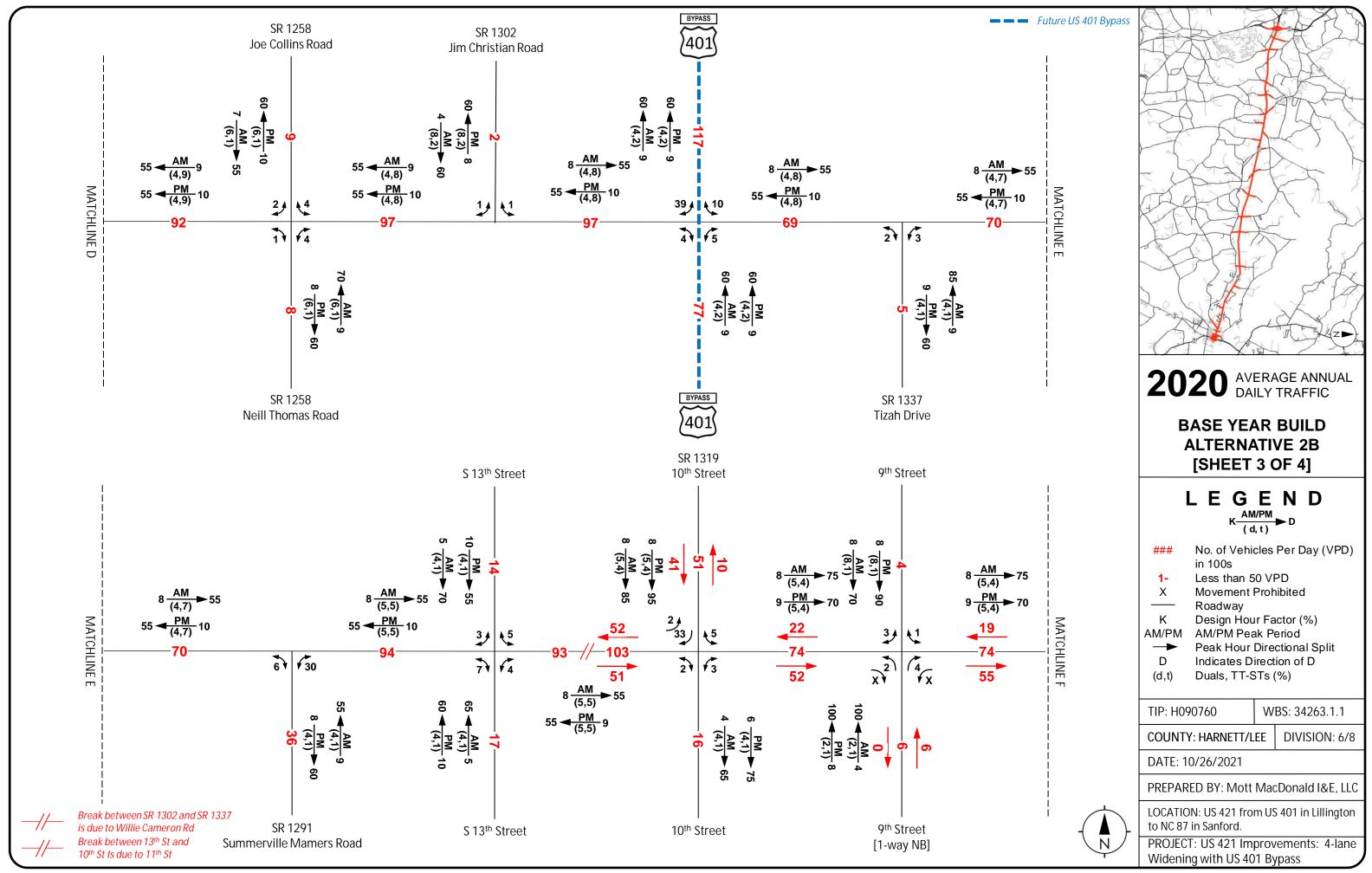
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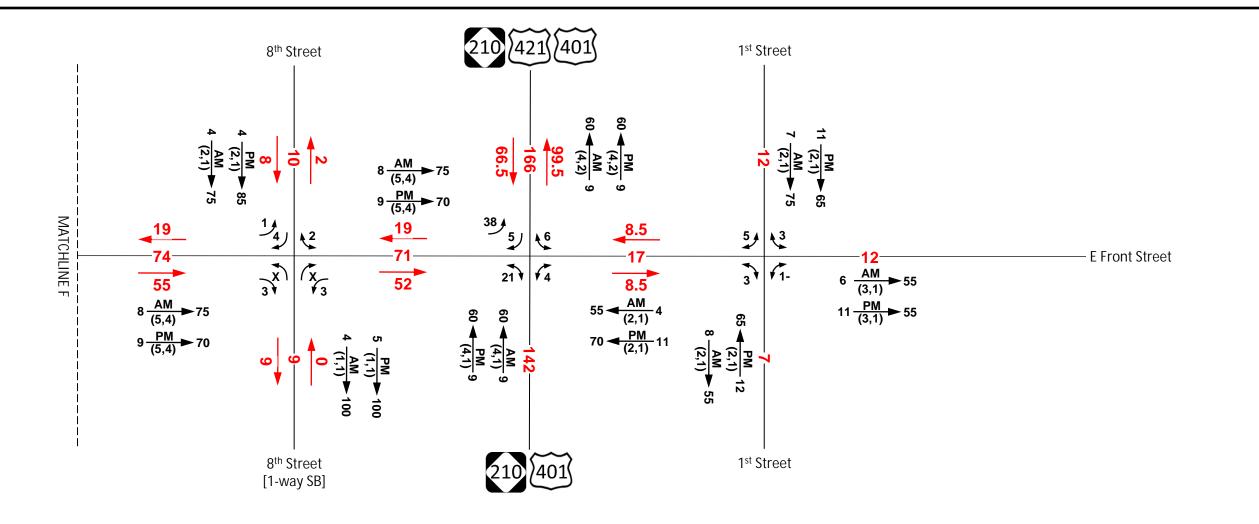
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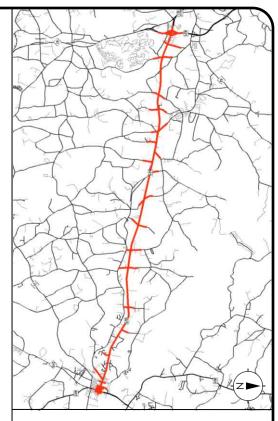












BASE YEAR BUILD ALTERNATIVE 2B [SHEET 4 OF 4]

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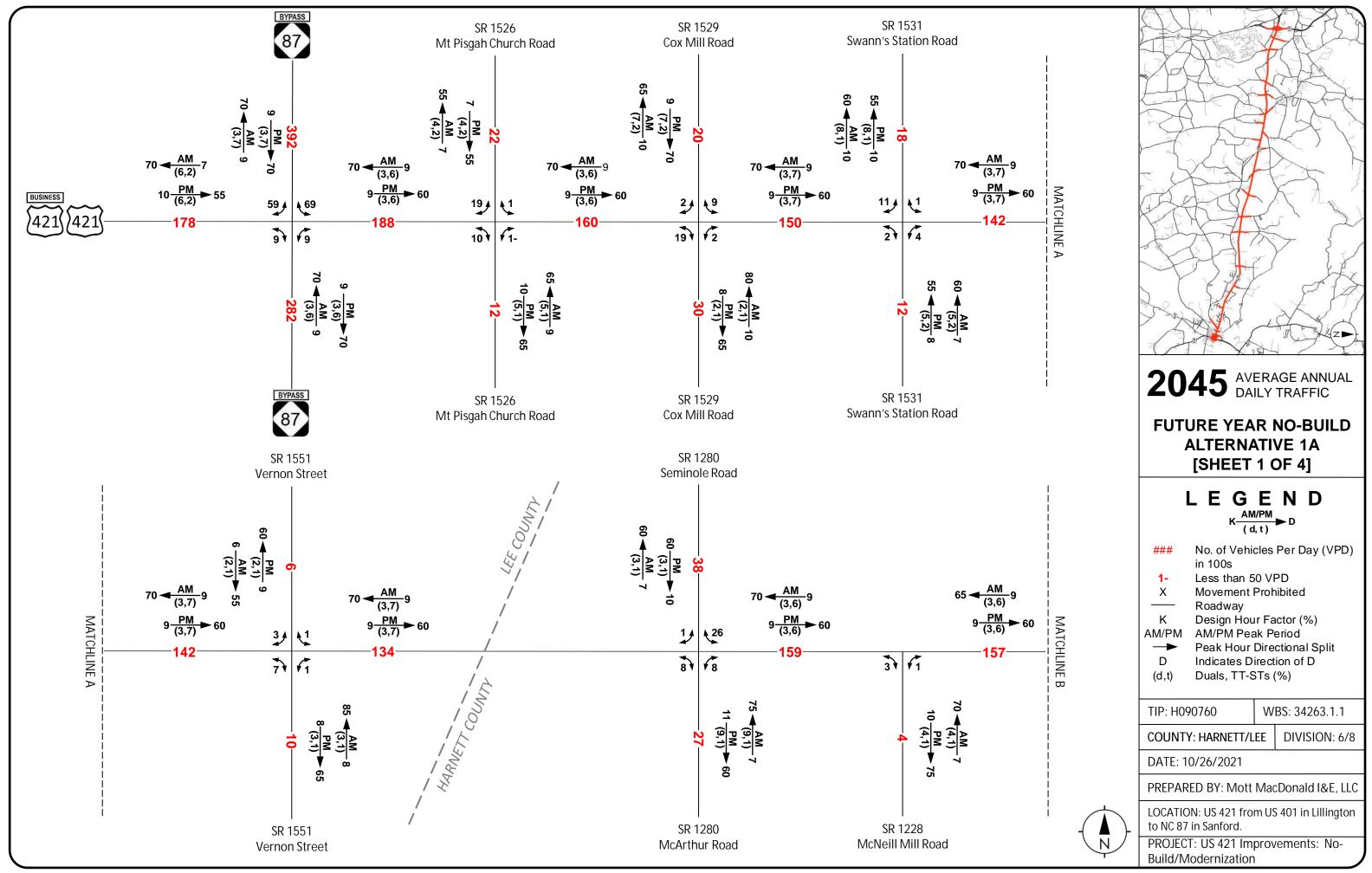
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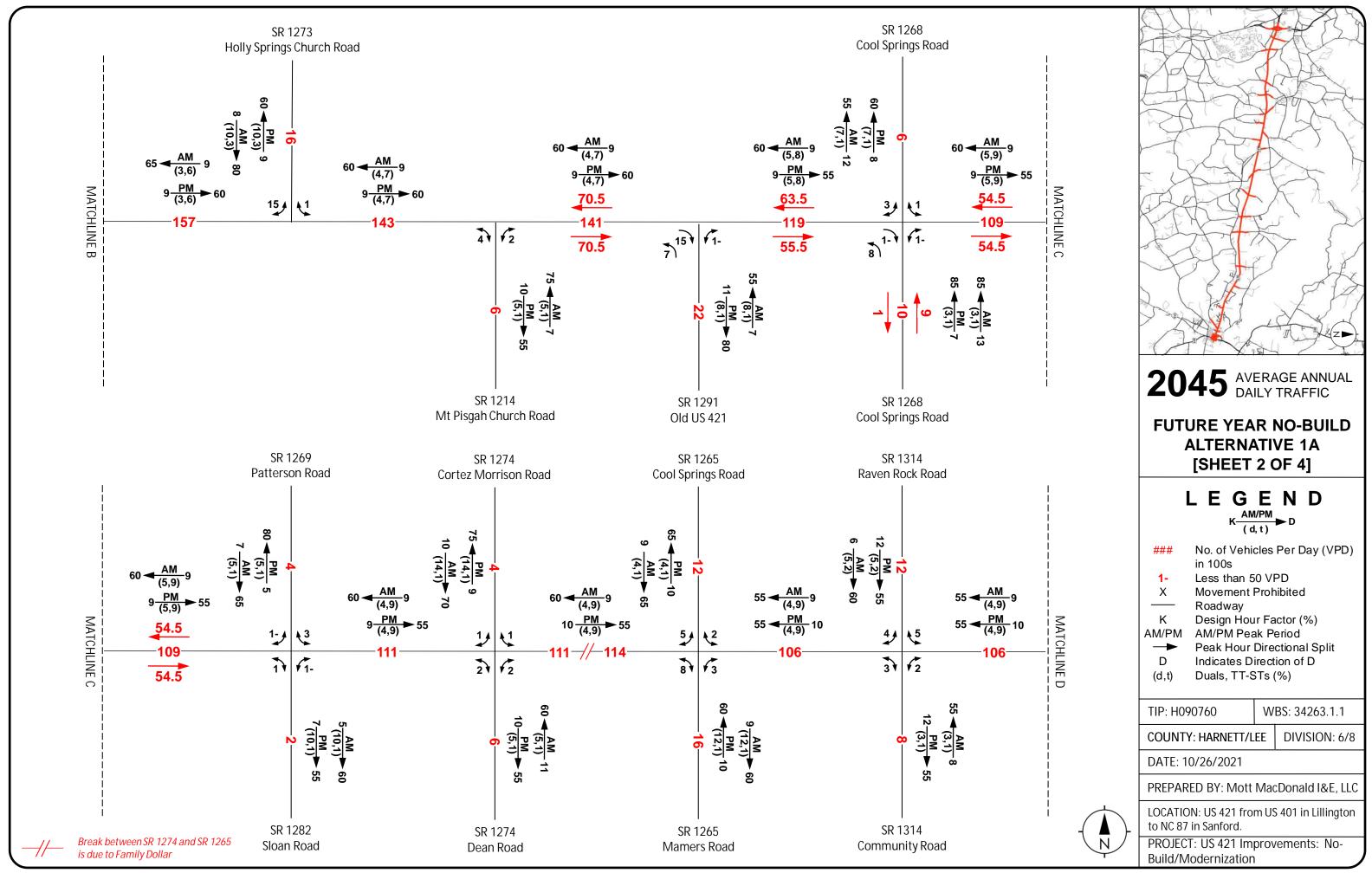
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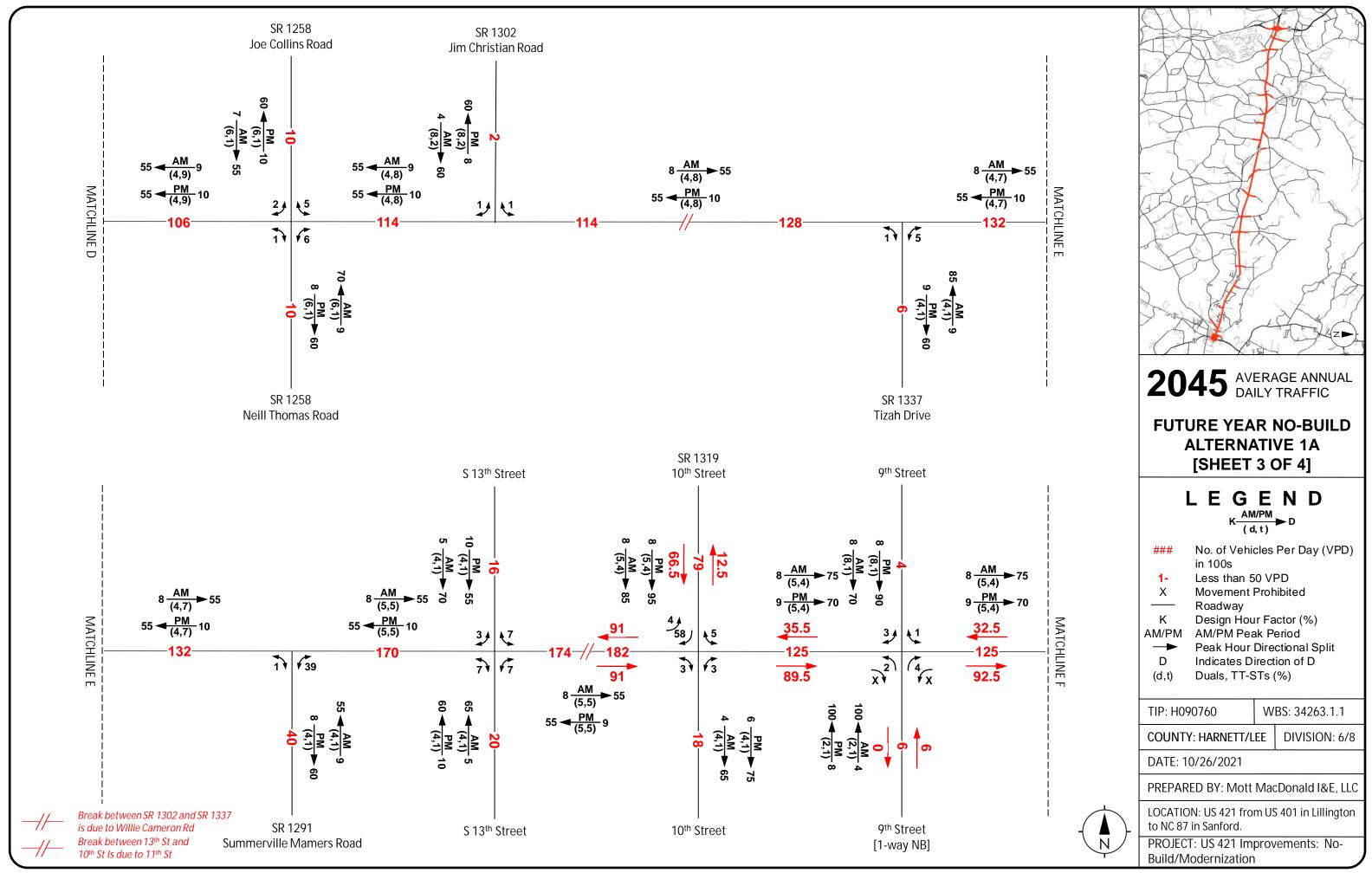
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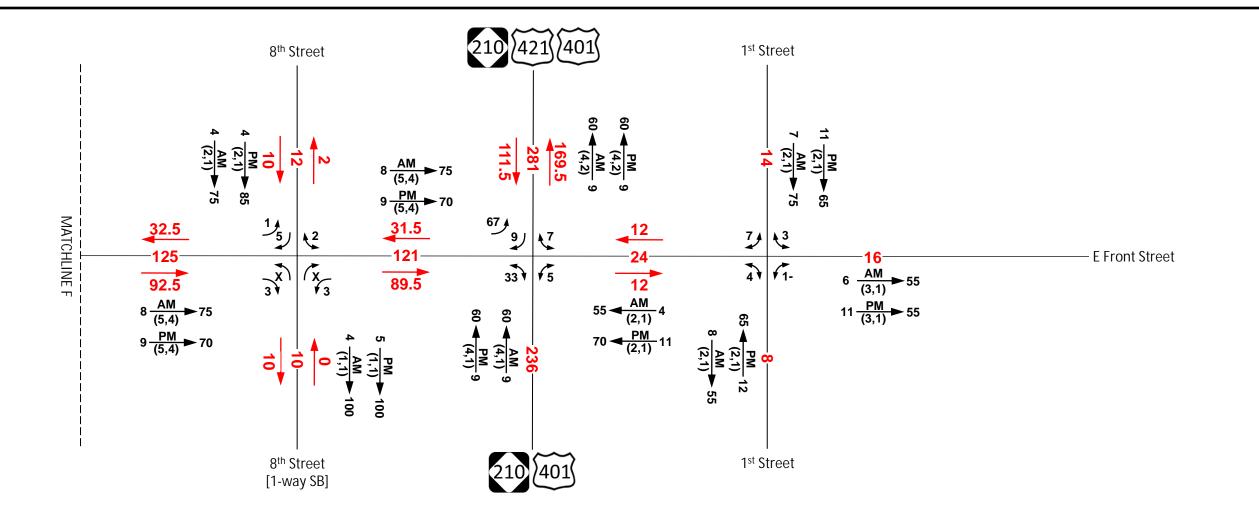
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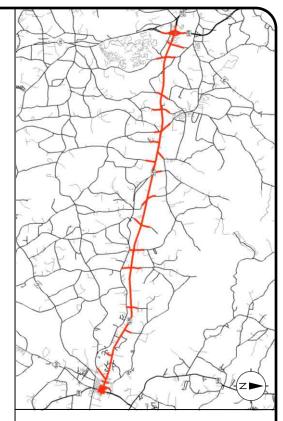












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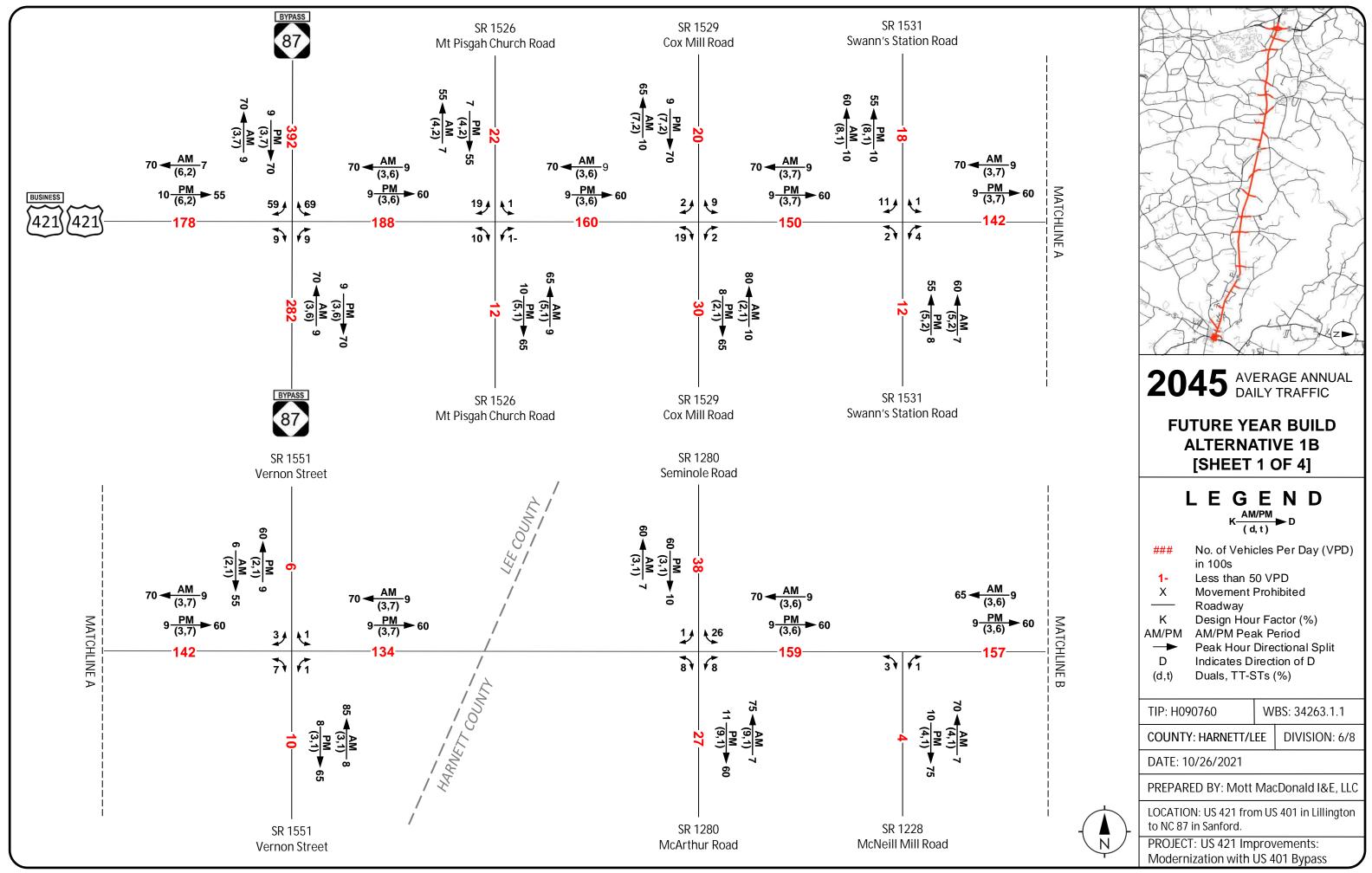
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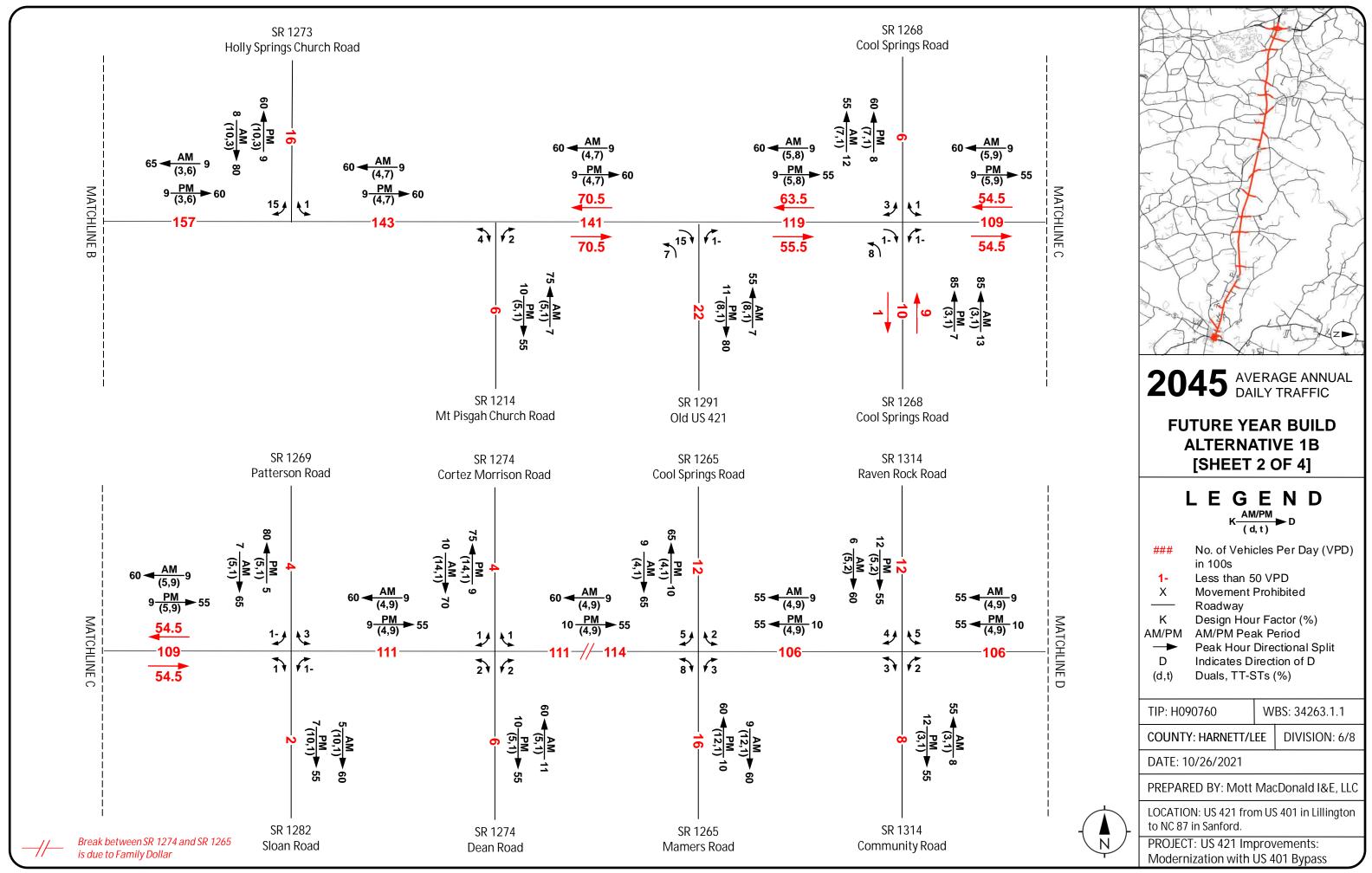
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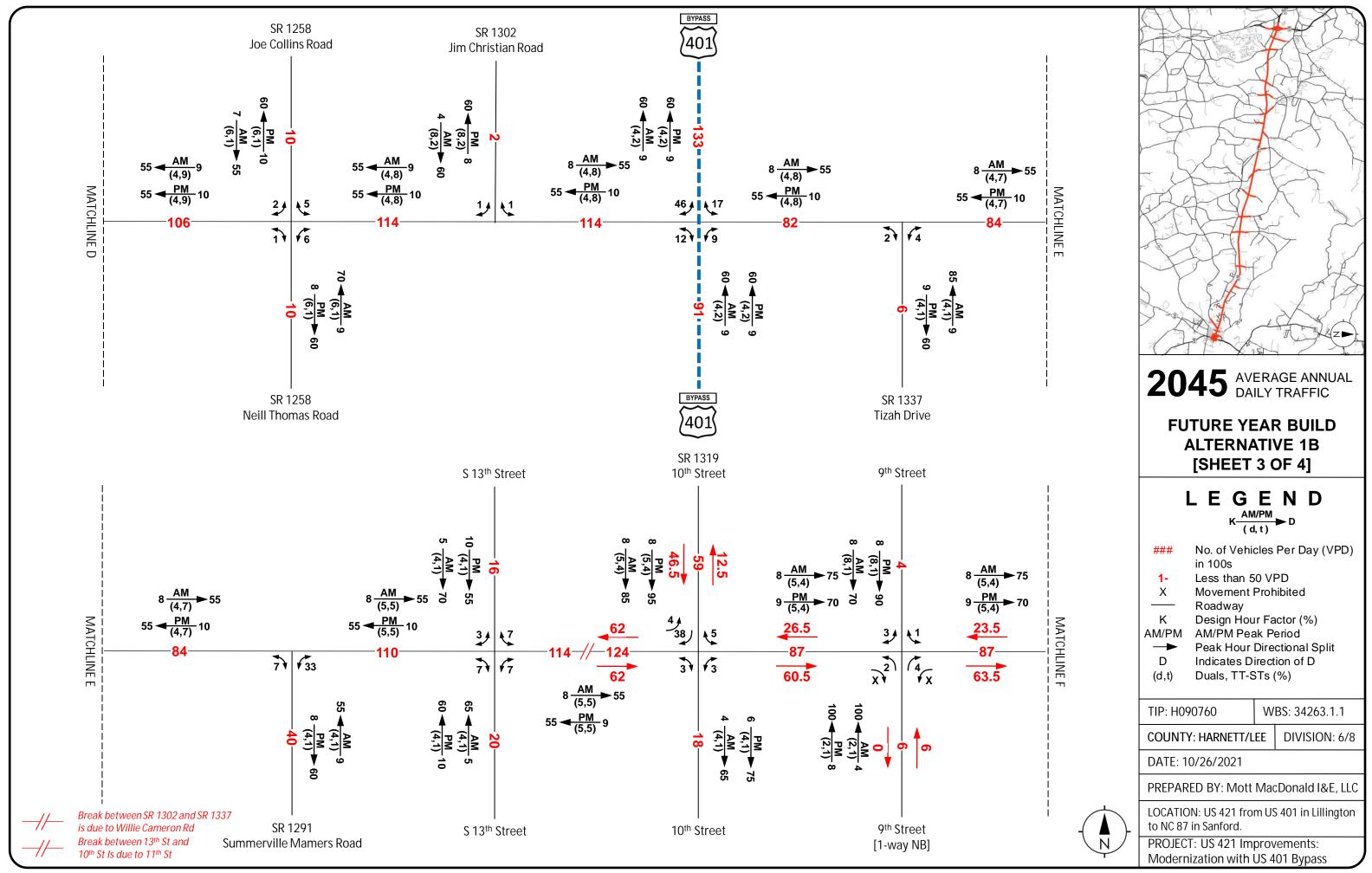
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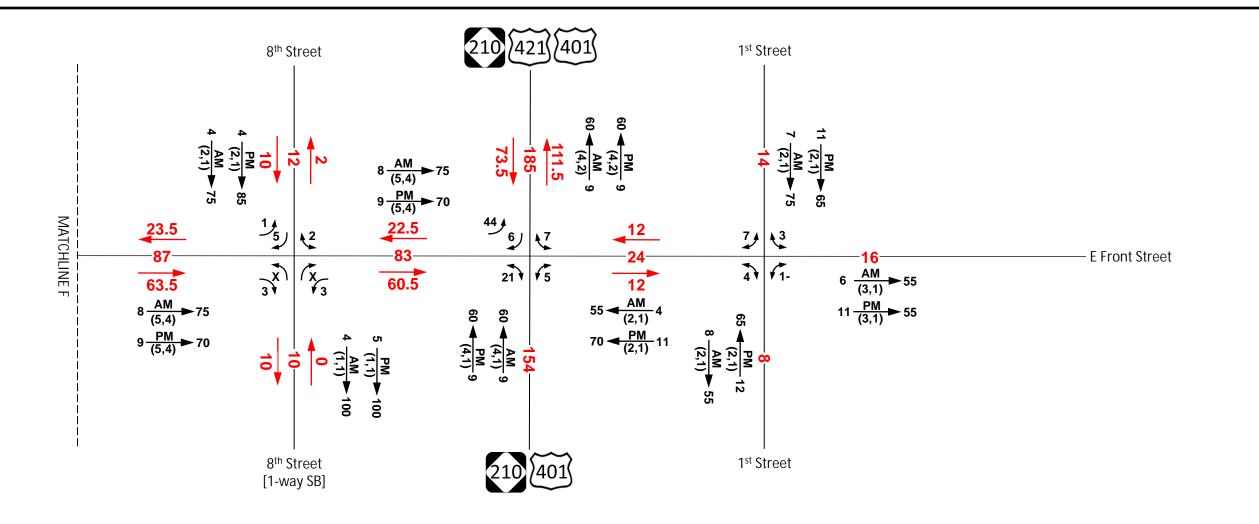
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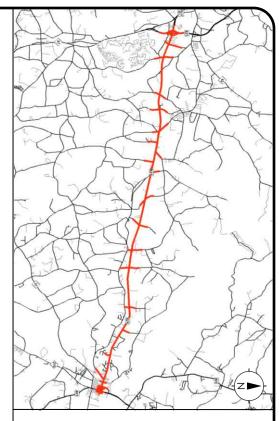












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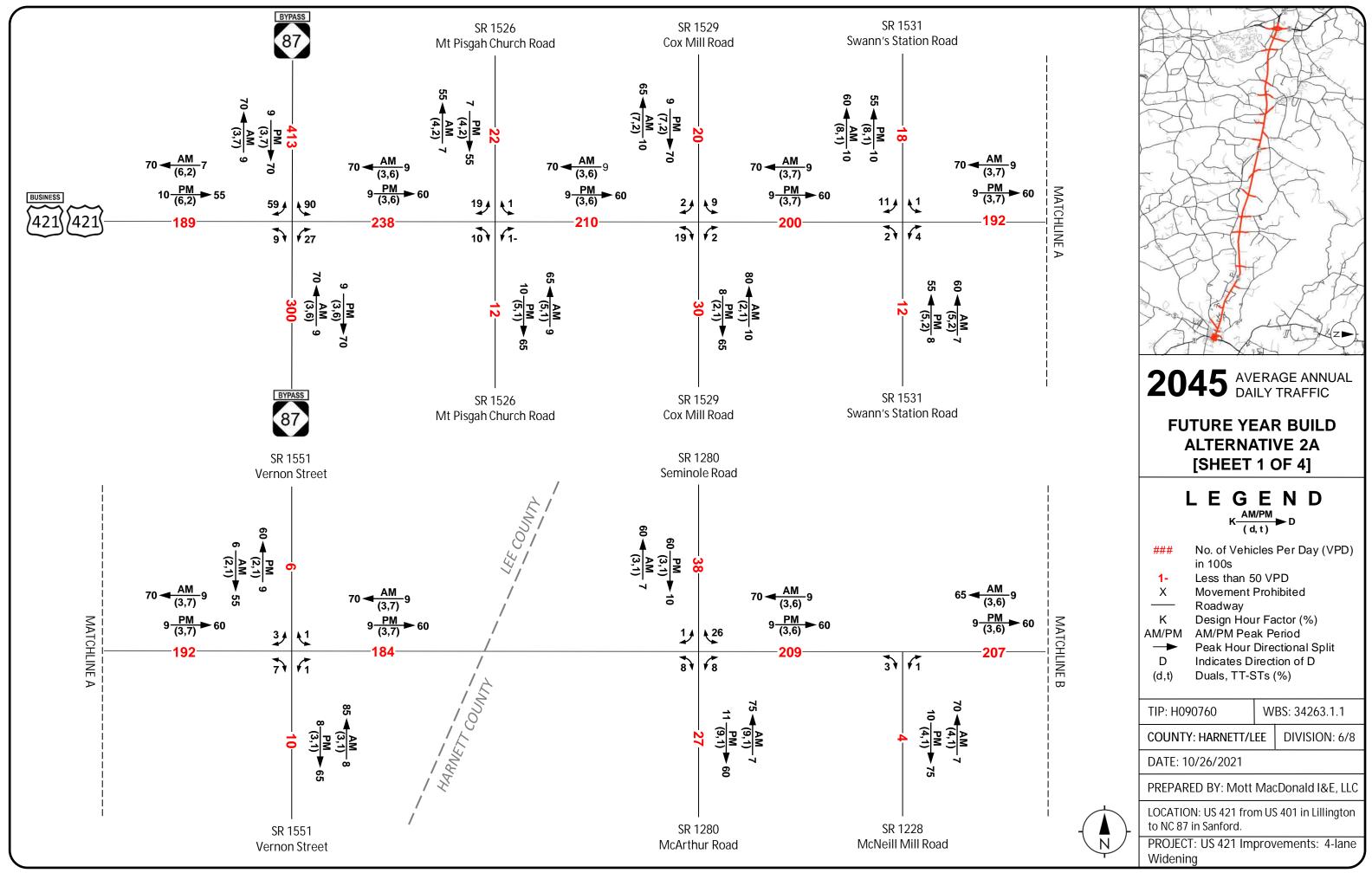
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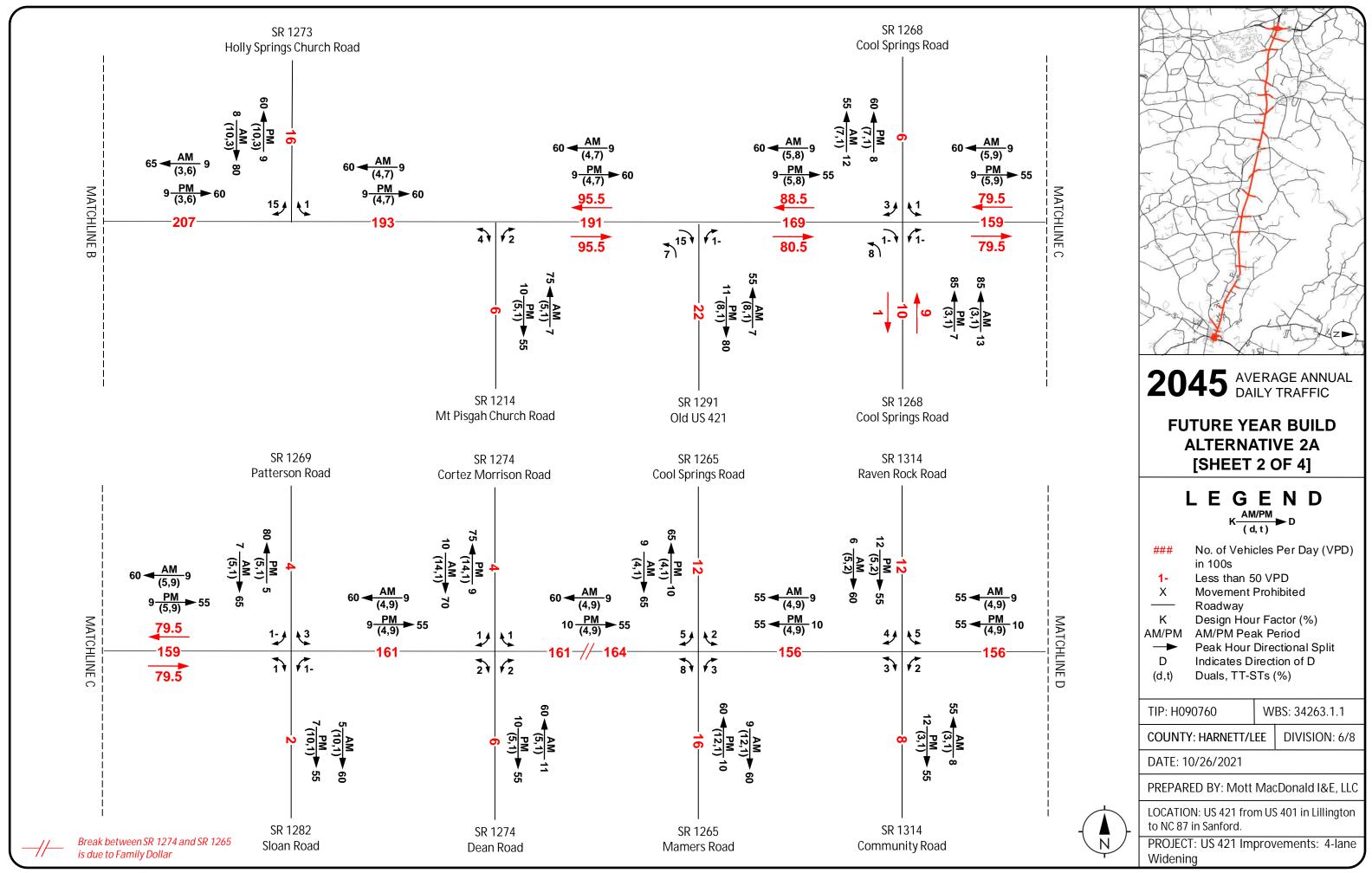
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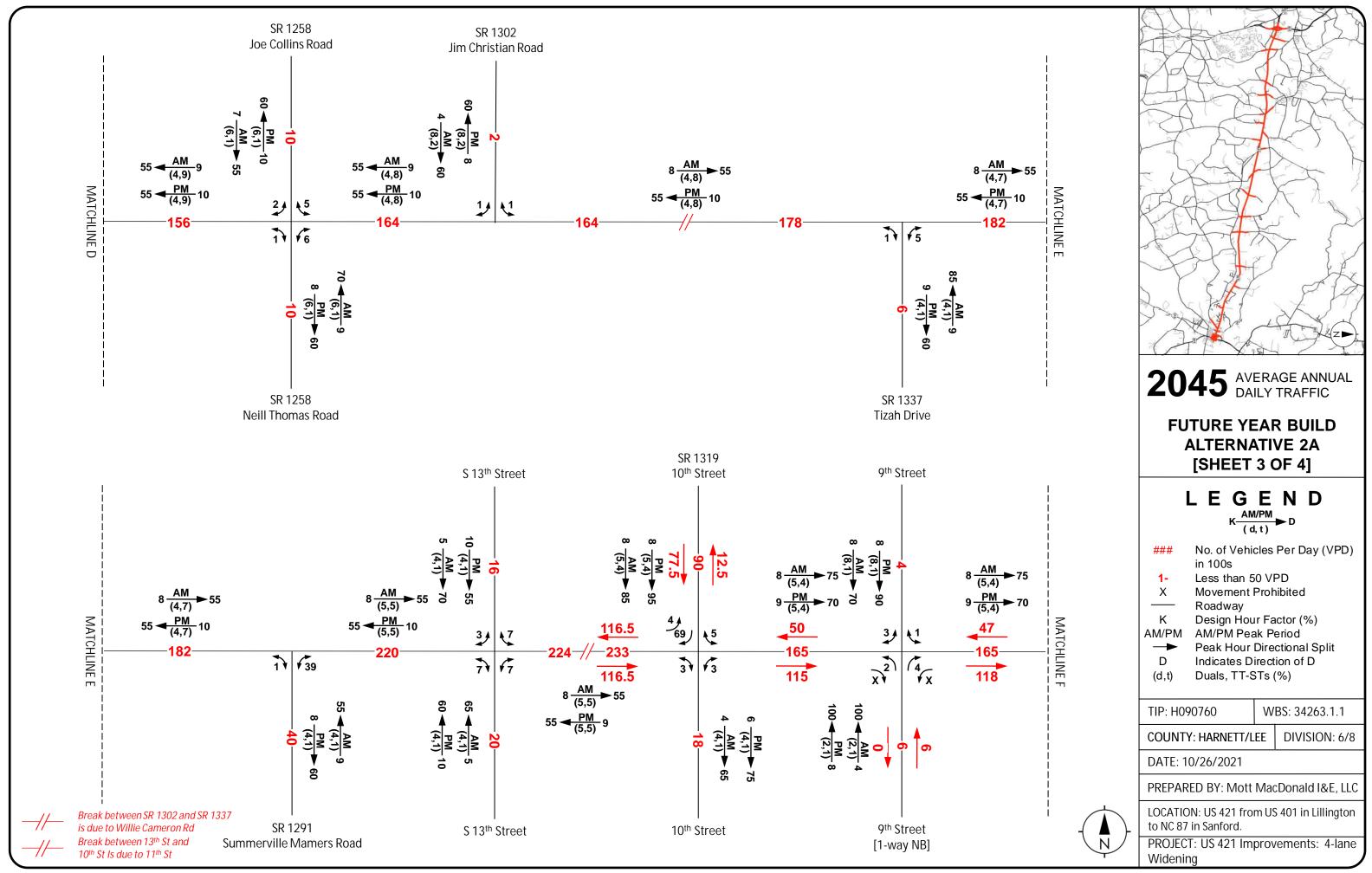
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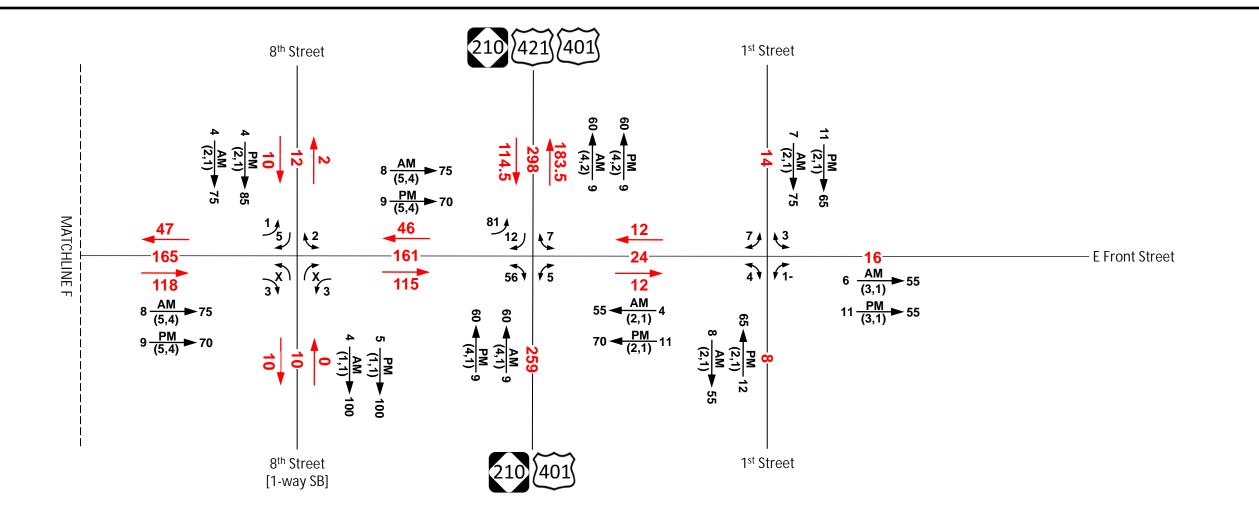
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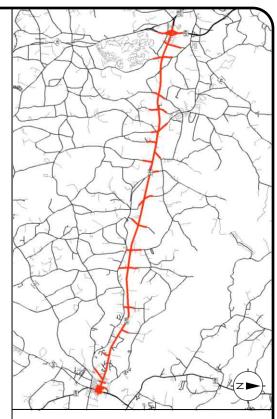












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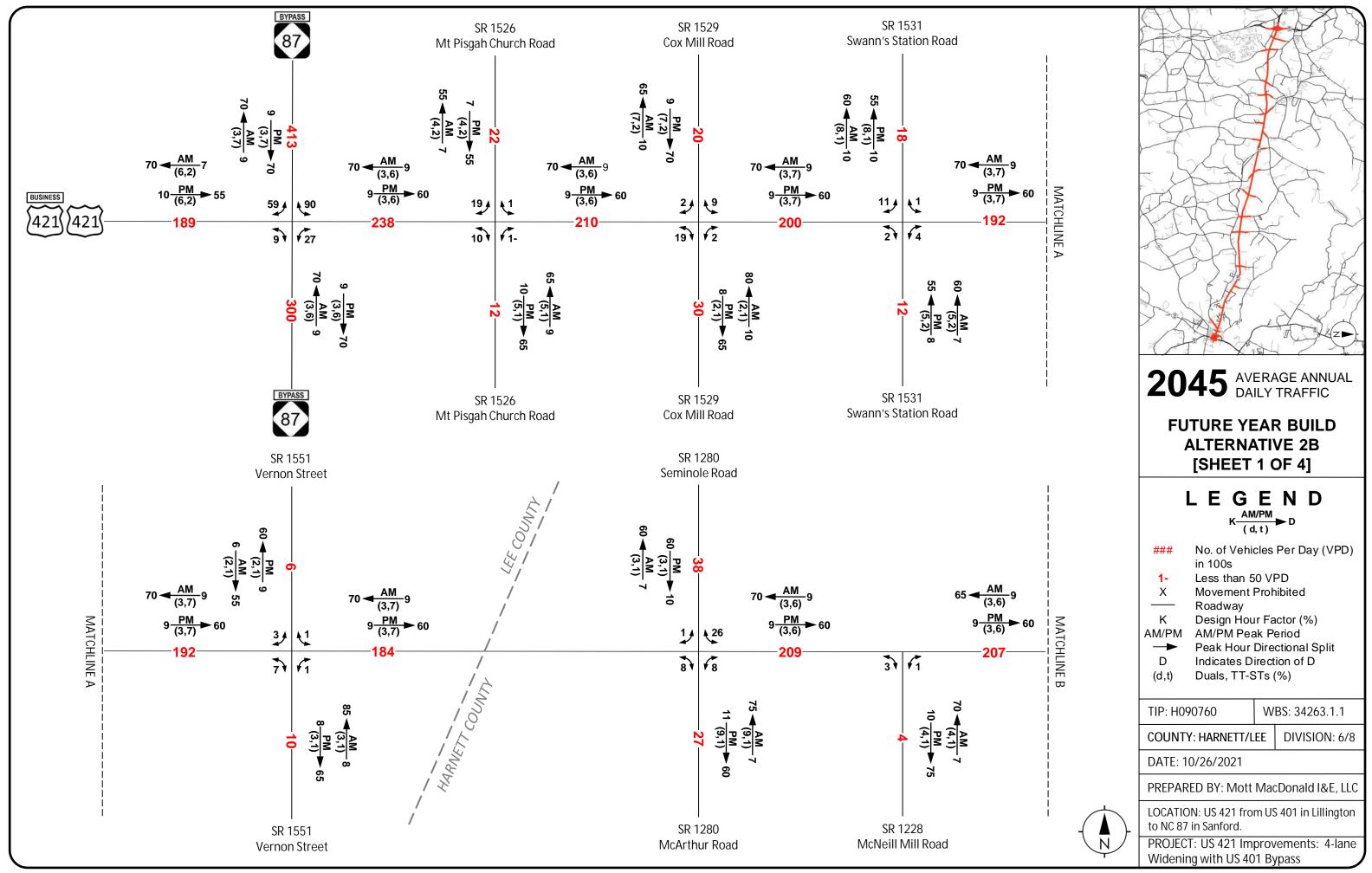
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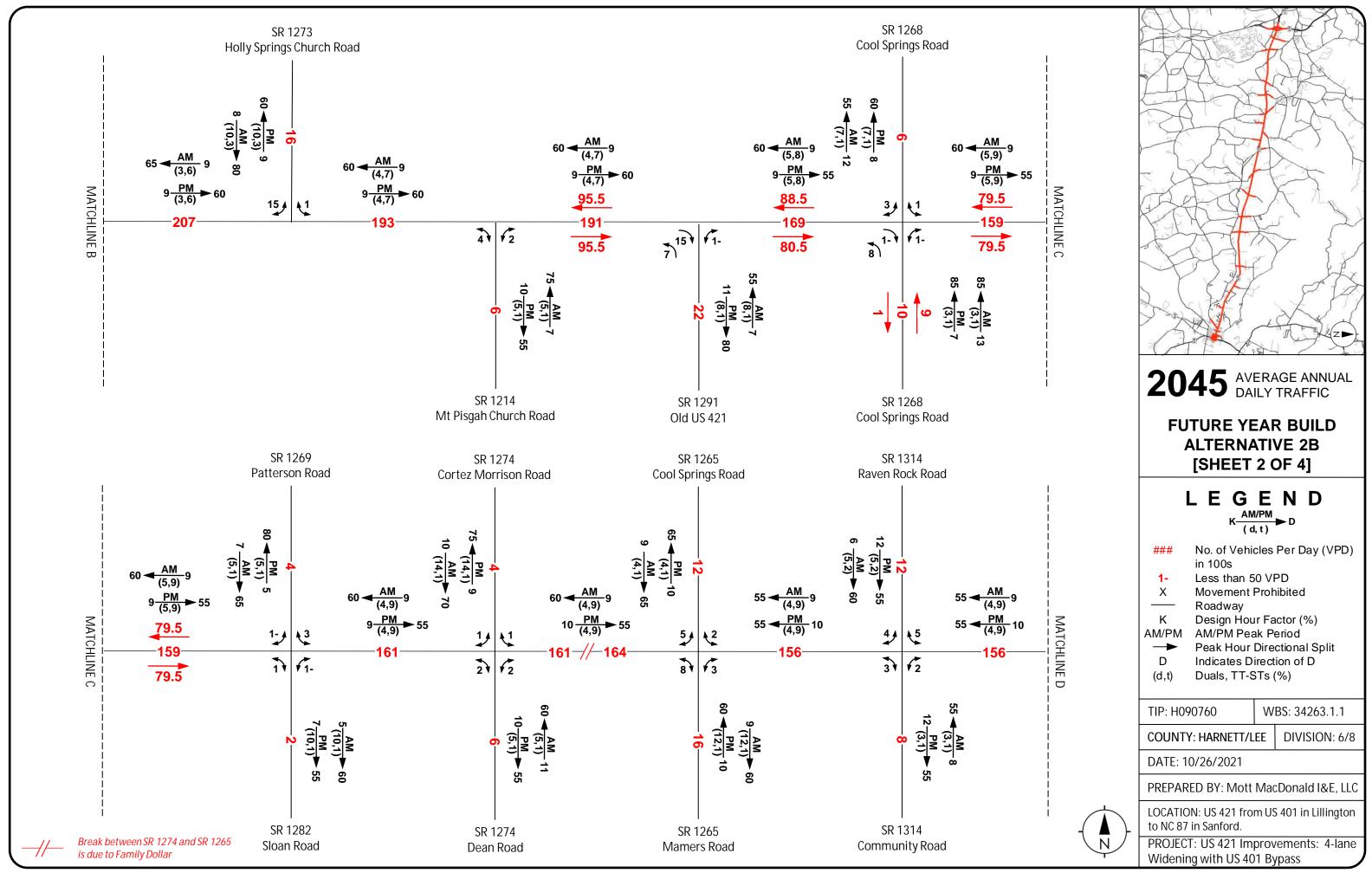
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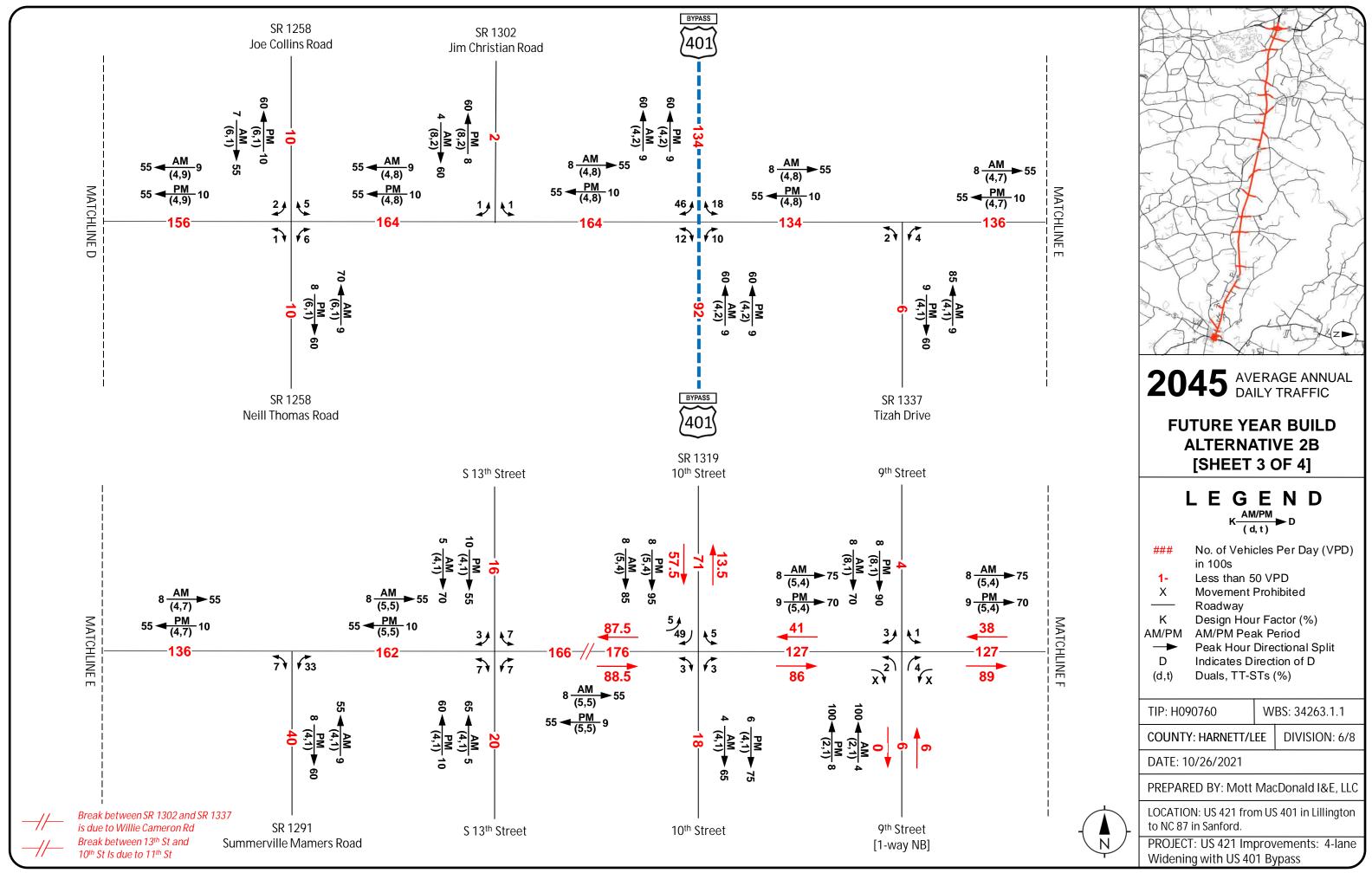
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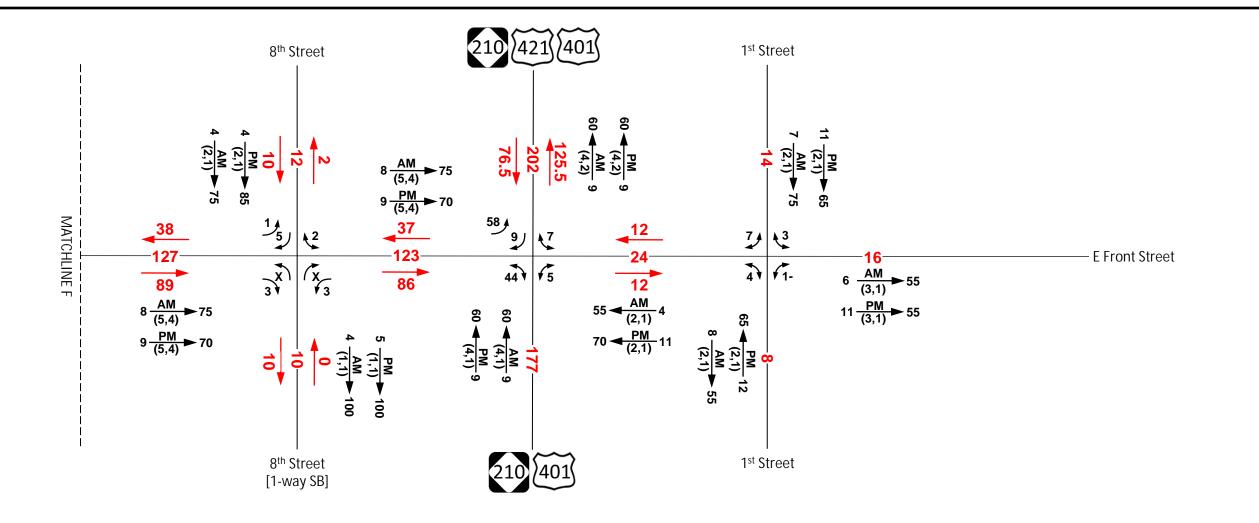
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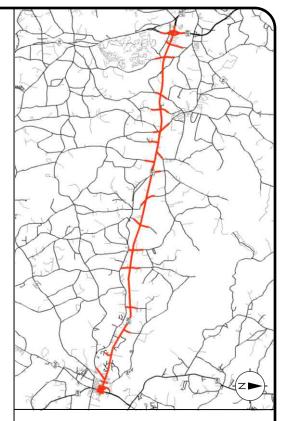












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