Design Options for a Transit Terminal near a Steep Hill



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Purpose Terminal Functions Setting

Challenges
Options
Evaluation

Functional Design Profile and Layout

OUTLINE

Future Plan for New Bus Terminal

Nearby road grid to be constructed → new routes

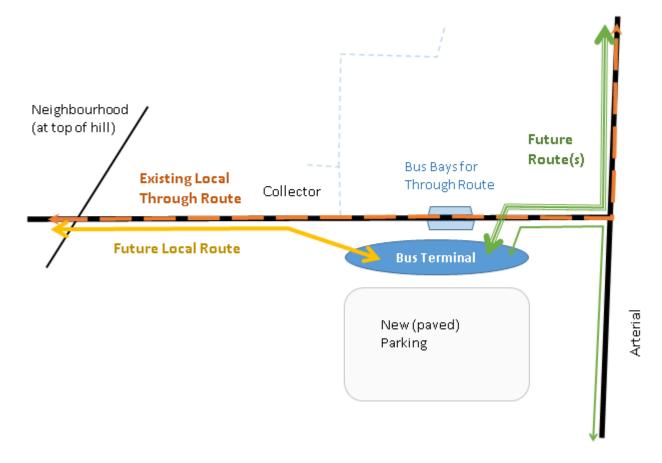
Existing parking lot → park and ride

Modifications to existing street should

- Accommodate new terminal and parking access
- Retain/enhance pathways and bus stops
- Minimize operational and safety issues

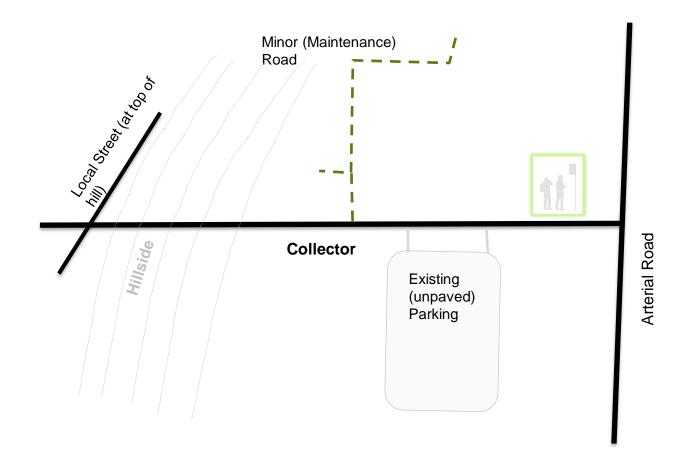
PURPOSE

Bus Transit Service Proposal



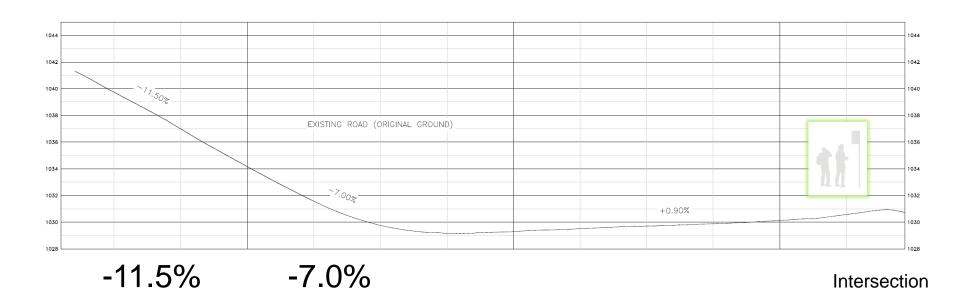
FUNCTIONS

Existing Conditions



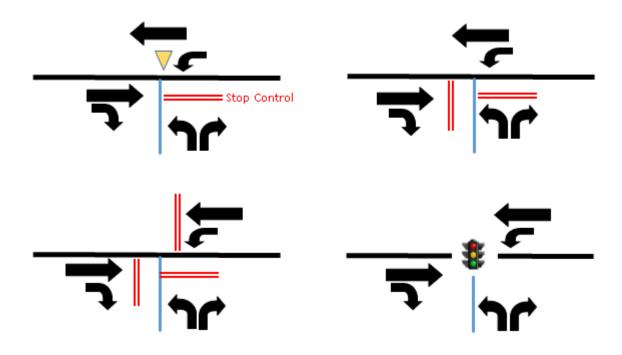
SETTING

Existing Grade Exceeds Ideal for Bus Operations



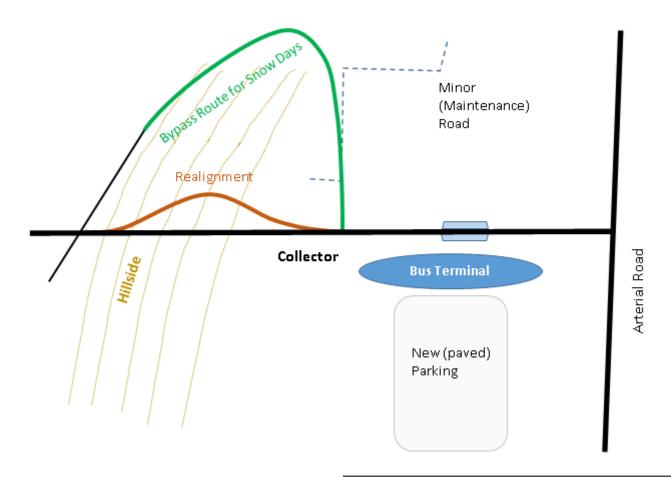


Intersection Control Options

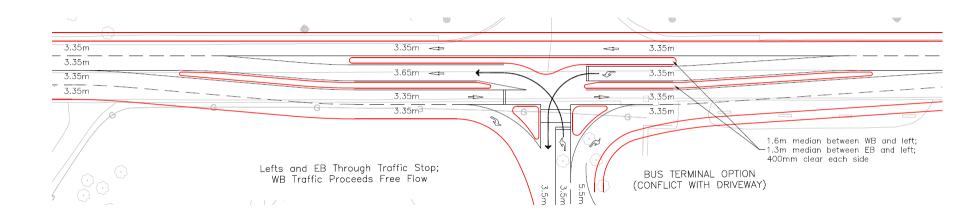


OPTIONS - 1 & 2

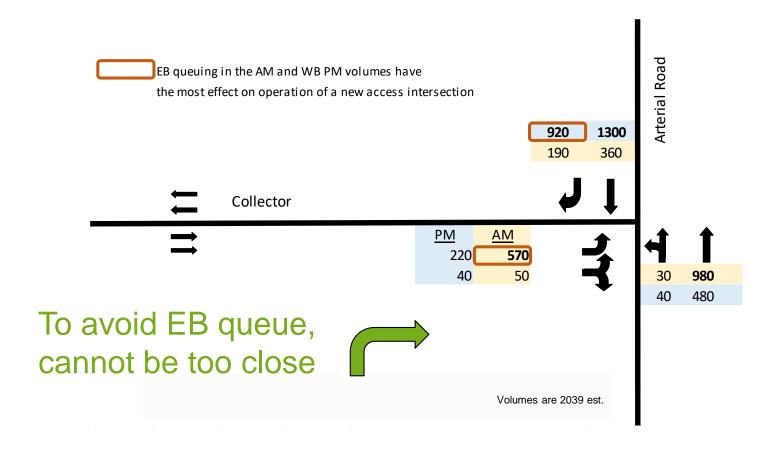
Reduce Grade by Realigning



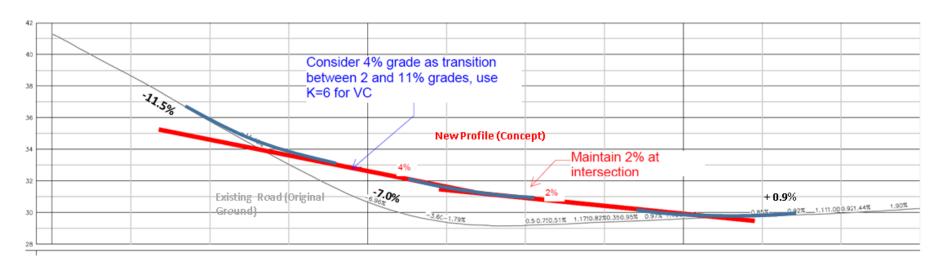
Protected T



Relocated Access Point



Modified Profile



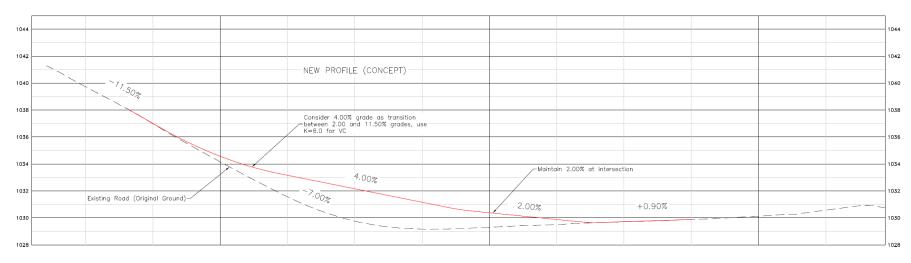


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Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
Stop Signs	✓ Uphill momentum if no WB stop sign✓ Gaps for exit from terminal	Downhill stopping not solvedLeft turn climb not solved
Traffic Signal	✓ Potential transit priority✓ Less frequent stops than with signs	Downhill stopping not fully solvedUphill climb not fully solved
Alternative Routes	 ✓ Partial mitigation of uphill climb, downhill stopping issues 	Insufficient reduction in gradesProperty issues
Protected T	✓ Uphill momentum✓ Left turn safety	 Downhill stopping not solved Left turn climb not solved Width of road section
Re-locating Access	✓ Reduces uphill climb, downhill stopping issues	 Size of terminal reduced if access moves too far east Queuing from intersection
Modifying Profiles	✓ Addresses most uphill climb, downhill stopping issues✓ Left turn safety	 Costs and visual effects

EVALUATION

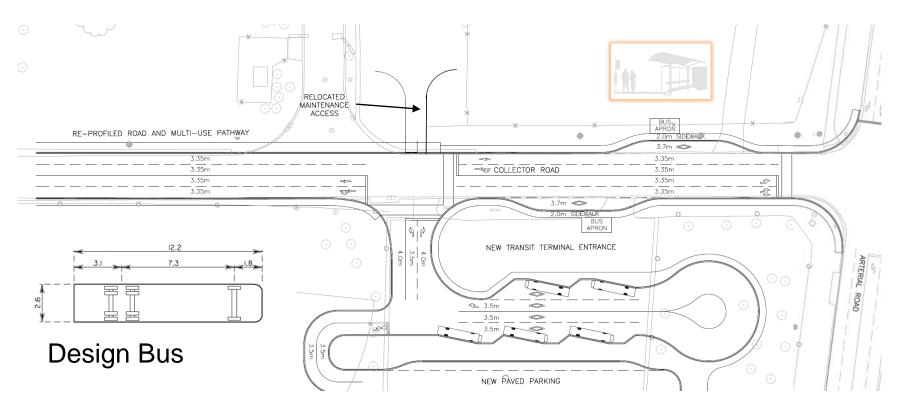
Profile



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FUNCTIONAL DESIGN - 1

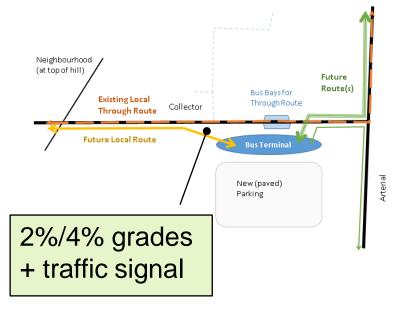
Layout



FUNCTIONAL DESIGN - 2

Summary

- Planned future transit terminal
- Logical location:
 - Entrance away from traffic queue
 - At the base of existing 11%+ hill



- Considered intersection control, alignment and profile options
- Selected functional design includes re-profiling to "average out" the grades
- Traffic signal [in future] to facilitate operations

CONCLUSIONS