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### 3.7 TRAFFIC IMPACTS

### 3.7.1 Introduction

The following substantive changes have been made to this section since the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was published:

- This chapter has been updated to reflect the new information associated with traffic forecasts for RPA P and Alternative R.

This section addresses traffic impacts of the Mid-States Corridor alternatives within the 12-County Study Area, as well as on other major highway corridors that may be affected by the project. This section emphasizes impacts of traffic diverted to Mid-States alternatives and identifies impacts on congestion levels along the major corridors in the Study Area. Details of travel forecasting methods and tools are provided in Appendix T-Travel Forecasting Model Documentation.

### 3.7.2 Methodology

Analyzing traffic impacts of major highway projects such as the Mid-States Corridor requires traffic forecasting models to analyze travel patterns, origin-destination (O-D) trip patterns and project benefits. The Mid-States Travel Demand Model (TDM) was developed to analyze travel patterns within the Study Area and to forecast travel between the Study Area and significant portions of Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee. Figure


Figure 3.7-1: Mid-States Corridor TDM Modeled Area 3.7-1 shows the modeled area for the TDM (in green) as well as the Study Area (in yellow).

The TDM was developed as a three-step travel demand model. A three-step travel model is an abbreviated version of the traditional four-step travel demand model. Primary steps of a four-step travel model include: trip generation, trip distribution, mode choice, and traffic assignment. In a three-step travel model, mode choice step from the four-step model is omitted. The Study Area is nearly entirely rural. Motor vehicle transportation (truck and auto) is the overwhelmingly predominant travel mode. There is negligible use of other travel modes (e.g., walking, biking and transit). See Appendix D - Screening of Alternatives Report, Non-Highway Alternatives Analysis Appendix. It documents that in the Study Area passenger rail service does not exist, and bus transit is very limited.

The TDM base year is 2017. This was the most recent year for which suitable socioeconomic data and traffic counts were available from federal and state sources. The base year model forecasts existing travel. A primary purpose for providing a base year travel model is to assess the ability of the travel model to accurately replicate travel flows (i.e., "predict the present").

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The TDM forecast year is 2045. Traffic projections for the forecast (horizon) year are used to evaluate network and traffic operational conditions and to identify future capacity needs in the regional highway network. For the forecast year, a highway network is defined as the base year highway network plus committed projects. "Committed" projects are funded transportation projects programmed for construction in state DOTs' fiscally constrained transportation plans. For the TDM No-Build network, committed projects were added from the 2045 highway networks of Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee statewide model highway networks. The 2045 horizon year model for the Evansville MPO (EMPO) and the 2040 horizon year model for the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA) also were checked. Details of future year tolls and highway capacities crossing the Ohio River were added from the EMPO model.

Traffic assignment outputs from the TDM were inputs into the TREDIS software tool ${ }^{1}$. TREDIS calculates economic impacts, benefits and costs of proposed projects, programs and policies. TREDIS uses travel demand model forecasts for both No-Build and Build alternatives to forecast the economic impacts, including population and employment growth, of transportation projects. TREDIS forecasted induced population and employment due to increased economic activities caused by the project alternatives. This induced population and employment were added to the baseline 2045 population and employment forecasts for analysis of each alternative. The final TDM traffic assignments shown here reflect the added travel due to the induced population and employment.

### 3.7.3 Regional Impacts

Mid-States Corridor alternatives include a new highway within the Study Area connecting I-69 (directly or via SR 37) to the north/northwest and I-64 to the south/southeast. Major new roads will alleviate some existing congestion and increase overall regional vehicle operating speeds. These factors lead to increased vehicle miles traveled (VMT), as drivers take more frequent and longer trips. Mid-States Corridor alternatives would also divert a small amount of travel into the Study Area from other highways, though this would not be a significant differentiator of alternatives.

At the regional scale of the TDM, the performance of Alternatives $P$ and RPA P is not distinguishable. In the tables which follow, they are shown with identical traffic volumes and performance. During Tier 2 studies, a more detailed, refined traffic model and other traffic analysis techniques will capture the effects of smaller differences in the highway network.

Table 3.7-1 shows annual VMT within the Study Area for No-Build and Build alternatives. VMT shows slight increases for all Build alternatives due to changes in trip characteristics (e.g., number of trips, trip length, etc.) as well as small increases in External-External (E-E) trips (trips with both origin and destination outside the Study Area).

| Alternative | Auto |  | Truck |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Annual VMT <br> (millions) | \% Change in VMT <br> Compared to No- <br> Build | Annual VMT <br> (millions) | \% Change in VMT <br> Compared to No- <br> Build |
| No Build | 4,285 | N/A | 367 | N/A |
| Alternative B | $4,310-4,317$ | 0.66 | 371 | 1.10 |
| Alternative C | $4,315-4,316$ | 0.71 | $369-370$ | 0.70 |
| Alternative M | $4,300-4,302$ | 0.37 | $368-369$ | 0.41 |
| Alternative O | $4,309-4,319$ | 0.68 | $368-370$ | 0.54 |
| Alternatives P \& RPA P | $4,298-4,305$ | 0.39 | $368-369$ | 0.41 |
| Alternative R | 4,294 | 0.21 | 367 | 0 |

Table 3.7-1: 2045 Study Area Total VMT
1 See Appendix B - Economic Performance Measures and Methods for documentation of the TREDIS tool.

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### 3.7.4 Impacts on Major Corridors

Within the Study Area some roads will have significant impacts to their traffic volumes and operational conditions. Traffic operational conditions are typically measured by Level of Service (LOS). It is a measure of driver experience on a given roadway segment or intersection. LOS ranges from LOS A, which reflects the best operating conditions with no congestion, to LOS F which reflects forced or breakdown flow. Roadway segments with higher Volume to Capacity (V/C) ratios (greater than 0.85 ) within the Study Area were identified for the No-Build 2045 Alternative. LOS values for these roadway segments were determined following the Highway Capacity Manual's guidelines for highways (e.g., two-lane and multi-lane segments). Table 3.7-2 shows major urban² roadway segments within the Study Area with LOS E (traffic operations at capacity and unstable) and LOS F (breakdown flow) for urban areas for 2045 NoBuild condition during PM Peak Period. It excludes roads within Monroe and Warrick counties.

| Corridor | From | To | Daily Volumes <br> (Auto + Truck) | PM LOS | Urban/Rural | County |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 47 th St | 36 th St | 24,700 | $F$ | Urban | Dubois |
|  | 36 th St | Schuetter Rd | 33,500 | $F$ | Urban | Dubois |
|  | 15th St | 6 th St | 34,700 | E | Urban | Dubois |
|  | SR 56 | Newton St | 35,000 | E | Urban | Dubois |

Table 3.7-2: Study Area Highways With Forecasted No-Build Congestion in Year 2045
Table 3.7-3a and Table 3.7-3b show forecasted daily traffic volumes (AADT) for the No-Build and Build Alternatives on key highways for the Super-2 and expressway facility types, respectively, of each alternative. Table 3.7-4a and Table $\mathbf{3 . 7 - 4 b}$ show the percentage changes in traffic on these highways for each alternative and facility type, compared to the No-Build Alternative. ${ }^{3}$ Since Alternative $R$ has only a Super-2 facility type, it is not shown in Table 3.7-3b or Table 3.7-4b.

| Corridor | From | To | 2045 NB | Alt B | Alt C | Alt M | Alt O | Alts P \& RPA P | Alt R | County |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I-69 | US 50 | SR 58 | 20,900 | 23,600 | 22,800 | 19,300 | 19,500 | 18,900 | 20,900 | Daviess |
|  | SR 58 | US 231 | 17,900 | 20,100 | 20,000 | 16,600 | 16,800 | 16,300 | 17,900 | Daviess |
|  | US 231 | SR 45 | 22,400 | 22,750 | 23,300 | 22,600 | 22,400 | 23,000 | 22,400 | Greene |
|  | SR 45 | SR 37 | 27,200 | 27,400 | 27,600 | 27,400 | 27,200 | 27,700 | 27,100 | Monroe |
|  | SR 37 | Bloomfield Rd | 49,750 | 50,400 | 49,800 | 50,400 | 50,800 | 50,500 | 50,200 | Monroe |
| SR 37 | I-69 | Smithville Rd | 30,650 | 30,600 | 30,500 | 30,700 | 31,200 | 30,500 | 30,650 | Monroe |
|  | Smithville Rd | Monroe Lake Rd | 30,300 | 30,000 | 30,200 | 30,500 | 30,900 | 30,200 | 30,050 | Monroe |
|  | Monroe Lake Rd | SR 54 | 29,900 | 29,900 | 29,900 | 30,000 | 30,400 | 29,750 | 29,700 | Lawrence |
|  | SR 54 | US 50 | 31,800 | 32,100 | 32,400 | 33,300 | 32,900 | 32,500 | 31,300 | Lawrence |
| US 231 | 1-69 | SR 58 | 10,400 | 8,200 | 9,000 | 11,500 | 11,500 | 13,600 | 10,400 | Daviess |
|  | SR 58 | US 50N | 10,900 | 8,700 | 7,500 | 12,000 | 12,100 | 8,500 | 10,900 | Martin |
|  | US 50N | US 50S | 15,500 | 12,950 | 10,500 | 16,200 | 16,200 | 9,300 | 15,550 | Martin |
|  | US 50S | SR 56 | 8,100 | 5,650 | 2,400 | 5,800 | 9,000 | 2,500 | 8,100 | Martin |
|  | SR 56 | 47th St | 11,400 | 9,000 | 6,300 | 5,700 | 9,000 | 6,300 | 11,500 | Dubois |
|  | 47th St | 36th St | 22,850 | 20,550 | 19,000 | 18,500 | 18,000 | 18,500 | 22,900 | Dubois |
|  | 36th St | 15th St | 31,250 | 29,300 | 26,000 | 25,000 | 24,900 | 25,000 | 31,350 | Dubois |
|  | 15th St | 6th St | 30,000 | 28,600 | 26,300 | 25,200 | 25,400 | 25,100 | 31,100 | Dubois |
|  | 6th St | SR 162 | 19,800 | 18,600 | 15,500 | 14,700 | 15,600 | 14,700 | 19,500 | Dubois |
|  | SR 162 | SR 64 | 16,150 | 14,700 | 11,500 | 10,300 | 11,200 | 10,300 | 16,500 | Dubois |
|  | SR 64 | I-64 | 10,700 | 8,700 | 8,000 | 8,400 | 8,100 | 8,500 | 10,750 | Dubois |
| 1-64 | SR 161 | US 231 | 25,400 | 24,200 | 25,300 | 25,400 | 25,600 | 25,550 | 25,400 | Warrick |
|  | US 231 | SR 162 | 28,400 | 29,300 | 27,600 | 27,800 | 27,600 | 28,000 | 28,700 | Spencer |
|  | SR 162 | SR 145 | 30,200 | 30,700 | 30,400 | 29,800 | 29,600 | 30,000 | 30,300 | Perry |

Table 3.7-3a: 2045 Forecast Year Daily Traffic (AADT) on Key Highways, Super-2 Facility Type
$2 \quad$ Rural roads with LOS D or lower are considered congested. No rural roads in the Study Area are forecasted to be congested.
3 Chapter 5, Table 5-1 shows traffic volumes at key locations on all Build alternatives. It is included as part of an overall comparison of key costs, benefits and impacts.

| Corridor | From | To | 2045 NB | Alt B | Alt C | Alt M | Alt O | Alts P \& RPA P | County |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-69 | US 50 | SR 58 | 20,900 | 23,150 | 23,500 | 18,650 | 19,100 | 18,800 | Daviess |
|  | SR 58 | US 231 | 17,900 | 20,100 | 20,550 | 16,300 | 17,000 | 16,300 | Daviess |
|  | US 231 | SR 45 | 22,400 | 23,750 | 23,250 | 21,000 | 22,400 | 23,900 | Greene |
|  | SR 45 | SR 37 | 27,200 | 27,950 | 27,550 | 26,228 | 27,550 | 28,100 | Monroe |
|  | SR 37 | Bloomfield Rd | 49,750 | 50,000 | 49,700 | 49,800 | 50,400 | 50,250 | Monroe |
| SR 37 | 1-69 | Smithville Rd | 30,650 | 30,550 | 30,600 | 31,900 | 31,200 | 30,600 | Monroe |
|  | Smithville Rd | Monroe Lake Rd | 30,300 | 30,200 | 30,250 | 31,750 | 31,000 | 30,600 | Monroe |
|  | Monroe Lake Rd | SR 54 | 29,900 | 29,800 | 29,900 | 31,450 | 30,600 | 29,750 | Lawrence |
|  | SR 54 | US 50 | 31,800 | 32,400 | 32,500 | 33,800 | 33,500 | 32,500 | Lawrence |
| US 231 | I-69 | SR 58 | 10,400 | 7,910 | 6,750 | 10,350 | 11,200 | 13,700 | Daviess |
|  | SR 58 | US 50N | 10,900 | 8,400 | 7,075 | 11,000 | 11,800 | 5,200 | Martin |
|  | US 50N | US 50S | 15,500 | 12,550 | 10,000 | 10,850 | 15,900 | 9,800 | Martin |
|  | US 50S | SR 56 | 8,100 | 5,400 | 2,100 | 2,700 | 8,900 | 2,500 | Martin |
|  | SR 56 | 47th St | 11,400 | 8,600 | 6,800 | 5,800 | 9,500 | 6,100 | Dubois |
|  | 47th St | 36th St | 22,850 | 20,150 | 19,475 | 18,650 | 18,800 | 18,850 | Dubois |
|  | 36th St | 15th St | 31,250 | 28,800 | 26,350 | 25,450 | 25,400 | 25,400 | Dubois |
|  | 15th St | 6th St | 30,000 | 28,600 | 26,200 | 24,800 | 25,400 | 24,700 | Dubois |
|  | 6th St | SR 162 | 19,800 | 18,100 | 15,900 | 14,650 | 15,100 | 14,650 | Dubois |
|  | SR 162 | SR 64 | 16,150 | 13,750 | 11,600 | 10,300 | 10,700 | 10,300 | Dubois |
|  | SR 64 | I-64 | 10,700 | 8,600 | 8,200 | 8,000 | 8,300 | 8,050 | Dubois |
| 1-64 | SR 161 | US 231 | 25,400 | 24,700 | 25,299 | 25,550 | 25,700 | 25,650 | Warrick |
|  | US 231 | SR 162 | 28,400 | 29,300 | 27,900 | 27,800 | 27,700 | 28,150 | Spencer |
|  | SR 162 | SR 145 | 30,200 | 30,700 | 30,600 | 30,000 | 29,800 | 30,200 | Perry |

Table 3.7-3b: 2045 Forecast Year Daily Traffic (AADT) on Key Highways, Expressway Facility Type

| Corridor | From | To | Alt B | Alt C | Alt M | Alt O | Alts P and RPA P | Alt R | County |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I-69 | US 50 | SR 58 | 13 | 9 | -8 | -7 | -10 | 0 | Daviess |
|  | SR 58 | US 231 | 12 | 12 | -7 | -6 | -9 | 0 | Daviess |
|  | US 231 | SR 45 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | Greene |
|  | SR 45 | SR 37 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Monroe |
|  | SR 37 | Bloomfield Rd | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Monroe |
| SR 37 | I-69 | Smithville Rd | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Monroe |
|  | Smithville Rd | Monroe Lake Rd | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | -1 | Monroe |
|  | Monroe Lake Rd | SR 54 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | -1 | -1 | Lawrence |
|  | SR 54 | US 50 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 2 | -1 | Lawrence |
| US 231 | I-69 | SR 58 | -21 | -13 | 11 | 11 | 31 | 0 | Daviess |
|  | SR 58 | US 50N | -20 | -31 | 10 | 11 | -22 | 0 | Martin |
|  | US 50N | US 50S | -16 | -32 | 5 | 5 | -40 | 0 | Martin |
|  | US 50S | SR 56 | -30 | -70 | -28 | 11 | -69 | 0 | Martin |
|  | SR 56 | 47th St | -21 | -45 | -50 | -21 | -45 | 1 | Dubois |
|  | 47th St | 36th St | -10 | -17 | -19 | -21 | -19 | 0 | Dubois |
|  | 36th St | 15th St | -6 | -17 | -20 | -20 | -20 | 0 | Dubois |
|  | 15th St | 6th St | -5 | -12 | -16 | -15 | -16 | 4 | Dubois |
|  | 6th St | SR 162 | -6 | -22 | -26 | -21 | -26 | -2 | Dubois |
|  | SR 162 | SR 64 | -9 | -29 | -36 | -31 | -36 | 2 | Dubois |
|  | SR 64 | I-64 | -19 | -25 | -21 | -24 | -21 | 0 | Dubois |
| I-64 | SR 161 | US 231 | -5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Warrick |
|  | US 231 | SR 162 | 3 | -3 | -2 | -3 | -1 | 1 | Spencer |
|  | SR 162 | SR 145 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -2 | -1 | 0 | Perry |

Table 3.7-4a: 2045 Percent Change, 2045 Forecast Year Daily Traffic (AADT) on Key Highways, Super-2 Facility Type

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| Corridor | From | To | Alt B | Alt C | Alt M | Alt O | Alts P \& RPA P | County |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I-69 | US 50 | SR 58 | 11 | 12 | -11 | -9 | -10 | Daviess |
|  | SR 58 | US 231 | 12 | 15 | -9 | -5 | -9 | Daviess |
|  | US 231 | SR 45 | 6 | 4 | -6 | 0 | 7 | Greene |
|  | SR 45 | SR 37 | 3 | 1 | -4 | 1 | 3 | Monroe |
|  | SR 37 | Bloomfield Rd | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Monroe |
| SR 37 | I-69 | Smithville Rd | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 | Monroe |
|  | Smithville Rd | Monroe Lake Rd | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | Monroe |
|  | Monroe Lake Rd | SR 54 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | -1 | Lawrence |
|  | SR 54 | US 50 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 2 | Lawrence |
| US 231 | I-69 | SR 58 | -24 | -35 | 0 | 8 | 32 | Daviess |
|  | SR 58 | US 50N | -23 | -35 | 1 | 8 | -52 | Martin |
|  | US 50N | US 50S | -19 | -35 | -30 | 3 | -37 | Martin |
|  | US 50S | SR 56 | -33 | -74 | -67 | 10 | -69 | Martin |
|  | SR 56 | 47th St | -25 | -40 | -49 | -17 | -46 | Dubois |
|  | 47th St | 36th St | -12 | -15 | -18 | -18 | -18 | Dubois |
|  | 36th St | 15th St | -8 | -16 | -19 | -19 | -19 | Dubois |
|  | 15th St | 6th St | -5 | -13 | -17 | -15 | -17 | Dubois |
|  | 6 th St | SR 162 | -9 | -20 | -26 | -24 | -26 | Dubois |
|  | SR 162 | SR 64 | -15 | -28 | -36 | -34 | -36 | Dubois |
|  | SR 64 | I-64 | -20 | -23 | -25 | -22 | -25 | Dubois |
| I-64 | SR 161 | US 231 | -3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Warrick |
|  | US 231 | SR 162 | 3 | -2 | -2 | -2 | -1 | Spencer |
|  | SR 162 | SR 145 | 2 | 1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | Perry |

Table 3.7-4b: 2045 Percent Change, 2045 Forecast Year Daily Traffic (AADT) on Key Highways, Expressway Facility Type

### 3.7.4.1 Impacts to I-69

I-69 segments south/southwest of US 231 would be moderately affected by Alternatives B and C with traffic volumes increasing by approximately 15 percent. I-69 traffic volumes on this same segment will decrease by three to seven percent for Alternatives M, O, P and RPA $P$. These alternatives will divert some traffic from I-69 by providing shorter travel times. Also, it is common for trips to travel longer distances to use higher-classification facilities which offer higher speed travel. For I-69 segments north/northeast of US 231 to Bloomington, impacts of Mid-States alternatives are negligible for Alternatives B and C, but show moderate reductions of four to 10 percent for Alternatives M and O with a slight increase for Alternatives P and RPA P. Figure 3.7-2 shows the shortest travel path (in minutes) between two generic zones within the Study Area for No-Build Alternative (between easter Greene County and northern Warrick County). It shows the shortest travel path includes a significant segment of I-69.


Figure 3.7-2: Shortest Travel Path between Two Selected Zones for No-Build Alternative

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Figure 3.7-3 shows the shortest travel path (in minutes) for the same set of zones for Alternatives P and RPA P, expressway facility type. It shows the shortest travel path includes Alternatives P and RPA P instead of I-69.

### 3.7.4.2 Impacts to SR 37 (Between Bloomington and Bedford)

SR 37 segments south/southeast of I-69 would have moderate increases (from two to 13 percent) in daily traffic volumes for Alternatives M and O . Alternatives M and O use SR 37 to connect to Bloomington from Jasper and I-64. The forecasted traffic diversions to Alternatives M and O for travel between these destinations would result in a moderate increase in traffic volumes along SR 37. There would not be any significant impacts on SR 37 for other alternatives.

### 3.7.4.3 Impacts to US 231

Most US 231 segments within the Study Area would see large decreases in traffic for the Build alternatives. Since Alternative $R$ represents an upgrade of existing US 231, its traffic volumes generally are similar to those for US 231 in the No-Build Alternative. All alternatives would reduce traffic volumes on different segments of US 231 between I-69 and I-64, with only a few segments showing slight increases. The segments showing increases are primarily associated with Alternative 0. Jasper and Huntingburg are significant traffic generators/ attractors in Dubois County. Mid-States Alternatives with an eastern corridor around Jasper would not only attract regional trips traveling through Jasper but also some local trips, particularly those oriented to/from eastern and southern areas in Jasper and Huntingburg. The existing local road network would connect the MidStates Alternatives to the urbanized areas of Jasper and Huntingburg. Figure 3.7-4 shows the shortest travel path (in minutes) from Loogootee to the commercial area at SR 162 and US 231 intersection via Alternatives P and RPA P, expressway facility type.

Figure 3.7-4 illustrates that some traffic with origins or destinations in Jasper and Huntingburg would be diverted to Mid-States alternatives, due to travel time advantages compared with existing US 231 through both communities. Regional traffic which formerly used US 231 through the center of Jasper and Huntingburg


Figure 3.7-3: Shortest Travel Path between Two Selected Zones for Alternative P and RPA P Expressway Facility Type


Figure 3.7-4: Shortest Travel Path Between Loogootee and Jasper/Huntingburg for Alternatives P and RPA P, Expressway Facility Type

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to access destinations outside Dubois County also would divert to Mid-State alternatives. In addition, traffic from locations other than US 231 also is diverted to the Mid-States alternatives.

Table 3.7-5a and Table 3.7-5b quantifies these traffic diversions. It shows:

- Forecasted daily volumes on US 231 segments for the No-Build and each Build Alternative
- Forecasted daily volumes on each alternative, corresponding to the US 231 segments
- The sum of daily volumes on both US 231 and the corresponding segment of each build alternative

Key observations include:

- Mid-States Corridor alternatives divert significant traffic into the combined US 231/alternative corridor. South of 47th St., combined volumes range from 20 percent to 40 percent higher than US 231 in the No-Build Alternative. This reflects diverted north-south traffic. A similar pattern is forecasted north of 47th St. for Alternatives M, O, P and RPA P.
- Midstates Corridor alternatives divert significant traffic from US 231 in Jasper and Huntingburg. Between SR 64 in Huntingburg and 47th St. in Jasper, Alternatives M, O, P and RPA P divert between 3,200 and 6,300 daily vehicles from US 231. Alternatives $B$ and $C$ divert between 1,200 and 4,900 from this same segment of US 231.
- Alternatives B and C divert significant traffic from US 231 north of Jasper. North of 47th St., US 231 volumes for Alternatives B and C are up to one-third less than in the No-Build Alternative.
- Alternative R attracts slightly higher traffic (one to five percent) along the US 231 corridor from SR 56 to 6th Street in Jasper. Also note that Alternative $R$ has only a Super-2 facility type, and is not shown in Table 3.7-5b.

| From | To | 2045 NB <br> Volumes | Alt B |  | Alt C |  | Alt M |  | Alt 0 |  | Alts P and RPA P |  | Alt R |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Volumes | \% Change | Volumes | \% Change | Volumes | \% Change | Volumes | \% Change | Volumes | \% Change | Volumes | \% Change |
| 1-69 | SR 58 | 10,400 | 8,200 | -21 | 9,000 | -13 | 11,500 | 11 | 11,500 | 11 | 13,600 | 31 | 10,400 | 0 |
| SR 58 | US 50N | 10,900 | 8,700 | -20 | 7,500 | -31 | 12,000 | 10 | 12,100 | 11 | 8,500 | -22 | 10,900 | 0 |
| US 50N | US 50S | 15,500 | 12,950 | -16 | 10,500 | -32 | 16,200 | 5 | 16,200 | 5 | 9,300 | -40 | 15,550 | 0 |
| US 50S | SR 56 | 8,100 | 5,650 | -30 | 2,400 | -70 | 5,800 | -28 | 9,000 | 11 | 2,500 | -69 | 8,100 | 0 |
| SR 56 | 47th St | 11,400 | 9,000 | -21 | 6,300 | -45 | 5,700 | -50 | 9,000 | -21 | 6,300 | -45 | 11,500 | 1 |
| 47th St | 36th St | 22,850 | 20,550 | -10 | 19,000 | -17 | 18,500 | -19 | 18,000 | -21 | 18,500 | -19 | 22,900 | 0 |
| 36th St | 15th St | 31,250 | 29,300 | -6 | 26,000 | -17 | 25,000 | -20 | 24,900 | -20 | 25,000 | -20 | 31,350 | 0 |
| 15th St | 6th St | 28,400 | 28,600 | -5 | 26,300 | -12 | 25,200 | -16 | 25,400 | -15 | 25,100 | -16 | 31,100 | 4 |
| 6th St | SR 162 | 19,800 | 18,600 | -6 | 15,500 | -22 | 14,700 | -26 | 15,600 | -21 | 14,700 | -26 | 19,500 | -2 |
| SR 162 | SR 64 | 16,150 | 14,700 | -9 | 11,500 | -29 | 10,300 | -36 | 11,200 | -31 | 10,300 | -36 | 16,500 | 2 |
| SR 64 | 1-64 | 10,700 | 8,700 | -19 | 8,000 | -25 | 8,400 | -21 | 8,100 | -24 | 8,500 | -21 | 10,750 | 0 |

Table 3.7-5a: 2045 Forecasted Year Daily Volumes on US 231 for Super-2 Facility Type

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| From | To | 2045 NB <br> Volumes | Alt B |  | Alt C |  | Alt M |  | Alt 0 |  | Alts P and RPA P |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Volumes | \% Change | Volumes | \% Change | Volumes | \% Change | Volumes | \% Change | Volumes | \% Change |
| 1-69 | SR 58 | 10,400 | 7,900 | -24 | 6,750 | -35 | 10,350 | 0 | 11,200 | 8 | 13,700 | 32 |
| SR 58 | US 50N | 10,900 | 8,400 | -23 | 7,100 | -35 | 11,000 | 1 | 11,800 | 8 | 5,200 | -52 |
| US 50N | US 50S | 15,500 | 12,550 | -19 | 10,000 | -35 | 10,850 | -30 | 15,900 | 3 | 9,800 | -37 |
| US 50S | SR 56 | 8,100 | 5,400 | -33 | 2,100 | -74 | 2,700 | -67 | 8,900 | 10 | 2,500 | -69 |
| SR 56 | 47th St | 11,400 | 8,600 | -25 | 6,800 | -40 | 5,800 | -49 | 9,500 | -17 | 6,100 | -46 |
| 47th St | 36th St | 22,850 | 20,150 | -12 | 19,500 | -15 | 18,650 | -18 | 18,800 | -18 | 18,850 | -18 |
| 36th St | 15th St | 31,250 | 28,800 | -8 | 26,350 | -16 | 25,450 | -19 | 25,400 | -19 | 25,400 | -19 |
| 15th St | 6th St | 28,400 | 28,600 | 1 | 26,200 | -8 | 24,800 | -13 | 25,400 | -11 | 24,700 | -13 |
| 6th St | SR 162 | 19,800 | 18,100 | -9 | 15,900 | -20 | 14,650 | -26 | 15,100 | -24 | 14,650 | -26 |
| SR 162 | SR 64 | 16,150 | 13,750 | -15 | 11,600 | -28 | 10,300 | -36 | 10,700 | -34 | 10,300 | -36 |
| SR 64 | 1-64 | 10,700 | 8,600 | -20 | 8,200 | -23 | 8,000 | -25 | 8,300 | -22 | 8,050 | -25 |

Table 3.7-5b: 2045 Forecasted Year Daily Volumes on US 231 for Expressway Facility Type

### 3.7.4.4 Impacts to I-64

Mid-States Corridor alternatives would have insignificant impact along l-64 corridor segments within the Study Area.

### 3.7.5 Impacts to Major Corridors Outside the Study Area

Impacts on daily traffic volumes (AADT) along other major corridors, some outside the Study Area, also were evaluated. These include:

- I-65 between Indianapolis and Louisville
- I-65 between Louisville and Bowling Green
- I-165 between Owensboro and Bowling Green
- I-69 between Washington and Evansville
- SR 135 between Morgantown and Corydon
- $\quad$ SR 37 between Bedford and I-64

Table 3.7-6 shows forecasted daily traffic volumes (AADT) for the No-Build and Build Alternatives along the other major corridors. Table 3.7-7 shows the percentage changes in traffic for each alternative compared to the No-Build Alternative along the other major corridors.

| Corridor | Location | 2045 NB | Alt B | Alt C | Alt M | Alt 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I-65 | South of I-465 | 113,250 | 113,300 | 112,950 | 113,400 | 113,100 |
|  | South of US 31 | 61,200 | 61,350 | 61,450 | 61,400 | 61,400 |
|  | South of I-265 | 99,900 | 99,900 | 99,800 | 99,900 | 99,800 |
|  | South of I-264 | 91,700 | 92,200 | 92,300 | 92,300 | 92,300 |
|  | South of I-265 | 88,150 | 88,100 | 88,200 | 88,200 | 88,250 |
|  | North of I-165 | 58,600 | 58,600 | 58,600 | 58,600 | 58,600 |
|  | South of I-165 | 63,750 | 63,800 | 63,850 | 63,900 | 63,900 |
| I-165 | South of US 60 | 29,600 | 29,750 | 29,300 | 29,650 | 29,600 |
|  | South of W KY Pkwy | 21,550 | 21,700 | 21,300 | 21,650 | 21,600 |
|  | South of US 231 | 24,650 | 24,800 | 24,550 | 24,600 | 24,600 |
| I-69 | South of US 150 | 19,750 | 24,500 | 19,500 | 19,000 | 19,200 |
|  | South of I-64 | 47,700 | 46,150 | 47,500 | 47,100 | 47,400 |
|  | South of Lloyd Expwy | 38,100 | 36,850 | 37,950 | 37,600 | 37,800 |
| SR 135 | South of SR 252 | 6,250 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,350 | 6,350 |
|  | North of I-64 | 16,650 | 16,650 | 16,700 | 16,600 | 16,550 |
|  | South of I-64 | 33,350 | 33,300 | 33,400 | 33,350 | 33,300 |
| SR 37 | South of US 50 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 19,900 | 22,100 |
|  | South of SR 60 | 14,200 | 14,200 | 14,200 | 14,100 | 12,300 |
|  | South of SR 64 | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,500 | 4,400 | 4,350 |
|  | North of I-64 | 4,500 | 4,550 | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,250 |

Table 3.7-6: 2045 Forecast Year Daily Traffic for Other Major Roadways

| Corridor | Location | Alt B | Alt C | Alt M | Alt O | Alts $P$ and RPA P | Alt R | State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I-65 | South of I-465 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | IN |
|  | South of US 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | IN |
|  | South of I-265 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | IN |
|  | South of I-264 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | KY |
|  | South of I-265 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | KY |
|  | North of I-165 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | KY |
|  | South of I-165 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | KY |
| I-165 | South of US 60 | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | KY |
|  | South of W KY Pkwy | 1 | -1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | KY |
|  | South of US 231 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | KY |
| 1-69 | South of US 150 | 24 | -1 | -4 | -3 | -6 | 0 | IN |
|  | South of I-64 | -3 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 0 | IN |
|  | South of Lloyd Expwy | -3 | 0 | -1 | -1 | -2 | 0 | IN |
| SR 135 | South of SR 252 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | IN |
|  | North of I-64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | IN |
|  | South of I-64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | IN |
| SR 37 | South of US 50 | 0 | 0 | -1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | IN |
|  | South of SR 60 | 0 | 0 | -1 | -13 | 0 | 0 | IN |
|  | South of SR 64 | 0 | -2 | -4 | -5 | -4 | 0 | IN |
|  | North of I-64 | 1 | -2 | -2 | -6 | -1 | 0 | IN |

Table 3.7-7: 2045 Percentage Change in 2045 Forecast Year Daily Traffic for Other Major Roadways
Changes in traffic flows on these other major roads would be small. Earlier in the Study, freeway alternatives were evaluated for the Mid-States Project. The freeway facility type for Alternatives P and RPA P would have resulted in a two percent decrease in truck traffic on I-65 in Louisville, and up to a 20 percent increase in truck traffic on I-165 between Bowling Green and Owensboro. The Mid-States Corridor expressway facility type alternatives do not offer sufficient travel time advantages to attract significant long-distance travel from other highways. Traffic flow along I-69 outside the Study Area would reduce slightly for some segments. SR 37 would experience a reduction in daily traffic for segments outside the Study Area for Alternatives O and M.

### 3.7.6 Summary

As illustrated by Table 3.7-3a through Table 3.7-5b, Mid-State Corridor alternatives would not cause added congestion on I-69 segments within the Study Area. All alternatives would divert traffic from US 231 segments in Dubois County. Percentage increases on SR 37 south of I-69 would be moderate for Alternatives M and O . There are no significant changes for the rest of the alternatives. I-64 segments within the Study Area would not have any significant changes in traffic flows.

