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UTC Project Information – CAMMSE @ UNC Charlotte	
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Brief Description of Research Project	Displaced left turn (DLT), also known as continuous flow intersection (CFI), is an innovative intersection designed to increase the mobility of an intersection by relocating its left turn lane (lanes) to the far-left side of the road at upstream location of the main signalized intersection. Since DLT is relatively new and only implemented in a few states, there are few existing guidelines available for designing DLT intersections. One of the critical elements when designing a DLT is the signal timing plan. An appropriate signal timing plan will maximum the intersection capacity, reduce congestion, and improve safety. The purpose of this research is to develop a comprehensive signal timing strategy for DLT intersections. To achieve this purpose, the research team will first review and summarize current design



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	<p>guidelines and research findings on how to design and optimize signal timing for DLT intersections. Then, a new DLT signal time design methodology will be proposed by considering various geometric configurations and traffic conditions. A DLT intersection located at Texas is selected as a case study location to apply and validate the signal timing strategy developed in this project. VISSIM simulation will be conducted to evaluate the developed signal timing method.</p>
<p><i>Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)</i></p> <p><i>Place Any Photos Here</i></p>	
<p><i>Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)</i></p>	<p>Project has not begun yet, so no impacts have been realized.</p>
<p><i>Web Links</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reports</i> • <i>Project website</i> 	<p>https://cammse.uncc.edu/sites/cammse.uncc.edu/files/media/CAMMSE-UNCC-2019-UTC-Project-Information-13-Qi.pdf</p>