

# Caltrans District 7 Training

## Topic: Post-processing

Feb 09, 2018

From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

**1** Presentation (powerpoint slides)

Why do we need to post-process?

NCHRP methods

Other techniques

Q&A

**2** Corridor forecasts Post-processing (examples)

Traffic counts

Balancing, timeperiods, vehicle classes etc....

FHWA 13 veh. Classes to SCAG model vehicle classes

Spreadsheet demonstrations

Q&A

**3** Lunch

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**4** D12 post-processor spreadsheet tool (present & demonstrate)

Q&A

**5** POLA post-processing (segments & intersections)

Methodology overview

Tool demonstration

Q&A

**6** D11 post-processing methodology presentation

PHV tool demonstration

Q&A



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# Post-Processing of Travel Demand Model Results

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# Agenda

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- Introductions
- Why post-processing?
- NCHRP methods
- Corridor forecasts post-processing
  - » I-710 example
  - » I-605 example
  - » Intersection turn movements post-processing
  - » D12 example (if time permits)
- D11 PHV Tool
  - » Methodology/logic discussion
  - » User Interface demonstration
- Q & A

Q&A along the way



# Post-Processing?

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Raw  
model  
results

Improve



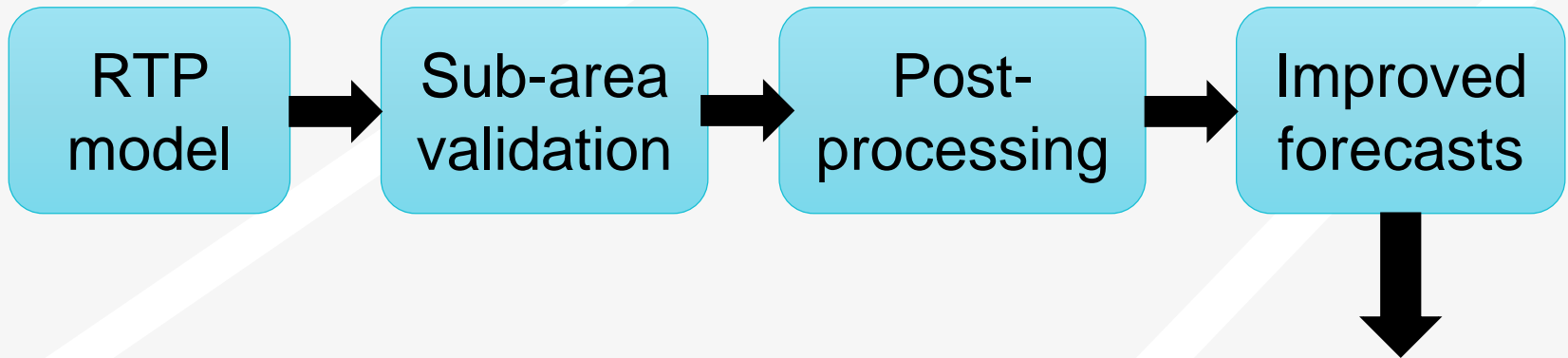
Empirical  
data &  
techniques

Post-  
processed  
forecasts



# Typical Process

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- Traffic operations
- Design
- Dispersion modeling
- Air-quality & noise analysis
- Other

# Travel Model

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## ➤ Calibration, Validation, and Post-Processing

**Real world**



**Modeled world**



**Post-processed**



# NCHRP Methods

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- Difference method
- Ratio method
- Average method
  - » Which one to use?

# Other methods

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## ODME

### » Sub-area

- Base year
- Future year





# Corridor Post-Processing

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- Project level forecasts
- Discuss the methodology and logic with examples
  - » Counts
    - Balancing / flow-conservation
    - Vehicle classes
  - » Time period specific post-processing
    - Peak period to peak hour factoring
  - » Daily level post-processing
    - Temporal distributions

# Intersection Post-Processing

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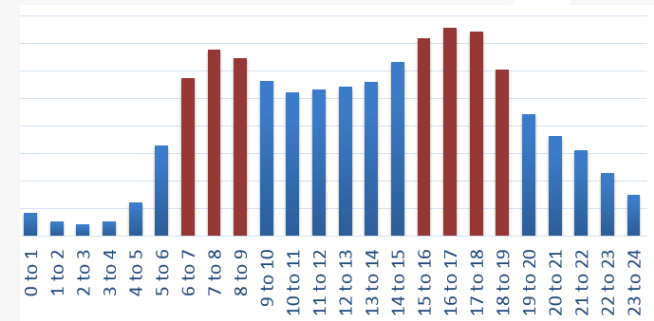
- Discuss & show examples
  - » Ports (PortTAM & Post-processing tools)
  - » I-605 intersections

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# D11 PHV Tool

# Goal

➤ To adjust the raw model forecasts



Temporal distributions

1 » To convert peak period flows to peak hours flows

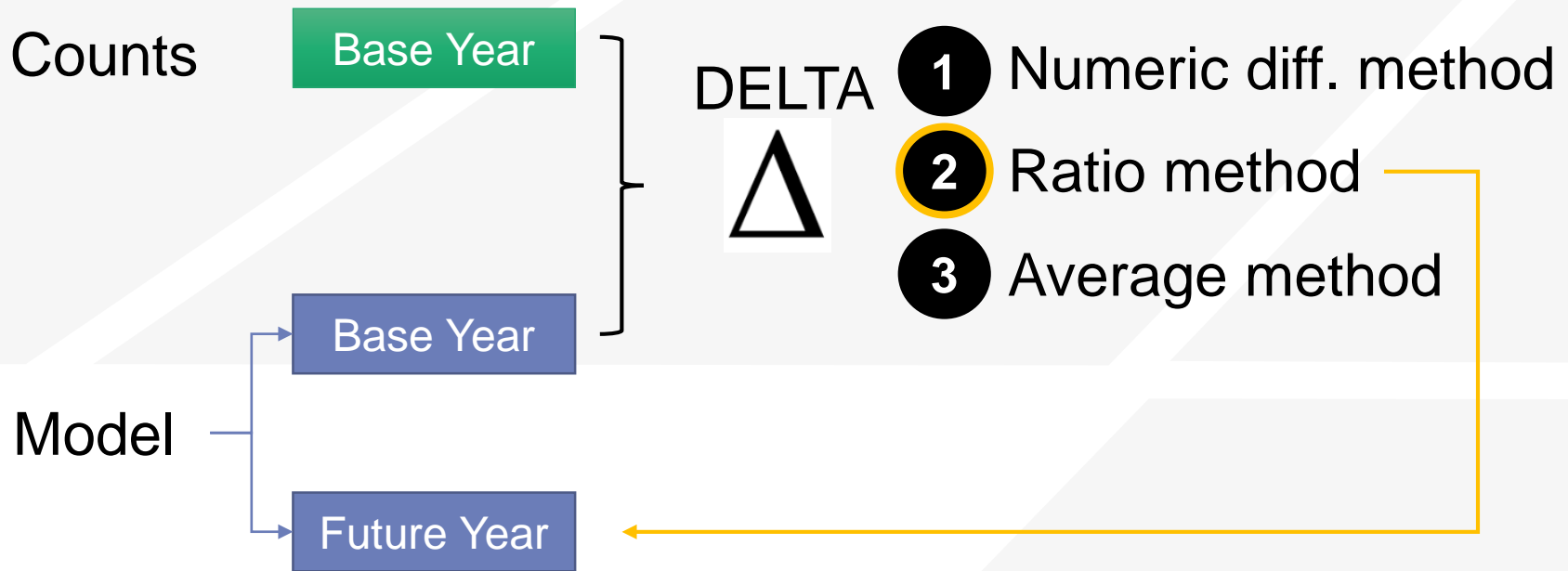
2 » To adjust the peak hour flows to account for the differences between the model and counts

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Model vs. Counts

# Adjustment Methodology



# Key Logics

➤ Peak hour factors (PHFs) and adjustment ratios (ARs) are applied to roadway links based on the following logic

» Freeways & state routes (Corridor links):

- Count station specific PHFs and ARs

» Arterials, collectors, local (Non-corridor links):

- Regional average PHFs and ARs

» Ramps

- Freeway to freeway ramps
- Arterial to freeway ramps
- Freeway to arterial ramps

Count station specific PHFs and ARs

Regional average PHFs and ARs

Count station specific PHFs and ARs



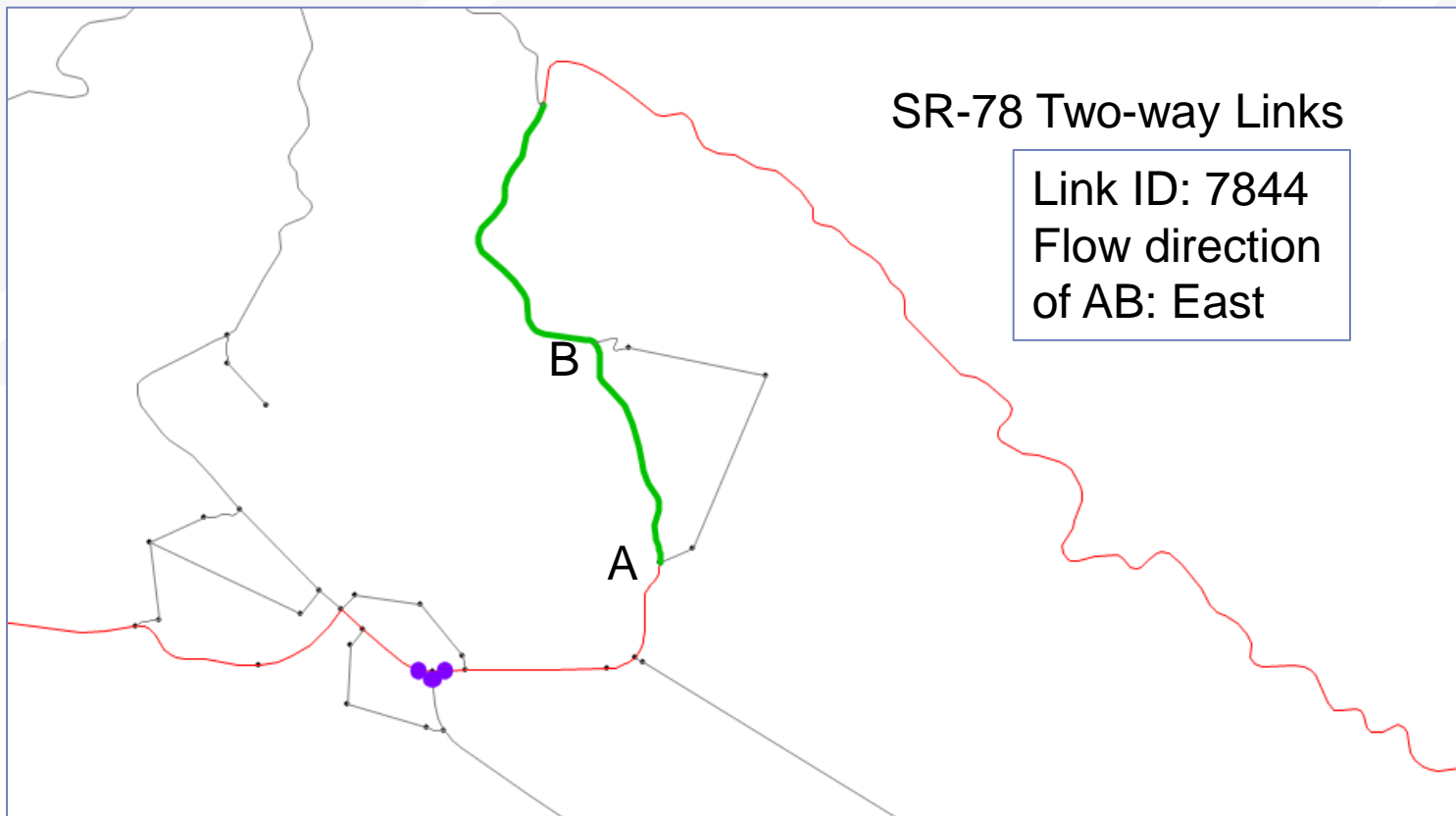
# Manual or Automated?

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- All steps are automated
  - » Identify corridor links based on road name and other information
  - » Identify of corridor flow direction
  - » Find which highway link each count station is located on
  - » Identify ramp type
  - » Match highway links to count stations
- Manual checks necessary for application
- Tool is in the testing stage

# Details

## ➤ Corridor flow direction (not link direction)



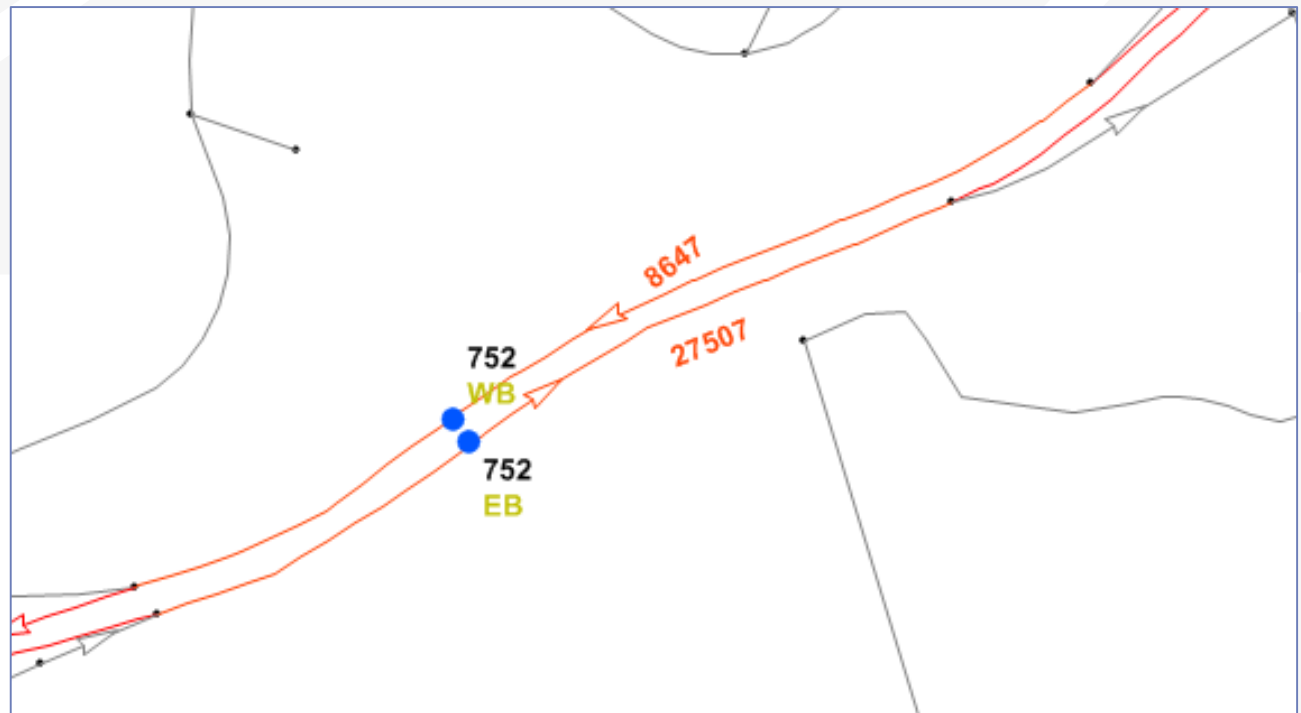




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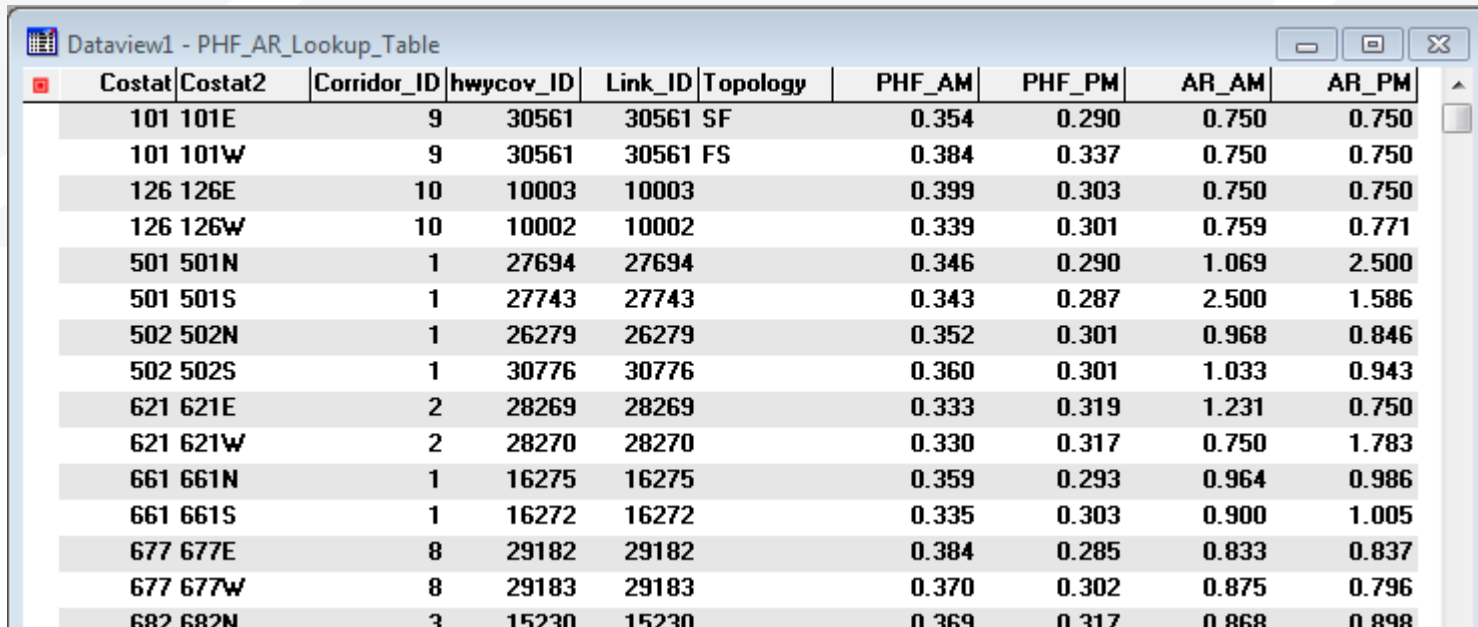
## Base Year

- ➔ For each count station, find the matching highway link



# Details - Lookup Table

- ➔ Process creates a lookup table with PHFs and ARs for each count station by time period and corridor flow direction.

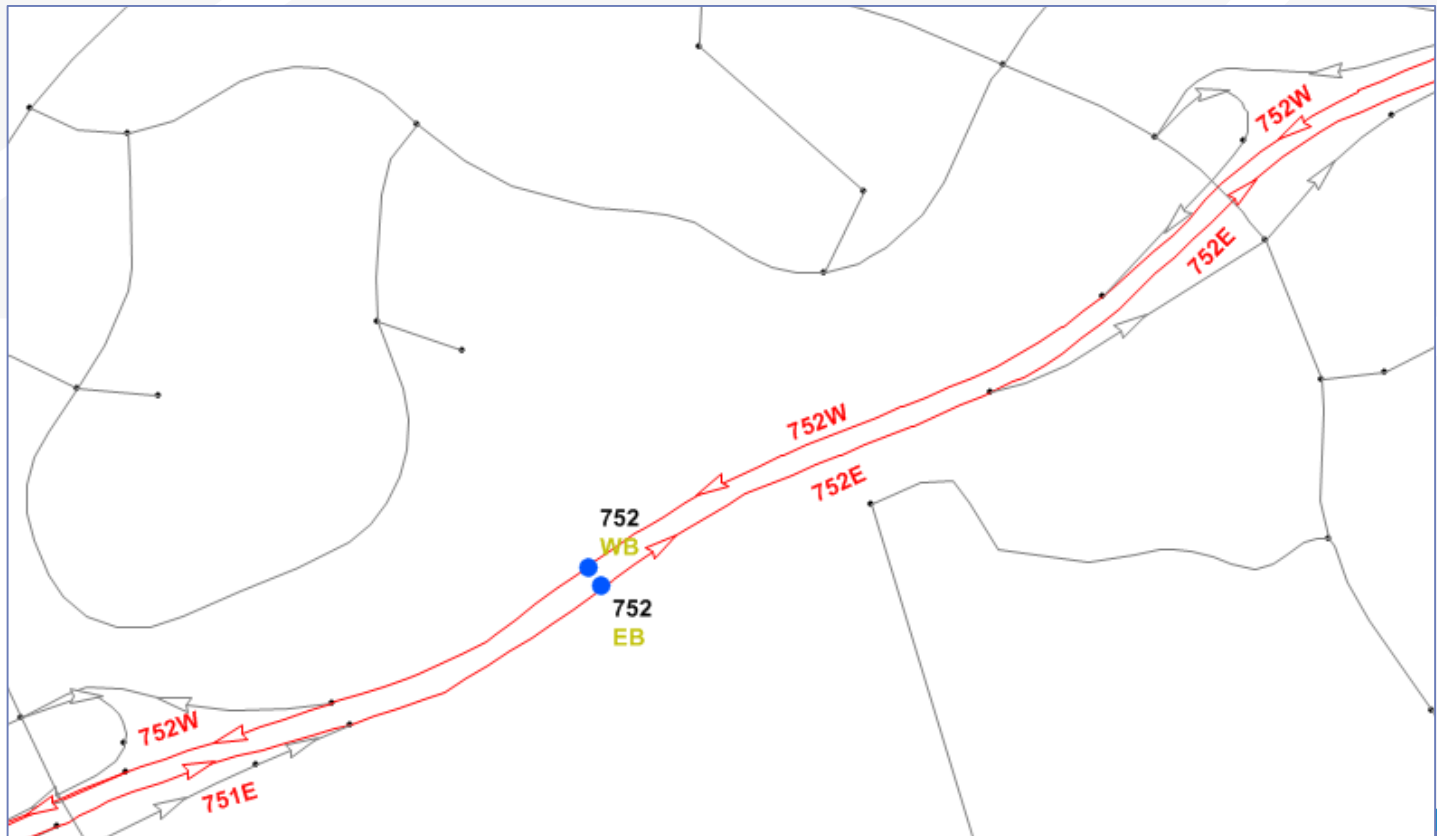


| Costat | Costat2 | Corridor_ID | hwycov_ID | Link_ID | Topology | PHF_AM | PHF_PM | AR_AM | AR_PM |
|--------|---------|-------------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 101    | 101E    | 9           | 30561     | 30561   | SF       | 0.354  | 0.290  | 0.750 | 0.750 |
| 101    | 101W    | 9           | 30561     | 30561   | FS       | 0.384  | 0.337  | 0.750 | 0.750 |
| 126    | 126E    | 10          | 10003     | 10003   |          | 0.399  | 0.303  | 0.750 | 0.750 |
| 126    | 126W    | 10          | 10002     | 10002   |          | 0.339  | 0.301  | 0.759 | 0.771 |
| 501    | 501N    | 1           | 27694     | 27694   |          | 0.346  | 0.290  | 1.069 | 2.500 |
| 501    | 501S    | 1           | 27743     | 27743   |          | 0.343  | 0.287  | 2.500 | 1.586 |
| 502    | 502N    | 1           | 26279     | 26279   |          | 0.352  | 0.301  | 0.968 | 0.846 |
| 502    | 502S    | 1           | 30776     | 30776   |          | 0.360  | 0.301  | 1.033 | 0.943 |
| 621    | 621E    | 2           | 28269     | 28269   |          | 0.333  | 0.319  | 1.231 | 0.750 |
| 621    | 621W    | 2           | 28270     | 28270   |          | 0.330  | 0.317  | 0.750 | 1.783 |
| 661    | 661N    | 1           | 16275     | 16275   |          | 0.359  | 0.293  | 0.964 | 0.986 |
| 661    | 661S    | 1           | 16272     | 16272   |          | 0.335  | 0.303  | 0.900 | 1.005 |
| 677    | 677E    | 8           | 29182     | 29182   |          | 0.384  | 0.285  | 0.833 | 0.837 |
| 677    | 677W    | 8           | 29183     | 29183   |          | 0.370  | 0.302  | 0.875 | 0.796 |
| 682    | 682N    | 3           | 15230     | 15230   |          | 0.369  | 0.317  | 0.868 | 0.898 |

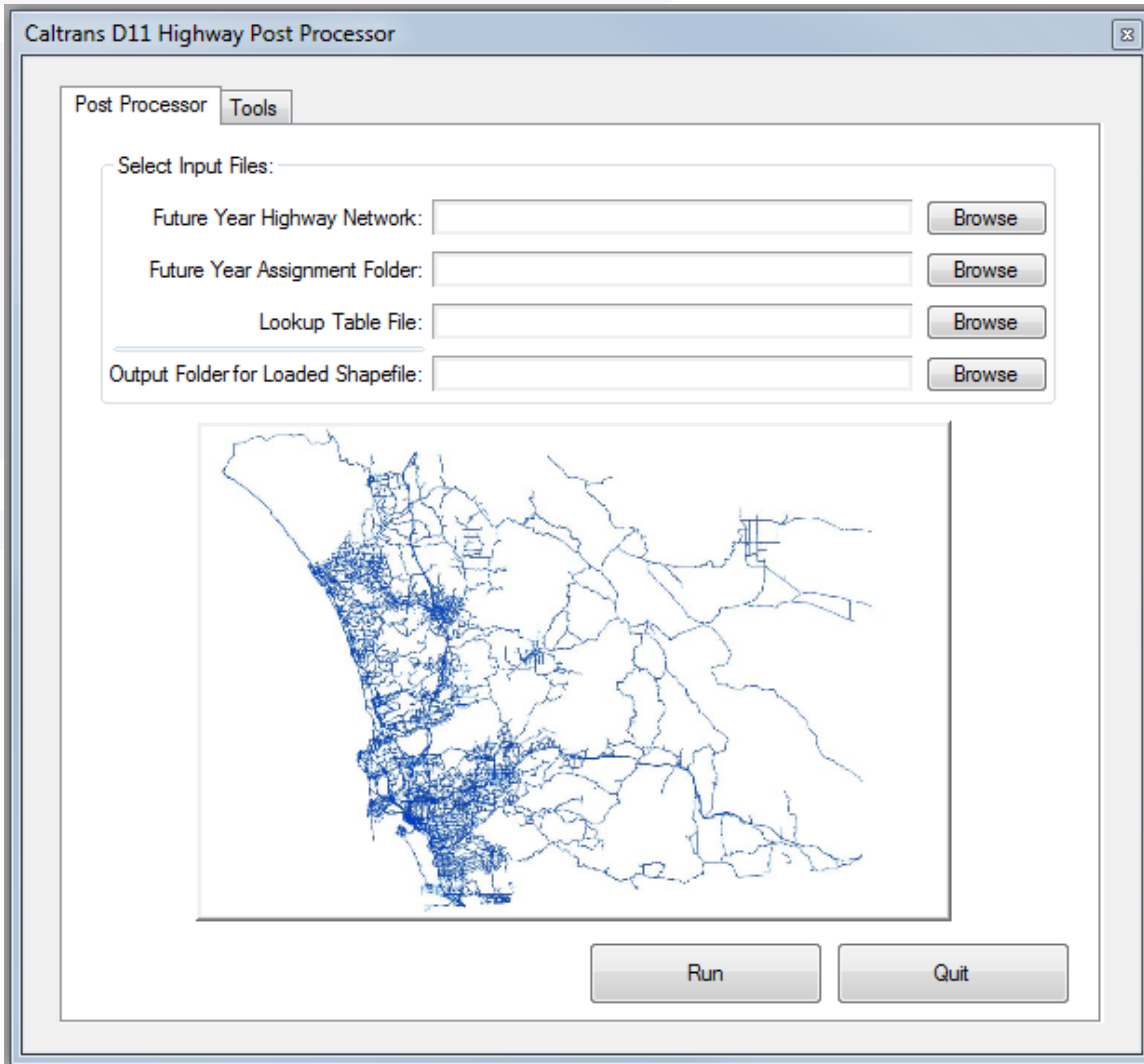
# Details

## Future Year

- For each corridor link, find the matching count station



# User Interface



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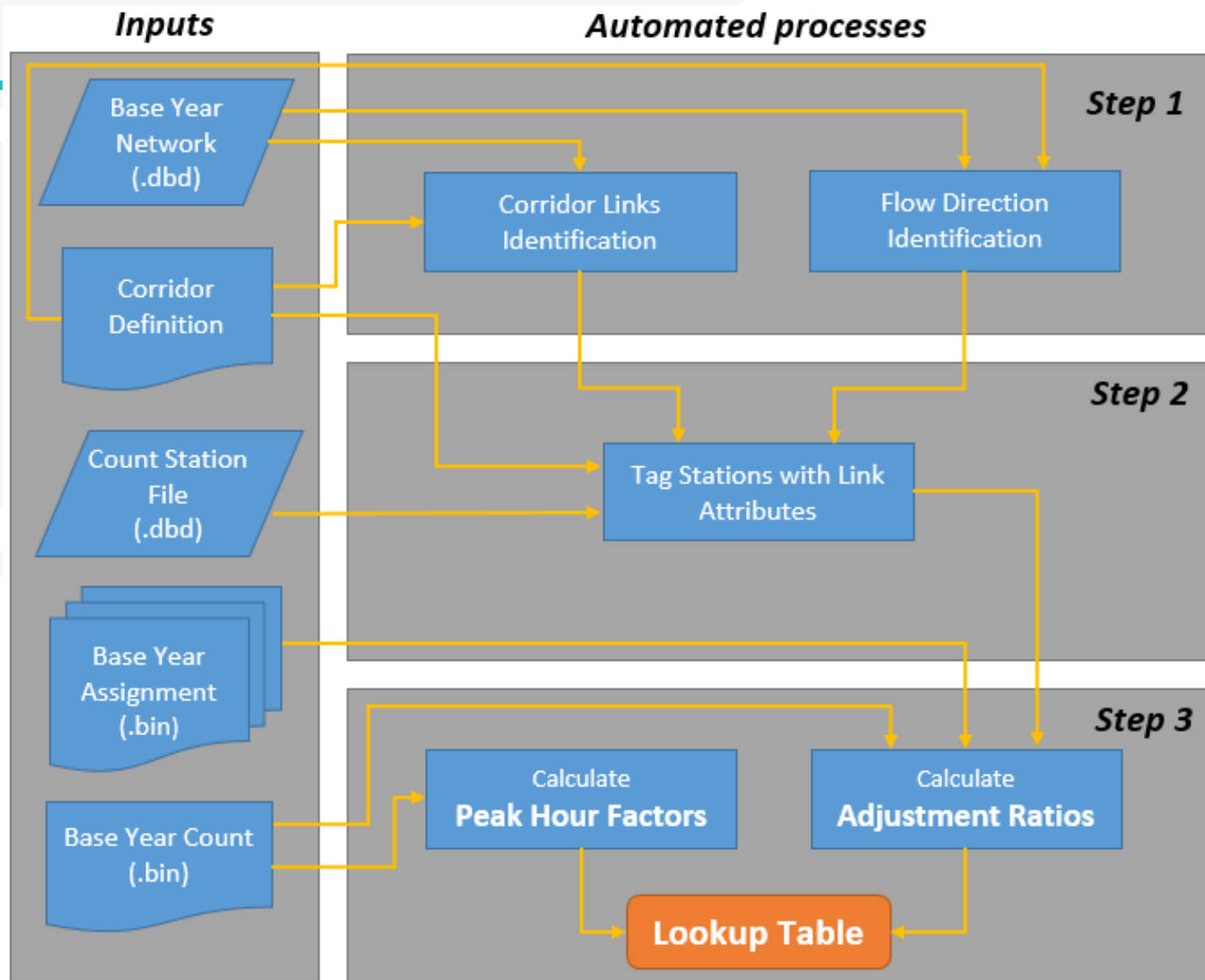
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# Q&A

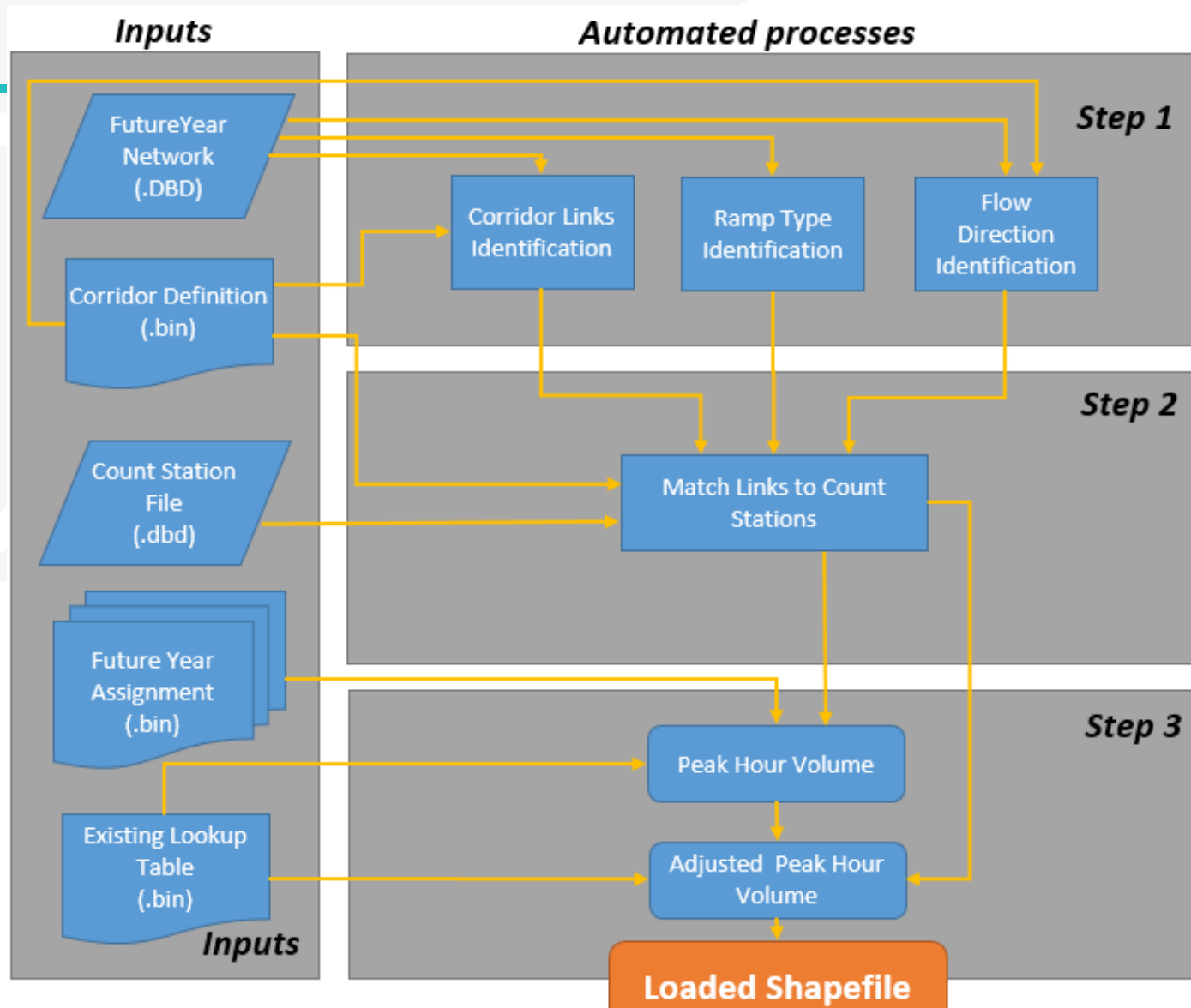
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# Stage 1 processing





# Stage 2 processing





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# PortTAM and Caltrans D11 Post-processor

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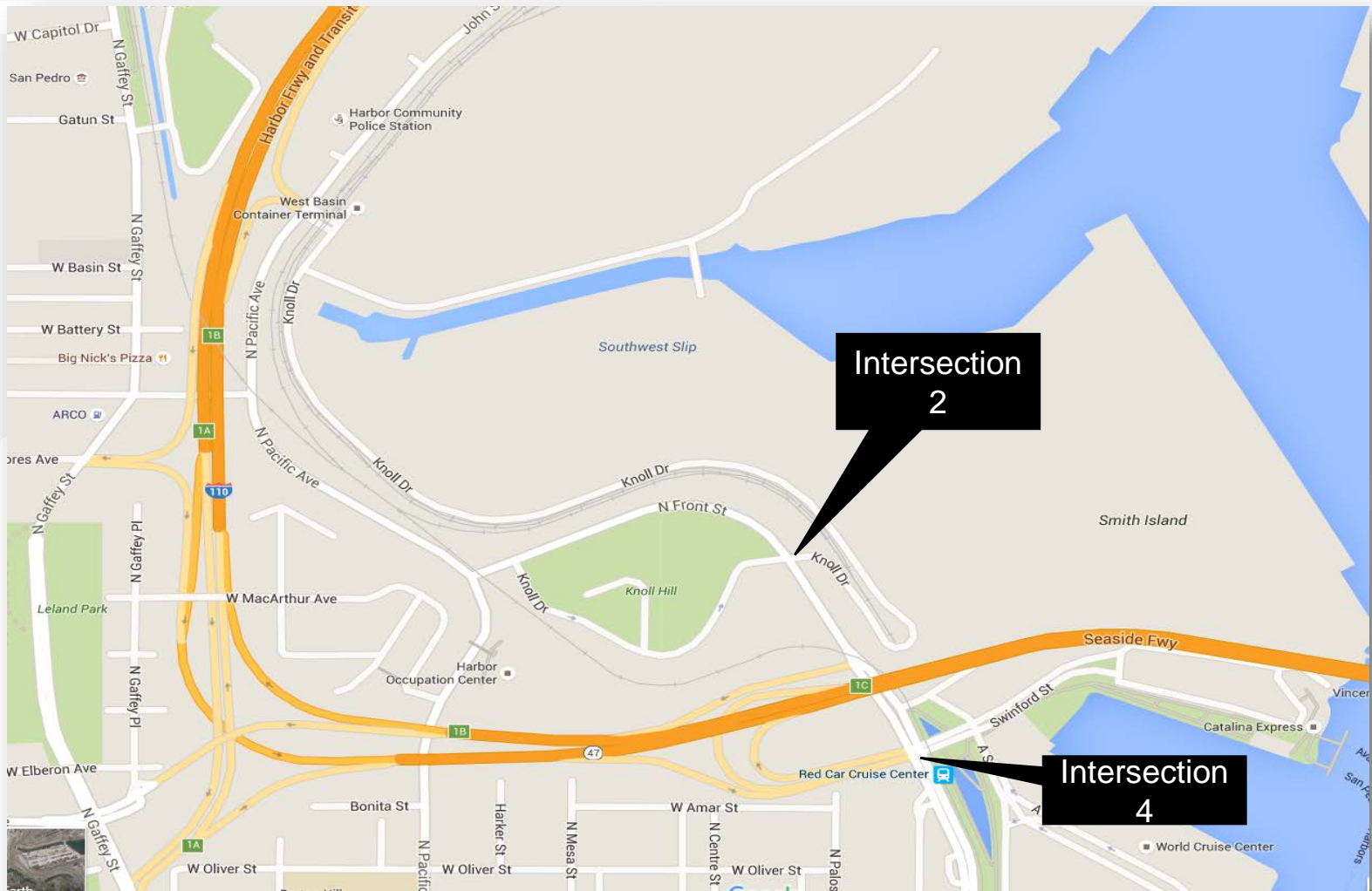
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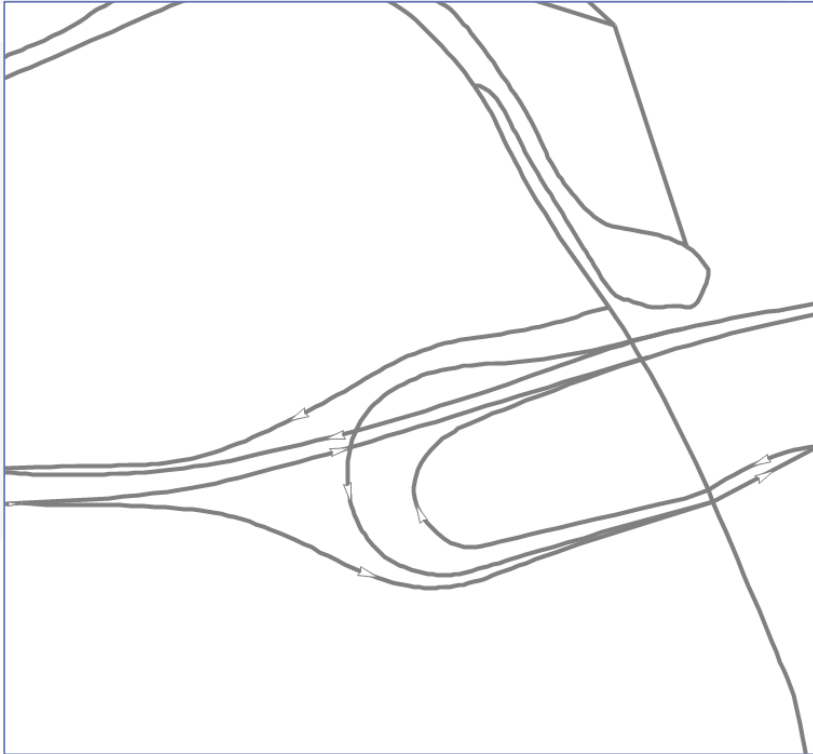
# PortTAM Post-processing needs

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- Post-process the link volumes
- Post-process the turning movements at intersections



# PortTAM Post-processing Examples



NO Build Scenario



Build Scenario

# Background

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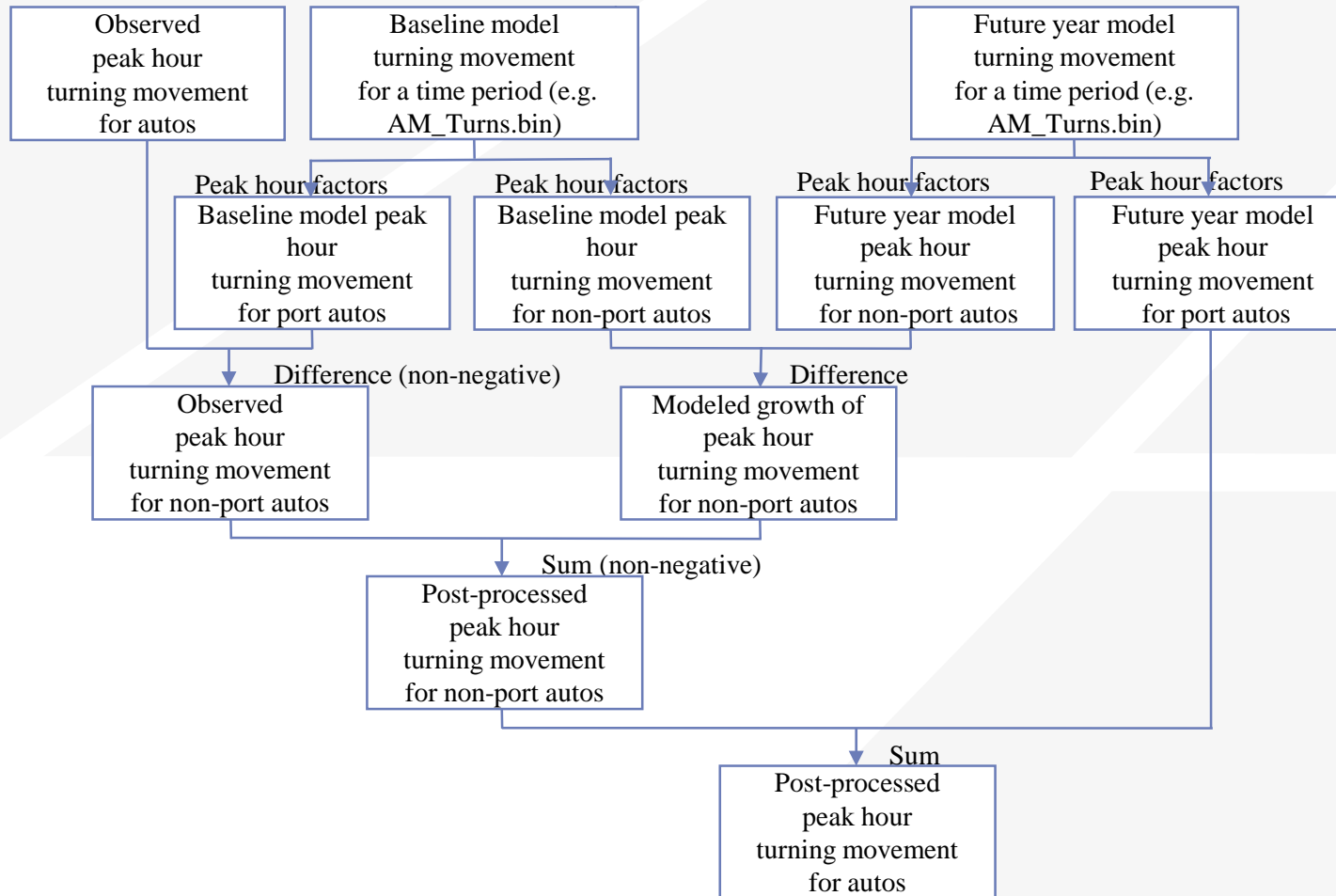
## ➤ Basic assumption:

- » The modeled port trips are accurate, and no post processing is needed
- » Only post-process non-port trips

## ➤ Challenge:

- » The traffic counts do not differentiate the port-trips and non-port trips
- » To solve this problem, use the modeled base year port trips as the observed port trips

# Flow Chart







## Select PostProcessor

 Intersection PostProcessor Freeway PostProcessor

## Select Options

 Allow negative growth for all vehicle types Do not allow negative growth for non-port vehicles Do not allow negative growth for all vehicle types

## Select Files

Intersection File:

Intersection Peak Hour Counts:

Freeway Link IDs and Counts:

Base Model Output Folder:

No-build Model Output Folder:

Build Model Output Folder:

Postprocessor Output Folder:

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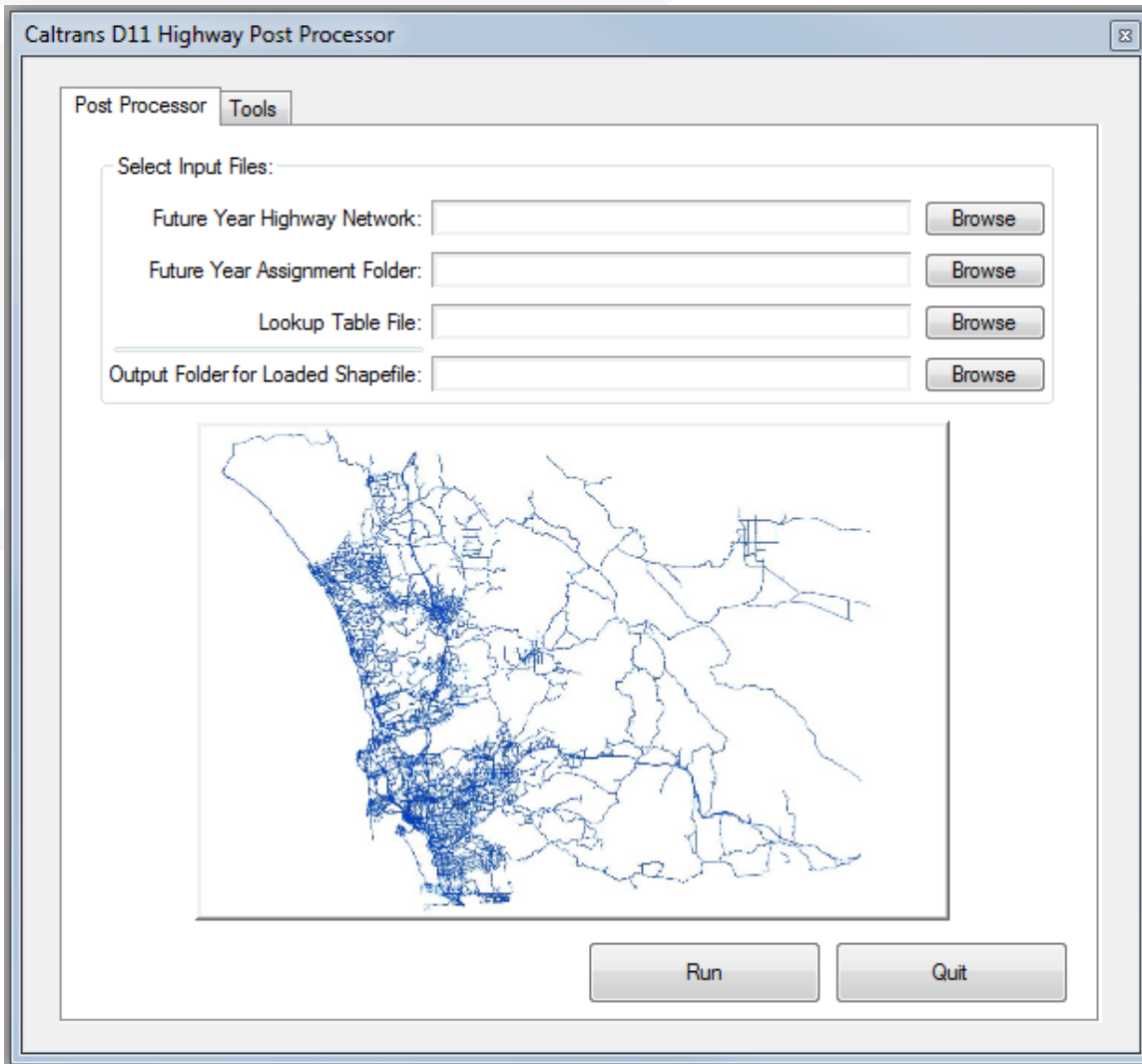
# Caltrans D11 post-processor

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- Post-process all major freeway corridors in San Diego County
- Caltrans D11 provides hourly counts over the region
- Use the ratio method
- Don't care about the flow conservation



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