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Agenda

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 - » ACTC and MTC Models
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Modeling 101

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Inputs

Transportation
Networks

Socioeconomic
Data

External
Data

Special
Generators

Model
Parameters



Outputs

Trips by
Mode

Traffic
Volumes

Congested
Speeds

Transit
Volumes

Summary
Information

Transportation Networks

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➤ Roadway Networks

- » Contains roadway characteristics
 - Number of Lanes
 - Roadway Type (Freeway, arterial, etc.)



➤ Transit Networks

- » All fixed route transit service
- » The model is sensitive to transit level of service (frequency, speed, coverage)
- » Local/Express Bus, BRT, Rail



Socioeconomic Data

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- Identifies **demand** for travel
- Household data
 - » Average household **size**
 - » Median household **income**
 - » Number of resident **workers**
 - » And more...
- Employment data
 - » By industry
 - » By wage level



External Travel

Inputs

Transportation
Networks

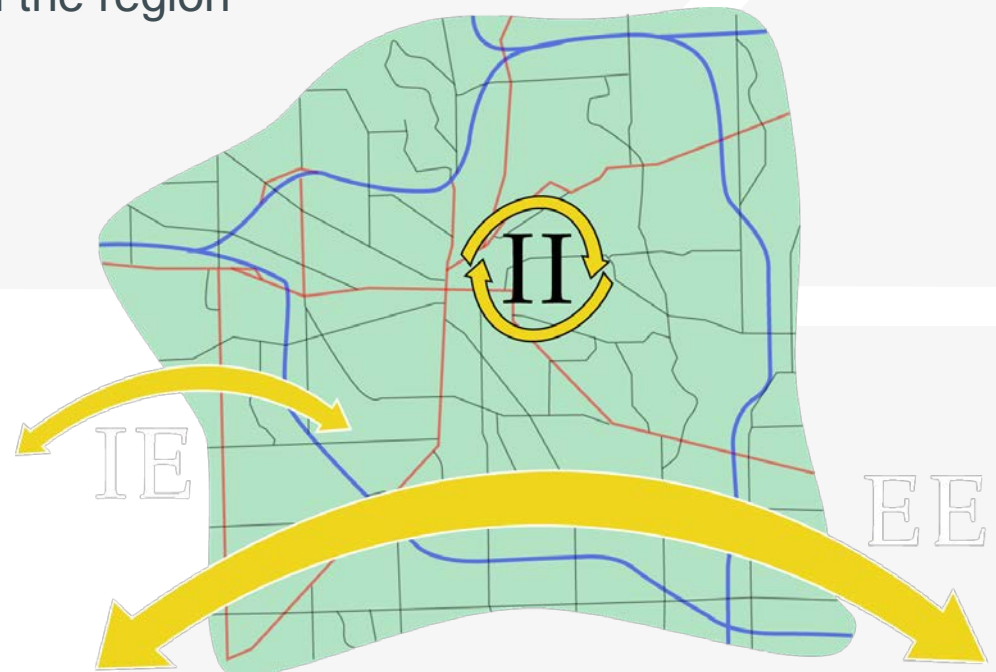
Socioeconomic
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- Model travel:
 - » To/from the region
 - » Through the region



Special Generators

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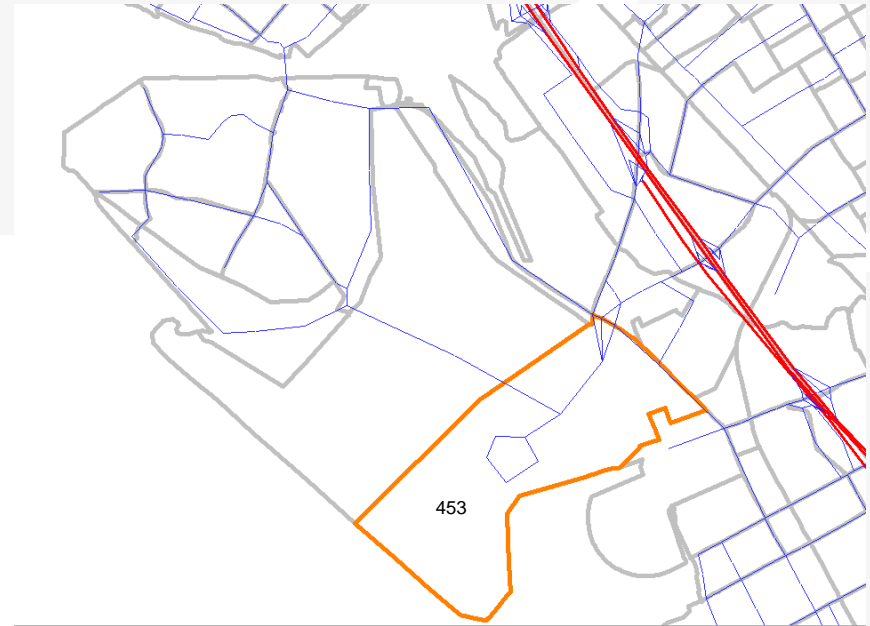
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- Unique locations not well represented by employment data
 - » Ports
 - » Airports



Model Parameters

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Model
Parameters

- Represent the way people behave
 - » How many trips are made?
 - » How far will people travel?
 - » What impacts decisions about travel mode?
 - » How does congestion impact travel?

➤ Source Data

- » California Household Travel Survey
- » On-Board Transit Surveys
- » Speed Surveys
- » Big Data
- » Traffic Counts



Outputs: Trips

- Information about each trip
 - » Start/end
 - » Time of day
 - » Mode of travel
 - » Purpose of trip
 - » Trip time and distance

Outputs

**Trips by
Mode**

**Traffic
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**Summary
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Outputs: Volumes and Speeds

- By Time of Day
 - » Daily
 - » AM, PM, Mid-Day, Evening, Night
 - » AM and PM Peak Hours
- Turn Movements
 - » Better estimated with assistance of base-year counts
- Congested speed based on volume

Outputs

Trips by Mode

Traffic Volumes

Congested Speeds

Transit Volumes

Summary Information

Outputs: Transit Volumes

- By Time of Day
 - » Peak and Off-Peak
 - » Daily sum
- By route or route group
 - » Also by stop, but with less accuracy
- Useful for Big-Picture transit analysis
 - » Detailed analysis requires localized model refinement
- Transit trips are removed from the highway network

Outputs

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Outputs: Summary

➤ Planning Tools

- » Maps and charts
- » Results presented for general understanding
 - VMT, VHT, Delay
 - Level of Service
 - Trip Lengths
 - Trip Patterns

Outputs

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Trip-based vs Activity-based Models

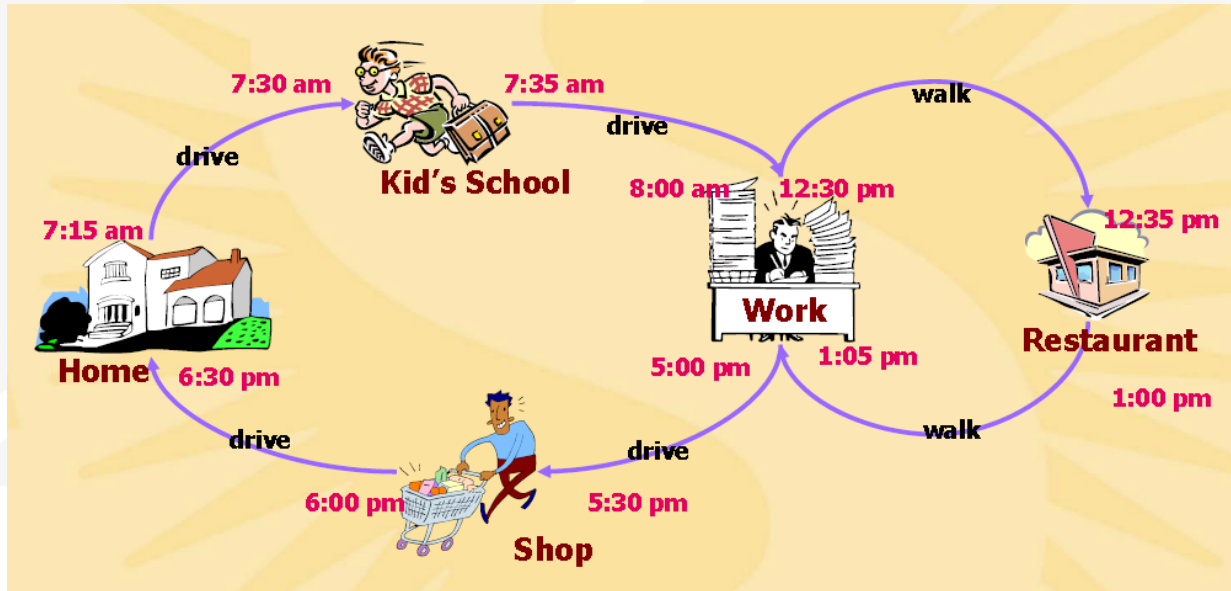
Trip Based Models

- Simplified trip-making decisions with no connections between trips or people making them
- Modeled at an aggregate zonal average level
 - » Average zonal income, household size, number of workers/household



Trip- Based Example

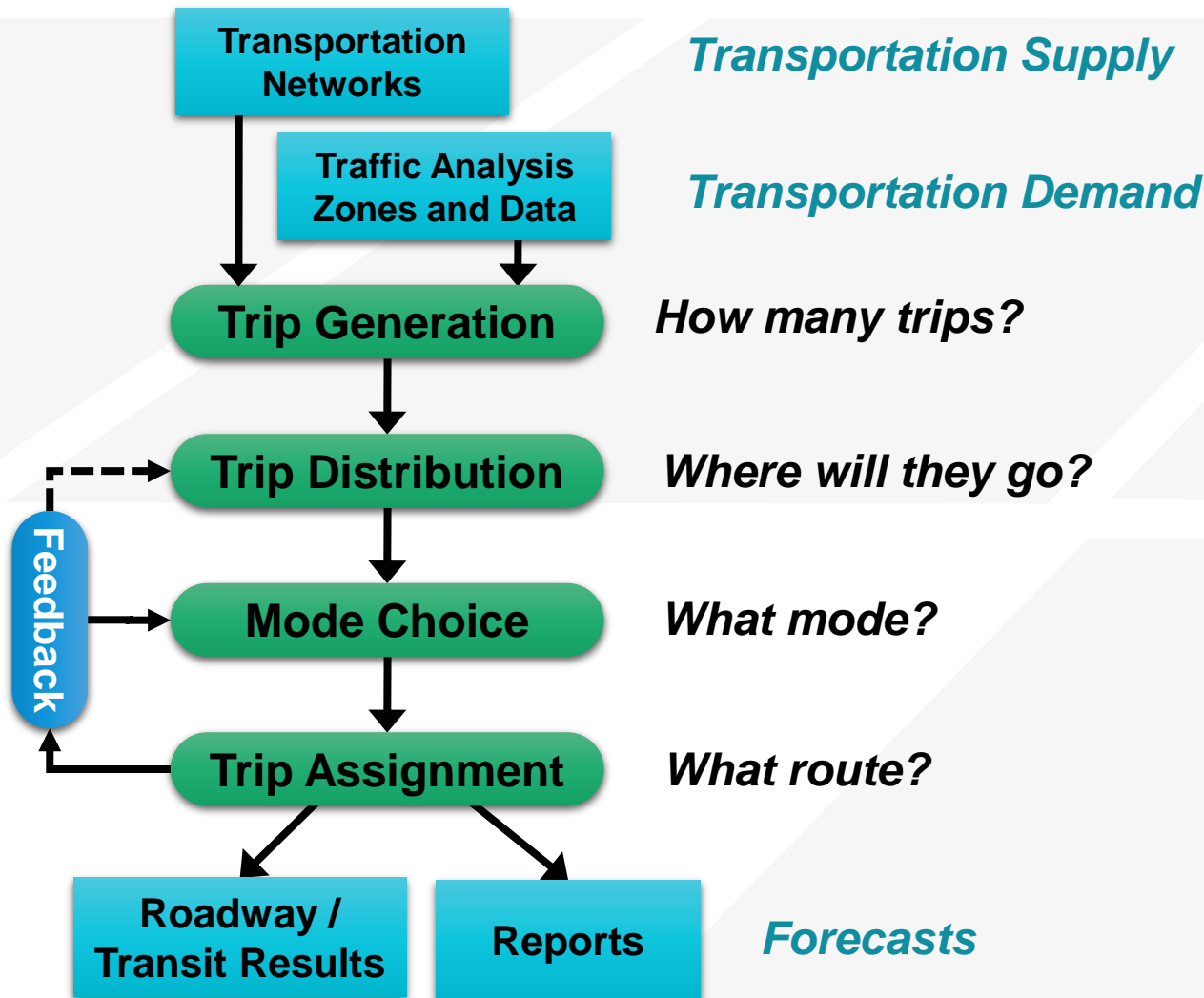
➤ Real-life behavior



➤ Model translation: 6 independent trips

- » 1 home-based school trip
- » 1 home-based other trip
- » 4 work-based trips

Trip-based Model (ACTC)

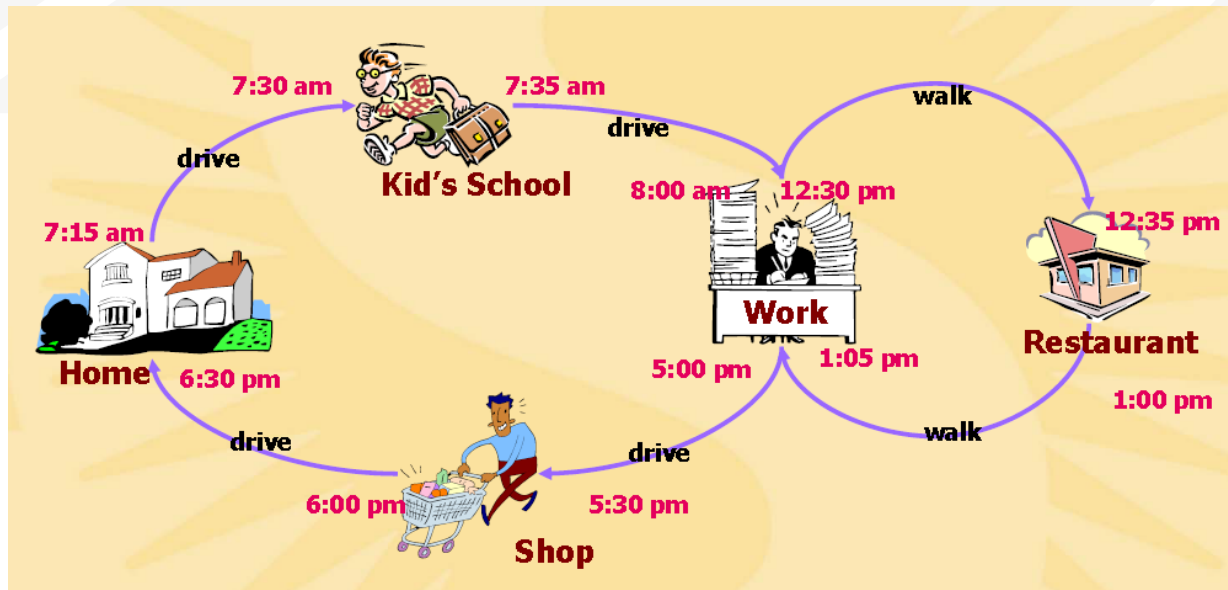


Tour-based Models

- Trips are grouped into home-based or work-based tours resulting in consistency within the tour
 - » Mode choice is consistent between all legs of the tour
- However, there is still no connection between tours or persons making them
- Modeled at a disaggregate level
- Travel example from before
 - » 1 home-based tour with intermediate stops
 - » 1 work-based tour

Activity-based Models

- Based on activities
 - » Temporal connections between tours
 - » Members of a household considered together when selecting an activity-pattern (ie. parent dropping a child off at school)
 - » Each activity has start time and duration



Activity-based Model (MTC)



Activity vs Trip-based Models

- Activity-based models predict travel at an individual level rather than TAZ averages
- A sample zone has 2 households
 - » 3 persons, high income, 2 workers, 2 cars
 - » Household 1: two working parents, one school-aged child
 - » Household 2: two working adults, one senior
- Trip-based model may predict 6.8 work trips, 3.2 school trips, and 8 other trips at the zonal level
- Activity-based model may predict 8 work trips, 2 school trips, and 8 other trips
 - » Trip patterns, destinations, time of departure would all be very different



Activity vs Trip-based Models

- Activity-based models guarantee consistency between trips within tours as well as tours and household members
- In activity-based models, trips can change time of departure based on congestion levels
- However, in activity-based models, you have less control over the process



MTC and ACTC Models

ACTC Model

- Trip-based model that includes 10 counties
 - » 9 Bay Area counties and San Joaquin County
- Most recently re-calibrated in December 2015
- Uses Citilabs Cube software to run
- Uses the Plan Bay Area land use through year 2040
- Includes more zones than the MTC model (4500 vs 1454)
- Much higher resolution in Alameda County and Contra Costa County



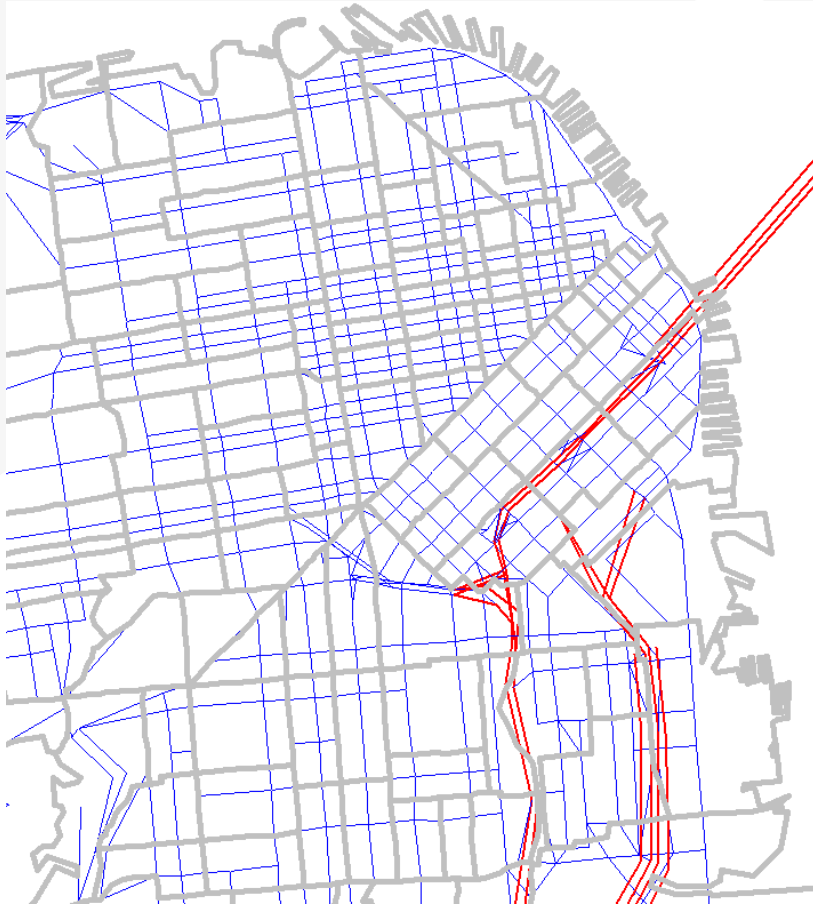
MTC Model

- Activity-based model with 9 Bay Area counties
- Current version is Travel Model One 0.6
 - » Very recently updated
- Uses Plan Bay Area land use through 2040
- Used to evaluate projects for the RTP
- Large part of the model is a “black box”: many of the components are written in Java and Python and pre-compiled
- Highway and transit assignment are implemented in Citilabs Cube



MTC vs ACTC Model Zone Detail

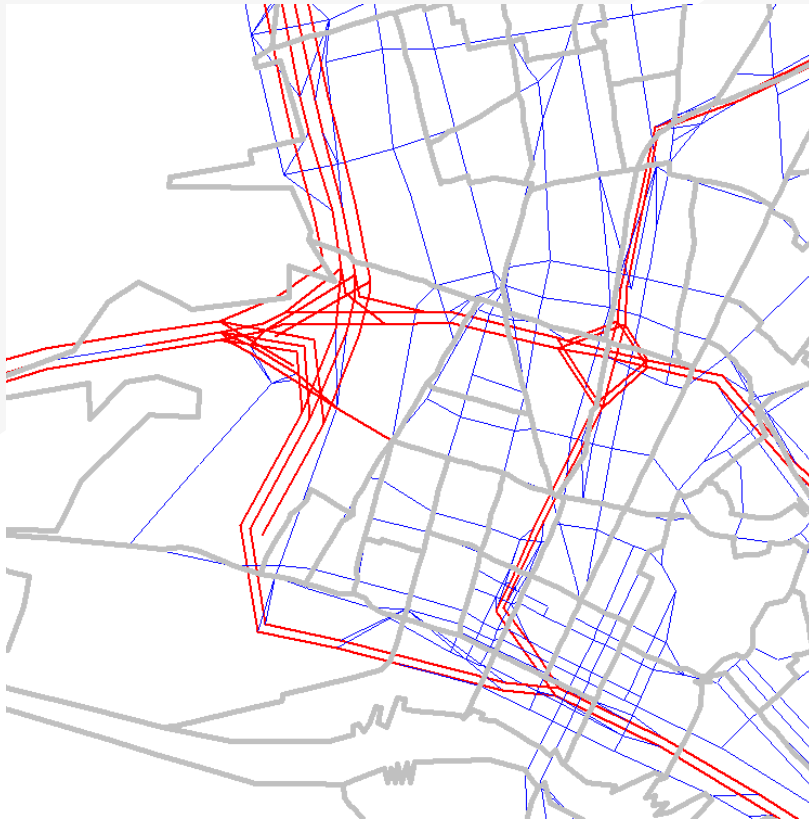
Downtown SF



MTC vs ACTC Model Zone Detail

Downtown Oakland

MTC



ACTC

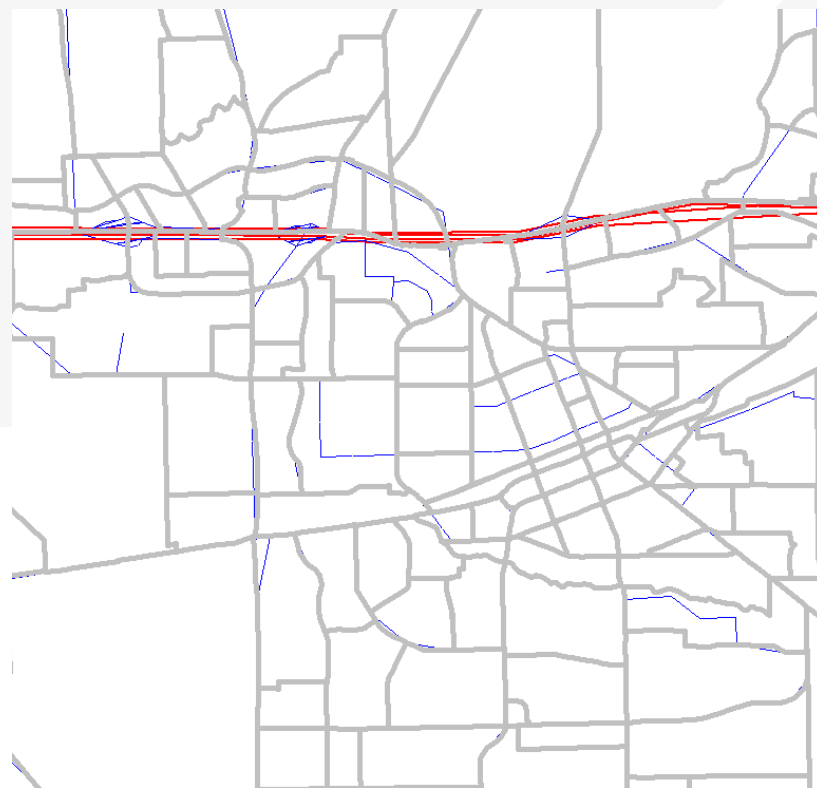
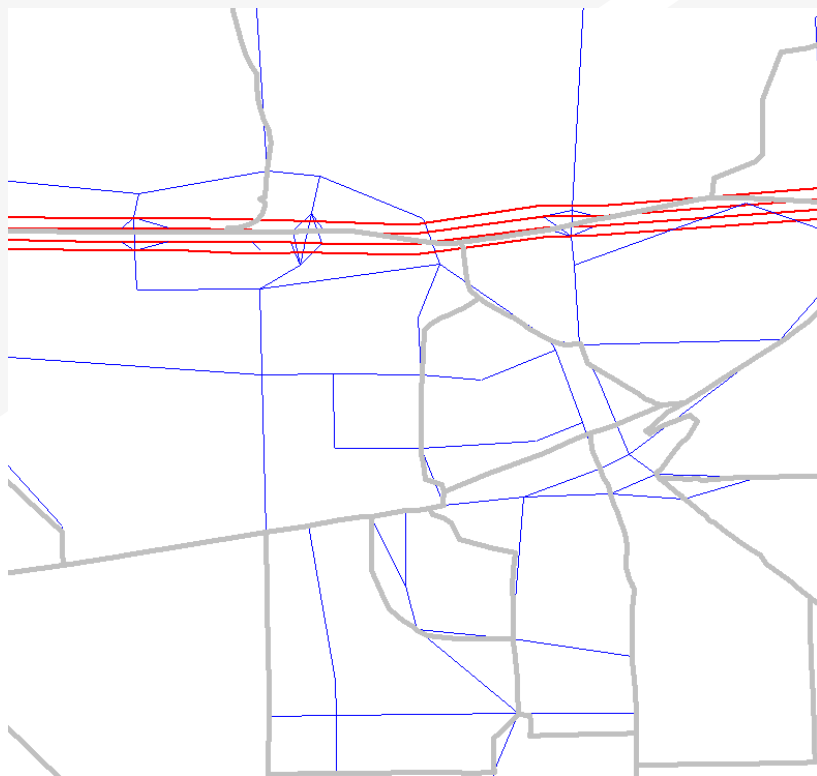


MTC vs ACTC Model Zone Detail

Livermore

MTC

ACTC



MTC vs ACTC Model Zone Detail

Richmond/El Cerrito

MTC

ACTC



When to Use MTC vs ACTC

➤ MTC

- » Analysis outside Alameda or Contra Costa County
- » Express lanes analysis
- » Benefit/cost analysis

➤ ACTC

- » Alameda County, Contra Costa County, San Joaquin County
- » Transportation projects that are large but unlikely to result in changes to where people work or live



CS Projects Using MTC and ACTC Models

➤ MTC

- » Core Capacity Study
- » Inter-regional Express Lanes
- » Analysis of BART State of Good Repair

➤ ACTC

- » BART to Livermore DEIR
- » Alameda County Goods Movement
- » Port of Oakland Study



MTC vs ACTC Projects

- What are some Caltrans projects using the two models?

VMT, VHT, and other acronyms

VMT Background

- Vehicle-miles-traveled is an important metric correlated with Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)
- California law (SB743) requires all new development projects be assessed in terms of their impact on VMT
 - » OPR has issued guidance on how land use and transportation projects need to be evaluated
 - » New projects should meet the threshold of 15% below average regional VMT (more on this later)



VMT Analysis

- Highway- facility VMT analysis that calculates VMT on particular facility or set of facilities
 - » Can be conducted for different geographical areas such as counties
 - » Can be conducted based on facility type or speed at which the facility operates
 - » This has been done by many agencies over the years
- Zonal VMT analysis that calculates travel generated by a set of zones
 - » This is the analysis required by SB 743

Facility VMT

- Calculated by multiplying daily number of vehicles by link distance
- If VMT is segmented by speed bin, each facility is grouped into a speed bin based on operational speed and then the VMT is calculated
- VMT that occurs within each county of jurisdiction can be calculated by identifying all highway facilities within the jurisdiction and adding up VMT



Zone-based VMT

- For a given TAZ system, can get vehicle trip tables, combine them with skims and calculate vehicle-miles traveled
- For activity-based models, can get total household VMT by adding up all auto trips in the trip list multiplied by trip length
 - » Since the home zone of the trip maker is known for all trips, the total VMT will include non-home-based VMT
- For trip-based models, can only get home-based VMT because home zone is not available for non-home based trips



VHT and VHD

- Vehicle-hours traveled is another metric frequently used in transportation analyses
 - » Calculated by multiplying the link travel time by link volume (should be done by time period)
- Vehicle-hours of delay is a metric used to evaluate the impact of a project on system-wide level of congestion
 - » Calculated by multiplying the difference in congested link travel minus free-flow link travel time by link volume

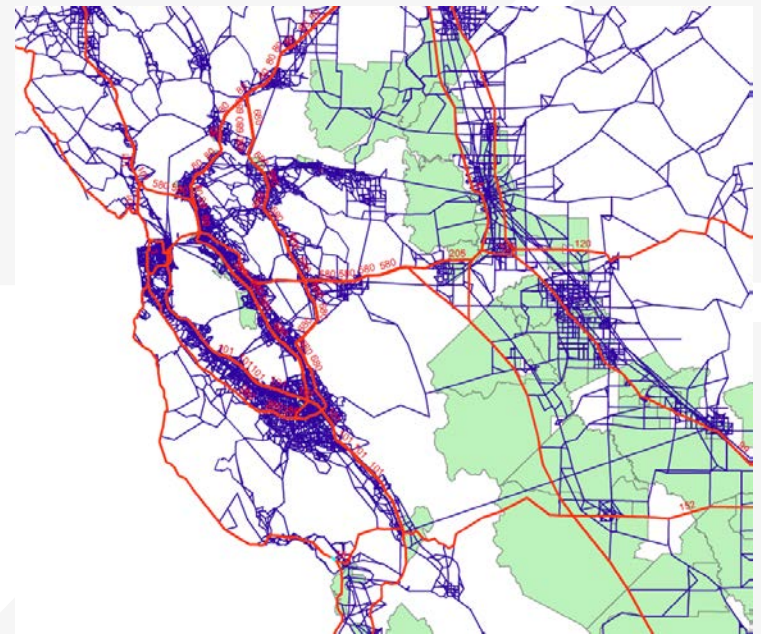
PMT, Vehicle Occupancy

- Passenger-miles traveled is a metric used to capture the total travel including non-auto travel
 - » Calculated by multiplying the distance between origin and destination (based on skims) by the number of trips occurring between origin and destination
- Vehicle occupancy refers to the total number of auto person trips divided by number of vehicles
- Vehicle ridership refers to the total number of motorized trips divided by number of vehicles (includes transit trips)

VMT Calculation Example

- Corridor VMT that falls within different non-attainment areas (PM25, Ozone) as well as economically disadvantaged areas
- California Statewide Travel Demand Model (CSTDm) was used to determine volumes on different facilities
- The loaded networks were overlaid with non-attainment area zones in ArcGIS to extract facilities that fell within these areas

Economically Disadvantaged Areas



Model Convergence

Background

- Model convergence can refer to either:
 - » Traffic assignment convergence
 - » Model feedback convergence
- Travel demand models typically use user equilibrium traffic assignment algorithm, where each user minimizes his or her travel time and is assumed to have perfect knowledge of the system travel time
- Paths are built and vehicle are re-assigned until any paths that are being used between an origin and a destination have the same travel time

Traffic Assignment Convergence

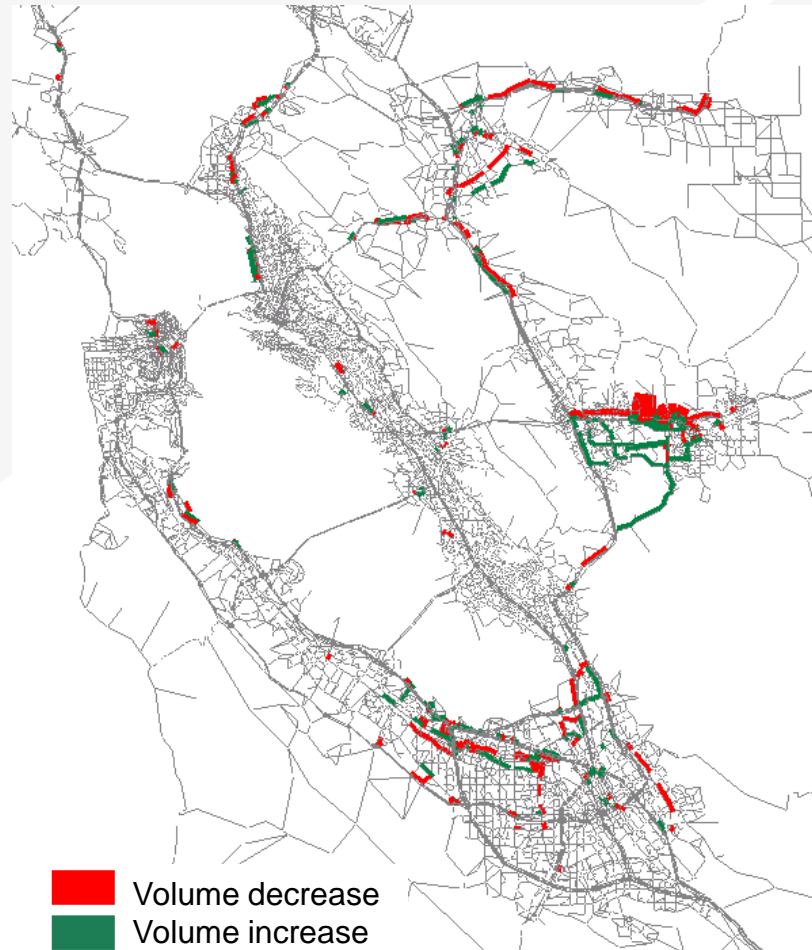
- There is no deterministic solution to the user equilibrium assignment process- it's an iterative process
- At the end of each iteration a relative gap parameter is calculated that represents the change from previous iteration- the smaller the change, the closer you are to convergence
- Many models use relative gap of 0.01, which usually is insufficient to reach convergence
- Some other models including the ACTC model use a maximum number of iterations, instead of relative gap, which is not ideal
- When the assignment is not well converged, a local change to the highway network results in volume differences far away



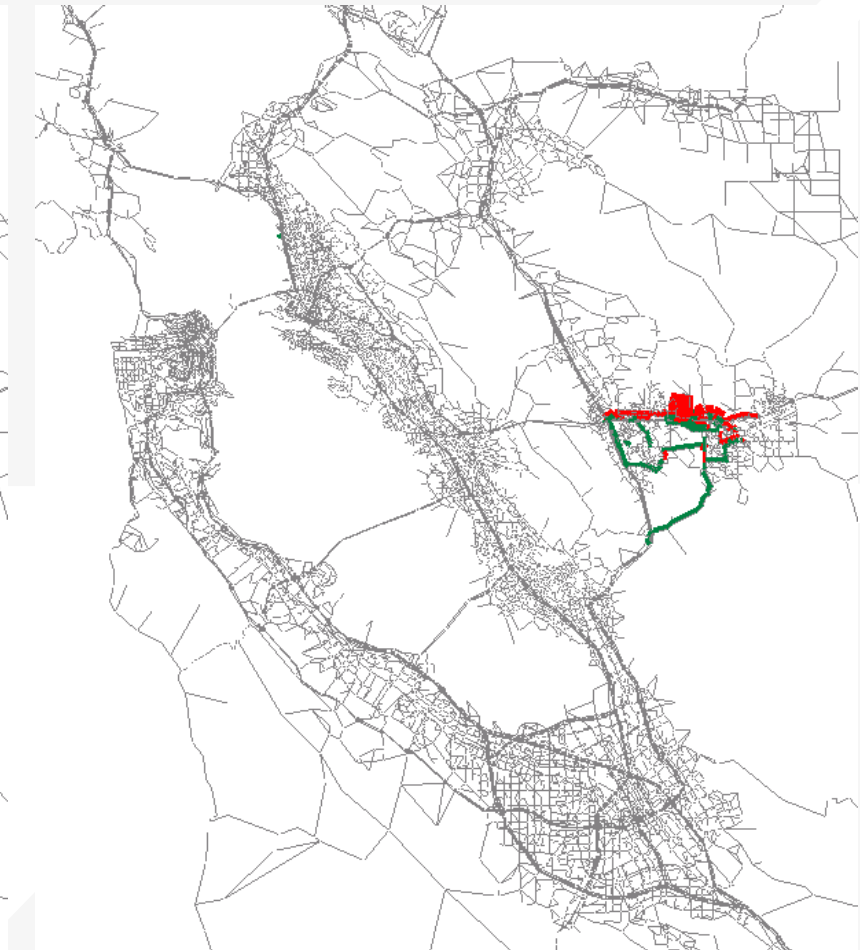
Traffic Assignment Convergence

Volume Diff: No Dublin Blvd extension in Livermore

MaxIters=50



Relative gap=0.0001



Speed Feedback Convergence

- Most urban area models run speed feedback in order for trip distribution and mode choice steps to respond to the congested speeds on the highway network
 - » If free-flow speeds are used for trip distribution and mode choice, there will be too many long trips as well as a high auto mode share
 - » If congested speeds from a prior run with no speed feedback are used, there will be too many short trips and transit trips



Should Speed Feedback be Run?

➤ YES

- » Significant addition of capacity on the highway (new express lane on I-580)

➤ NO

- » Interchange project
- » Addition of one lane-mile on a minor arterial



Upcoming Homework

- Add I-580 HOT lanes near Livermore
- Run with and without speed feedback
- Run with higher level of traffic assignment convergence
- Compare different model runs to No Project scenario

Cube Overview

Cube Software Overview

- Cube Base includes the interface
- Cube Voyager executes scripts
- Cube Scenario Manager allows to manage scenarios
- Cube Application Manager maintains the model and allows running it using a flowchart structure
- Cube GIS incorporates ESRI interface into Cube
- Version & build
 - » Version I have open: Version 6.1.0

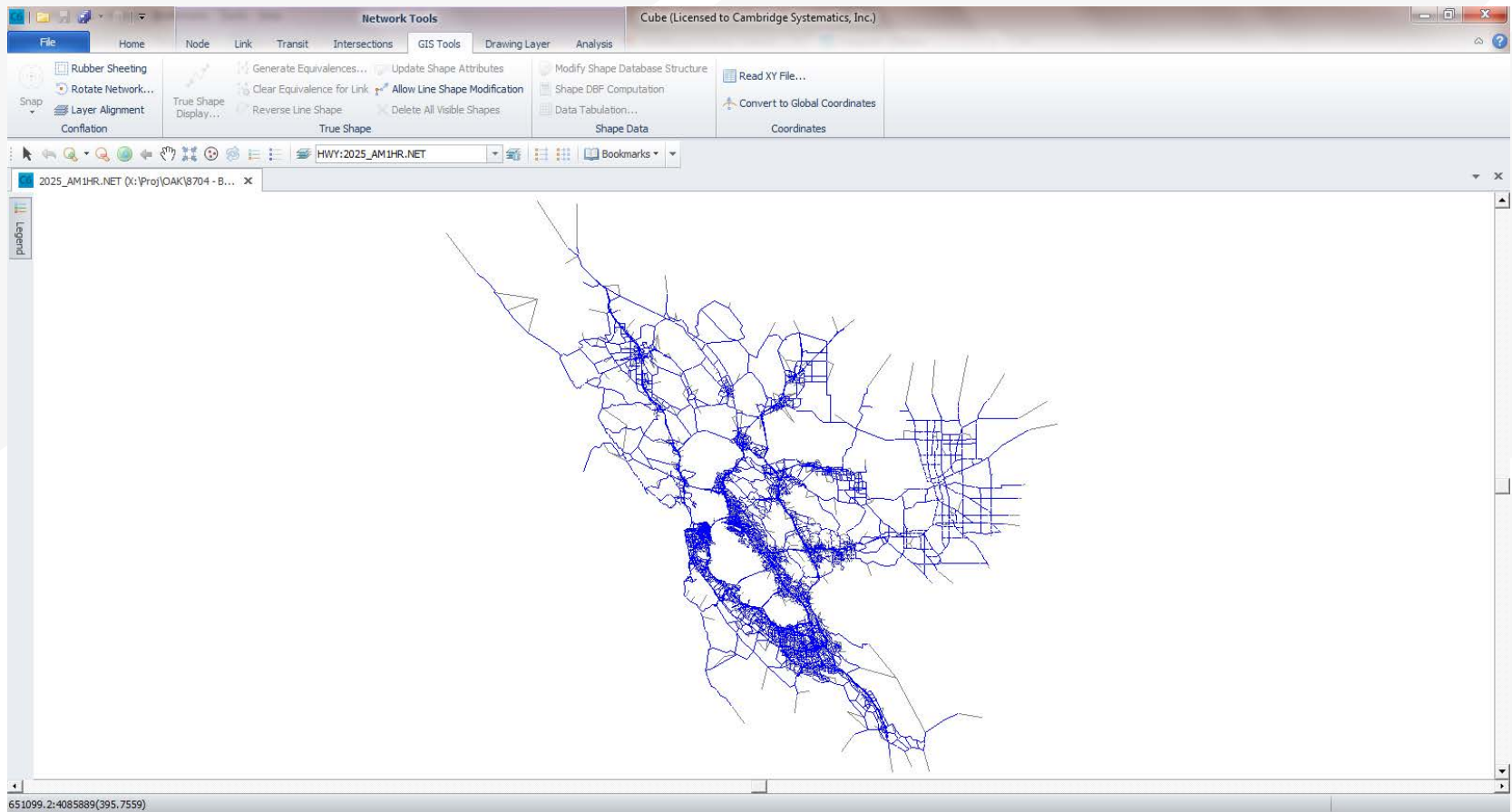


Cube Overview

- Most models implemented in Cube use either a bat file to run the model or the Scenario Manager
 - » California Statewide Travel Demand Model uses scenario manager
 - » In all cases, routines are implemented using scripts
- Some of the more common procedures include matrix calculation, highway assignment, trip generation, trip distribution and transit assignment
- Cube Base is used to view files, edit networks, and analyze results

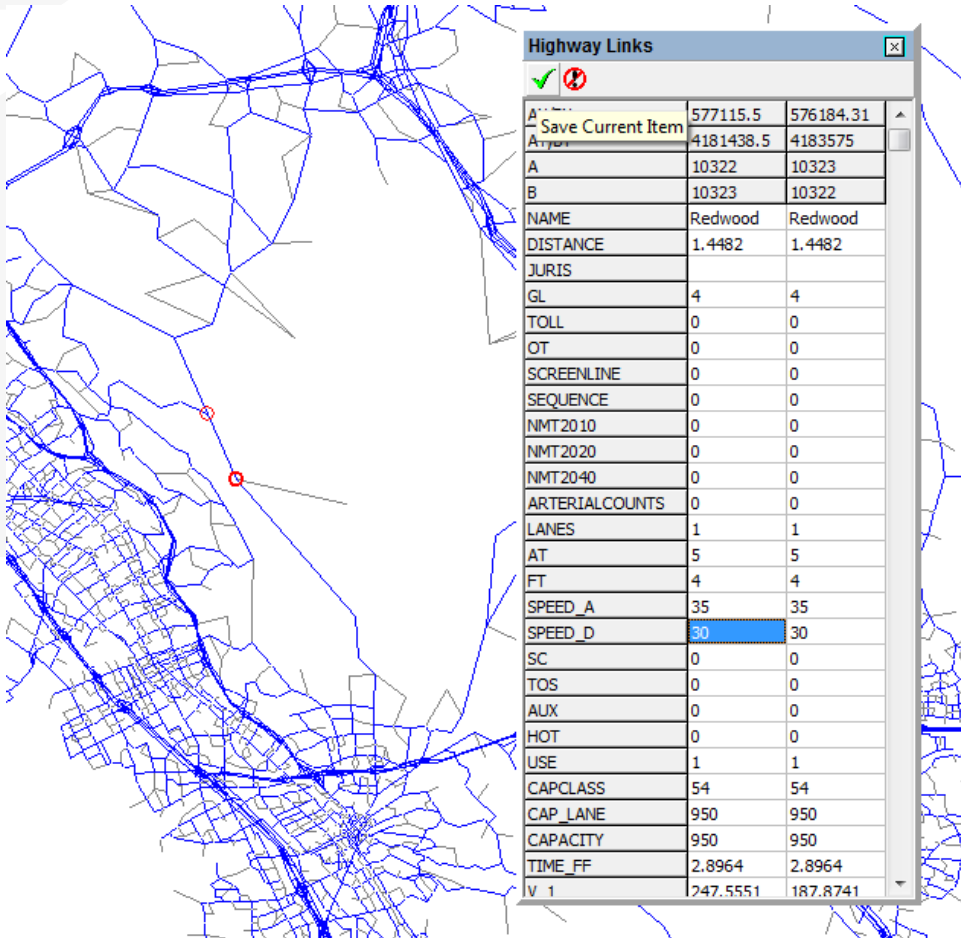


Cube Base User Interface



Editing Link Attributes

- ➔ Click on Link
- ➔ Double-click on attribute
- ➔ Make desired changes
- ➔ Click on to save changes or to cancel changes
- ➔ Click on “Save Edit Log” to save log file
- ➔ Saved log file can be played on a different network to apply the same changes

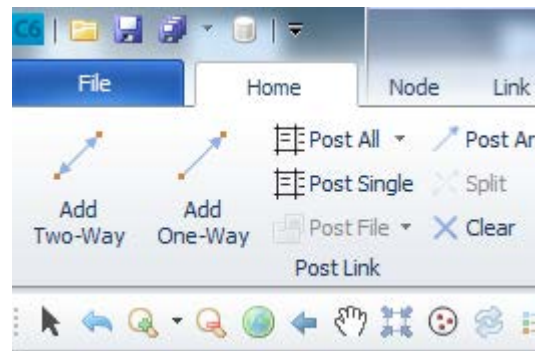


The screenshot shows a map with a network of blue lines representing highway links. A specific link is highlighted in red. An 'Highway Links' dialog box is open, displaying a table of attributes for the selected link. The table has three columns: Attribute Name, Value 1, and Value 2. The 'Save Current Item' button is checked. The 'SPEED_D' attribute is highlighted in blue.

Attribute Name	Value 1	Value 2
Save Current Item	577115.5	576184.31
A	4181438.5	4183575
B	10322	10323
NAME	Redwood	Redwood
DISTANCE	1.4482	1.4482
JURIS		
GL	4	4
TOLL	0	0
OT	0	0
SCREENLINE	0	0
SEQUENCE	0	0
NMT2010	0	0
NMT2020	0	0
NMT2040	0	0
ARTERIALCOUNTS	0	0
LANES	1	1
AT	5	5
FT	4	4
SPEED_A	35	35
SPEED_D	30	30
SC	0	0
TOS	0	0
AUX	0	0
HOT	0	0
USE	1	1
CAPCLASS	54	54
CAP_LANE	950	950
CAPACITY	950	950
TIME_FF	2.8964	2.8964
V 1	247.5551	187.8741

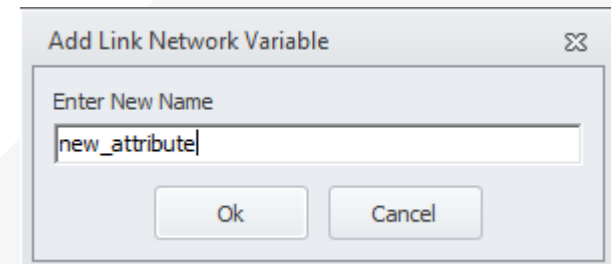
Adding New Links

- Right-click on similar link and click copy
- Right-click on desired location and click paste
- Drag and drop mouse from start to end of new link
- Edit link attributes (note that the distance field populates itself and rest of attributes are copied from previous link)
- In order to create a new link without any attributes, click on Add Two-way or Add One-Way in the Home tab



Adding Attributes

- In order to create a new attribute, click on Add in the Link tab
- Name new attribute and click OK
- Click on a link and scroll all the way down to check new attribute. The default value of the attribute is 0, but this can be changed by editing and saving.



Adding Attributes (Calculate)

- ➔ Click on Compute under Link Tab
- ➔ Name the new attribute
- ➔ Right click inside white window and click Insert
- ➔ Type formula for new attribute
- ➔ Type formula under Condition to select the links which are to be computed, remaining links will have a default value of 0. If no condition is specified, all links are computed.
- ➔ Click Apply and then Close

The 'Link Attribute Calculation' dialog box is shown. It has a title bar 'Link Attribute Calculation'. Inside, there is a checkbox for 'Auto Calculation On' which is unchecked. Below it, there is a 'Set:' dropdown menu with '1:' selected. A 'Name:' text box contains 'New_Attribute'. A large text area below contains the formula 'New_Attribute=SPEED_A +20' which is highlighted in blue. Below the text area is an 'Applies To:' dropdown menu with 'All items NOW' selected. At the bottom, there is a 'Condition:' text box which is empty. Four buttons are at the bottom: 'Apply', 'Close', 'Cancel', and 'Save Configuration'.

The 'Insert Equation' dialog box is shown. It has a title bar 'Insert Equation'. Inside, there is a label 'Equation (attribute=expression) :'. Below it, a text box contains the formula 'New_Attribute=SPEED_A+20'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'OK' and 'Cancel'.

Adding Color Scheme

- ➔ Click on Color in Home Tab
- ➔ Click on Insert and then choose desired settings
- ➔ Rows can be moved up or down to choose how the theme appears
- ➔ Save project file to save changes to the theme

The screenshot shows the 'Highway Layer Link Color Specifications 1' dialog box. The 'Color Palette' is set to 'div-orange purple'. The 'Color/Style Size Criteria' table is as follows:

Color/Style	Size	Criteria	Group Name
Red	1	$VC_1 \geq 0.7$	
Yellow	1	$VC_1 < 0.7$	
Green	1	$VC_1 < 0.3$	

The background shows a map with a network of roads colored according to these specifications. The software interface includes tabs for Home, Node, Link, Transit, Intersections, GIS Tools, Drawing Layer, and Analysis. The 'Color' button in the Transit tab is highlighted with a red box.

Bandwidth Plots

- Click on Multi-Bandwidth in Analysis Tab
- Choose attribute(s), Color and Size. Up to 8 attributes can be chosen
- Click Ok

Highway Layer Link Band Width Settings

Set: [V_1] Name: []

Center Line [Color]

Display as Queue Length

Attributes	Color Settings	value/pixel	Value Range
V_1	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Link Color <input checked="" type="radio"/> Fix Color <input type="radio"/> Dynamic Color	Color	795.5051 0-11932.576
[]	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Link Color <input type="radio"/> Fix Color <input type="radio"/> Dynamic Color	[]	[]
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Selection Criteria: []

Scale Range to Show Posting 0 to 0

Key Value Key1 1 Key2 1 Key3 1 Key4 1 Key +

Key Min. Width Key1 1 Key2 1 Key3 1 Key4 1 Key -

Adding Labels

➔ Click on Post All in Home Tab in the Post Link section

➔ Choose attributes to Label and appropriate settings

➔ The Post Single option can be used to label links by clicking on them instead

The screenshot shows the software interface with the 'Posting Selection' dialog box open. The dialog box has a 'Set' dropdown menu set to '1' and a 'Name' field. Below this, there are four rows of settings for 'NAME'. Each row has a dropdown menu, a radio button for 'Link Color' (which is selected), a radio button for 'Fix Color', and a 'Round to nearest' dropdown menu set to '1'. At the bottom of the dialog box, there are three buttons: 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Save Configuration'. The background shows a map with various colored lines and labels like 'Skyline', 'Pinehurst', and 'Redwood'.

Displaying Paths

- Click on Build in Analysis tab
- Specify attribute for shortest path calculation and click Done
- Type in Origin and Dest zones (you may also click on the map to select zones). Click on Display

Path Cost Calculation 83

Please enter a path cost specification

Specification

Turn Penalty

Use Penalty Use Turn Volume

Use Sets: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Path Limits from Each Origin (0 means no limit)

Maximum Path Cost

Number of Destinations to Output: Minimum Maximum

Number of Times to Increase the Maximum Path Cost to get Minimum Number

Additional Trace Value

Path Building (TIME_1)

Mode Traces

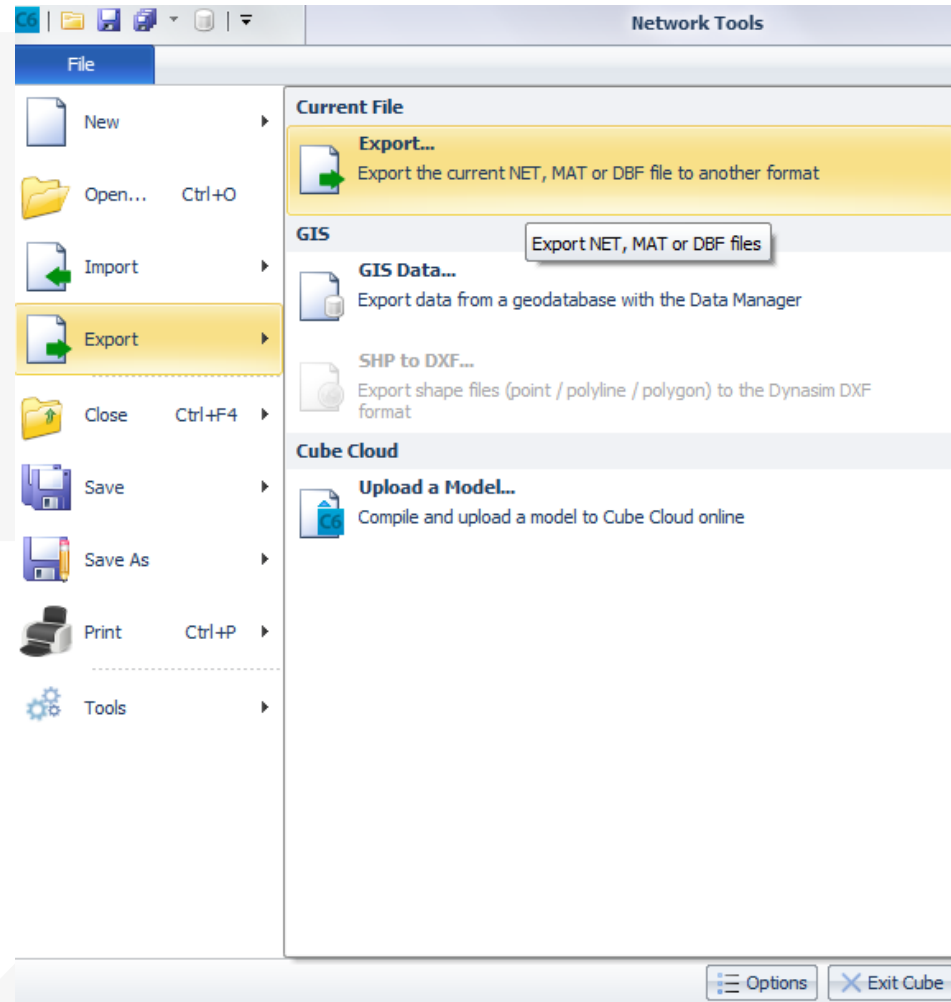
Origin Dest

Post Path Cost Isochreme
 Single Color Increment
 List Path Traces
 Save Path to File

Legend

Exporting Links

- Go to File -> Export -> Export
- Select location and filename
- Select “save as type” to save any of the following:
 - » Link Shape File
 - » Node Shape File
 - » Link DBF file
 - » Node DBF file
- Shape files are output as standard GIS Shape Files
- DBF files are output as single DBFs with all the links/nodes as rows



Scripting in Cube

Adding Matrices

```
;Add matrices
RUN PGM=MATRIX

FILEI MATI[1] = "InputDirectory\InputMatrix1.MAT" ; Input Matrix 1
FILEI MATI[2] = "InputDirectory\InputMatrix2.MAT" ; Input Matrix 2
FILEO MATO[1] = "OutputDirectory\OutputMatrix.MAT", MO=1-3, NAME=SUM1,SUM2,SUM3

ZONES=4000 ; Number of zones

; Perform the additions
MW[1]=mi.1.1 + mi.2.1
MW[2]=mi.1.2 + mi.2.2
MW[3]=mi.1.3 + mi.2.3

ENDRUN
```

Aggregating Matrices

```
;Aggregate matrices
RUN PGM=MATRIX

FILEI MATI[1] = InputMatrix.MAT

FILEO MATO[1] = AggregatedMatrix.mat, MO=1-2, NAME=Aggregated1,Aggregated2

MW[1]=mi.1.1
MW[2]=mi.1.2

RENUMBER FILE = TAZ_AGGREGATION_CORRESPONDENCE.CSV,
ZONES=20, MISSINGZI=M, MISSINGZO=M

ENDRUN
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1	5
2	5
3	5
4	5
5	4
6	4
7	19
8	19
9	19
10	17

Sample Correspondence file:

- No headers
- First column TAZ, second column aggregation index

Converting Matrix to .csv

```
;Convert matrix to csv
RUN PGM=MATRIX

FILEI MATI[1] = InputMatrix.mat
FILEO PRINTO[1] = OutputCSV.csv

mw[1] = mi.1.1

; Print column headers
IF (i=1)
print csv=T, printo=1, list="Origin", "Destination","Matrix1", "Matrix2", "Matrix3"
ENDIF

; Output data into csv
JLOOP
print csv=T, printo=1,list=i,j,mw[1],mw[2],mw[3]
ENDJLOOP

ENDRUN
```



Select Link Analysis

PHASE=ILOOP

```
PATHLOAD PATH=COST,EXCLUDEGRP=23, TOLLMATI=1,1,TOLLFACTOR=5.0,  
MW[11]=mi.1.16 + mi.1.22 + mi.1.26, SELECTLINK=(L=22518-21336),  
MW[16]=mi.1.16 + mi.1.22 + mi.1.26, SELECTLINK=(L=21299-22522),  
VOL[1]=mi.1.16 + mi.1.22 + mi.1.26,  
VOL[6] = MW[11],  
VOL[11] = MW[16];SOV Short, Value of Time of $12/hr
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West Bound

East Bound

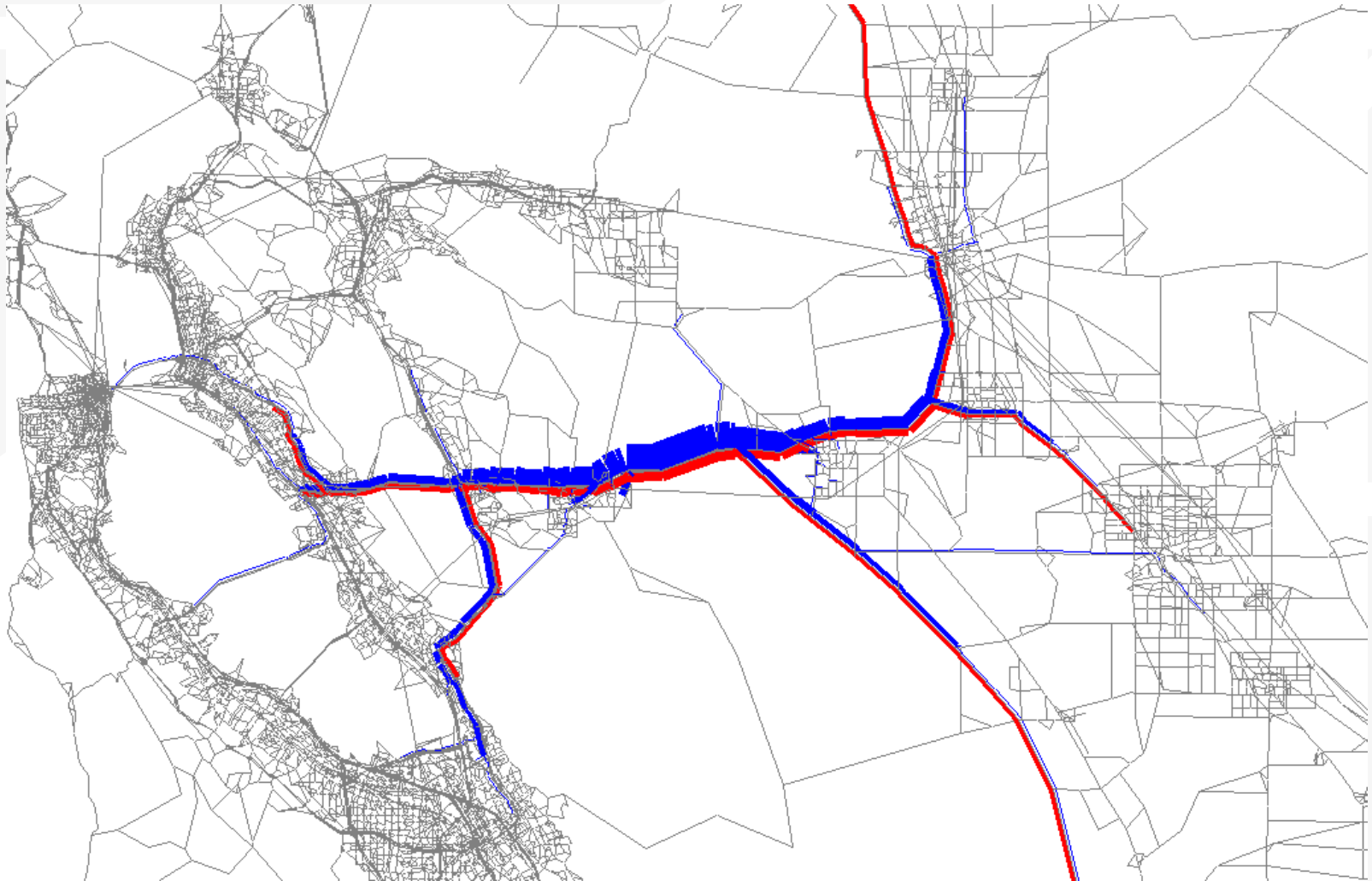
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PATHLOAD PATH=COST,EXCLUDEGRP=3,VOL[2]=mi.1.17 + mi.1.23 + mi.1.27,TOLLMATI=1,2,TOLLFACTOR=2.5,  
MW[12]=mi.1.17 + mi.1.23 + mi.1.27, SELECTLINK=(L=22518-21336),  
MW[17]=mi.1.17 + mi.1.23 + mi.1.27, SELECTLINK=(L=21299-22522),  
VOL[2]=mi.1.17 + mi.1.23 + mi.1.27,  
VOL[7] = MW[12],  
VOL[12] = MW[17]; HOV2 Short,
```

```
PATHLOAD PATH=COST,EXCLUDEGRP=5,VOL[3]=mi.1.18 + mi.1.24 + mi.1.28,TOLLMATI=1,3,TOLLFACTOR=1.49,  
MW[13]=mi.1.18 + mi.1.24 + mi.1.28, SELECTLINK=(L=22518-21336),  
MW[18]=mi.1.18 + mi.1.24 + mi.1.28, SELECTLINK=(L=21299-22522),  
VOL[3] = mi.1.18 + mi.1.24 + mi.1.28,  
VOL[8] = MW[13],  
VOL[13] = MW[18]; HOV3+ Short, Assuming 3.36 people
```

```
PATHLOAD PATH=COST,EXCLUDEGRP=23,VOL[4]=mi.1.19,TOLLMATI=1,1,TOLLFACTOR=5.0,  
MW[14]=mi.1.19, SELECTLINK=(L=22518-21336),  
MW[19]=mi.1.19, SELECTLINK=(L=21299-22522),  
VOL[4] = mi.1.19,  
VOL[9] = MW[14],  
VOL[14] = MW[19]; Light TRUCK Short, VOT=$20/hr
```

```
PATHLOAD PATH=COST,EXCLUDEGRP=4,VOL[5]=mi.1.20 + mi.1.21 + mi.1.25 + mi.1.29 + mi.1.30,TOLLMATI=1,4,TOLLFACTOR=3.0,  
MW[15]=mi.1.20 + mi.1.21 + mi.1.25 + mi.1.29 + mi.1.30, SELECTLINK=(L=22518-21336),  
MW[20]=mi.1.20 + mi.1.21 + mi.1.25 + mi.1.29 + mi.1.30, SELECTLINK=(L=21299-22522),  
VOL[5] = mi.1.20 + mi.1.21 + mi.1.25 + mi.1.29 + mi.1.30,  
VOL[10] = MW[15],  
VOL[15] = MW[20]; Medium and heavy truck
```

Select Link Analysis Results



Comparing Network Volumes

```
;Compare network volumes
RUN PGM=NETWORK

FILEI NETI[1] = InputNetwork1.net
FILEI NETI[2] = InputNetwork2.net
FILEO NETO = OutputNetwork.net, INCLUDE=A B VOL_DIFF

VOL_DIFF = LI.2.V_1 - LI.1.V_1 ; Difference in volume of Network 2 from Network 1

ENDRUN
```



Exporting Network Links

```
;Exporting network links
RUN PGM=NETWORK

NETI[1]=InputNetwork.net
LINKO=OutputNetwork.dbf, INCLUDE=A, B, V_1 ; Include as many attributes as desired in the output

IF (V_1=0) DELETE      ; Delete links that are not desired as outputs

ENDRUN
```



Working with Master Networks

- By default all base attributes from Master Network are transferred to the output year network
- If improvement year of a project is less than the desired output year, then non-zero attributes from the improvement are transferred to the output year network
- For example, in this instance if a 2020 network is output, the number of lanes for the specific link shown will be 5, and the rest of the attributes will be the same as base
- The ACTC master network has up to three improvements listed, but the network and script can be modified to accommodate for more

Base
Attributes

Improvements

Highway Links		
AX/BX	571592.31	572294.44
AY/BY	4176205.2	4175244
A	28289	
B	28281	
DIR_SWITCH	0	
COUNT_TAG	0	
BASE_LN	4	
BASE_AT	3	
BASE_FT	2	
BASE_SPEED	60	
BASE_SC	0	
BASE_TOS	1	
BASE_AUX	0	
BASE_HOT	0	
BASE_USE	1	
IMP1_NOTES	0	
IMP1_YEAR	2015	
IMP1_DELYR	0	
IMP1_LN	5	
IMP1_AT	0	
IMP1_FT	0	
IMP1_SPEED	0	
IMP1_SC	0	
IMP1_TOS	0	
IMP1_AUX	0	
IMP1_HOT	0	
IMP1_USE	0	
IMP2_NOTES	0	
IMP2_YEAR	0	
IMP2_DELYR	0	
IMP2_LN	0	
IMP2_AT	0	
IMP2_FT	0	

Working with Master Network

```
; Set Link Attributes to Base Inputs
;
LANES =   BASE_LN           ; Number of Lanes
AT =     BASE_AT           ; Area Type
FT =     BASE_FT           ; Facility Type
SPEED_A = BASE_SPEED       ; Speed used as input to Assignment
SC =     BASE_SC           ; Signal Coordination
TOS =    BASE_TOS          ; TOS Facility
AUX =    BASE_AUX          ; One of LANES is an Auxiliary Lane
HOT =    BASE_HOT          ; Toll Lane
USE =    BASE_USE          ; 1=All Vehicles, 2=HOV2, 3=HOV3+, 4=No Trucks, 6=Bus Only
;
; Update BASE link attributes for Improvement 1
;
IF (IMP1_DELYR <= @INP_NetYear@ && IMP1_DELYR <> 0 ) DELETE
;
IF (IMP1_YEAR <= @INP_NetYear@ && IMP1_YEAR <> 0)
  IF (IMP1_LN<>0)   LANES   = MAX(IMP1_LN, 0)
  IF (IMP1_AT<>0)   AT     = MAX(IMP1_AT, 0)
  IF (IMP1_FT<>0)   FT     = MAX(IMP1_FT, 0)
  IF (IMP1_SPEED<>0) SPEED_A = MAX(IMP1_SPEED, 0)
  IF (IMP1_SC<>0)   SC     = MAX(IMP1_SC, 0)
  IF (IMP1_TOS<>0)  TOS    = MAX(IMP1_TOS, 0)
  IF (IMP1_AUX<>0)  AUX    = MAX(IMP1_AUX, 0)
  IF (IMP1_HOT<>0)  HOT    = MAX(IMP1_HOT, 0)
  IF (IMP1_USE<>0)  USE    = MAX(IMP1_USE, 0)
ENDIF
```



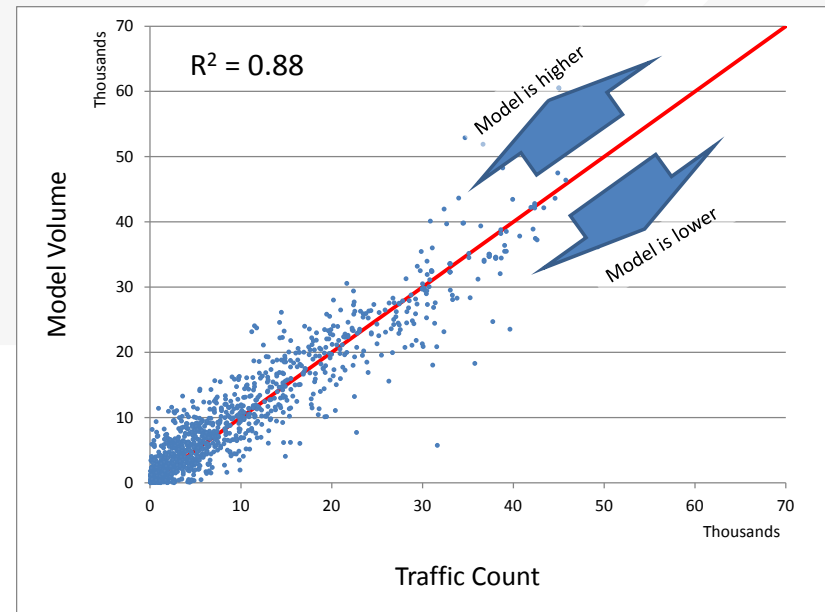
Model Validation/Post Processing

Model Validation

- Observed data sources:
 - » California Performance Measurement System (PeMS)
 - » Big Data- INRIX, TomTom, HERE, StreetLight, AirSage, ATRI
 - » HPMS
 - » Arterial counts
 - » TAMS- Truck Activity Monitoring System (<http://freight.its.uci.edu/tams/>)

Model Comparison to Counts

- Statistics
 - » R-Squared
 - » % RMSE
 - » Volume / Count Ratio
- Screenlines
- Corridor Review
- Highest Errors



Post-Processing

- Pivot point approach is most commonly used for post-processing
 - » Is the model too low in the base year?
 - Then the forecast is increased by the same amount
 - » Is the model too high in the base year?
 - Then the forecast is decreased by the same amount
- Increases or decreases can be calculated as an absolute number or percent change



Post-Processing Approaches

Use % Growth (e.g., traffic increases by 30%)

$$\text{Forecast}_{ratio} = \text{Raw Volume} \cdot \frac{\text{Count Volume}}{\text{Raw Base Year Volume}}$$

Use Volume Growth (e.g., traffic increases by 5,000 vehicles)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Forecast}_{diff} &= \text{Raw Volume} \\ &+ \text{Count Volume} \\ &- \text{Raw Base Year Volume} \end{aligned}$$

Use the Average

$$\text{Forecast}_{avg} = \frac{\text{Forecast}_{ratio} + \text{Forecast}_{diff}}{2}$$



Future Topics

Future Topics

- Intro to TransCAD and differences from CUBE
- Data collection methodology (PeMS)
- Detailed post processing spreadsheets
- CS-developed tools for district modelers



Additional Info

MTC Model Detailed Structure

