

# **KYSTM Update: Speeds and Capacities Using HCM 2010 Methods**

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# HCM Methods

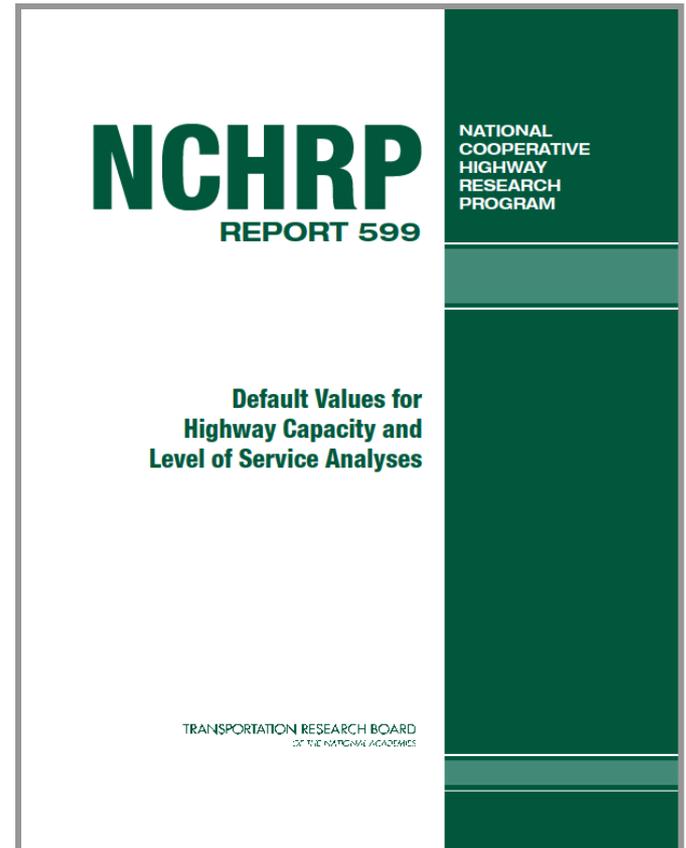
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# HCM Methods

- **Basic Freeway Segments**
- Multilane Highways
- Two-Lane Highways
- **Urban Streets**
- Ramps

# Default Values

- NCHRP Report 599, *Default Values for Highway Capacity and Level of Service Analyses*
- Definition: “Constant to be used in an equation as a substitute for a field measured or estimated value.”
- Can be used for input variables or calibration factors
- Should represent typical values for conditions being analyzed



# **BASIC FREEWAY SEGMENTS**

# HCM Methods vs. Rural/Urban

## Rural

- Basic Freeway Segments
- Multilane Highways
- Two-Lane Highways

## Urban

- Basic Freeway Segments\*
  - Urban Streets
- \* *Will consider Freeway Facilities, but may require too many inputs*

# Model Parameters

- Functional Classification
- Claritas Area Type
- Kentucky links only (INKY=1)

# Functional Classification

FUNCT	Description
1	Rural Interstate
2	Rural Major Arterial
6	Rural Minor Arterial
7	Rural Major Collector
8	Rural Minor Collector
9	Rural Local

FUNCT	Description
11	Urban Interstate
12	Urban Other Freeways
14	Urban Major Arterial
16	Urban Minor Arterial
17	Urban Collector
19	Urban Local

# Nielsen Claritas Area Type

AREATYPE	Description
1	Rural
2	Town
3	Suburban
4	Second City
5	Urban

# **KSTM Updated Network Attributes**

- Free-Flow Speed
- Capacity

# Free-Flow Speed

$$\text{FFS} = 75.4 - f_{\text{LW}} - f_{\text{LC}} - 3.22 * \text{TRD}^{0.84}$$

FFS = Free-Flow Speed

$f_{\text{LW}}$  = Lane width adjustment

$f_{\text{LC}}$  = Lateral clearance adjustment

TRD = Total ramp density (ramps/mi)

# Adjustment Factors

Average Lane Width (ft)	Reduction in FFS, $f_{LW}$ (mi/h)
$\geq 12$	0.0
$\geq 11 < 12$	1.9
$\geq 10 < 11$	6.6

Exhibit 11-8  
Adjustment to FFS for Average Lane Width

Exhibit 11-9  
Adjustment to FFS,  $f_{LC}$  for Right-Side Lateral Clearance (mi/h)

Right-Side Lateral Clearance (ft)	Lanes in One Direction			
	2	3	4	$\geq 5$
$\geq 6$	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
5	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.1
4	1.2	0.8	0.4	0.2
3	1.8	1.2	0.6	0.3
2	2.4	1.6	0.8	0.4
1	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.5
0	3.6	2.4	1.2	0.6

# FFS Default Values

AREATYPE	$f_{LW}$	$f_{LC}$	TRD**
1	0	0.0	0.35
2	0	0.0	0.60
3	0	0.0	1.00
4	0	0.0	1.50
5	1.9	0.5*	2.00

- \* For 5' lateral clearance, this is the average speed reduction between 2 lanes and 3 lanes (directional)
- \*\* Based on limited checking of the KYSTM network

Note: We can obtain shoulder widths from HIS database and create a lookup table; however, the number of links where the lateral clearance will be less than 5' will be very few.

# Example Free-Flow Speeds (Basic Freeway Segments)

AREATYPE	$f_{LW}$	$f_{LC}$	TRD	FFS (mph)
1	0.0	0.0	0.4	74.1
2	0.0	0.0	0.6	73.3
3	0.0	0.0	1.0	72.2
4	0.0	0.0	1.5	70.9
5	1.9	0.5	2.0	67.2

$$FFS = 75.4 - f_{LW} - f_{LC} - 3.22 * TRD^{0.84}$$

# Capacity\*

Free-Flow Speed (mph)	Capacity (pc/h/l)
75	2,400
70	2,400
65	2,350
60	2,300
55	2,250
*Ch. 11 Basic Freeway Segments, 2010 HCM	



# **URBAN STREETS**

# HCM 2010 Relevant Chapters

- Ch. 16 Urban Street Facilities
- Ch. 17 Urban Street Segments
- Ch. 18 Signalized Intersections

# Urban Street Facilities

- Definition

*A length of roadway composed as contiguous urban street segments and functionally classified as arterial or collector*

- Length

- Downtown areas  $\geq 1$  mile (range 0.75 – 2 miles; 1 mile typical)

- Other areas  $\geq 2$  miles (range 1.5 – 5 miles; 3 miles typical)

- Auto LOS based on through vehicle travel speed

# Model Parameters

- Functional Classification
- Claritas Area Type
- Kentucky links only (INKY=1)
- Number of Lanes
- Pct. Heavy Vehicles

# Functional Classification

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1	Rural Interstate
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# Free-Flow Speed

$$S_f = S_{fo} * f_L$$

- $S_f$  = Free-Flow Speed
- $S_{fo}$  = Base Free-Flow Speed
- $f_L$  = Signal spacing adjustment factor

# $S_{fo}$ , Base Free-Flow Speed

$$S_{fo} = S_o + f_{CS} + f_A$$

- $S_o$  = Speed constant
- $S_{fo}$  = Base Free-Flow Speed
- $f_{CS}$  = Adjustment for cross-section
- $f_A$  = Adjustment for access points

# $S_o, f_{CS}, f_A$

**“SH” HIS Extract**  
 SHLDTYPE <> 8  
 SHLDTYPE = 8

**“MD” HIS Extract**  
 Based on MEDTYPE field

**Exhibit 17-10**  
 Base Free-Flow Speed  
 Adjustment Factors

$S_o$

$f_A$

$f_{CS}$

Speed Limit (mi/h)	Speed Constant $S_o$ (mi/h) <sup>a</sup>	Median Type	Percent with Restrictive Median (%)	Adjustment for Cross Section $f_{CS}$ (mi/h) <sup>b</sup>	
				No Curb	Curb
25	37.4	Restrictive	20	0.3	-0.9
30	39.7		40	0.6	-1.4
35	42.1		60	0.9	-1.8
40	44.4		80	1.2	-2.2
45	46.8		100	1.5	-2.7
50	49.1	Non-Restrict.	not applicable	0.0	-0.5
55	51.5	No median	not applicable	0.0	-0.5

Access Density $D_a$ (points/mi)	Adjustment for Access Points $f_A$ by Lanes $N_{th}$ (mi/h) <sup>c</sup>			
	1 Lane	2 Lanes	3 Lanes	4 Lanes
0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
4	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1
10	-0.8	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2
20	-1.6	-0.8	-0.5	-0.4
40	-3.1	-1.6	-1.0	-0.8
60	-4.7	-2.3	-1.6	-1.2

- 9
  - 10
  - 11
  - 12
  - 13
  - 14
  - 15
- Notes: <sup>a</sup>  $S_o = 25.6 + 0.47S_{pl}$  where  $S_{pl}$  = posted speed limit (mi/h).  
<sup>b</sup>  $f_{CS} = 1.5 p_{rm} - 0.47 p_{curb} - 3.7 p_{curb} p_{rm}$  where  $p_{rm}$  = proportion of link length with restrictive median (decimal) and  $p_{curb}$  = proportion of segment with curb on the right-hand side (decimal).  
<sup>c</sup>  $f_A = -0.078 D_a / N_{th}$  with  $D_a = 5,280 (N_{ap,s} + N_{ap,o}) / (L - W_i)$  where  $D_a$  = access point density on segment (points/mi);  $N_{th}$  = number of through lanes on the segment in the subject direction of travel (ln); and  $W_i$  = width of signalized intersection (ft).

# Default Values\*

## Access Point Density, $D_a$

Functional Class	$D_{ap}$ (points/mi)	FUNCT	AREATYPE
Urban Arterial	34	14, 16	4,5
Suburban Arterial	21	14, 16	2, 3
Urban Collector	61	17,19	4,5
Suburban Collector	48	17, 19	2, 3

\* 2010 HCM. Exhibit 17-22

Use default values to interpolate Ex. 17-22

# $f_L$ , Signal Spacing Adjustment Factor

$$f_L = 1.02 - 4.7 \frac{S_{fo} - 19.5}{L_S} < 1.0$$

$f_L$  = Signal Spacing Adjustment Factor

$S_{fo}$  = Base Free-Flow Speed

$L_S$  = Distance between adjacent signalized intersections

FUNCT	Urban Street Class*	Default** Signals/Mile	Ave. Spacing, $L_S$ (ft.)
14	I	0.8	6,600
16	II	3	1,760
17	III	6	880
19	IV	10	528

\* HCM 2000 Classification scheme

\*\*From NCHRP Report 599

# Saturation Flow Rate

$$s = s_o f_w f_{HV} f_g f_p f_{bb} f_a f_{LU} f_{LT} f_{RT} f_{Lpb} f_{Rpb}$$

- $s$  = Adjusted saturation flow rate (veh/hr/ln)  
 $s_o$  = Base saturation flow rate (veh/hr/ln)  
 $f \dots$  = Adjustment factors

## Default Base Saturation Flow Rates\*

Population Size	AREATYPE	Base Sat. Flow (veh/hr/ln)
Metro Area (Pop. > 250,000)	4, 5	1,900
Other Areas (Pop. <250,000)	1, 2, 3	1,750

\* 2010 HCM

# Saturation Flow Adjustment Factors\*

- $f_w$
- $f_{HV}$
- $f_a$

\* Values that we can use from network database or for which we can develop defaults

# $f_w$ , Lane Width Adjustment

Lane Width (ft.)	$f_w$
< 10.0	0.96
10 – 12.9	1.00
> 12.9	1.04
<i>HCM 2010 Exhibit 18-13</i>	

# $f_{HV}$ , Heavy Vehicle Adjustment

$$f_{HV} = \frac{100}{100 + P_{HV} (E_T - 1)}$$

$P_{HV}$  = Percent heavy vehicles (network field value)

$E_T$  = Passenger car equivalency factor;  
HCM default = 2.0

# $f_a$ , Area Type Adjustment

AREATYPE	$f_a$
1 – 4	1.00
5 (CBD)	0.90

# Capacity\*

$$c = Ns \frac{g}{C}$$

- c = Capacity (veh/h)
- N = Directional number of through lanes
- s = Adjusted saturation flow rate
- g/C = Effective through movement green-to-cycle length ratio

\* Major street through movement capacity

# g/C Default Values

FUNCT	Description	g/C*
14	Urban Major Arterial	0.45
16	Urban Minor Arterial	0.42
17	Urban Collector	0.38
19	Urban Local	0.31

## Notes

- g/C values are highly subjective and can be adjusted during model calibration
- Initial g/C values are based on work done in Florida

# Field Speeds

- Free-flow speed based on field data collection
- Ability to override estimated speeds using HCM methods
- Calibration, network refinement at the project level
- Must be *free-flow*

# TransCAD GISDK Macros

- *SpeedCap* “master” macro
- Individual sub-macros
  - Basic Freeway Segments Free-Flow Speeds
  - Basic Freeway Segments Capacities
  - Urban Streets Free-Flow Speeds
  - Urban Streets Capacities
  - Etc.
- Could be adapted to any travel demand model

**Questions?**

