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KYTC Planning Symposium

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Safety Briefing



Vision

Striving to be national leaders in transportation who provide transportation infrastructure and services for the 21st century that deliver new economic opportunities for all Kentuckians.

Mission

To provide a safe, efficient, environmentally sound and fiscally responsible transportation system that delivers economic opportunity and enhances the quality of life in Kentucky.



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Some are my own creations.

Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Division of Planning Overview
- Rethinking Capacity
- CO Project Manager Roundtable
- Report Best Practices
- Odds and Ends
- Exchange Tearful Goodbyes



Opening Remarks

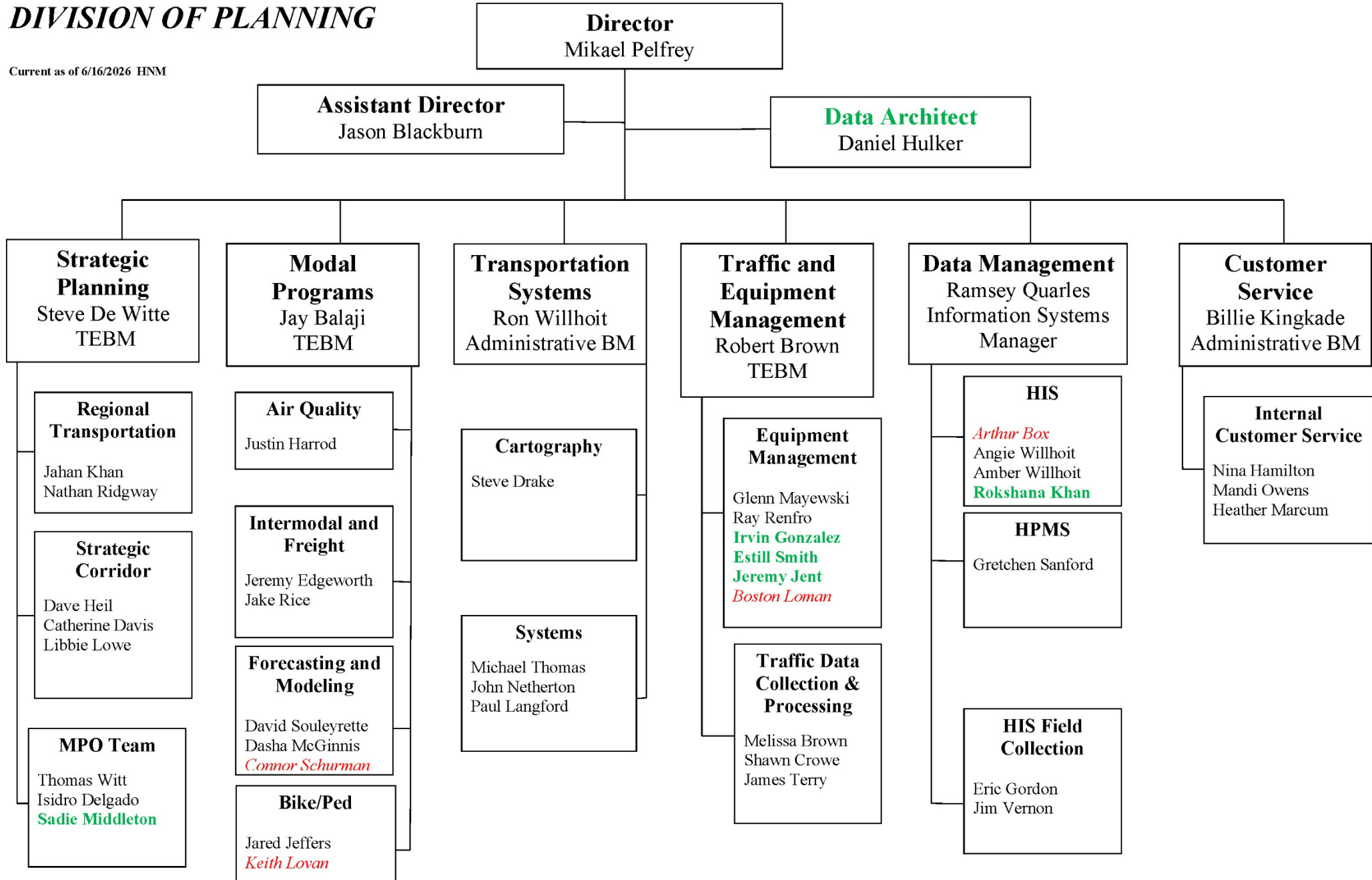




Division of Planning Overview

DIVISION OF PLANNING

Current as of 6/16/2026 HNM



Planning Study Liaisons

- Catherine Davis: D1, D6, D9, D11
 - Dave Heil: D4, D5, D8, D12
 - Libbie Lowe: D2, D3, D10
 - Steve De Witte: D7
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- Nathan Ridgway: Weird Studies/Potpourri
 - Sadie Middleton: PIP, other Planning

Work Program

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
TRANSPORTATION CABINET
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DIVISION OF PLANNING

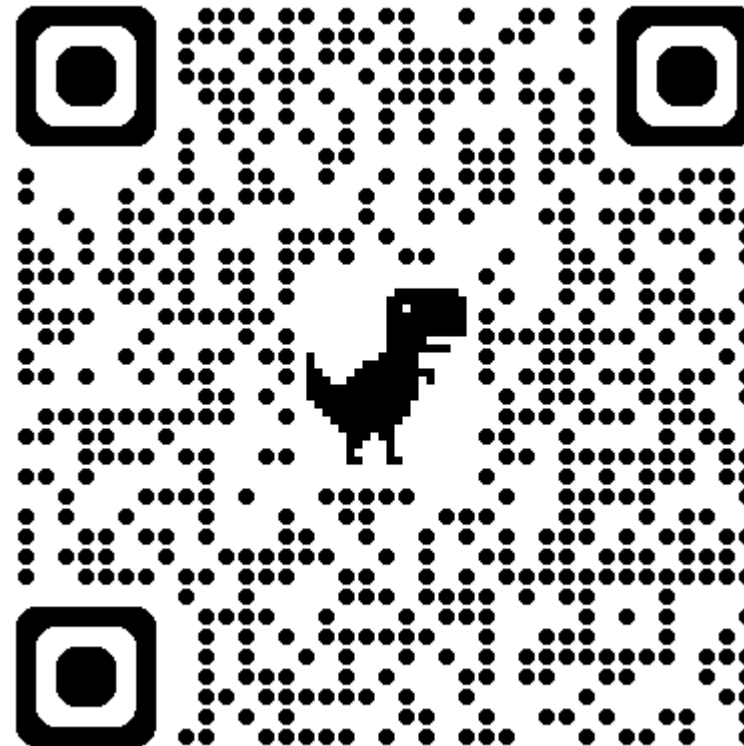


FY 2027 STATEWIDE PLANNING AND RESEARCH
(SPR) WORK PROGRAM - SUBPART A
SP 0020 (044)

JUNE 16, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 15, 2027

PART I
PLANNING

PREPARED IN COOPERATION
WITH
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



FY 2026 Accomplishments Report

- 18 completed studies, totaling approx. \$4.17 million
 - Down from \$4.65M in FY 24
- 34 ongoing studies, totaling approx. \$9.94 million
 - Up from \$7.55M in FY 24

Planning Study Resource Page

- Scoping/Production Hour Templates
- Invite Lists
- Funding Pots
- Planning Study Guidance
- Liability Neutral Language
- Symposium Slides
- Helpful Links





Rethinking Capacity

Thinking Beyond LOS (and Beyond the Peak) for Transportation Analysis



Bastian Schroeder
Kittelson and Associates

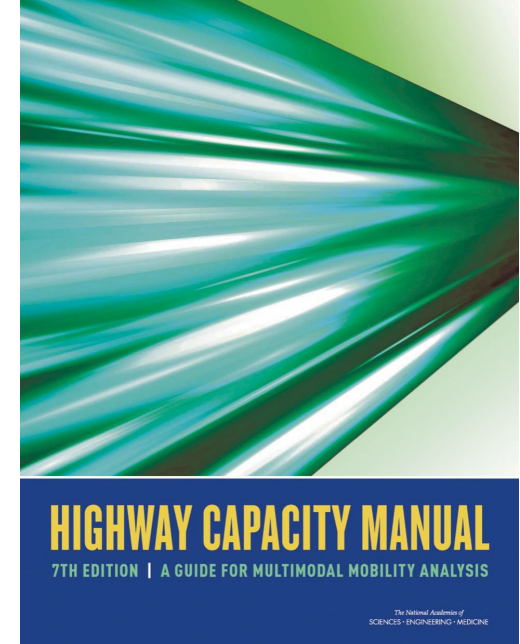
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What is Level of Service (LOS)?

- “LOS is a quantitative stratification of a performance measure or measures representing quality of service. ... The HCM defines six levels of service, ranging from A to F.”
- “... Practitioners and decision makers alike must understand that the LOS letter result hides much of the complexity of facility performance.”
- “Neither LOS nor any other single performance measure tells the full story of roadway performance. Depending on the particulars of a given analysis, queue lengths, demand-to-capacity ratios, average travel speeds, indicators of safety, quantities of persons and vehicles served, and other performance measures may be just as or even more important to consider, whether or not they are specifically called out in an agency standard. For this reason, the HCM provides methods for estimating a variety of useful roadway operations performance measures, not just methods for determining LOS.”

All quotes from HCM 7th Edition – Chapter 5: Quality of Service.

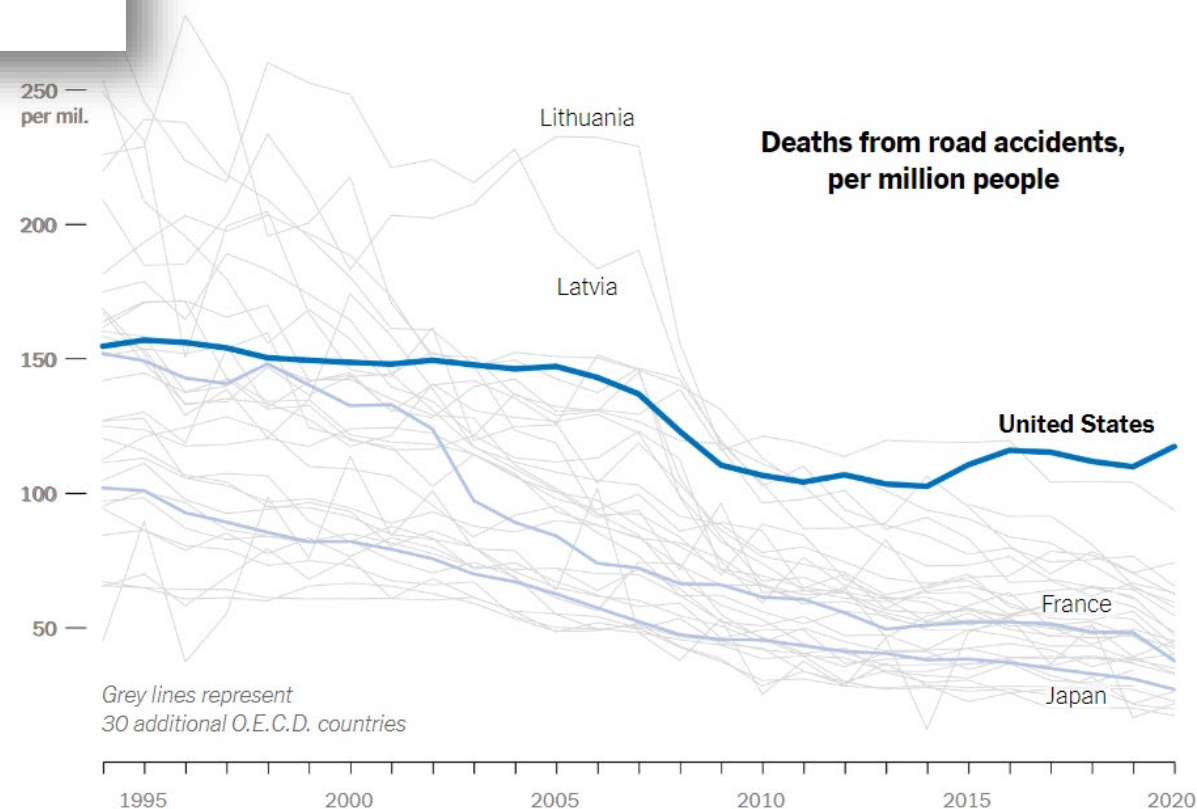


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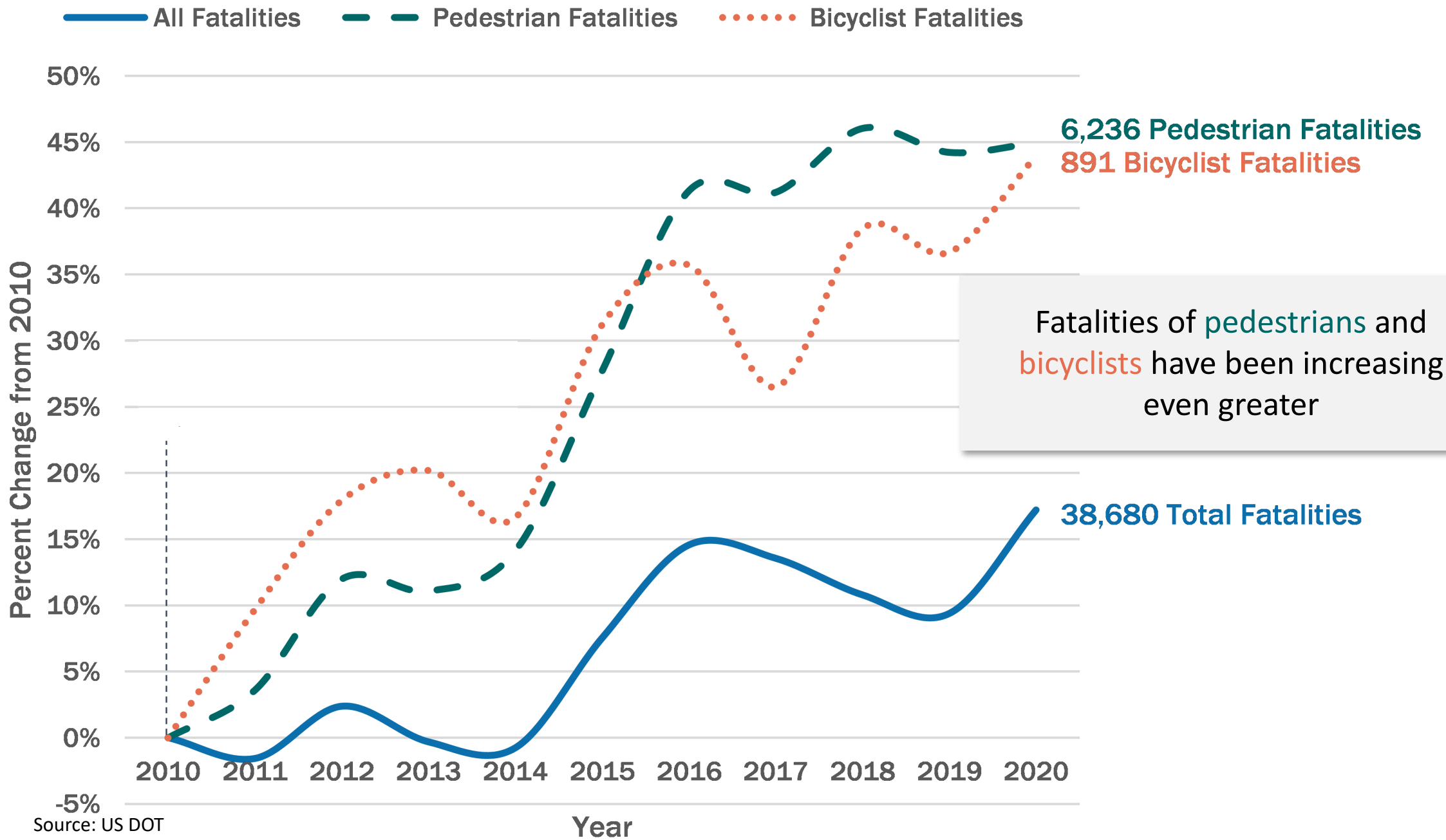
The New York Times

The Exceptionally American Problem of Rising Roadway Deaths

Why other rich nations have surpassed the U.S. in protecting pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.



Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development • The New York Times



We know what safe streets look like;
but how do we get there?



FHWA IS LEADING THE SHIFT – TO THE SAFE SYSTEM APPROACH

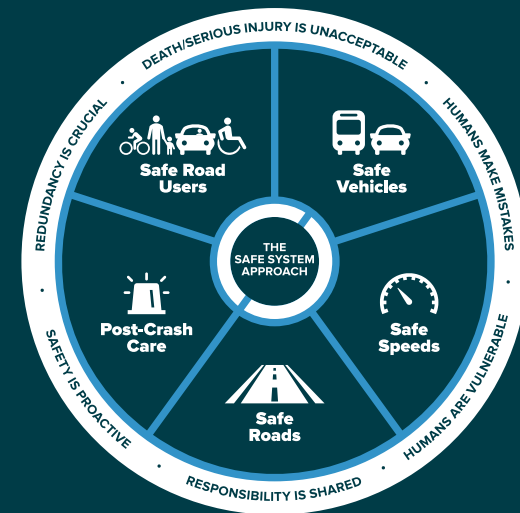
The **Safe System Approach** aims to eliminate fatal and serious injuries for all road users by:



Accommodating human mistakes



Keeping impacts on the human body at tolerable levels



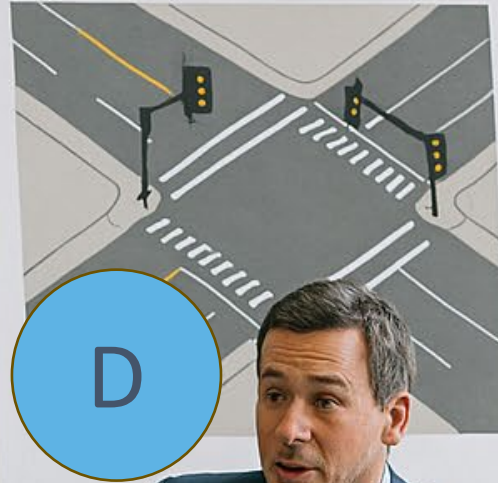
Moving towards a **Traffic Safety Culture**



Roundabout



Signalized Intersection





DAYLIGHT DECISION-MAKING

LOS For Signals vs. Roundabouts

Exhibit 19-8

LOS Criteria: Motorized
Vehicle Mode

Control Delay (s/veh)	LOS by Volume-to-Capacity Ratio ^a	
	≤ 1.0	> 1.0
≤ 10	A	F
> 10–20	B	F
> 20–35	C	F
> 35–55	D	F
> 55–80	E	F
> 80	F	F

Note: ^a For approach-based and intersectionwide assessments, LOS is defined solely by control delay.

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> 25–35	D	F
> 35–50	E	F
> 50	F	F

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LOS Criteria: Motorized
Vehicle Mode

Source: HCM 7th Edition, Chapters 19 and 22

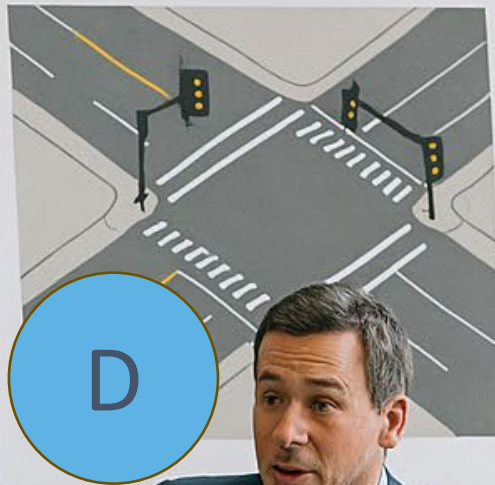
$d = 51 \text{ sec}$

Roundabout



$d = 54 \text{ sec}$

Signalized Intersection



WHAT DO WE MEAN BY LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS) F?

Based on a traffic forecast that predicts traffic 20 years into the future, we estimate that a driver entering the roundabout will be delayed by over 55 seconds during the peak 15 minutes of the 30th highest hour of the year.

... or mathematically:

*$(30 * 0.25) / (365 * 24 * 20) * 100\% = 0.043\%$ of the next 20 years!*

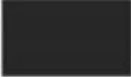
... and also:

There has never been a human factors or driver perception study to link experienced delay at roundabouts to LOS thresholds!



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LEGEND

	ASPHALT PAVEMENT
	CONCRETE
	VEGETATION
	EXIST. PROPERTY LINE
	PROPOSED R/W LINE

NOTE: PROPOSED TRAVEL LANES
ARE 12' TYPICAL

ADDITIONAL R/W REQUIREMENTS
(WITHIN LIMITS OF SHEET):

Pine Grove Dr.

NB RECEIVING LANES

100' TAPER

200' STORAGE

10' MULTI-USE PATH

5' SIDEWALK

10' MULTI-USE PATH

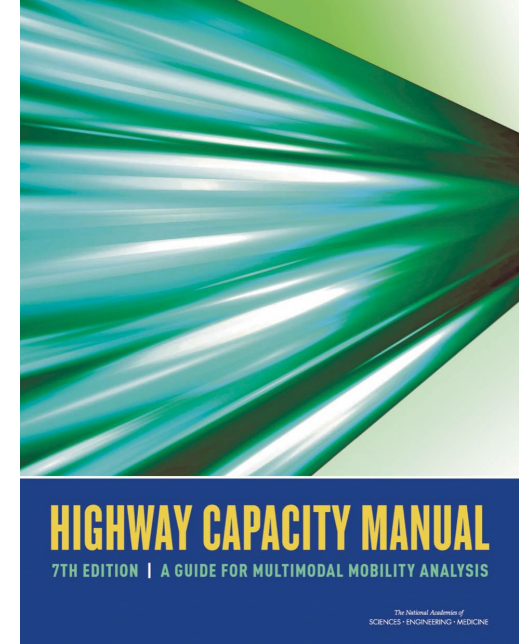
Holly Tree Rd.

Kilarny Rd.

What is Capacity?

- “The capacity of a system element is the maximum sustainable hourly flow rate at which persons or vehicles reasonably can be expected to traverse a point or a uniform section of a lane or roadway during a given time period under prevailing roadway, environmental, traffic, and control conditions.”
- “Reasonable expectancy is the basis for defining capacity. That is, the stated capacity for a given system element is a flow rate that can be achieved repeatedly for peak periods of sufficient demand. Stated capacity values can be achieved on system elements with similar characteristics throughout North America. Capacity is not the absolute maximum flow rate observed on such a system element. The absolute maximum flow rate can vary from day to day and from location to location.”

All quotes from HCM 7th Edition – Chapter 4: Traffic Operations and Capacity Concepts



So What is the Capacity of a Roundabout?

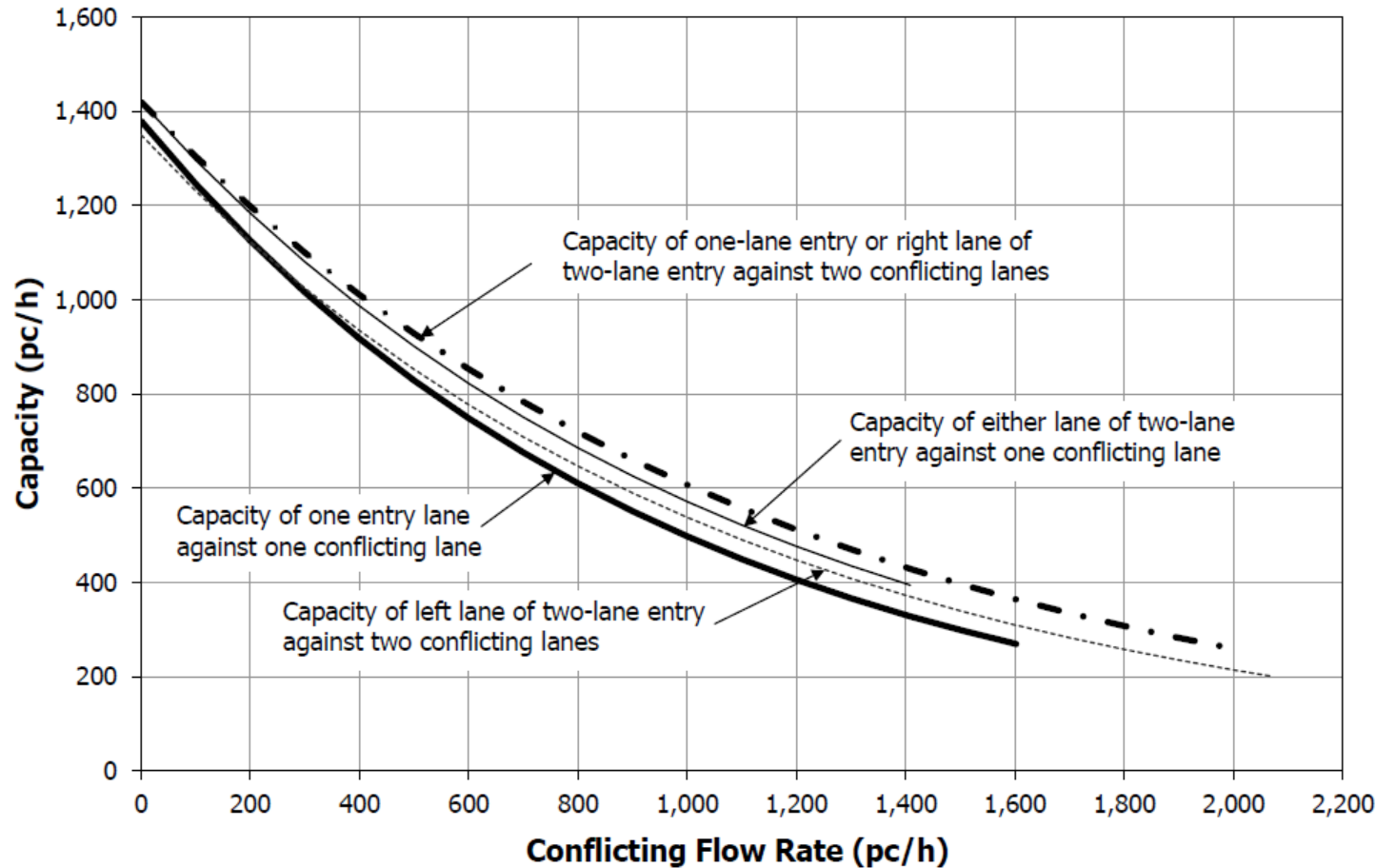
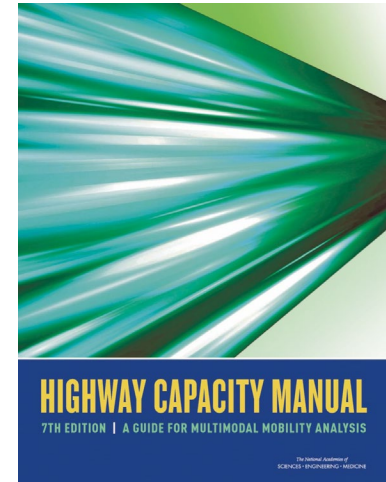


Exhibit 22-6

Capacity of Single-Lane and Multilane Entries



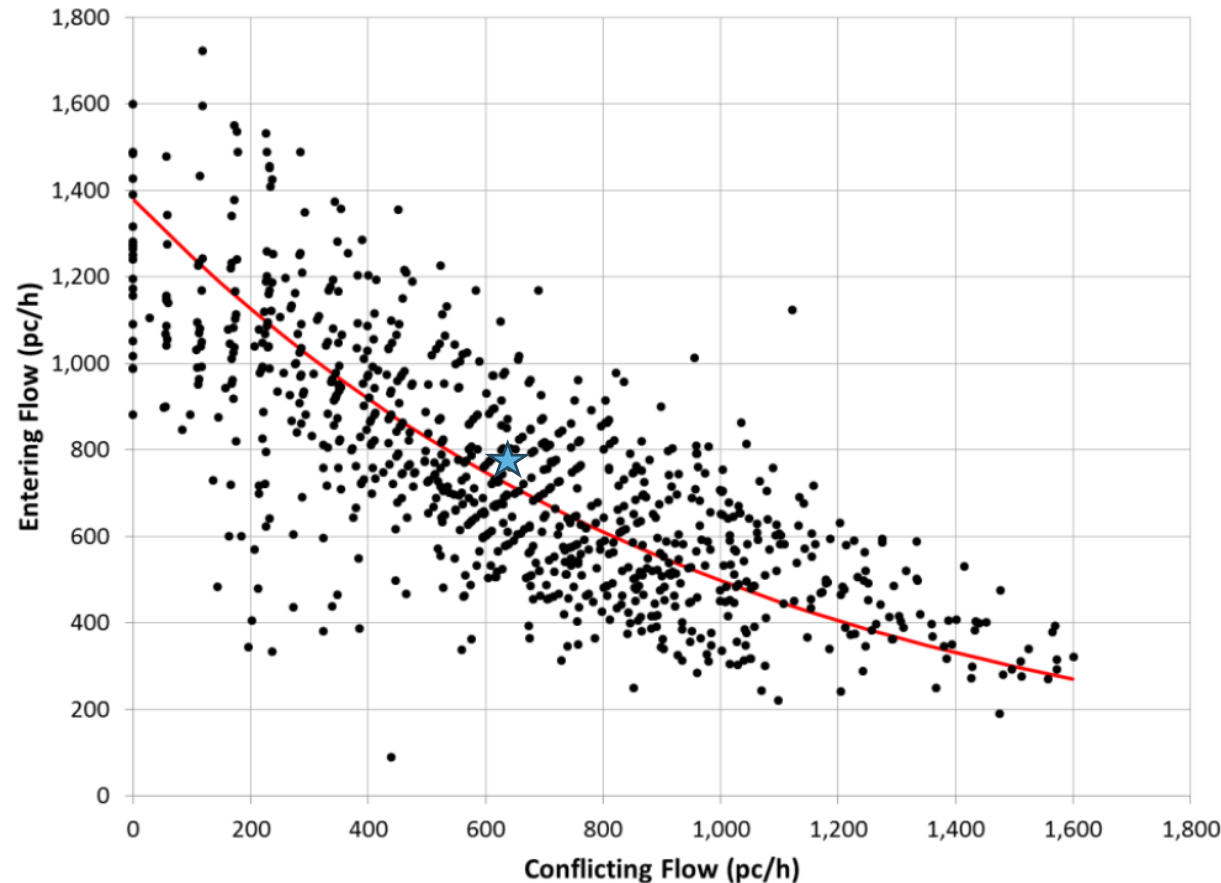
Source: HCM 7th Edition – Chapter 22: Roundabouts



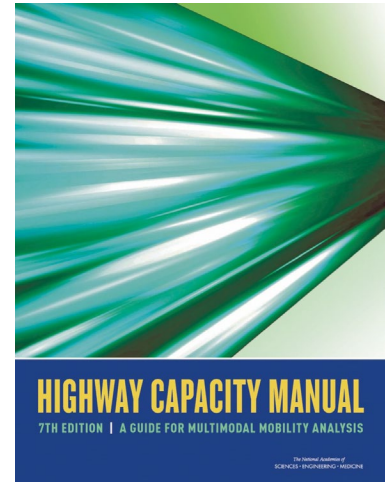
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Exhibit 33-1

Observed Combinations of Entry Flow and Conflicting Flow During 1-min Periods of Continuous Queuing: One-Lane Entry Opposed by One Circulating Lane



Source: Rodgerdts et al. (1).



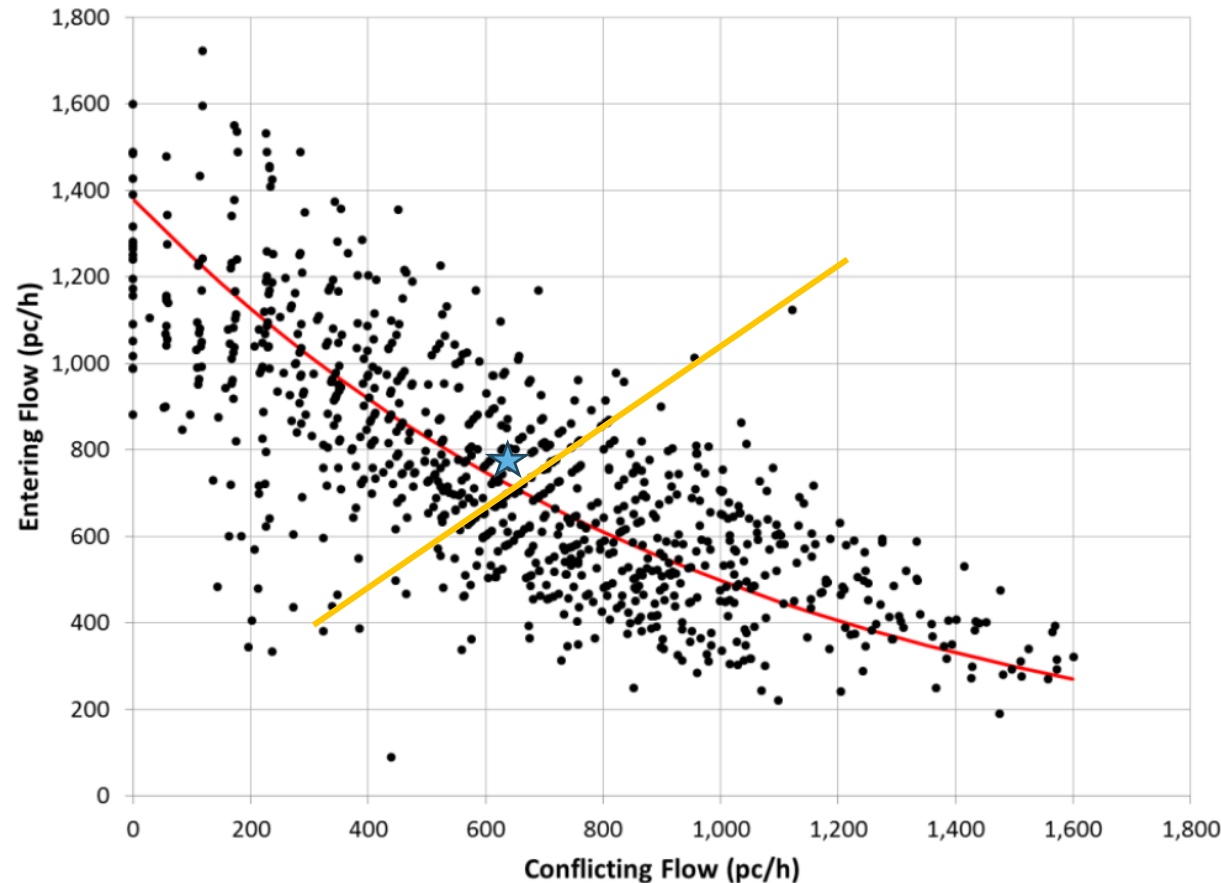
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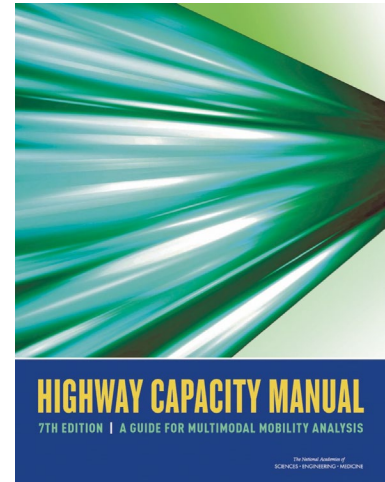
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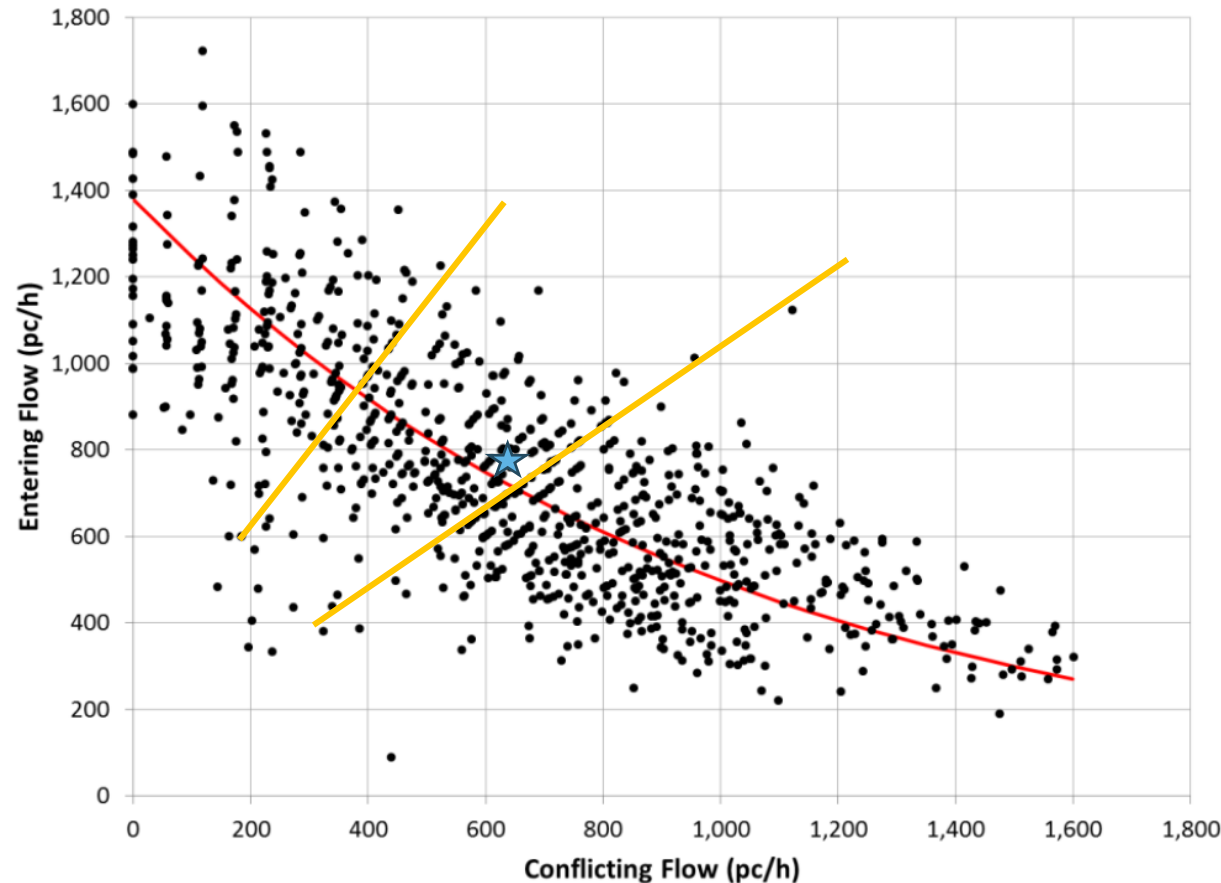
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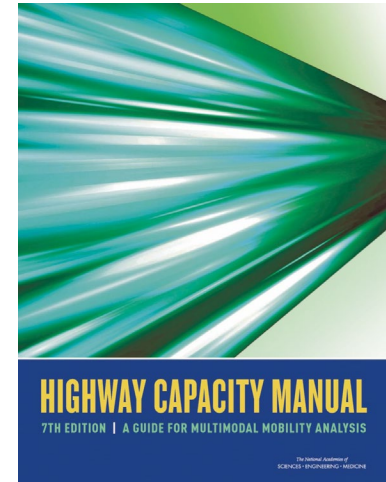
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WHAT'S WRONG WITH UNUSED CAPACITY?

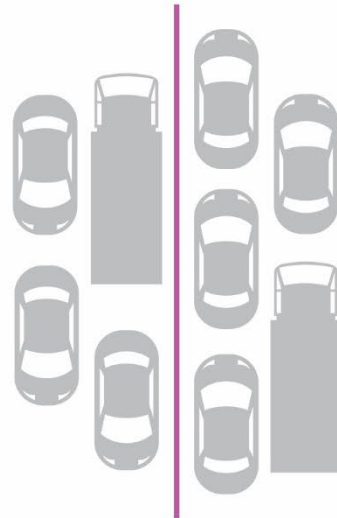
UNDER CAPACITY = HIGHER SPEEDS

WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED AND MORE SEVERE CRASHES



OVERDESIGNING FACILITIES

FOR CARS MAKES THEM LESS SAFE FOR PEOPLE WALKING AND BIKING



THE MORE TRAVEL LANES, THE

LONGER WAIT TIMES

FOR ALL MODES

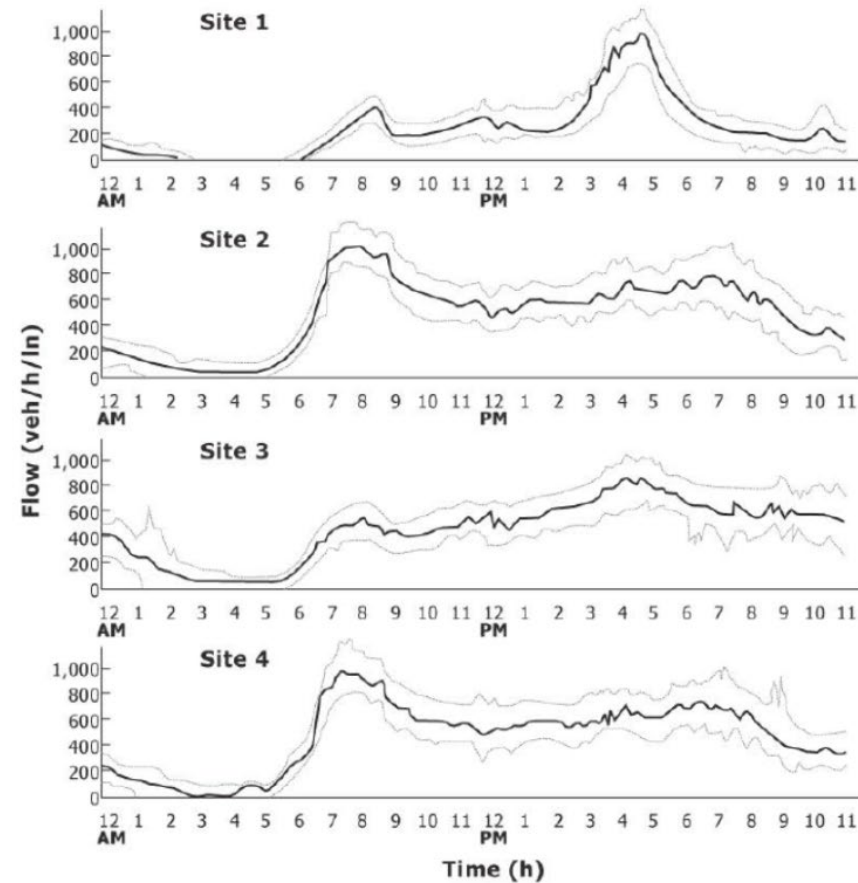
STREETS MAKE UP MORE THAN



of public spaces in cities and towns

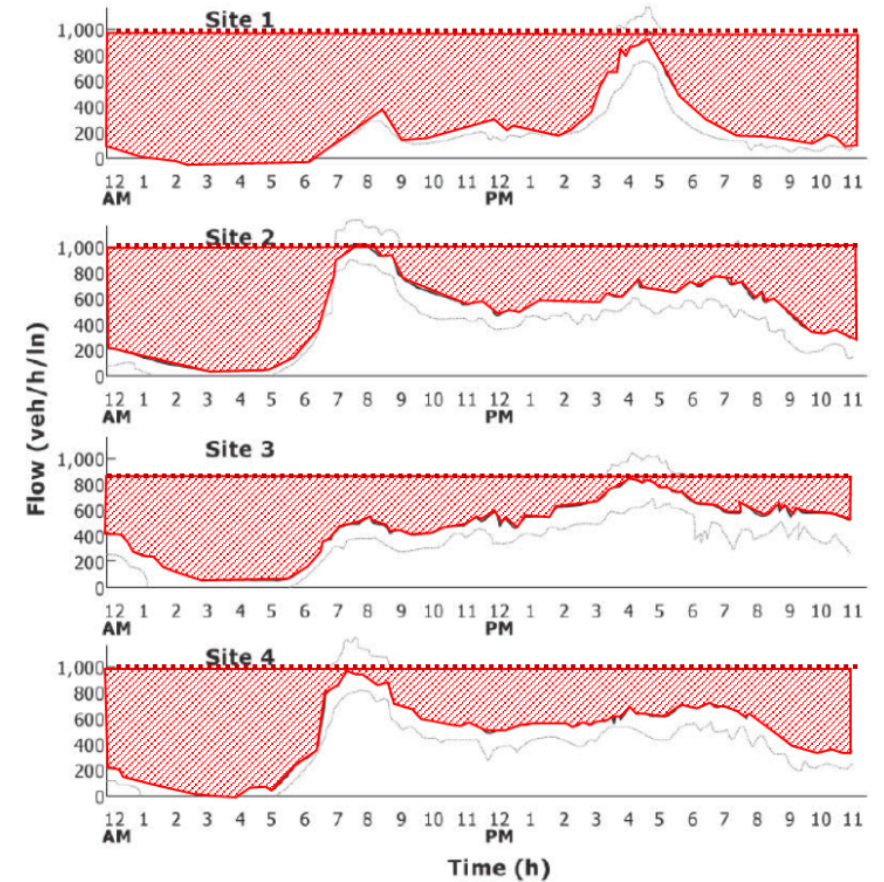


Designing for peak-hour capacity and the 30th highest hourly volume results in unused capacity for most of the day!



Source: McShane and Crowley (7).

Notes: Sites 2 and 4 are one block apart on the same street, in the same direction. All sites are two moving lanes in one direction. Dotted lines indicate the range in which 95% of the observed volumes fall.

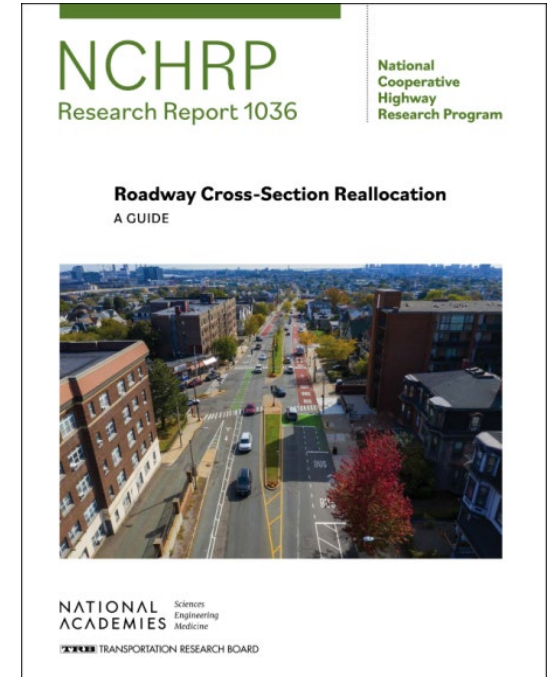
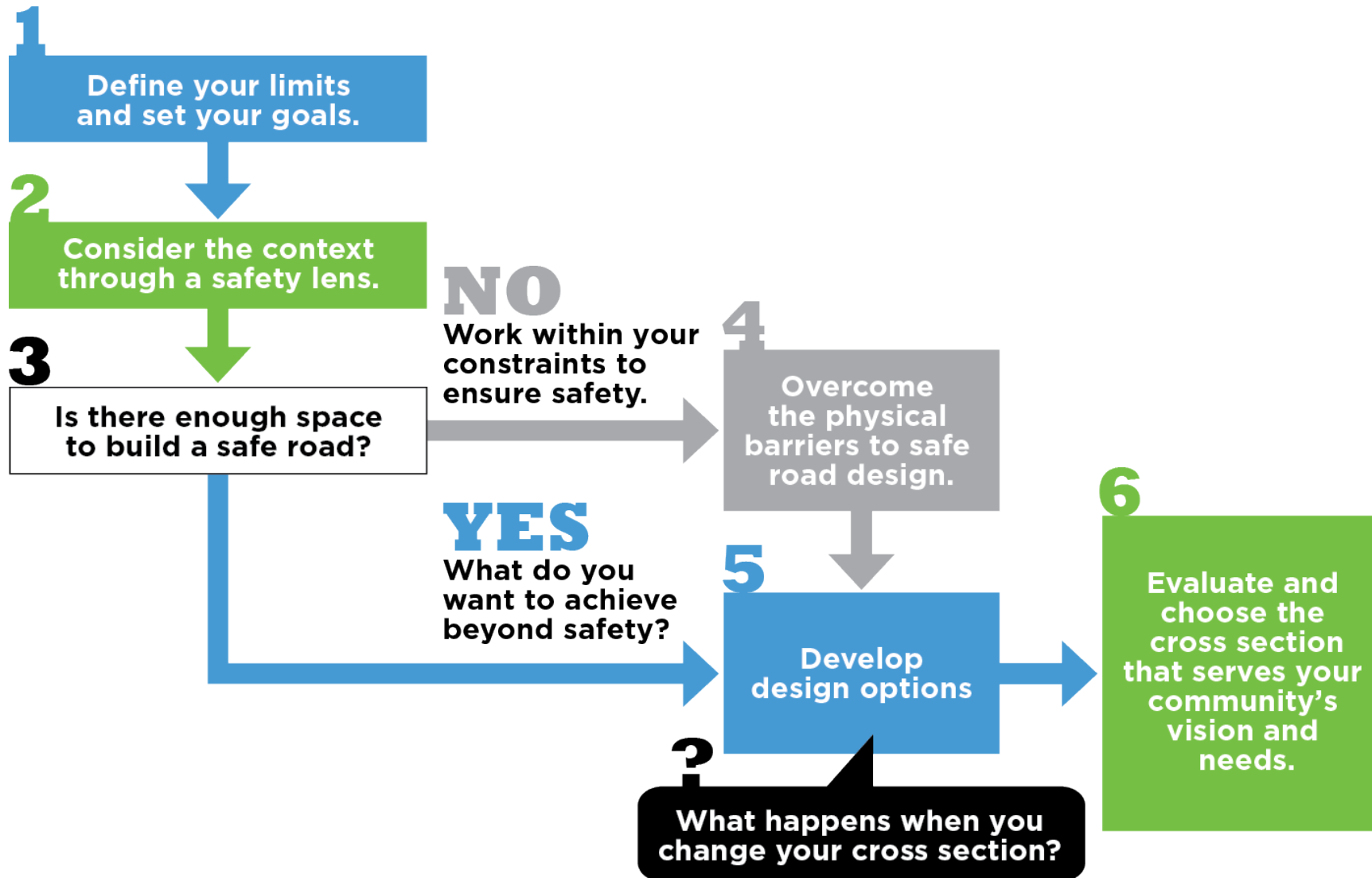


..... Design volume based on 30th highest hour of year

 Sum of unused capacity over 24-hour period if designing for 30th highest hour of year

Source: Adapted from HCM 7th Edition Chapter 3

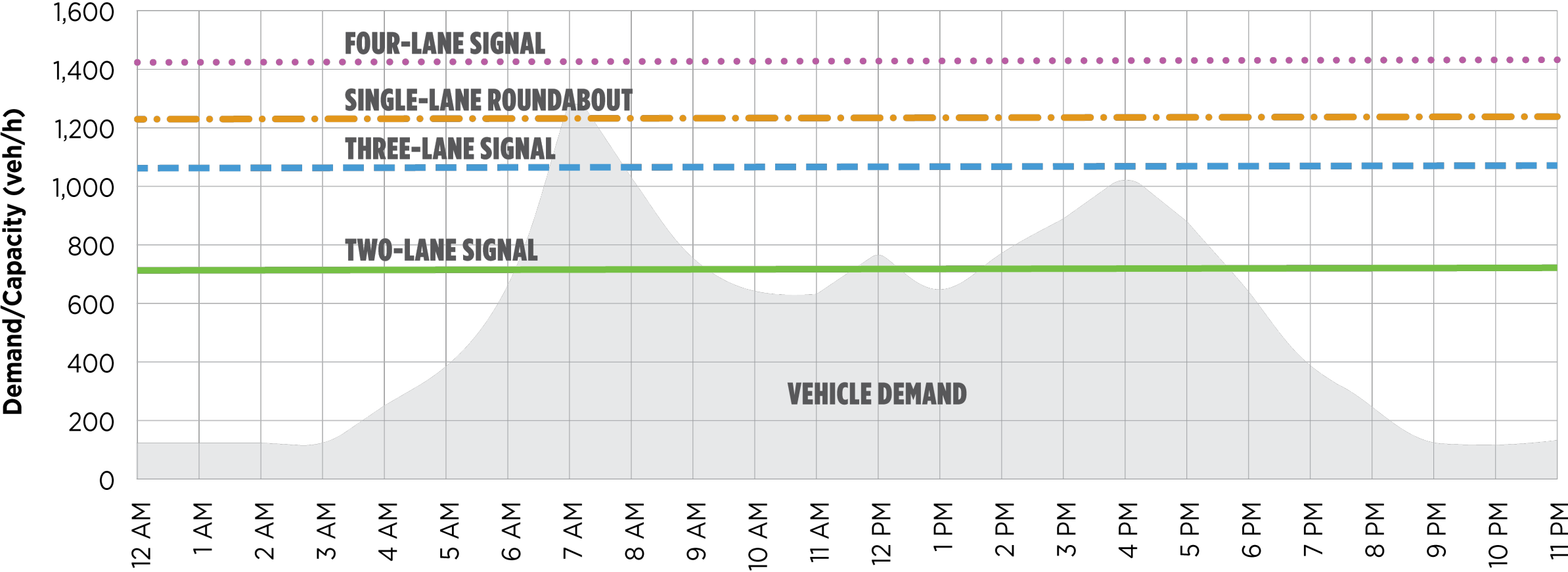
A NEW DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORK





ALL-DAY INTERSECTION ASSESSMENT

Illustrative Example



A NEW 24-HOUR PARADIGM

THE 24-HOUR CAPACITY FRAMEWORK



HOURLY DEMAND-TO-CAPACITY (D/C) RATIO

allows practitioners to assess whether demand exceeds capacity at any time during the day and, if so, for how long



The percentage of the hours between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. the street utilizes at least 60% of its potential capacity

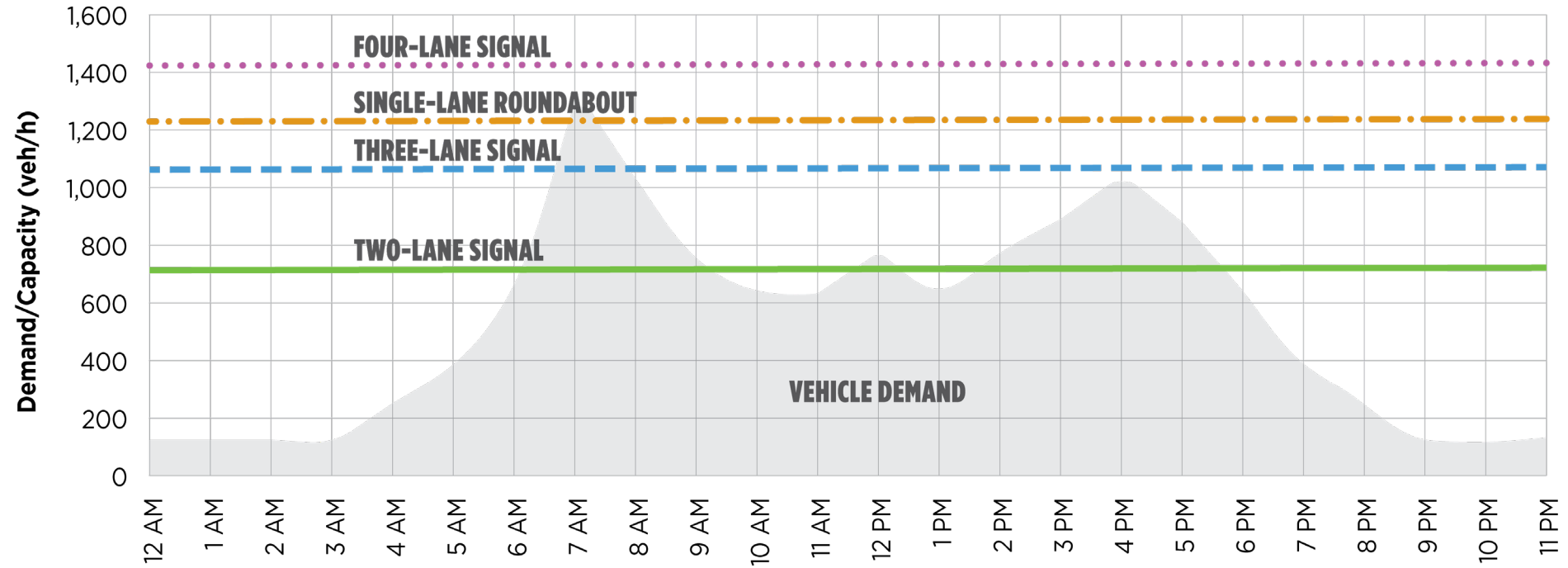


The number of hours (out of 24) during which the street is operating below capacity

The lane-capacity provided for but unused during that 16-hour period



ALL-DAY INTERSECTION ASSESSMENT



Intersection Control	Max Demand-to-Capacity Ratio (d/c)	16-Hour Efficiency	16-Hour Excess Capacity (Lane Hours)	Total Hours Below Capacity
FOUR-LANE SIGNAL	0.89	31.3%	15.9	24
THREE-LANE SIGNAL	1.18	50.0%	8.2	23
TWO-LANE SIGNAL	1.77	81.3%	2.2	16
SINGLE-LANE ROUNDABOUT	1.02	50.0%	6.7	23

“JUST TO BE SAFE” ...

- ... we design for the peak 15-minutes of the day ...
- ... we estimate traffic for the 30th highest hour of the year ...
- ... we forecast traffic out 20 years from the current year ...
- ... we use an average measure of capacity ...
- ... we design our intersection to be below that capacity ...
- ... we target a LOS grade of D ...
- ... we add a safety margin to our intersection timing (X_c) ...
- ...

What is Failure?



RAISE THE FLOOR ON TRANSPORTATION SAFETY



d = 51 sec

Roundabout



d = 54 sec

Signalized Intersection

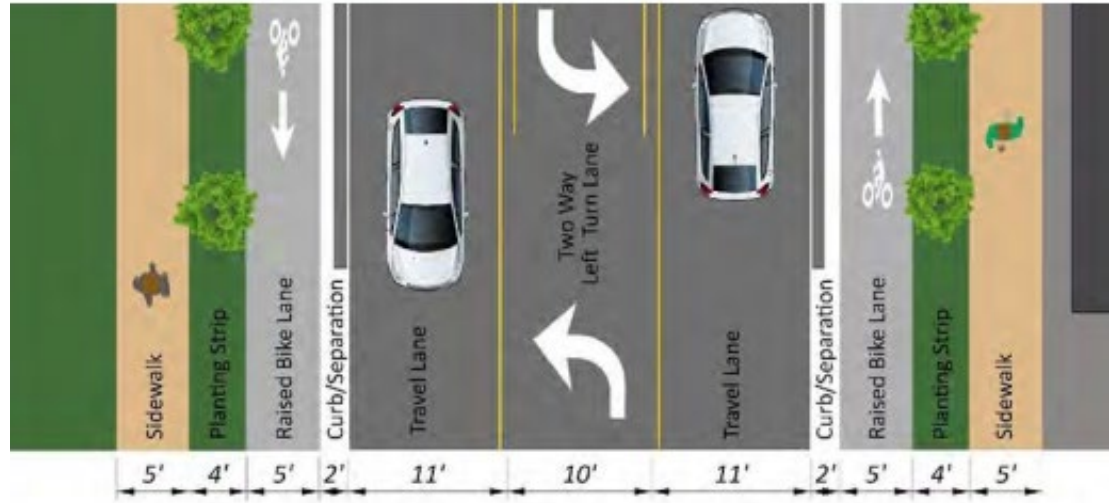


Predictions of fatal and injury crashes over 20-year intersection service life based on AASHTO Highway Safety Manual, calculated in FHWA SPICE Tool

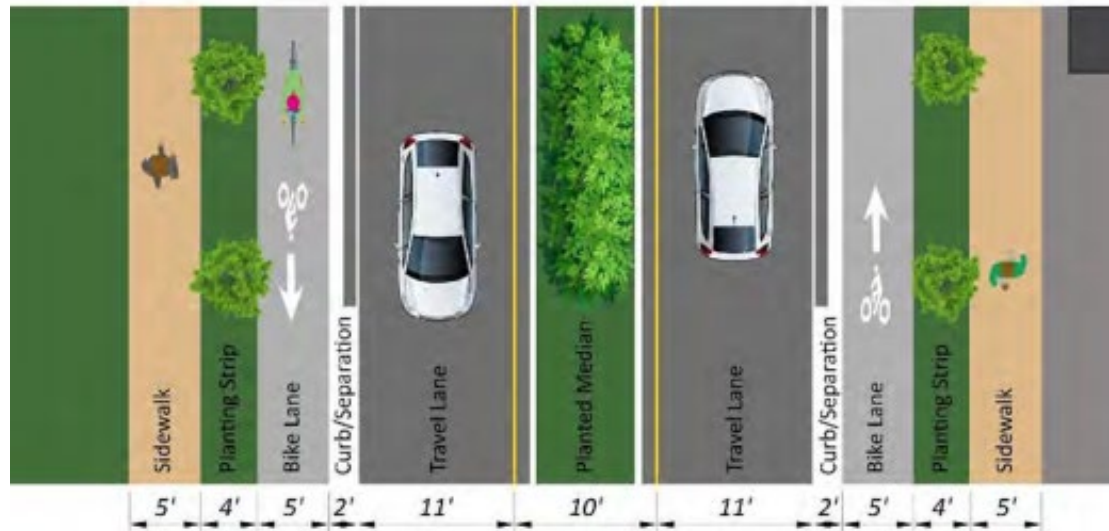
An Actual Example



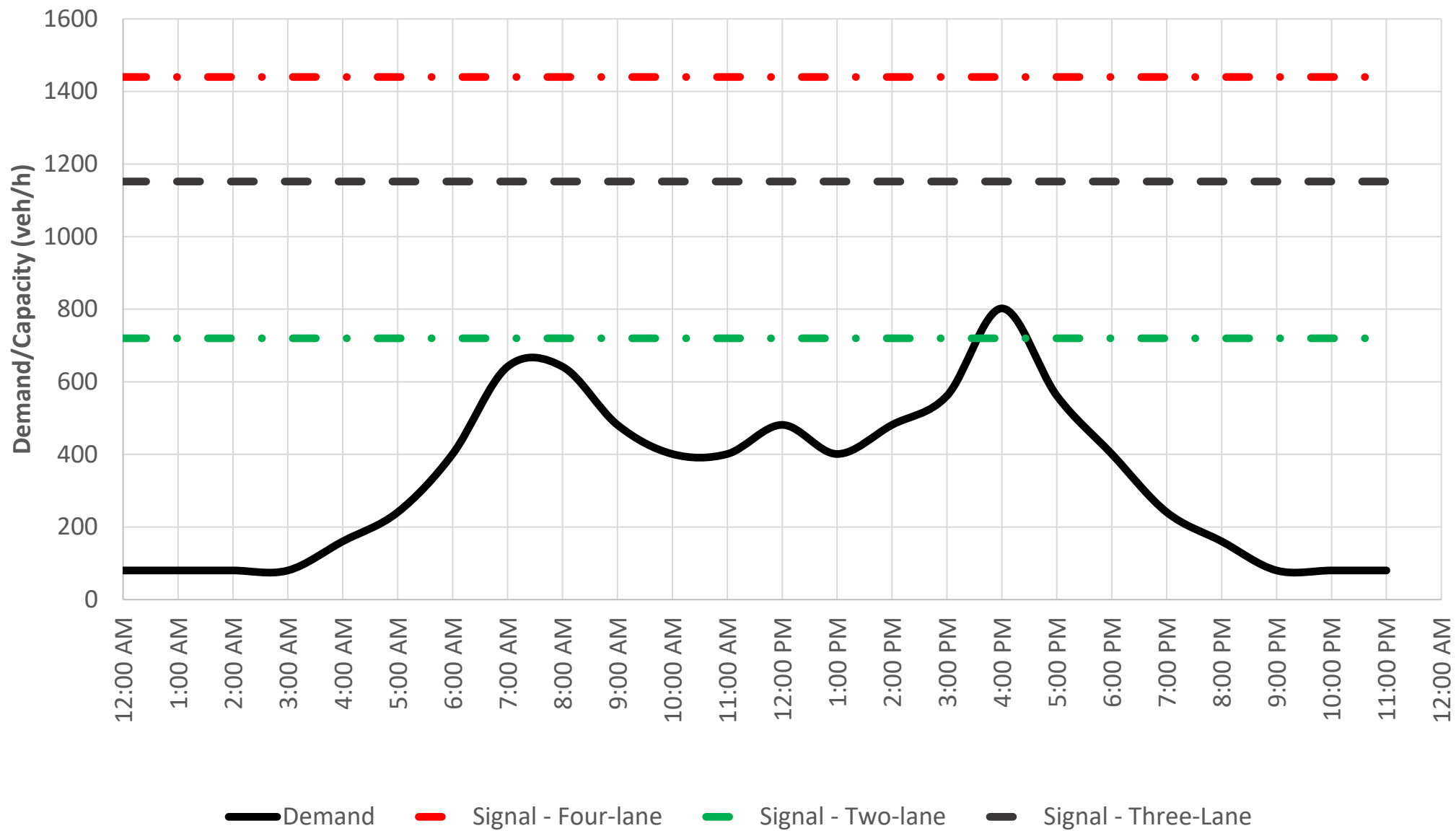
ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS



Option 1: Three-Lane Cross-Section with Two-Way Left Turn Lanes



Option 2: Two-Lane Cross-Section with Median



HOW DO WE CHANGE OUR APPROACH?

Stop Relying solely on (LOS)

→ Instead use the actual performance measures in the HCM (which are what we measured and researched!)

Look Beyond the Peak Hour

→ We have the methods and the data to analyze 24-hour performance (hint: we already do this for work zones!)

Use Safety Performance Measures

→ We have the HSM (soon HSM2) and the means to predict safety outcomes, let's use them.

Questions

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Break



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Moderator: Steve De Witte, P.E.



What Goes Where in Report

At the Start & Throughout

- What are we doing?
- Why?
- How?
- For Whom?
- How does our work inform folks about transportation needs in addition to asking what folks want?

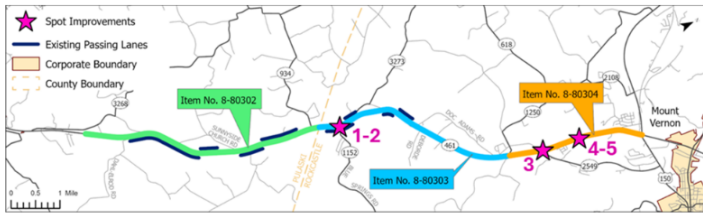
Executive Briefing

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

Item No. 8-80302 | KY 461 in Pulaski and Rockcastle Counties | June 2026 Planning Study

This two-lane principal arterial provides a key link between I-75 and recreational attractions surrounding Lake Cumberland, especially busy during summer weekends. About 12 miles long, it links the recently improved four-lane section near Hal Rogers Parkway to the ongoing 8-8952 four-lane widening project at Mount Vernon. There are eight existing auxiliary lane sections, used for passing and truck climbing. Some passing lanes are much shorter than HDM recommendations. All vertical grades and horizontal curves meet HDM guidance.

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- Max 1 page front-and-back
- Audience:
 - Secretary, State Highway Engineer, Legislature
- Tell a story, not minutiae
 - Problem -> Options -> Impact on safety, capacity, cost, and timeline
- Focus on **outcomes** and **costs**

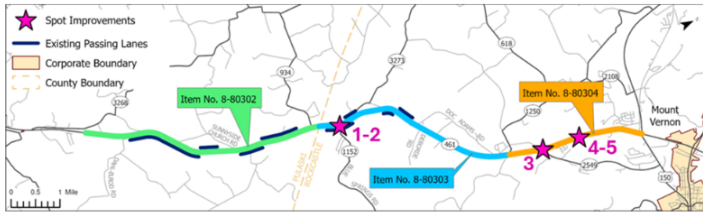
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- Don't bury the ask
 - Put in top 1/3 (does not have to be chronological)
- Avoid method creep, keep those in report
- Make sure all numbers are consistent
- Tables over more than 1 figure

Executive Summary

KY 461 Corridor Study
Item No. 8-80302 | June 2026

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Provide adequate passing opportunities

Heavy traffic volumes and slower moving vehicles increase driver frustration, particularly coupled with the perspective that “out-of-towners” are impeding locals’ ability to go about their everyday routines. Frustrated drivers tend to make more aggressive choices, passing slower-moving vehicles in shorter gaps or with constrained sight distance. Designated passing areas at regular intervals that meet recommended length guidelines help counteract this trend.

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- **Concept B** widens the entire 12 miles to four lanes. It includes four 12-foot thru lanes and 10-foot paved shoulders with a grassy median to separate opposing traffic flows.

ES-3

- Length $\leq$ 10 pages
- Audience:
 - District CDE and PD staff, CO Project Development, learned stakeholders
- Lead with problem, outcomes, and costs
- Flag next steps that matter for delivery
- Concepts summarized in plain language
- Point to methods/detail in report

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- **Concept B** widens the entire 12 miles to four lanes. It includes four 12-foot thru lanes and 10-foot paved shoulders with a grassy median to separate opposing traffic flows.

- Avoid method creep
- Avoid figure sprawl
- Make sure all numbers are consistent

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Pulaski and Rockcastle Counties, KY

Item No. 8-80302

Final Report

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- Audience:
 - Doubtful anyone ever reads this cover to cover
- **BUT IF THEY DID**
- Detail study process chronologically
- Document sources, assumptions, scenarios, evaluation criteria
- Avoid appendix bleed-through

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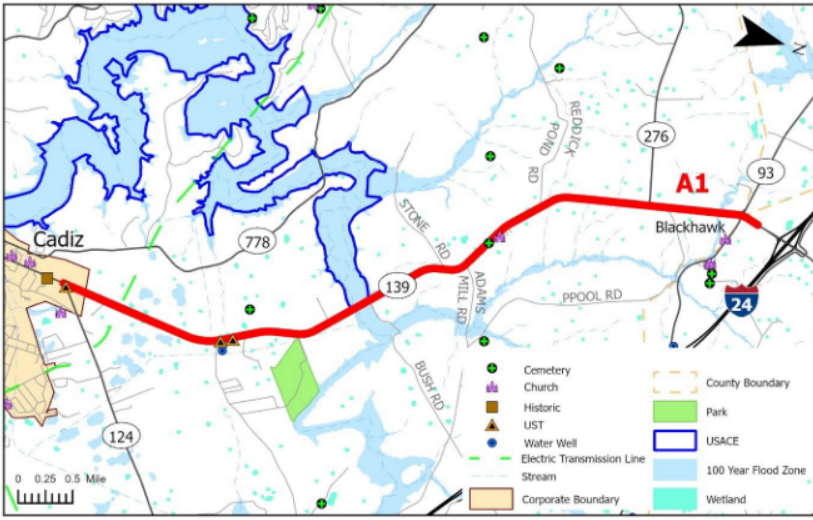


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- Clear decision-making rationale
- Summarize supplemental reports (environ, socioec, geotech)
- Make sure it's clear why this thing or that thing happened

Project Sheets

A1. KY 139 Widening, North Section Item No. 1-147			
KY 139 Trigg MP 17.9-24.6 & Caldwell MP 0.0-0.2		High Priority	
DESCRIPTION: Improve safety and mobility on KY 139 between KY 124 and I-24.	Phase Estimate	Year	\$
	Design	2028	\$3.9M
	Right-of-Way	2030	\$1.1M
	Utilities	2032	\$6.7M
	Construction	2034	\$31M
	DRUC Total	\$43 million	
IDENTIFIED NEEDS:			
2025 Everyday Traffic:	1,700-2,100 vpd, operates at LOS A		
2025 Detour Traffic:	I-24 closure routes up to 1,250 vph per direction to surface streets		
2020-2024 Crashes:	60 crashes (2 Fatal, 8 Injury) with 68% single vehicle crashes		
CONCEPT: Reconstruct KY 139 for consistent 45-mph design speed with 30-foot pavement width. Consider passing lane in tangent sections where visibility permits. "Soft" shoulder sections merit consideration to address pavement stability.			
			
Impacts: streams/floodplain, 5-15 relocations; park & cemetery nearby			
Notes: 1.5 BCA; Consider traditional highway plan funding or federal grant			

- 1 Page, for CHAF and SHIFT
- Highway Plan Description
- Costs including time, management contingencies
- Needs not wants
- Describe concept
- Red Flags
- Funding Buckets

Other Study Elements

- Sign/stamp engineering reports
- AI Disclosure (be conservative)
 - Follow COT Policy
- ADA compliance (alt text, WCAG 2.1 AA)



Break?



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- Roadway Characteristics – Provide existing roadway characteristics for the study area. The following information, at a minimum, on each mainline section and ramp will include:
 - Lanes, shoulders and median widths
 - Horizontal and vertical deficiencies
 - Bridge geometrics and deficiencies
 - Grades
 - Speed limits

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- Truck routes
- **Context Classification** (available on [TRAK interactive tool](#))
- Functional Classification and Roadway System Designation (i.e., NHS, non-NHS, STAA, Coal

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cc: uscu.

- Crash Analysis – Obtain raw crash data from the Kentucky State Police database for a minimum of the most recent **five** years **(MONTH YEAR – MONTH YEAR)**. Data will be summarized by applicable crash types and mapped. Crash data will be color-coded by type on exhibits and provided to the Department as ESRI shapefiles and KMZ files. This information will be analyzed to identify possible safety improvements. KYTC will provide the narrative portion from individual crash reports in high crash spots and fatalities upon request. **The Crash Data Analysis Tool (CDAT) or Network Screening tool should be used to calculate Excess Expected Crashes (EEC) and Level of Service of Safety (LOSS) in the study area as the safety analysis tool. Other safety performance measures in accordance with the latest edition of the Highway Safety Manual should also be used. Only personnel who have signed the CRASH MOU can have access to crash data (i.e. stored in a secure, access-controlled location).**
- **This corridor was studied under the [Statewide INTERSTATE/CORRIDOR Plan] program; the GIS online tool can be a source of existing conditions data and scoping information.**
- Existing Traffic Volumes, Level of Service, and Capacity – Obtain available existing traffic volumes for the study area, including truck percentages. **The Consultant will perform additional traffic counts as required.** The Consultant will perform capacity and level of service (LOS) analysis on highway segments in concurrence with the current Highway Capacity Manual. Capacity analysis **should follow the 24-hour capacity framework, including:**
 - 16-hour efficiency
 - 16-hour excess lane-capacity
 - Total hours below capacity

Future year performance measures should be developed using forecasted traffic data and/or traffic models. KYTC has access to link-level travel time data via **[HERE]** as well as bike/ped data, travel time data, origin destination data, and some volume data via StreetLight.

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- Potential funding avenues and sources of risk should be included on project sheets.
- A separate, escalated cost to account for a “time” or “management” contingency should also be included.

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Specific percentages should be discussed with the project team but are typically 10-20% per biennial phase.

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- Potential impacts to capacity and safety should be analyzed and noted. **Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) level one screening tools are required to be utilized where intersections are identified for improvement in conjunction with the ICE policy.**
- **Explore potential synergy with IIJA Grant Program emphasis areas.**
- **The project team will prioritize proposed improvements based on data analysis and local input.**

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(3) Local Officials/Stakeholder Meetings

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- Meeting summary/notes

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Don't forget to mention extra LO/S meeting

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review. The Executive Summary should be included as a foreword to the full report. **A short white paper for Cabinet Leadership may also be requested.** An electronic copy of the draft report in Word format shall be

It is the Consultant's responsibility to see that all comments received are addressed in the final report, **with a final proof and disposition of comments provided to Central Office Planning.** The Consultant will provide

Study Appendices shall include:

- Crash History (**Master File Numbers excluded**)
- Traffic Forecast Report
- Environmental Overview
 - Archeological Site Information, if applicable (confidential, provided via USB only)
- Socioeconomic Study (previously known as Environmental Justice)
- Geotechnical Overview

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- Meeting Summaries
 - **Cost Estimate Spreadsheets (to be reviewed by Location Engineers)**
- Other appendices may be added as necessary for documentation of study activities.



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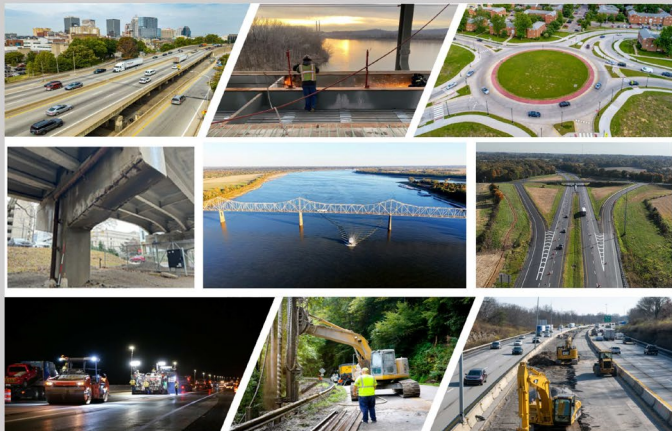


Upcoming Advertisements & Reauthorization

Planning in the Six-Year Plan



ENACTED
HIGHWAY
PLAN
2026-2032



Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
June 2026

- 3 Federally-funded studies
 - Down from 14* in 2024
 - 2 Duplicative
 - 5-80428 I-71 NE Oldham Ichng
- 8 State-funded studies
 - Down from 36* in 2024
 - 1 Duplicative
 - Challenge to authorize

*8 federal and 14 state were duplicative in 2024

Narrative/SPP Advisory

In summary, KYTC's current projection of state road fund revenues available for state project obligations for the Highway Plan's SPP projects and the **critically essential** state matching funds for the federal-aid highway funding program **(the state match enables us to participate in the federal program)** are as follows:

State Road Fund Availability FY 2027 through FY 2032

FISCAL YEAR	State Matching Requirement	SPP Project Dollars
FY-2027	\$235 million	\$0*
FY-2028	\$235 million	\$115 million
FY-2029	\$235 million	\$115 million
FY-2030	\$235 million	\$115 million
FY-2031	\$235 million	\$115 million
FY-2032	\$235 million	\$115 million
Total	\$1.410 Billion	\$575 Million

*The \$50M originally estimated to be available for SPP projects in FY 2027 has been redirected by the General Assembly to LARP.

Upcoming Advertisements (subject to change)

- NOVEMBER: TBD Planning Study
 - TBD
- ~SUMMER 2027: Long Range SW Transportation Plan
 - Nathan Ridgway
 - Dependent on PIP completion
 - See if any changes in new Surface Transportation Bill
- ~3 other studies over the course of the year
- Other D phase back into P/PEL as prudent

Federal Reauthorization

- IIJA Expires on September 30, 2026
- BUILD America 250 Act stalled since May
- Continuing Resolution through December 11
- Prorated HTF & General Fund at FY 2026 Levels
 - **Did NOT include Division J Programs**
 - Bridge Formula Program
 - NEVI Formula Program
 - Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program
- Could see Lame Duck action or punt to 120th Congress

Work Program & Reauthorization

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
TRANSPORTATION CABINET
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
DIVISION OF PLANNING



FY 2027 STATEWIDE PLANNING AND RESEARCH
(SPR) WORK PROGRAM - SUBPART A
SP 0020 (044)

JUNE 16, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 15, 2027

PART I
PLANNING

PREPARED IN COOPERATION
WITH
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

- SPR Parts I & II
- At least 25% toward research
- 2% of Federal Aid set aside
- 80/20 funds
- We just assume these funds will be here
- Reimbursement Program



Strava



Seriously, look at this thing!



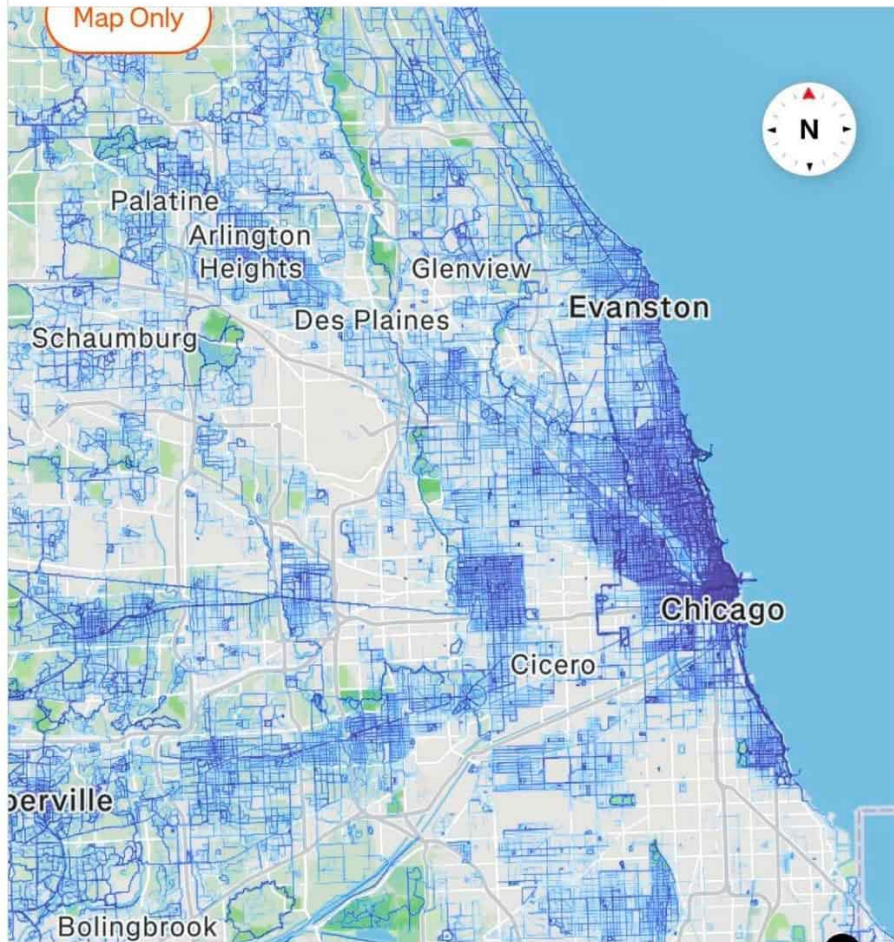
- Where do you think the rich and poor neighborhoods are?



NYCer In Exile @NYCerinExile · 1d

TIL the Chicago metro global Strava map is just a giant proxy for class and wealth...

Seriously, look at this thing!



Limitations of Strava

- Represents fitness-oriented, higher-income users — not the whole community.
- Highlights where people with devices travel, not necessarily where people need safe facilities.
- Low Strava activity may indicate lack of safety or connectivity, not lack of demand.
- Use only as a supplemental data source alongside counts, socioeconomic analysis, and safety data.



TRAK & Context Classification

<https://trak.kytc.ky.gov/>

<https://maps.kytc.ky.gov/contextclassification/>



PublicInput Portal

PublicInput

- Effort by OPA and Project Development (starting with Planning) as Public Engagement Hub
- Use for surveys and project websites
- StoryMaps when make sense, link from Portal
- In place before SharePoint sunset

GETTING THERE SAFELY
Kentucky Speed Management Action Plan

Kentucky Speed Management Action Plan

Team Kentucky is committed to providing safe and efficient roads so that our families can get to school, work or wherever else they may need to go. This project will help the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet better understand where and why speed-related crashes occur across Kentucky and identify opportunities to make roads safer for all users. The study will review roadway, speed, and crash data, gather input from stakeholders and the public, and identify effective ways to improve safety. The result will be a statewide Speed Management Action Plan that provides a roadmap for reducing serious and fatal crashes through data-driven policies, safety improvements, and speed management practices.

Introduction

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is developing a Speed Management Action Plan to enhance highway safety on Kentucky roads. Your feedback will help identify public perceptions about speeding to help inform potential solutions. Responses to this survey are anonymous.

This survey takes approximately **3-5 minutes** to complete.

Is excessive speed an issue on the following road types?

	Major Issue	Moderate Issue	Minor Issue	Not an Issue	Unsure
Neighborhood Streets	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Urban/Suburban Roads	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rural Highways	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Interstate/Parkways	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Select a response for each row.

PublicInput

- PIO and District training to be set up in Fall/Winter
- Rolling out with consultant studies starting soon





Q&A



What is the most helpful thing that consultants can do during a planning study?

What is something that consultants can most improve on during a planning study?

Expected workload this biennium as a result of reduced funding across the program?

I could do with a Planning Assignment please.

How are KYTC and Consultants expected to use MPO and statewide models in studies?



Continuing relationship with Streetlight after this year? Other platforms being considered?

Any ideas on how to streamline comments so there is only one or two rounds?

Examples of studies that have successfully applied the use of context classifications and target speed toward developing recommended concepts?

HB 542 Impacts?



As Time Permits



Cost Estimates

AASHTO SafetyWare



transportation.ky.gov

Tearful Goodbyes

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