

# LIVE:TRAFFIC:DATA™

A REVOLUTION IN TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE

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# OVERVIEW

- We connect to **all** of your signalized **intersections**, we do not interfere with traffic signal operation – we only collect data.
- We generate essential **performance measures**, using queue length processing,\* that agency traffic engineers can use to better manage signalized arterial roadways:
  - Comply with MAP-21 / FAST Performance Measure requirements to qualify for federal funding;
  - Online Real-Time performance monitoring and Off-Line analysis tools;
  - Travel-time & Queue Length;
  - Reduce congestion, fuel consumption, carbon footprint and increase safety.
- Our unique approach allows us to connect to any signalized intersection in North America.
- Our technology provides accurate traffic flow & traffic signal sequence data to a growing ecosystem of companies that seek to move traffic, people and goods safely & efficiently.



## LIVE TRAFFIC DATA LLC

*“Queue Length Processing (QLP) is the only way to calculate the accurate wait time of vehicles at traffic lights and deliver ALL the data needed for generating accurate travel times on signalized arterial corridors...”*

\* U.S. Patent No. 8,279,086

## Problem: High Levels of Congestion and Lost Productivity

- FHWA has identified some of the principal causes of congestion
  - **Bottlenecks** - responsible for over 40% of urban congestion
  - **Signal Timing** - responsible for up to 10 % of traffic delay
- According to the 2015 Urban Mobility Scorecard\*, congestion caused **6.9 billion hours of delay** in 2014 and **3.1 billion gallons of wasted fuel** with a nation-wide annual cost of **\$160 billion** or about \$960 per commuter
- **Congestion leads to:**
  - productivity losses from traffic delays
  - Increased air pollution
  - increased accidents and need for added emergency services

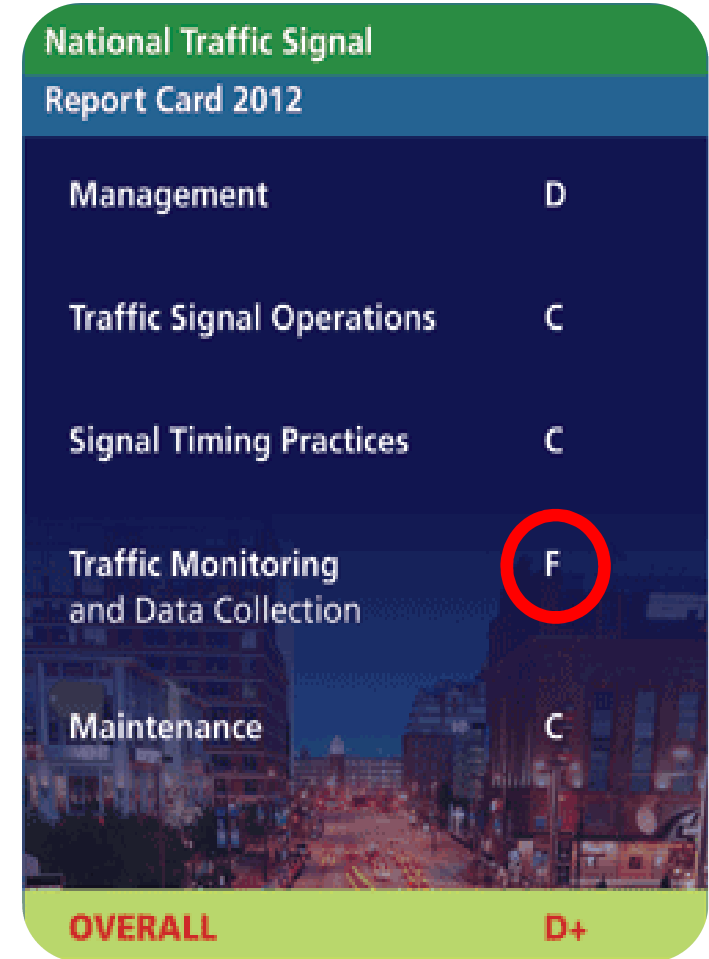
\* Texas Transportation Institute Urban Mobility Scorecard published in August 2015 ( <http://mobility.tamu.edu/ums/> )

# Problem: Lack of Funds at Transportation Agencies

The lack of funds has led NTOC to assign a self-assessed **Failing Grade on Traffic Monitoring and Data Collection\***

- Manual data collection and processing is time-consuming and expensive
- Operational data is neither stored nor analyzed
- Lack of monitoring and analysis tools
- Need for performance measures

“Transport planners recognize that adding or **expanding roads** quickly induces additional demand, providing **only temporary relief to congestion**”\*\*



\* Latest report released – National Transportation Operations Coalition, 2012 National Traffic Signal Report Card.

\*\* McKinsey Global Institute, “How to Save \$1 Trillion a Year,” 2013.

# UNIQUE Approach Enables Us to Connect to Any Signalized Traffic Intersection

## Supports All Controller Types

✓ NEMA, 170/2070, ...

- Econolite
- Siemens
- McCain
- Peek
- Trafficware (Naztec)
- Intelight
- ...



## Supports All Detector Types

- ✓ Loop
- ✓ Video
- ✓ Radar
- ✓ Magnetic
- ✓ Hybrid



## UNIQUE Hardware Solution

### *Gather traffic signal status and traffic flow data*

#### Data Collection Unit (DCU) hardware

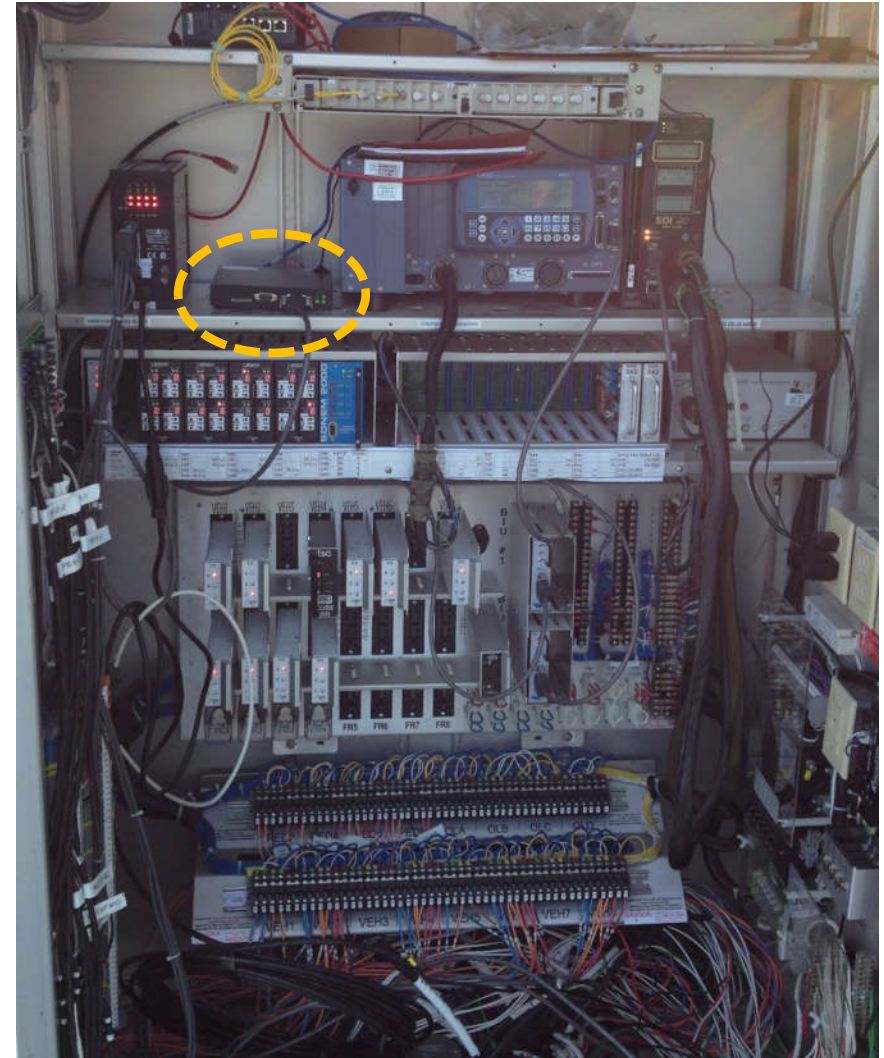
- Cabinet hardened plug-and-play device
- Works with all traffic controller cabinets in the U.S. and Canada (TS-1, TS-2, 170/2070)
- No interference with existing signal control
- Works with all vehicle detection devices
- Work with existing detector layouts—no customization required
- Fiber / Ethernet / serial and wireless communication environments





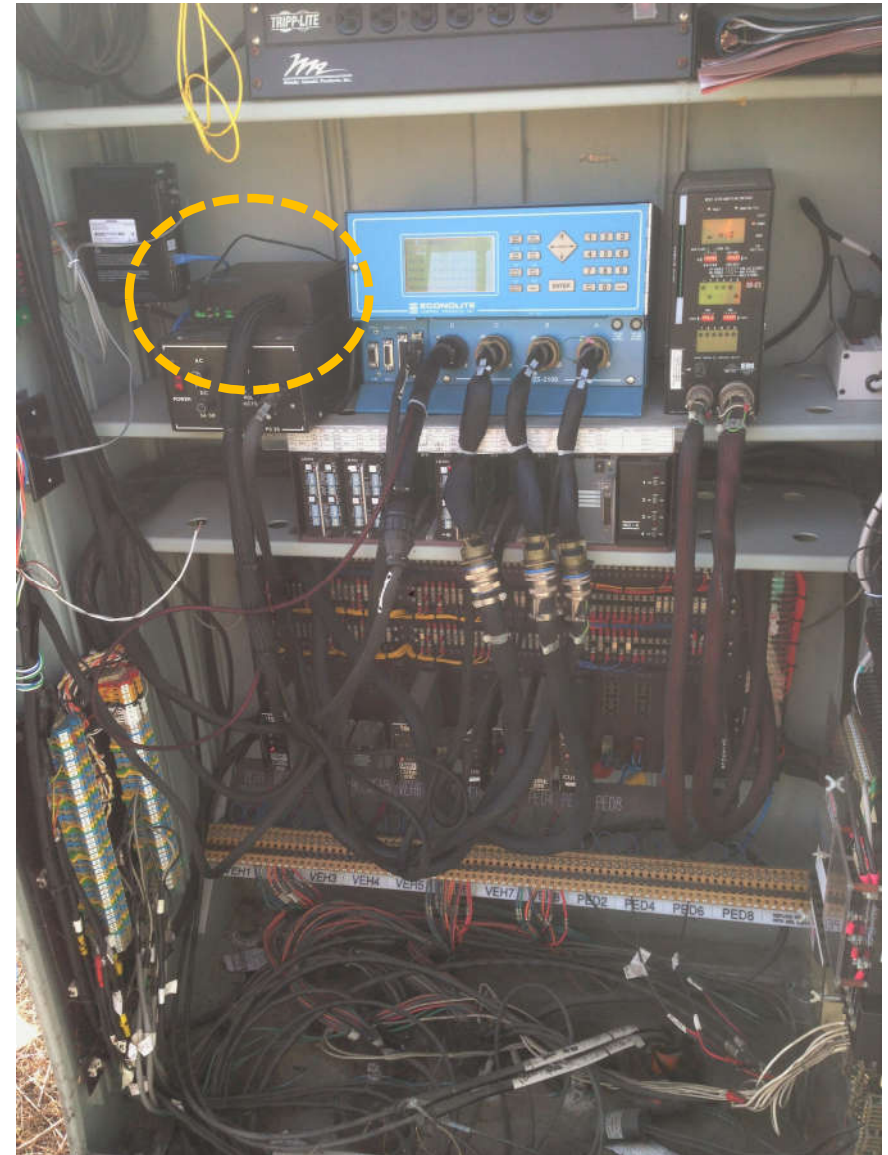
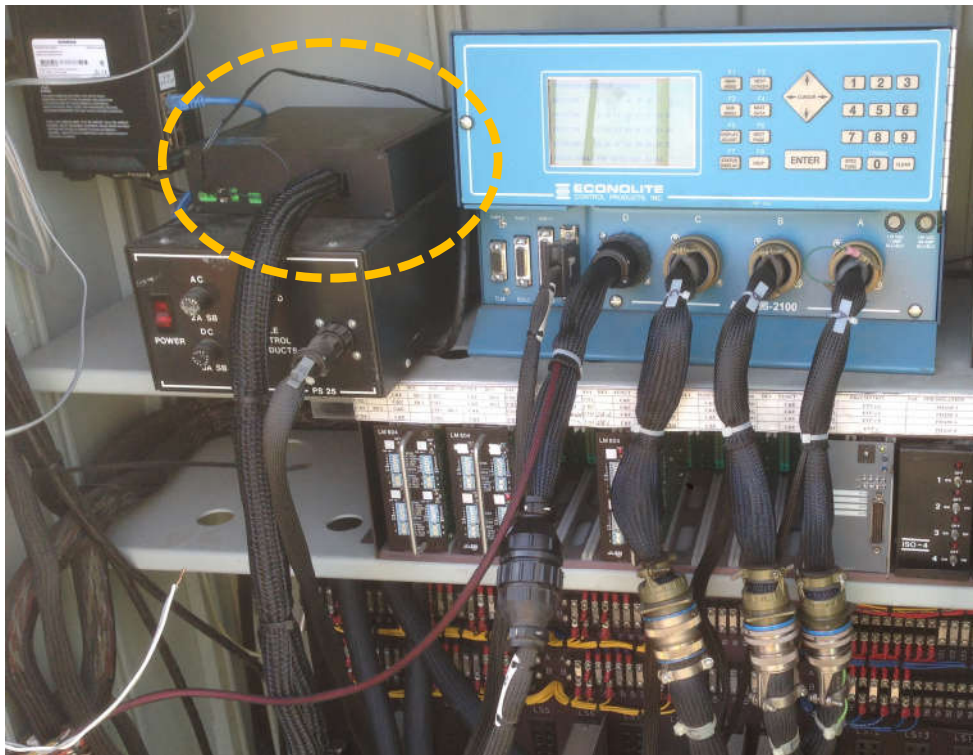
# Field Implementation

- TS-2 type cabinets
  - Cabinet SDLC bus line



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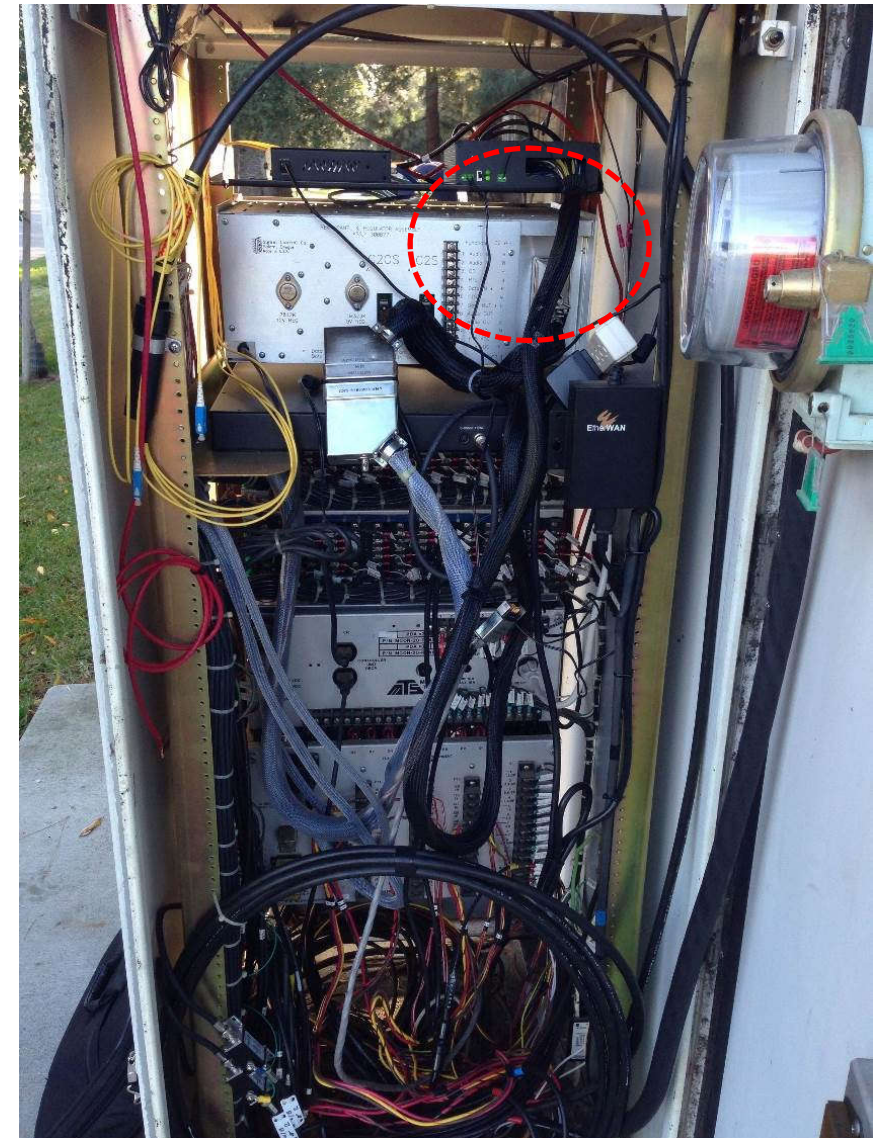
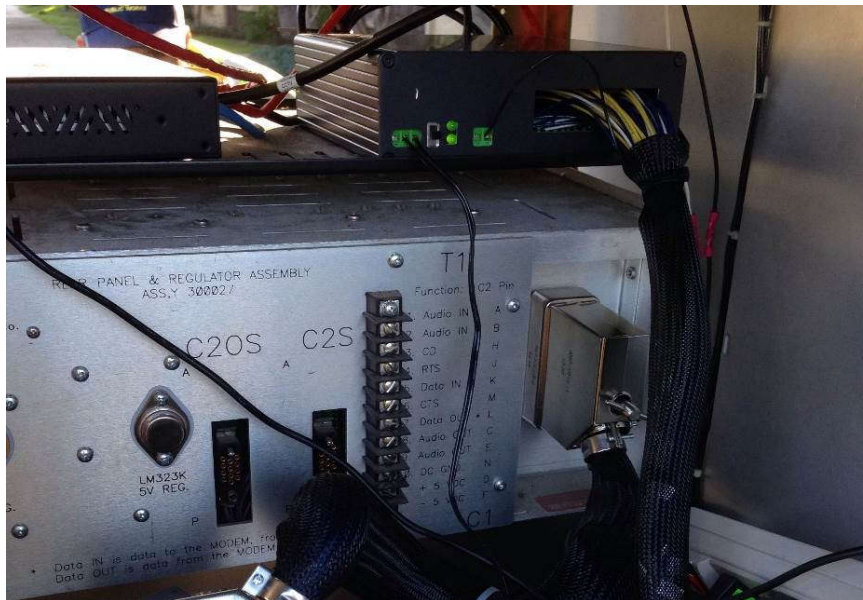
- TS-1 type cabinets
  - Controller A,B,C,D connectors



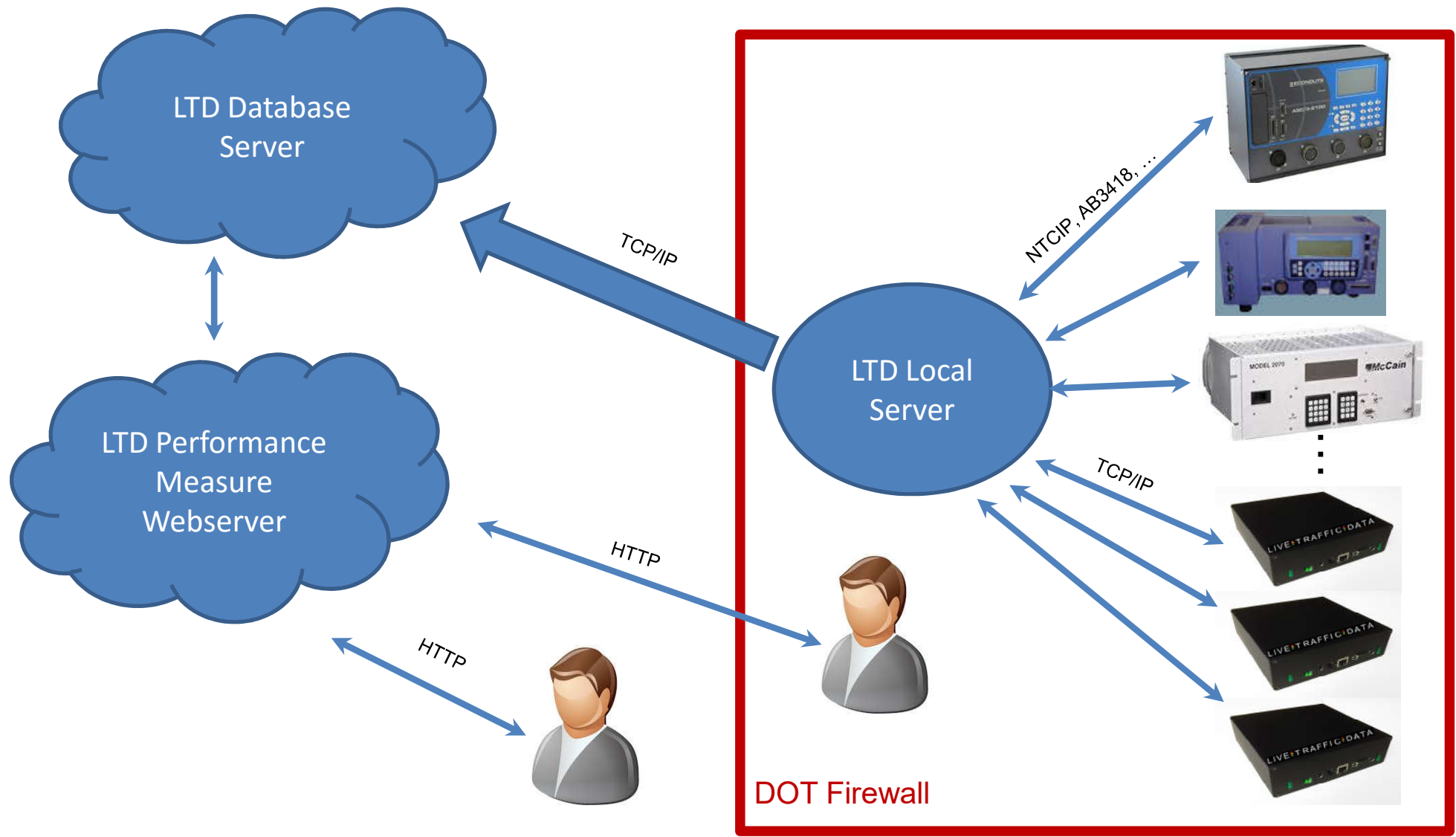


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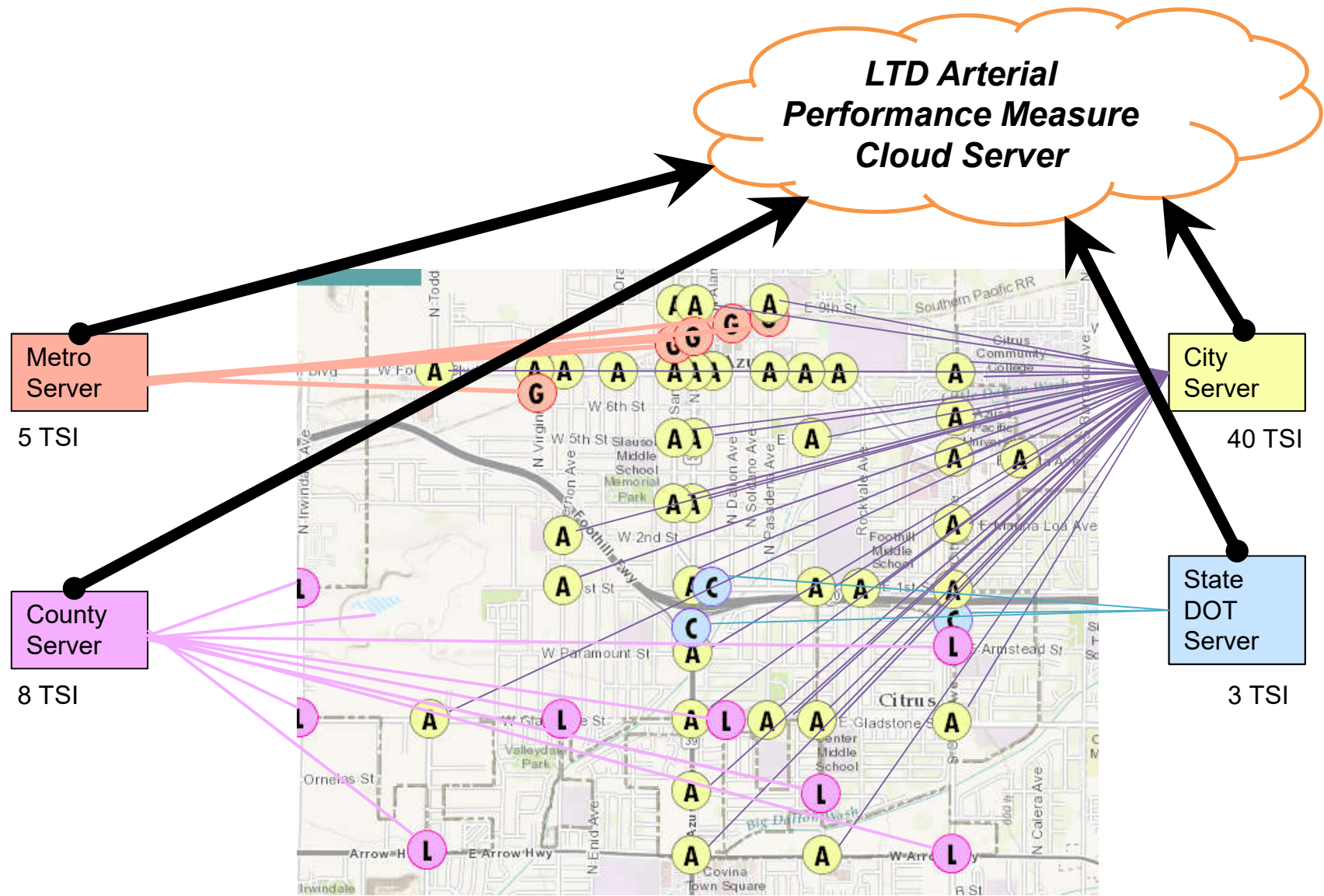
- 170/2070 type cabinets
  - Controller C-1 connector



# LTD Performance Measure System Architecture



# Multiple Agency Hi-Resolution Data Pushed to Cloud









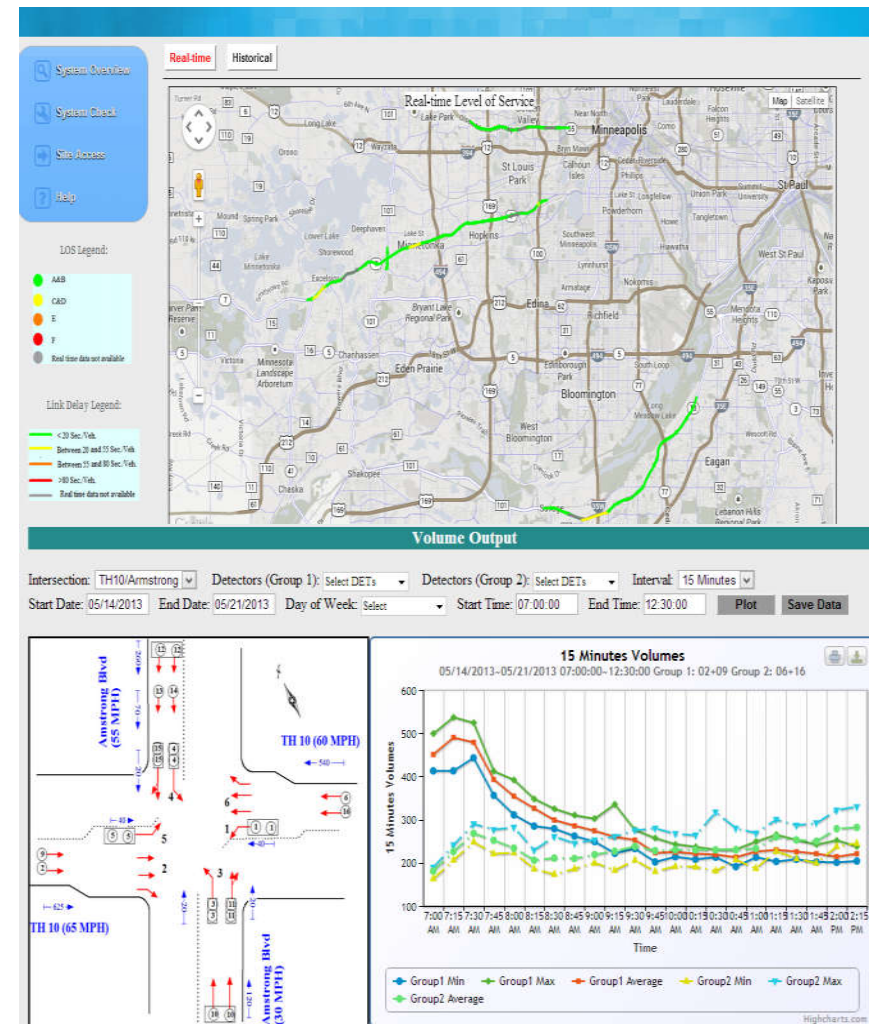
# We Provide Powerful Monitoring & Analysis Software Suite

## On-line Real-time Performance Measures for Traffic Agencies

- Intersection LOS
- Link Delay
- Customized Alerts

## Off-line analysis tools for consulting firms and signal timing engineers

- Performance Assessment
- Signal Optimization Preparation
- Fine-tuning Analysis
- Performance Comparison (before vs. after)
- Retiming Benefits Analysis
- Reports



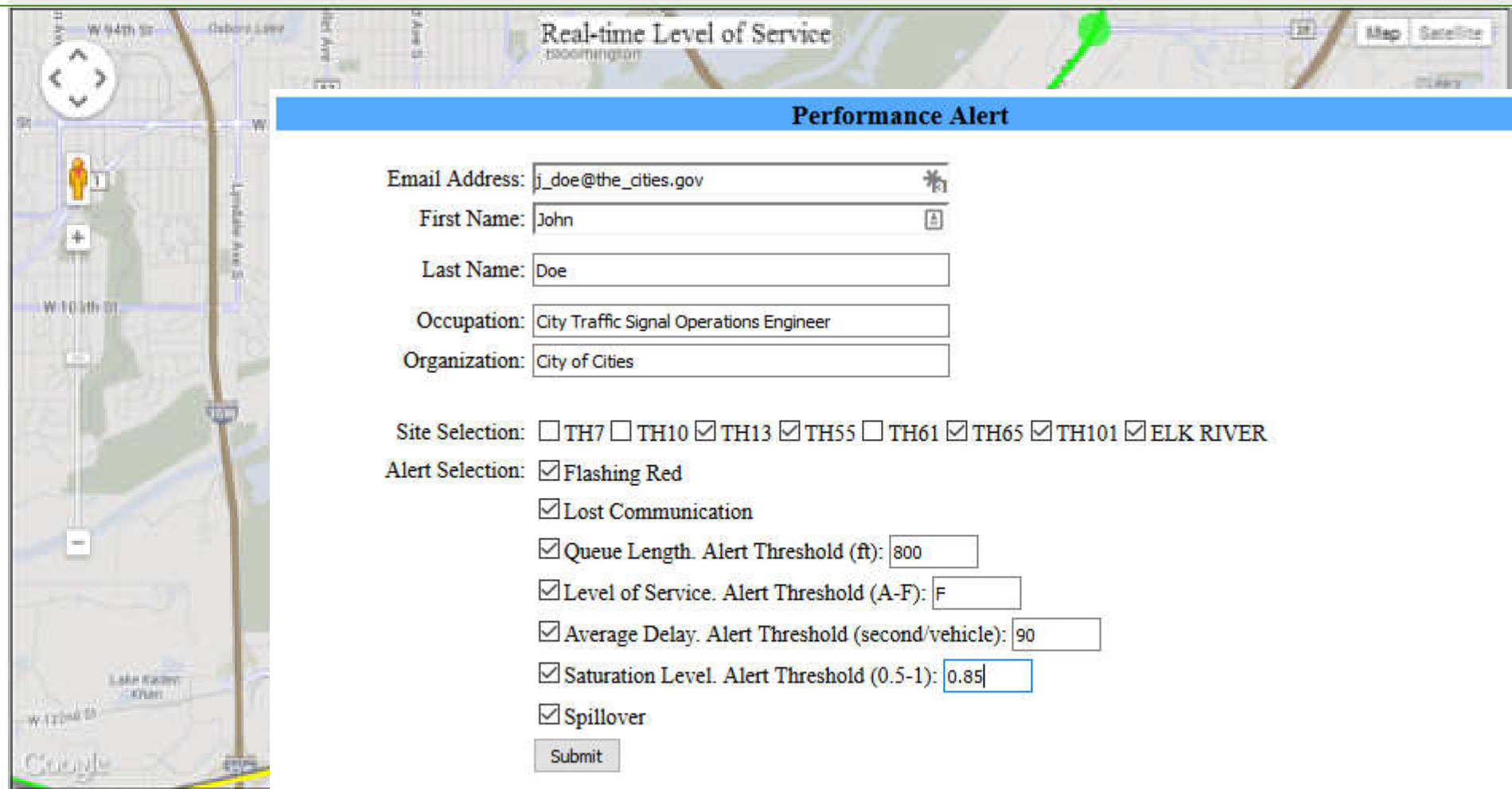
# Real-Time Performance Monitoring



**Provides real-time performance monitoring for the corridor**

- Level of service
- Link speed
- Average delay
- Saturation level

# Real-time Alerts



**Real-time Level of Service**  
Bloomington

**Performance Alert**

Email Address:

First Name:

Last Name:

Occupation:

Organization:

Site Selection: ☐ TH7 ☐ TH10 ☒ TH13 ☒ TH55 ☐ TH61 ☒ TH65 ☒ TH101 ☒ ELK RIVER

Alert Selection: ☒ Flashing Red

☒ Lost Communication

☒ Queue Length. Alert Threshold (ft):

☒ Level of Service. Alert Threshold (A-F):

☒ Average Delay. Alert Threshold (second/vehicle):

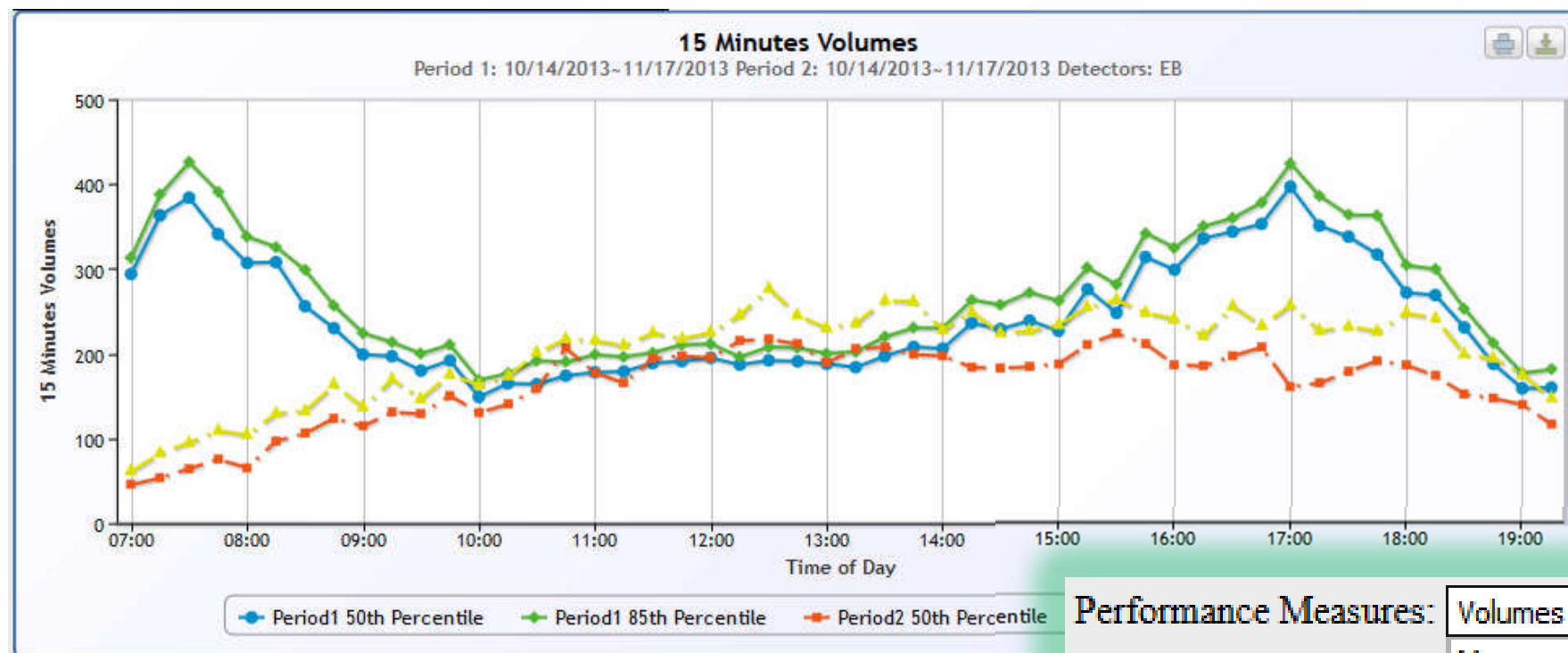
☒ Saturation Level. Alert Threshold (0.5-1):

☒ Spillover

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## Automatic Notification of Service Anomalies

# Intersection Performance Comparison



## Automatic comparison of different performance measures

- Queue length
- Total / average delay
- Saturation level
- Arrival on green
- Volumes
- ...

**Performance Measures:**

End Date: 11/17/2013

End Date: 11/17/2013

Time: 19:30:00

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Volumes

Max queue length

Total delay

Average delay

Saturation level

Number of stops

Volumes

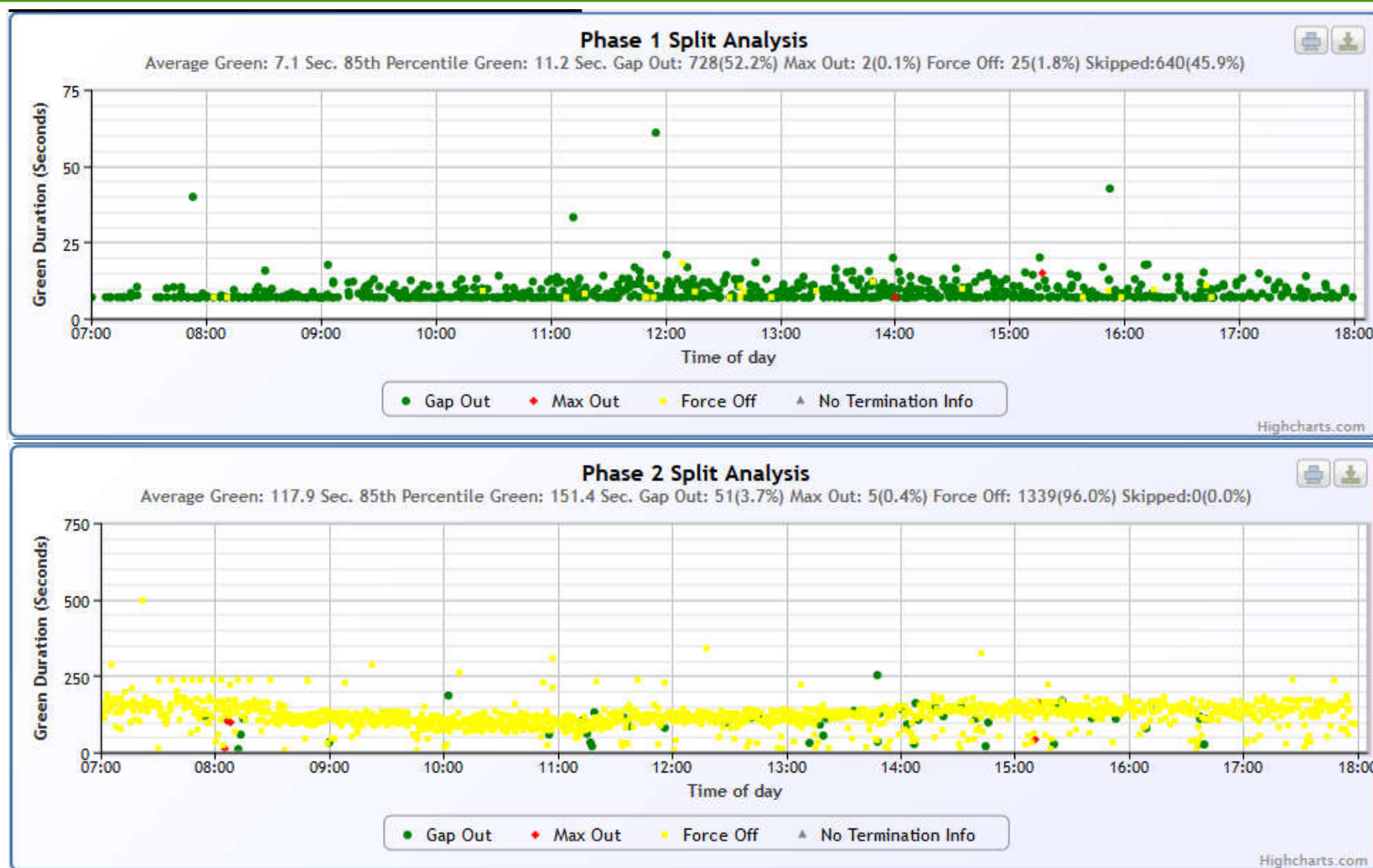
Green duration

Arrival on green

Fuel & Emission



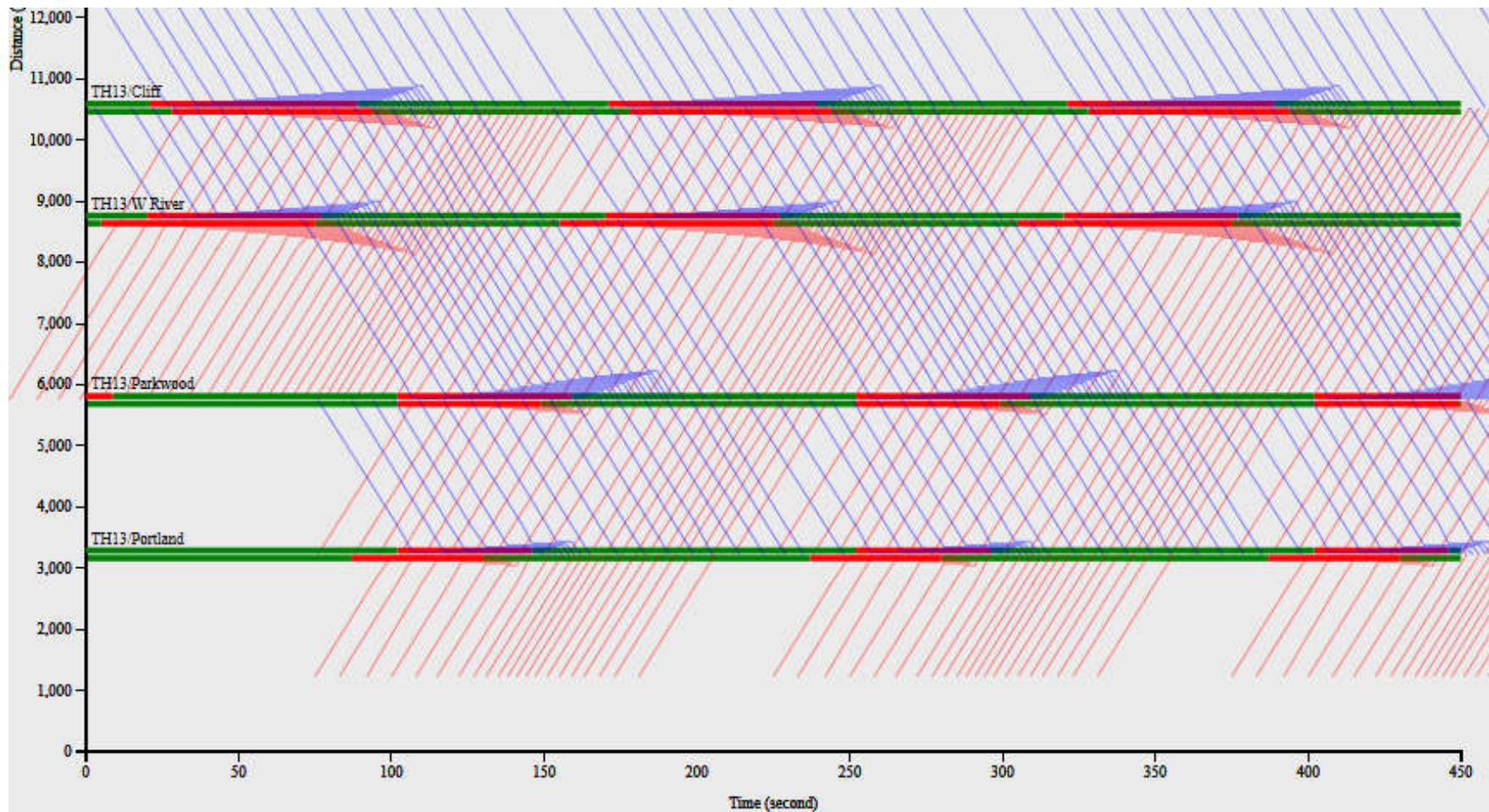
# Split Analysis



**Use split analysis to evaluate the actual performance of specific phases**

- # of Gap out, Max Out, Force Off, Skipped

# Arterial Performance Time-Space Diagram

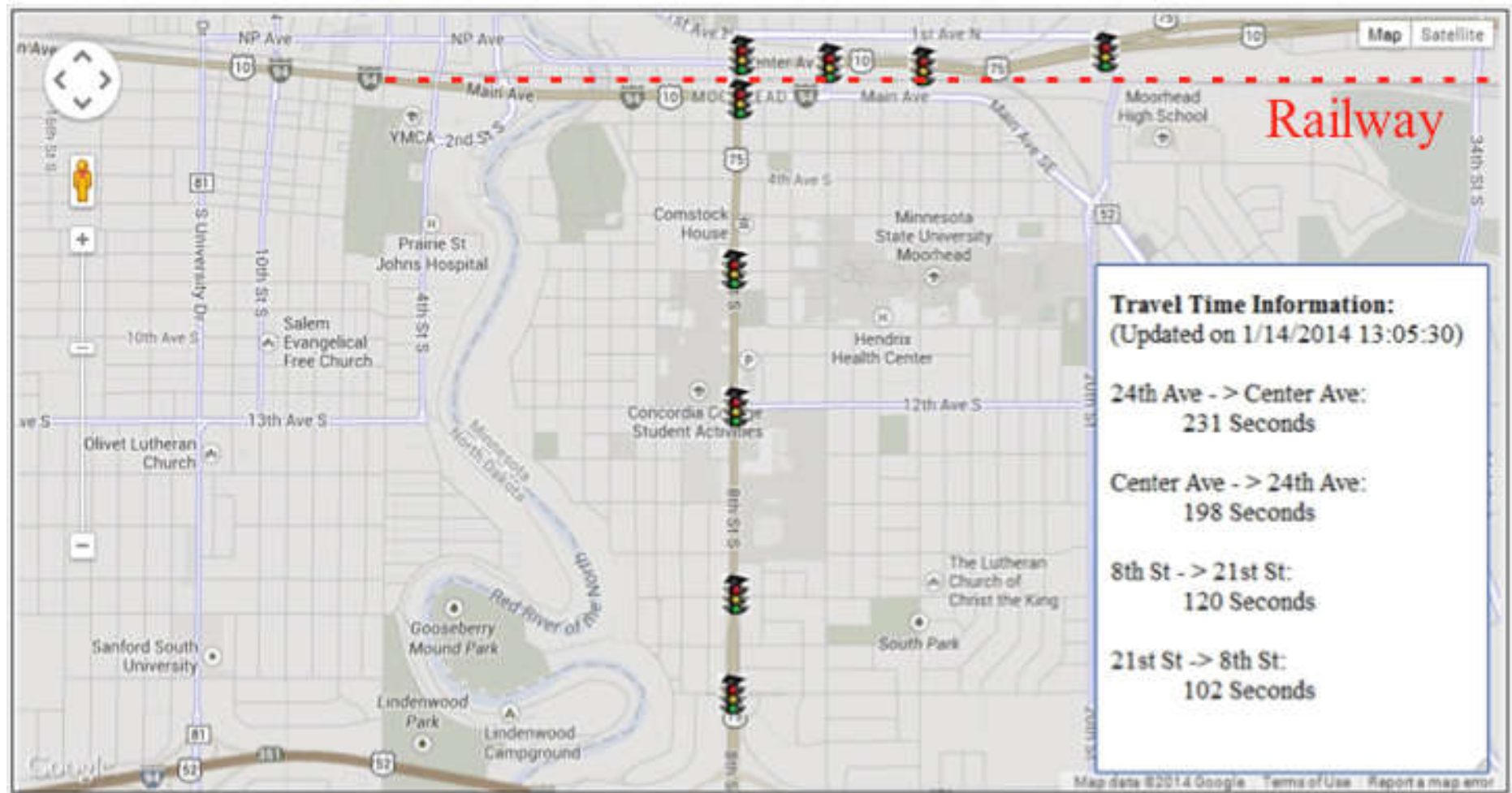


## Field-data driven T-S Diagram

- Evaluate the actual performance
- Fine-tune coordination



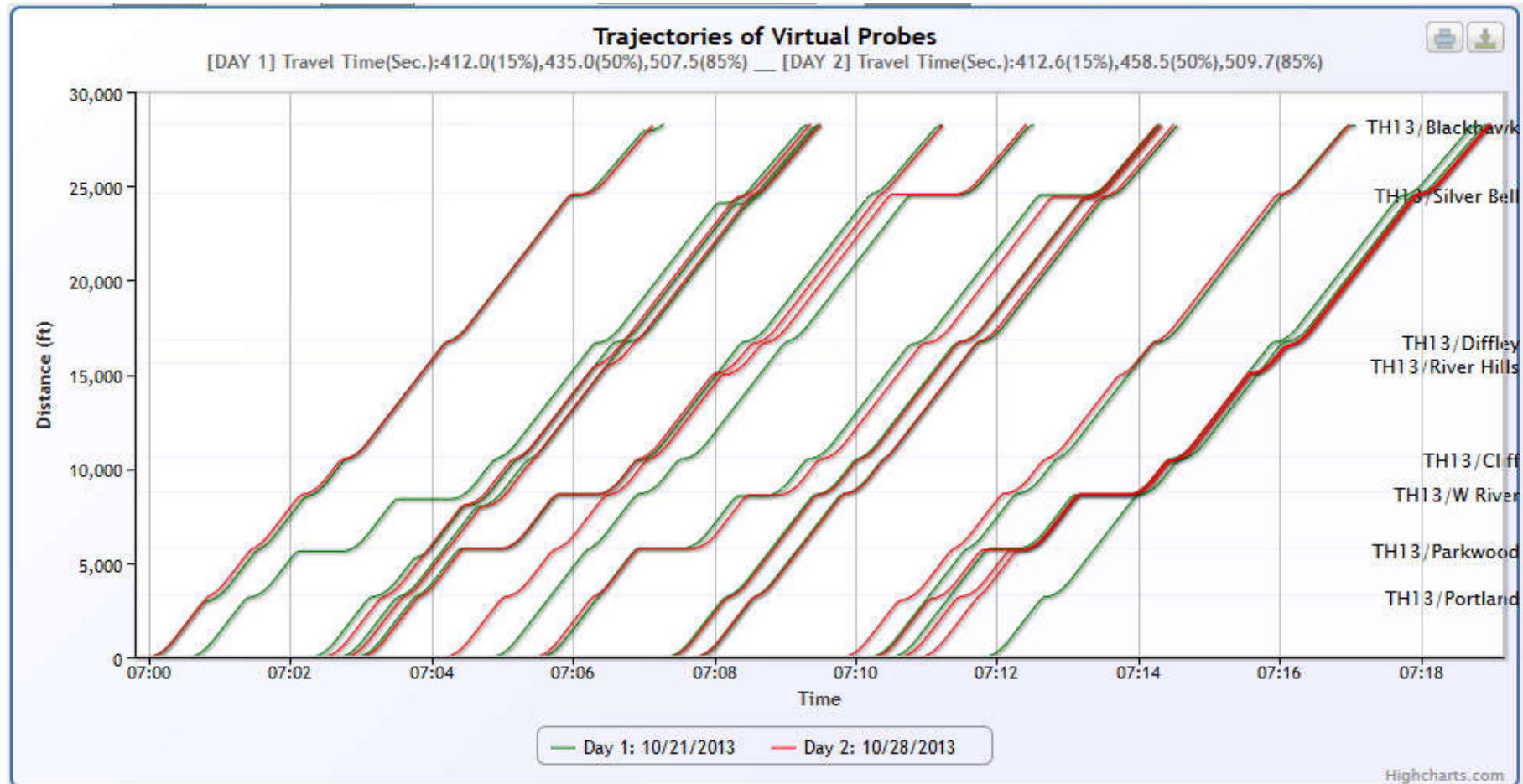
# Real-Time Travel Time Estimation



## Nine intersections in the City of Moorhead

- 6 TS-1 intersections
- 3 TS-2 intersections
- Siemens Eagle controllers

# Travel Time / Vehicle Trajectory Comparison



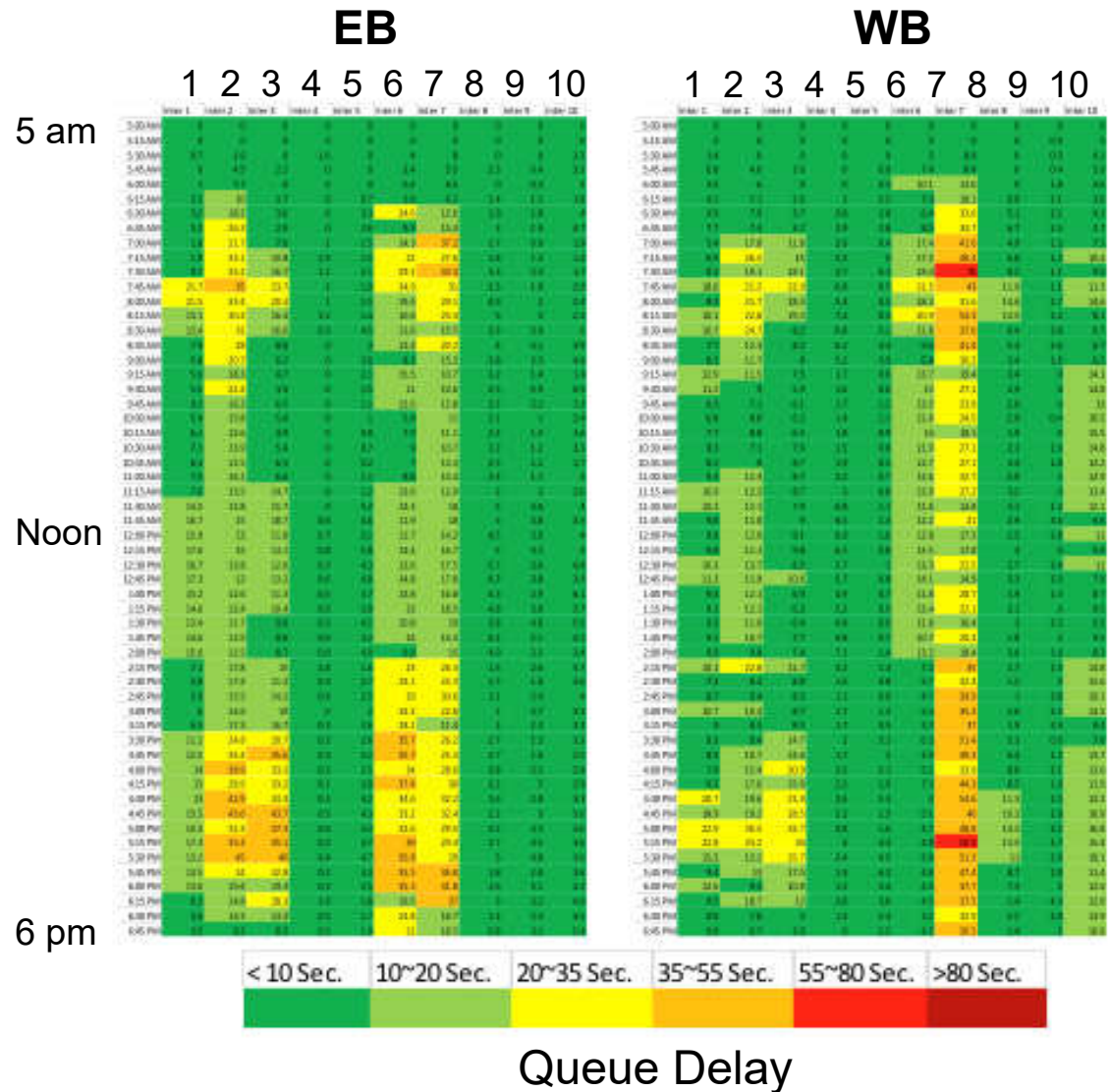
## Automatic comparison of travel times and vehicle trajectories

- Travel time variation and reliability
- Detailed vehicle trajectories
- Before-and-after studies

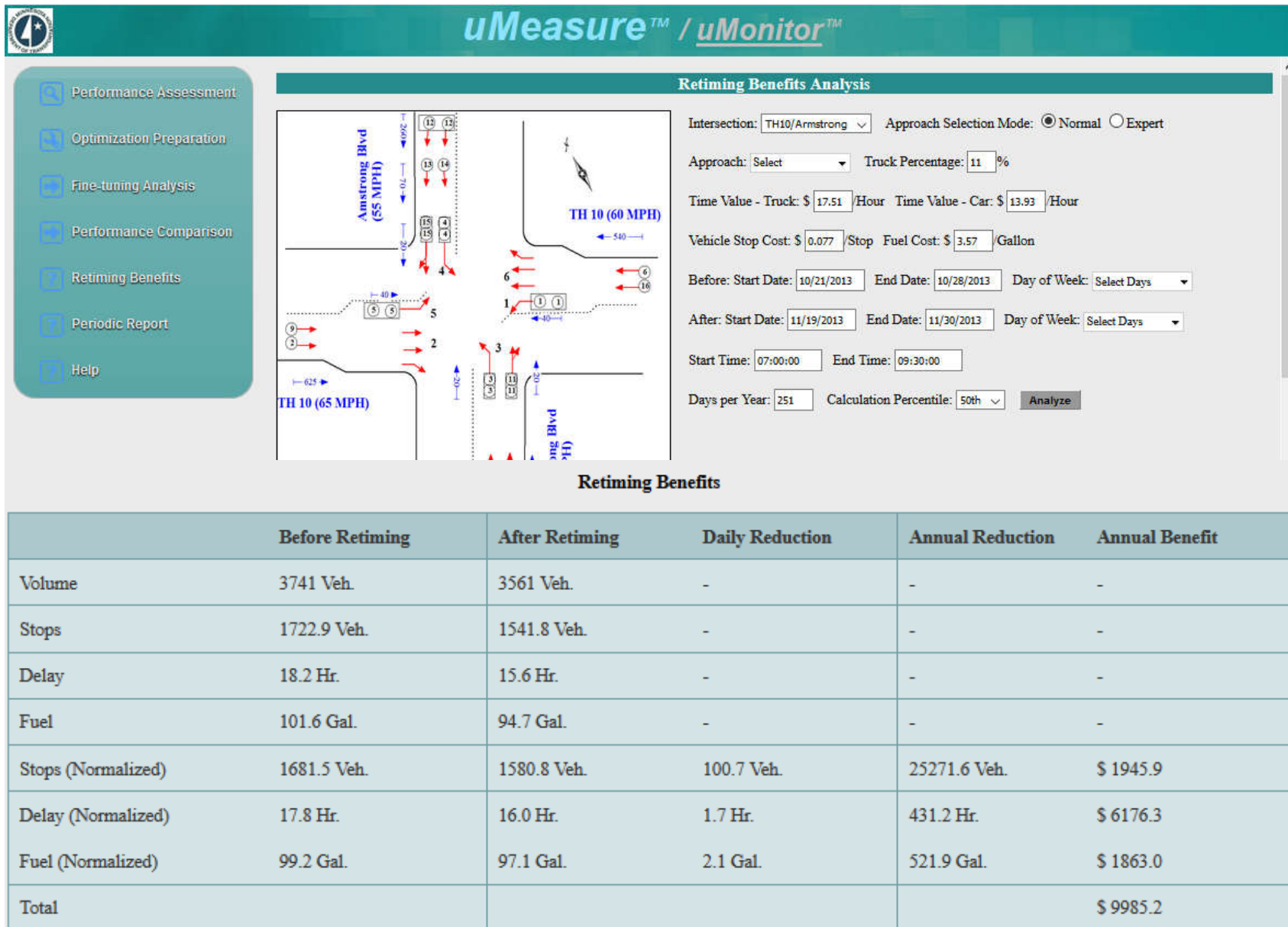


# Arterial Congestion Report

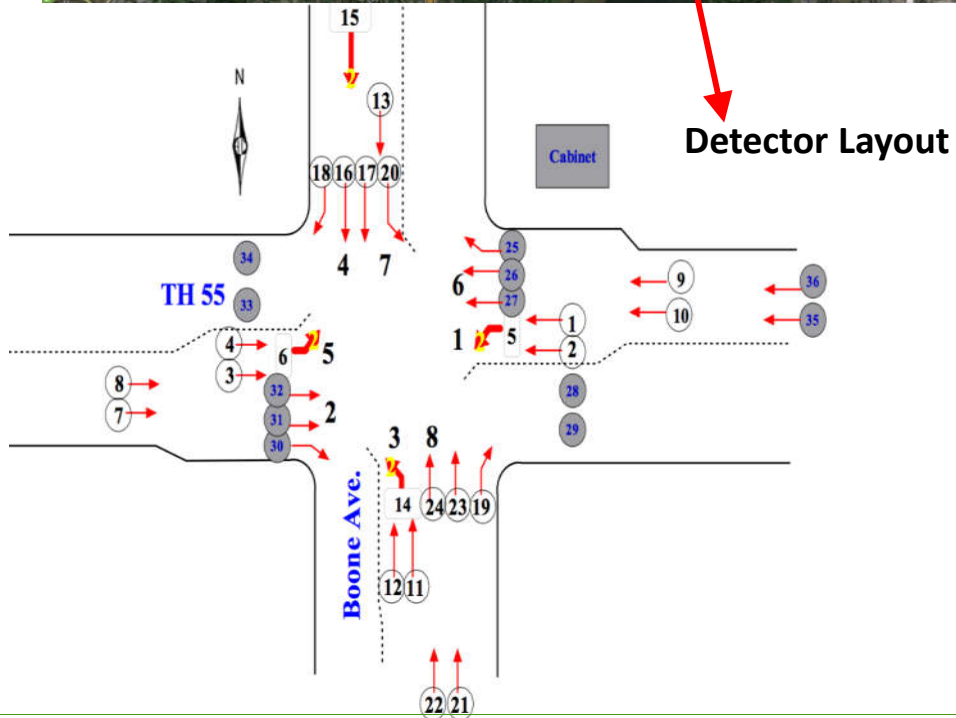
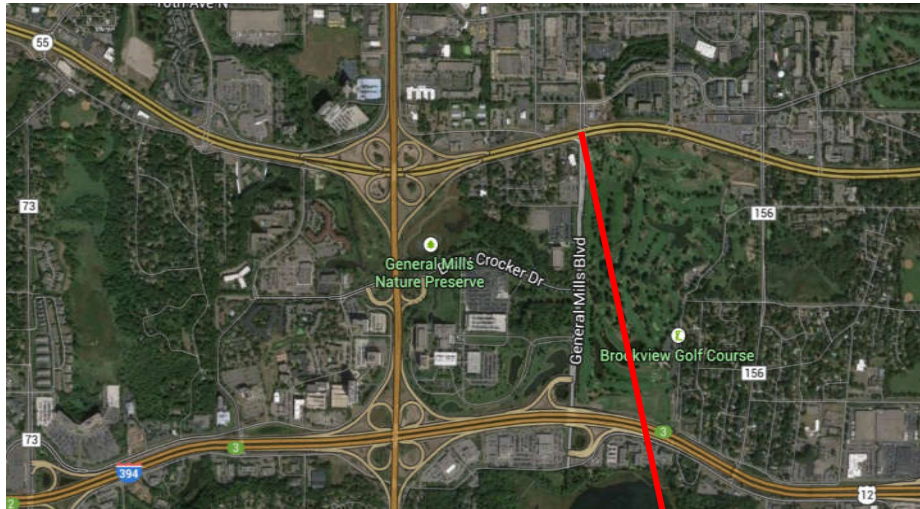
- To better understand how congestion evolves
- Different cell colors indicate different congestion levels
- Easily identify the most and least congested time and location



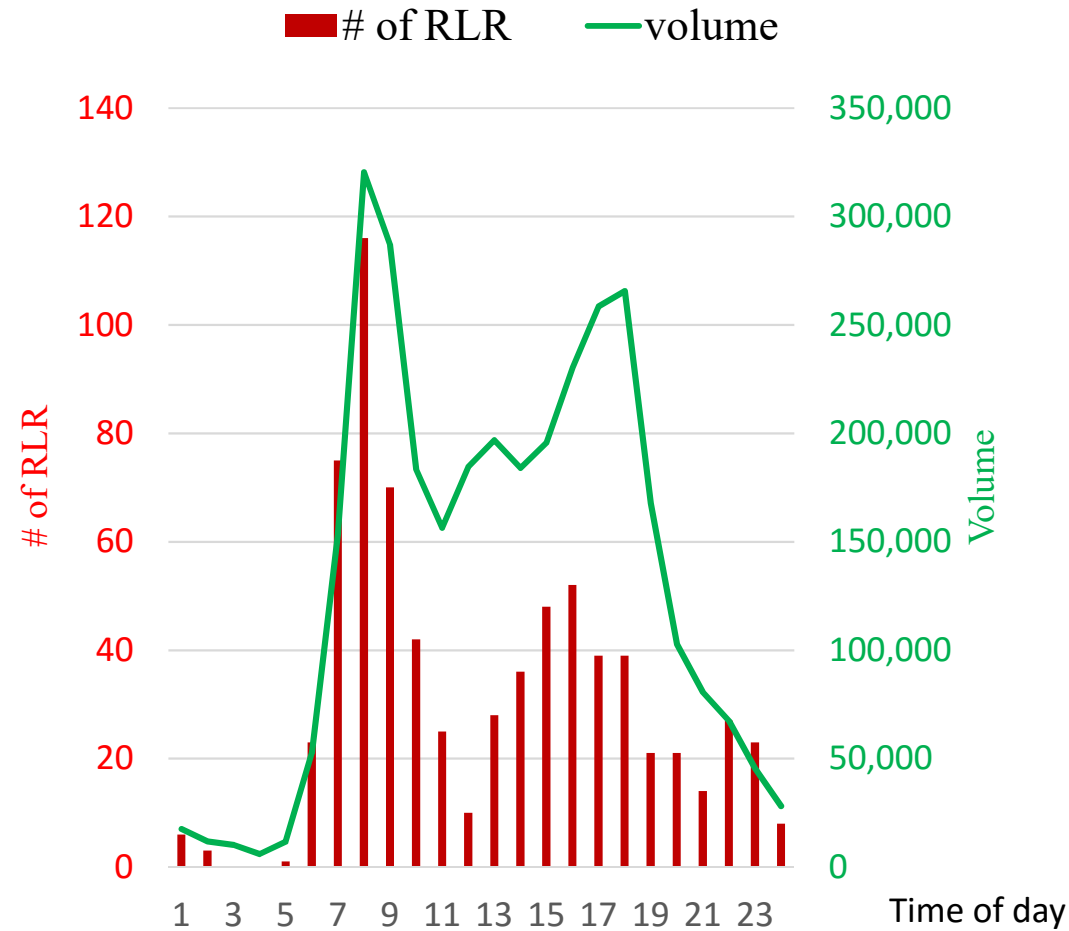
# Retiming Benefits



## Ex. 8 – Red Light Running (RLR) Statistics



# RLR and Volume vs. Time of Day (Eastbound)



## Live Traffic Data Performance Measures Validated by Independent Consultants

- Alliant Engineering for Minnesota DOT, 2009
- Iteris for the City of Pasadena, CA, 2011
  - ✓ Performance Measures, *e.g. Travel Time and Queue Length*, were independently verified in these deployments
- Alliant Engineering for Minnesota DOT, 2014
  - ✓ LTD system helped engineers to optimize signal timings in much more efficient & effective ways



# Why Live Traffic Data <sup>TM</sup>

## **Proven Reliability:**

- ✓ Deployed with DOT's in Minnesota and California since 2007
- ✓ Operate regardless of environmental conditions
- ✓ Do not interfere with the traffic controller--DCUs only collect data
- ✓ Provide desirable monitoring and analysis tools to traffic engineers
- ✓ Can provide direct access to any traffic signal cabinet in the U.S.

## **Effective:**

- ✓ Reduce congestion, fuel consumption and improve signal coordination
- ✓ Monitor arterial performance
- ✓ Before & After evaluation
- ✓ Travel-time, queue length, stops & delays
- ✓ Traffic alerts

## **Budget Friendly:**

- ✓ Subsidized cost for H/W, S/W
- ✓ Save on retiming, signal optimization costs
- ✓ Meet FAST ACT Performance Measure requirements—qualify for federal funding

LTD Data Accuracy Validation

# **INDEPENDENT EVALUATIONS**

# Independent Evaluation: TH 55, Golden Valley, MN

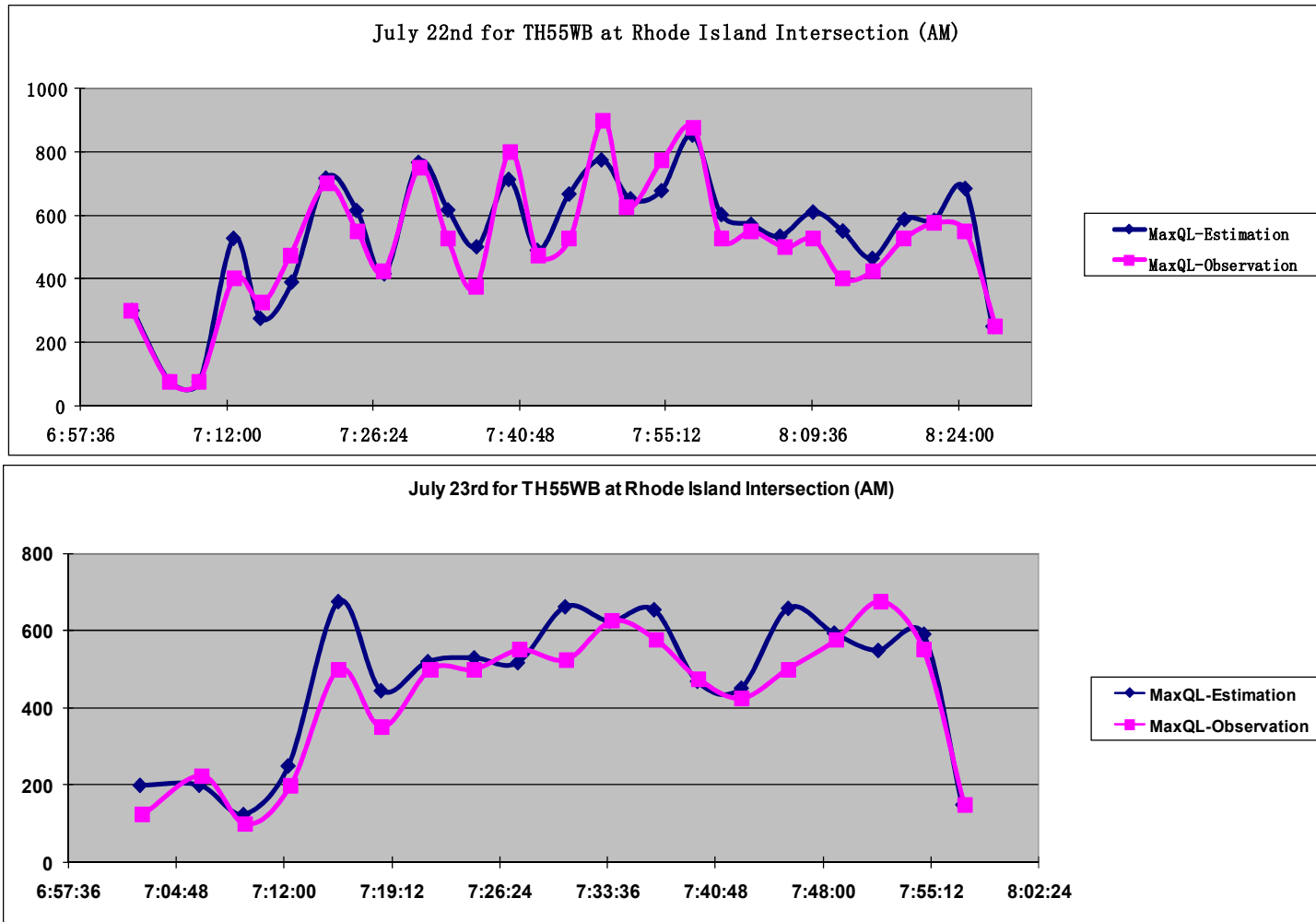
- Conducted by Alliant Engineering, Inc.
- July 2009



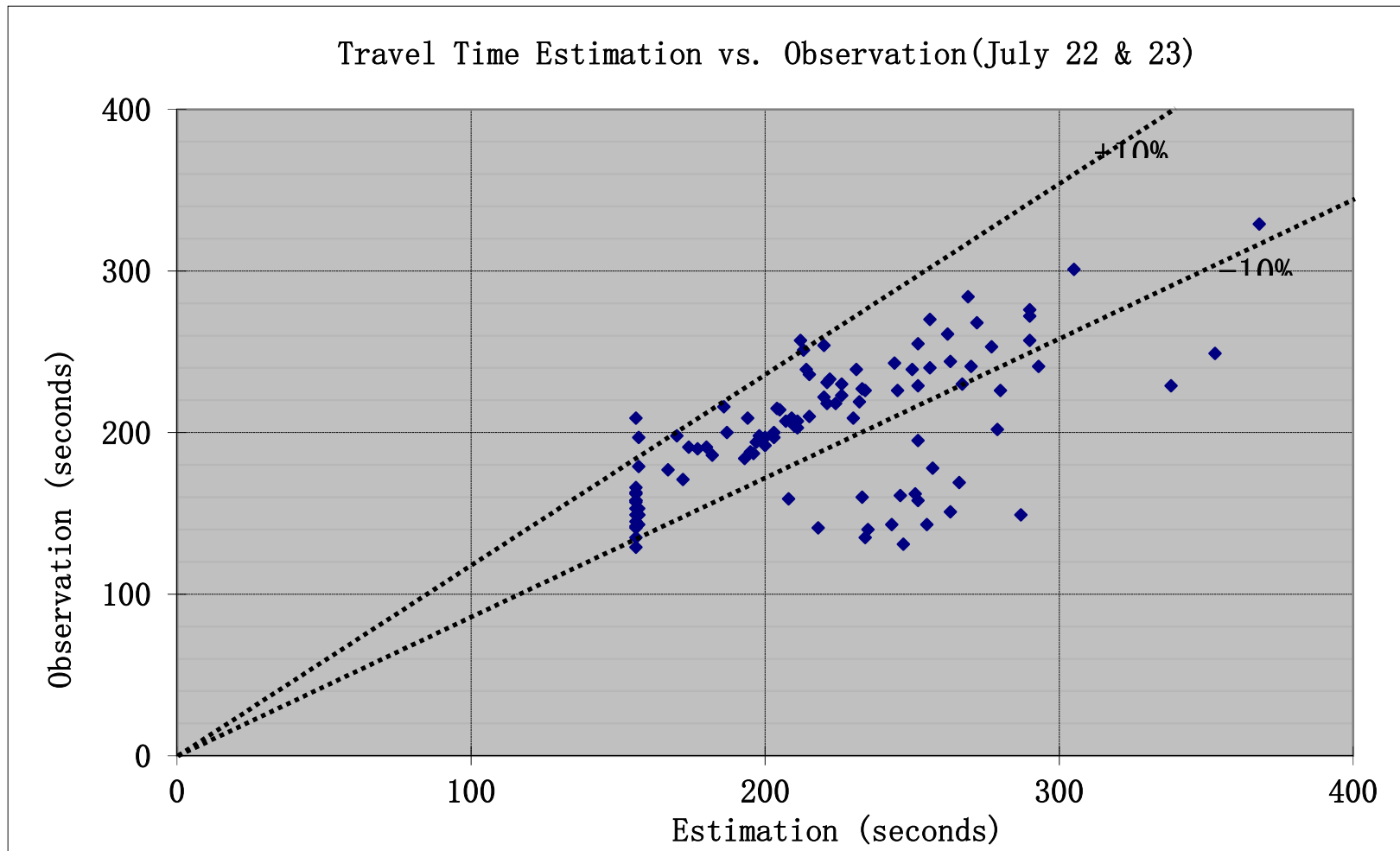
TH 55 (6 Intersections)



# Queue Length Comparison

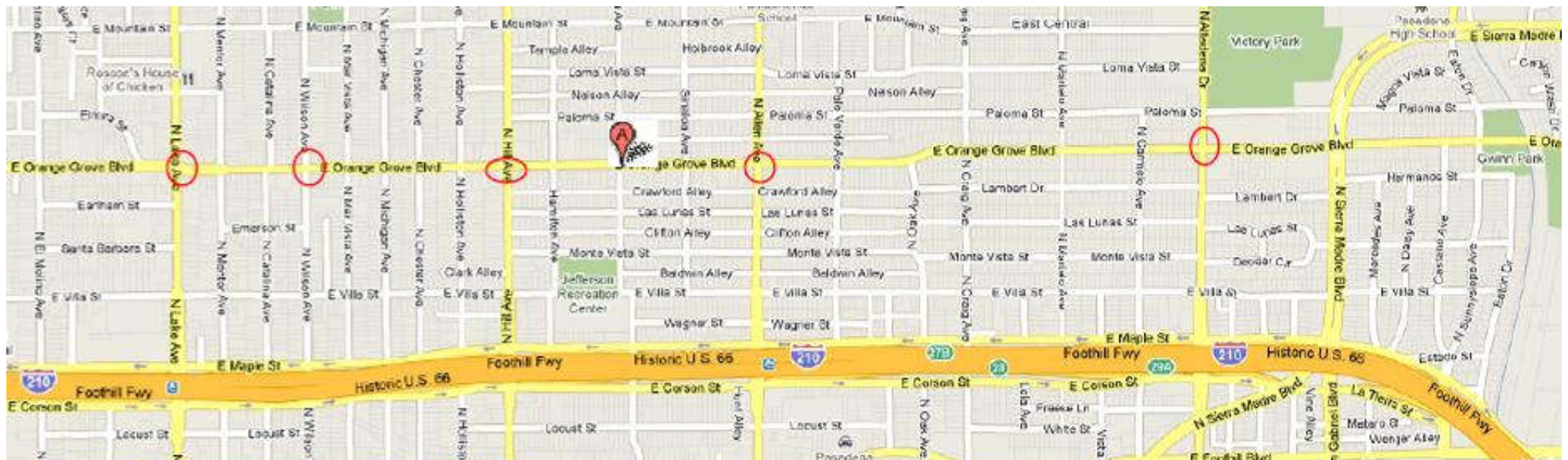


# Travel Time Comparison



# Independent Evaluation: Orange Grove Blvd, Pasadena, CA

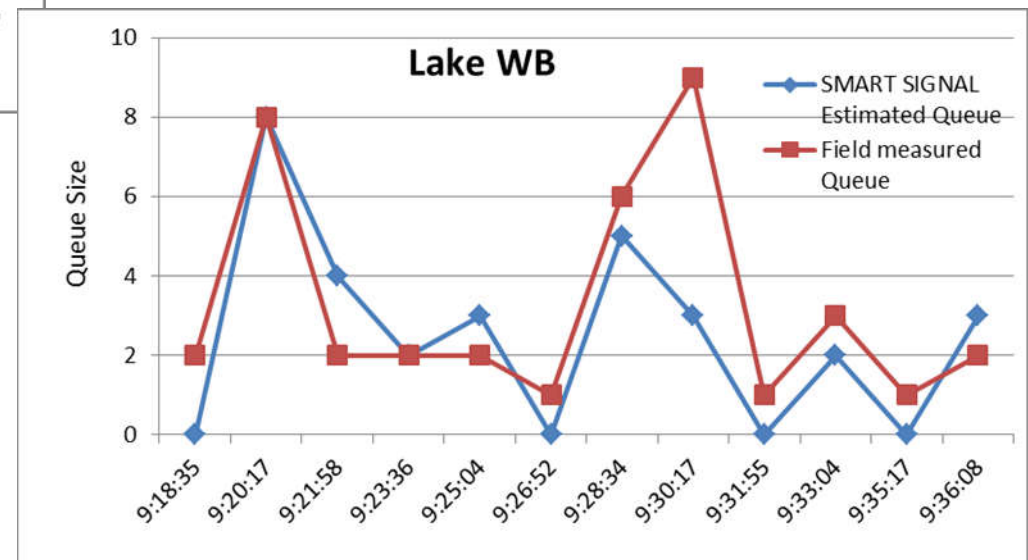
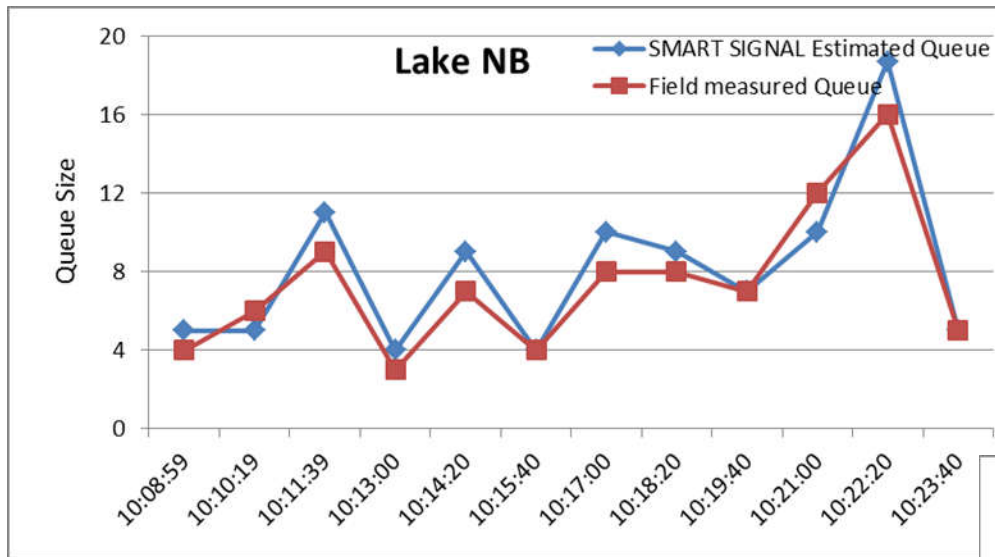
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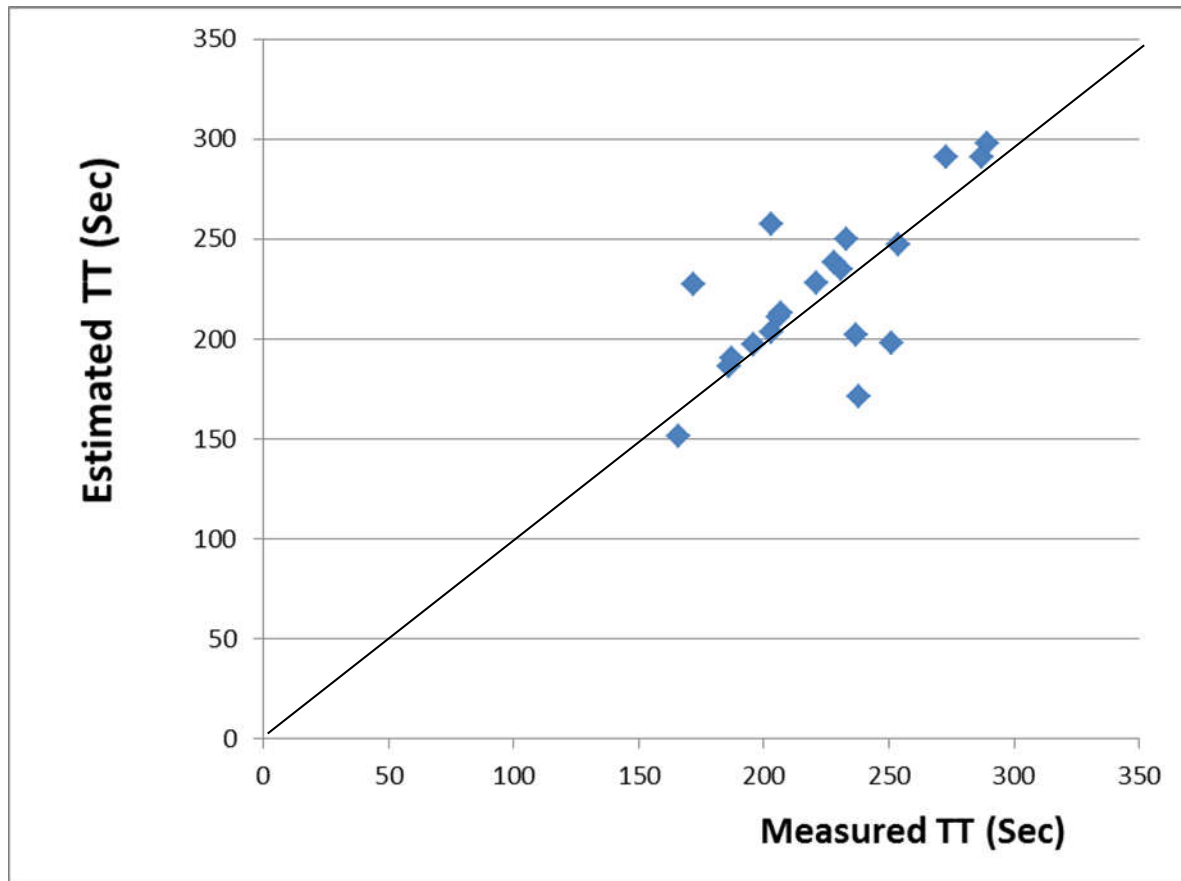
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# Queue Length Result



# Travel Time Results



● LTD Estimated results  
vs. Measured results