



Empowering Cities to Design and Manage Safer Streets

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Traffic Crashes

Traffic crashes are a global leading cause of death

This has placed higher priority and scrutiny on building and maintaining **safer transportation networks for all modes of travel.** This has surfaced as more adoption of Vision Zero and safety initiatives.

"Over 35,000 people die in traffic crashes across the U.S. every year, by far the highest rate of any industrialized country. An increasing percentage of these deaths are of people walking and biking in urban areas." - National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO)



Current Solutions

Some existing solutions (both HW and SW) can be an unreliable and reactive approach to design and mitigation. **It may be:**



Out of Date

Application may be years old and doesn't reflect the current conditions



Under-Reported

Some roadway incidents may not be reported resulting in skewed data



Inaccurate

Some data reports can be error-prone depending on the hardware on the road. You are making costly decisions on what may be inaccurate data



Limited

It is based on small data sets and may not relate to future locations, updates or improvements.



Reactive

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A modern and more efficient way to design **better** and **safer** is data-driven. Crucial and quantifiable data allows you to identify your starting point and can be used to measure successes along the way. However, the quality and source of the data matters.



As of now, the information available to manage your roads are in data 'silos'.



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This equals a lot of unnecessary effort to get information you need to make change

- Collect and analyze the data in all your apps
- Costly and time-consuming
- Causes delayed or **reactive** decisions to resolve issues















A more efficient method is one platform that integrates the data in all of the applications you need to better manage traffic...and make improvements less time consuming and less costly.



Let's Envision It...





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Intersection Monitoring



Access Your Whole Network



Intersection Monitoring





Video Detection

Ideal Location(s)



All intersections, all movements

- Run in any mode (free, actuated, semi-actuated)
- Understand phase utilization (occupancy) to optimize timing plans



Intersections with low side street volumes

Semi actuated operations where the mainline rests in green unless minor is called via detection



Left turns

- Actuated left turn movements only
- Improves efficiency as left turns only get called when there is demand.

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Video Detection

Detection for Actuation

- Streamline equipment: Detect vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists, with a single camera
- Video recall and alerts allow for quick diagnosis of problems
- Create fully actuated control plans in seconds
- Report on occupancy ratios, arrivals on red, arrivals on green, and phase intervals



Detection SPMs

What SPMs are available

Signal Performance Measures	& Network Metrics			0
Corridor Congestion Scan	Travel Time	Approach Volume	Arrivals on Red	Green Allocation
Visualize travel time and speed performance metrics over the length of a corridor.	Travel Time provides the amount of time it takes to traverse a segment of road between two intersections over days, weeks, or months.	Approach volumes use upstream detectors to count vehicles arriving at an intersection for each approach.	Arrivals on Red characterize vehicle arrivals by the interval (color) of the corresponding traffic signal.	Green Allocation illustrates the distribution of green time allocated to all phases over a 24-he period.
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Occupancy Ratio	Pedestrian Compliance	Pedestrian Delay	Phase Interval	Purdue Coordination Diagram
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How they can help

- Validate different detector malfunctions
- Evaluate the performance of the intersection from a local split allocation point of view.
- Justify the introduction of measures, such as increased police presence, installation of enforcement cameras or signal timing modifications.
- Understand volume trends
- Access Intersection Health insights

Red Light Runner Trends

Example

The Red Light Running chart shows:

- Yellow time, red time
- Vehicles running the yellow / red

Increase in YLR and RLR during the PM peak. Why?



Performance



Performance



A performance application is a powerful solution for managing and optimizing traffic flow with real-time data, advanced analytics, and should include a user-friendly interface.



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Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures

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Pedestrian Compliance

Simple Delay

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Green Allocation



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Purdue Coordination Diagram

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Turning Movement Count

Explore Turning Movement Count data with vehicle classification and pedestrian volumes in DataLink.









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Split Failure

This visualization plots stop-bar Green Occupancy vs. the First 5 seconds of Red Occupancy to identify Split Failures.







Red Light Runner

Occupancy Ratio

basis.

Red Light Runners illustrates the passage of vehicles through the intersection during the Yellow and Red signal.







Mobility Reports



Continuous Count Data

Being able to access and analyze count • data from your intersection 24/7



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Mobility Reports



A Mobility Report is a comprehensive tool for visualizing and analyzing traffic counts data.

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Adaptive Control



Actual Traffic

Adapt in real-time to changing traffic conditions



Decentralized

Your ideal system is decentralized and scalable to networks of any size and shape

Multimodal

Optimize for multiple modes of travel, keeping vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, and transit moving and safe



Optimized

Coordinate traffic flow on complex grids, not just on arterials or corridors



Real World

Your ideal system focuses on real world traffic rather than historical data for the largest impact

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1. Sense Traffic 2. Build Predictive Model of Traffic Uses traffic detection systems Create aggregate representation of traffic (e.q. video or radar) to sense vehicles, flows from sensed traffic pedestrians, and other modes 3. Communicate With Neighbors Share predicted outflows with neighboring intersections, extending the planning horizon How does it work? 6. Controller Manages Signals Traffic signal controller continues 4. Optimize Schedule to enforce safety and operational (Timing Plan) constraints Optimize over the predictive model of traffic to minimize overall delay

5. Send Commands to Controller

Execute only the first few seconds of the plan by sending commands to the traffic signal controller, typically using NTCIP

Adapts For Your Network

Behavior automatically adapts based on traffic flow levels



Light Traffic

The system focuses on moving platoons through the network without stopping and is very responsive to current traffic flow.



Shoulder Periods

The focus shifts to queue management so the coordination is more defined and the goal is avoiding saturation in the network.



Saturation

The focus becomes queue management, so the system will be less responsive to individual vehicles and will focus on the dominant flow of traffic.

User Interface



Browser Based

Easily access your information remotely with no software to install



Remote Access

Quickly configure Surtrac, and analyze and monitor your network from anywhere



Live View of Traffic

Access live video and live view of Surtrac optimization to see how the system in working in real time



Alerts Flexible alerts that cater to your needs



Safety Studies



Safety Assessments

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Preventative Solution

Proactive diagnostics using computer vision



Proactive

This approach focuses on preventing accidents **before** they happen



Using kinetic energy we can focus on crashes that will cause injury or death, rather than property damage



Assigned road safety engineers can diagnose the data and provide a road safety improvement plan



After executing the plan, monitor the risk reductions achieved

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Impacts

Making a real impact on your network safety

- **94%** Validated accuracy of Safety Studies risk indicators for predicting injury collisions*
- **80%** Typical risk reduction achieved when responding to diagnostics
- **36X** Faster measurement of safety improvement compared to crash data



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*Anarkooli, Persaud, Milligan, et. Al (2021). Transportation Research Record.

Safety Studies Process - Full Intersection



Gather Video

Video is captured on location for 3 days or longer by agency or contractor.



Implement Changes

The recommended changes are approved and implemented to the network by the agency.



Risk Identification

Produce a risk diagnostic report by measuring near-misses with Al.



Monitoring

Optional: Another report can be run afterwards to measure the risk reduction achieved



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Action Plan

A road safety plan is developed by the agency or consultant, or, optionally, by in house experts.

How It Works

There are 6 components to Safety Studies for every pair of potentially interacting movements



Detection

Road users are detected and classified in every frame using AI



Tracking

The tracking systems links together the detected users in adjacent frames to create green tracks



Mapping

Spatial mapping is completed to translate the locations of the road user to their location in the intersection

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How It Works (cont)

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Trajectory

Trajectories are developed and intersecting trajectories are filtered by near-miss criteria



Near Miss

Near miss interactions and risk models are used to develop scatterplots for each encounter coloured by severity



Report

We then output the results for every possible conflict configuration at an intersection

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Having access to one toolkit with the right data needed to design and manage safer streets will increase output and productivity while reducing redundancy and overall cost - long term.



Learn more about how our data is being used in other cities:



Examples include:

- Quincy MA: Empowering Cities to Protect their Most Vulnerable Road Users
- Chicago, IL: Becoming the best cycling city in America
- MassDOT: Measuring Arterial Operations and Performance with Miovision Hardware

Thank You!

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