



Mídwest Travel Model Users Group

Summer 2016 Meeting Tuesday, July 19th, 2016



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Project Status Update

ISMS Mission Statement

Provide a consistent comprehensive and standardized framework of best practices for the development and application of travel demand modeling and traffic forecasting tools. The tools will facilitate collaborative use in planning and designing transportation systems and facilities for the State of Iowa, promote sharing, and encourage continuing cooperation and good practice across the state.

Goals of ISMS

- institutionalize the use of travel demand models in the MPO planning and prioritization processes;
- increase technical capabilities and understanding of MPO staff with regard to travel demand model development and application;
- develop clear guidance and expectations with regard to the roles and responsibilities of travel demand modelers;
- achieve a consistent approach to travel demand modeling across the state of Iowa's 9 MPOs;
- implement ongoing development and maintenance practices to ensure continual readiness and currency of MPO travel demand models

ISMS General Model Specifications

- Utilize Parcel Data for Trip Generation
- Four time periods (AM, MD, PM, NT)
- Separate Weekday and Weekend processes
- Detailed Trip Purposes
- Master Network Geographic File
- Utilize Intersection (Node) Delay
- Transit is Optional

Updated Project Schedule

August

September

October

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-	Code	Description	7/18/2016	7/25/2016	8/1/2016	8/8/2016	8/15/2016 8/22/2016	9100/00/8	9/5/2016	9/12/2016	9/19/2016	9/26/2016	10/3/2016	10/10/2016	10/17/2016	010/31/2016	11/7/2016	11/14/2016	11/21/2016	11/28/2016
001		Project Management and Coordination																		_
1.1		Administration and Cost Control																		
1.2		Project Schedule (MS Project)																		
1.3		QA/QC																		
1.4		Client Kickoff meeting																		
		MTMUG Kickoff meeting				_		_												
		PMT meetings (4 in person, 21 by phone)		_																
		MTMUG meetings																		
	T035	MPO Directors meeting																		
002		Definition of General Travel Demand Modeling/Forecasting Protocols and Procedures																		
2.6	T950	-Outline for General TDM/Forecasting Protocols & Procedures																		
003		Development of a Standard Model Architecture Prototype		_	_	_		_												
3.2	T910	-Recommend Model Architecture																		
		Trip Purposes	_																	
		Trip Generation		_																
		TAZ/Network/Routes				_														
		Trip Distribution					_													
		Parking/TOD																		
		Mode Choice				-														
		Assignment	_	_		- 1														
3.3		-Conduct Scenario Tests																		
3.4	T948	-Prepare/Submit Standard Model Architecture Memo/Report																		
004		Development of Guidance on Model Standards					_													
4.1		-Develop standardize data sources guidance																		
4.2	T915	-Develop Guidance on Roles/Responsibilites of Analyst																		
4.3	T920																			
4.4	T925	-Develop Guidance on Model Documentation																		
4.5	T930	-Develop Guidance on Model Versioning							_											
	T935	-Develop Training Recommendations																		
4.6																				
		-Model Users Guide																		
4.7	T950	-Prepare/Submit Model Standards Memo/Report										_								
005		Development of Model Application Guidance																		
5.1	T905	-Research/Develop Guidance on Application for Forecasting																		
5.2	T910	-Research/Develop Guidance on Application for Planning																		
5.3	T915	-Research/Develop Guidance on Application for Corridor/Subarea																		
5.4	T920	-Research/Develop Guidance on Integration with Other Models/Tools/Processes																		
5.5	T950																			
006	-	Assembly of Travel Demand Model Policy and Procedure Manual													_	_				
6.1		-Finalize General TDM/Forecasting Protocols & Prototypes																		
6.2	T951	-Assemble/Submit Draft Manual																	_	
	T952	-Assemble/Final Draft Manual																		

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Progress Since March MTMUG Meeting

- Trip purposes
- Intermediate stop process drafted
- Parcel-based land use methodology refinements
- Trip generation process
- Network attributes list drafted
- Intersection delay process refined
- Model reporting functionality

Trip Purposes

Generic Purpose	Specific Purpose	Benefits
	Home-Based Work Low Income	Matches low income workers to low income jobs in trip distribution
Home-Based Work Tour *	Home-Based Work Medium Income	Matches medium income workers to medium income jobs in trip distribution
	Home-Based Work High Income	Matches high income workers to high income jobs in trip distribution
	Home-Based K-12 School	Balance trips to know entity of school attendees. Destinations tied to specific locations. Most trips have specific temporal pattern
Home-Based Non-Work	Home-Based Shopping	Separates land uses that generate higher volumes of trips per unit Establish appropriate temporal factors
	Home-Based Other	
	Work-Based	One end of trip tied to known location
Non-Home Based		Temporal characteristics more defined
	Other-Based	
	University	Large generator with unique generation, parking, temporal and modal characteristics
Special Purposes	Hospital	Unique generators that draw trips from throughout and beyond the region
	Airport	
	Regional Recreation	
	Single Unit Truck	Quick Response Freight Manual provides methodology
Trucks	Combination Truck	Generation, distribution rates vary by vehicle type
	Auto	Not tied to local land use
External-External	Single Unit Truck	
	Combination truck	

III Quick Response Freight Manual, Version 2, Publication No., FHWA-HOP-08-0102007.

Intermediate Stops

* Note that Home-Based Work is defined as a Tour, which includes Work Tours that have an intermediate stop, which under strict trip definitions would constitute one Home-Based Other trip and one Non-Home Based trip. Maintaining these two subtour trips as part of a Work Tour allows for direct comparison to Journey to Work defined trips, and allows for the unique characteristics of work trips to be passed to these two subtour trips.

Intermediate Stops



Distribute HBW, then determine likelihood and location of intermediate stop in Tour

Intermediate Stops Likelihood of Intermediate Trip by Purpose and Length of Trip



Intermediate Stops

- Working with Caliper to implement
 - Hefty memory requirement
 - Current TransCAD process requires zones aggregated to districts
 - Caliper implementing refinement in TransCAD 7
 - Work in Progress...

Parcel-based Land Use

- Square footage as predictive variable
- Rates by Land Use Code
- Predictive variables for generation

Parcel File



Trip Rates

- Productions
 - Vehicle availability vs. income level as predictive variable
- Attractions
 - Parcel building area (1000 square feet) as predictive variable
 - Rates by land use code

Income Range



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Vehicle Availability



Red=Very Low, Orange=Low, Buff = Average, Light Green=High , Dark Green=Very High

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Trips/Household Vehicle Availability vs. Income



Trip Generation

- Production rates
- Attraction rates



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Trip Attraction Rates



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Trip Attraction Differences



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Network Elements

- TAZ
- Node
- Link
- Observed Counts
- Observed Speeds

TAZ's

- Rules of Thumb for TAZ Development
- Listing of Attributes
 - Area
 - HH and Square Footage Sums
 - Density (activity per square mile)
 - Parking Capacity
- Recommend Trip Generation Data in Separate Tables to be Joined as Needed

Nodes

Attribute Name	Format	Responsible Party	Description
Control (-)	Integer	MPO*	Represents the intersection control type:
			0 or Null = No control/shape point
			1 = Yield/roundabout
			2 = Stop control
			3 = Signalized control (sequential)
			4 = Signalized control (actuated)
			5 = Other delay (RR crossing, school crossing, etc.)
			6 = Centroid loader
			7 = Transit stop
			8 = Internal centroid
			9 = External centroid
AM cycle (-)	Integer	MPO	Value representing the cycle length of the intersection's traffic signal
PROJNO1	Character	MPO	Project number for the first implemented project on the node; used to join to the project master list.

* Recommend use of the Intersection Control Editor.

NOTE: (-) indicates attribute has 3 subsequent entries for project-specific updates. Only non-zero values in these columns will be used directly in project analysis.

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Links

- Required Attributes for ISMS Execution:
 - DIR & Length
 - FACTYPE
 - MEDIAN
 - ACCESS
 - RSTRCT
 - PSPEED
 - BLANES
 - -CNT

Required Link Attributes

Attribute Name	Format	Responsible Party	Description
FACTYPE (-)	Integer	DOT provides	ISMS Functional classification of facility:
		FEDFUNC; MPO to reclassify to more	0 = Not in existing model
		detailed FACTYPE	1 = Interstate
			2 = Freeway
			3 = Expressway
			4 = System ramp
			5 – Service ramp
			6 = Principal arterial
			7 = Minor arterial
			8 = Collector
			9 = Minor collector
			10 = Local
			11 = Gravel
			12 = Centroid connectors
			13 = Bus only
			14 = Walk link

Required Link Attributes

Attribute Name	Format	Responsible Party	Description
MEDIAN (-)	Integer	DOT provided from RAMS; MPO verified	Median type: 1 = Wide divided median (>20 feet) 2 = Narrow divided median (<20 feet) 3 = Center turn lane 4 = Undivided
ACCESS (-)	Integer	DOT provided from RAMS; MPO verified	Level of access along link, measured in number of mid-block access points per mile: 1 = No access 2 = Low access (<5 per mile, per direction) 3 = Medium access (5-10 per mile, per direction) 4 = High access (>10 per mile, per direction) Data available from RAMS
RSTRCT (-)	Integer	DOT provided from RAMS; MPO verified	Restrictions on link: 1 = No restrictions 2 = No trucks 3 = Trucks only

Required Link Attributes

Attribute Name	Format	Responsible Party	Description
PSPEED (-)	Real	DOT provided from RAMS; MPO verified	Posted speed of facility in miles per hour
* BLanes (-)	Real	DOT provided from RAMS; MPO verified	Number of lanes open throughout the day, by direction
*_CNT	Integer	MPO†	Intersection control at end of link (directional attributes) O or Null = No control 1 = Yield 2 = Stop control/roundabout 3 = Signalized control (sequential) 4 = Signalized control (actuated)

Optional Link Attributes

- Descriptive Attributes Lane Attributes
 - Name
 - Secondary Name
 - County Number
 - Jurisdiction
 - System (DOT, County etc)
 - Area Type (CBD, etc)

- Lane Attributes — Add. Lanes (Parking)
- Intersection Attributes
 - No. of L, T and R Lanes
 - Length of Turn Bays

Observed Counts

- Maintain in Separate Geographic Database
- Utilize at Run Time for Reporting/Validation

ATTRIBUTE NAME	FORMAT	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DESCRIPTION
LINKID Integer		Model-generated	TransCAD link ID of corresponding roadway segment
AADT	Integer	MPO	Average annual daily traffic count
AADT_YR	Integer	MPO	Year of AADT
AADT_SR	Character	MPO	Source of AADT
AAWDT	Integer	MPO	Average annual weekday traffic count
AAWDT_YR	Integer	MPO	Year of AAWDT
AAWDT_SR	Character	MPO	Source of AAWDT
AAWET	Integer	MPO	Average annual weekend traffic count
AAWET_YR	Integer	MPO	Year of AAWET
AAWET_SR	Character	MPO	Source of AAWET
*_AM_CNT	Integer	MPO	Directional AM peak period count
AM_YR	Integer	MPO	Year of AM peak period count
AM_SR	Character	MPO	Source of AM peak period count

^{7/19/2016} Additional rows to serve as an archive of traffic counts for this link.

Observed Speeds

- INRIX Data Available for Higher Class Facilities
- Generate Average Speed
 - Time Period,
 - Direction,
 - Weekday/Weekend
- Maintain in Separate Geographic Database
- Utilize at Run Time for Reporting/Validation

- Recommend incorporating intersection delay in addition to link delay
- TransCAD provides 3 levels of turn penalties
 - Global
 - Linktype
 - Specific

- Requires coding of intersection control
 - Control type on node
 - 0 or Null No Control/Shape Point
 - 1 Yield
 - 2 Stop Control/Roundabout
 - 3 Signalized Control (sequential)
 - 4 Signalized Control (actuated)
 - Control type on link
 - AB and BA directions

- Linktype Penalties
 - Functional Class
 - Limited Access (Interstate, Freeway, System Ramps)
 - Arterial (Expressway, Principal, Minor Arterial, Service Ramps)
 - Collectors (Major and Minor)
 - Local (including Gravel, Centroid Connectors)
 - Intersection Control
 - Signalized
 - All-Way Stop Control
 - Two-Way Stop Control
 - Uncontrolled

Assumes ~LOS C delays for Peak condition

		Minutes of Delay per Turn (Peak)						
From Linktype	To Linktype	Left	Right	Thru	UTurn			
Limited Access	Ramps	0.15	0.15	0.15	99			
Limited Access	All Others	0.15	0.15	0.00	99			
Signalized Arterial/	Arterial/Ramp	0.50	0.15	0.25	0.50			
	Collector	0.50	0.15	0.25	0.50			
Ramp	Local/CC	0.35	0.10	0.15	0.40			
	Arterial/Ramp	0.30	0.10	0.30	0.30			
AWSC Arterial / Ramp	Collector	0.25	0.10	0.25	0.25			
	Local/CC	0.20	0.07	0.15 0.00 0.25 0.25 0.15 0.30 0.25 0.20 0.35 0.25 0.20	0.20			
	Arterial/Ramp	0.45	0.15	0.35	0.45			
TWSC Arterial / Ramp	Collector	0.30	0.10	0.25	0.30			
	Local/CC	0.25	0.10	0.20	0.25			
Uncontrolled Arterial / Ramp	All Types	0.25	0.05	0	0.25			

• LOS B for Off-Peak

• All defaults can be modified during calibration

- Specific Movement Penalties
 - Overrides linktype penalty
 - Values can be developed using:
 - Highway Capacity Software
 - Synchro or Comparable
 - Observed Delays
 - TransCAD's Volume-Dependent Delay Assignment

- Volume-Dependent Delay
 - Signalized Intersections
 - Utilizes Optional Link Attributes
 - Requires Signal Timing Data
 - Edited with TransCAD's Intersection Control Editor

Intersection Control Editor





Draft Model Reporting

- Report generated in HTML format
- Provides hyperlinks to report subsections
- Provides users option to generate some or all summaries



Summary Report for the MPO Travel Model Developed by ISMS Team for the MPO

Scenario Name: 2010 Validation Run Scenario Directory: C:\AAMPO\AAMPO Report File: C:\AAMPO\AAMPO\All_Output\7 PostProcess\Summary.html Report Created on: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 3:08 pm Scenario Description: Model Validation Run for the Base Year (2010)

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Draft Model Reporting

- Report tables can be easily copied to excel/word for further formatting
- Final report will also include screenline validation summary

Modeled Volume / Count Volume

MPO Model

	CBD	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
Freeway				96.5%	96.5%
Expressway					
Major Arterial		91.3%	92.6%	98.6%	93.8%
Minor Arterial		79.9%	86.1%	96.4%	91.7%
Collector	44.7%	27.4%	61.2%	93.8%	81.0%
Ramps				138.3%	138.3%
Centroid Connectors					
Total	44.7%	83.8%	88.3%	96.6%	92.9%

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Percent Volume Error

MPO Model

	CBD	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
Freeway				-3.5%	-3.5%
Expressway					
Major Arterial		-8.7%	-7.4%	-1.4%	-6.2%
Minor Arterial		-20.1%	-13.9%	-3.6%	-8.3%
Collector	-55.3%	-72.6%	-38.8%	-6.2%	-19.0%
Ramps				38.3%	38.3%
Centroid Connectors					
Total	-55.3%	-16.2%	-11.7%	-3.4%	-7.1%

% Root Mean Square Error

MPO Model

	CBD	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total
Freeway				6.8%	6.8%
Expressway					
Major Arterial		21.9%	18.1%	10.2%	16.9%
Minor Arterial		25.5%	30.8%	21.0%	24.5%
Collector	64.9%		48.7%	39.5%	47.3%
Ramps				61.7%	61.7%
Centroid Connectors					
Total	64.9%	24.3%	23.8%	15.4%	20.3%

Next Steps

- Complete Trip Generation Process
- Develop Transit Network Standards
- Review Trip Distribution Options
- Develop Mode Choice Submodel
- Continue Documentation including Roles and Responsibilities

Questions?