

Using MOVES for Project-level PM Hot-Spot Analyses



Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

- CAA section 176(c) requires that federally supported transportation projects in nonattainment and maintenance areas cannot:
 - » Cause or contribute to new air quality violations,
 - » Worsen existing violations, or
 - » Delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) or interim milestones
- Conformity rule requires a PM hot-spot analysis only for projects of local AQ concern
 - » E.g., new or expanded highway/transit projects with a significant # of diesel vehicles
 - » Hot-spot analysis not required for other projects



What is a hot-spot analysis?

- An estimation of likely future localized pollutant concentrations and a comparison to the relevant NAAQS
 - » Required for certain projects in PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀, and CO nonattainment and maintenance areas
- Assesses air quality impacts on a scale smaller than an entire nonattainment or maintenance area
 - » The area substantially affected by the project (the "project area")
- MOVES is appropriate for quantifying vehicle emissions at the project-level



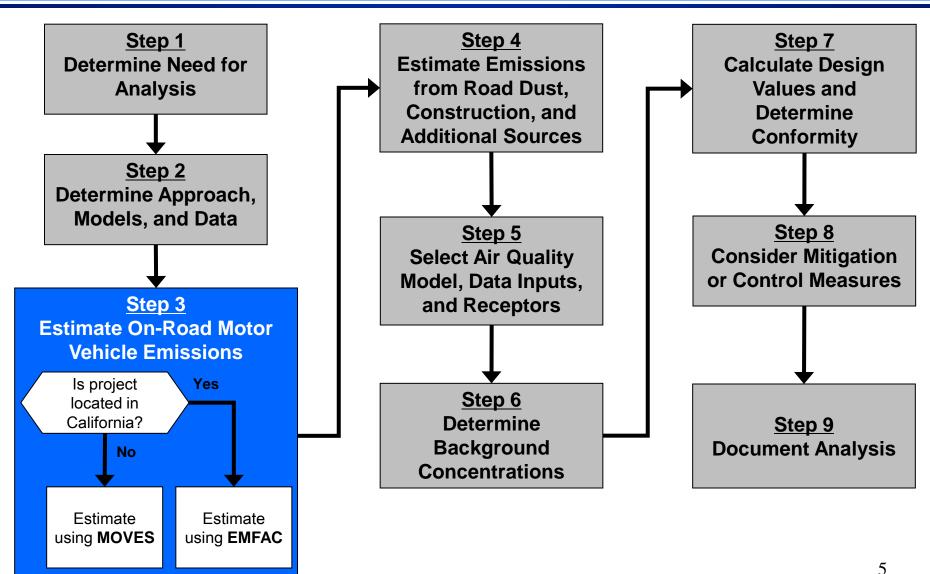
EPA's Quantitative PM Hot-spot Conformity Guidance

- Issued December 2010
- How to model the local PM air quality impacts of transportation projects:
 - » modeling mobile source emissions with MOVES
 - » modeling air quality concentrations with dispersion models:
 AERMOD and CAL3QHCR
- Does not change existing conformity requirements



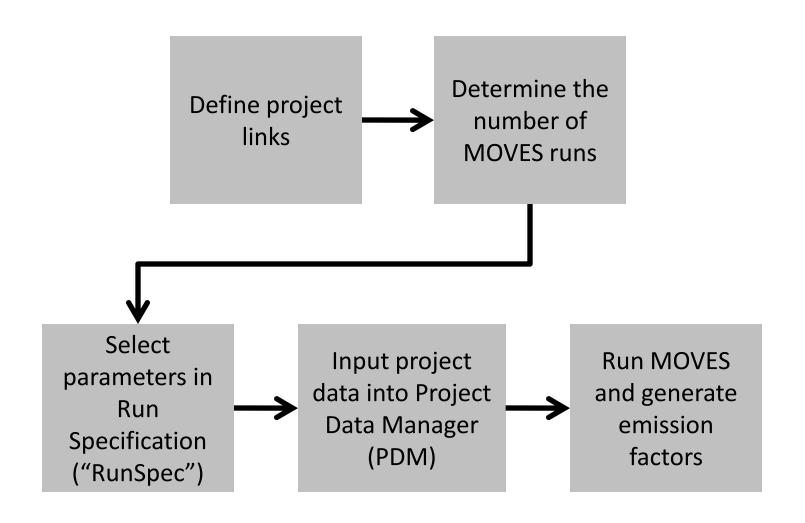


Quantitative PM Hot-spot Analysis Process





Running MOVES at the Project Scale



PM Hot-Spot Example Project



Project Details

 The project is a lane expansion of the existing highway and the addition of an interchange (on/off ramps) to access two new park-andride lot and bus terminals

MOVES will be run to generate emission rates

 The air quality analysis for the project will be done with AERMOD







Project Details

- Location: Washtenaw County, MI
- The project is expected to be completed in 2019
 - » Year of expected peak emissions (analysis year): 2020
- Determined through interagency consultation to be a project of local air quality concern
- The area surrounding the project is primarily residential and commercial, with no nearby sources that need to be included in modeling



Available Traffic Data

- Traffic estimates for all links
 - » Peak hour volume and average speed
 - » Off-peak hour volume and average speed

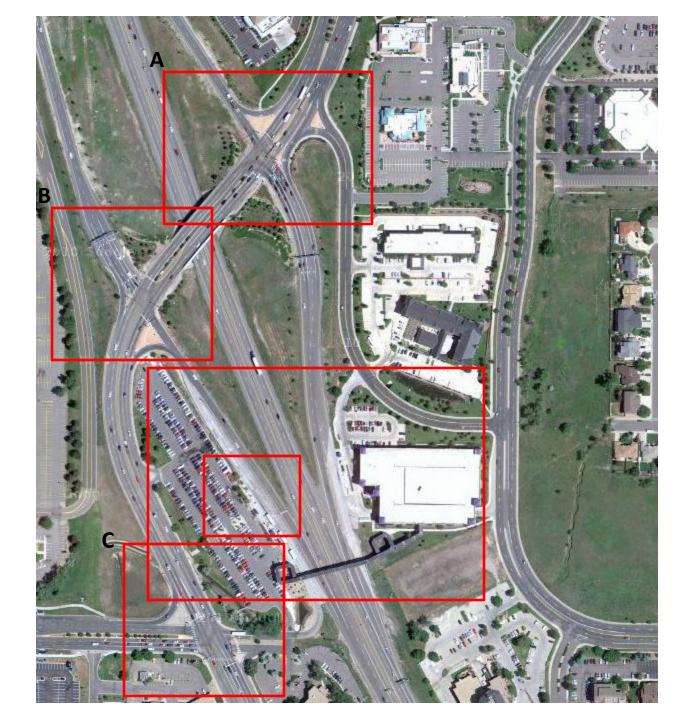
Average speed approach will be used to define activity

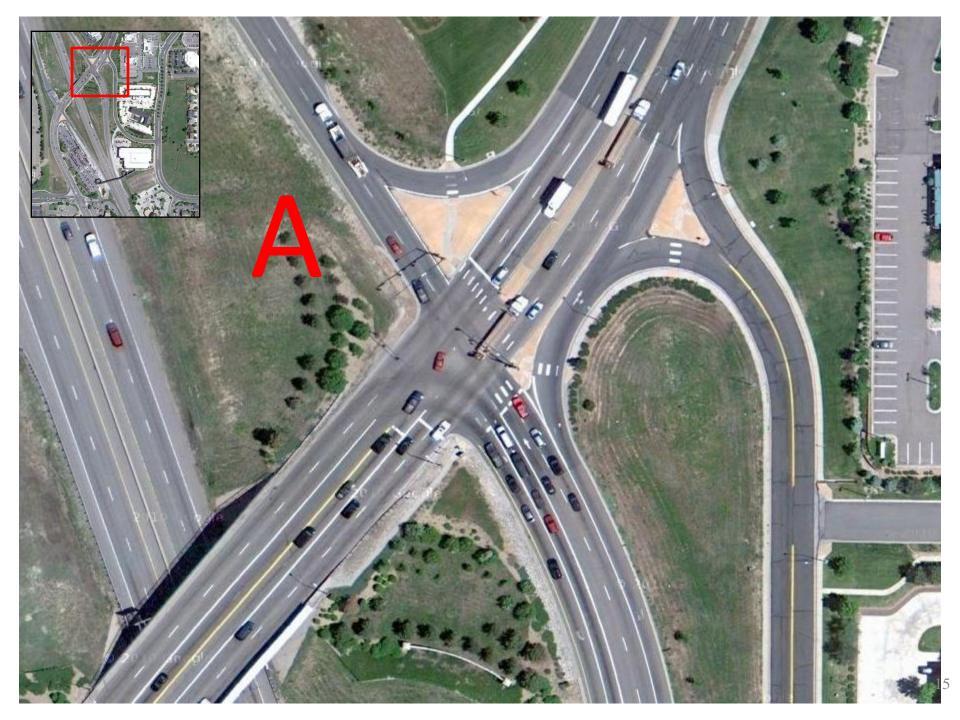
- Expected bus volumes for peak and off-peak periods
 - » Also average dwell time in bus bays
- Expected start activity on parking lots for peak and off-peak periods
 - » Also soak time distribution

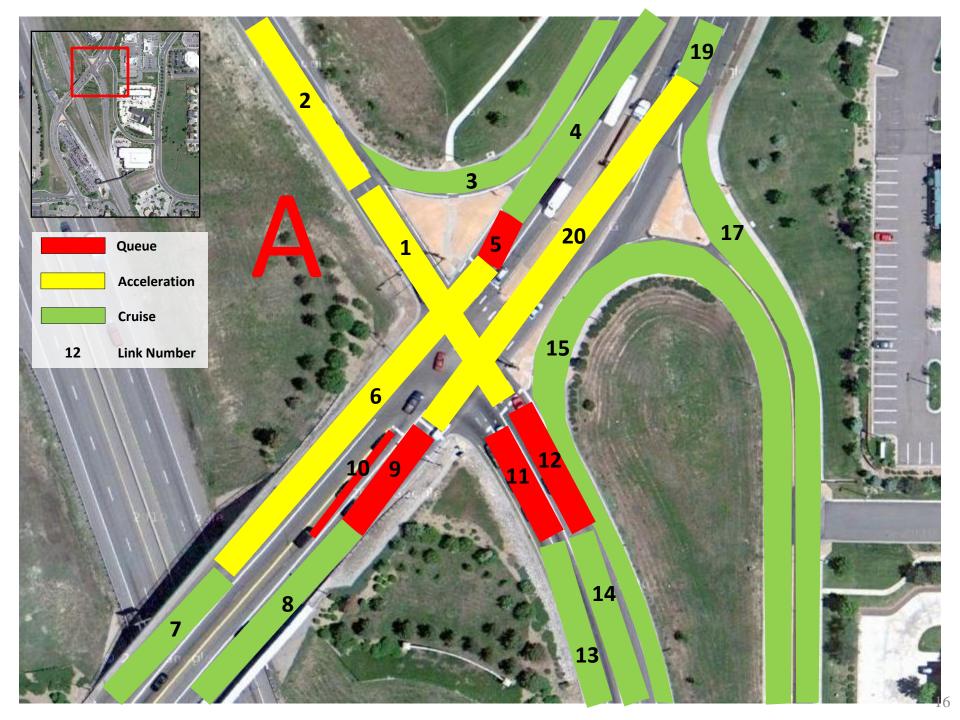


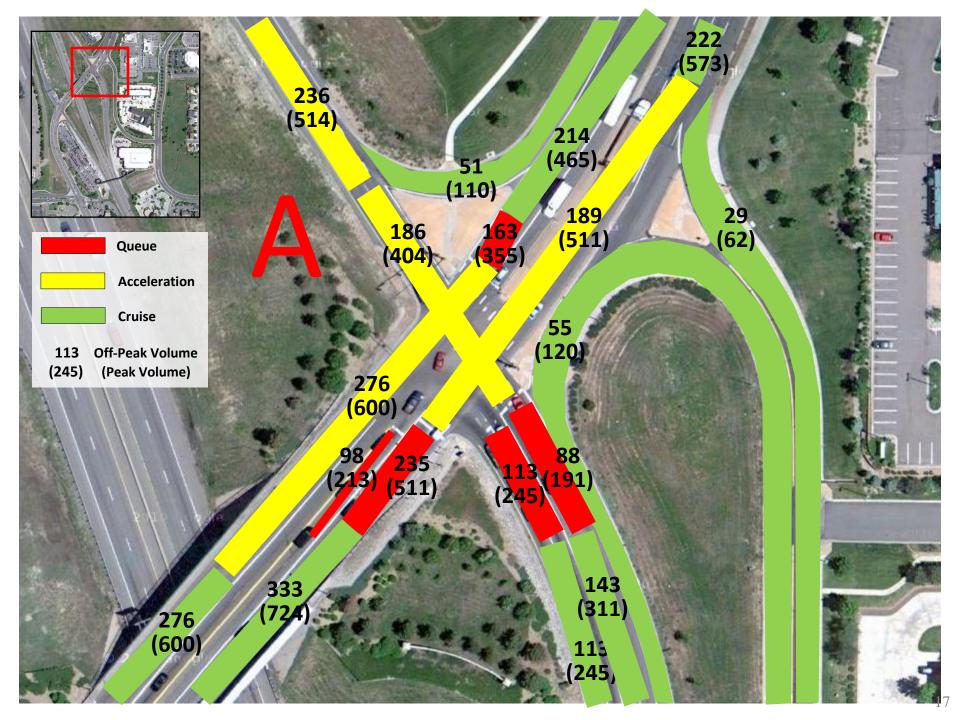
Available Fleet Data

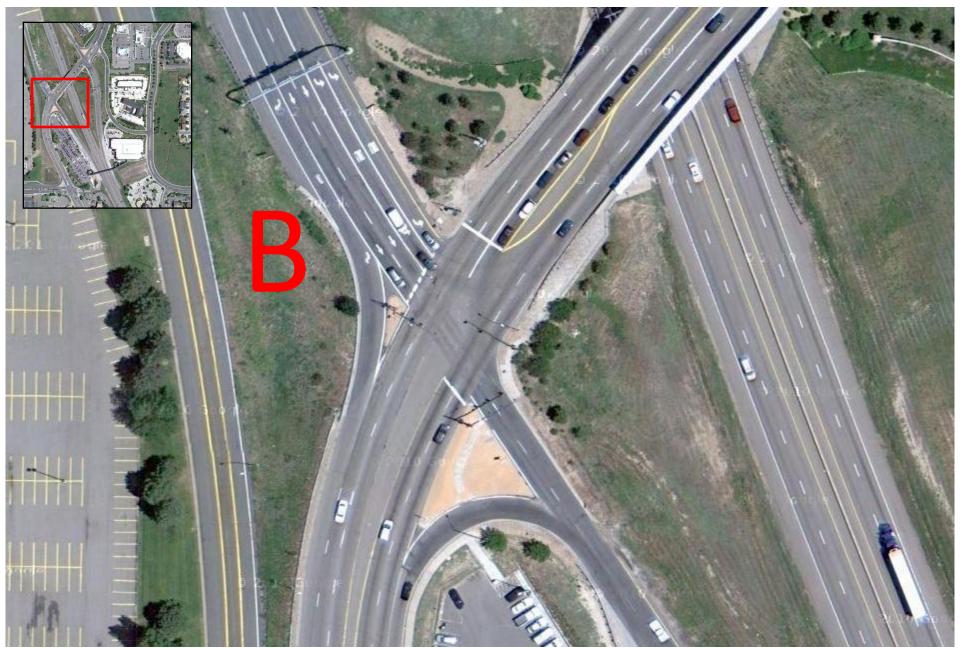
- Age distribution provided by MPO
 - » Light-duty from DMV data
 - » Heavy-duty (long-haul trucks) from MOVES national defaults
- Fleet mix provided by state MPO
 - » Arterial mix, Highway mix
- Detailed bus roster (bus type and age distribution) provided by transit agency

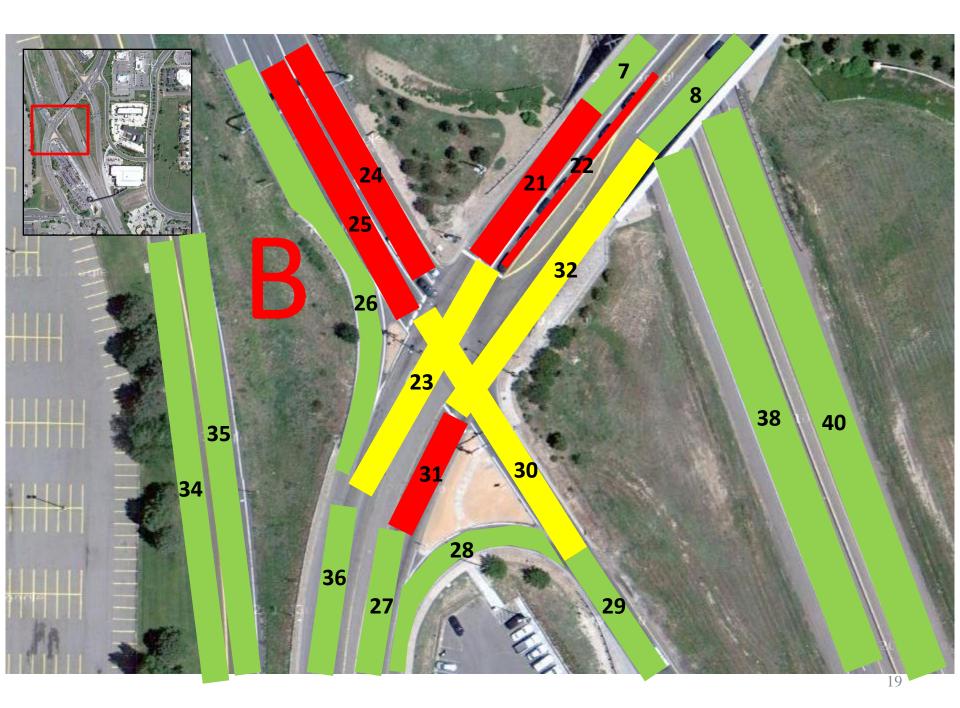


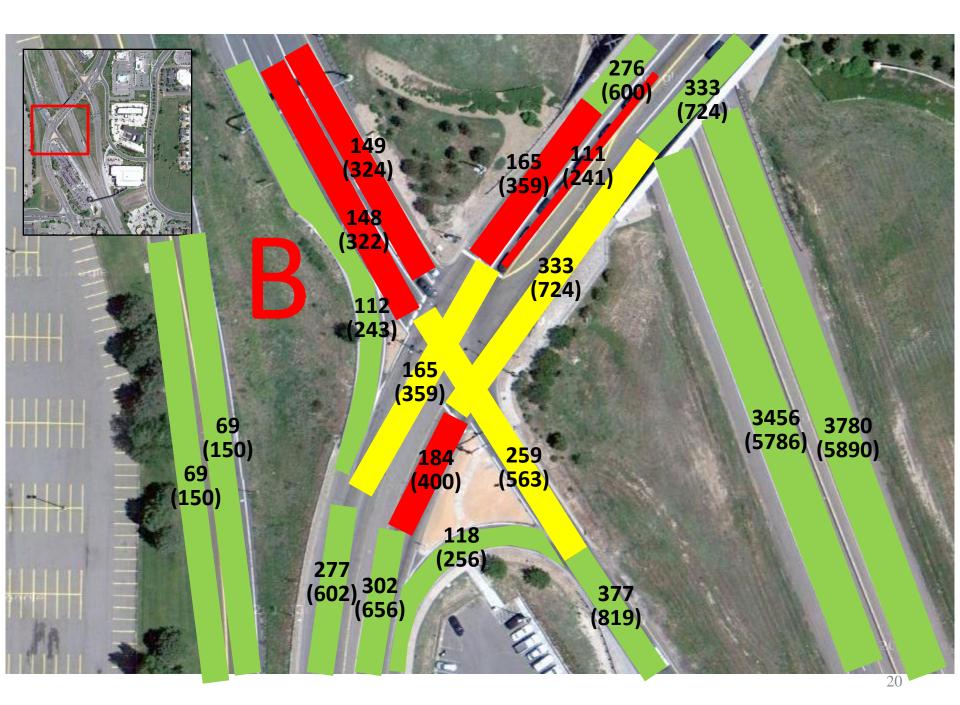


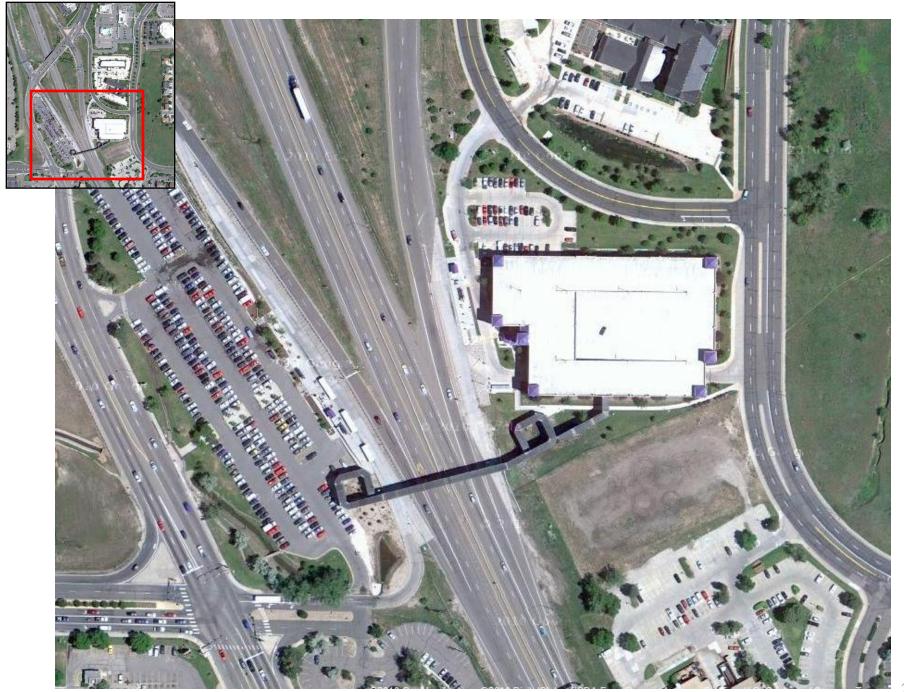




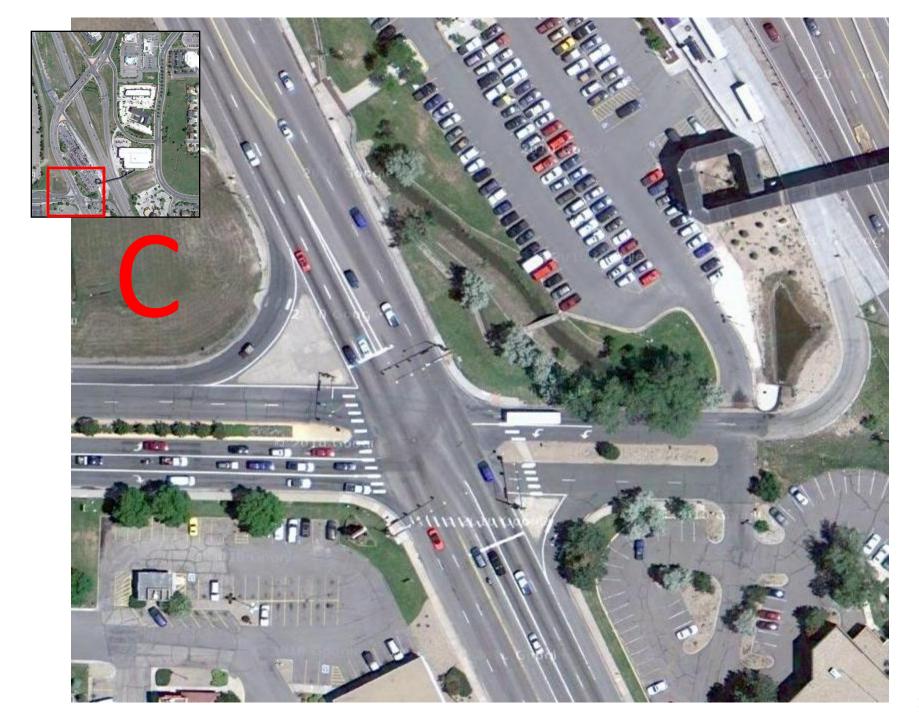


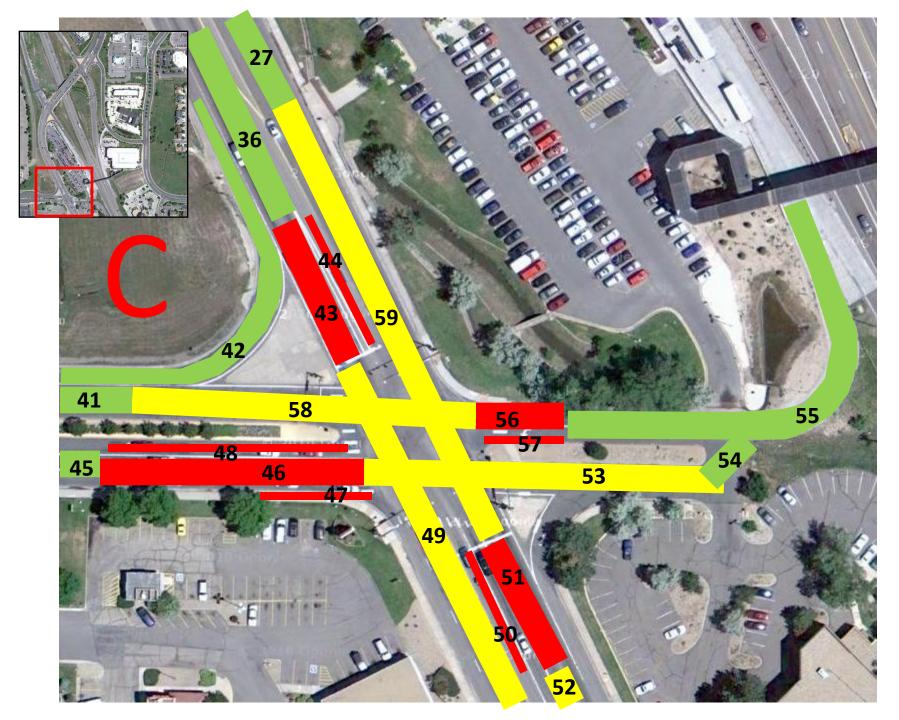


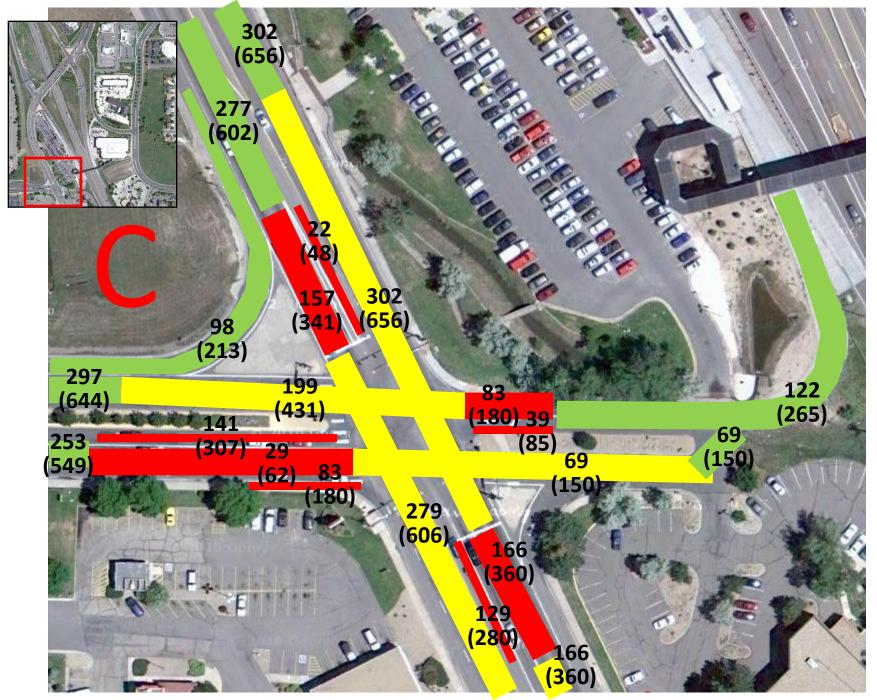




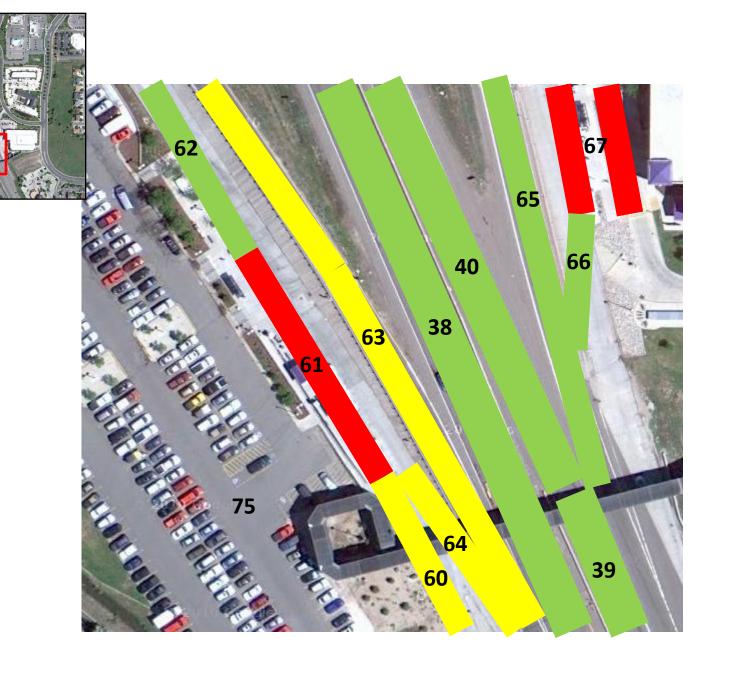


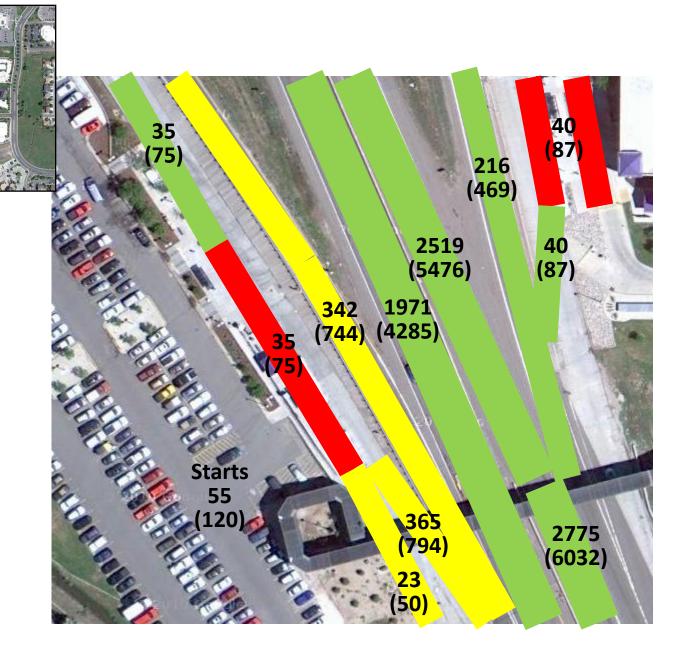


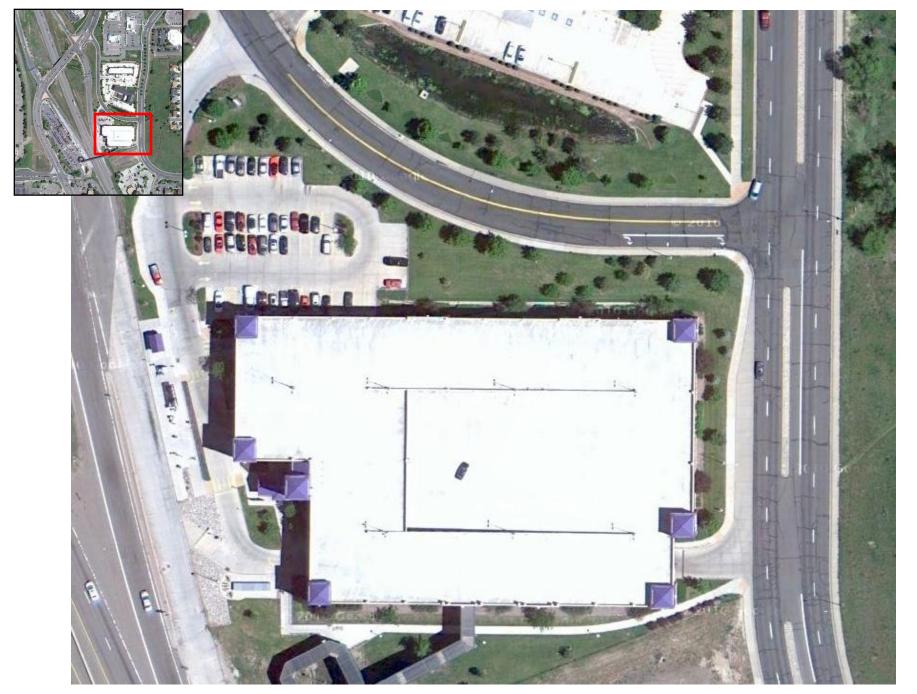


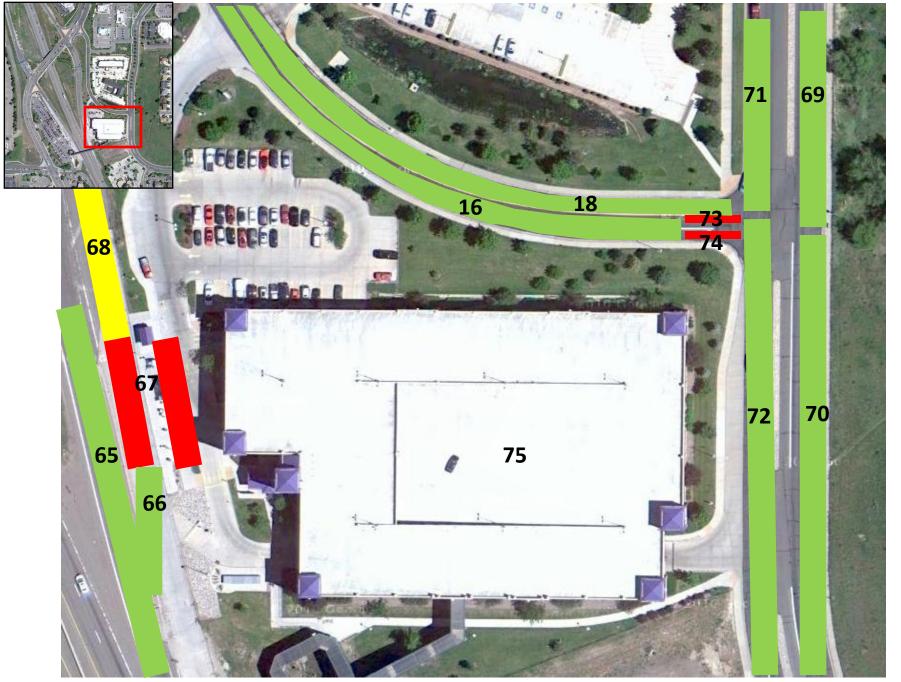


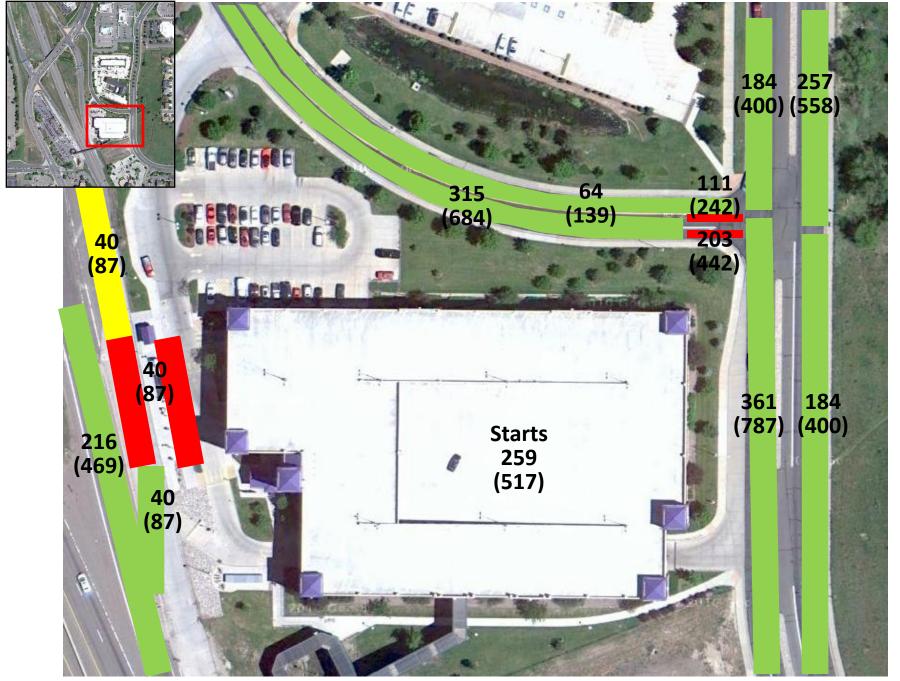


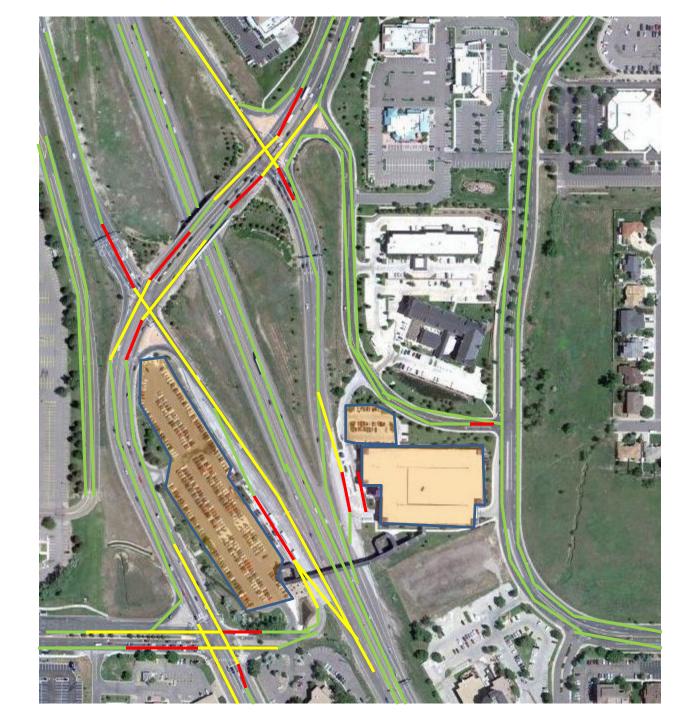








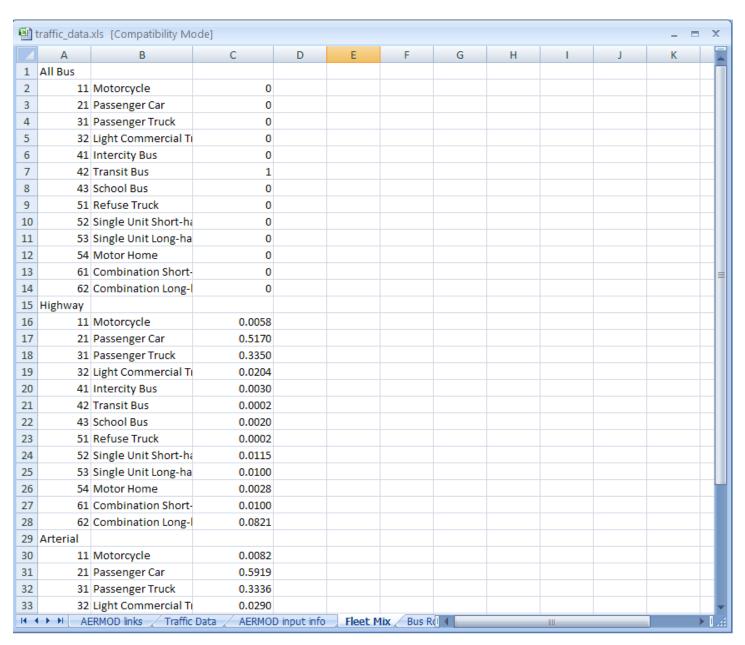




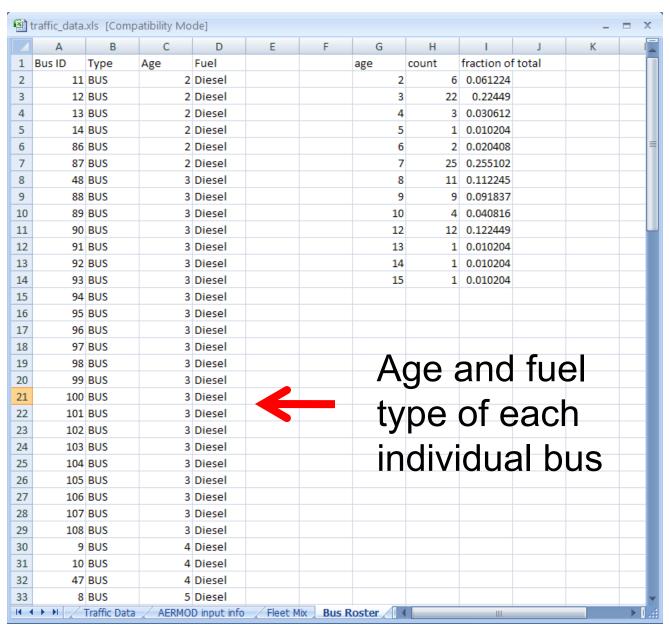
Traffic Data: Link Volumes/Speeds/Lengths

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2	1	intersection (A) NW bound entrance ramp	accel	186	404	20.0		258.5	0.1606
3		intersection (A) NW bound entrance ramp	cruise	236	514	40.0	40.0	64.0	0.0397
4	3	intersection (A) WB RT lane	cruise	51	110	40.0	40.0	49.0	0.0304
5	4	intersection (A) SW bound approach	cruise	214	465	40.0	40.0	233.1	0.1448
6	5	intersection (A) SW bound queue	queue	163	355	5.9	5.9	22.1	0.0137
7	6	intersection (A) SW bound departure	accel	276	600	25.8	25.8	90.5	0.0562
8	7	intersection (A) SW bound connect	cruise	276	600	40.0	40.0	68.9	0.0428
9	8	intersection (A) NE bound approach	cruise	333	724	40.0	40.0	68.6	0.0426
10	9	intersection (A) NE bound queue	queue	235	511	12.7	6.2	27.4	0.0170
11	10	intersection (A) NB LT queue	queue	98	213	5.9	5.9	39.6	0.024
12	11	intersection (A) WB LT queue	queue	113	245	5.9	5.9	21.3	0.0132
13	12	intersection (A) NB queue	queue	88	191	5.9	5.9	17.5	0.0108
L4	13	intersection (A) WB LT approach	cruise	113	245	40.0	40.0	127.9	0.0794
15	14	intersection (A) NB approach	cruise	143	311	40.0	40.0	142.7	0.0886
L6	15	intersection (A) SB to E Transit Center	cruise	55	120	30.0	30.0	294.1	0.1827
L7	16	intersection (A) SB to E Transit Center	cruise	315	684	30.0	30.0	86.5	0.0537
18	17	intersection (A) NB from E Transit Center	cruise	29	62	30.0	30.0	257.6	0.1600
L9	18	intersection (A) NB from E Transit Center	cruise	64	139	15.0	15.0	116.4	0.072
20	19	intersection (A) NE bound	cruise	264	573	40.0	40.0	215.4	0.133
21	20	intersection (A) NE bound departure	accel	235	511	20.0	20.0	85.1	0.0528
22	21	intersection (B) SW bound queue	queue	165	359	5.9	5.9	17.5	0.0108
23	22	intersection (B) SE LT queue	queue	111	241	5.9	5.9	48	0.0298
24	23	intersection (B) SW bound departure	accel	165	359	20.0	20.0	73.1	0.0454
25	24	intersection (B) NE bound LT queue	queue	149	324	5.9	5.9	30.5	0.0189

Traffic Data: Fleet Mix



Age Distribution Based on Bus Roster



Importing Data

Links: Links_offpeak.xls

Link Source Types:

linksource.xls

Link Drive Schedule: not used

Fuel: fuels_jan.xls

Age Distribution: agedist.xls

Operating Mode

Distribution: opmode.xls

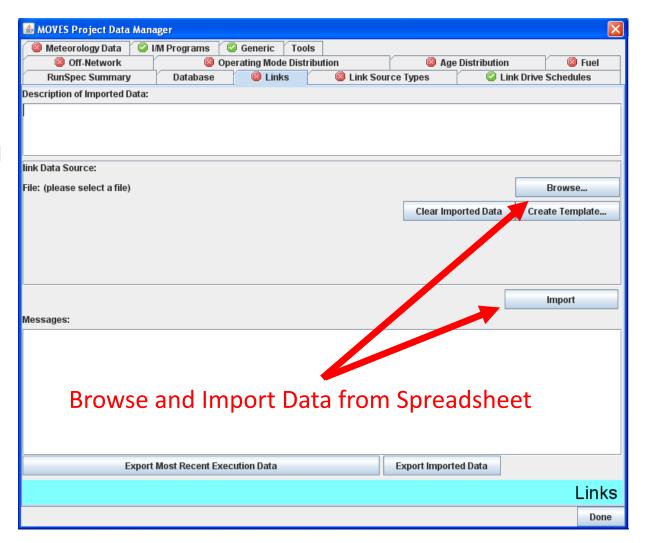
Off-Network: offnetwork.xls

Meteorology Data:

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I/M Programs: not used

Generic: not used



Deriving Links Table from Traffic Data

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L3	12	intersection (A) NB queue	queue	88	191	5.9	5.9	17.5	0.0108
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L5	14	intersection (A) NB approach	cruise	143	311	40.0	40.0	142.7	0.0886
16	15	intersection (A) SB to E Transit Center	cruise	55	120	30.0	30.0	294.1	0.1827
17	16	intersection (A) SB to E Transit Center	cruise	315	684	30.0	30.0	86.5	0.0537
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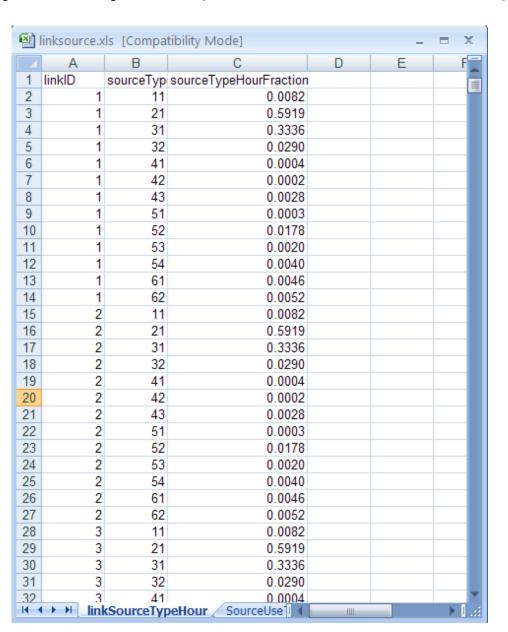
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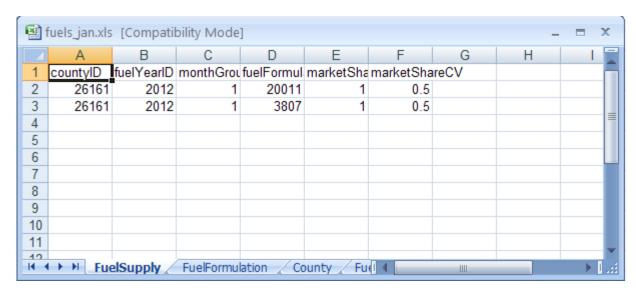
Arterial and Highway Fleet Mix from MPO county-level analysis

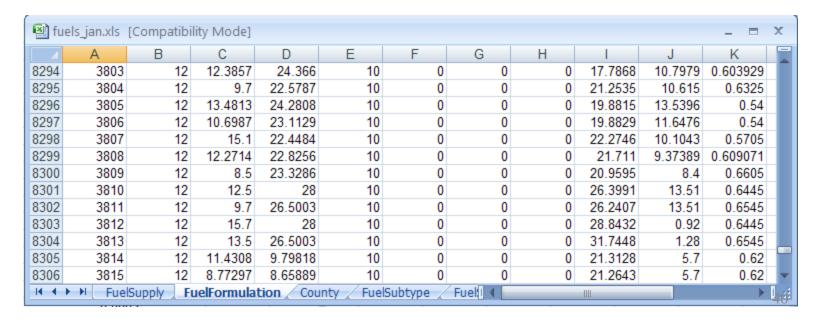
Bus-only links are entirely sourcetype 42



Fuels Input (fuel_jan.xls)

MOVES Default Fuel Supply and Fuel Formulation Used

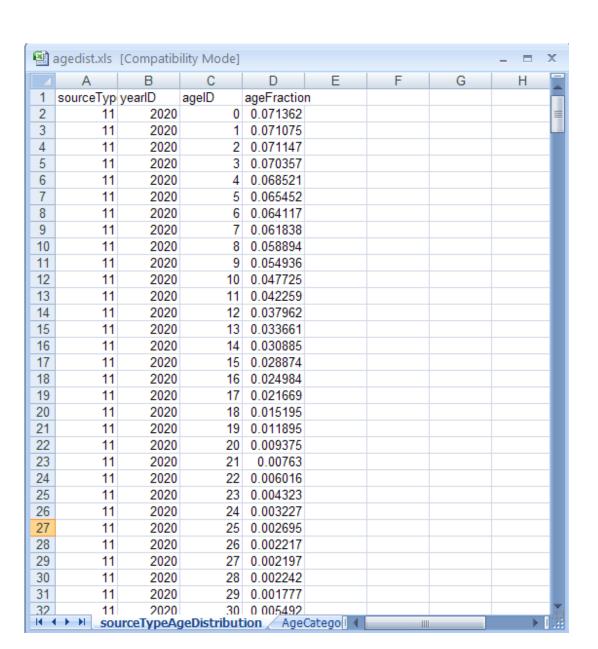




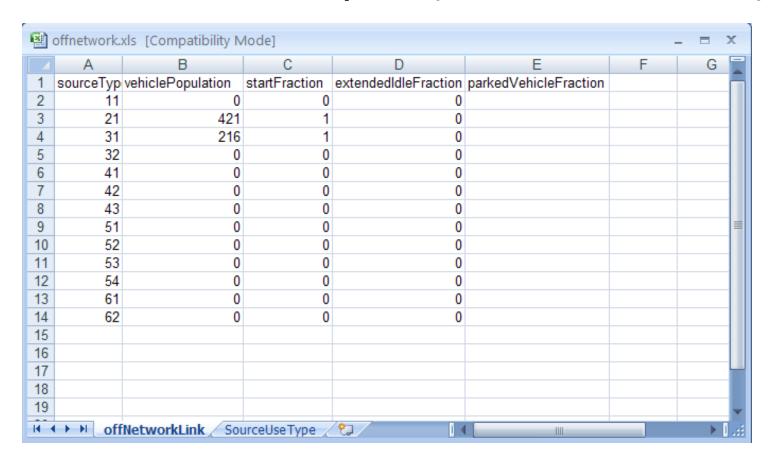
Age Distribution Input (agedist.xls)

Provided by MPO

Local Data for Transit Buses (sourcetype 42) Obtained from Bus Roster



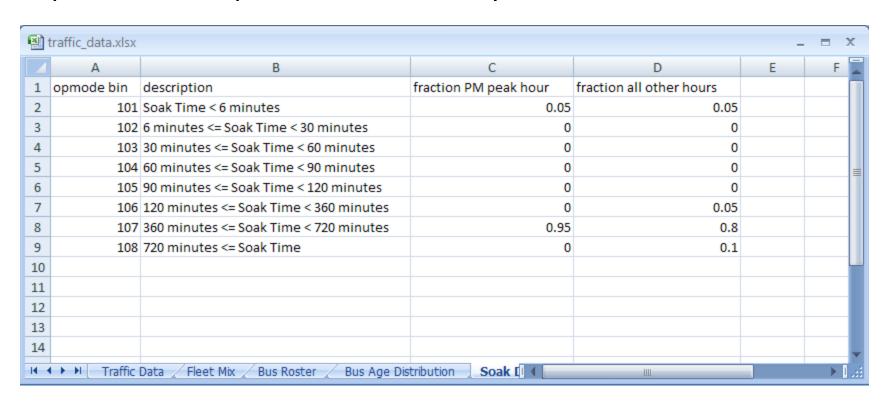
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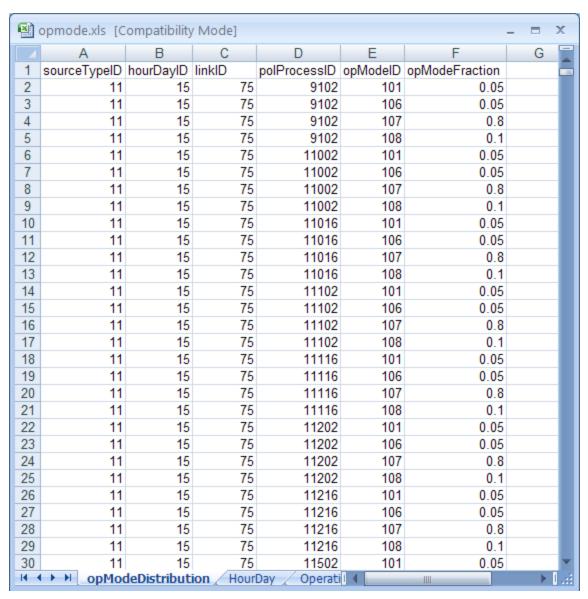
Expected use of park-and-ride facility (ratio of source types 21 vs. 31 correct, but numbers are only a placeholder... actual grams/start emission rates will be calculated in a post-processing step)

Deriving OpMode Distribution from Traffic Data

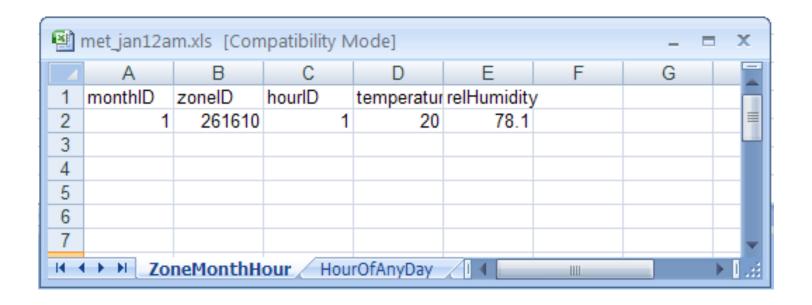
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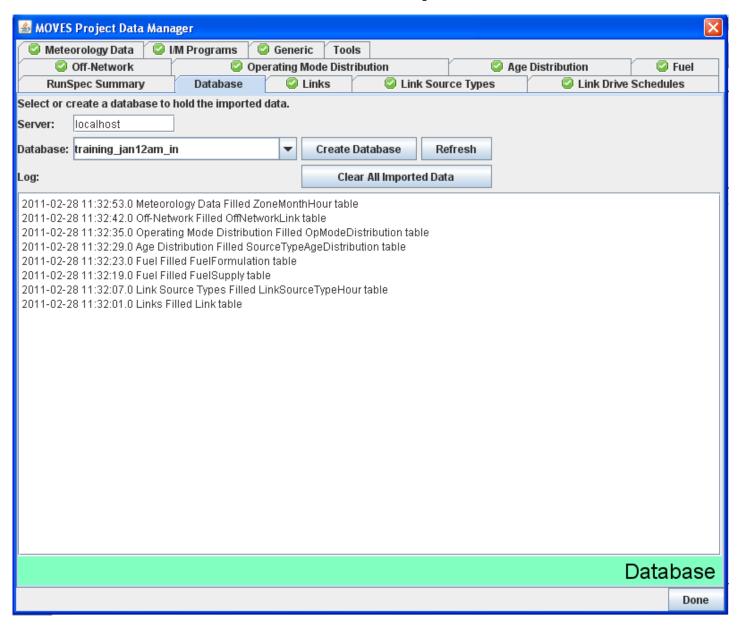


Meteorology Input (met_jan12am.xls)

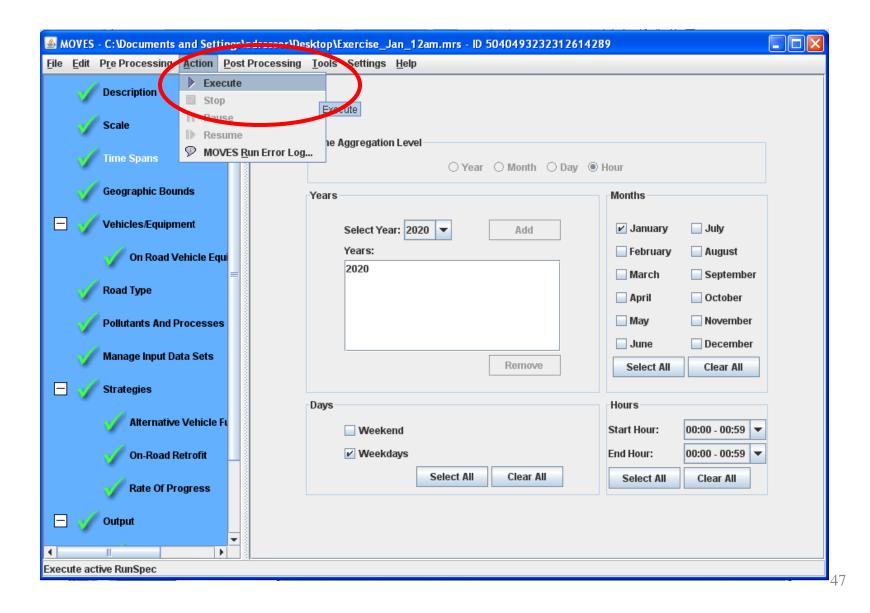


Temperature and humidity data taken from nearby met station (same dataset used for air quality analysis)

All Files Imported

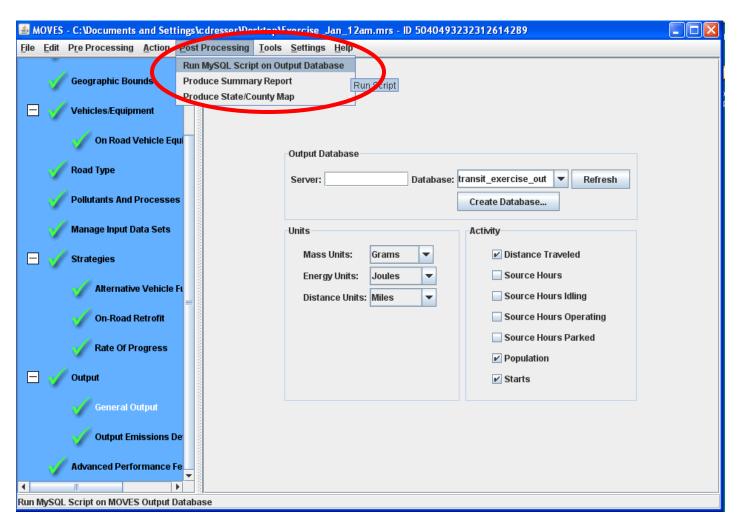


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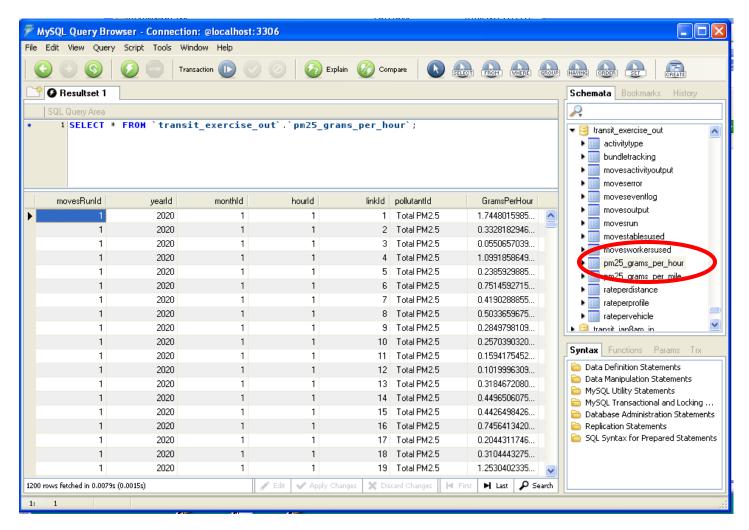
Run Script on Output

In MOVES, select from Post Processing Menu > Run MySQL Script on Output Databse



Gram per Hour Emission Rates

In MySQL output database "Transit_Exercise_Out" new table was created called pm25_grams_per_hour that includes a single emission rate for each link and MOVES run





For More Information

- See EPA's conformity website for:
 - » Regulations, policy guidance, FR notices, training
 - » http://www.epa.gov/otaq/stateresources/transconf/policy.htm#project
- See EPA's MOVES website for:
 - » Software, MOVES MySQL scripts, technical documentation, and other helpful background materials
 - » www.epa.gov/otaq/models/moves/
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