Organic vs. Purchased Data for Travel Time Predictions

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Glossary

- >ATMS Advanced Traffic Management System.
- ➢BTR Bluetooth Reader.
- ≻GUI Graphical User Interface.
- ➢HERE HERE Technologies. 3rd Party TT Provider.
- ➤IP Internet Protocol ("IP address").
- ►LAN Local Area Network.
- ➤MAC Media Access Control ("MAC address").
- ≻SLT South Lake Tahoe.
- ➤TT Travel Time.
- ≻Waze 3rd Party TT & Alerts Provider.
- ≻WiFi Wireless LAN.



Overview

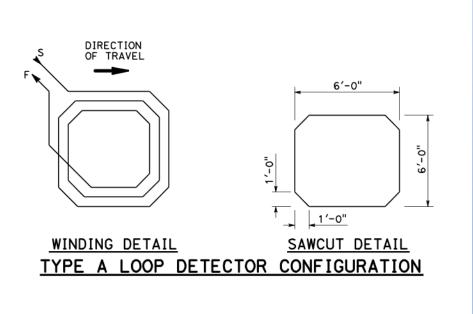
Organic Data ► Loops – Single vs. double ➢ Bluetooth **≻**WiFi **Purchased Data ≻**Waze **≻**HERE **Bluetooth/Waze/HERE** South Lake Tahoe Case Study



Single Loops

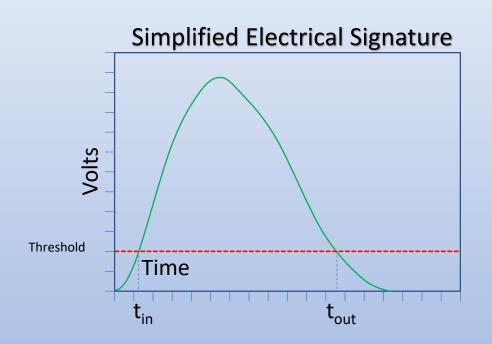
CT Standard Plans 2010 – ES 5B

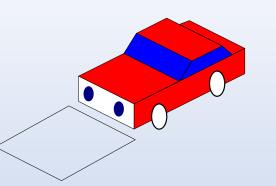
Cutout on New Pavement



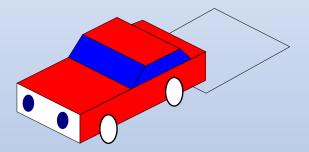








T_{in} – Vehicle's front enters loop.



T_{out} – Vehicle's rear exits loop.

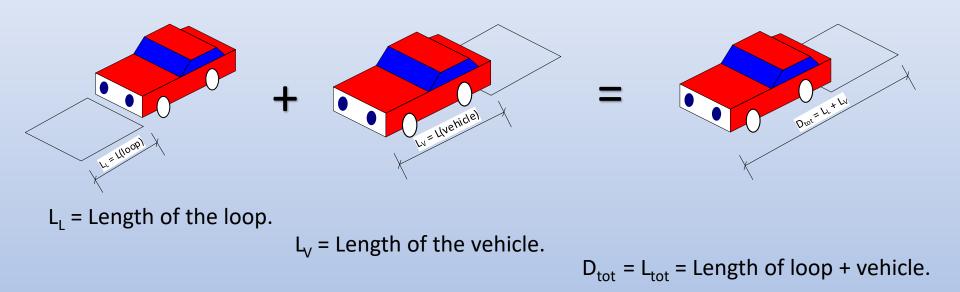
Therefore $t_{tot} = t_{out} - t_{in}$.

Notice that t_{in} and t_{out} can be affected by multiple variables.



Single Loop

Distance Measurement



Note that the total distance traveled is NOT just the length of the loop, nor is it just the length of the vehicle. It's a combination of both. In other words, t_{tot} start counting when the front of the vehicle enters loop, and Stops counting when the front of the vehicle has traveled the length of the loop plus the length of the car.



Speed Calculation

Speed calculation is simply: **S**

 $S = \frac{D_{tot}}{t_{tot}}$

Unfortunately, there are many factors that introduce variance into t_{tot}

Vehicle Length.*
Vehicle Height.*
Lane Alignment.
Loop Installation.
Detector Sensitivity.
Detector Setting.

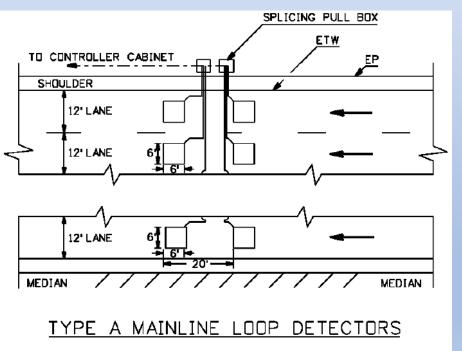
Dual Loop calculation eliminates most of these issues.





Dual Loops

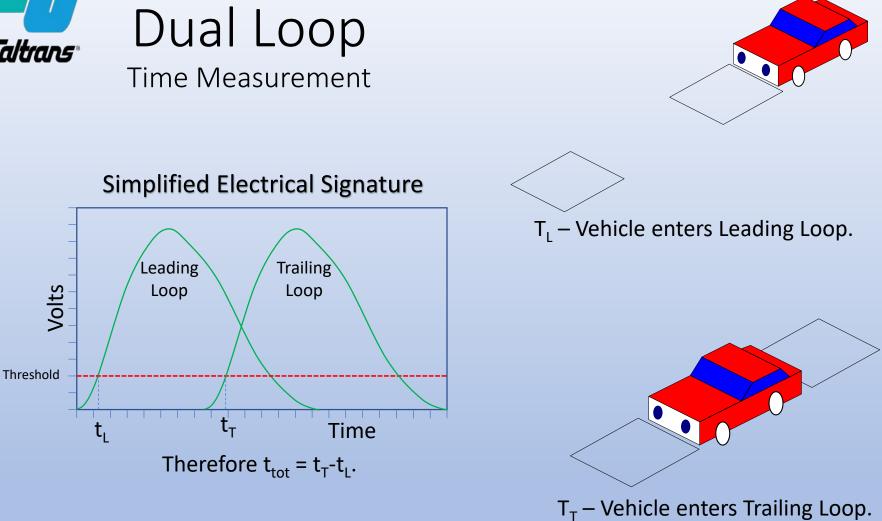
Ramp Metering Design Manual



Cutout on New Pavement







Notice that t_{τ} and t_{L} can be affected by multiple variables, but they cancel out.



Dual Loop Speed Calculation

Distance is fixed at 20'. Hence : $S = \frac{20 ft}{t_{tot}}$

Hence these potential issues with Singe Loop Calculations have been eliminated.

- ✓ Vehicle Length.
- ✓ Vehicle Height.
- ✓ Detector Sensitivity.*
- ✓ Sensitivity Setting.*

While these have been mitigated and their impact minimized.

- ✓ Lane Alignment.
- ✓ Loop Installation.*

However, a new variable has been introduced.

➤ Loop Distance.

But, this can be corrected in the configuration. Hence it is not an issue.



Loop Pros

Existing Infrastructure

Census Counters

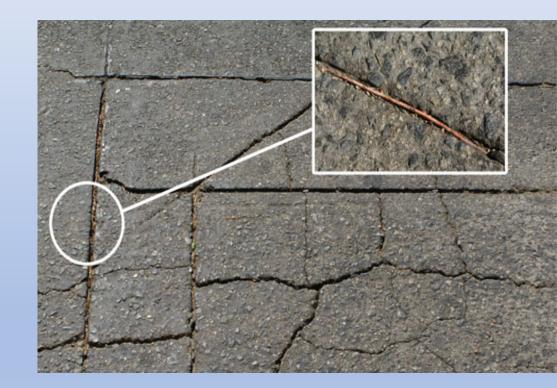
Per Lane Calculations

Tried & True Technology



Loop Cons

- Inaccurate Calculations
 - Single Loops
- Defaces New Concrete
- Weakens Concrete
- Requires Lane Closure
- Incorrectly Wired
- Damaged by Contractors
- Uneven Burial Depth
- Potential for Exposed Loops
- ➢ Repair Cost
- Not all Vehicles Detected
- Speed at Single Point



Bluetooth/WiFi Eliminates Most of These....



Bluetooth/WiFi Pros

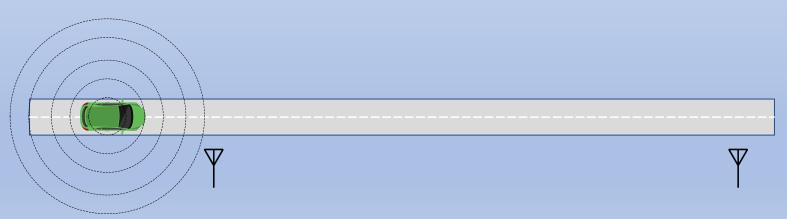
- ✓ Easy install Less than 30 minutes per site.
- ✓ Relatively inexpensive \$2400/site.
 - ✓ BTR \$2200
 - 🗸 Antenna \$160
 - ✓ Bracket \$40
- ✓ Off pavement Any cabinet with power suffices.
- ✓ Quick repair Less than 30 minutes per site.
- ✓ No Lane Closure Outside Clear Recovery Zone or guarded by rail.
- ✓ Non Intrusive Does not interfere with Travelers' Phones/Cars.
- ✓ High Deployment Anyone over 10 years has smart phone.
- ✓ Anonymous Can encrypt MAC address.
- ✓ Single Detector may detect both directions.



Bluetooth/WiFi Basics

1. Detector Captures MAC Addresses (48 unique bits).

- 2.Forwards to Server.
- 3. Downstream Detector Captures MAC Address.
- 4. Forwards to Server.
- 5.Server Calculates Travel Time.
- 6.Server Exports Travel Time.





Iteris Solution

Choice of Vendors. Only Iteris' Velocity had non-cloud option.

- Caltrans owned and operated in-house VM server.
- Readers inside Caltrans metal cabinets.
- Low Bandwidth Requirement.
- Bluetooth or WiFi Detectors.
- Data is Pushed to Server.
- Linux OS.





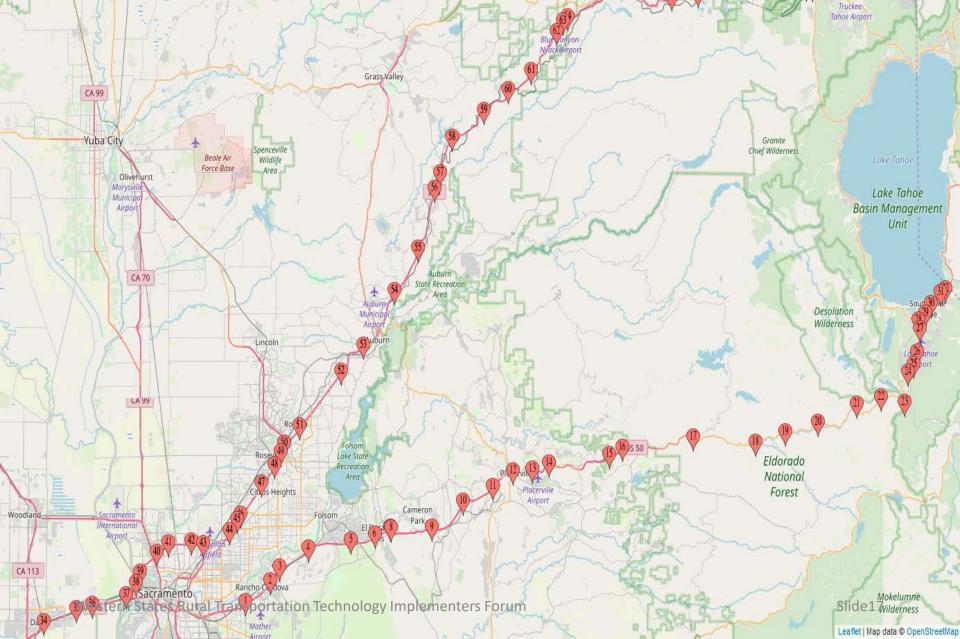


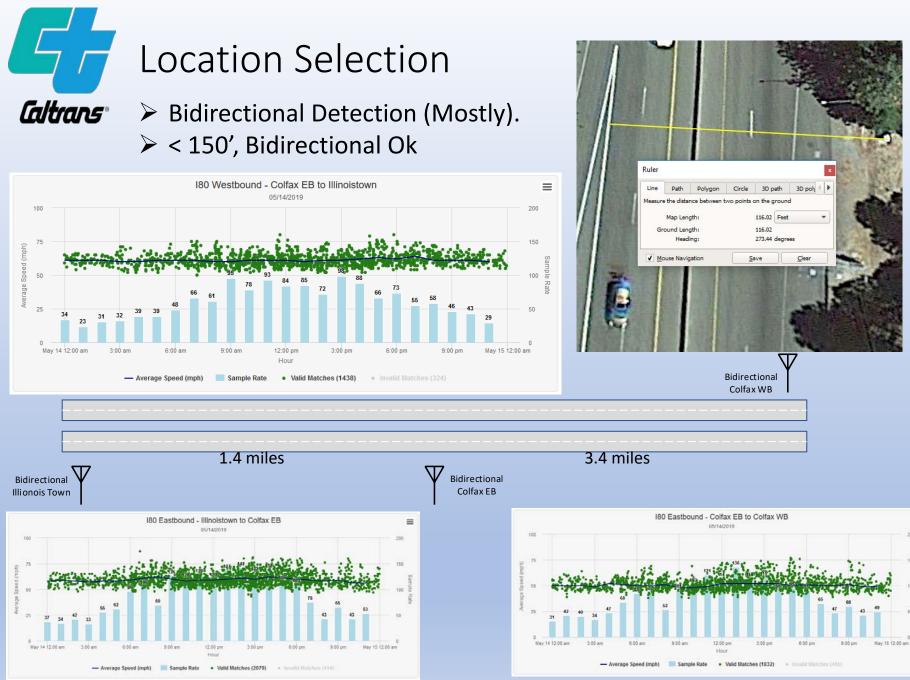
Iteris Solution





Detector Deployment





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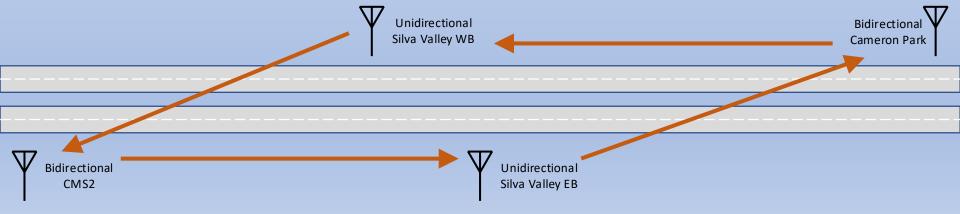
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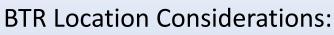
Location Selection

Directional Detection

- ▶ > 150′.
- Elevation Obstruction.
- ➤ Trees.
- > Buildings.



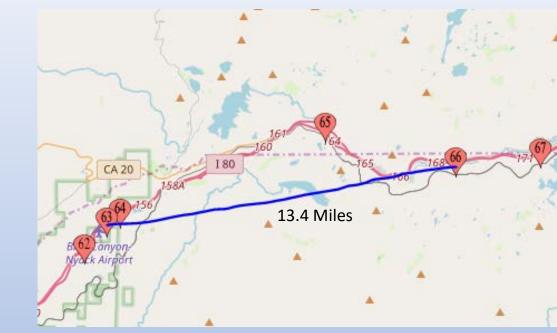
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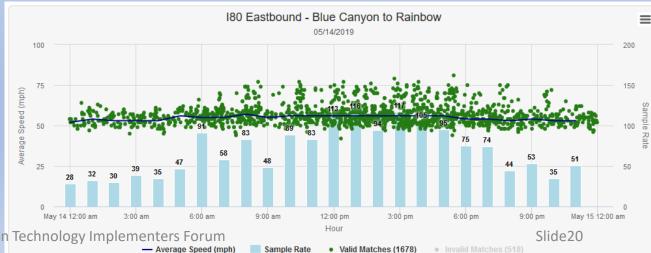


> On/off points

Caltrans"

- Frontage Road
- Traffic Lights
- 2.4Ghz Noise
- Power (Wired vs Solar).
 - If Solar, Snow Implications.
- Communication
 - Low Bandwidth
 - > 93 Byte Frame/Hit

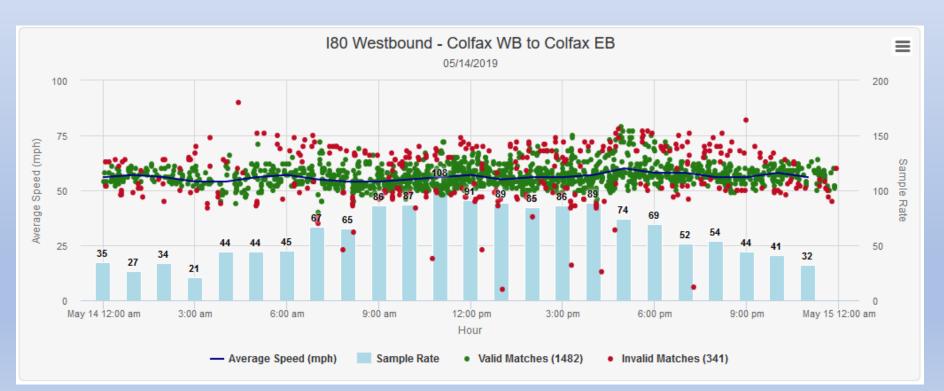






BTR Detector Filters

Data Filters 25% Buffer 45% Buffer Interquartile Range None



Speed	Lower Limit	High Limit
48	n/a	n/a
55	36	60
42	41.25	68.75
55	31.5	52.5
42	41.25	68.75
48	31.5	52.5
50	36	60
55	37.5	62.5
52	41.25	68.75
48	39	65
43	36	60
30	32.25	53.75
28	22.5	37.5
20	21	35

Percent Filter Example

Is data point within 25% of previous sample? i.e.. Less than 125% or greater than 75%? If outside range, it is an outlier.

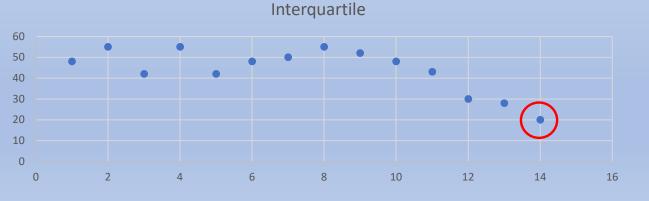


Sample	Speed	
1	48	
2	55	
3	42	
4	55	
5	42	
6	48	
7	50	
8	55	
9	52	
10	48	
11	43	
12	30	
13	28	
14	20	

Interquartile Filter Sample

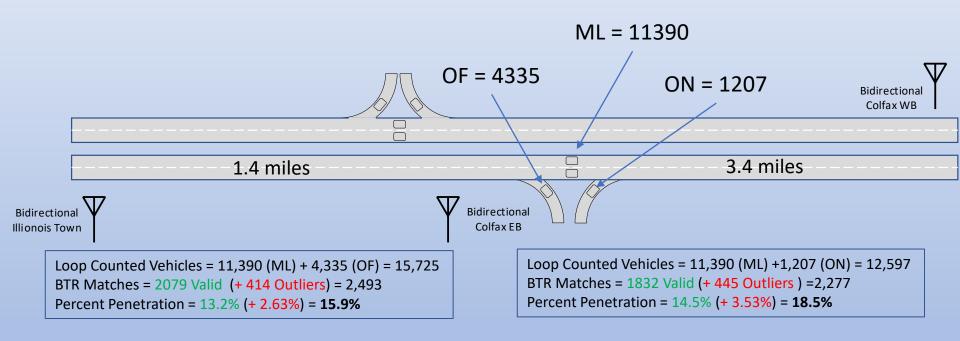
Is data point more than 1.5 interquartile ranges (IQR) below the first quartile or above the third quartile? If so, it's an outlier.

Variable	Value
1 st Quartile (Median of lower half of samples)	42
3 rd Quartile (Median of higher half of samples)	51.5
IQR (3 rd – 1 st)	9.5
Low Threshold (Q1 - 1.5*IQR)	27.75
High Threshold (Q3 + 1.5*IQR)	65.75



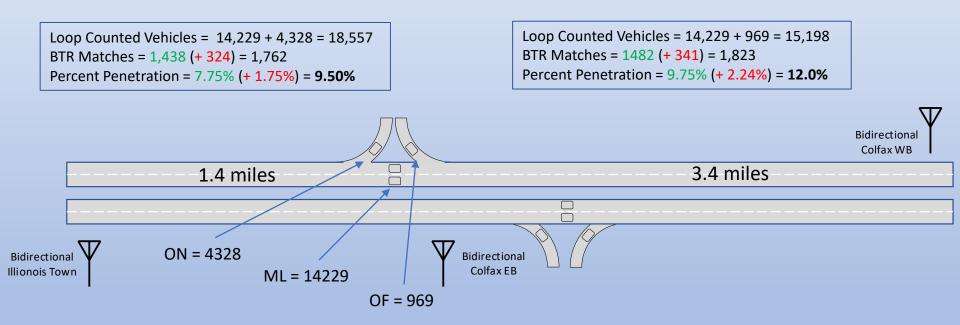


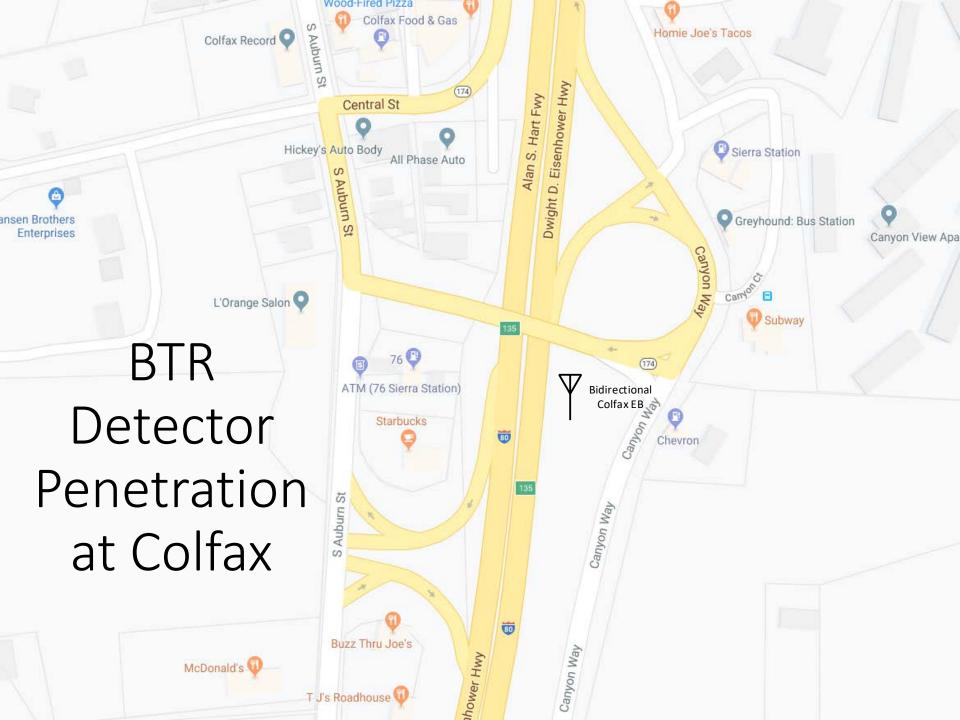
BTR Detector Penetration (Same Side and Both Sides)





BTR Detector Penetration (Opposite Side and Both Sides)



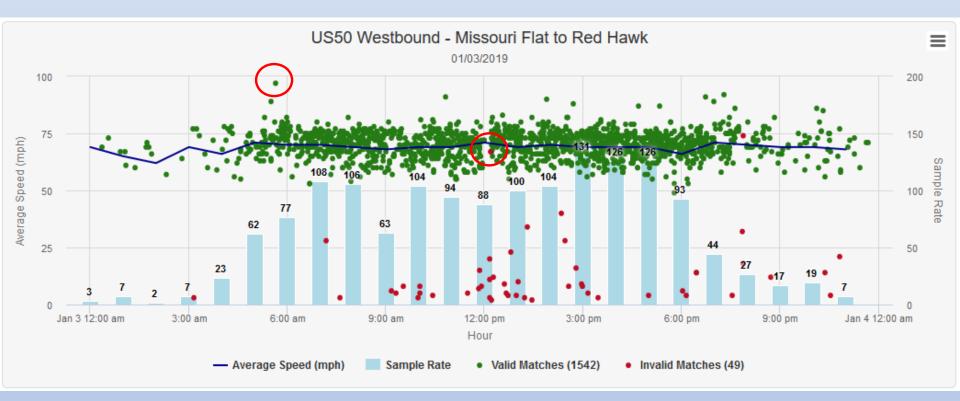




Bluetooth Issues

Filtering Algorithm Issues

Excessive Speeds Reported (Outliers?).

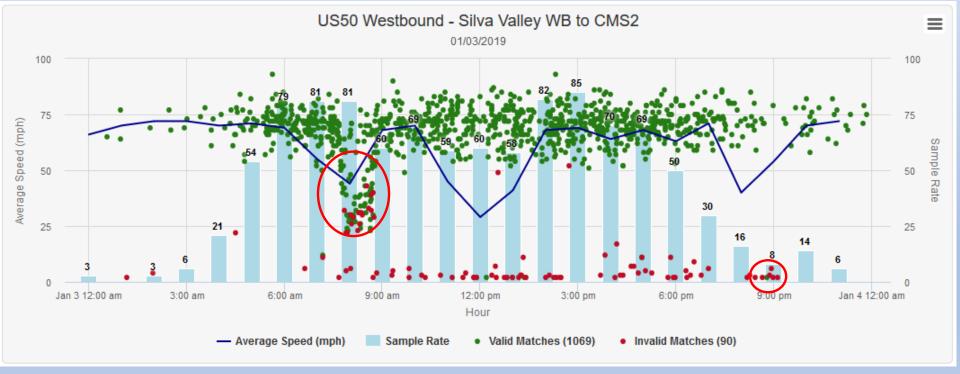




Bluetooth Issues

Speeds graphs were not smooth

- Average affected by single outlier.
- Average changed significantly minute over minute.
- Frontage Road Interference.





Rural vs. Urban – May 14th, 2019



- Average Speed (mph) Sample Rate • Valid Matches (2984) • Invalid Matches (554)



WiFi Detour



- Deep Penetration.
- Clients regularly broadcast WiFi Probe Requests.
- Already Associated to an AP?
- Iteris Detects Some Associated Clients.
- Designed for Greater Range than Bluetooth.
 - 10's of feet vs 100's of feet.
- Same Frequencies, but Less Channels Than Bluetooth.

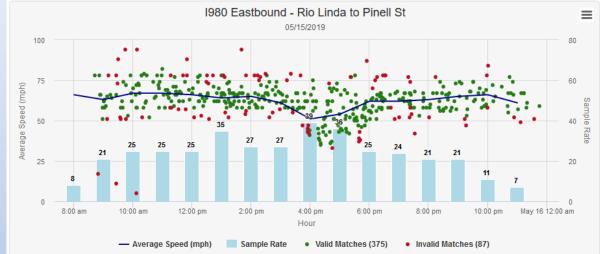
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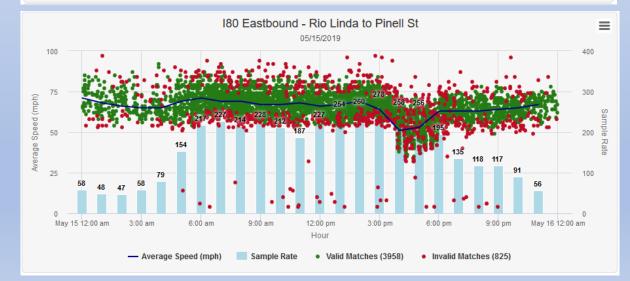


WiFi

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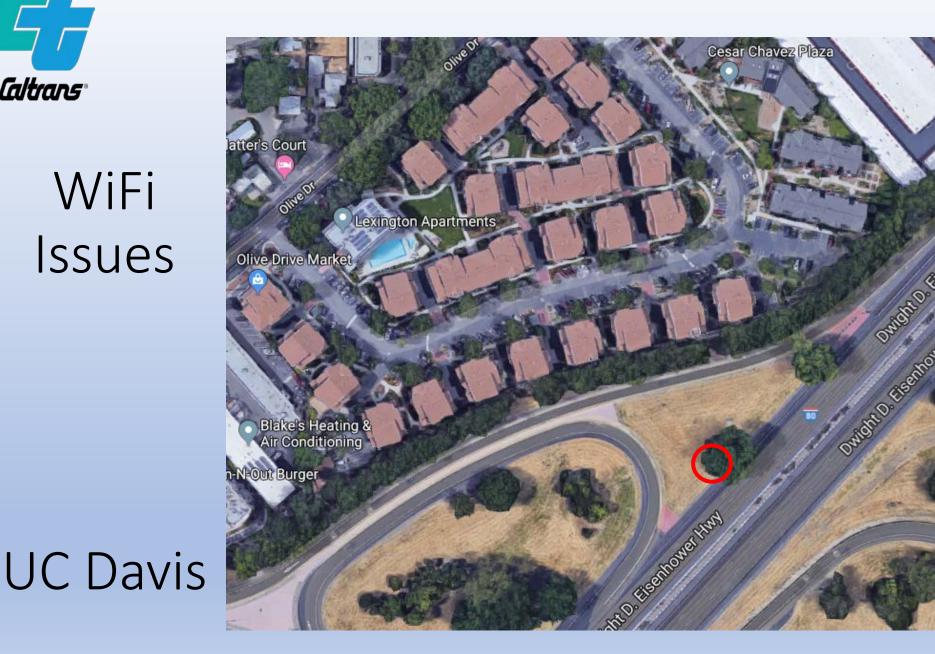
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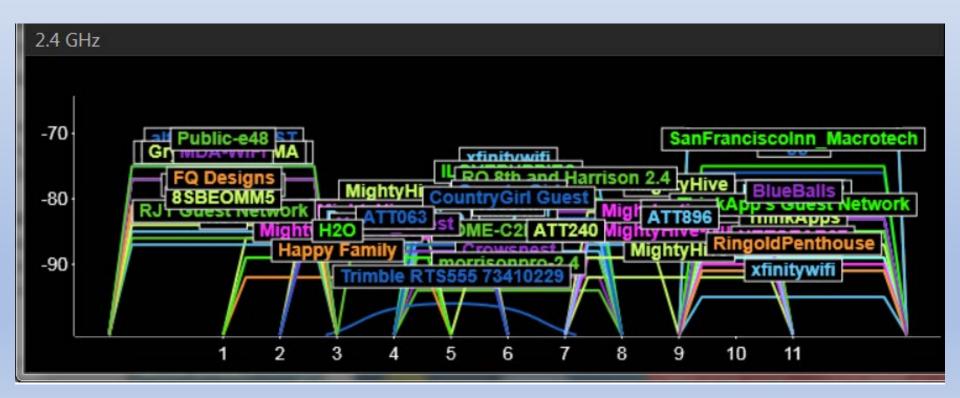
WiFi Issues





WiFi Issues

UC Davis Off Ramp





BTR HW Issues

≻HW Failures.

Motherboard (Close to 20%/Year)
 Power Supply (Wall Wart)
 WiFi/USB Dong (Consumer Grade)
 No Reset Button
 Serial Interface Discouraged



Environmental Issues

Snow
Knock Downs
2.4 GHz Noise?

Bradshaw Rd:

BTR would fail every 2 to 3 weeks. Swapped out all supporting hardware. Root cause was never isolated. At least 8 units bricked.





SW Issues

IP Address Maintained in Two Files. \succ Lack of Reset Button. Cleartext Password. \geq 2x Reboots (by Design). Can Bypass Login via Links. >OS Randomly Corrupted. Duplicate MAC Addresses on Road. ► GUI Displays Last Captured MAC (Stale Data).



Bluetooth Cons Summary

- Erratic Travel Times.
- Low Rural Penetration.
- 2.4GHz Interference.
- HW Failure.
- Snow Pack .
- Rural Power.
- Few Cabinets in Rural Areas.
- Duplicate MAC Addresses.





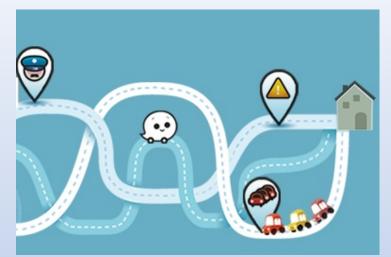


What is Waze?

✓ Crowd Source
 ✓ Alerts
 ✓ Traffic Conditions



"We tried crowdsourcing the data, but the crowd turned into an angry mob and threw bogus data at us instead."



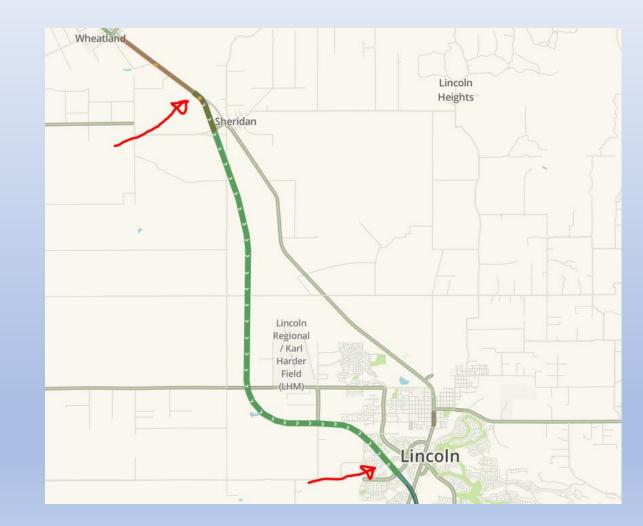
- Pros Over Bluetooth ➤ Rurally Available
- No HW
- No Comm
- No Power
- No interference
- Immune to weather
- > Non Fixed Endpoints



Waze Segment Definition

Segment Definition ➢Name Start Lat Start Long End Lat ► End Long Start Dir End Dir Start Cross Street End Cross Street

Long Turnaround Time.



(Maze)

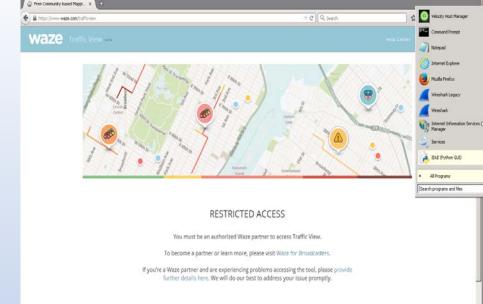
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99 Riego to 99 Elkhorn 99-Riego-Rd to 99-Elkhorn-Blvd 4.45 miles	Free flow as usual 3 min 73 mph 3 min 73 mph	 While 1 ➢ Scrape Data ➢ XML.Convert ➢ Wait (for Velocity) ➢ Appond
80 Richards to Dixon 80-Richards-Blvd to 80-Currey-Rd 6.59 miles	Free flow as usual 5 min 72 mph 5 min 73 mph	AppendContinue

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ATMS Never Knew What Hit It!



Waze Hurdles



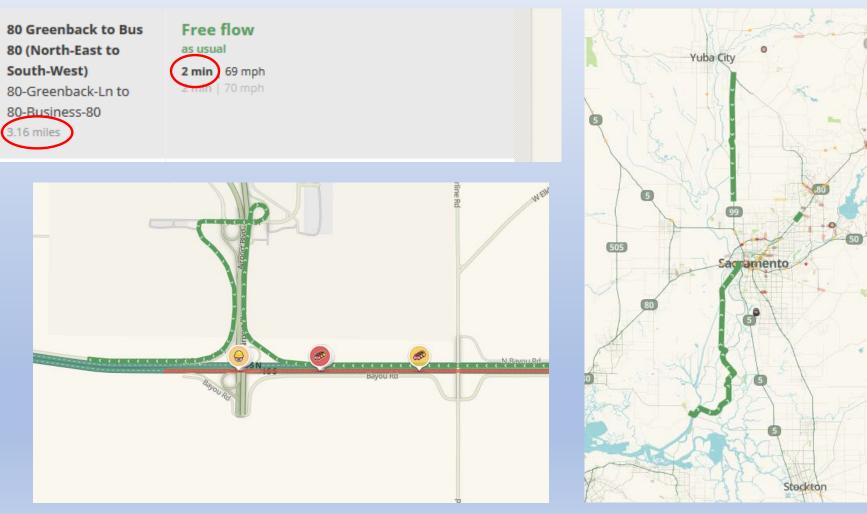
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➢ No JSON or XML Feed

- Python and Selenium Incompatibility
- ➢ HTTP Scraping
 - Unauthorized Users
 - ➢ 404 Error
 - ➤ TT not present
 - ≻ NaN



- Turnaround Time
- Segment Inaccuracy (Up to 30%)
- Rounding Error
- Sub Optimal Route





Waze Cons You Get What You Pay For

Selenium Incompatibility Issues
 HTTP Scraping
 Unreliable HTTP Feed
 Slow Turnaround Time
 Inaccurate Segments
 ATMS Hack

Let's eliminate these cons. Presenting HERE.



What is HERE?

HERE captures location content such as road networks, buildings, parks and traffic patterns. It then **sells** or licenses that mapping content, along with navigation services and location solutions.

Pros Shared With Waze

- Rurally Available
- ≻ No HW
- No Comm
- No Power
- No interference
- Unaffected by weather conditions

Pros Over Waze

- Paid Support (\$30k/yr. for District 3)
- > XML Feed!
- Supported in ATMS 5.3
- Supported in ActiveITS
- Confidence Factor included
- Historical Data available

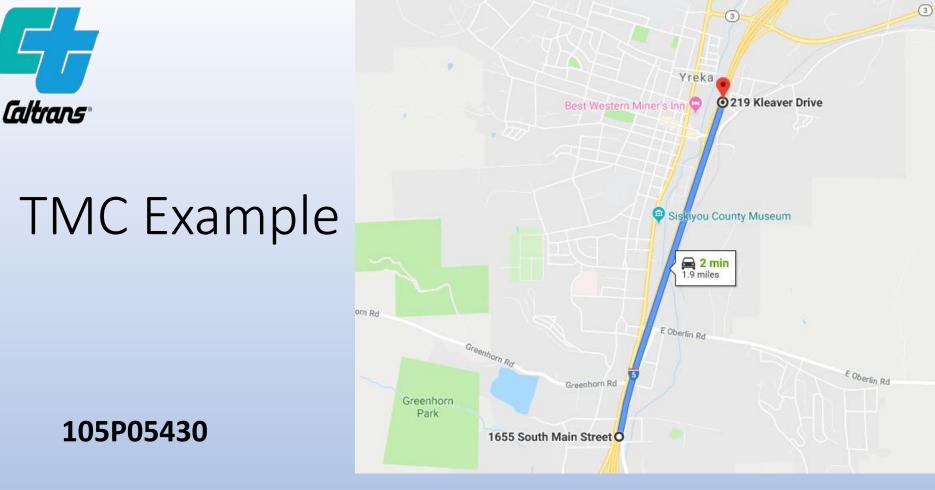


HERE TMC's

TMC: Traffic Message Channel.

- ✓ TMC codes are a reference system designed to give a unique alpha-numeric code to road segment for the purposes of assigning traffic information to that segment.
- ✓ Assigned and certified by TISA (Traveler Information Services Association).

Country Code	Table ID	Direction	Location
1 (Numeric or Alpha)	05 (Numeric)	N(-) or P(+)	012345
Country Code. The United States uses Country Code 1.	Table ID within the country.	Direction of travel. P(+) = North or East N(-) = South or West	Specific location.



1 = US 05 = Northern California P = Northbound 05430 = Unique identifier within US, CA, NB.



HERE TMC's Defined

	А	В	С	D	E	F	G
1	ADMIN1	ADMIN2	ADMIN3	ADMIN4	ADMIN5	TMC	TMC_LENGTH
489475	United States	California	Siskiyou	Uninc Siskiyou County		105P05435	2.621803
489476	United States	California	Siskiyou	Yreka		105P05430	1.852229
489477	United States	California	Siskiyou	Yreka		105P05431	0.743655

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	LINEAR	PARENT_LIN	TMC_ORDER	ROAD_NAME	ROAD_NUM	ROAD_DIR	POINT_DESC
3	105P00139	105P03009	182		I-5	Northbound	Bailey Hill Rd/Exit 793
•	105P00139	105P03009	177		I-5	Northbound	Foothill Dr/Exit 775
1	105P00139	105P03009	178		I-5	Northbound	CA-3/Montague Rd/Exit 776

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1	105P05436	105P05434	41.92239	-122.57598	41.95772	-122.59409
1	105P05431	105P05429	41.70787	-122.64236	41.73348	-122.63174
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TMC Definitions Released Twice Per Year

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RW: Roadway

- LI: Unique String Identifier. Note Embedded +/- Sign.
- **DE**: Text Description of the Road.
- PBT: Base Timestamp.
- mid: NAVTEQ identifier. DO NOT USE.

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FIS: List of Flow Items.

 \succ FI: Flow Item.

- **>** TMC: Traffic Message Center.
- **CF:** Current Flow.

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- TMC: Traffic Message Channel.
- **PC:** Point Location Code = TMC ID (stripped).
- ➢ DE: Description.

- > QD: Queuing direction. (Opposite of traffic flow).
- ➢ LE: Length. Units defined above.

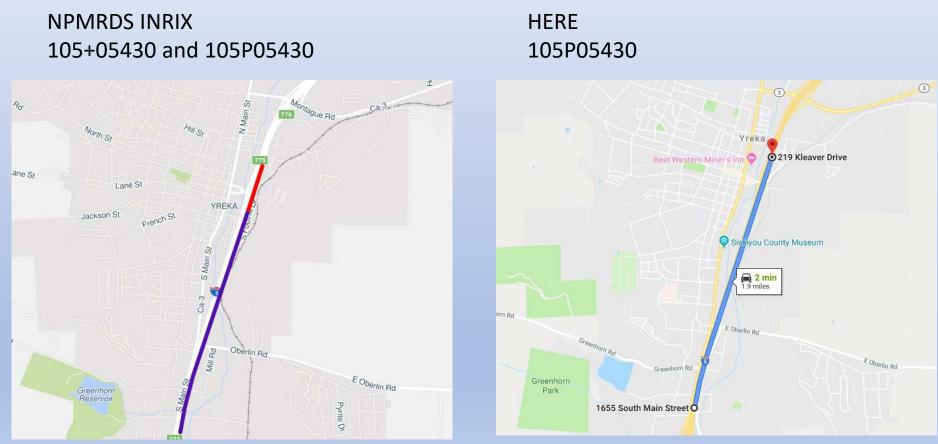
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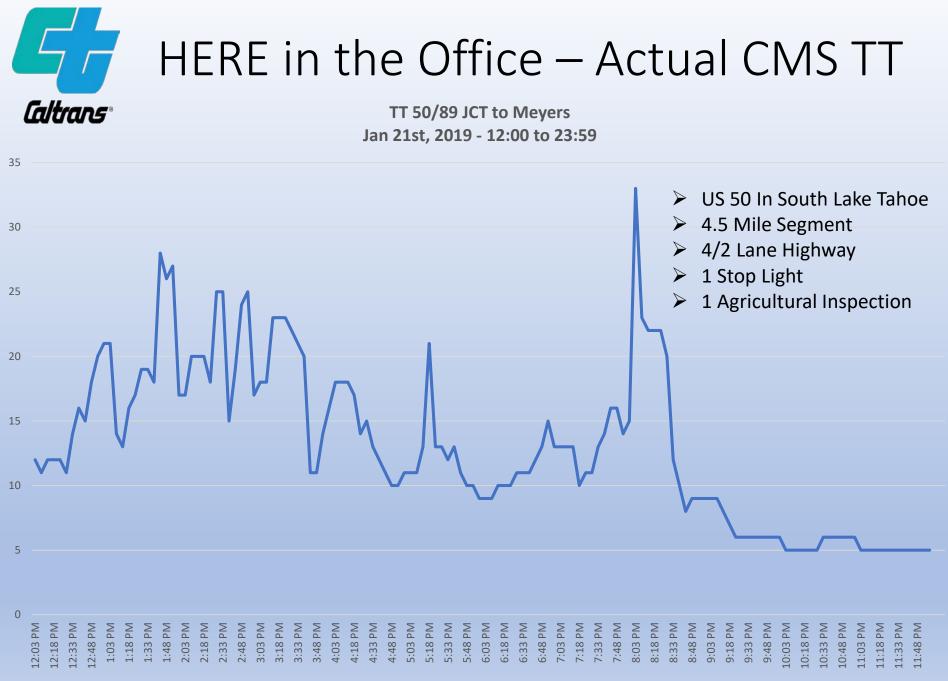
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CF: Current Flow

- > TY: Always "TR" for normal lanes. (RM, EX, Etc.)
- > SP: Capped Average Speed.
- > **SU:** Uncapped Average Speed.
- ➢ FF: Free Flow Speed.
- ➢ JF: Jam Factor. -1 to 10.
- > CN: Confidence Factor. 0.1 to 1.0 (DO NOT IGNORE)
- ➤ TS: Travers ability Status. "O"pen or "C"losed.







From: Paula Peterson <<u>tahoepaula@</u>

Sent: Monday, January 21, 2019 8:15 PM

To: Nelson, Steve@DOT <<u>steve.nelson@</u>

Subject: Message boards in South Lake Tahoe

Hello...hope you had a nice holiday!

There is something off with the message board times posted in SLT. It took people between 2.5 hours and 3 hours to get from the Y to Meyers for most of the day but the sign said 11 minutes, or sometimes 14 minutes. its great if the signs are accurate so people know...many are turning back tonight as they've been on US50 for hours and not getting far. Of course that is a bigger issue, I'm just curious about the timing.



Standstill on South Lake Tahoe area highway and streets; Groups looking into solution

Submitted by paula on Tue, 01/22/2019 - 8:44pm





Paula Peterson

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, Calif. - It's almost a perfect storm for traffic in Lake Tahoe: extra visitors in town for the holiday weekend and epic ski conditions with snow and chain requirements over US50 and Echo Summit.

On Monday, locals and visitors alike were part of that storm, leaving motorists stranded along US 50, Lake Tahoe Blvd., and all surface streets in Meyers that have a link to the highway over Echo Summit.

This isn't a new problem, but one that rears its ugly head on many Sundays and holidays throughout the year. And it's not just a South Lake Tahoe problem but one seen in Truckee and other towns across the west as populations grow.



Monday, January 21, 2019 18:28:07 PST

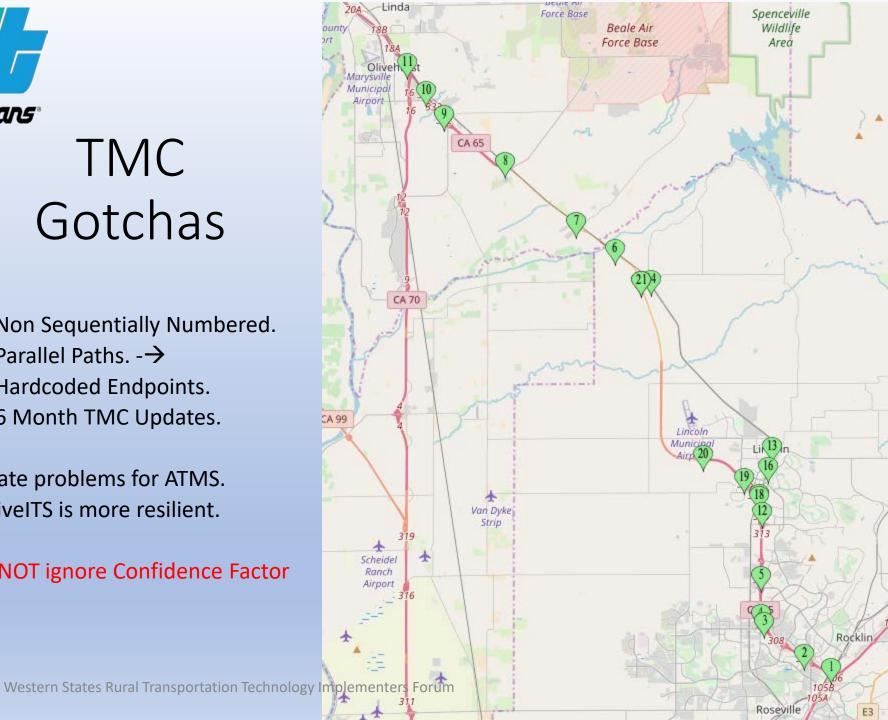


TMC Gotchas

- Non Sequentially Numbered. \geq
- \succ Parallel Paths. ->
- Hardcoded Endpoints.
- ➢ 6 Month TMC Updates.

Create problems for ATMS. ActiveITS is more resilient.

Do NOT ignore Confidence Factor





Waze 2nd Pass Pros

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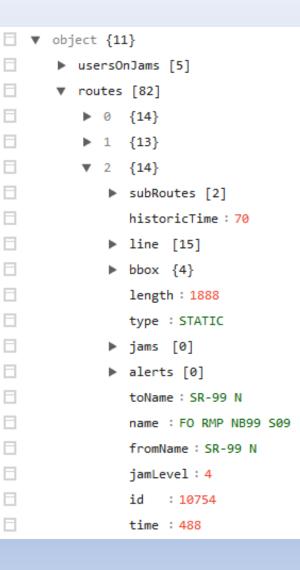
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- JSON Feed
- Segment Definition
- Segment Accuracy (Immediate)
- TT Accuracy (In Seconds)
- Not Limited by TMC End Points
 - Interpolated by Waze?

Live map Ca	rpool Partners Support	
WATCHLIST		+
FO RMP NB99 S08 to SR-99 N to SR-99 N 1.07 miles	10 min longer than usual 11 min 6 mph 1 min 64 mph	in the second s
FO RMP NB99 S09 SR-99 N to SR-99 N 1.17 miles	16 min longer than usual 17 min 4 mph 1 min 60 mph	





Waze 2nd Pass Cons

Not Resolved in 2nd Pass
➤ Lack of Confidence Factor
➤ ATMS Integration (Velocity Spoofing)
➤ No Support for ActiveITS



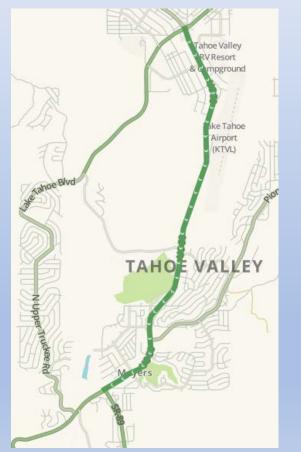




Waze 1 Easy Segment 4.83 Miles

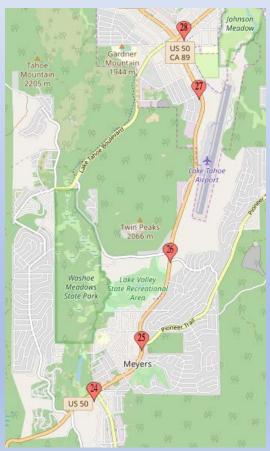
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HERE 7 Fixed Segments 4.81





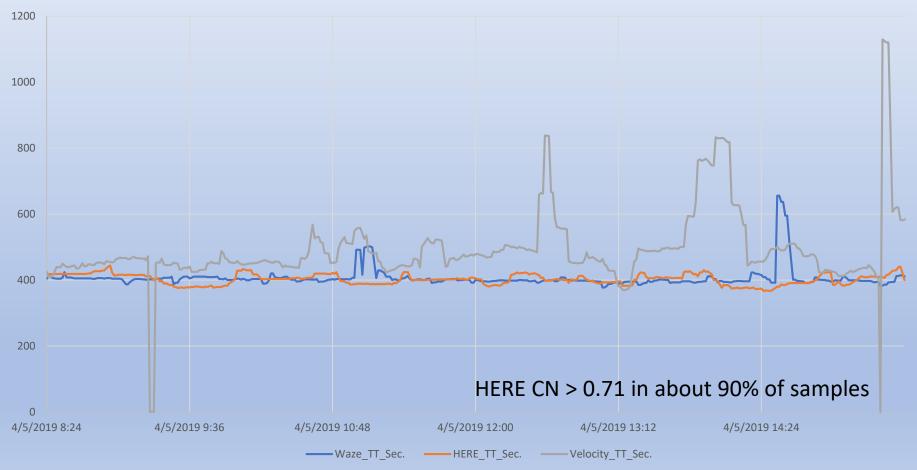
Bluetooth - Velocity 5 Readers, 4 Segments 5.01 Miles





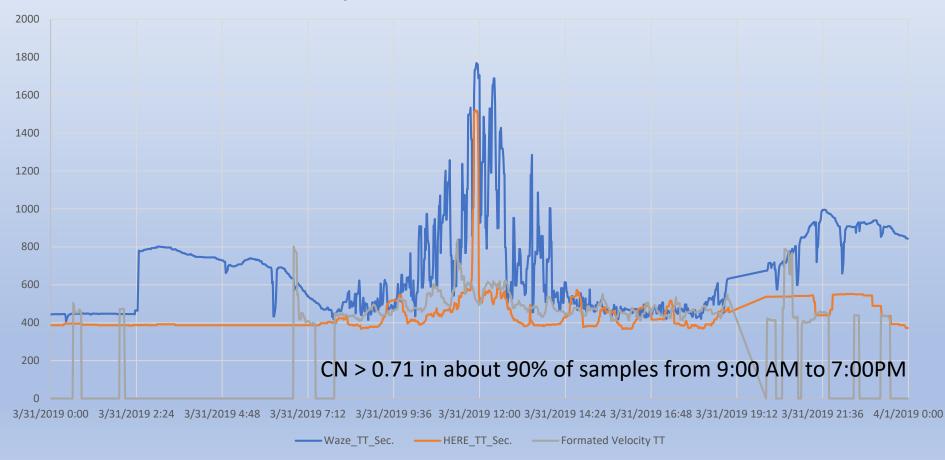
SLT Revisited – Free Flow

TT Comparison Friday April 5th, 2019 - 8:00 to 16:15





TT Comparison Sunday March 1st, 2019 - 00:00 to 23:59





Conclusion & Next Steps

 \blacktriangleright BTR's are out. Phasing out Loops. (ActiveITS) \succ Jury is out on Waze vs. HERE. **Tach Runs** \blacktriangleright Free flow with Traffic. \succ Free flow without Traffic. Bad Weather. ≻ Holiday Weekend (July 4th).



