



Mobility Reliability of Transportation Systems: Traffic on I-71

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Why is this important?



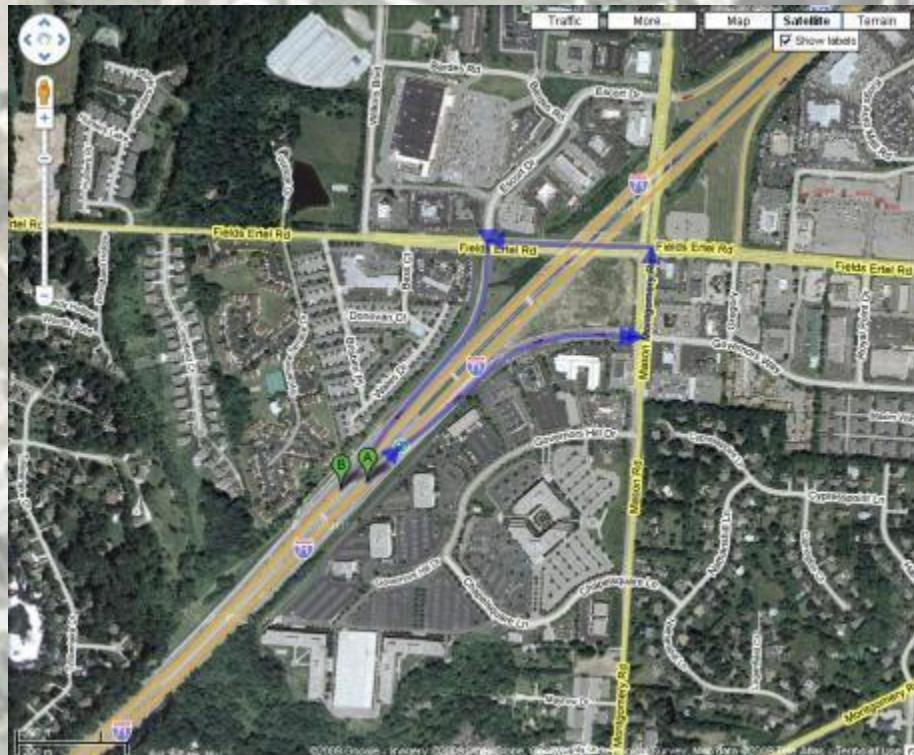
Goals and Objectives

- Find travel time reliability measures along the I-71 corridor from exit 19 to exit 1.
 - Use GPS Data Loggers to acquire travel time data.
 - Use Excel spreadsheet to calculate travel time reliabilities.



Data Collection

- Drive a car from Exit 19 to Exit 192 (Kentucky) and back. The car should follow the flow of traffic and try to avoid overtaking other vehicles or being overtaken by other vehicles.

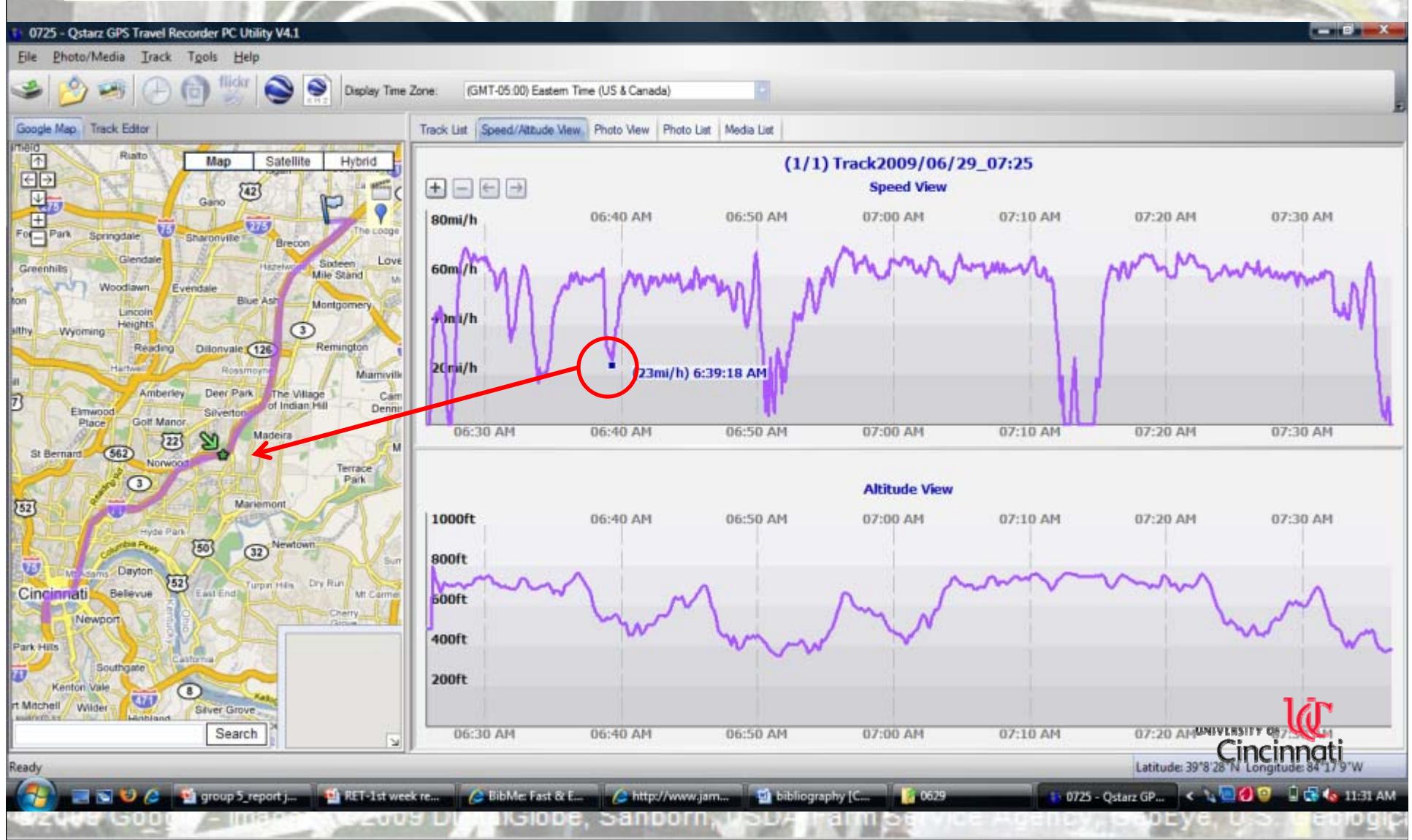


- U-Turn Plan@ exit 19



- U-Turn Plan@ exit 192

- Upload GPS data to Travel Recorder software
 - Export to Excel spreadsheet



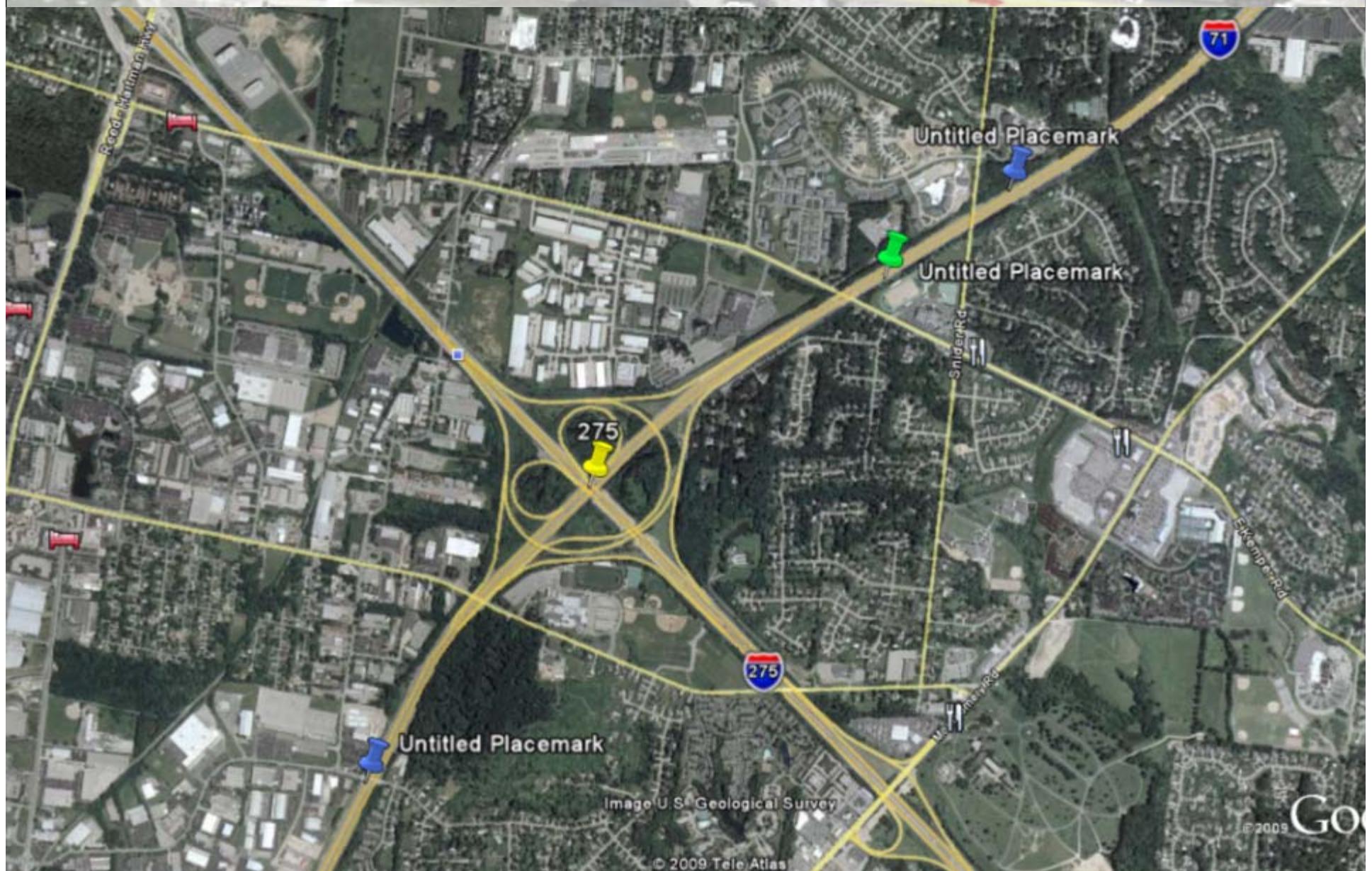
Convert to Excel file

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Traffic

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Google Earth



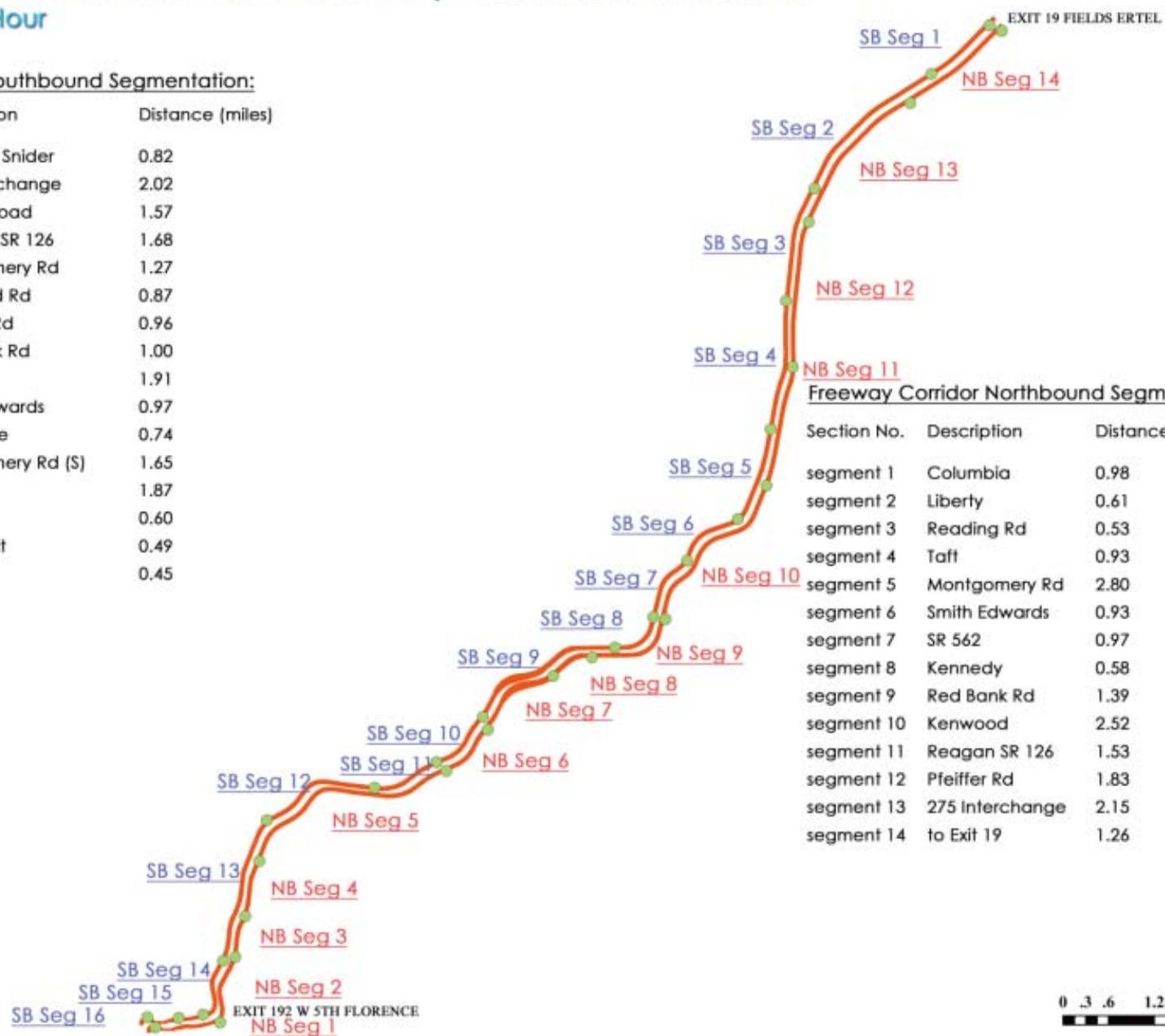
MAP 3

Segmentation Plan of Freeway Corridor Studied

Morning Peak Hour

Freeway Corridor Southbound Segmentation:

Section No.	Description	Distance (miles)
segment 1	Exit 19 to Snider	0.82
segment 2	275 Interchange	2.02
segment 3	Pfeiffer Road	1.57
segment 4	Reagan, SR 126	1.68
segment 5	Montgomery Rd	1.27
segment 6	Kenwood Rd	0.87
segment 7	Stewart Rd	0.96
segment 8	Red Bank Rd	1.00
segment 9	SR 562	1.91
segment 10	Smith Edwards	0.97
segment 11	Dana Ave	0.74
segment 12	Montgomery Rd (\$)	1.65
segment 13	Taft	1.87
segment 14	Liberty	0.60
segment 15	71/50 split	0.49
segment 16	to finish	0.45



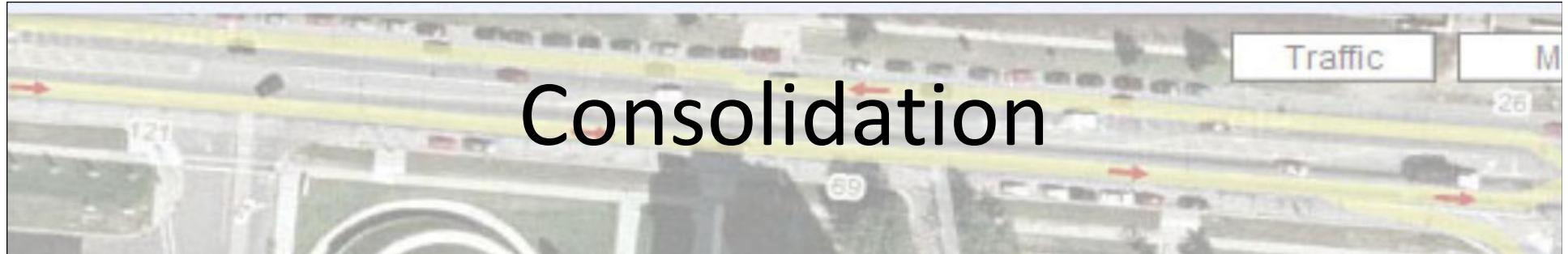
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segment 3	Reading Rd	0.53
segment 4	Taft	0.93
segment 5	Montgomery Rd	2.80
segment 6	Smith Edwards	0.93
segment 7	SR 562	0.97
segment 8	Kennedy	0.58
segment 9	Red Bank Rd	1.39
segment 10	Kenwood	2.52
segment 11	Reagan SR 126	1.53
segment 12	Pfeiffer Rd	1.83
segment 13	275 Interchange	2.15
segment 14	to Exit 19	1.26



Segmenting Excel and Calculate Travel Times

Consolidation



A screenshot of a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet showing a table of data over an aerial map of a highway interchange. The map features multiple roads, interchanges, and traffic overlays with red arrows indicating flow direction. A legend in the top right corner shows icons for 'Traffic' and 'M'. The table below has columns labeled A through P and rows numbered 1 through 26.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Southbound		629				630		701				706 (cf)			708 (cf)
2		kate	brad	yao			1		yao	brad	kate		brad	kate		brad k
3	section 1		:46	:45	:44		1:00		1:37	1:37	2:24		:45	:50		:45
4	trip 2			:40			1:00				:48					:40
5																
6																
7																
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9	section 2		1:58	1:45	1:42		2:40		6:00	6:00	7:08		1:50	1:48		1:55
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12																
13																
14																
15	section 3		3:42	1:40	1:23		2:00		3:07	3:07	3:00		1:20	1:26		1:30
16				1:20			1:30				2:26					1:25
17																
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19																
20																
21	section 4		1:08	2:50	1:27		2:00		2:03	2:03	1:46		1:35	1:36		2:35
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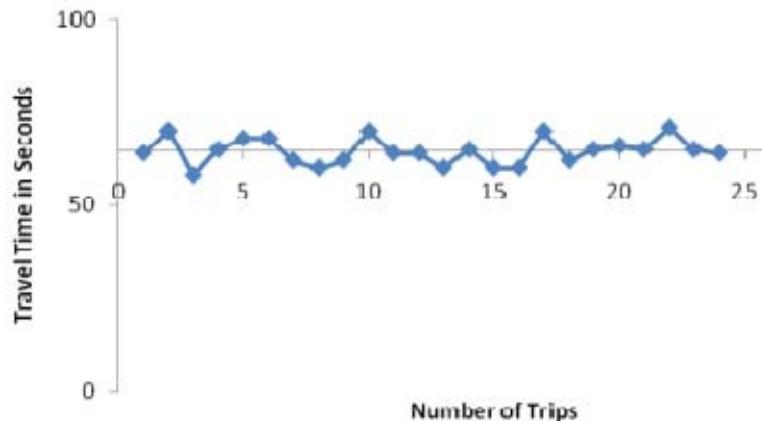
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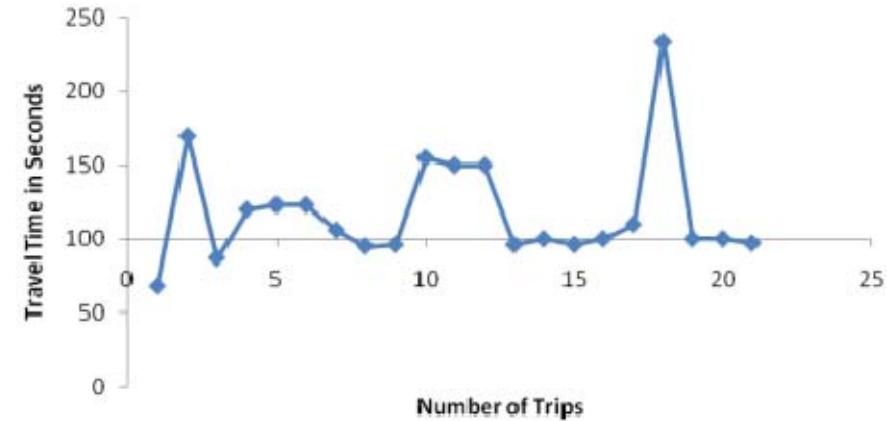
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Determine Critical Segments

SECTION 10

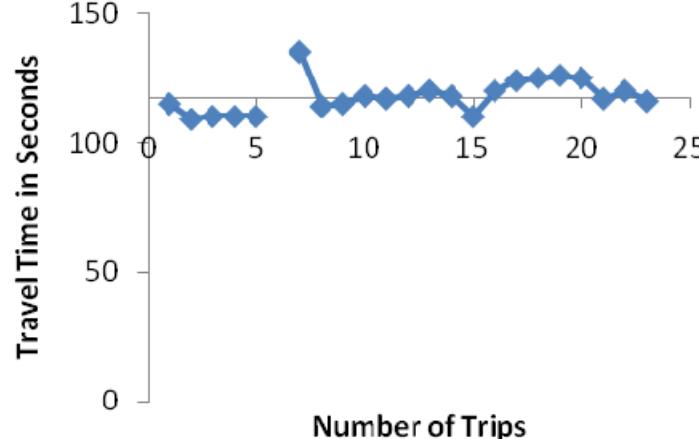


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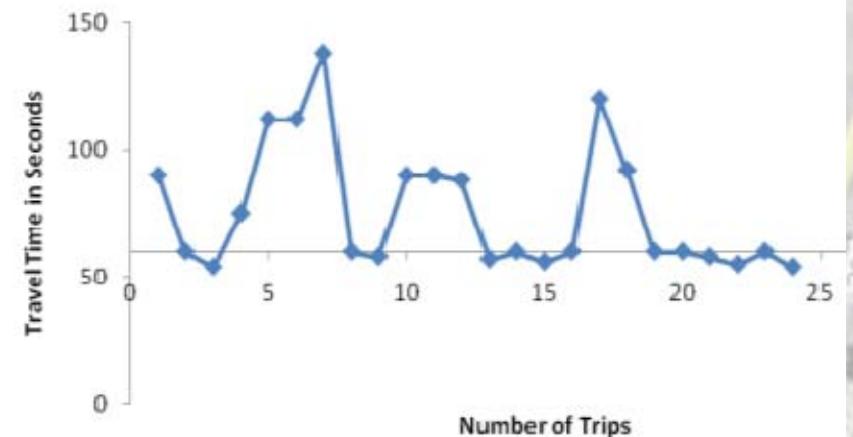
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Section 13



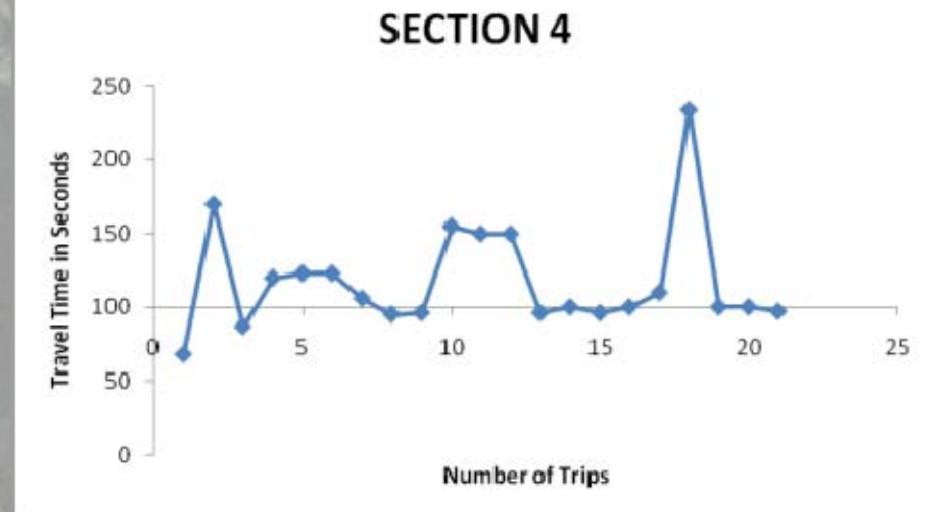
Critical Segments

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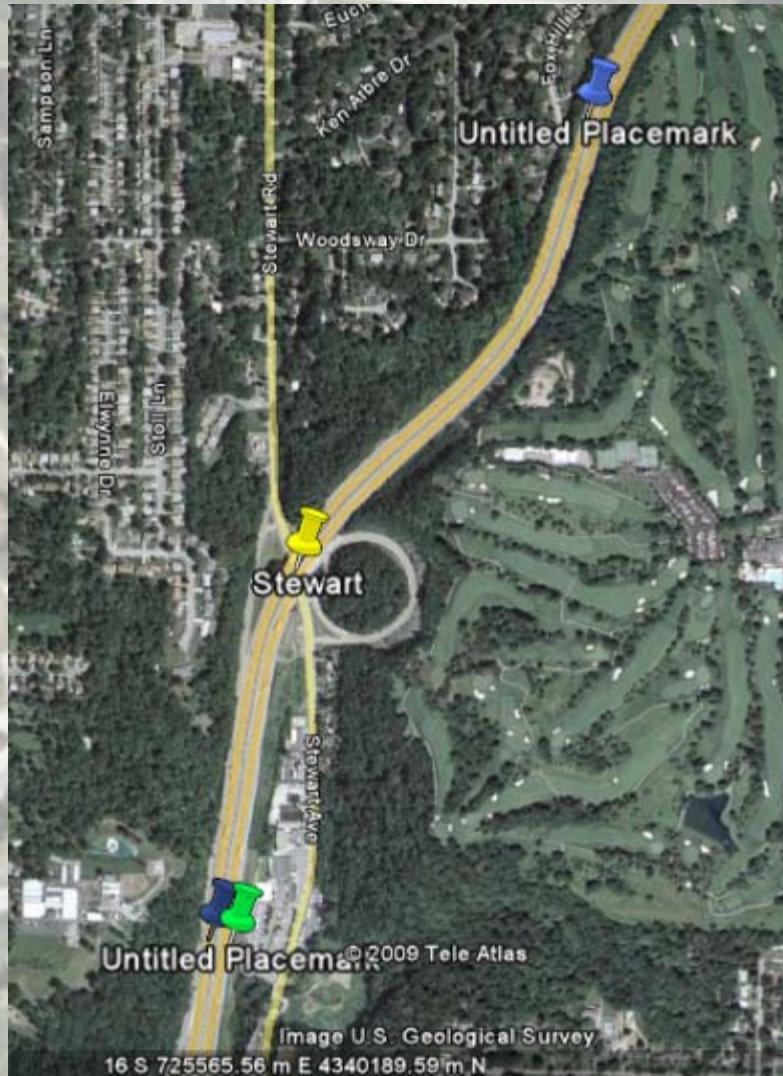


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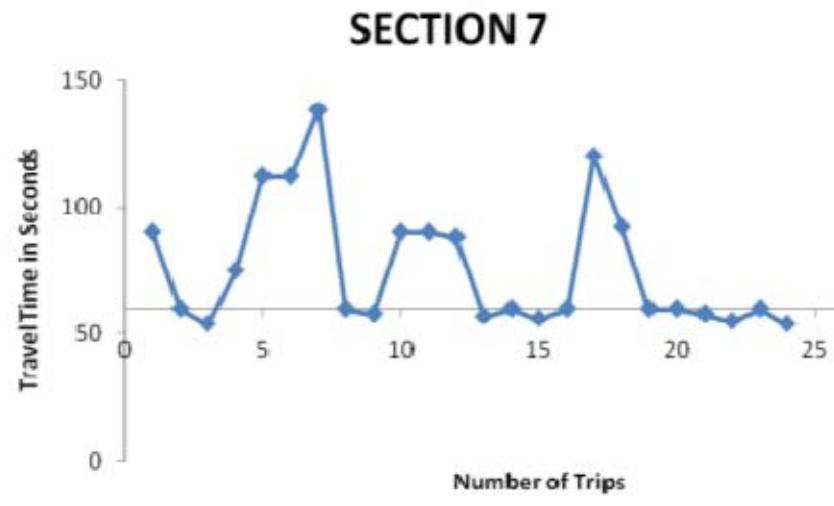
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 - Segment 4
 - 25 second delay time
 - 1.68 mile segment

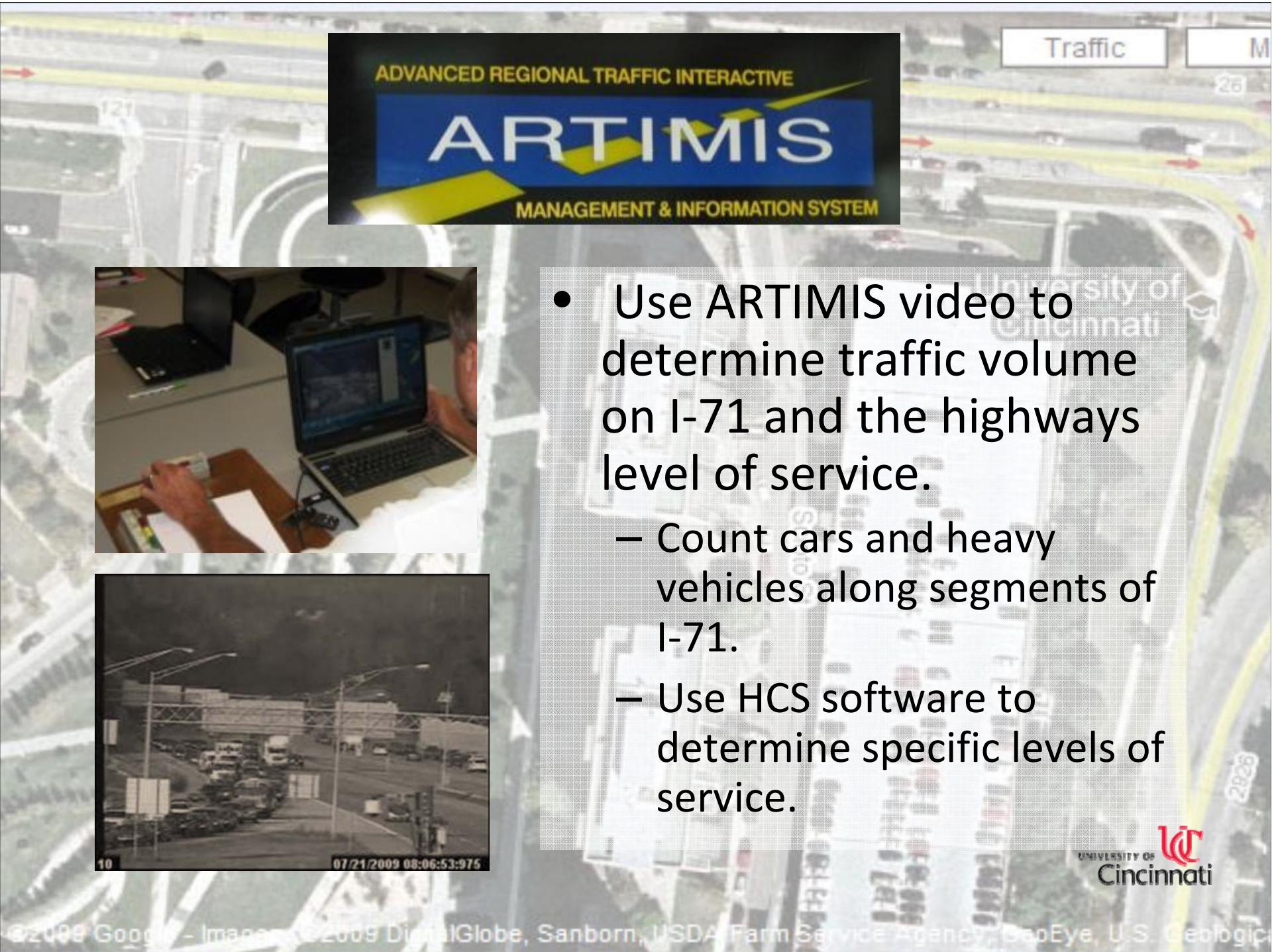


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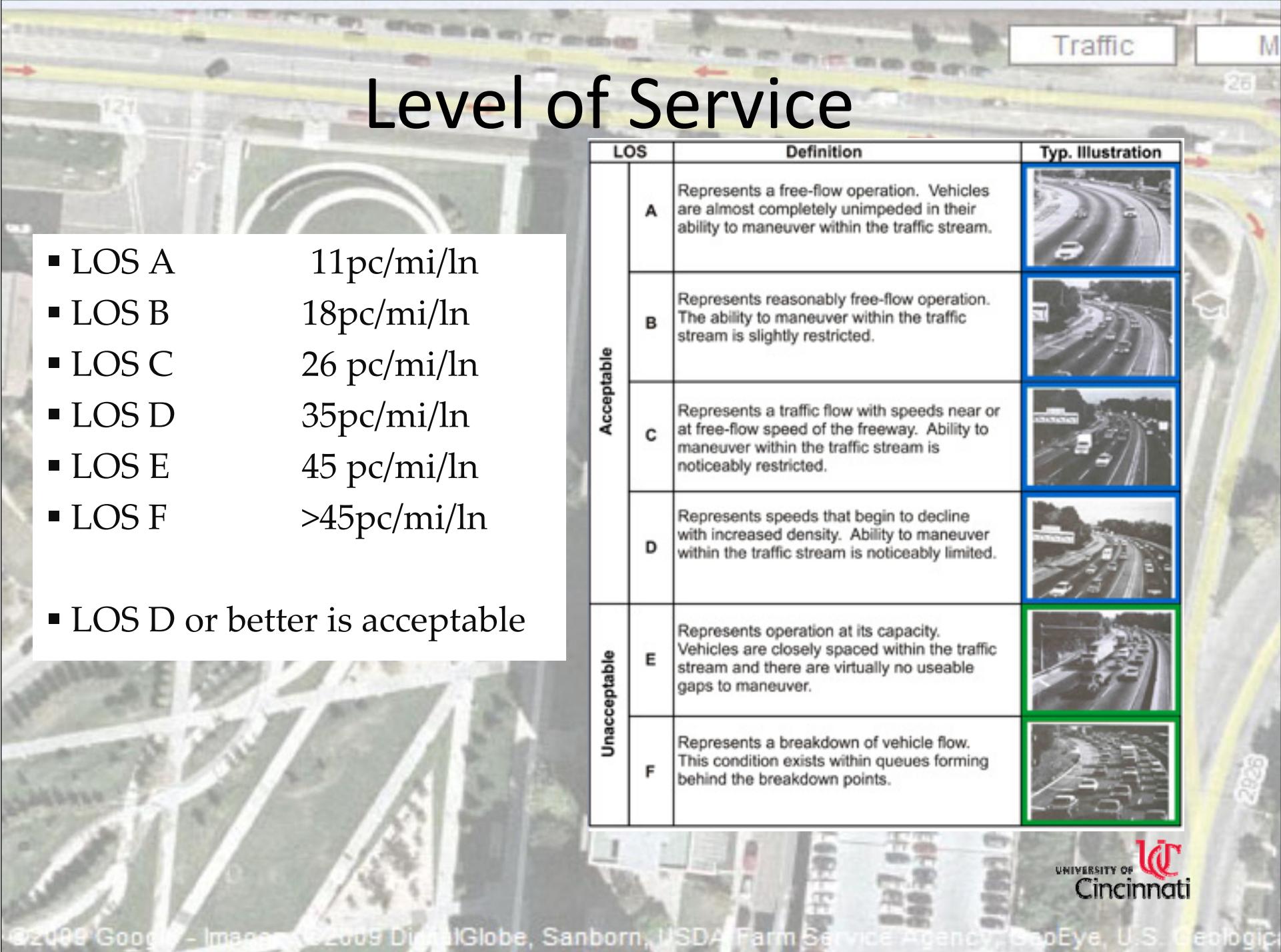


- Determine critical segments
 - Segment 7
 - 13 second delay time
 - .96 mile segment





- Use ARTIMIS video to determine traffic volume on I-71 and the highways level of service.
 - Count cars and heavy vehicles along segments of I-71.
 - Use HCS software to determine specific levels of service.

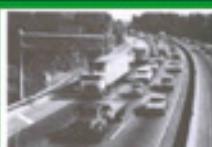
A blurred aerial photograph of a complex highway interchange with multiple overpasses and ramps. Red arrows are overlaid on the image to show the direction of traffic flow. In the top right corner, there is a speed limit sign that reads "25".

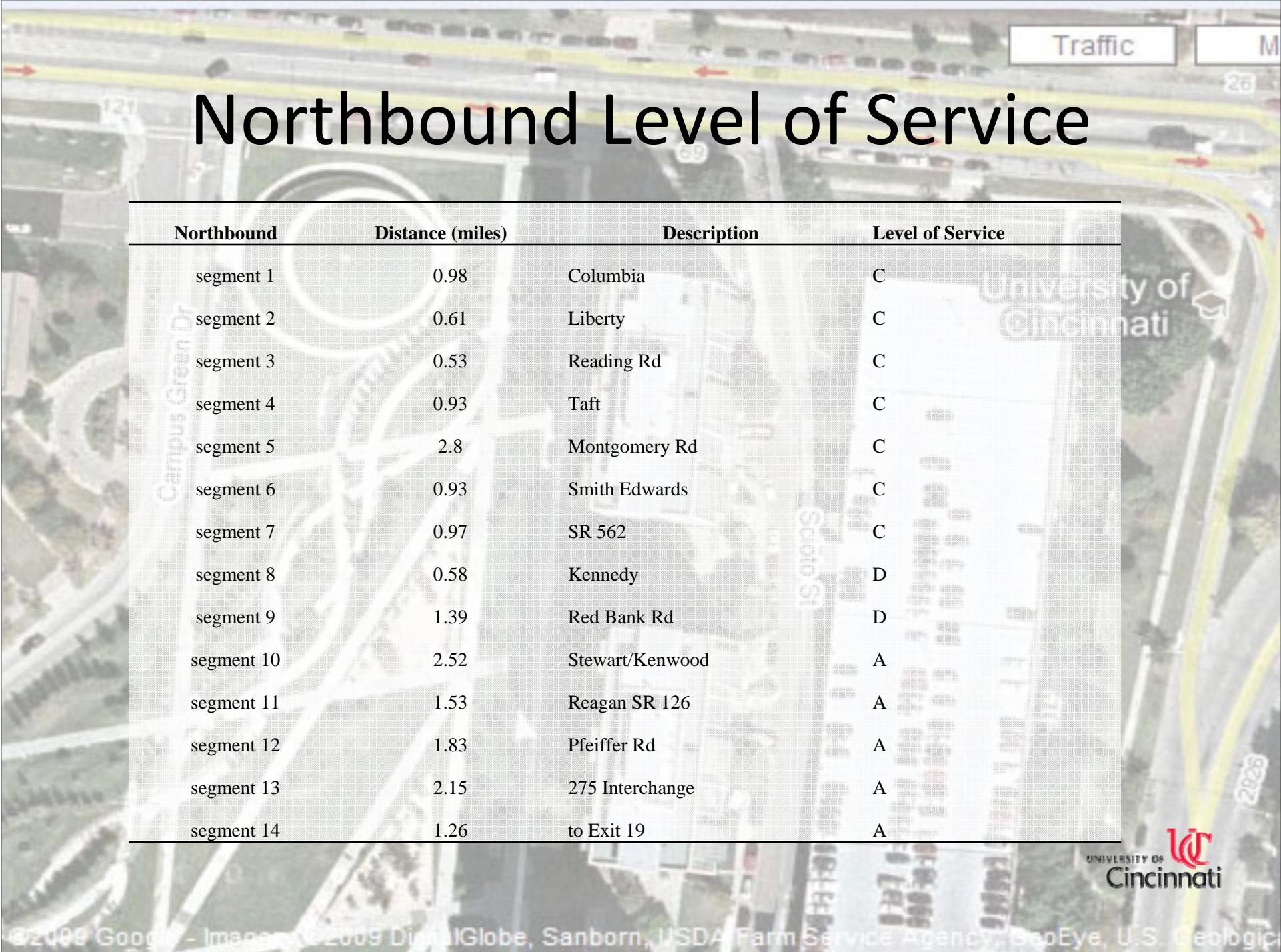
Traffic

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Level of Service

- LOS A 11pc/mi/ln
- LOS B 18pc/mi/ln
- LOS C 26 pc/mi/ln
- LOS D 35pc/mi/ln
- LOS E 45 pc/mi/ln
- LOS F >45pc/mi/ln
- LOS D or better is acceptable

LOS	Definition	Typ. Illustration
Acceptable	A Represents a free-flow operation. Vehicles are almost completely unimpeded in their ability to maneuver within the traffic stream.	
	B Represents reasonably free-flow operation. The ability to maneuver within the traffic stream is slightly restricted.	
	C Represents a traffic flow with speeds near or at free-flow speed of the freeway. Ability to maneuver within the traffic stream is noticeably restricted.	
	D Represents speeds that begin to decline with increased density. Ability to maneuver within the traffic stream is noticeably limited.	
Unacceptable	E Represents operation at its capacity. Vehicles are closely spaced within the traffic stream and there are virtually no useable gaps to maneuver.	
	F Represents a breakdown of vehicle flow. This condition exists within queues forming behind the breakdown points.	

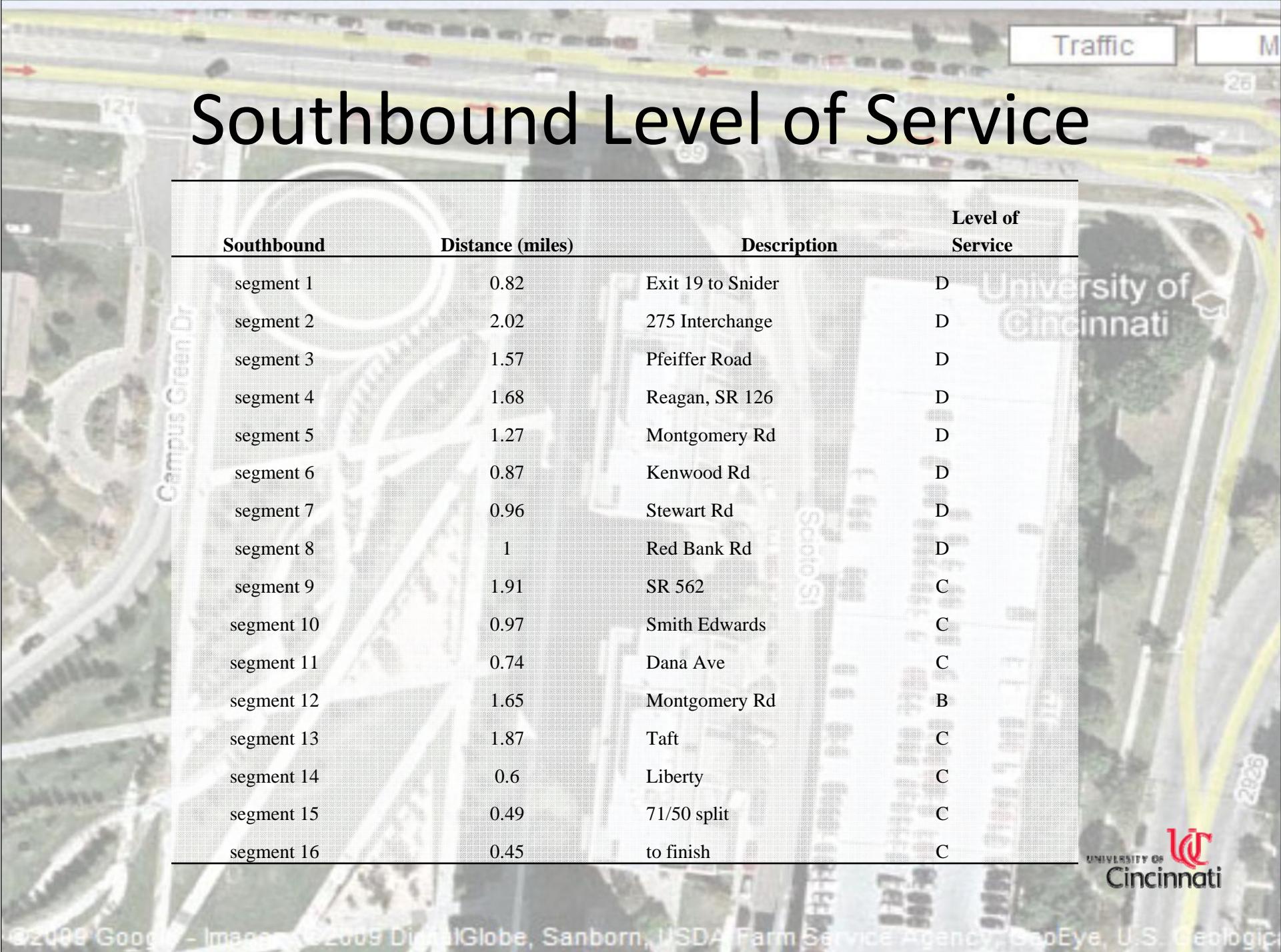
An aerial photograph of a highway interchange. Red arrows indicate traffic flow on the highway. Labels include "Campus Green Dr", "University of Cincinnati", "Columbia", "Liberty", "Reading Rd", "Taft", "Montgomery Rd", "Smith Edwards", "SR 562", "Kennedy", "Red Bank Rd", "Stewart/Kenwood", "Reagan SR 126", "Pfeiffer Rd", "275 Interchange", and "to Exit 19". A "Traffic" sign is visible in the top right corner.

Traffic

Northbound Level of Service

Northbound	Distance (miles)	Description	Level of Service
segment 1	0.98	Columbia	C
segment 2	0.61	Liberty	C
segment 3	0.53	Reading Rd	C
segment 4	0.93	Taft	C
segment 5	2.8	Montgomery Rd	C
segment 6	0.93	Smith Edwards	C
segment 7	0.97	SR 562	C
segment 8	0.58	Kennedy	D
segment 9	1.39	Red Bank Rd	D
segment 10	2.52	Stewart/Kenwood	A
segment 11	1.53	Reagan SR 126	A
segment 12	1.83	Pfeiffer Rd	A
segment 13	2.15	275 Interchange	A
segment 14	1.26	to Exit 19	A



Aerial map showing a complex highway interchange with multiple lanes and traffic flow indicated by red arrows. Road names visible include Campus Green Dr, 121, 95, 26, and University of Cincinnati. A 'Traffic' button is visible in the top right corner.

Traffic

Southbound Level of Service

Southbound	Distance (miles)	Description	Level of Service
segment 1	0.82	Exit 19 to Snider	D
segment 2	2.02	275 Interchange	D
segment 3	1.57	Pfeiffer Road	D
segment 4	1.68	Reagan, SR 126	D
segment 5	1.27	Montgomery Rd	D
segment 6	0.87	Kenwood Rd	D
segment 7	0.96	Stewart Rd	D
segment 8	1	Red Bank Rd	D
segment 9	1.91	SR 562	C
segment 10	0.97	Smith Edwards	C
segment 11	0.74	Dana Ave	C
segment 12	1.65	Montgomery Rd	B
segment 13	1.87	Taft	C
segment 14	0.6	Liberty	C
segment 15	0.49	71/50 split	C
segment 16	0.45	to finish	C



MAP 6

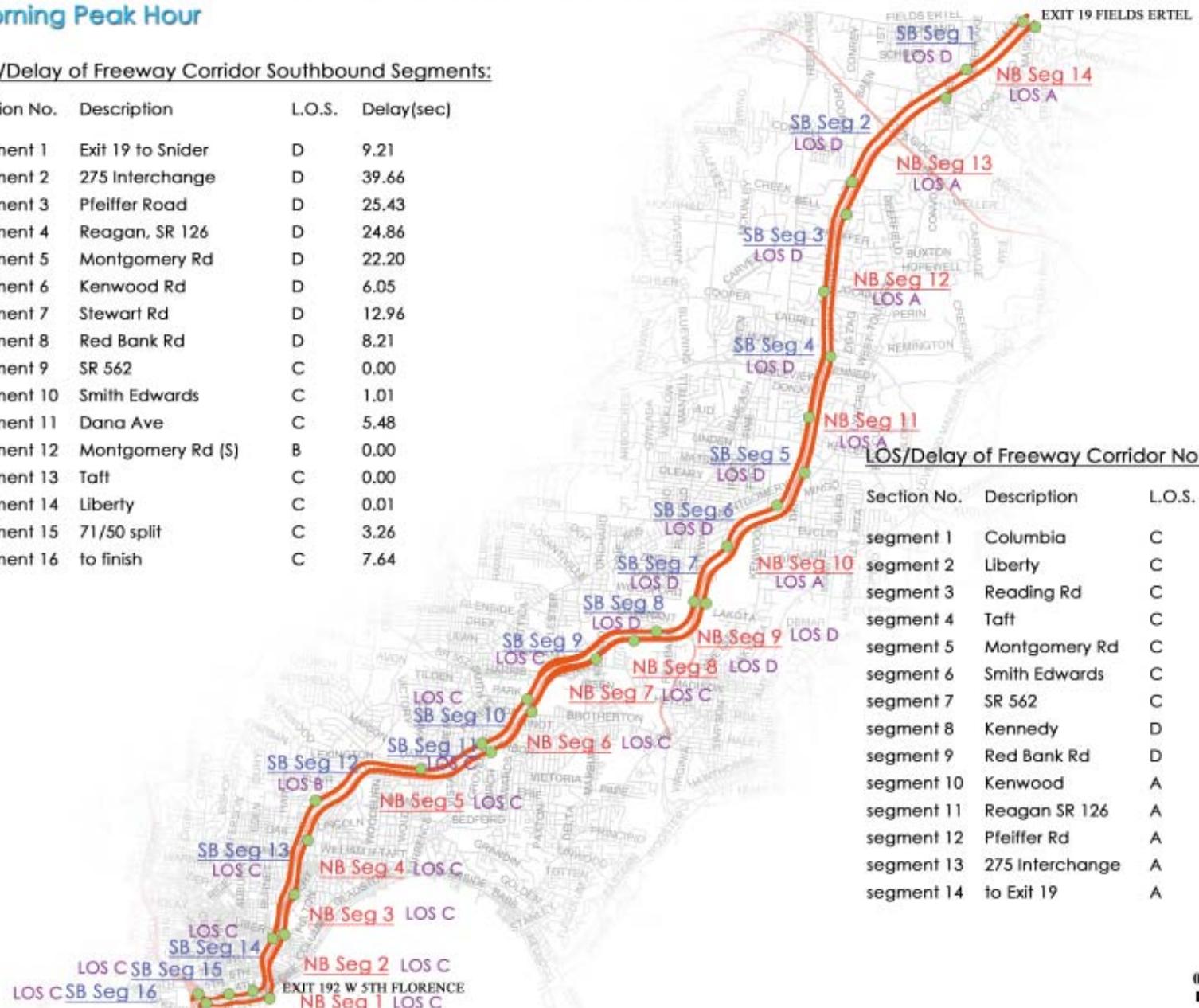
Level of Service/Delay Plan of Freeway Segments

Morning Peak Hour



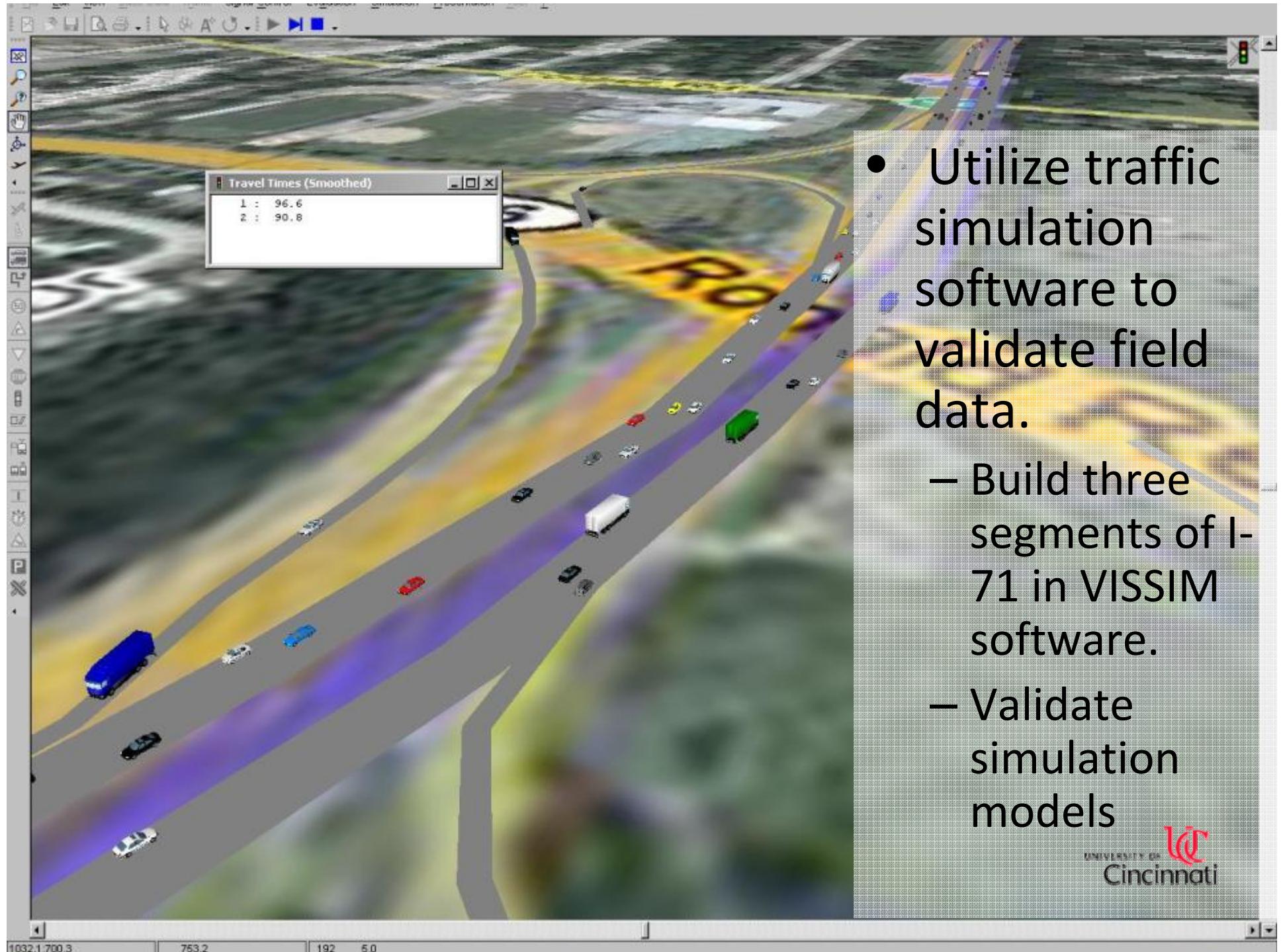
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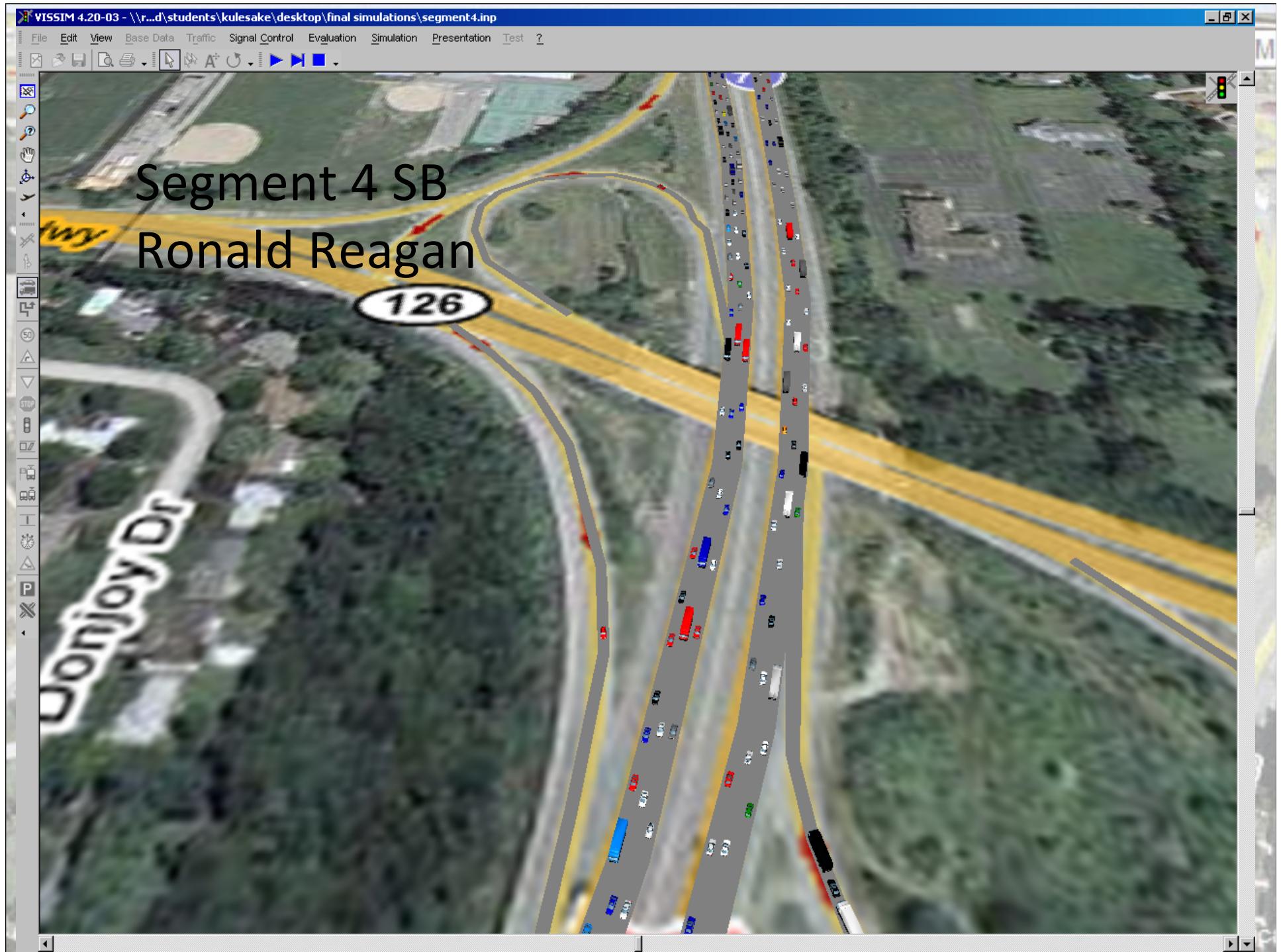
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segment 5	Montgomery Rd	D	22.20
segment 6	Kenwood Rd	D	6.05
segment 7	Stewart Rd	D	12.96
segment 8	Red Bank Rd	D	8.21
segment 9	SR 562	C	0.00
segment 10	Smith Edwards	C	1.01
segment 11	Dana Ave	C	5.48
segment 12	Montgomery Rd (S)	B	0.00
segment 13	Taft	C	0.00
segment 14	Liberty	C	0.01
segment 15	71/50 split	C	3.26
segment 16	to finish	C	7.64

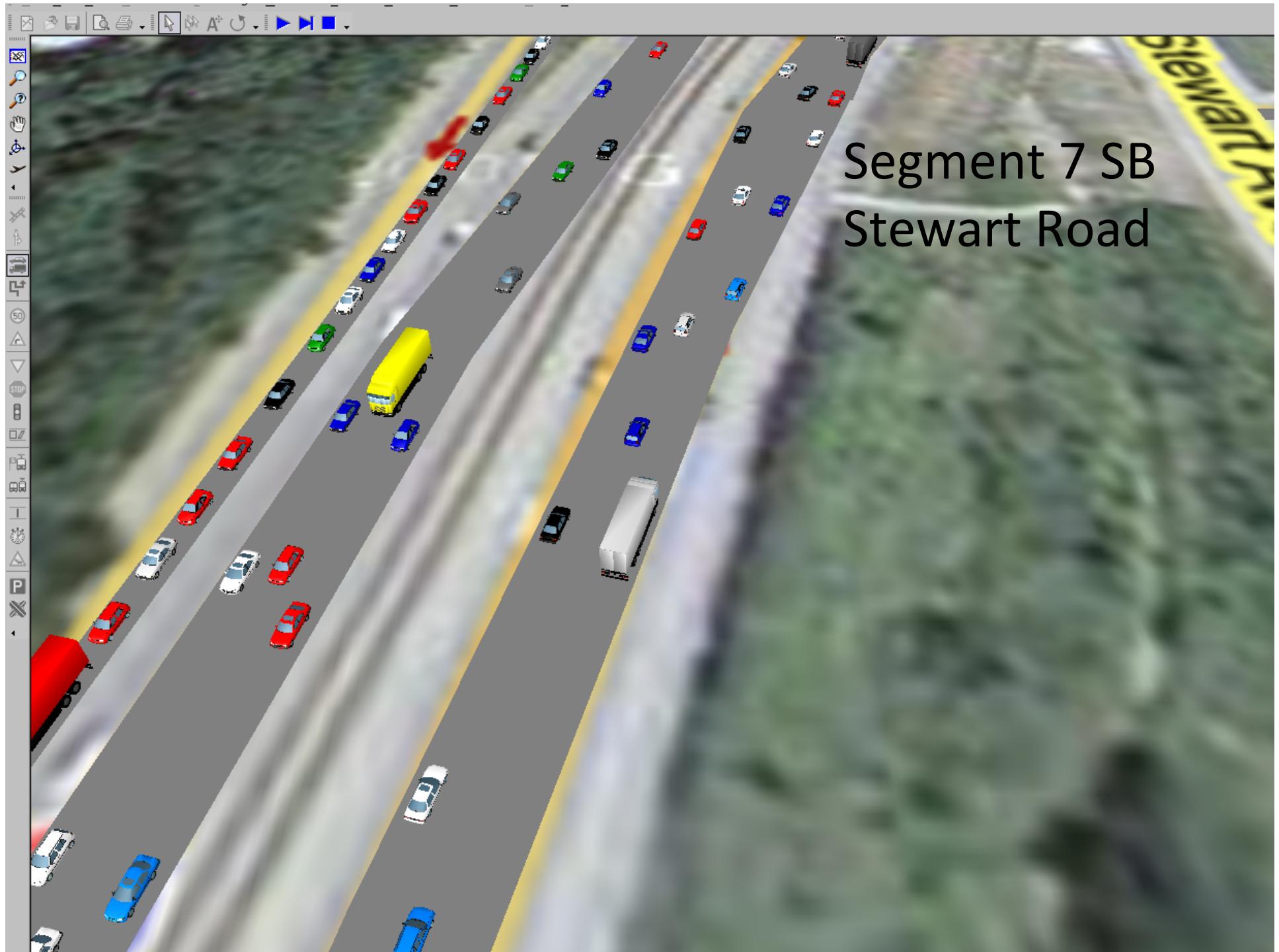


LOS/Delay of Freeway Corridor Northbound Segments:

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segment 3	Reading Rd	C	0.00
segment 4	Taft	C	0.00
segment 5	Montgomery Rd	C	0.00
segment 6	Smith Edwards	C	0.00
segment 7	SR 562	C	0.00
segment 8	Kennedy	D	0.00
segment 9	Red Bank Rd	D	12.40
segment 10	Kenwood	A	8.51
segment 11	Reagan SR 126	A	3.49
segment 12	Pfeiffer Rd	A	4.11
segment 13	275 Interchange	A	5.38
segment 14	to Exit 19	A	2.60

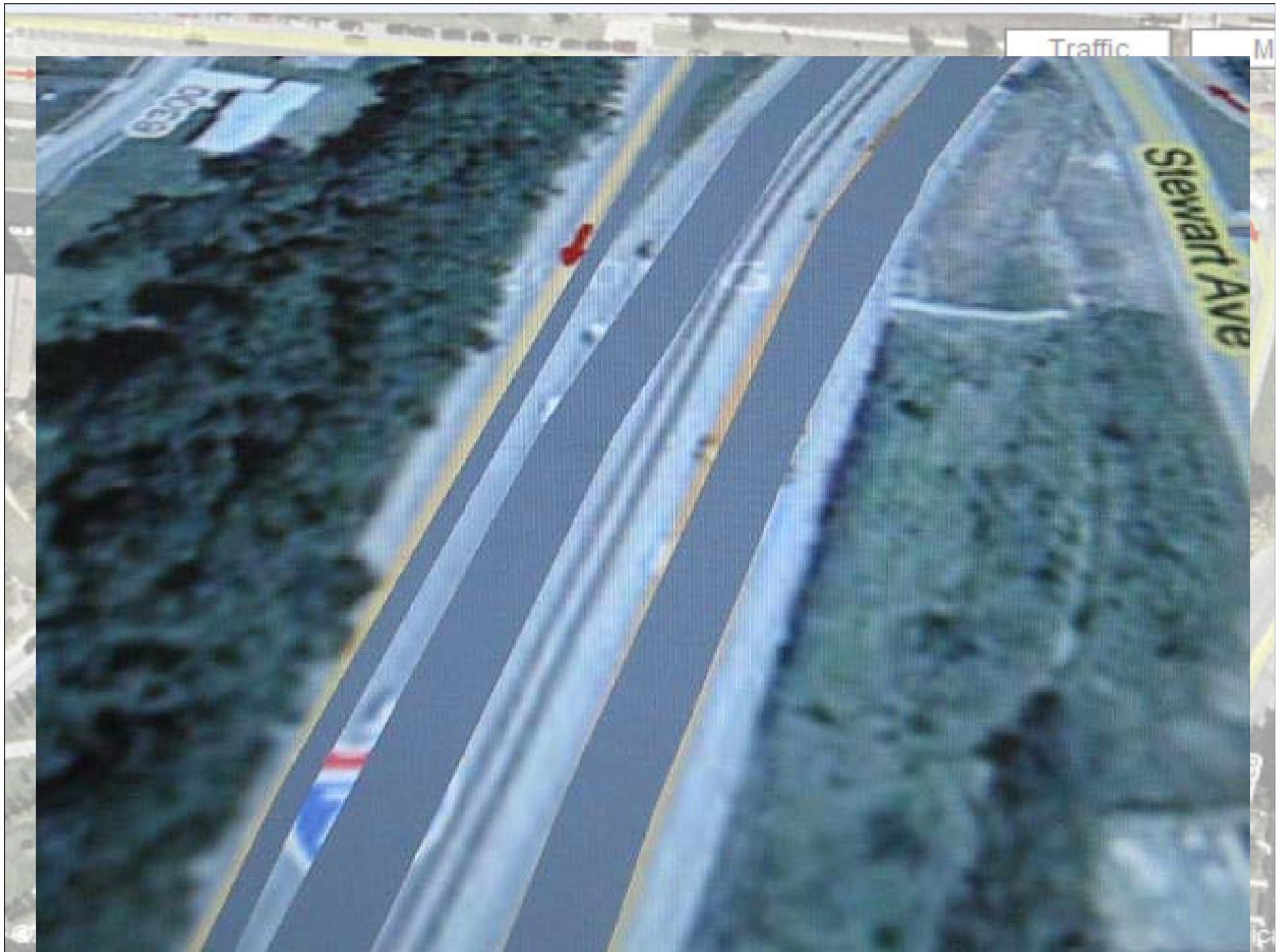








Segment 9 NB
Red Bank Road



Traffic

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Reliability

Buffer Time – The time that is added to the Average Travel Time to ensure 95% on Time arrival.

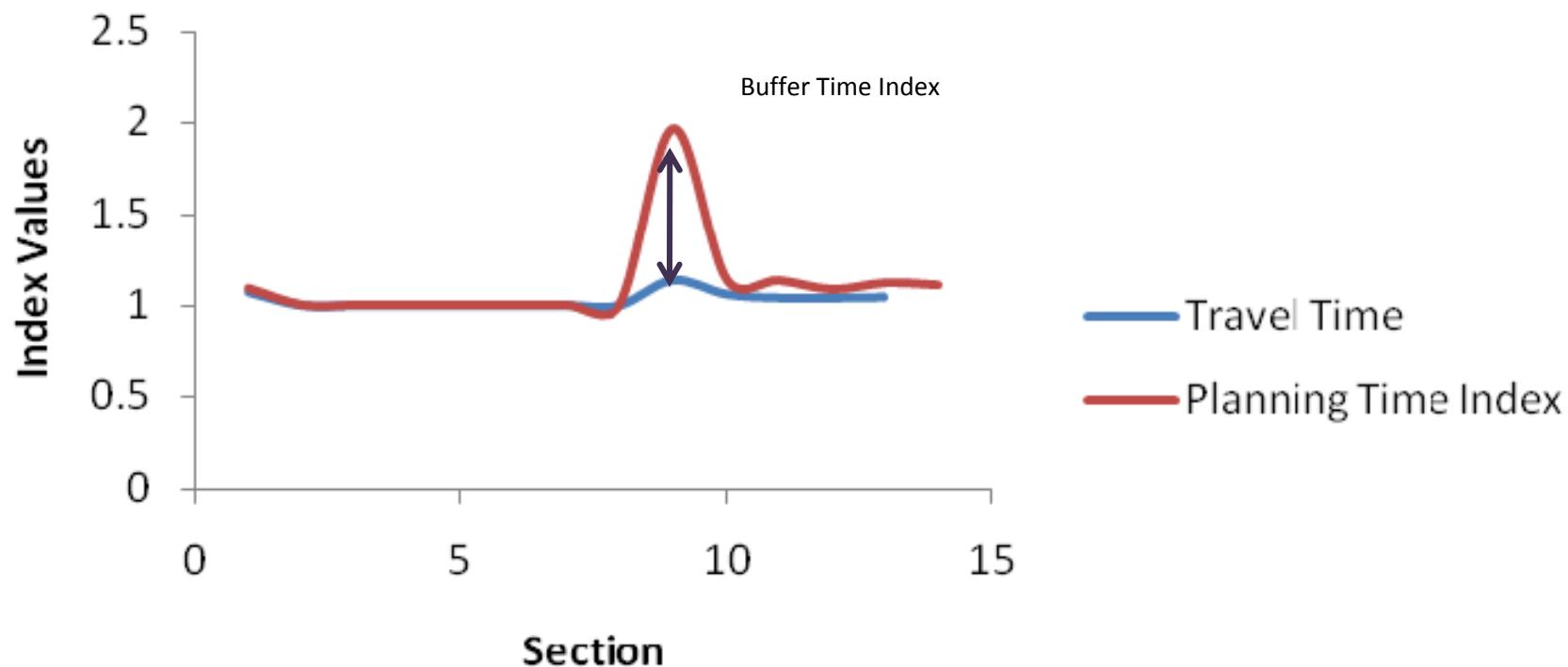
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Buffer Time Index – Buffer Time / Average travel time

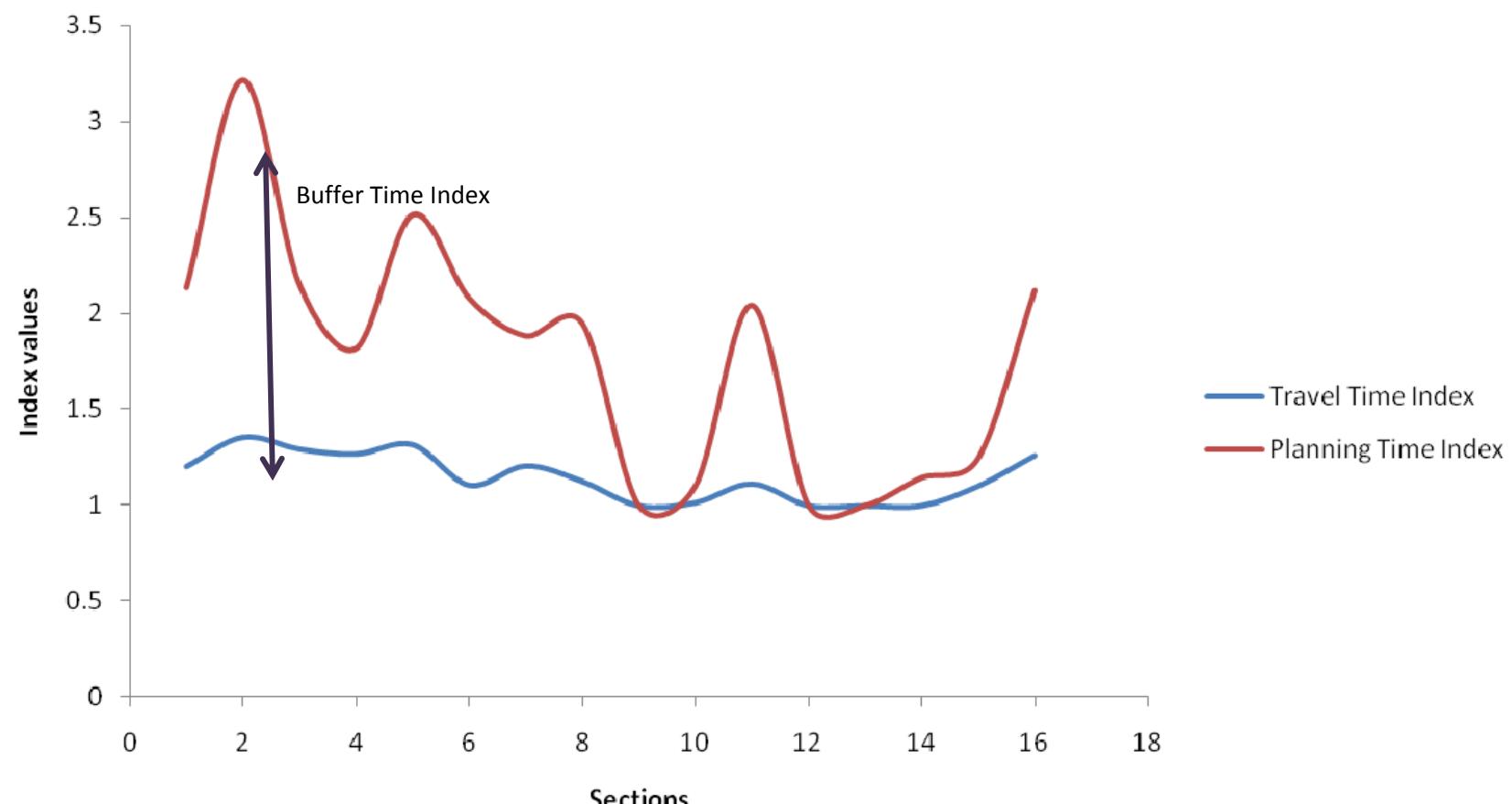
Travel Time Index – Average travel time / Free Flow time

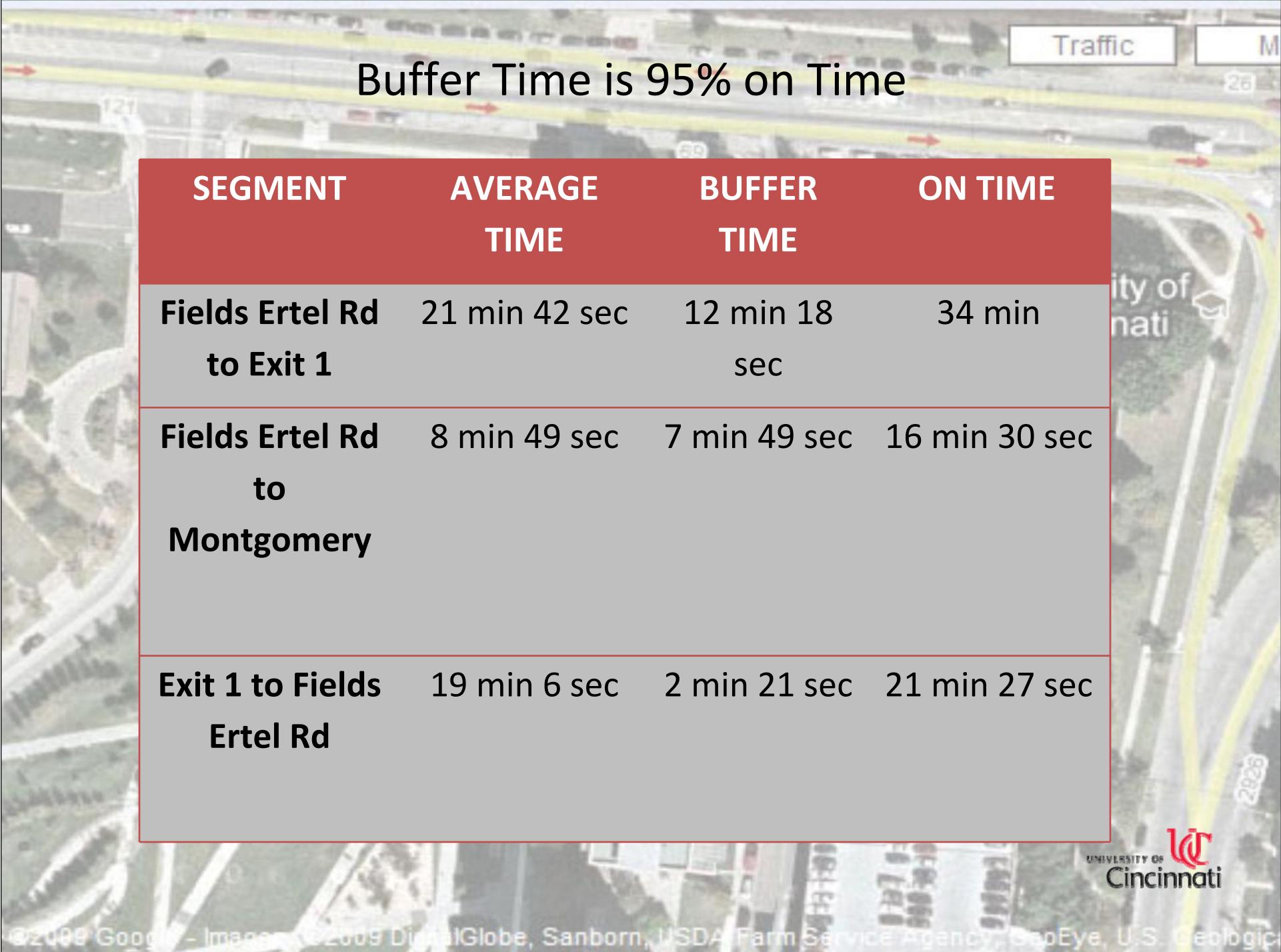
Planning Index – $95^{\text{th}} \text{ percentile time} / \text{Free Flow time}$

Planning Time, Travel Time, Buffer Time: Northbound I-71



Planning Time, Travel Time, Buffer Time: Southbound I-71





Buffer Time is 95% on Time

SEGMENT	AVERAGE TIME	BUFFER TIME	ON TIME
Fields Ertel Rd to Exit 1	21 min 42 sec	12 min 18 sec	34 min
Fields Ertel Rd to Montgomery	8 min 49 sec	7 min 49 sec	16 min 30 sec
Exit 1 to Fields Ertel Rd	19 min 6 sec	2 min 21 sec	21 min 27 sec

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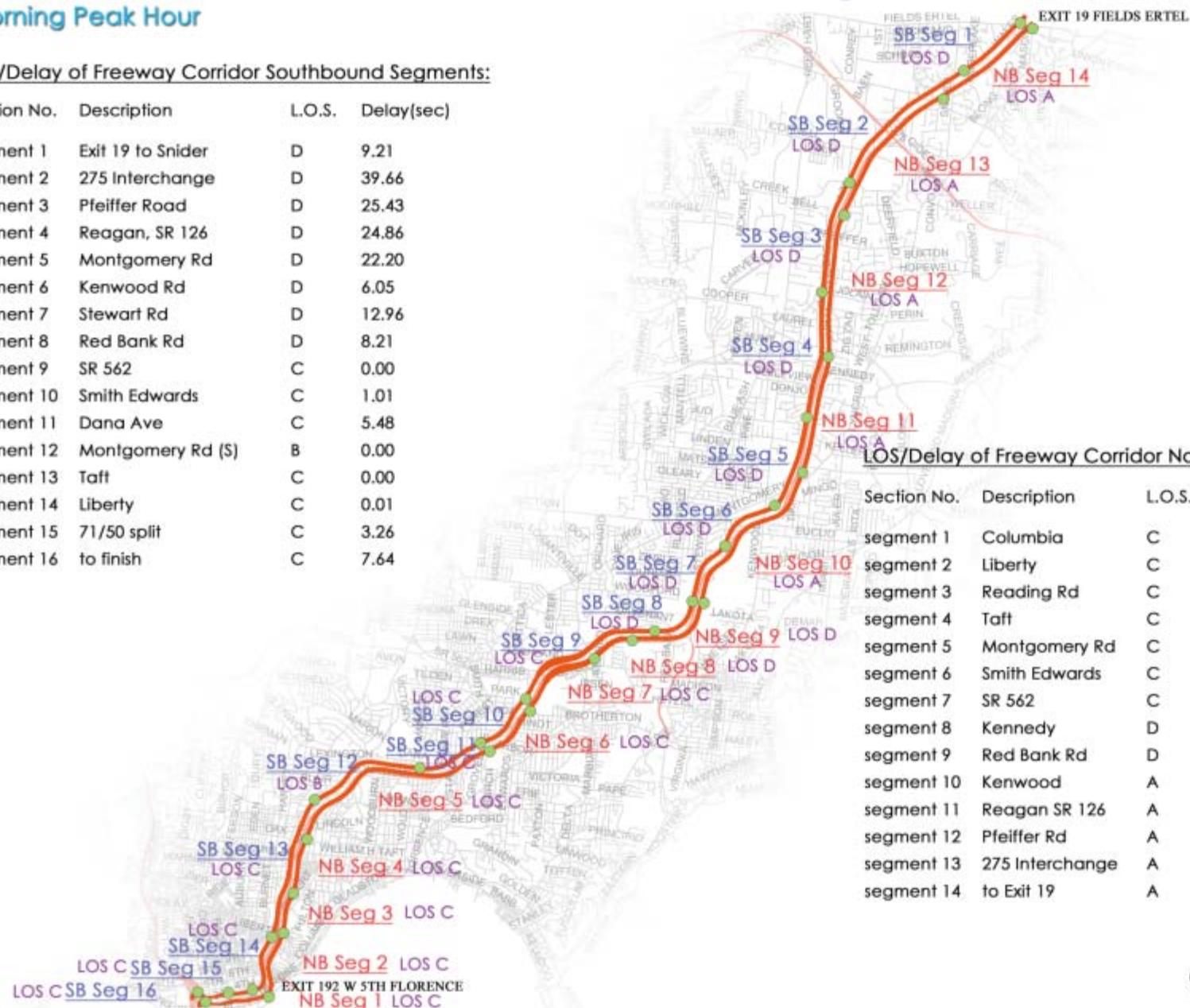
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segment 9	SR 562	C	0.00
segment 10	Smith Edwards	C	1.01
segment 11	Dana Ave	C	5.48
segment 12	Montgomery Rd (S)	B	0.00
segment 13	Taft	C	0.00
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segment 8	Kennedy	D	0.00
segment 9	Red Bank Rd	D	12.40
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segment 13	275 Interchange	A	5.38
segment 14	to Exit 19	A	2.60

0 .3 .6 1.2 1.8 2.4 Miles



Items to Consider

- Data collected during summer months
 - Study of traffic during non-summer months
 - Extended period of study
 - Past data collection
- Data collected during morning peak hours
 - More study during non-peak hours
- Event Analysis
 - Accidents
 - Weather
- What happens if volume is increased?
 - Effects on LOS?