

### StreetLight Data Usage at MnDOT

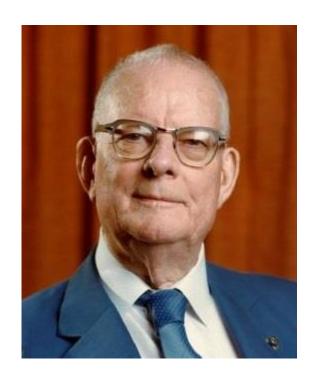
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#### StreetLight Data



"Without data you're just another person with an opinion."
-W. Edwards Deming, Data Scientist



#### StreetLight Data

#### **Data Privacy**

No personally identifiable information is collected!

StreetLight does **NOT** collect personally identifiable device information

MnDOT does NOT collect personally identifiable device information

- -- all device data is anonymized
- -- StreetLight and MnDOT do **NOT** have information on minors

Home & work locations are inferred down to the Census Block Group and ZIP Code level

#### Usefulness

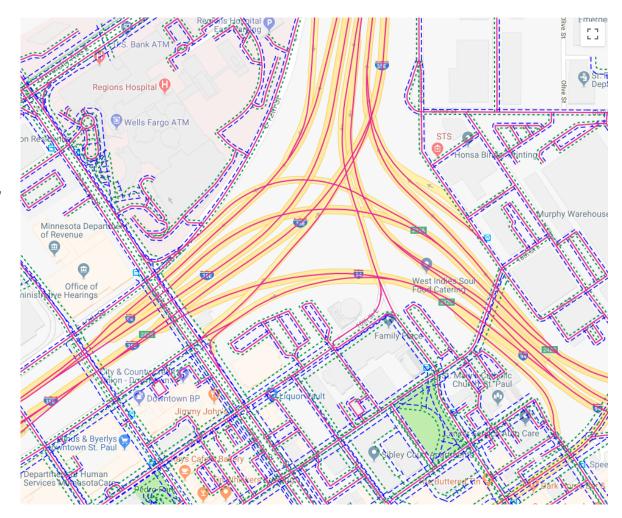
Interactive platform with full user control over queries & ability to iterate.

Users can create any type of "zones" or "gates" they would like - road segments, TAZs, shapefiles to use in their analysis.

Default map layer: the Open Street Map

– can upload any shapefiles

Location "pings" will lock to routes



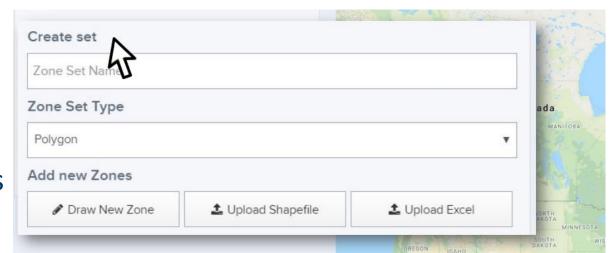
### Promptly

Queries can be set up quickly and users can run analytics on their own schedule without additional fees or delay in accessing results. Since Oct 2018:

- 87% of all the analyses run in the MnDOT account have finished processing in under 1 hour and;
- 71% in less than 10 minutes

#### Three easy steps:

- Create "zones"
- Set up Project type and parameters
- Analyze Outcome



#### **Analysis Options**

#### --- Select Type of Travel ---

Personal

Commercial

#### --- Select Mode of Travel ---

All Modes

Bicycles

Pedestrians

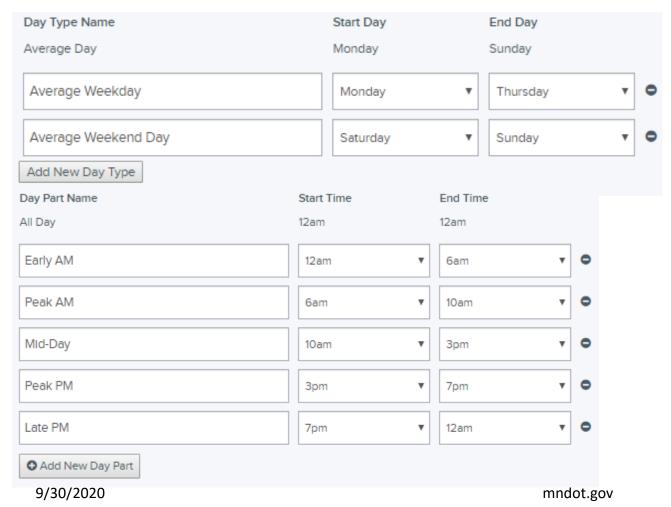
#### --- Select a Data Source Type ---

Location-Based Services with Pass-through

Navigation-GPS

#### **Output Options**

#### Data Type - Different Day Types and Day Parts



### Summary of Use cases

Speed studies

Before and after conditions

Freight Movements

**Turning Movement Counts** 

**Detours** 

Origin-Destination analyses

### Speed Changes on US 14

From July 2014 to September 2015, US 14 was upgraded to four lanes from US 218 to Steele County Rd 180

Compared May and June traffic in 2014 to May and June traffic in 2016

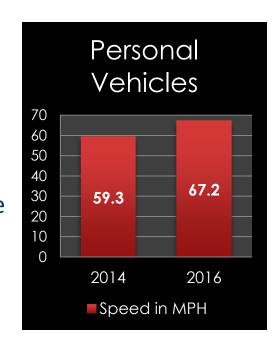
This analysis would not have been done if it wasn't for the historical data in StreetLight.



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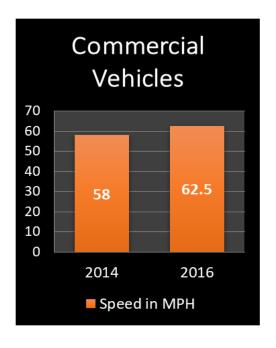
## Personal Vehicle Results

- Speeds increased by7.9 mph
- Insignificant difference for eastbound and westbound



## **Commercial Vehicle Results**

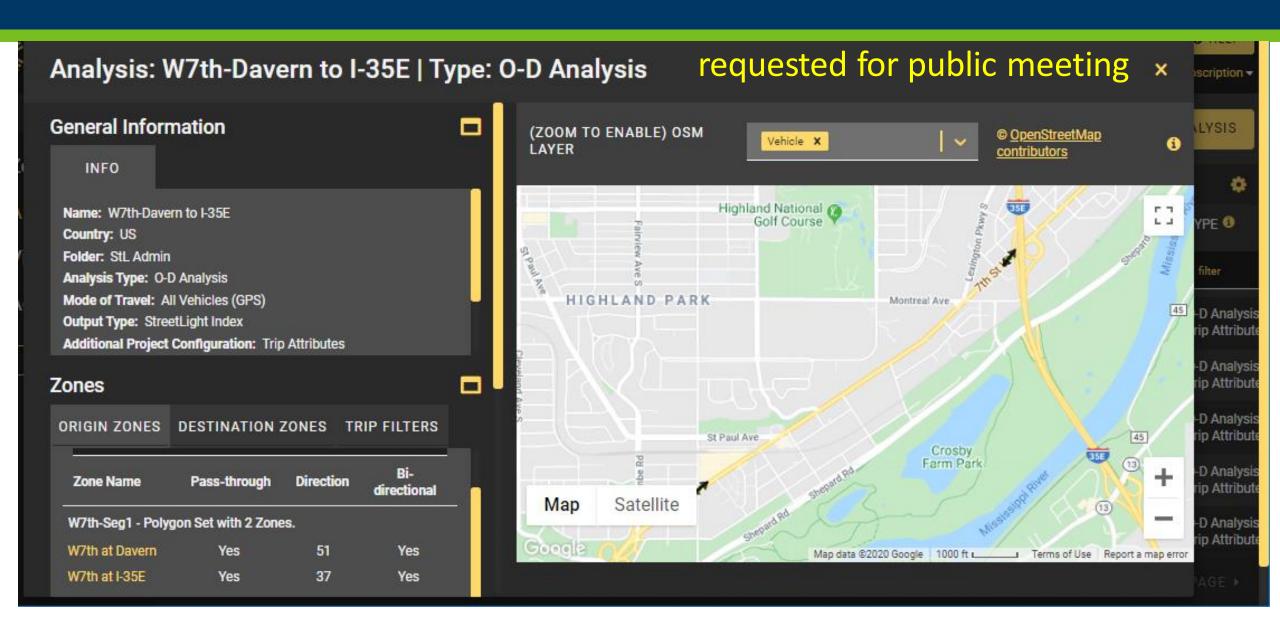
- Speeds increased by 4.5 mph
- Insignificant difference for eastbound and westbound



#### **Results**

- Speeds increased along segment but stronger for personal than commercial vehicles
- Results only represent traffic behavior in warm months

### West 7th Street (MN -5) speed analysis



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# Speed analysis requested for public meeting with State Reps and Council members

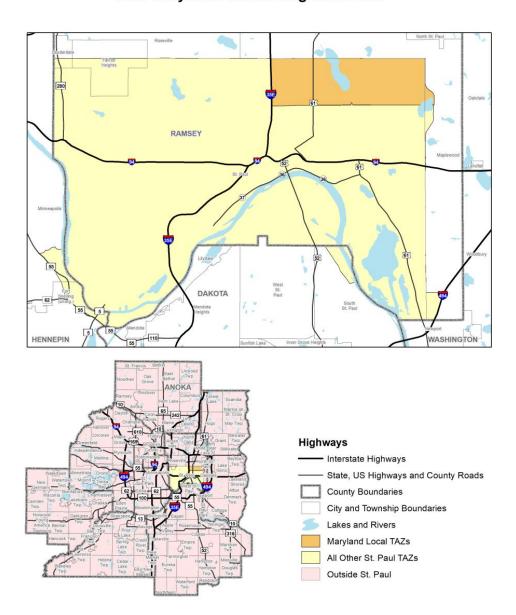
	EB (mph)	WB (mph)	EB data pts	WB data pts	EB+WB data pts	EB&WB avg speed (mph)
Peak AM (6am-10am)	30	27	1832	315	2147	30
Peak PM (3pm-7pm)	29	25	1803	445	2248	28
Off Peak (9pm-6am)	34	32	708	252	960	33

#### Maryland 4 to 3 lane roadway conversion

- Staff was interested in answering three primary questions regarding the Maryland Avenue corridor
  - Is Maryland Avenue being used more by the surrounding residents for local trips, or as a gateway for commuters to access I-35E?
  - What were the effects of the 4-to-3 lane conversion on traffic patterns, trip length, and speed along Maryland Avenue?
  - How were adjacent roadways affected by the closure of Wheelock Parkway? Did traffic volumes substantially increase along other roadways due to the Wheelock closure?



#### **Title: Maryland Avenue Neighborhoods**



#### Maryland Avenue: Corridor Usage (O/D Analysis)

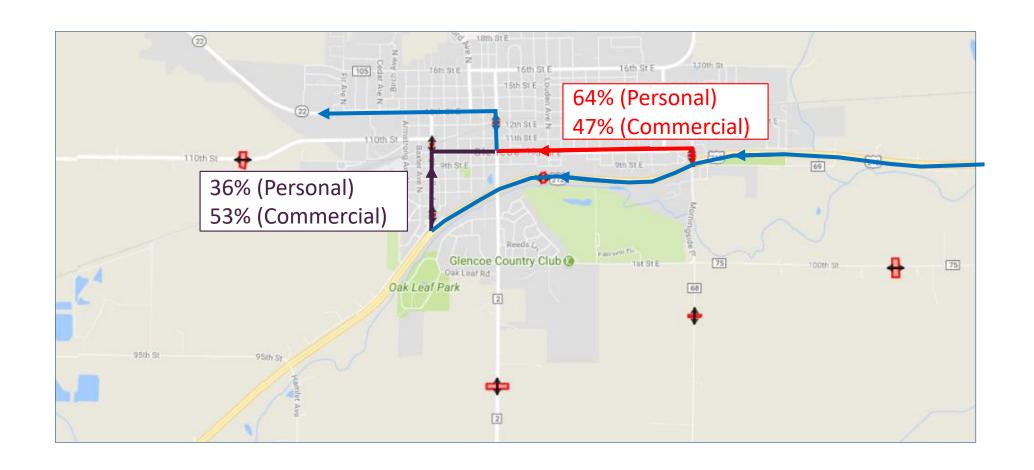
Origin	Destination				
	Local Maryland Area	St. Paul	Outside St. Paul		
Local Maryland Area	14%	15%	15%		
St. Paul	16%	9%	8%		
Outside St. Paul	12%	<b>7</b> %	4%		

# What were the effects of the 4-to-3 lane conversion and Wheelock closure on traffic patterns, speed, and travel time?

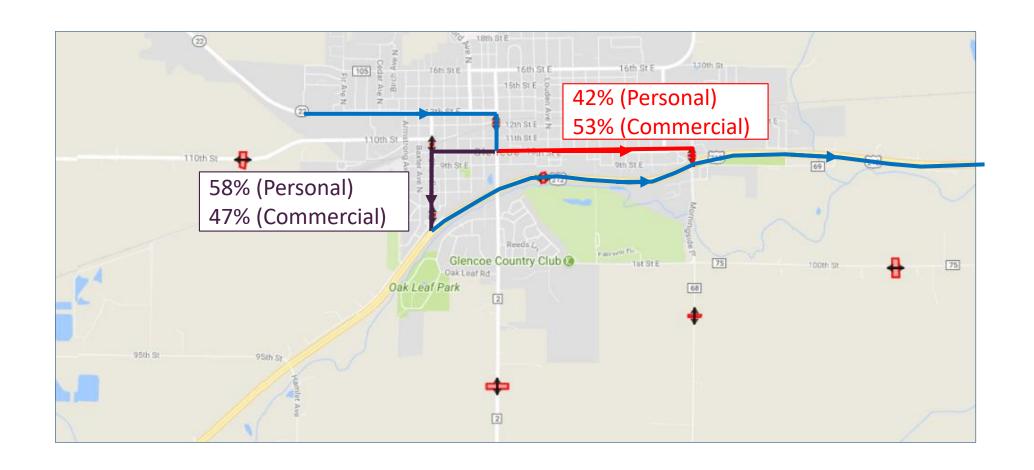
Before and After Analysis: July 2016 and July 2017

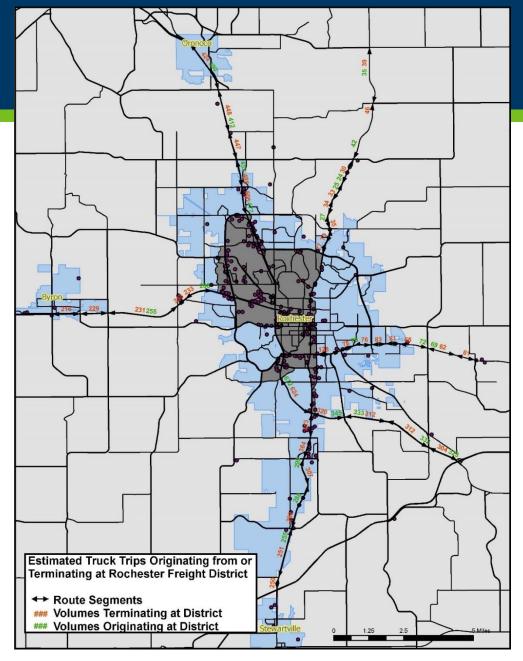
	Average Speed -	Average Speed
Location	2016	- 2017
Maryland	22	24
Phalen	22	22
Wheelock	27	N/A

#### Glencoe O&D – Freight and Personal



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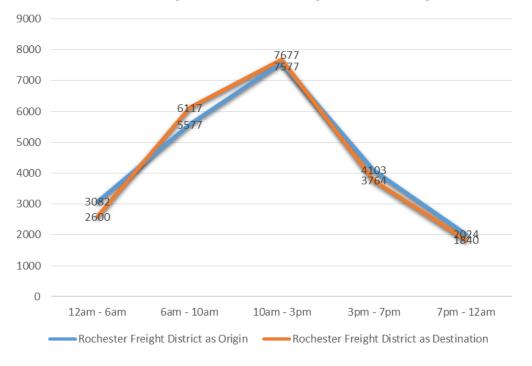


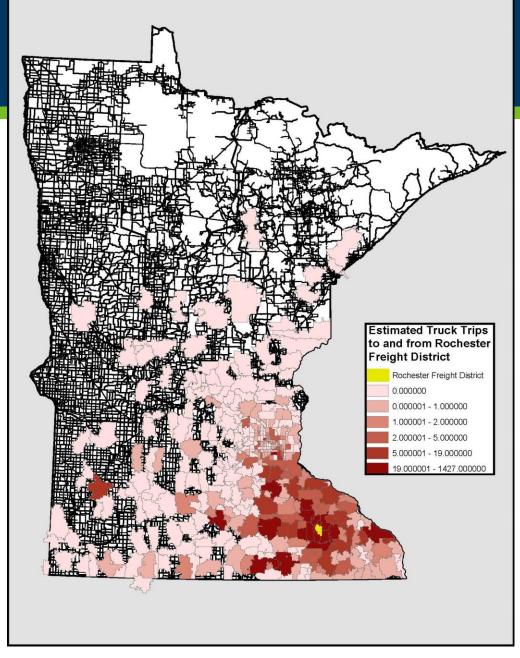


#### Freight Businesses in Rochester

Analyzed commercial traffic to and from Rochester and TH 52/TH 14/TH 63 on an average day.

#### **Truck Trip Distribution by Time of Day**





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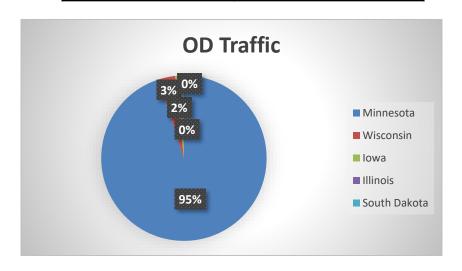
This map displays zip codes that trucks are traveling to and from Rochester on an average day.

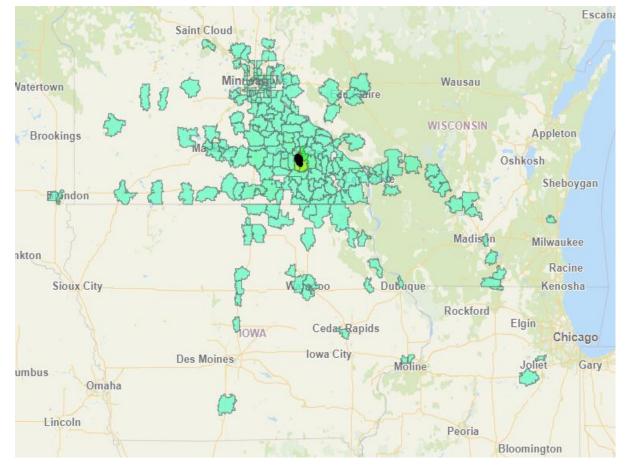
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Of the trucks leaving Rochester, 95% stay in Minnesota and 5% leave the state on an

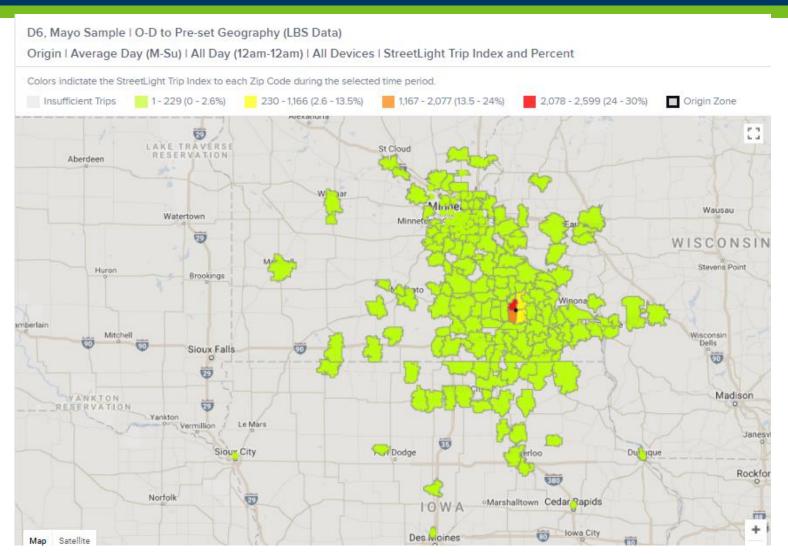
average day.

State	OD Traffic
Minnesota	3752
Wisconsin	130
Iowa	61
Illinois	3
South Dakota	3





#### Mayo Hospital Campus O&D



#### **Turning Movement Count Comparison**

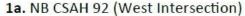
#### Turning Movement Count: StreetLight vs. Video count

•One-day turning movement counts (6/12/2017) compared to StreetLight Data (annual average from August 2016 to July 2017)

Figure 1: Origin & Destination Gates—Streetlight Insight Analysis

Star indicates location of 06/12/2017 Turn Movement Count.



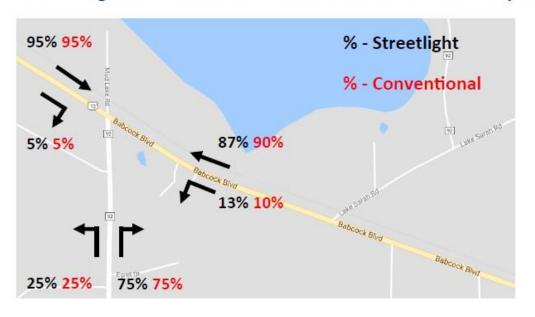




1b. SB CSAH 92 (East Intersection)

#### **Turning Movement Count Comparison**

Figure 2: Streetlight vs. Conventional Turn Movement Counts (All-Day)



West Intersection (USTH 12 and CSAH 92)

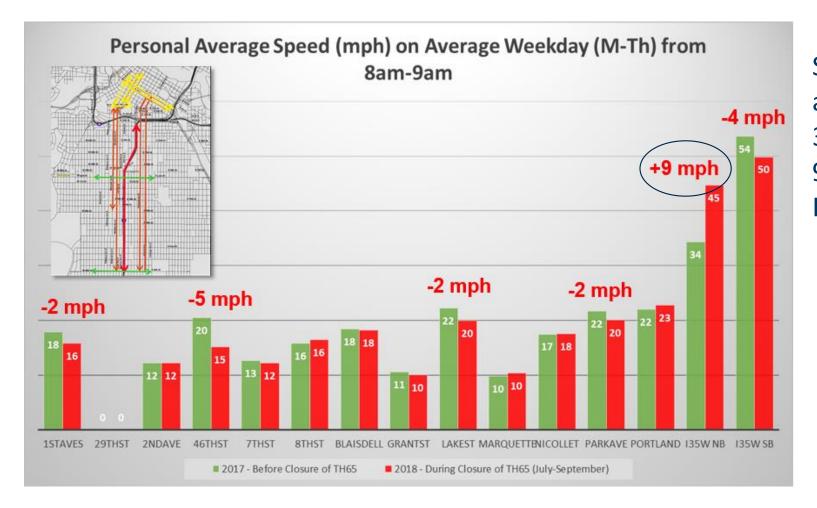
Turn Movement Count (06/12/2017). Streetlight Insight (Aug 2016 -Jul 2017).

#### I-35W and I-94

Analyzed multiple parallel corridors and some cross streets within the immediate impact area.

	Spring 2018		Summer 2018	
Bridge closures				
Franklin Ave bridge closed				
26 <sup>th</sup> St bridge closed				
38th St bridge closed				
Ramp closures				
11th St ramp from I-94 closed				
12 <sup>th</sup> St ramp to I-35W lane restrictions				
35 <sup>th</sup> St ramp closures				
36 <sup>th</sup> St to SB I-35W ramp closure				
Highway 65 downtown access closed				

#### I-35W and I-94



Speeds increase by an average of 9mph on NB I-35W between TH 62 and I-94 because of less access to I-35W.

#### Cliff and Dodd Cut Through

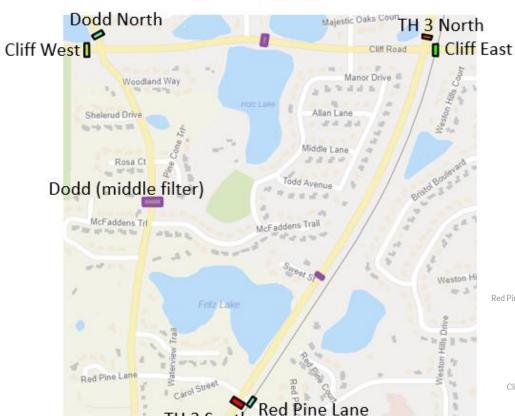
There were local neighborhood complaints about traffic using Dodd Road to avoid Cliff Road signalized intersection at TH 3.

A quick origin-destination with middle filters was done to find the route vehicles were taking.



### Cliff and Dodd Cut Through

Origin (all day): Cliff West and Dodd North = 2385



Middle Filter:

Dodd = 175

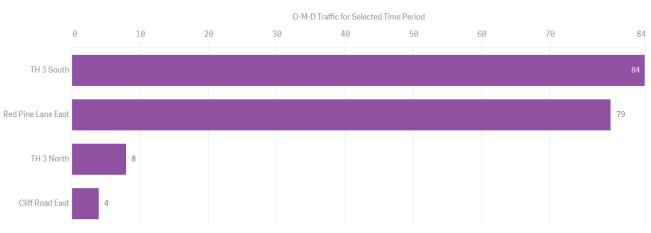
7.3% of traffic cuts through using Dodd

48% to TH 3 South

45.1% to red Pine Lane East

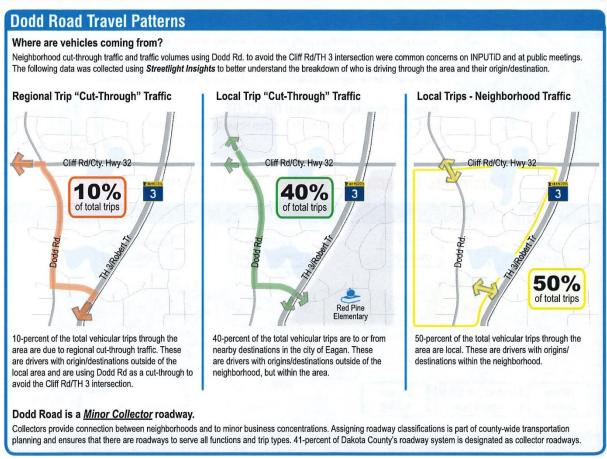
4.6% to TH 3 North

2.3% to Cliff Road East



#### Dodd Road Neighborhood Traffic





Dodd Road is functioning properly as a collector roadway, and 90% of traffic using Dodd Road is local traffic and not regional traffic.

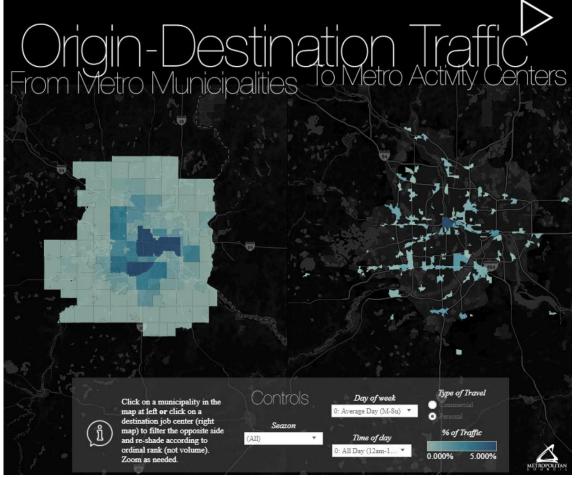
### Dodd Road Neighborhood Traffic

- Able to easily and quickly answer a standard local traffic complaint/concern
- A standard OD analysis would take much more time, cost much more money, and would only be based on a moment in time rather than a year's worth of data
- Without StreetLight, MnDOT would most likely not being able to answer this question because spending that much money is not cost-effective.
- MnDOT can show that we take local concerns seriously and respond to them quickly
- Future similar complaints/concerns regarding cut-through traffic can use the same type of analysis.

#### Transportation flows dashboard project

Data from StreetLight was used to demonstrate travel patterns in the Twin Cities region.





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The data covered beyond commute/employment flows and can be looked at by season.

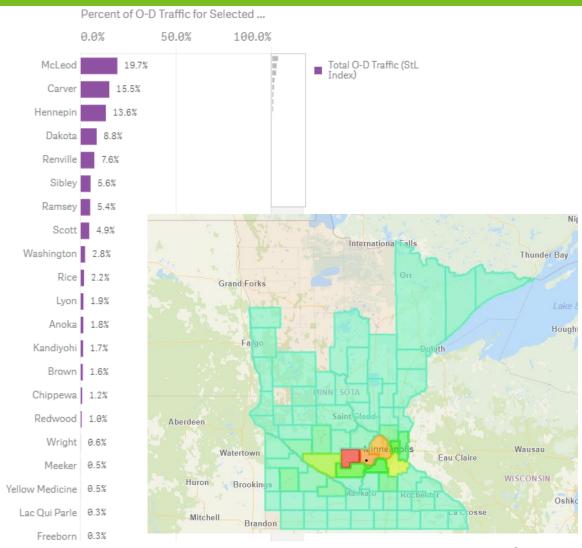
StreetLight returned clean data, so not much time was spent aggregating/tidying the data.

Currently, TBI and LODES are alternatives. TBI provides more granular data about trip purpose/trip mode, but is only representative at the regional level and wouldn't be useful to show cross-county or cross-municipality sheds/flows.

www.metrocouncil.org/transportationflows

# TH 212, 2 to 4 Lane Expansion from Cologne to Norwood Young America

- MnDOT and Met Council's efforts to improve the Highway 212 corridor where there have been four fatalities within the last year benefits travelers from all over the state.
- Greater Minnesota contributes greater than 47% of all traffic along this corridor, with over 5,600 daily trips and origins in 70 different MN counties on an average weekday, which stresses the statewide impact of the corridor.
- McLeod County produces the highest rates of traffic along this corridor, comprising nearly 20% of all traffic.
- More than 83% of trips were greater than 10 miles, indicating that his corridor is used for longer, regional or statewide trips.



#### I-494 Zip Code Analysis

The communications department wanted to use targeted Facebook ads to reach the commuters using a section of I-494 for an upcoming project

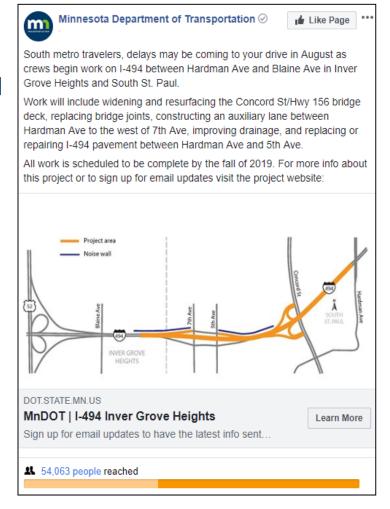
An Origin-Destination analysis of roadway users by zip codes was performed

The origin zip codes were ranked and identified for the communications team to target potential commuters

Targeted Facebook ad

- Reached 54,063 people
- 150 shares
- 28 comments
- 30 reactions

Based on the outcomes, the communications department would like to replicate this approach again for other larger projects.



### I-35/694 Commons Travel Time Sign

Our Regional Transportation Management Center was working with a consultant on where to place message signs during I-35W construction. These message signs would provide estimated travel time to specific crossings/roadways. They wanted to put a message sign at the 35/694 commons (shown as a red star on the map). They were hoping we could use Streetlight to determine which crossings/locations were most used from that location and they would display time to those locations from the message signs.



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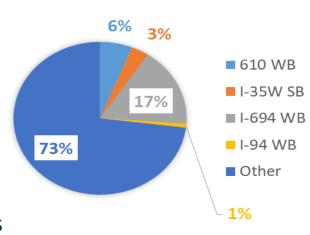
# I-35/694 Commons Travel Time Sign

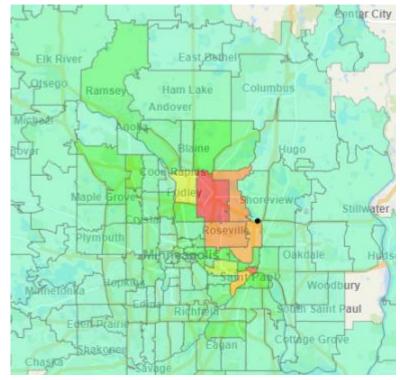
An OD analysis was done to determine which locations were the top destination for those traveling westbound on 694 and southbound on I-35.

The results show that I-694 westbound was the largest destination for travelers in that section of roadway. A large majority of travelers completed their trips on other roadways, most likely local routes.

After speaking with RTMC representatives, they decided **NOT** to deploy a travel time sign at that location since neither destination option they were considering would have benefitted very many motorists. Without the Streetlight tool, this type of analysis would likely not have been completed.

AVERAGE DAY (MON-SUN), ALL-DAY (12AM-12PM)

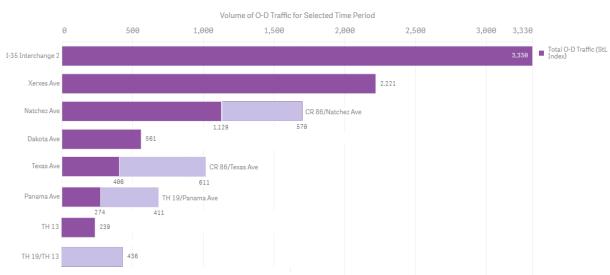




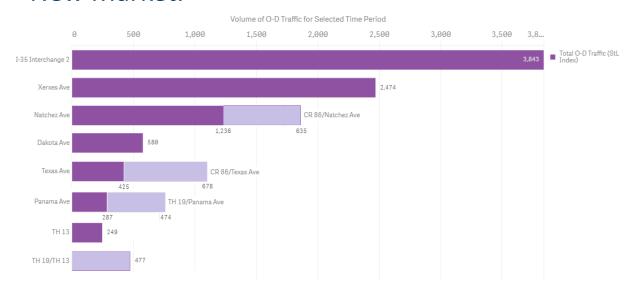
#### Where is traffic coming from or going to I-35 and CR 2 Interchange?



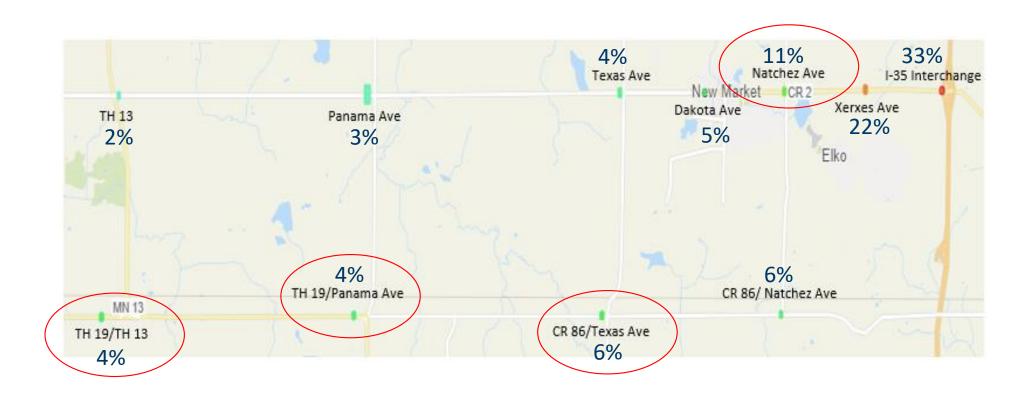
Average Weekday (Monday through Thursday) in 2018 – Traffic coming from I-35/County Road 2 interchange east of Elko New Market.



Average Weekday (Monday through Thursday) in 2018 – Traffic going to I-35/County Road 2 interchange east of Elko New Market.



#### Traffic coming from I-35 and CR 2 Interchange

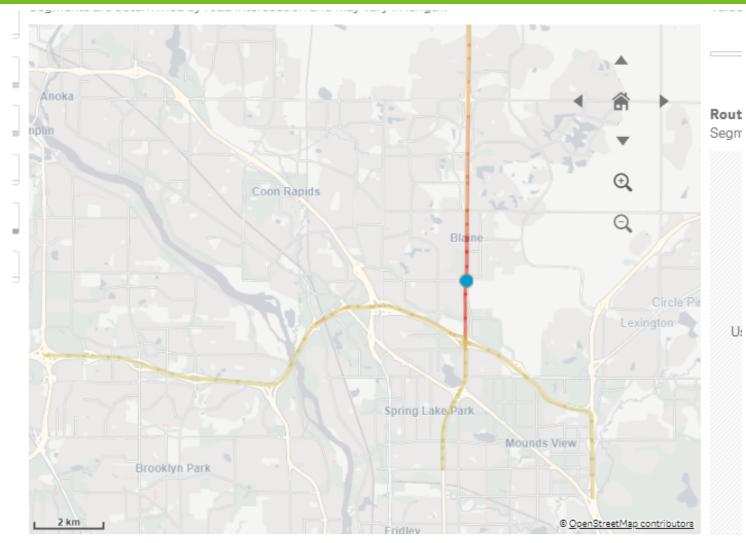


#### What routes are being used between CR 2 and MN 13/CR 86?



- Able to easily and quickly answer a standard local traffic complaint/concern.
- It would have been extremely labor intensive or logically not feasible to conduct this type of study in the field.
- Streetlight allows the flexibility to refine the analysis based on initial results to capture all the data needed to summarize the traffic situation.
- StreetLight allowed MnDOT to answer a question from a State Representative.
- Future similar complaints/concerns regarding outside traffic can use the same type of analysis quickly and easily.

# Top Routes Analysis TH 65 at 99th Ave



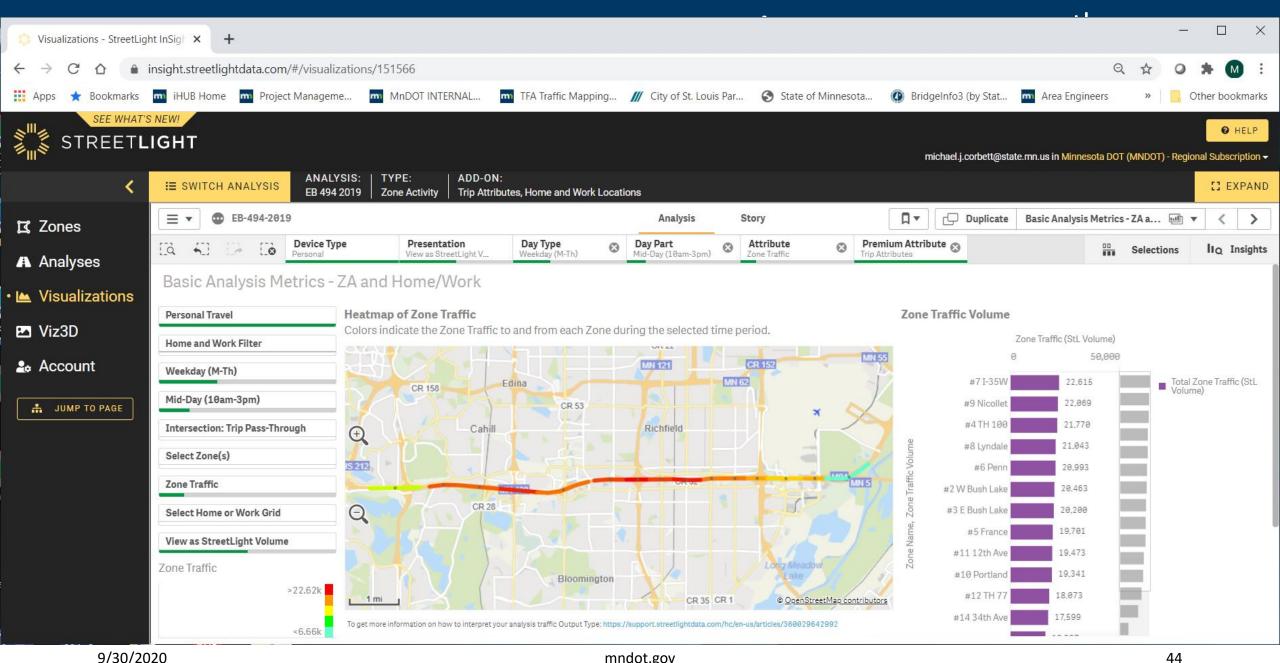
This intersection has a nearly 50-50 split for truck traffic.

Less than 3% of freight traffic comes from 99<sup>th</sup>.

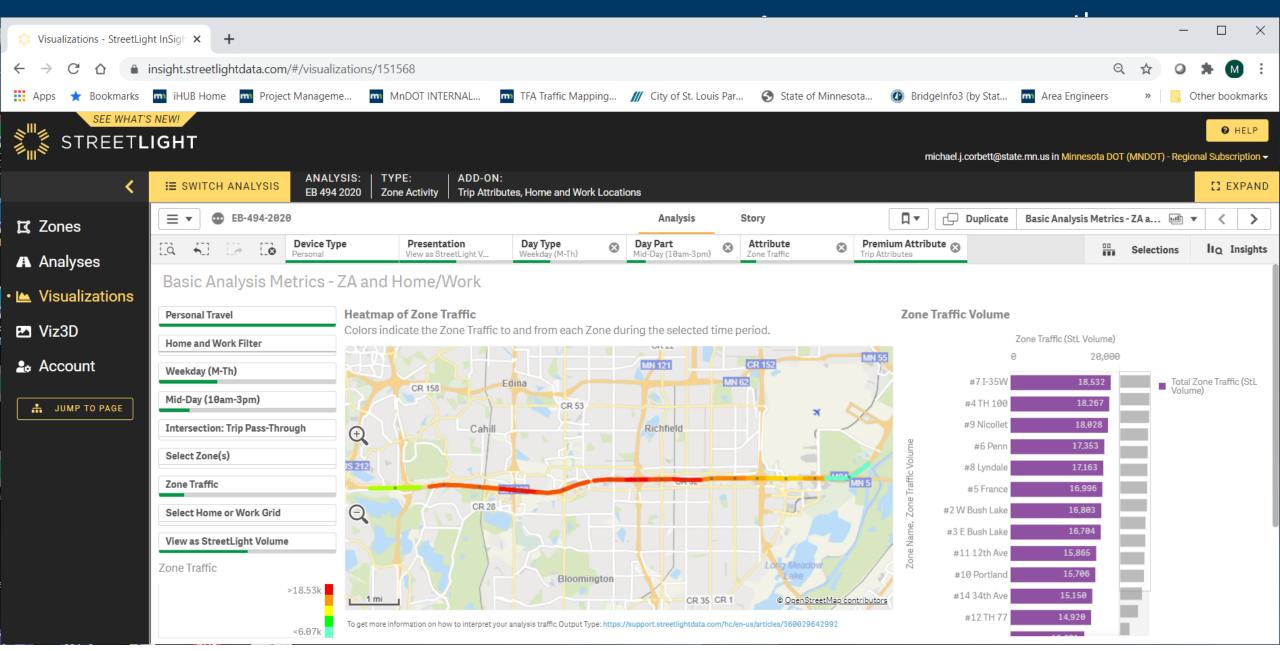
At TH 65 and US, roughly 1/3 (33.3%) of the SB traffic on TH 65 goes to each of the following legs –

WB US 10, EB US 10 and SB TH 65.

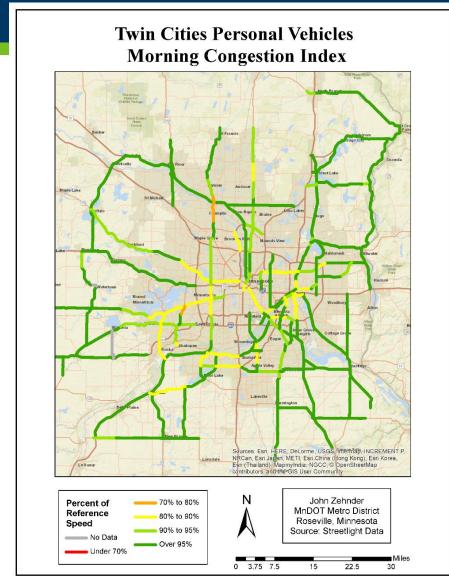
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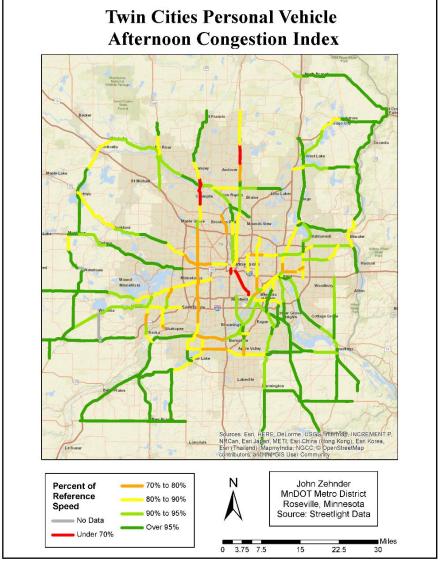


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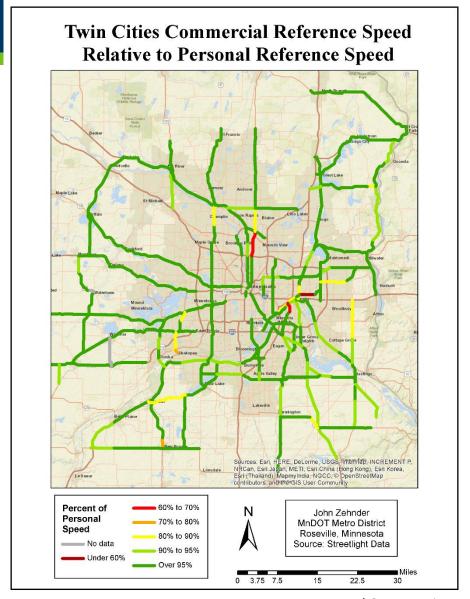


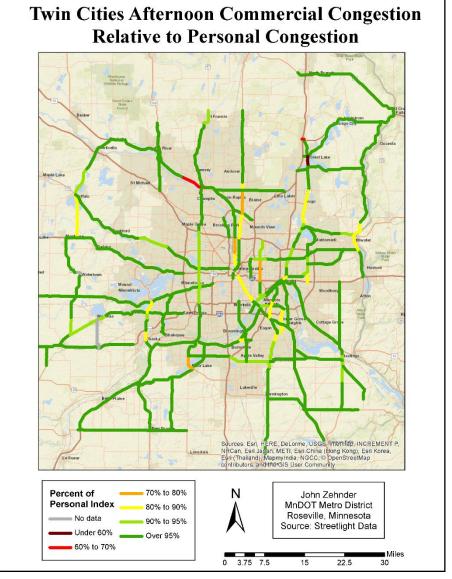
## **Arterial Performance**





## Freight vs personal vehicles-Arterial performance





#### **MnDOT Initiatives**

AADT analytics tested using MnDOT data from continuous counters

Bike and Pedestrian analytic development using MnDOT data

Transit analytics using regional transit data including trips on MnDOT bus-only shoulders



## Reasons to continue usage

### Why are we doing this?

We can make more informed decisions

We can run various analyses much faster and for less cost versus other methods

We can run new types of analyses and more detailed ones that weren't feasible before (value added)

Return on investment is very high, at least 10X what we spent on it

# Safety

#### Keeping our invaluable MnDOT workers out of harms way!



# Opportunities

MnDOT will be able to enhance current data collection efforts

Possibility of replacing some data collection methods with StreetLight

Current subscription runs though the end of September 2020

All state employees have access for unlimited analyses

All cities and counties within Minnesota can piggyback off of MnDOT's current subscription for \$5,000 per seat license until September



# Thank you!

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