Maintenance Focused ATSPM

Case study of implementation

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Outline:

- Background Research
- Contract Process
- Implementation
Traffic Signal Performance Measures recognized by FHWA and incorporated into Everyday Counts 4
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Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPMs)

**BENEFITS**

- **Targeted Maintenance.** ATSPMs provide the actionable information needed to deliver high-quality service to customers, with significant cost savings to agencies.
- **Improved Operations.** Active monitoring of signalized intersection performance lets agencies address problems before they become complaints.
- **Increased Safety.** A shift to proactive operations and maintenance practices can improve safety by reducing the traffic congestion that results from poor and outdated signal timing.

Source: FHWA
Relevance?

~2000 Detectors
Reductions in user daily costs if maintenance issues found quickly

US24 at Liberty Mills Example Loop Failure (single detector failure on a single phase)

Phase 7 faulted (Max = 30 sec)
• 12.5 veh-h of delay increase per day
• 4560 veh-h of delay increase per year
• Using a $17 per hour value of travel time, this amounts to $78,000 per year in increased user cost

Phase 8 Faulted (Max = 40 sec)
• 55 veh-h of delay increase per day
• Approx. 20000 veh-h of delay increase per year
• $340,000 per year in increased user cost
Developed and tested on local agency system

Signal System
Elkhart County, IN

15 miles of fiber optic along CR17
14 county signals on fiber network
4 INDOT signals on fiber network
1 microwave link
4 signals on broadband radio
7 signals with no data connection
1 Centracs system
10 FLIR thermal sensors
5 PTZ cameras
Detection Anomalies:

- Patterns of vehicle arrivals at intersections are cyclical, repetitive and statistically similar
- High-resolution data files are easy to acquire and allow isolation of distinct detector channels
- Historic detector patterns can be used to inform an ‘expected’ pattern for any period for that detector
- Detector patterns can be treated similarly to communications signals, using same tools to identify statistically significant deviations
Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test:

Comparison of analysis week to average of previous weeks data, showing similarity of detection patterns.

Comparison of the cumulative probability distributions of two sets of data using the two sample KS test.
Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test:

Detection rate of anomalies in detector data by duration and magnitude using the K-S test.
Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test:

Benefits of a statistical based detection error test:
• Works for intermittent errors
Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test:

Benefits of a statistical based detection error test:

• Works for intermittent errors
• Misalignment/obscurrance errors
Except for EB Thru, all other Thru lanes have few split failures.
Reassign time to turn lanes?
Red Light Running

Developed by Lavrenz et. al.

Published in TRR

Goal is to make this tool accessible to agencies by including in specs for performance measures.

(Side note: Elkhart County was one site used for validation)
Red Light Running

End of Green Interval  Yellow Interval  Start of Red Interval

Det On  Det Off  Det On  Det Off

Vehicle Arrival  Vehicle Departure

$t_{arr}$  $t_{on}$
Red Light Running
SR 120 at CR 17 Intersection in Elkhart County
NB Stop Bar Detector
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https://youtu.be/59axuu-Qles
For ATSPM inclusion, Create Specifications

Turn previous series into a graph showing potential RLR occurrences by phase and time of day

Intersection Red Light Running Indicator

The system shall produce a report identifying the number of potential red light running instances on each approach lane of an intersection with detection capable of such identification.

The date for analysis shall be user definable.

The intersection included in the analysis and plot shall be user selectable, chosen from all intersections on the system.

Potential Red Light Running instances shall be summed by approach phase and by one hour interval of the selected day.

A Red Light Running instance shall be defined as any stop bar detector/detector zone activation for a single lane that occurs within the first five seconds of the associated approach phase start of red, and is active for 0.2 to 2.0 seconds.

The plot shall be displayed as follows:

X axis showing the time (in hours) of the analysis day. The X axis shall be labelled "Hour."

Y axis showing the sum of indicated Red Light Running instances for each hour of the selected date. The Y axis shall be labelled "Red Light Running Instances."

Each intersection chosen for analysis will have the Red Light Running instances for each
Contract Process for Implementation

Identify Funding
Local vs Federal-Aid

Federal-Aid
• STP
• HSIP
• CMAQ
  • Eligibility Review First
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TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE MEASURES

DESCRIPTION: This work shall consist of providing software tools within the Traffic Management Center (TMC) Management System Software to analyze performance measures, from data recorded by the traffic signal controllers, and provide graphical representation of these measures.

1. General
   a. The required performance measures shall be available, user selection, for any intersection within the system.
   b. The date of the performance measure plot shall be used selectable from all available dates in the data set.
   c. In performance measures where only one phase of an intersection is plotted, the phase plotted shall be selectable from all available.
   d. In performance measures where only one detection channel plotted, the channel plotted shall be selectable from all available.

Date: June 17, 2018

Request for Proposals Notification

Title: Elkhart County Engineering Services for Traffic Signal Performance Measure Implementation (Des # 16022-00) in Fort Wayne District

Response Due Date & Time: July 15, 2018 at Noon

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is official notification of needed professional services. This RFP is being issued to solicit a letter of interest (LOI) and other documents from firms qualified to perform engineering work on federal aid projects. A submittal does not guarantee the firm will be contracted to perform any services but only serves notice the firm desires to be considered.

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This Contract ("this Contract") is made and entered into effective as of July 1, 2012 ("Effective Date") by and between Elkhart County, Indiana, acting by and through its proper officials ("LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY" or "LPA"), and Ehrler, Fehrman and Studer, Inc. ("the CONSULTANT"), an individual residing in the State of Indiana [a corporation/limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Indiana].

Date: No. 16022-00

Project Description: Elkhart County Engineering Services for Traffic Signal Performance Measure Implementation in Fort Wayne District.
Contract Process for Implementation

*Procurement vs Engineering Services*

Engineering Services:
- Performance Based Selection
- Management of sub-consultant writing code
- Validation and testing when complete
- Handle the DOT paperwork required

Minimize County time requirement – Staff already stretched thin...which is why this was needed.
Project Timeline

- CMAQ Funding Request
- DOT/LPA Contract
- Consultant NTP
- Functional Acceptance
- Field Verification Passed

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Testing

Functional Acceptance
• Verify that each performance measure tool was present and met the specifications
• Requirement (per specifications), test, expected result, and pass/fail

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<td>The system shall produce a stacked bar chart plot by showing the total number of split failures on the system.</td>
<td>Click on &quot;Metrics&quot; and select &quot;Longitudinal Split Failure&quot; from the chart dropdown list. Select the signal and the start/end dates and click &quot;Apply&quot;</td>
<td>A graphical display will open with a stacked bar chart plot that shows the total number of Split Failure occurrences per day</td>
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Field Verification
• Verification process developed by consultant
• Required access to raw data and video archives from Elkhart County
• Chose 3 intersections with high traffic volume
CR 17 and SR 120
Lane restriction due to construction
Mowing crew hit service
Implemented new timing plans during Holiday period.
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State of the Practice
This technology is the outcome of a collaboration

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