

Safety Analysis Tool for Six-Lane and One-Way Urban Streets

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Background

NCHRP Project 17-58

- "Safety Prediction Models for Six-Lane and One-Way Urban and Suburban Arterials"
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- Key products
 - Predictive methods to be added to HSM Chapter 12
 - Software implementation of methods



Database Assembly





Roadway Predictive Methods

Two-Way Arterials

- 6-lane undivided (6U)
- 6-lane divided (6D)
- 6-lane + TWLTL (7T)

- 8-lane divided (8D)

- Multiple-Vehicle
- Single-Vehicle
- Vehicle-Pedestrian
- Vehicle-Bike





Crash Modification Factors for Two-Way Segments

CMFs Produced:

- Lane Width
- Outside Shoulder Width
- Median Width
- Median Barrier MV crashes & SV crashes
- Major Commercial Driveways
- Major Industrial Driveways
- Minor Driveways
- Roadside Fixed Objects



Roadway Predictive Methods

One-Way Arterials

- -2-lane (20)
- -3-lane (30)
- -4-lane (40)

- Multiple-Vehicle
- Single-Vehicle
- Vehicle-Pedestrian
- Vehicle-Bike





Crash Modification Factors for One-Way Segments

CMFs Produced:

- Right Shoulder Width
- On-street Parking Parallel and Angle
- Major Commercial Driveway
- Minor Driveway
- Roadside Fixed Objects



Intersection Predictive Methods

• Two-Way Streets (2x2)

- Three-Leg Signalized (3SG)
- Three-Leg Unsignalized (3ST)
- Four-Leg Signalized (4SG)
- Four-Leg Unsignalized (4ST)

- MV + SV
- Vehicle-Pedestrian
- Vehicle-Bike





Intersection Predictive Methods

One-Way Streets

Signalized Intersections (3SG & 4SG) One-way/Two-Way (1x2) One-Way/One-Way (1x1) Unsignalized Intersections (3ST & 4ST) One-way/Two-Way (1x2) One-Way/One-Way (1x1)

• MV + SV

- Vehicle-Pedestrian
 - Vehicle-Bike





Crash Modification Factors for Intersections

2x2 Intersections

CMFs Produced:

- Left-turn signal phasing
- U-turn prohibition
- Right-turn channelization
- Number of lanes

CMFs Validated:

- Lighting
- RTOR prohibition

1x2/1x1 Intersections

CMFs Produced:

- Number of lanes
- **CMFs Validated:**
- Lighting

Note:

- 2x2 or 1x1 intersections:
 - Major AADT > Minor AADT
- 1x2 intersections:

Major street = One-way



Segmentation Process

• Overview

- Divide continuous roadway section into sites
 - Homogenous segments (same basic character for entire length)
 - Intersections





Segmentation Process

- Procedure
 - Describe each site
 - Geometry
 - Traffic control
 - Traffic volumes



- Enter into Segments and Intersections worksheets
- Tabulate
 - Use Totals worksheet
 - Compute predicted crash frequency



Software Tool



Enter Data





Example Problem

• Given

- Six-lane divided arterial section
 - Study period: 2016
 - Area type: Urban
 - No crash data available
 - Segment length: 0.30 mi
 - Posted speed limit: 45 mph
 - Lane width: 12 ft
 - Outside shoulder width: 4 ft
 - Median width: 10 ft

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• Median type: curb

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• Automated speed enforcement: No

- Highway-rail grade crossings: 1
- Roadside fixed object offset: 10 ft
- Roadside fixed object density: 50/mi
- Major commercial driveways: 1
- Major industrial driveways: 1
- Minor driveways: 5
- AADT (year 2016): 56,000 veh/day

Example Problem

- Question
 - What is the predicted crash frequency?
- Answer
 - 7.5 crashes / yr
- Follow-up question
 - What is the predicted crash frequency if the two major driveways are removed?
- Answer
 - 6.5 crashes / yr





Questions – Comments?







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