# NITTEC - Emerging Technologies 

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## Overview

- Role of GPS Tracking in Transportation Planning
- Commercial and Passenger Vehicle Samples
- Review of Performance Measures
- Visualization Tool Development
- Examples of Corridor Analysis
- Next Steps


## Role of GPS Tracking in Transportation Planning

## Why do trucking companies have GPS tracking devices?

- Fuel tax reporting by jurisdiction
- Customers demanding shipment location and delivery window
- Standardise driver behaviour


## Partnerships

- GPS tour data no longer a waste by-product
- New source of revenue for vendors
- Modal coverage, passenger and commercial


## What information does it provide?

- 24 Hour link travel speeds, (Free Flow Speed)
- Travel Speed Performance Measures related to:
- Intensity, duration and reliability for each class of road
- Operational and capacity issues
- Complete trip tours, multi-day
- Hard brake events and fuel consumption
- Dwell time data, engine shut-off/start and stop duration, idling
- Supports informed investment decisions


## Path of a Vehicle in a Single Day




## MTO Region Truck Activity and Growth to Year 2026

## Ontario Commercial Vehicle Statistics

- Each day, 150,000 trucks travel 24 M km's on Ontario's Provincial Roads
- 11 million km's on Highway 401 alone (47\%)
- By 2026, truck travel forecasted to grow of 70\%
- Eastern \& SWPR at 81\% and 75\% respectively



## Congestion Measure Evaluation Matrix - Functional Considerations



## Congestion Intensity:

- Delay Index (DI) - the average delay per kilometre (minutes/km)



## Congestion Intensity:

- Travel Time Index (TTI) - ratio of average travel time to Free Flow Time



## Congestion Extent:

- Volume-Based Delay Index (VBDI) - DI multiplied by AADT or Hourly across the roadway by direction


Combined Index (CI) - incorporates the percentile rankings of TII, DI and VBDI to form a single metric upon which selection of microanalysis sections is based


## Visualization Reporting Tool Development

## GPS Suppliers

## MTO Processing

> External Traffic Information and Web Map Service Providers

> External Web Map Service (Google Maps / Google Earth)


## Truck Travel Time Contour - Hwy 401 @ Milton (Hwy 25)

Interpretation of Travel Time Contours:
Ideally, a travel time contour should form a circle, demonstrating equal travel access in all directions. As bandwidth narrows, or whitens, travel access becomes more limited. The red circles identify areas where accessibility based on travel time is compromised.

Evidence of a east-west barrier north of the "X" (Hwy 401 \& Hwy 25) is pronounced.

North of Hwy 407, east- west constraints (in yellow) create significant barriers to travel. Lack of redundancy along Hwy 401 and areas to the south, support the need for studies such as the GTA-West.

Toronto

## GPS TRACKING - GTA AM Travel Time Performance

## 2009 Provincial Highway Performance Measures (A.M. Peak Period)

Greater Toronto Area (6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.)

## GTA Travel Time Index (TTI):

1.23 (travel time 23\% longer than under free-flow condition)
GTA Delay Index (DI):
8.6
(seconds per kilometre)


Share of Delays by Region


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## GTA Travel Time Performance Highlights:

-In the AM Peak Period travel speeds on north-south highways range between 83 to $90 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$
-In the AM Peak Period travel speeds on east-west highways range between 64 to 74 km/h
Systems Analysis and Forecasting office Transportation Planning Branch Ministry of Transportation
-The average travel speed across 45 km 's of QEW is $66 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$

Date: October 6th, 2010

- The average travel speed across 144 km 's of Hwy 401 is $74 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$
-The average travel speed across 29 km 's of Hwy 403 is $72 \mathrm{~km} / \mathrm{h}$


## GPS TRACKING - GTA PM Travel Time Performance



## Web Tool Development - iCorridor

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## Ontario-U.S. International Border Performance Animation

## Windsor-Detroit Animation

## Ambassador Bridge - Weekday Truck Speeds



## Ambassador Bridge - CBP Access Backup



Pressure Points Extending 10 Minutes

1. 5:10 AM - 5:35 AM
2. 6:45 PM -7:15 PM
3. $2: 40$ PM $-2: 50$ PM
4. $\mathbf{6 : 1 0} \mathbf{A M}-6: 20 \mathrm{AM}$

## Road Performance Animation - Truck and Passenger Car Speeds in Toronto

Hwy 401 Core/Collector System 24-hour Road Performance Animation
(200-meter segments with 15-minute time interval)

Downtown Toronto 12-hour Road Performance Animation

QEW Analysis: Hwy403 to Hwy 407 - Speed Contours \& Profiles
2009 P.M. Peak Period (3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.)


## Next Steps - Forecasts - iBorders and iCorridor

The suite of web analysis tools under development are expected to provide state-of-the-art knowledge management capabilities establish a criteria based process to prioritize investment options.


## Year 2010 to 2026 Travel Speed Forecasting Tool



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Canada - New York Truck Trade Plus Trade Using NY Roads Accessing Canadian Markets


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## Canada - New York Truck Trade Year 2006 (Yellow) Plus 2026 Additional Demand (Orange)



## Additional Daily Trucks At State Border Crossings 2006 To 2026



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Understanding County Level Truck Trip Highway System Infrastructure Needs
Waterloo, Peel, York, and Simcoe Regiony Origins or Destinations


Monthly 2000 to 2010 Ontario International Border Crossing Truck Volumes


2006 to 2026 Hybrid and High Scenario Truck "Trip" Forecasts


## 2006 to 2026 Ontario - U.S. Trade By Truck - Percent Growth

## Highlights

- Ontario Export growth 56\%
- Ontario Import growth 61\%
- Waste exp. declines -27\%
- Empty trips increase by $57 \%$


## Exports

- Machinery 97\%
- Chemicals 79\%
- Auto 62\%


## Imports

- Chemical 138\%
- Machinery 102\%, US drives CDN manufacturing automation
- Auto 30\%

2006 to 2026 Ontario Export Commodity Growth


2006 to 2026 Ontario Import Commodity Growth


## Year 2026 High Scenario - Ontario Truck Activity By Commodity



## Conclusions

- New sources of GPS and mobile device data provide:
- Innovative solutions to support infrastructure planning
- Performance Measures
- Micro analysis of hourly operations
- Source to produce OD matrices
- Aid Model calibration


## http://icorridor.limewebs.com/

