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What is GIS?

A computer system designed for Geographically Referenced Data:

- Capture
- Storing/Managing
- Integration
- Analyzing
- Interpreting
- Visualizing



- Relationships
- Patterns
- Trends



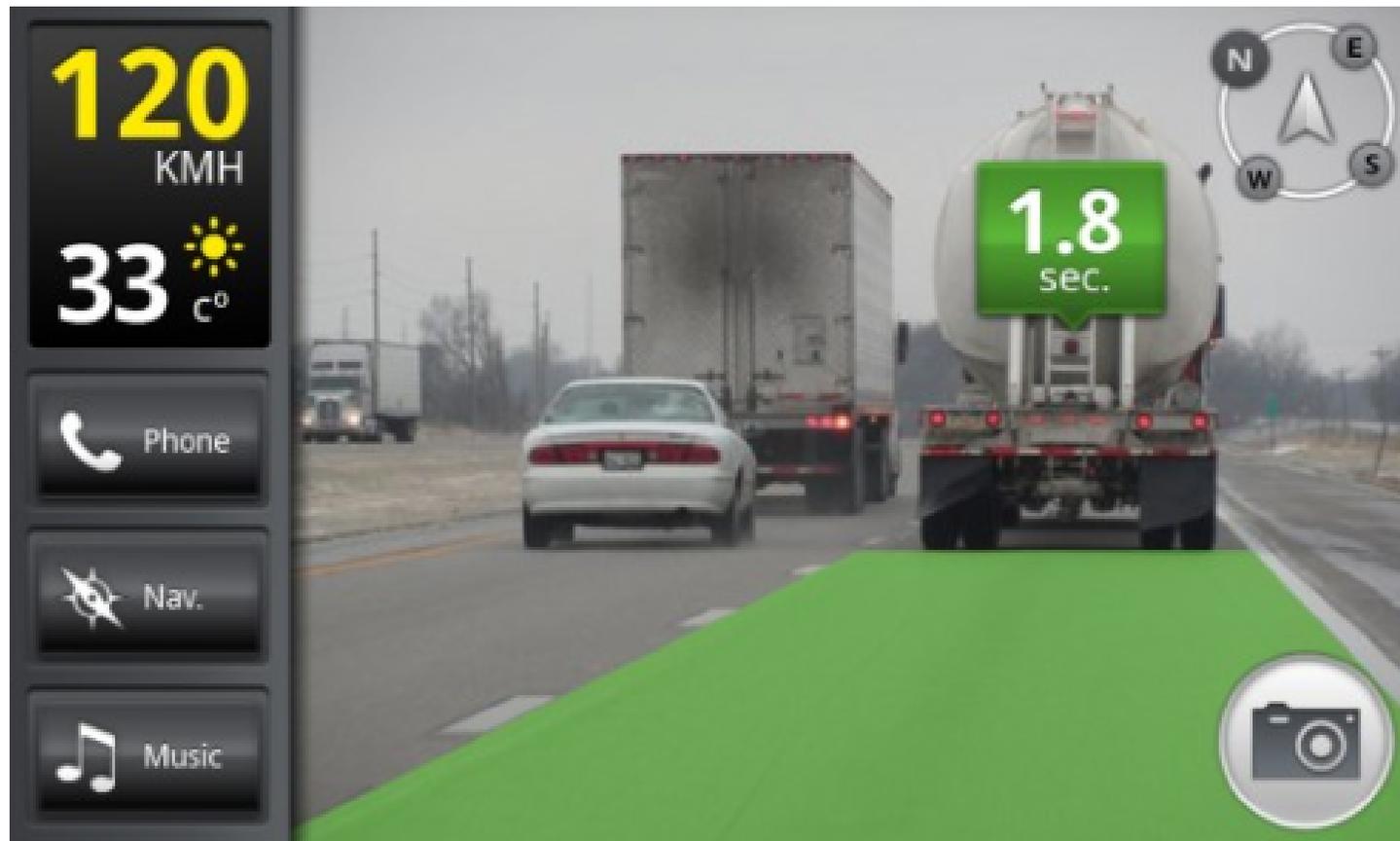
- Increase Productivity
- More Informed Decision Making
- Improved Communication
- Improved Record Keeping
- Managing Data Geographically



Source: http://egsc.usgs.gov/isb/pubs/gis_poster/; <http://www.esri.com/what-is-gis/overview>

Free Android App Adds Collision Avoidance

by MATT BALL on NOVEMBER 1, 2011



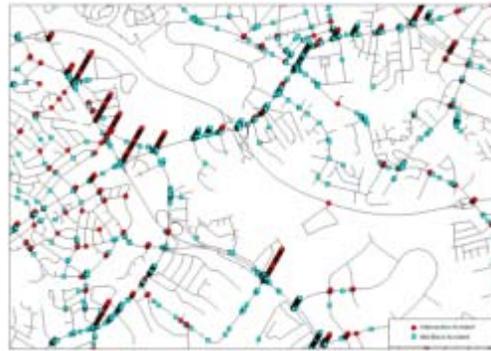
GIS-TS applications ...

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Disaster Response
GIS for Public Safety

citizen participation
routing service vehicles
updating fire codes
training
land-use considerations
mapping data about
vulnerable areas

Gary Anderson



AIMS

Airport and Transit Security

AIRPORT SECURITY
Protection from perimeter to terminal

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Transportation GIS Software

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Computer-Aided Dispatch/E911

Putting spatial intelligence at the fingertips of dispatchers and field personnel ensures proper response time. [Learn More](#)



Emergency/Disaster Management

GIS is essential for all phases: preparation, mitigation, response, and recovery. [Learn More](#)



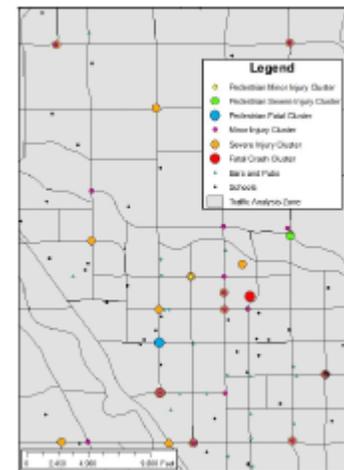
Fire/Rescue and EMS

GIS helps fire/rescue and EMS protect life and property using information and analysis as a powerful tool. [Learn More](#)



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MOST WANTED LIST

The Most Wanted List represents the NTSB's advocacy priorities. It is designed to increase awareness of, and support for, the most critical changes needed to reduce transportation accidents and save lives. [Link for Most Wanted List Press Conference Video](#)



PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE

- AIRPORT SURFACE OPERATION
- BUS SAFETY
- ELIMINATE DISTRACTION
- FIRE SAFETY
- GENERAL AVIATION SAFETY
- INFRASTRUCTURE**
- PIPELINE SAFETY
- POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL
- SUBSTANCE-IMPAIRED DRIVING
- COLLISION AVOIDANCE

The nation's transportation infrastructure includes 600,000 bridges, nearly 4 million miles of public roads, 2.6 million miles of oil and gas pipelines, 120,000 miles of major railroads, and more than 25,000 miles of commercially navigable waterways. Infrastructure requires regular maintenance and when necessary, repair or replacement. [READ MORE](#)



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Evolution of GIS-TS



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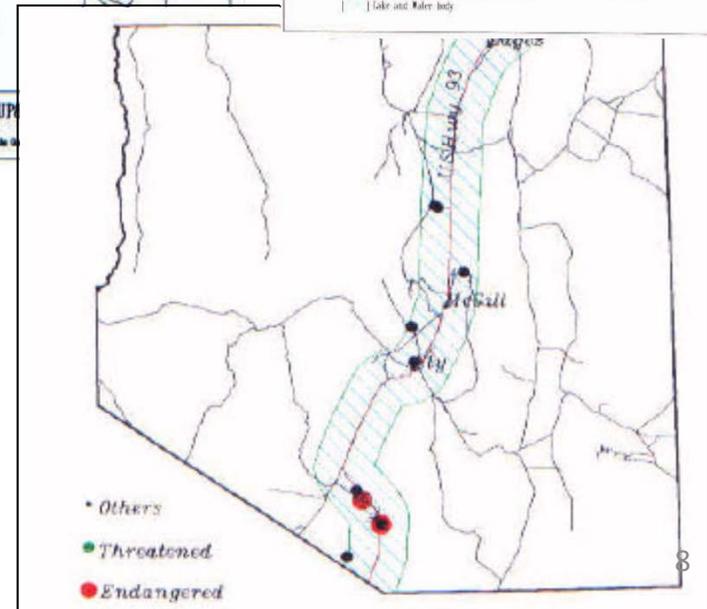
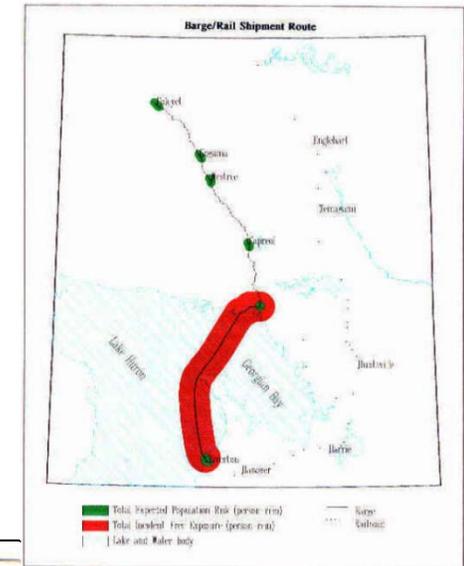
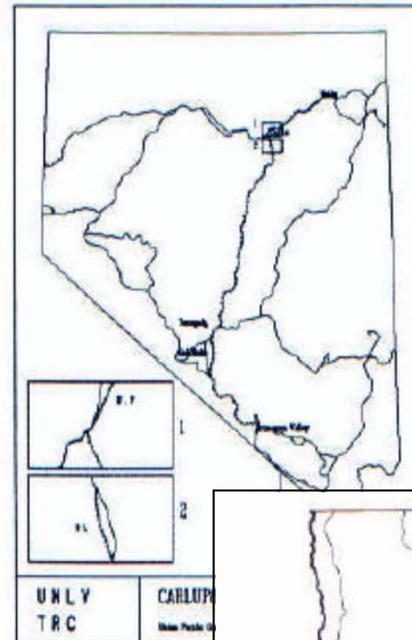
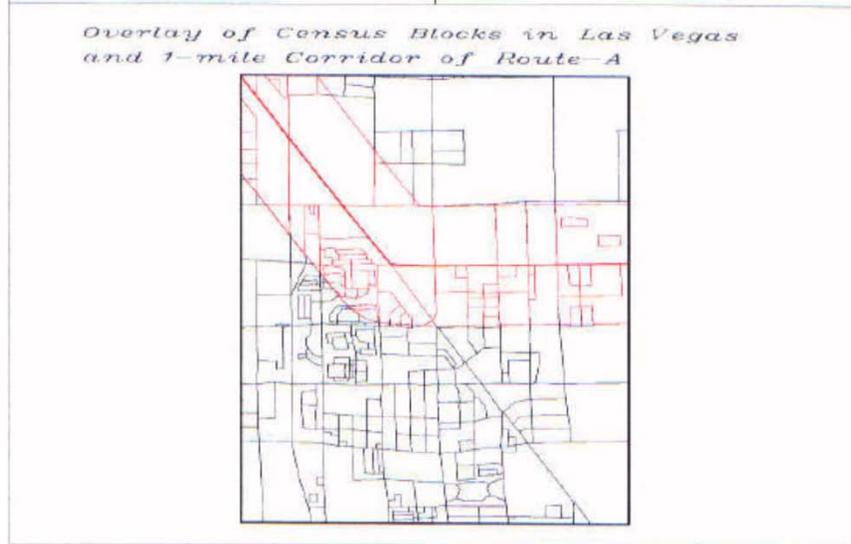
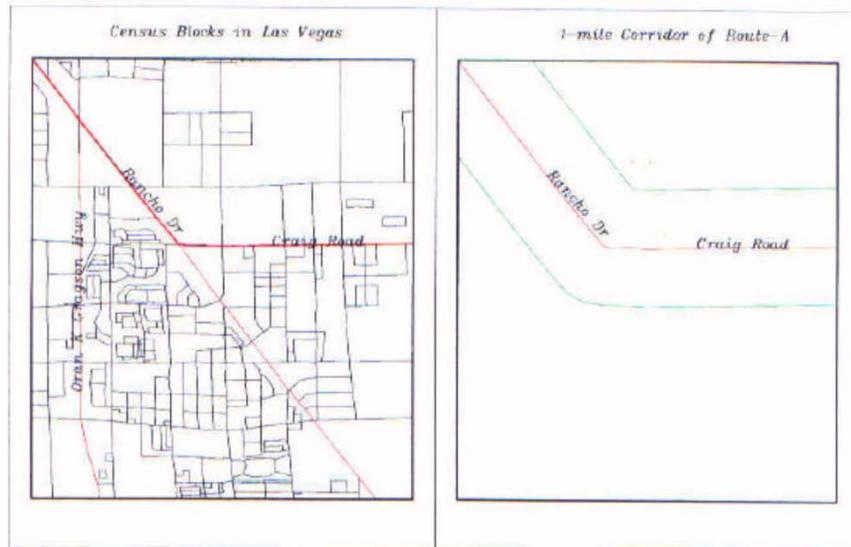


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Yucca Mountain - 1989



Evolution of GIS-TS applications ...

Basic analysis, data collection

1998 GIS-ALAS

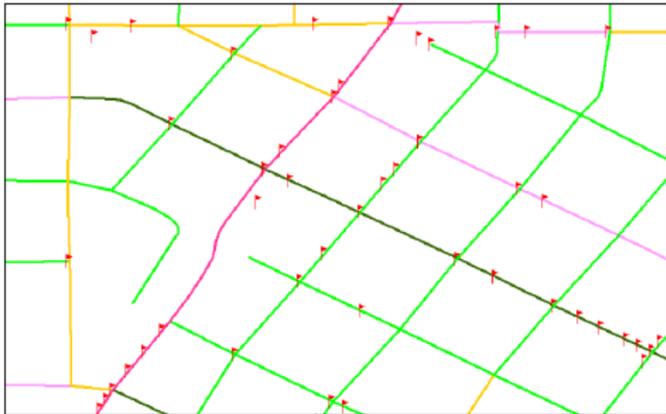
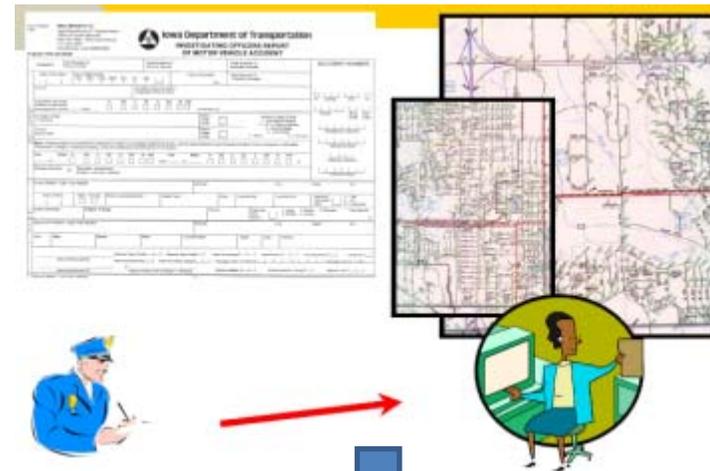
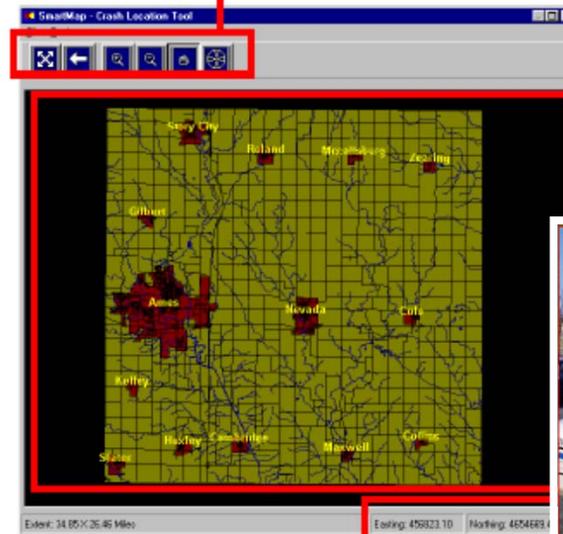


Figure 3: Thematic map of a neighborhood in Sioux City, Iowa. Traffic volumes are reflected in the shading of the roads. Accidents are displayed as flag symbols on the road network. This kind of graphical representation of data was not readily available before GIS-ALAS.

1999 TraCS



User Interface Menu



Main Map Window

Coordinate Information

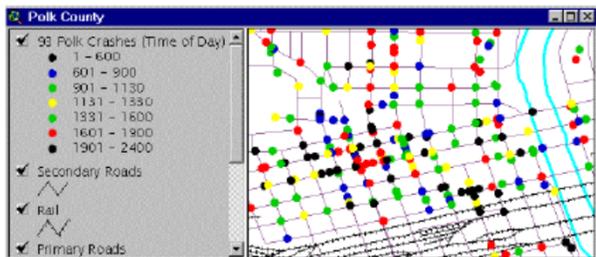


Figure 4: The spatial pattern of accidents by time of day can be easily displayed using the power of a GIS.

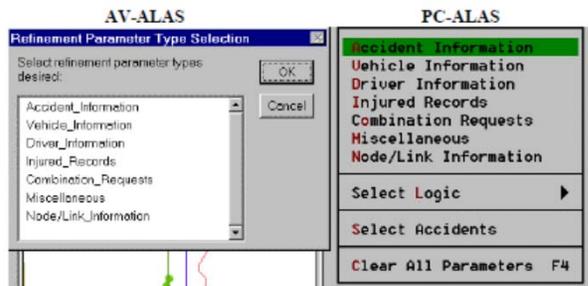
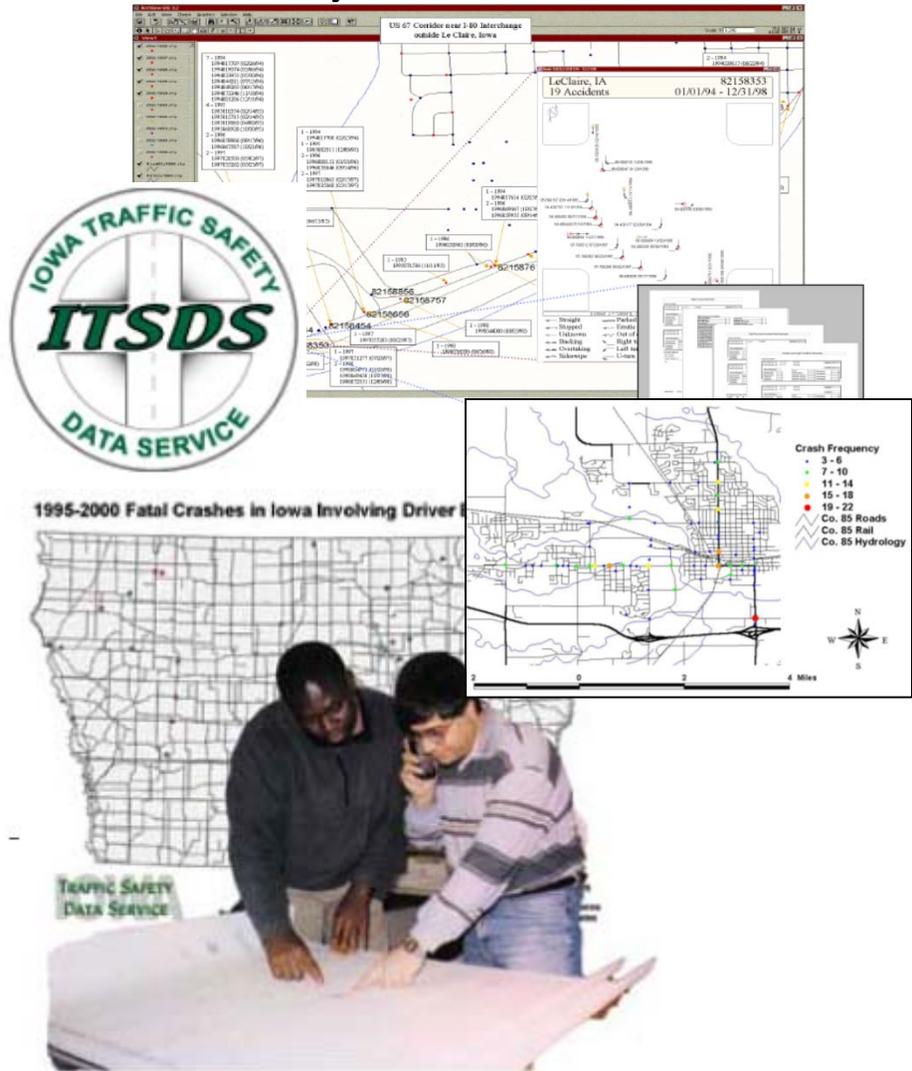


Figure 5: Selection of Refinement Parameters.

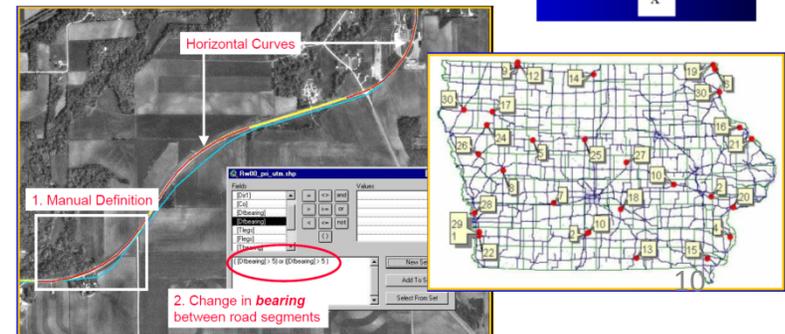
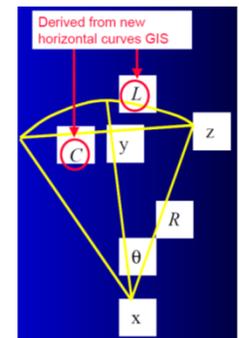
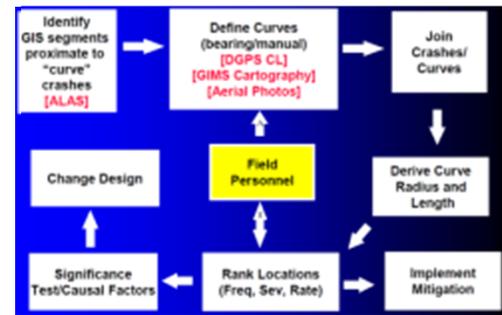
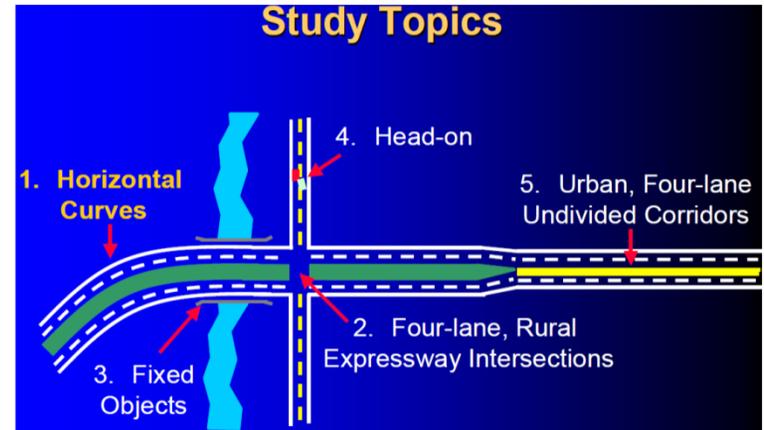
Evolution of GIS-TS applications ...

1999 Iowa Traffic Safety Data Service



Services, more sophisticated analysis

2001 High Crash Locations



2002 – Crash Mapping Analysis Tool/SAVER

The screenshot displays the 'Crash Mapping Analysis Tool' (SAVER) interface. The main window shows a map of Marion, MN, with red dots representing crash locations. The map includes street names such as 10TH ST, ROYSON RD, 10TH AVE, 7TH AVE, 56TH ST, BLAIRS FERRY RD, MUMIER RD, and C POST RD. A sidebar on the left shows a 'Day of Week' filter with options for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. A 'View' sidebar on the left shows a list of years from 1995 to 2000. A 'Dashboard Select' sidebar is also visible. A 'Crash Year Distribution' window is open, showing a bar chart with the text 'Enter Text Here'. A 'Crash Mapping Analysis Tool' window is also open, showing a list of crash data points.

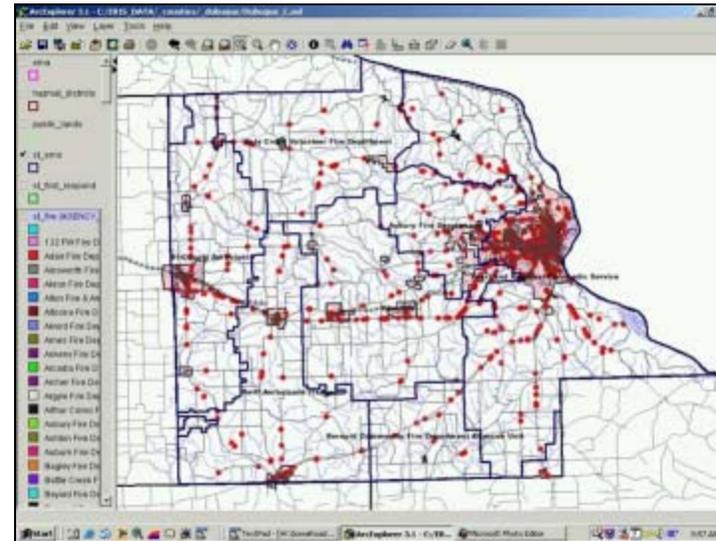
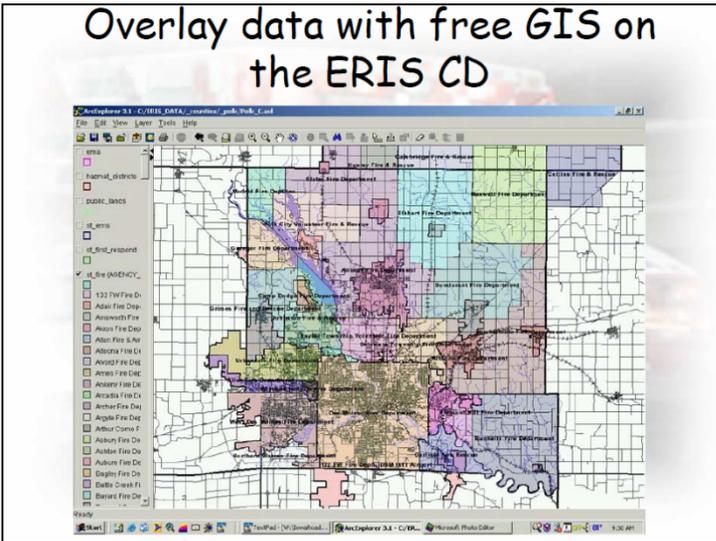
The interface includes several tool windows and a report window:

- Interface/GUI:** A yellow header bar with a 'Home' button and a 'Report' button.
- Input:** A window for entering text, with a 'Driver Age range' input field.
- Checkboxes:** A window for selecting data years or counties, with a 'Data Range' and 'County' list.
- Report:** A window showing the results of a query, with a 'Report' button and a 'Report' window displaying the results.

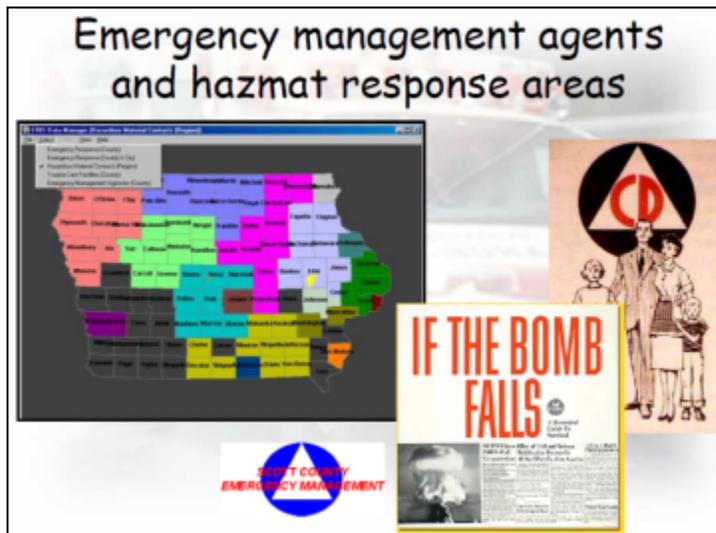
The bottom right corner of the screenshot shows a screenshot of the Minnesota Department of Transportation website, featuring the 'State Aid for Local Transportation' and 'Minnesota Crash Mapping Analysis Tool (MnCMAT)' sections.

2003 ERIS – Emergency Response Information System

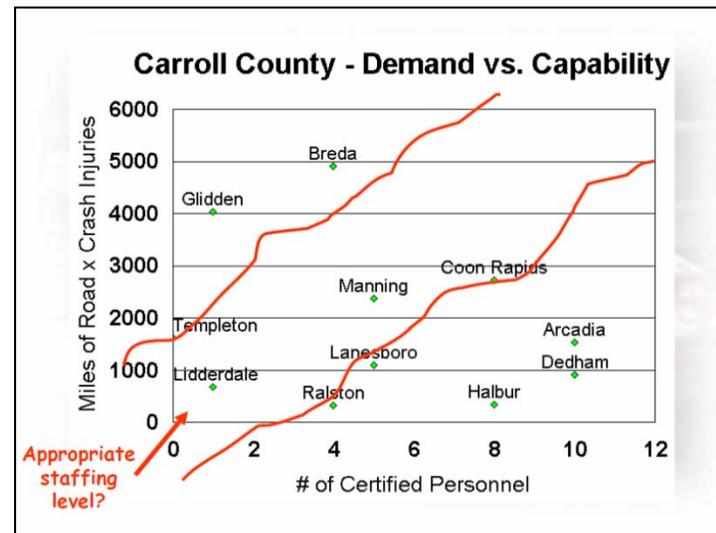
Overlay data with free GIS on the ERIS CD



Emergency management agents and hazmat response areas



Carroll County - Demand vs. Capability



Today – usRAP – US Road Assessment Program

★★★★ usRAP Protocol 1. Risk Maps

usRAP Michigan
Map 1. Crash Density (Fatal & Major Injury Crashes per Mile)

Map 1 – Crash Density

- Dark green (40% of roadway length) – lowest risk
- Green (25% of roadway length)
- Yellow (20% of roadway length)
- Red (10% of roadway length)
- Black (5% of roadway length) – highest risk

2000 - 2004
Genesee County
Rural Trunkline Highways & County Paved Primary Roads

★★★★ usRAP Protocol 2. Performance Tracking

Figure 21. Location of Sites Selected for Michigan Field Reviews

Figure 22. Typical Mobile Location Map for a Selected Michigan Site

Figure 23. usRAP Michigan 2000-2004 Rural Trunkline Highways

Figure 24. usRAP Michigan 2000-2004 Rural Trunkline Highways

★★★★ usRAP Protocol 3. Star Ratings based on Road Protection Score

★★★★ usRAP Protocol 4. Safer Roads Investment Plans

$RPS \times \text{traffic volume} \times \text{calibration factor}$

- Deaths and serious injuries (before)

Apply countermeasures → new RPS

Deaths and serious injuries (after)

Reduction in deaths and serious injuries and economic benefit



usRAP

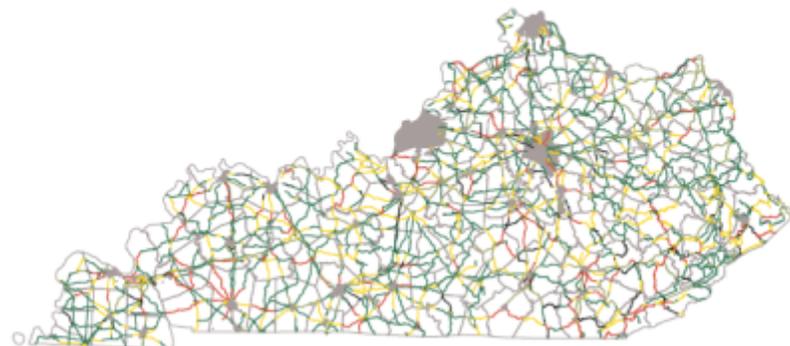


- Phase I
- Phase II
- Phase III

- ★ RPS Validation – Washington, Iowa, Illinois
- ★ Public Awareness Campaigns – Utah, Michigan



MAP 2. Crash Rate (Fatal and Major Injury Crashes per 100M VMT)
Aggressive Driving Crashes



usRAP Kane County Illinois Safer Roads Investment Plan

View: All roads | All sections | Refresh

ALL ROADS

usRAP Kane County Illinois Countermeasure Program based on a minimum benefit-cost ratio of 10

Countermeasure Type	Length	KSI's Saved (20 years)	PV of Safety Benefits (20 years)	Estimated Cost (20 years)	Cost per KSI saved	Program BCR
Central median barrier (no duplication)	5.1km	114.97	\$ 79,201,526	\$ 1,748,384	\$ 15,276	45.31
Shoulder paving (r 1m)	45.0km	118.68	\$ 76,228,918	\$ 3,783,468	\$ 34,276	28.15
Roadside barriers - Right	19.0km	96.36	\$ 66,428,932	\$ 3,625,375	\$ 39,699	17.37
Signalo intersection (3-leg)	16.0km	78.33	\$ 45,405,544	\$ 1,868,959	\$ 23,648	28.97
Signalo intersection (4-leg)	6.0km	62.18	\$ 44,933,933	\$ 618,860	\$ 12,427	36.47
Left turn lane (signalized 3-leg)	27.0km	55.99	\$ 36,691,484	\$ 2,492,469	\$ 42,905	16.07
Roadside barriers - Left	7.0km	51.13	\$ 36,258,371	\$ 1,660,326	\$ 32,091	28.96
Roundabout	2.0km	48.25	\$ 27,748,597	\$ 2,096,869	\$ 49,891	13.87
Duplication with median barrier	8.7km	38.88	\$ 26,648,424	\$ 1,254,960	\$ 32,484	21.24
Left turn provision at existing signalized site (4-leg)	0.0km	38.33	\$ 21,847,362	\$ 541,900	\$ 17,746	38.05
Left turn lane (signalized 4-leg)	18.0km	26.35	\$ 18,328,462	\$ 696,360	\$ 32,297	21.36
Left turn provision at existing signalized site (3-leg)	6.0km	26.36	\$ 18,173,363	\$ 738,860	\$ 27,721	26.87
Rail crossing upgrade	1.0km	16.35	\$ 10,923,321	\$ 79,960	\$ 4,903	188.04
Lane widening (up to 3.0m)	6.3km	15.25	\$ 10,514,562	\$ 168,866	\$ 11,018	62.57
Shoulder paving (r 1m)	8.7km	10.56	\$ 7,201,465	\$ 397,525	\$ 36,687	18.79
Road resurfacing	0.0km	9.96	\$ 6,689,568	\$ 421,940	\$ 42,334	16.28
Delimitation and signing (intersections)	0.0km	4.71	\$ 3,248,332	\$ 136,528	\$ 22,608	38.39
Sideline improvement - Right	1.0km	4.65	\$ 3,207,912	\$ 93,380	\$ 19,987	34.48
Sideline improvement - Left	8.7km	2.15	\$ 1,491,328	\$ 131,360	\$ 23,676	26.88
Improve delineation	2.0km	1.87	\$ 1,296,349	\$ 91,329	\$ 48,776	14.14
Road surface improvement	0.0km	1.02	\$ 705,725	\$ 30,340	\$ 29,347	23.48
Improve curve delineation	8.1km	0.27	\$ 188,965	\$ 1,764	\$ 6,488	106.93
TOTAL	393	733	\$ 546,824,372	\$ 22,927,964	\$ 28,594	23.85

usRAP Kane County Illinois Predicted Casualty Savings Report

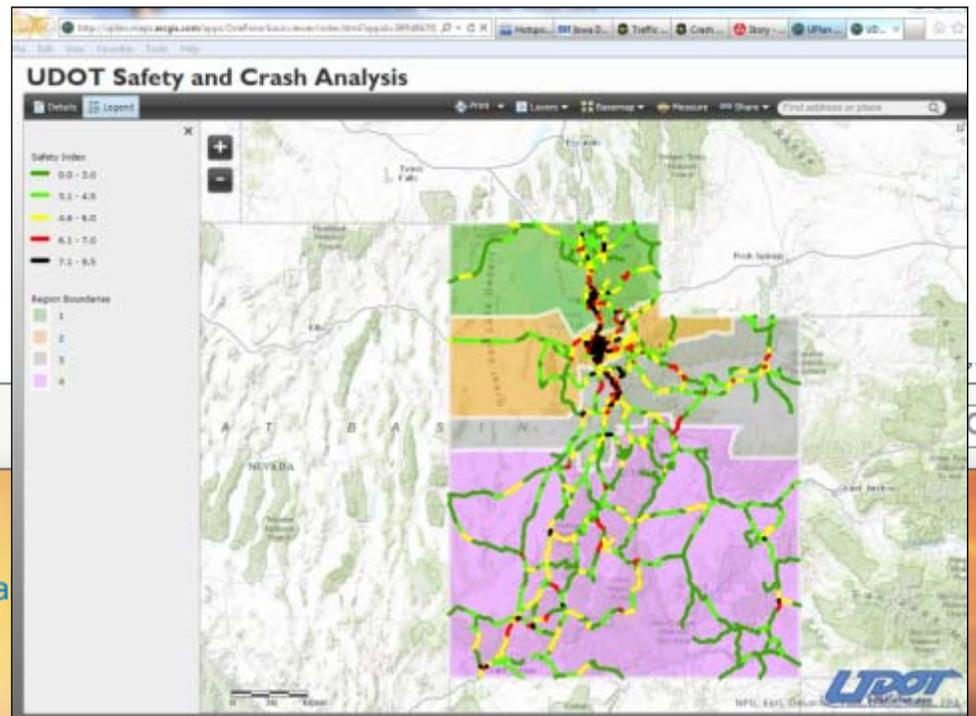
Kane County Illinois Fast Facts

- Population: 526,930
- GDP per Capita: \$ 46,565
- Road Network: 443km
- Fatalities (2011): 25
- Serious Injuries (2011): 85
- Est. Crash Cost (2011): \$ 147,446,988
- Traffic Mix: TDB

KSI SAVED PER KM OVER 20 YEAR

Colour Band

- 0
- +0 - 2
- +2 - 5
- +5 - 15
- >15



HOME GALLERY MAP

UPLAN

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UDOT PLANNING NETWORK



Maintenance Station Information



2011 Daily Traffic Map - AADT



UDOT Projects Map



UDOT Pavement Management Map

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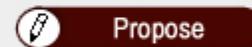
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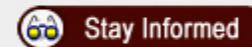
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Transportation



Motor
Carriers



Pedestrians
and
Bicyclists



Pipelines



Public
Transportation



Rail

Standing Committees

Code	Committee Name
ABE60	Accessible Transportation and Mobility
AFB20	Roadside Safety Design
AHB60	Highway/Rail Grade Crossings
AL070	Tort Liability and Risk Management
AN000	Safety and Systems Users Group
ANB00	Section - Safety
ANB10	Transportation Safety Management
ANB20	Safety Data, Analysis and Evaluation
ANB23T	Task Force on Highway Safety Workforce Development
ANB25	Highway Safety Performance
ANB30	Operator Education and Regulation
ANB40	Traffic Law Enforcement
ANB45	Occupant Protection
ANB50	Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Transportation
ANB60	Safe Mobility of Older Persons
ANB70	Truck and Bus Safety
ANB75	Roundabouts
ANB99C	Research on the Health and Wellness of Commercial Truck and Bus Drivers: A Conference
AND00	Section - Users Performance
AND10	Vehicle User Characteristics
AND20	User Information Systems
AND30	Simulation and Measurement of Vehicle and Operator Performance

Policy Study Committees

Code	Committee Name
B0102	Committee for the Study of Traffic Safety Lessons from Benchmark Nations
B0105	Committee for Review of the Federal Railroad Administration Research and Development Program
B0110	Commercial Truck and Bus Safety Synthesis Program
B0113	Committee for a Review of the En Route Air Traffic Control Complexity and Workload Model
B0115	Committee on Offshore Oil and Gas Platform Inspection Program of the Minerals Management Service: A
E1008	Transportation Safety IDEA Program Committee

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AND40	Visibility
ANF10	Pedestrians
ANF20	Bicycle Transportation
ANF30	Motorcycles and Mopeds
AP099A	Committee for Research on Fatigue in Transit Operations: A Conference
AR070	Railroad Operational Safety
AT040	Transportation of Hazardous Materials
AV090	Aviation Security and Emergency Management
AW040	Marine Safety and Human Factors

TRB Committees Related to Data and Information Technology



Standing Committees

Code	Committee Name
A0030T	Special Task Force on Data for Decisions and Performance Measures
ABC30	Performance Measurement
ABC40	Transportation Asset Management
ABJ00	Section - Data and Information Systems
ABJ10	National Transportation Data Requirements and Programs
ABJ15T	Task Force for the Using Census Data for Transportation Applications Conference
ABJ20	Statewide Transportation Data and Information Systems
ABJ25T	Task Force on the Traffic Monitoring Conferences
ABJ30	Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems
ABJ35	Highway Traffic Monitoring
ABJ40	Travel Survey Methods
ABJ45T	Task Force on Understanding New Directions for the National Household Travel Survey
ABJ50	Information Systems and Technology
ABJ60	Geographic Information Science and Applications
ABJ70	Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Computing Applications
ABJ80	Statistical Methods
ABJ90	Freight Transportation Data
ABJ95	Visualization in Transportation
ABJ99F	Using Census Data for Transportation Applications: A Conference
ABJ99G	Committee for Access to International Transportation Research Information: A Conference
AFB80	Geospatial Data Acquisition Technologies in Design and Construction
ANB20	Safety Data, Analysis and Evaluation

Policy Study Committees

Code	Committee Name
B0002	TRB Information Services Committee
B0114	Committee on Strategies for Improved Passenger and Freight Travel Data
E1002	TRB Long-Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) Committee
E1002-B	Expert Task Group on LTPP Special Activities
E1002-C	Expert Task Group on LTPP Traffic Data Collection and Analysis
E1003	Data Analysis Working Group (DAWG)

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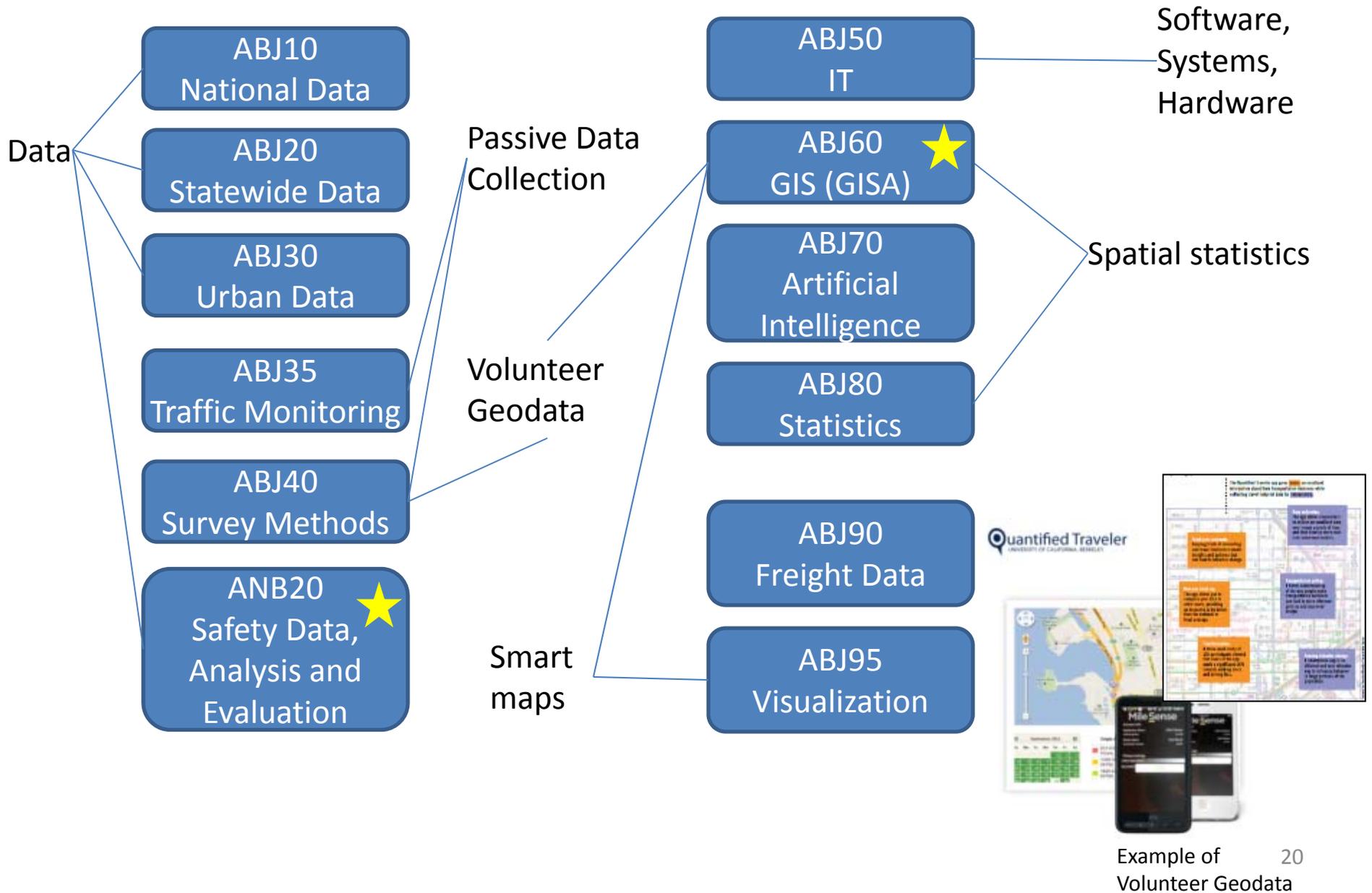
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DF040 [NCFRP Project Panel on Improving Export Freight Logistics](#)

TRB GIS/Safety Key Committees (DRAFT)



Challenges



GRT Corp

MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

1. Education - How to get top management to understand the magnitude of GIS without getting them turned off before the system is completed:
 - a. Training for executives and managers
 - b. Training for Legislators
 - c. Good definition of GIS
 - d. Define benefits of GIS
 - e. Define needs
 - f. How will quality be maintained
2. Organization - What changes should be made to organizational structure related to GIS:
 - a. GIS / USA ?
 - b. Where/Who should control
3. External Coordination:
 - a. FHWA role
 - b. Standards
 - c. Reporting
 - d. Goals - FHWA/State/Local

DATA NEEDS and DATA ACQUISITION ISSUES:

40 issues received were reviewed and analysis reduced issues to the following 5 major categories:

1. Data Standardization
2. Data Accuracy
3. Data Sharing - Federal, State, Local governments
4. Create interface among separate data bases (created at different scales, resolutions, etc.)
5. Optimize data collection and maintenance techniques

TECHNOLOGY ISSUES:

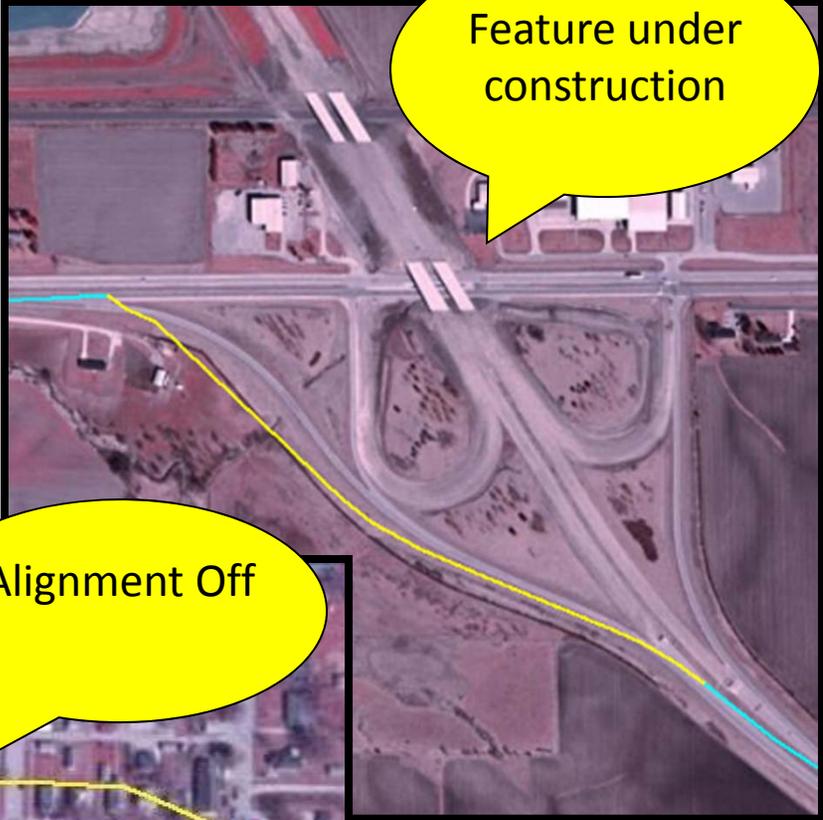
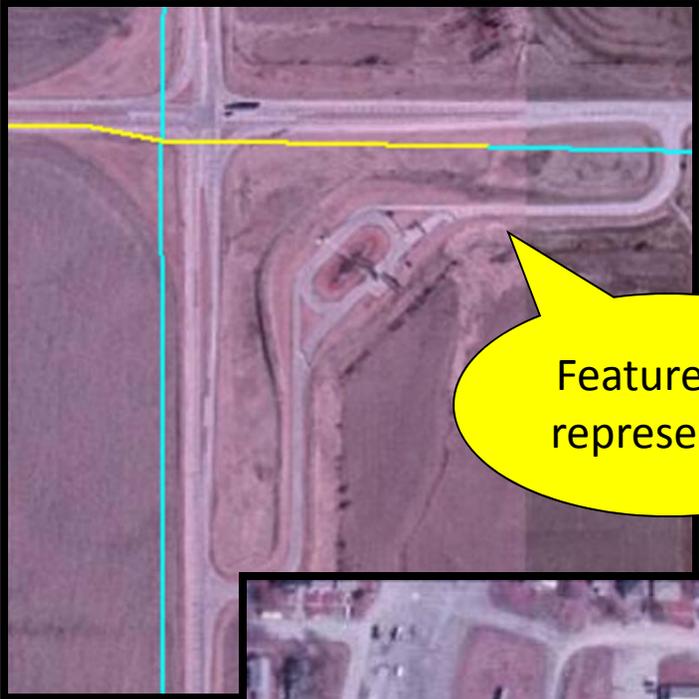
1. Technology Transfer:
 - a. General information of what's going on in GIS
 - b. Dialogue between DOT's and Vendor Community
2. Integration Issues:
 - a. Multiple hardware platforms
 - b. Integrating - CADD, Image, Spatial Data, Workstations, Mainframe, Non-Spatial Data

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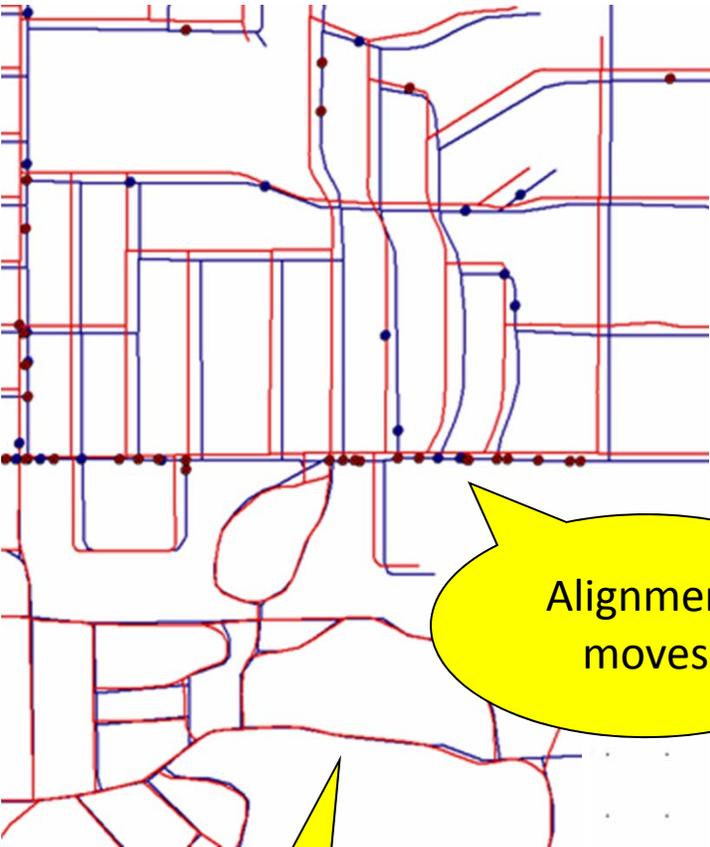
Some not-so
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questions



Where are the roads? (Incorrect or incomplete cartography)



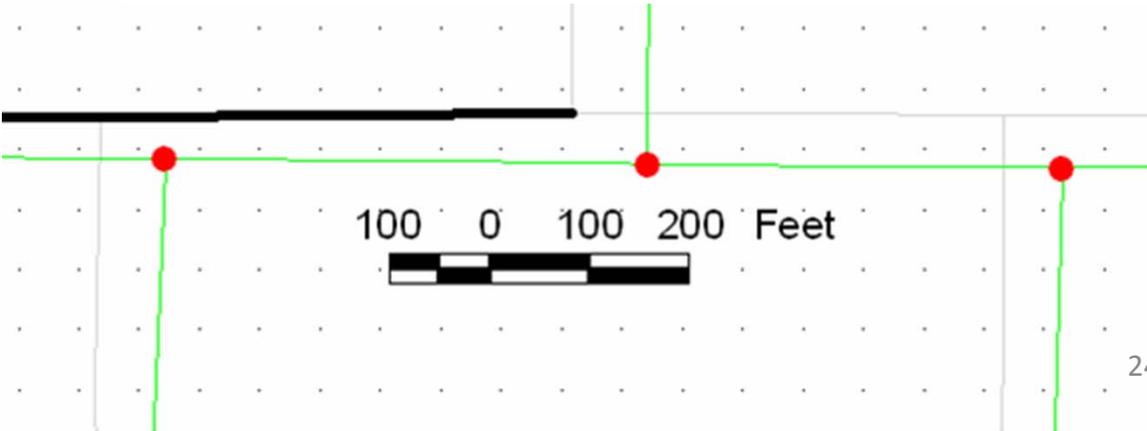
Where are the roads? (Improving cartography)



Alignment moves

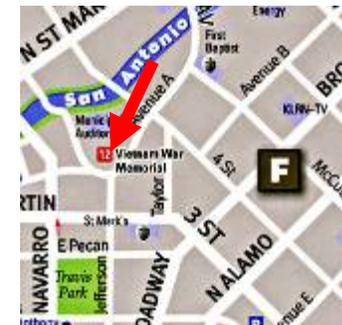


Alignment stays put



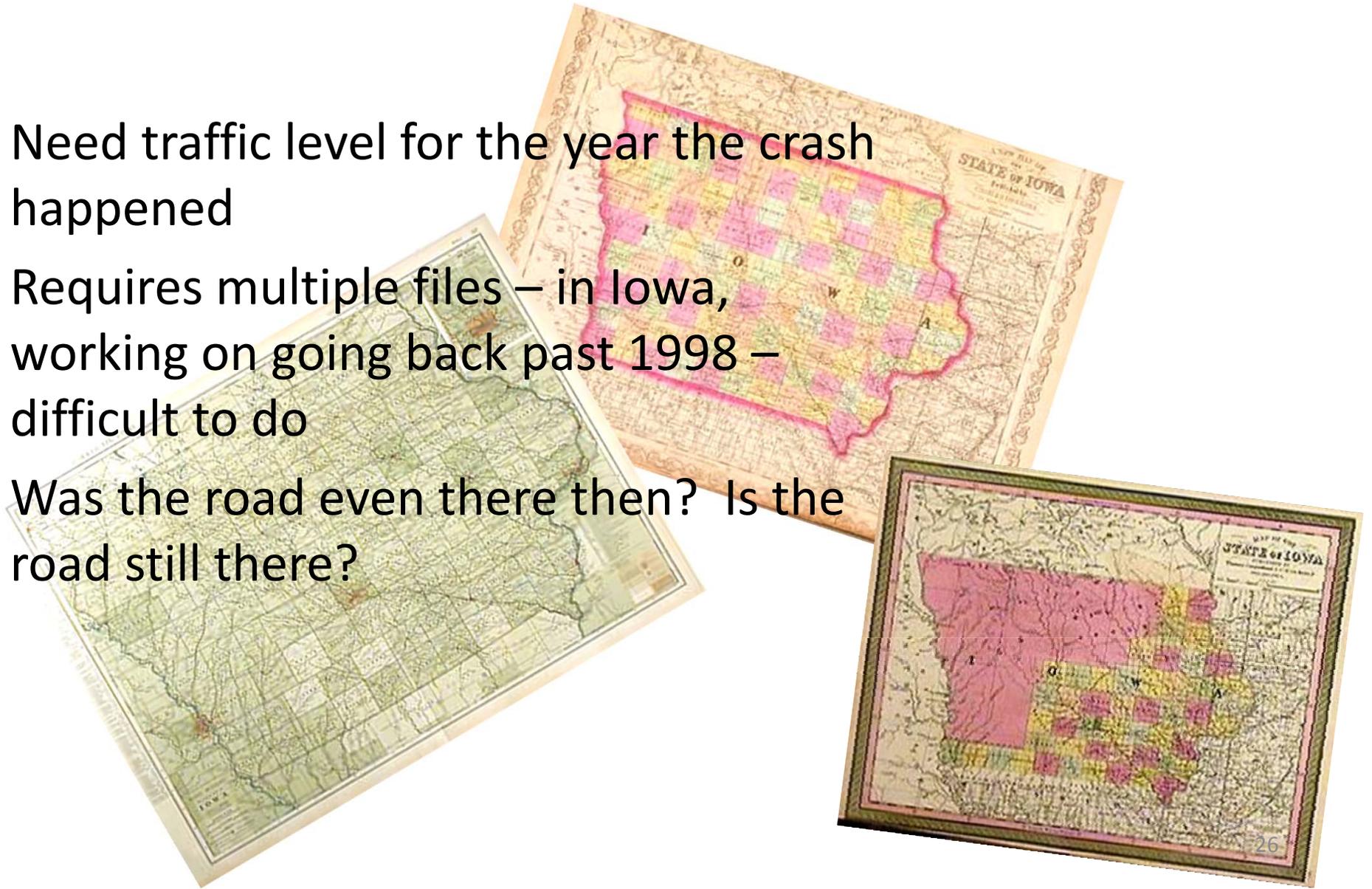
Where are the crashes?

- Crashes are not necessarily point events
- Some crashes may be located using different methods and degree of accuracy
 - Temporal (e.g. link node to lat long)
 - Spatial (e.g., state police v. local)
 - Techno (GPS v. smart map)



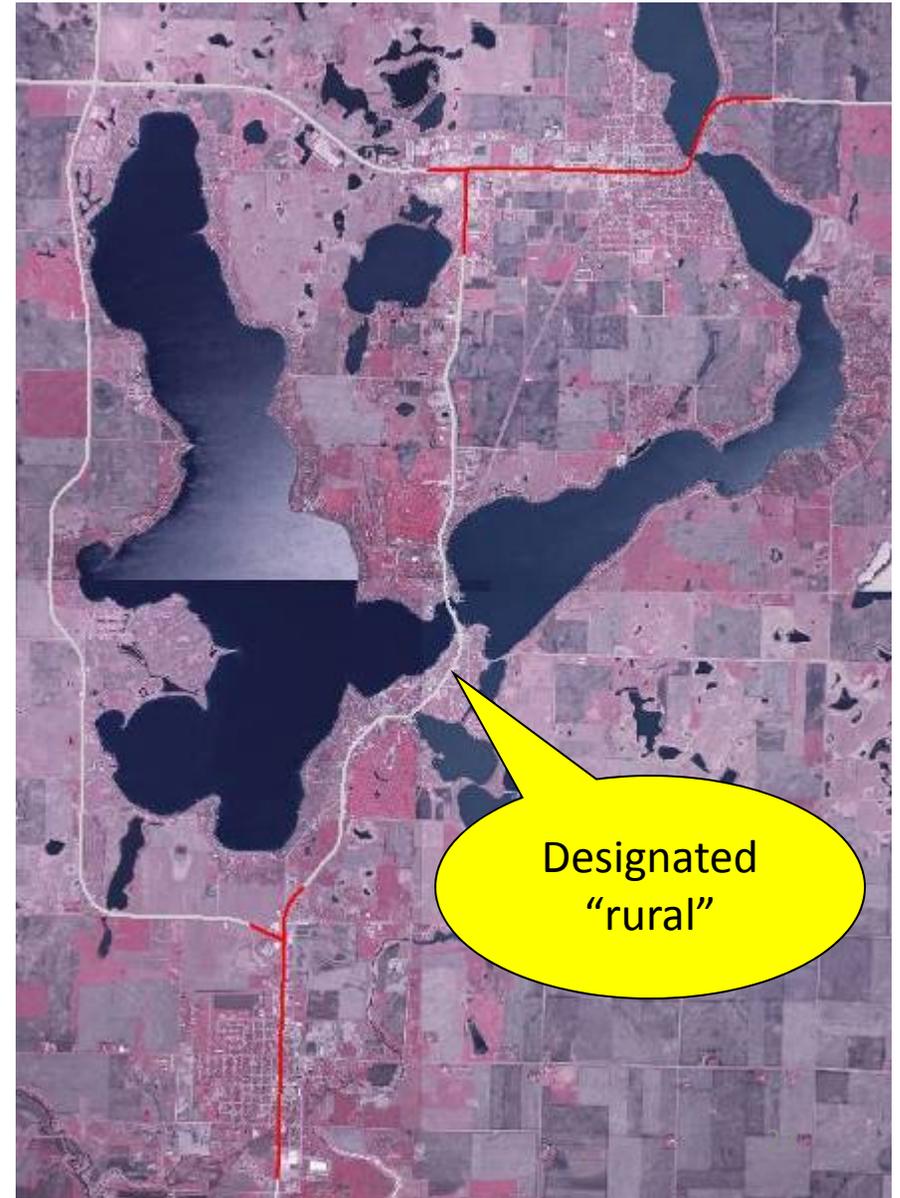
What's "the" traffic volume on "the" road?

- Need traffic level for the year the crash happened
- Requires multiple files – in Iowa, working on going back past 1998 – difficult to do
- Was the road even there then? Is the road still there?

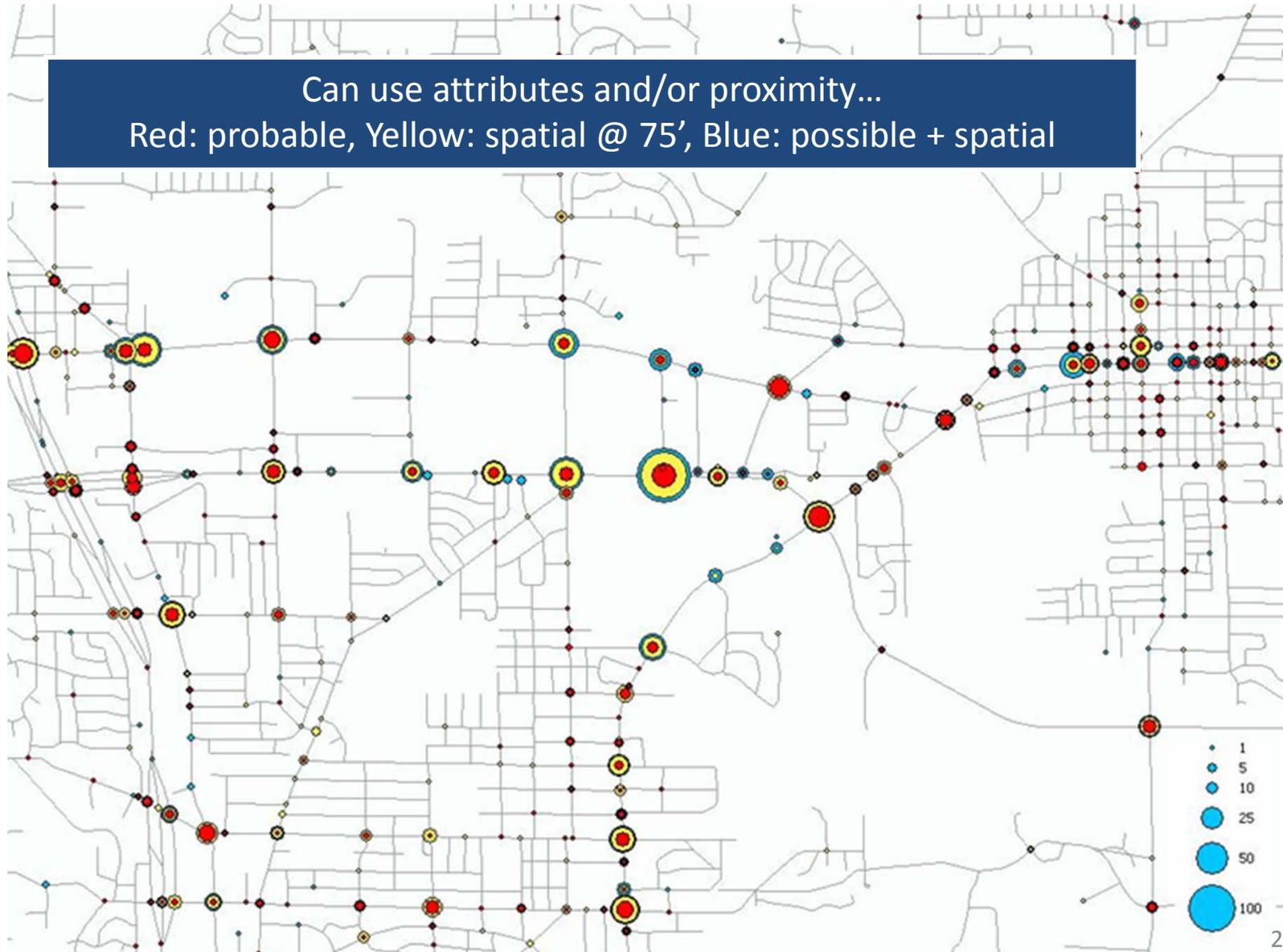


How to segment the road system?

- Requirements
 - Logical breaks (engineering and public)
 - Relationship to inventory data
 - Long enough for manageability and presentation
 - Short enough to reflect important changes
 - Clear and understandable to use
- Facility location and type
 - What is rural/urban? Character is important ...



What is an intersection crash?



The 50th Anniversary of GIS



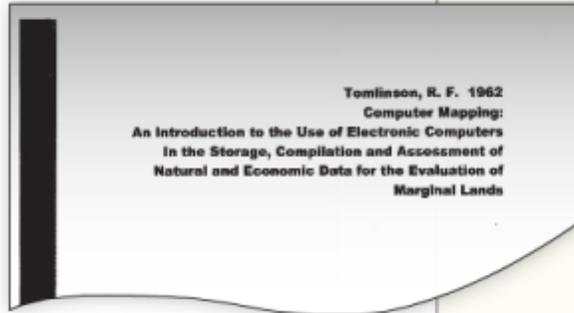
Roger Tomlinson

Some events, like birthdays, weddings, and graduations, are easy to mark on the calendar. Others, like the beginning of a social movement or a language—or the invention of GIS—are harder to pinpoint. However, the confluence of three pivotal events in 1962

and 1963 makes this as good a time as any to celebrate a half-century of GIS.

The first event was the establishment of the Canada Land Inventory (CLI) in 1962. CLI set out to produce about 1,500 maps of land use and land capabilities at 1:50,000 scales. Though the maps were produced using traditional manual methods, Roger Tomlinson, employed by Spartan Air Services, convinced the head of CLI that computers could be used to automate map analysis. CLI invited Tomlinson to define the functional requirements of what would later be called the Canada Geographic Information System. His carefully considered use of the qualifier “geographic” caught on and has created opportunities and challenges for the discipline of geography ever since.

In August 1963, just as Tomlinson delivered his feasibility report to CLI, Edward Horwood of the University of Washington organized the First Annual Conference on Urban Planning Information Systems and Programs. Within a few years, that event became the annual conference of a new organization called the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA). Urban and Regional Information



The title page of Roger Tomlinson's 1962 paper that started the work on GIS in the Government of Canada.

A Geographic Information System for Regional Planning

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As a tool in its program of rural development, Canada is developing a computer-based information system for the storage and manipulation of map-based land data. The system and its capabilities are described.

Canada, like many countries, faces an immense problem in both understanding and guiding the development of its land, water, and human resources. One of the major agencies created specifically to implement policy to attack this problem is the Rural Development Branch of the Department of Forestry and Rural Development. A primary task facing this agency is to assemble social (demographic), economic, and land data for an integrated analysis to enable problems of rural development to be specified, development programs to be implemented, and their effectiveness evaluated.

Parallel with the gathering of data has been the development, by the Regional Planning Information Systems Division of the Branch, of integrated computer-based information systems to handle and analyze the data. The Geographic Information System, for the storage and manipulation of land data is the most developed of these systems. Its design and development started in 1963, implementation began in 1965, and is now in its final stages; routine use is scheduled

“A situation can be reached where the amount of data precludes its use.”
- Tomlinson, 1962

grant from the Ford Foundation, Fisher later founded the Laboratory for Computer Graphics at Harvard, where he oversaw an important strand of the evolution of computer mapping into GIS.

Whether we choose these milestones or others as the origins of GIS, the fact remains that GIS has come a long way, baby, in a relatively short period of time. Its impact extends far beyond the hundreds of thousands of GIS professionals at work around the world. The recent Penn State-Public Broadcasting video series *Geospatial Revolution* (geospatialrevolution.psu.edu) dramatizes the far-reaching impacts of GIS and related technologies on how we think, act, and interact. At its 50th anniversary, GIS has itself become a kind of movement and

and federal resource policy and regional planning, will generate an estimated 30,000 map sheets, at various scales. The Inventory has currently produced 7000 map sheets, of which 3000 have been prepared for computer input. The maps contain an average of 800 distinct areas on each sheet, and have been found to contain as many as 4000. Additionally, other types of maps covering watersheds, climate, geology, administrative boundaries, and land titles are generated by other agencies.

The need for a computer-based system, whereby map and related data can be stored in a form suitable for rapid measurement and comparison, is apparent as soon as the magnitude of the problem of handling large numbers of maps is appreciated. Lack of trained personnel makes it impossible to examine such large amounts of data manually in any sensible time, much less to provide a meaningful analysis of the content. A situation can be reached where the amount of data precludes its use. The end product of countless hours of survey can remain unused, with the result that administrators do not receive information necessary for a sound basis to decision making.

The first known published use of the term Geographic Information Systems, August 1968.

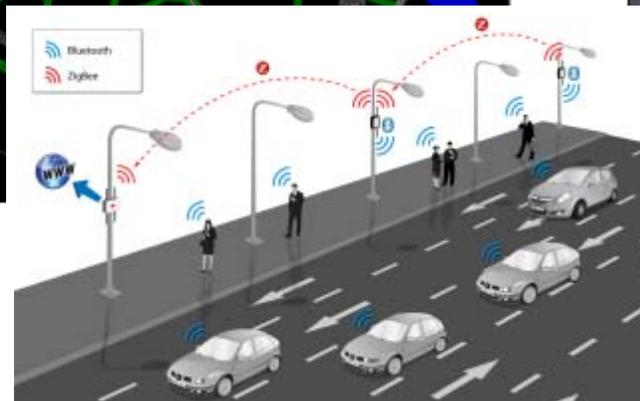
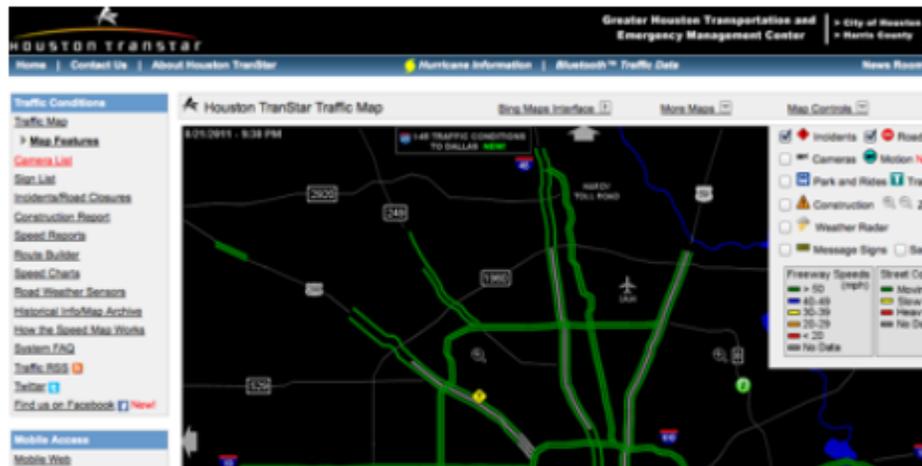
For more information, contact David DiBiase, Tomlinson, Roger, 1968



Big data: Sensors

TranStar Traffic Uses Bluetooth for Real-Time Monitoring

by MATT BALL on AUGUST 22, 2011



Big Data: SHRP2

SHRP 2
Strategic Highway Research Program

Accelerating solutions for performance

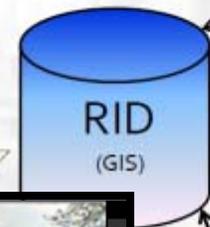
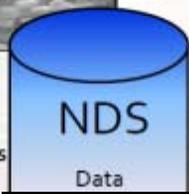


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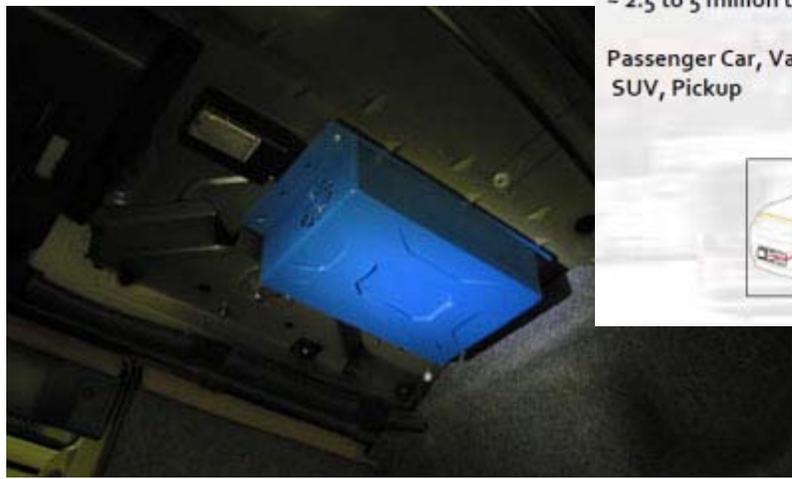


~ 1950 DAS
~ 3000 participants
~ 2.5 to 5 million trips

Passenger Car, Van, SUV, Pickup



New Roadway Data Collected and QA (incl. curvature)



Charles Fey, TRB



Big Data: Scanners

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Motorway crash closures to be cut by 3D laser scanners

New technology is to be employed to cut down the time that motorways are closed after crashes, the government says.

A £2.7m deal will allow 27 police forces across England to get 3D laser scanning technology.

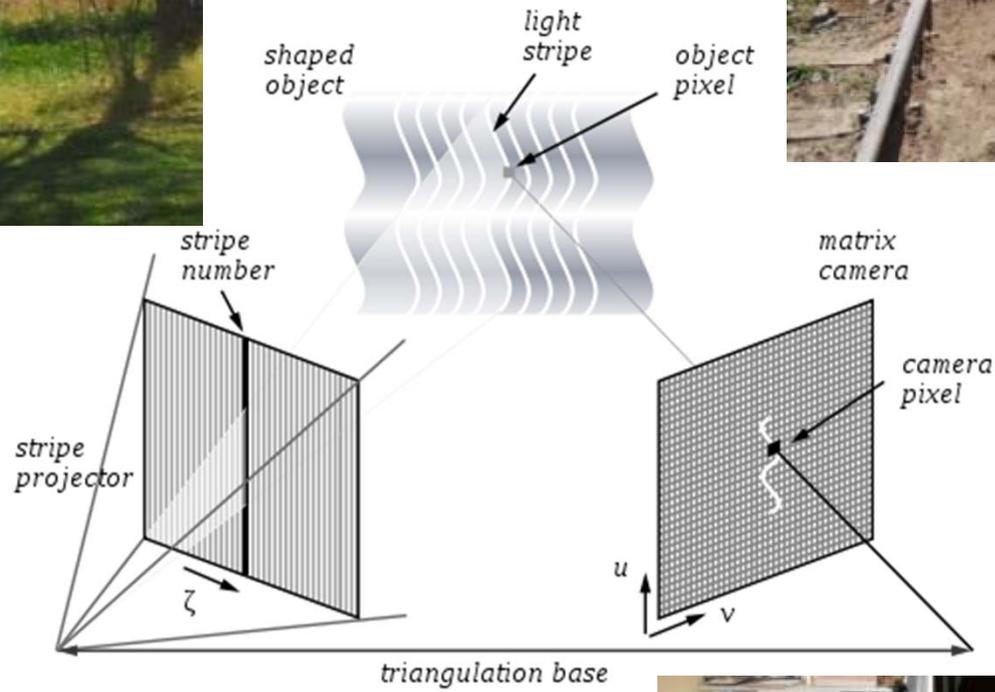
This quickly makes a 3D image of the crash site, instead of investigators surveying multiple sections of a scene.

Roads Minister Mike Penning said the technology will benefit drivers "by reducing incident clear up times by 39 minutes on average".

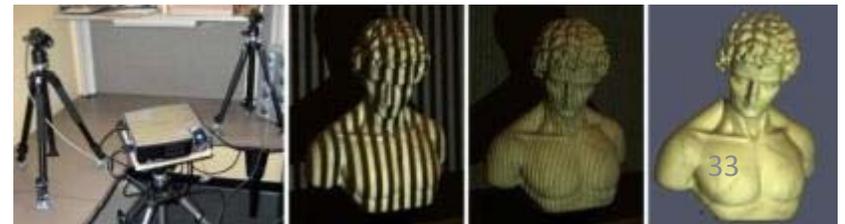


There were more than 18,000 full or partial motorway closures in 2010

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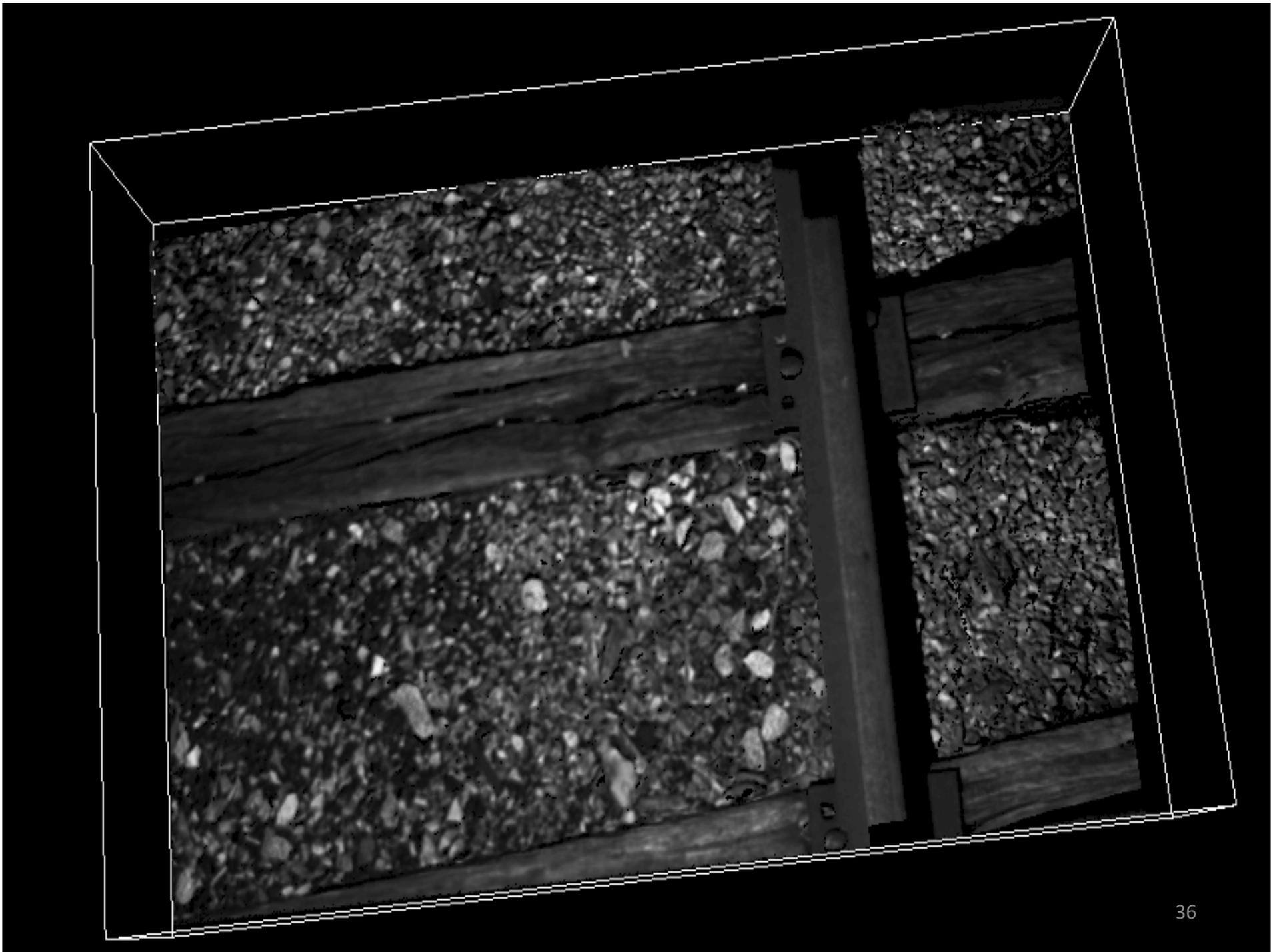
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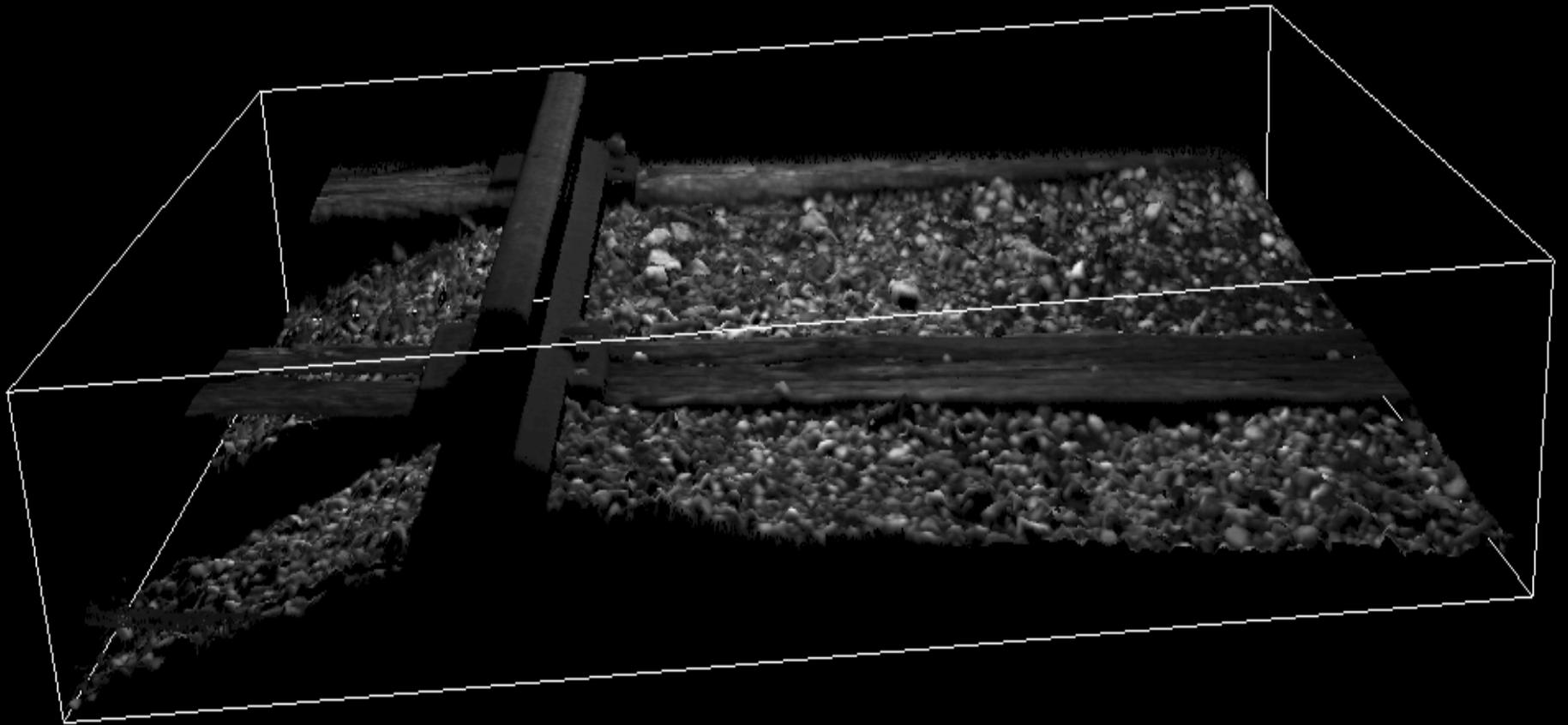
Tracks of Old Lexington and Ohio Railroad Are Embedded
in Concrete on Lawn in Front of Mechanical Hall;
Dedication of Historical Monument Was
Held on May 30, 1916

Unknown to a large number of students of the summer session there is a group of citizens set to work on the university campus a portion of the original track of the Lexington and Ohio Railroad to secure a charter for a railroad from Lexington to some point on the Ohio River.

ing the restoration of a part of the original track of the Lexington & Ohio Railroad, at the University of Kentucky. left to right: J. G. Metcalfe (now Superintendent, Ky. Division); W. H. Anderson (superintendent of Ky. Division); F. B. Carr, general agent, Lexington; J. H. Kastle, Lexington; F. L. Salisbury, Lexington; Judge Curtis Dougherty, Lexington; Dean Paul Anderson, Lexington; H. S. Barker, Lexington; J. P. Nelson, Lexington; G. H. Campbell, Baltimore, Md., (B. & O. R. R.); Wm. Gibson, Pittsburg, Pa., (Penna. R. R.); J. H. Crawford, trainmaster on E. K. Division); D. F. Crawford, Pittsburg, Pa., (Penna. R. R.); Col. W. H. Polk, Lexington.



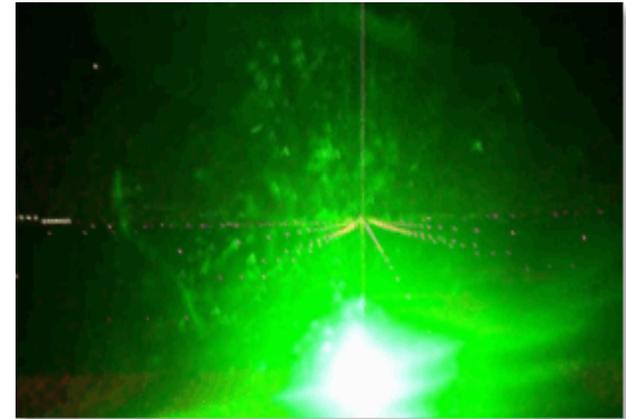






1831 to 2012

Sometimes, the cure is worse than the disease ...



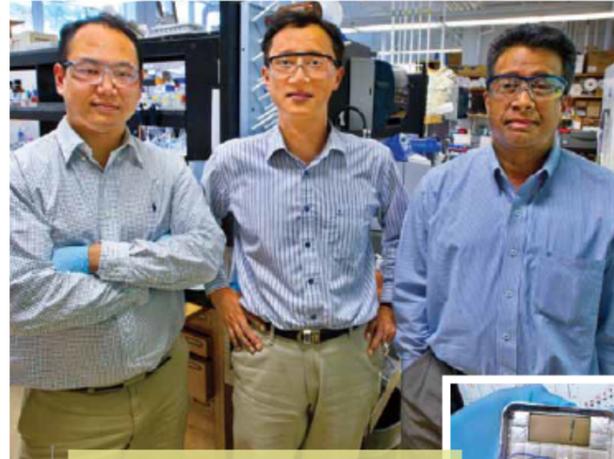
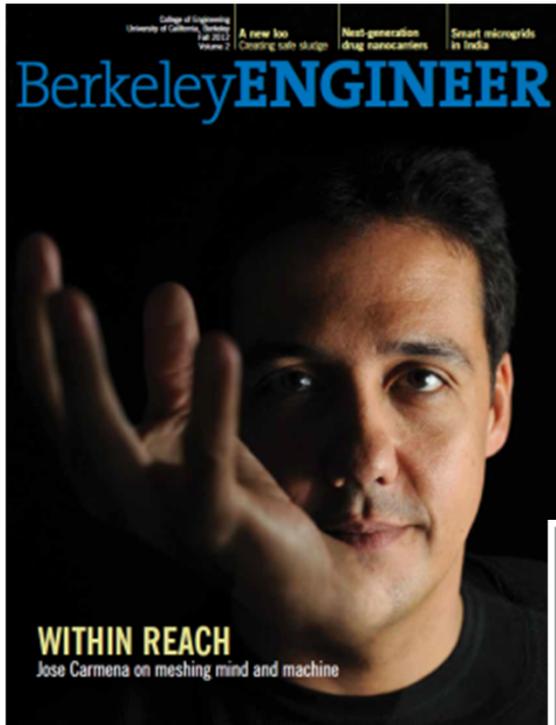
NGAC Meeting Addresses Transportation and Laser Regulation

by MATT BALL on JUNE 20, 2011

The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) met June 8-9, in Washington, D.C. On the agenda were discussions on transportation for the nation, Census address and road features and parcels, and parcel data on tribal lands. There was also concern about the impact on lidar mapping technologies from new Federal Aviation Administration regulations that ban the pointing of lasers at aircraft.



Challenges, or Opportunities?



A generator that uses viruses to turn mechanical energy into electricity, right, was developed by Berkeley researchers Byung Yang Lee, Seung-Wuk Lee and Ramamoorthy Ramesh, above.

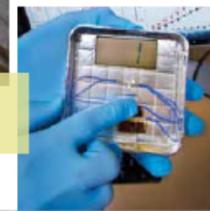
ENERGY

Electricity goes viral

What if you could create electrical energy with the tap of a finger? Scientists at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory have discovered a novel way to do just that.

Bioengineering professor **Seung-Wuk Lee**, materials science professor **Ramamoorthy Ramesh** and researcher **Byung Yang Lee** have developed a generator that uses genetically engineered viruses to convert mechanical energy into electricity. When a finger taps a small electrode coated with the viruses—which are harmless to people—the viruses transform that pressure into current.

Their generator makes enough power to run a small liquid-crystal display and is the first to utilize the piezoelectric properties of a biological material to produce electricity. The researchers hope this development will eventually lead to microelectronic devices that capture electrical energy from the movements of everyday activities, such as walking, climbing stairs or shutting a door.



PUBLIC HEALTH

A new loo

Aiming to improve sanitation services in developing countries, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation challenged engineers to make toilets clean, affordable and sustainable for the 2.5 billion people—40 percent of the world's population—who lack access to modern latrines. In response, environmental

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led a toilet

is a two-

excreta to

ing waste,

without

endangering humans or the environment. Their goal is for each toilet to cost less than \$50.

Over the next year, the researchers plan to refine their design, test it under actual use conditions and investigate ways to incorporate their solution into existing waste management systems. The display model, shown here, was designed to be transparent to show the toilet's inner components.

STEM CELLS

These sludge mixtures produce ammonia after two hours of contact.

Mixture

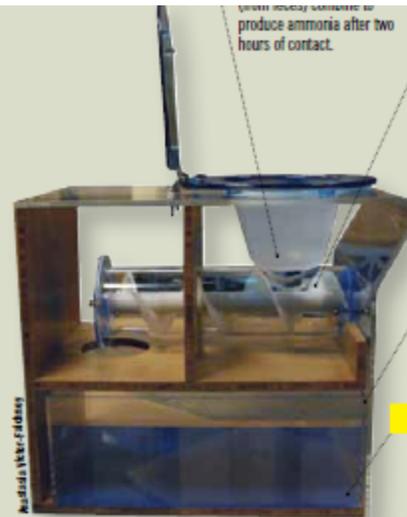
The hand-cranked auger mixes the urine and feces, then moves the excreta down the cylinder, which provides the necessary two-hour storage period to create ammonia. When the waste reaches the end of the cylinder, it moves into the collection bin.

Collection bin

The 10-gallon collection bin contains a lime solution that will raise the pH of the waste mixture to 12, converting the ammonia to a disinfectant.

Removal

After a week of storage in the bin, pathogens are disinfected. The "safe sludge" is ready to be taken to a processing facility, possibly to be converted to fertilizer or fuel.



Thank you

Accomplishments

- Technology
- Applications
- Innovation

Challenges

- Making sense of big data
- Supporting decisions
- Privacy
- Finance data programs
- Coordination

