



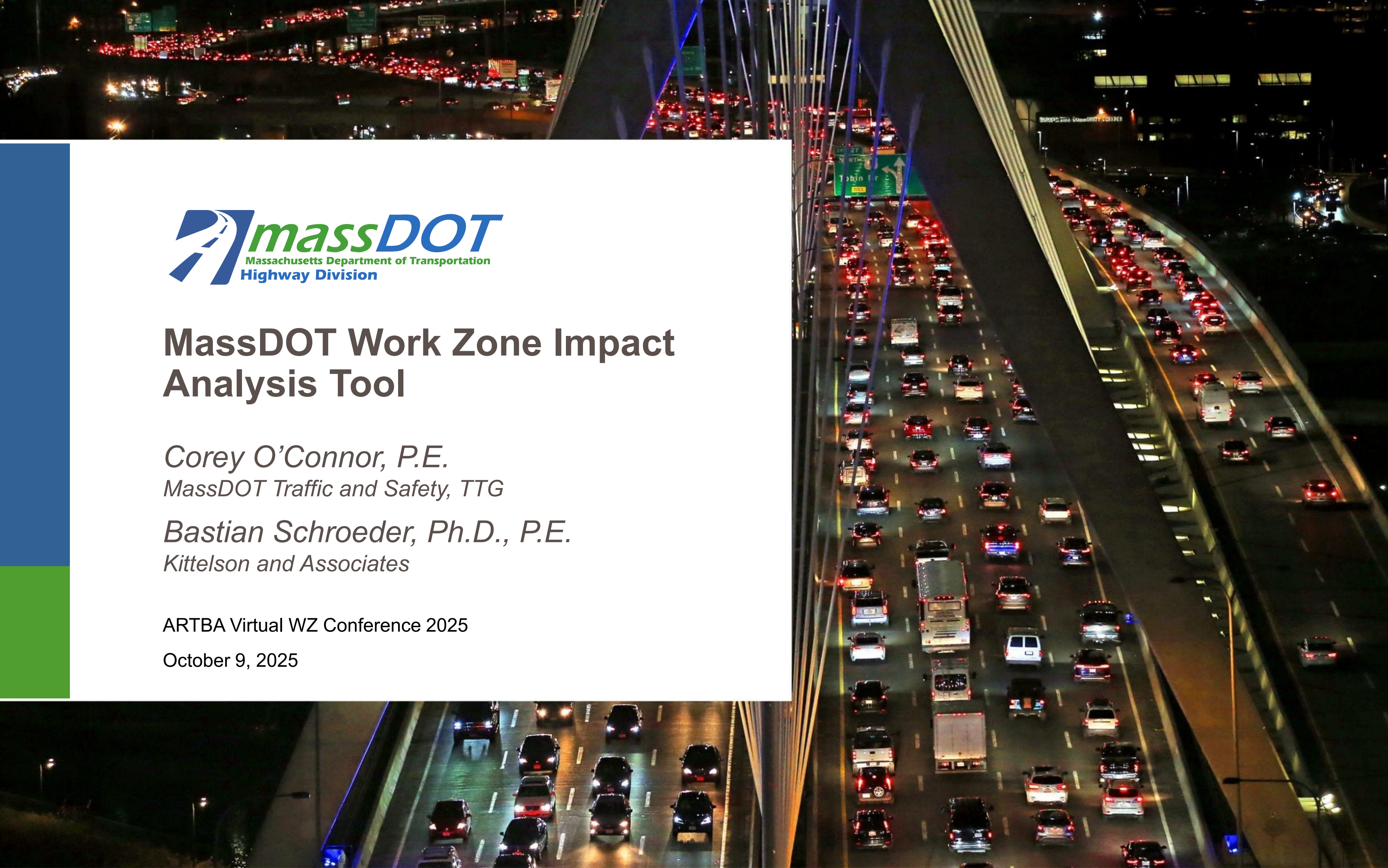
# MassDOT Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool

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# Agenda

- Motivation
- MassDOT's Work Zone Management Tools
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- Impact Analysis Tool Demo



# Work Zone Safety and Mobility Rule (2024)

## Code of Federal Regulations Title 23, Chapter I, Subchapter G, Part 630, Subpart J

- Update published in the Federal Register (89 FR 87293) on November 1, 2024, with an effective date of December 2, 2024.
- Requires States to comply no later than December 31, 2026
- **Section 630.1006**, Work zone safety and mobility policy
  - This subpart establishes requirements for States to develop policies for the systematic consideration and management of work zone impacts on all Federal-aid highway projects. Such policy shall identify safety and mobility performance measures
- **Section 630.1008**, State-level processes and procedures
  - States shall have procedures to (1) **in the project development stage, assess likely work zone impacts** and (2) in the project implementation stage, manage work zone impacts.

More Strategic with Allowable Lane Closures



# MassDOT's Work Zone Management Tools



## Work Zone Manager

Integrated central configuration, management, and monitoring of work zones throughout the state

## Lane Closure Request Application

Collects and manages lane closure requests

## WZ Impact Tool

Data-Driven and HCM-based evaluation of WZ scenarios and prediction of queues, delays, and user costs

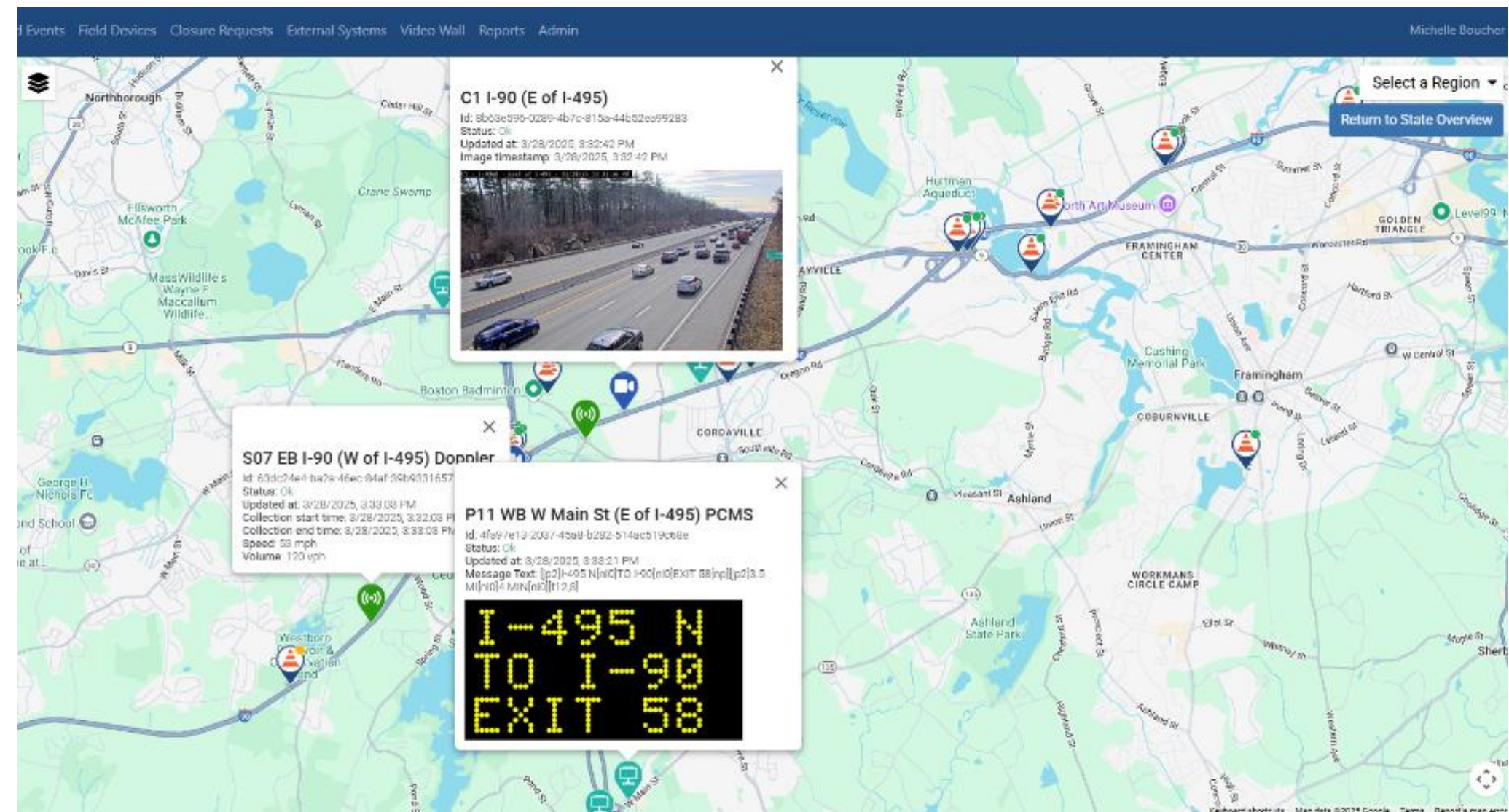
# Work Zone Manager

## ABOUT

- Web-based
- Mobile-friendly user interface

## FEATURES

- Configure, manage, and monitor work zones throughout the state
- View deployed portable ITS field devices
- Report on upcoming work zones as well as historical data
- Integrate with planned event sources
- Enable creation, automated validation, and review of lane closure requests
- Combine planned events with real-time device information
- Publish a US DOT CWZ Standard feed (previously WZDx) with audited, verified information that is updated every minute



# Lane Closure Request Application

- Improve quality of planned work zone data
- Use MassDOT's road GIS data to have accurate and precise location information

## Identification of conflicts

- Map layer for nearby work zone events

## Configuration and automatic validation against closure restrictions

- Import data about maximum number of closed lanes for road segments
- Visual warnings and suggestions

**New Closure Request**

Project Location Impact Schedule Review

**Location (Road Event 1)**  
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (\*).

Map Satellite

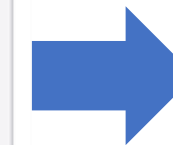
Nearby Road Events ☒ Mileposts ☒

Select Start ☒ Select End ☒

Primary Road Name\*  
SR131 WB

Mileposts  
Beginning Milepost: 3.244 Ending Milepost: 3.413

Coordinates



**New Closure Request**

Project Location Impact Schedule Review

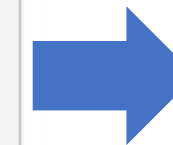
**Impact (Road Event 1)**  
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (\*).

Vehicle Impact\*  
Describe the high-level impact to vehicular lanes.  
Right Lane Closed

Lanes  
No lane-level information  
Add Lanes

Restrictions  
No restrictions  
Add Restrictions

Location Schedule



**New Closure Request**

Project Location Impact Schedule Review

**Schedule (Road Event 1)**  
Required fields are marked with an asterisk (\*).

Schedule Type\*  
Choose if the event occurs once continuously from start to end or repeats periodically on a weekly schedule.  
☒ Continuous (single occurrence or long-term permanent)  
☐ Recurring (daily/nightly setup)

Start Date and Time\*  
09/04/2024, 10:00 PM

End Date and Time\*  
09/03/2024, 05:00 AM

Impact Review Closure Request

**Warning:** This event violates one or more restrictions on the number of lanes that can be closed for this section of SR131 WB. Click on this notice for details.



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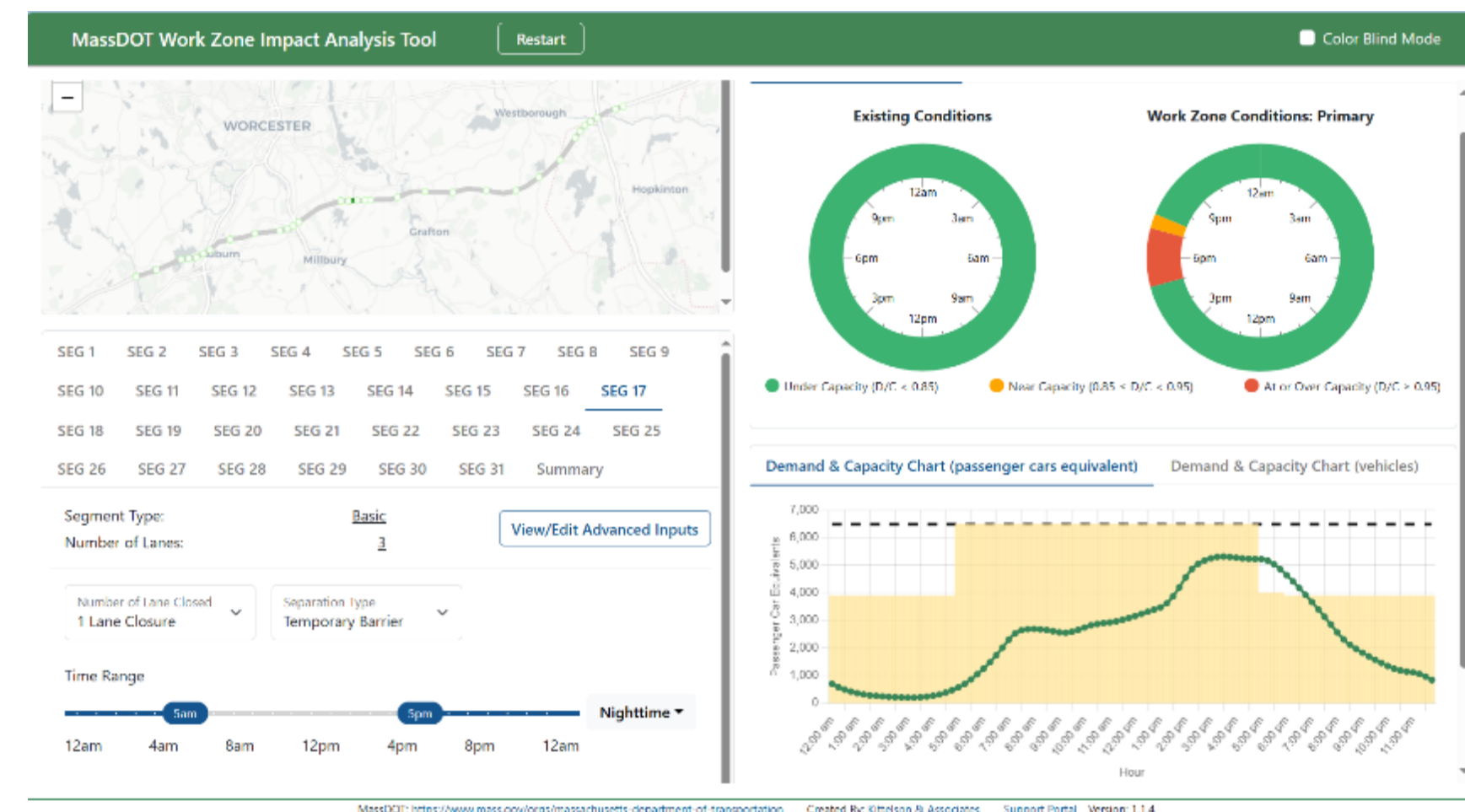
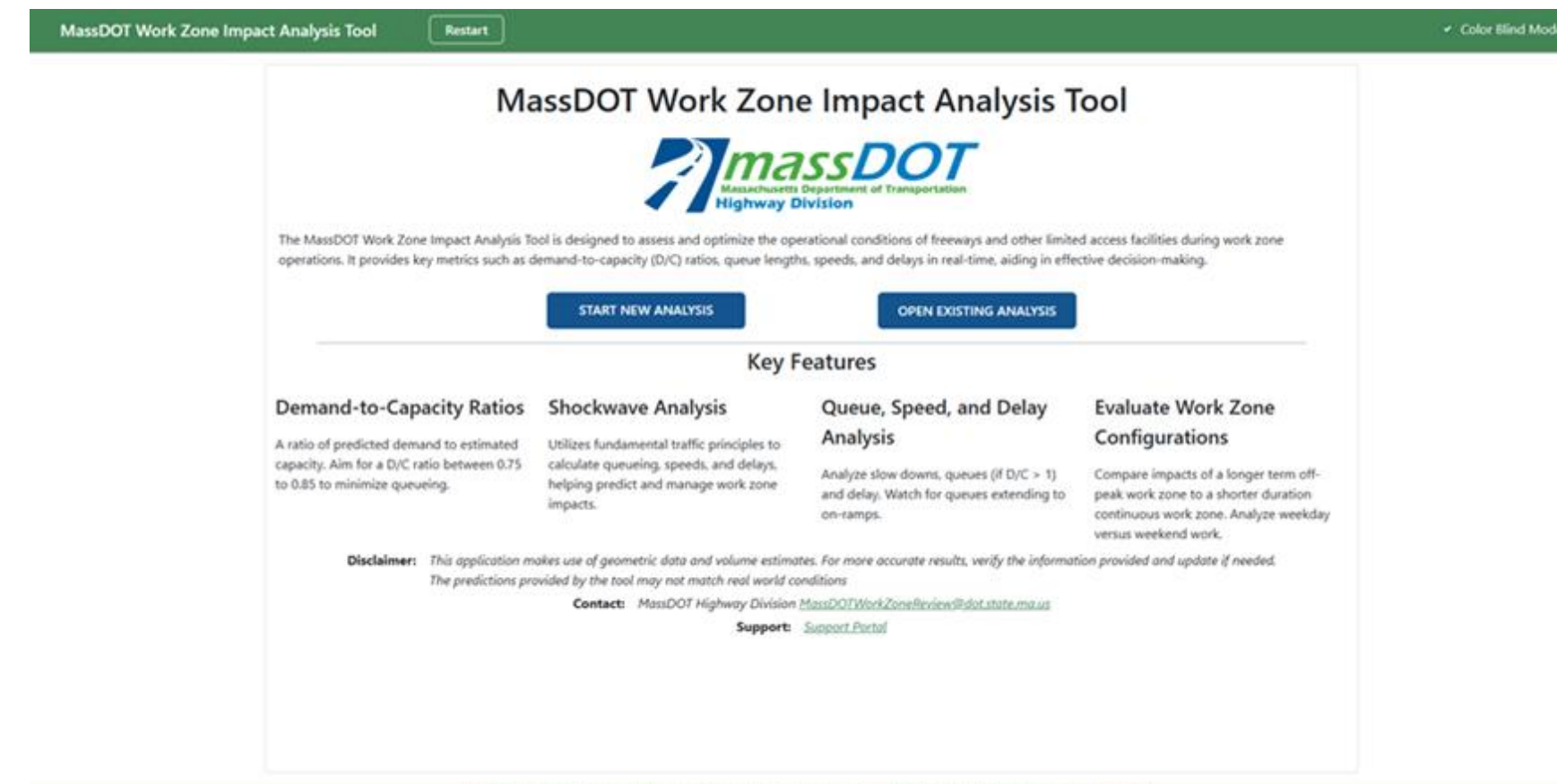
## TOOL PURPOSE

- Create a statewide tool to streamline the freeway work zone impact assessment process
- Provide the ability to approve more temporary traffic control plans more efficiently and consistently (*i.e. Lane Closure Request App*)
- Accelerate construction project schedules (work hours)



# Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool

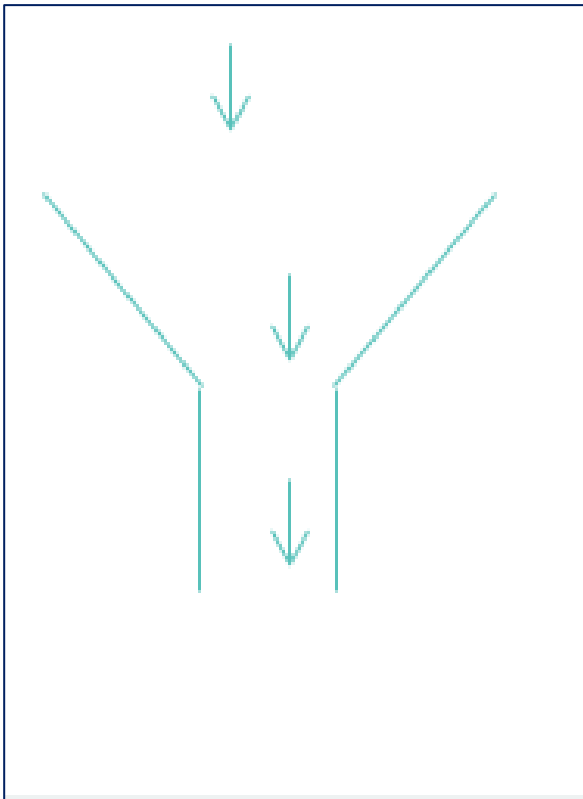
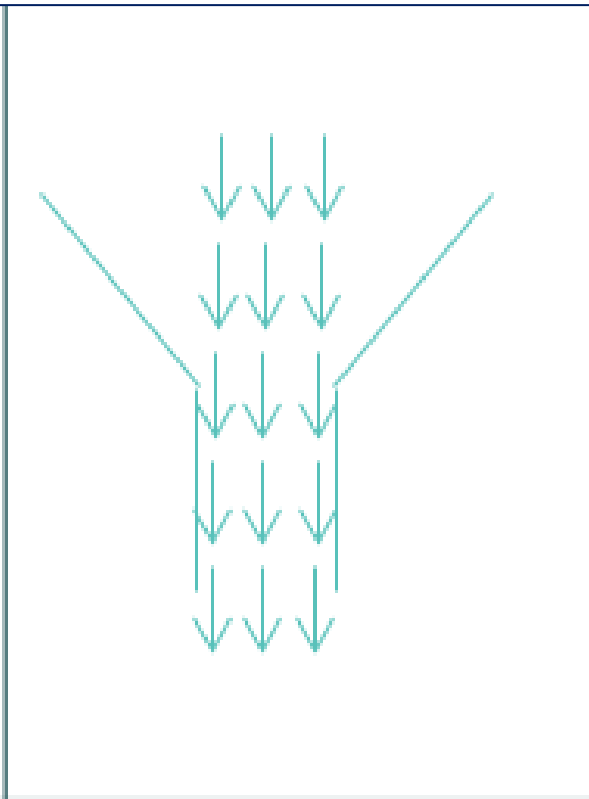
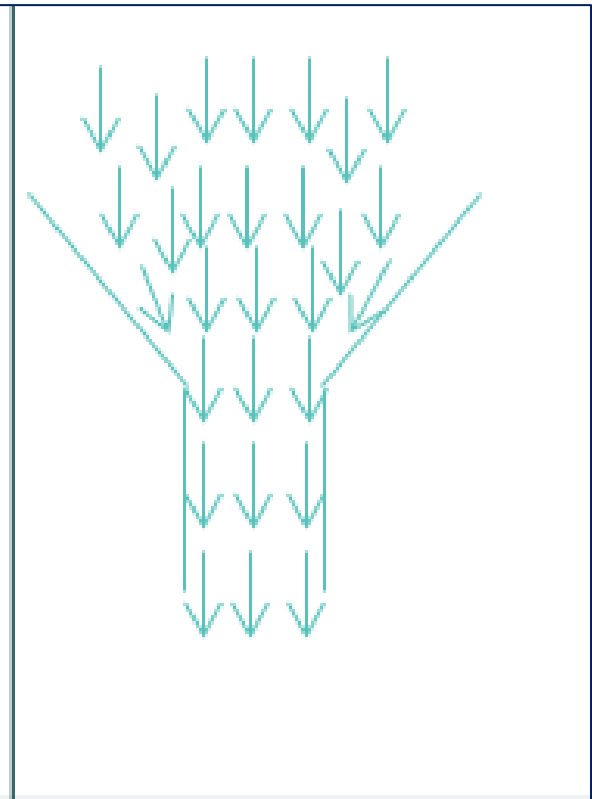
- **Integrated with WZM** (Lane Closure Request app)
  - Provides a detailed traffic analysis of work zone conditions
  - Built to be simple to use, while being precise
  - **Minimal inputs required** – Most input data is provided as a default, which users can adjust
  - **Planning level analysis** – will handle 95% of your work zones, but it is a simplified tool that may not be appropriate for complex systems
  - **Web-based tool** – allows for easy access to users and rapid deployment of data updates and tool features
- <https://project.kittelson.com/massdot-WZ-impact/>



# Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool

**You can answer:**

- What hours can a lane be closed without causing queueing?
- How much delay is the work going to cause?
- With a particular work configuration, how far is the queue going to extend?

		
Under-Capacity	At Capacity	Over-Capacity
$d/c < 1.0$	$d/c = 1$	$d/c > 1.0$

# Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool

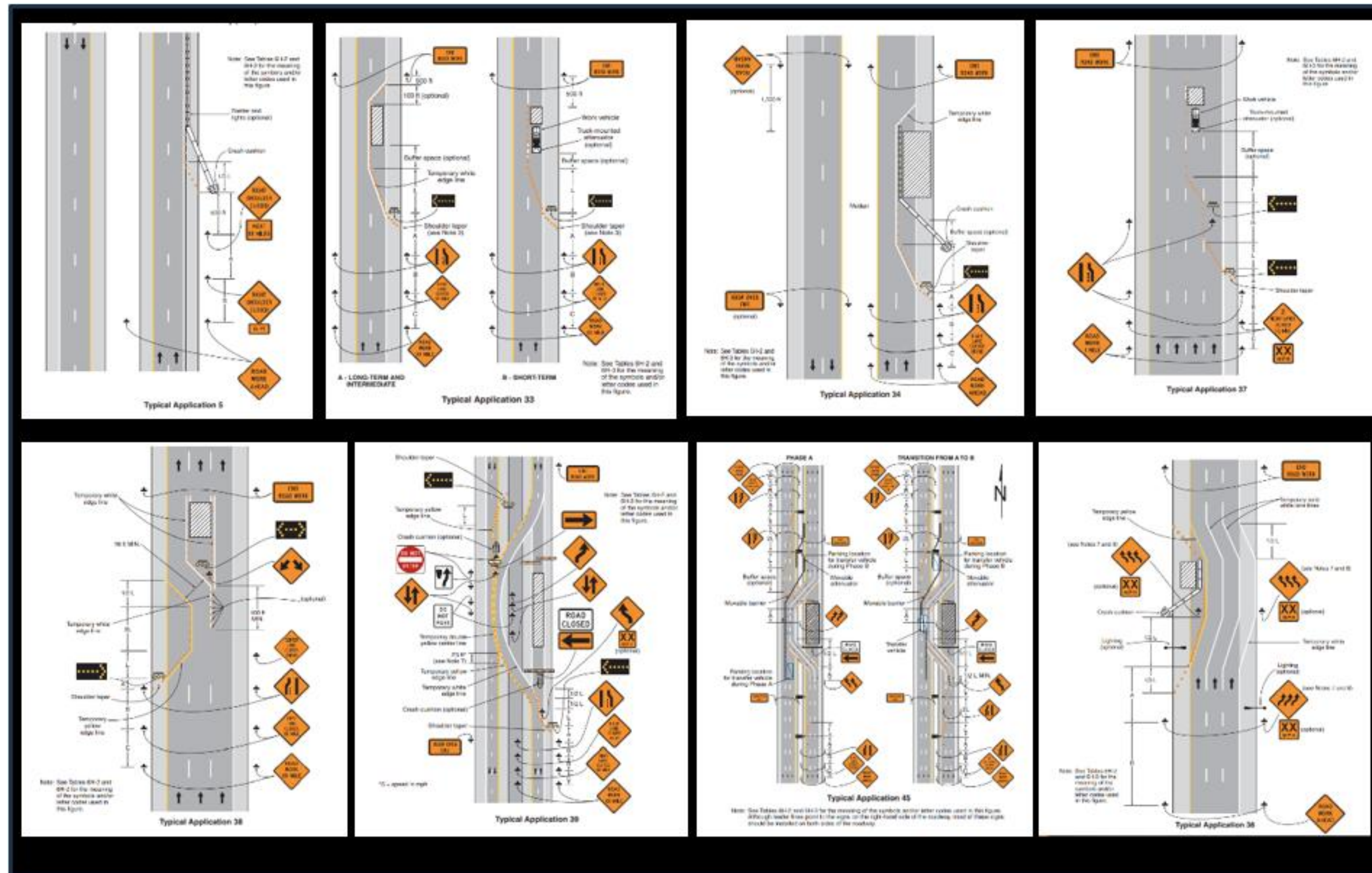
## Work Zone Capacity Values

Work Zone Type	WZ Duration	Barrier Type	Left Side		Right Side	
			Urban	Rural (pcphpln)	Urban	Rural (pcphpln)
Shoulder Closure (2 lanes)	Short Term	Cones or drums	1,900	1,750	1,850	1,700
		Hard Barrier	2,050	1,850	2,050	1,850
	Long Term	Cones or drums	2,000	1,850	1,950	1,800
		Hard Barrier	2,100	1,950	2,100	1,900
Shoulder Closure (3 lanes)	Short Term	Cones or drums	1,950	1,750	1,900	1,700
		Hard Barrier	2,100	1,900	2,050	1,850
	Long Term	Cones or drums	2,050	1,850	2,000	1,800
		Hard Barrier	2,150	1,950	2,100	1,900
Shoulder Closure (4 lanes)	Short Term	Cones or drums	1,950	1,750	1,900	1,750
		Hard Barrier	2,100	1,900	2,050	1,900
	Long Term	Cones or drums	2,050	1,850	2,000	1,850
		Hard Barrier	2,150	1,950	2,100	1,950
Shoulder Closure (5 lanes)	Short Term	Cones or drums	1,950	1,750	1,900	1,750
		Hard Barrier	2,100	1,950	2,050	1,900
	Long Term	Cones or drums	2,050	1,850	2,000	1,850
		Hard Barrier	2,150	1,950	2,150	1,950
Lane Closure (2 to 1)	Short Term	Cones or drums	1,650	1,500	1,650	1,450
		Hard Barrier	1,800	1,650	1,800	1,600
	Long Term	Cones or drums	1,750	1,600	1,750	1,550
		Hard Barrier	1,850	1,700	1,850	1,650
Lane Closure (3 to 1)	Short Term	Cones or drums	1,500	1,300	1,850	1,650
		Hard Barrier	1,650	1,450	2,000	1,800
	Long Term	Cones or drums	1,600	1,400	1,950	1,750
		Hard Barrier	1,700	1,550	2,050	1,850
Lane Closure (4 to 1)	Short Term	Cones or drums	1,350	1,150	1,300	1,100
		Hard Barrier	1,500	1,300	1,450	1,250
	Long Term	Cones or drums	1,450	1,250	1,400	1,200
		Hard Barrier	1,550	1,350	1,500	1,350
Lane Closure (5 to 1)	Short Term	Cones or drums	1,200	1,000	1,150	950
		Hard Barrier	1,350	1,150	1,300	1,100
	Long Term	Cones or drums	1,300	1,100	1,250	1,050
		Hard Barrier	1,400	1,200	1,350	1,150

# Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool

## Work Zone Configurations:

- **Shoulder Closure**
  - Right-side
  - Left-side
  - Both sides
- **Lane Closure**
  - One lane closed
  - Two lanes closed
  - Three or more lanes closed
  - Short Term vs. Long Term
  - Soft vs. Hard Barrier
- **Median Crossover**
  - Single-lane crossover
  - Two-lane crossover
- **Lane Shift**
  - All lanes open
  - With lane closure




# Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool Interface

MassDOT Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool

Restart

Color Blind Mode



SEG 1

SEG 2

SEG 3

SEG 4

SEG 5

SEG 6

SEG 7

SEG 8

SEG 9

SEG 10

SEG 11

Summary

Segment Type: 

Basic

Number of Lanes: 

3

Number of Lane Closed

Shoulder Closure

Separation Type

Temporary Barrier

Time Range

12am

4am

8am

12pm

4pm

8pm

12am

5am

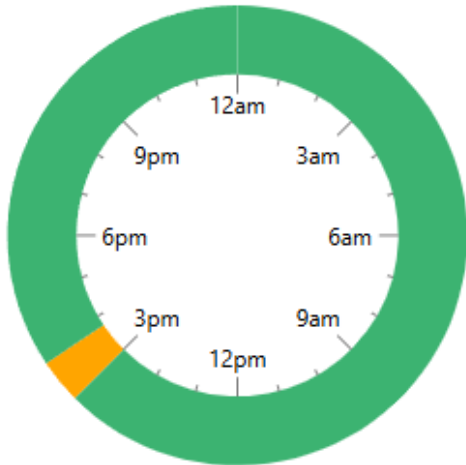
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Nighttime

+ Alternative Config (Optional)

Apply To All Segments

Existing Conditions

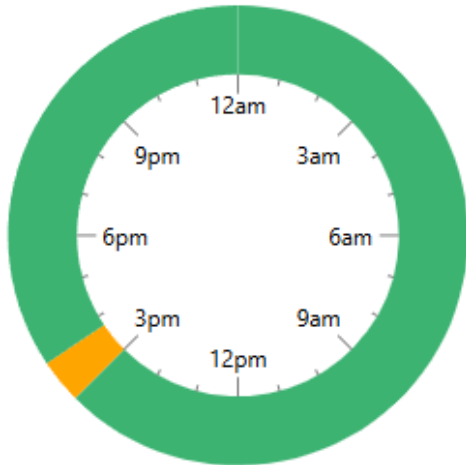


Under Capacity (D/C < 0.85)

Near Capacity (0.85 ≤ D/C < 0.95)

At or Over Capacity (D/C ≥ 0.95)

Work Zone Conditions: Primary

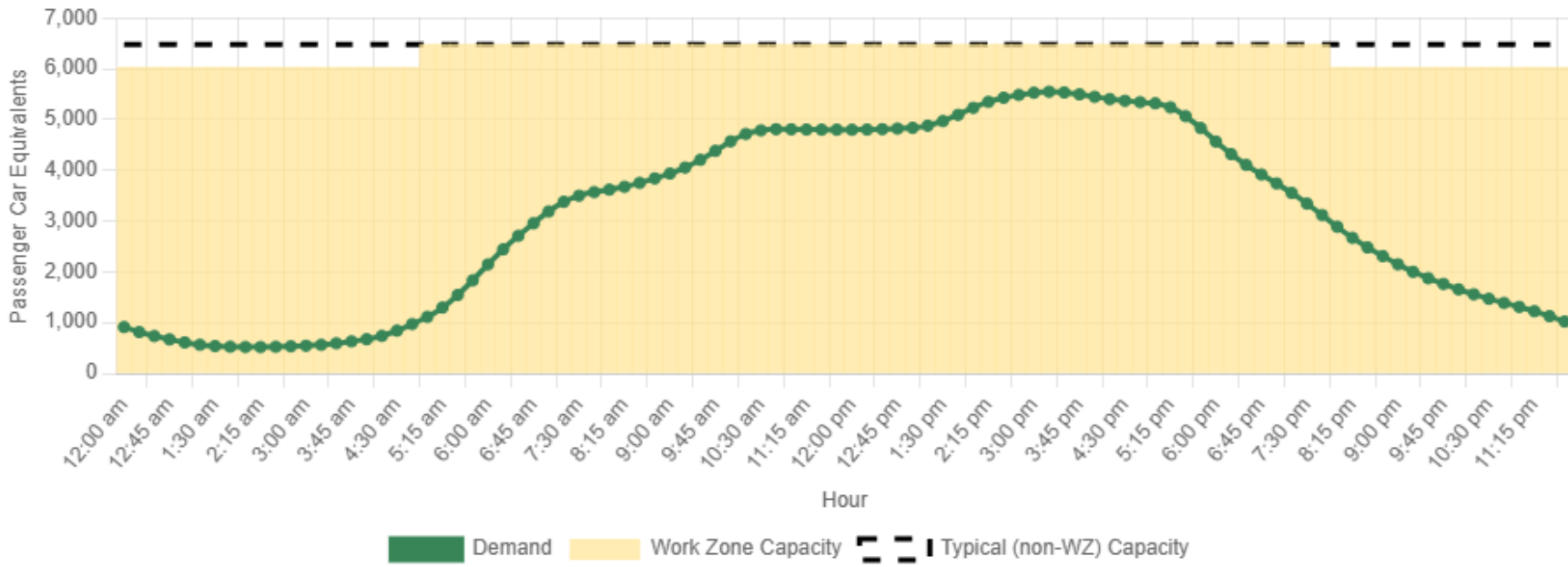


Under Capacity (D/C < 0.85)

Near Capacity (0.85 ≤ D/C < 0.95)

At or Over Capacity (D/C ≥ 0.95)

Demand & Capacity Chart (passenger cars equivalent)

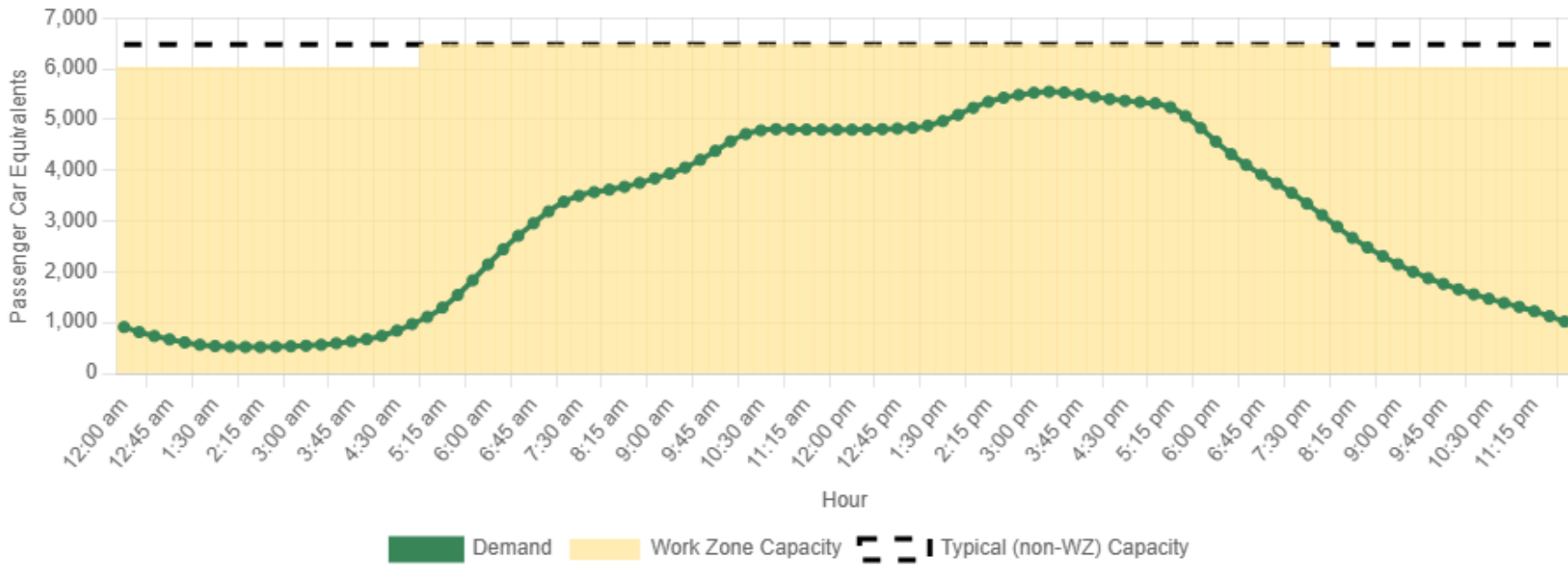


Demand

Work Zone Capacity

Typical (non-WZ) Capacity

Demand & Capacity Chart (vehicles)



Demand

Work Zone Capacity

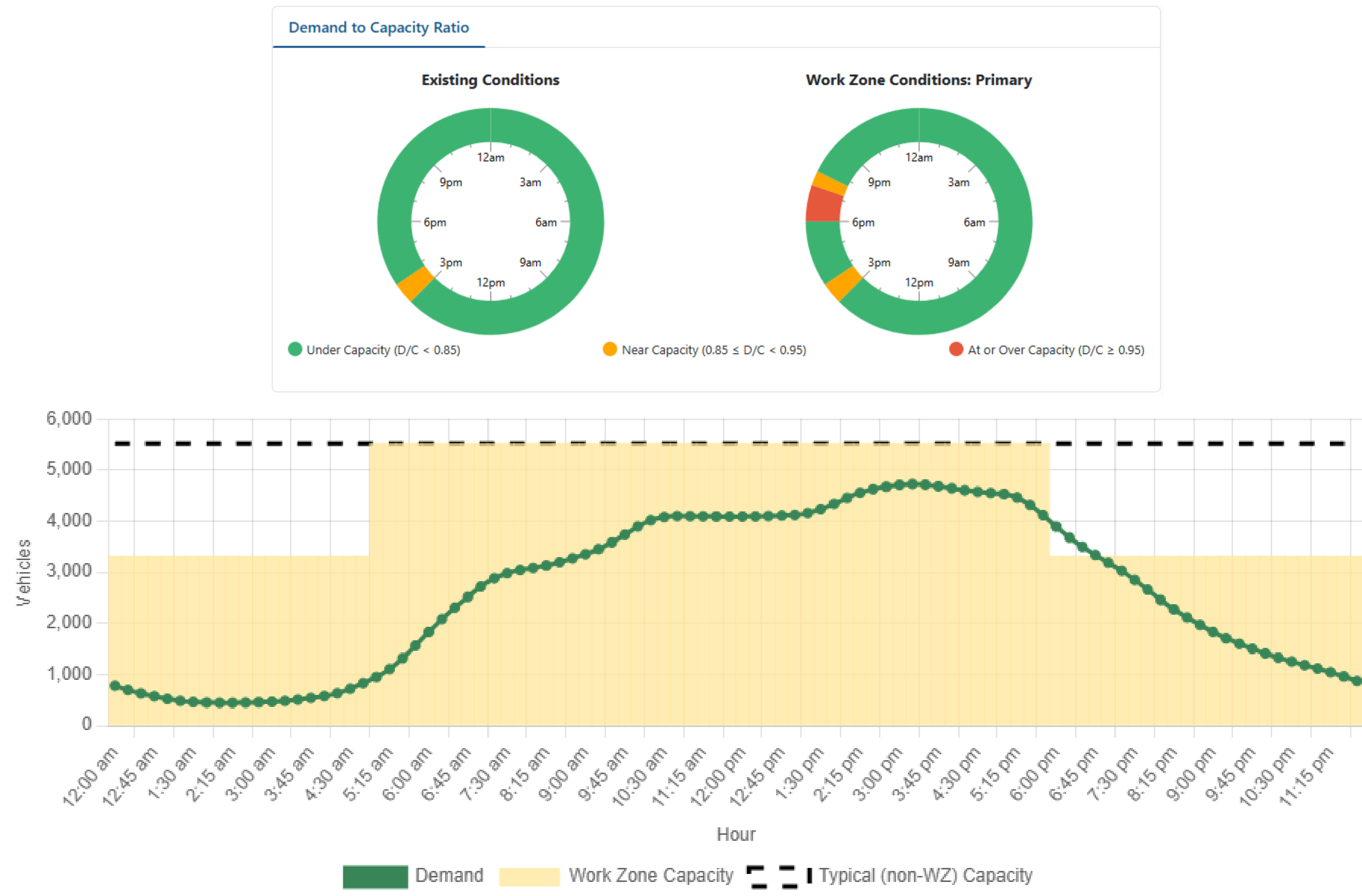
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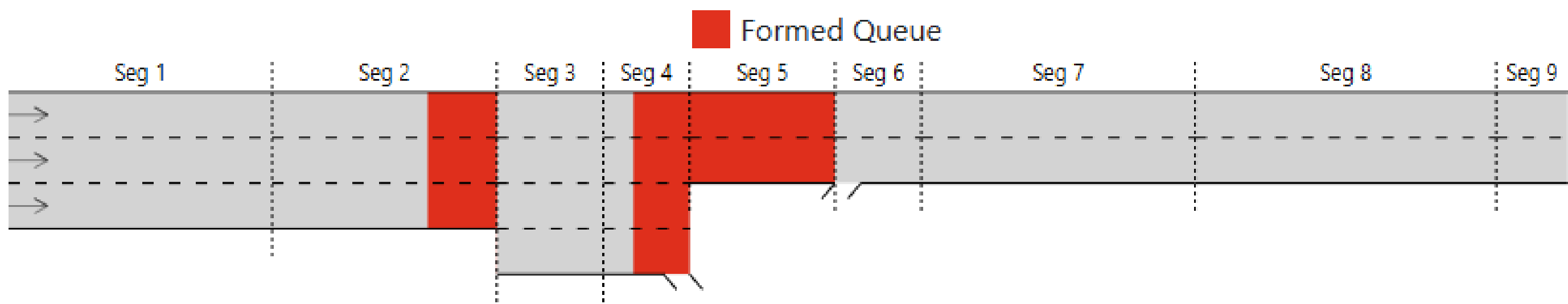
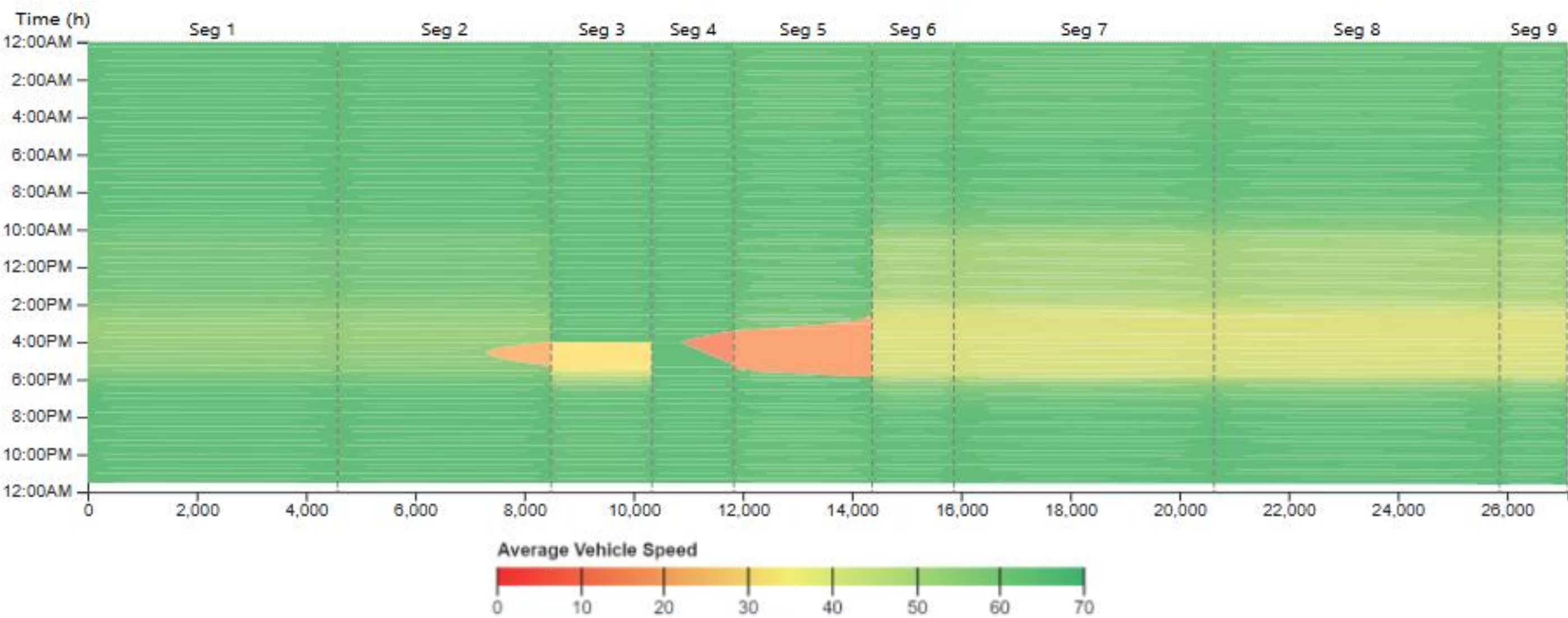
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Export Analysis

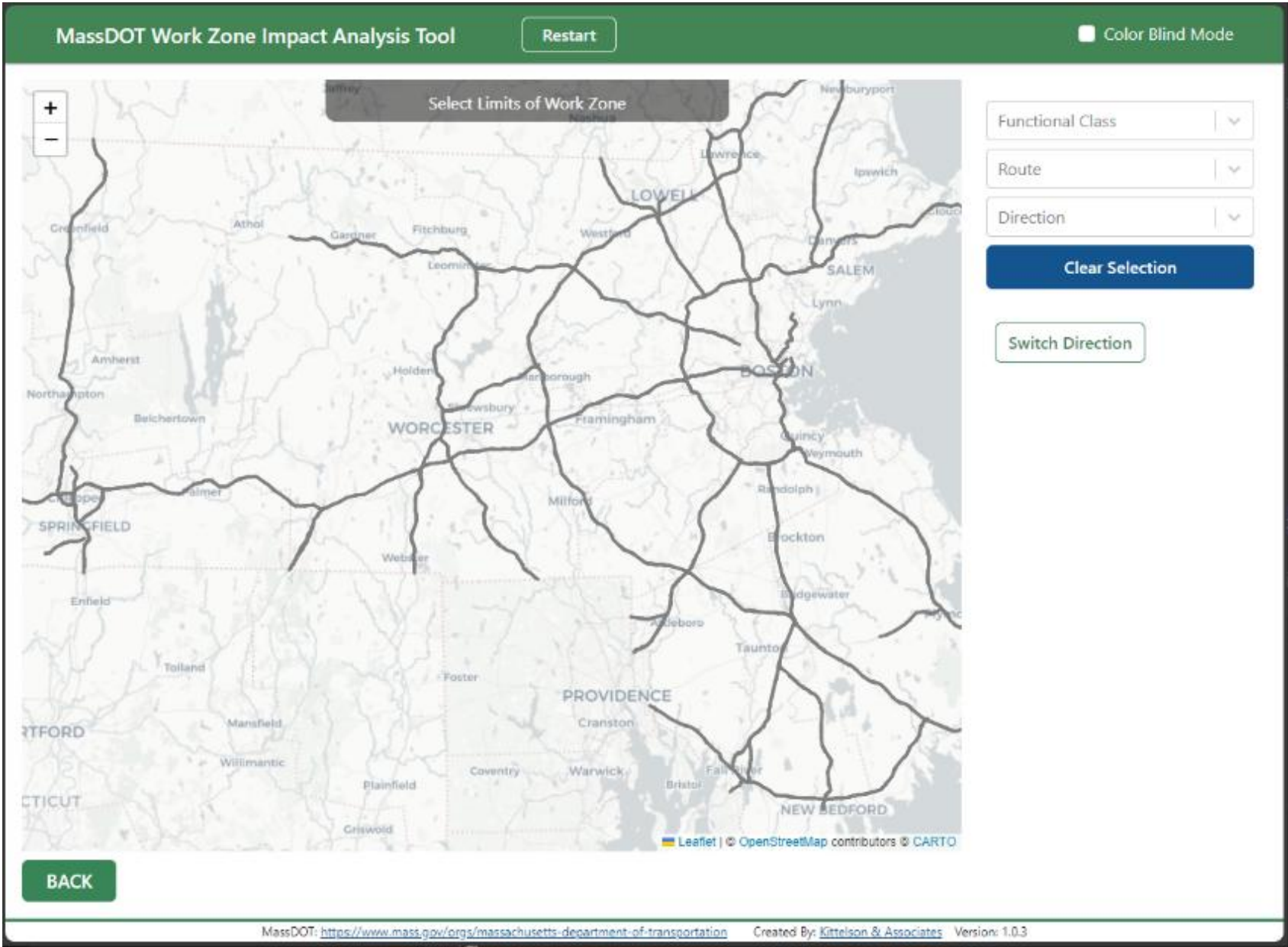
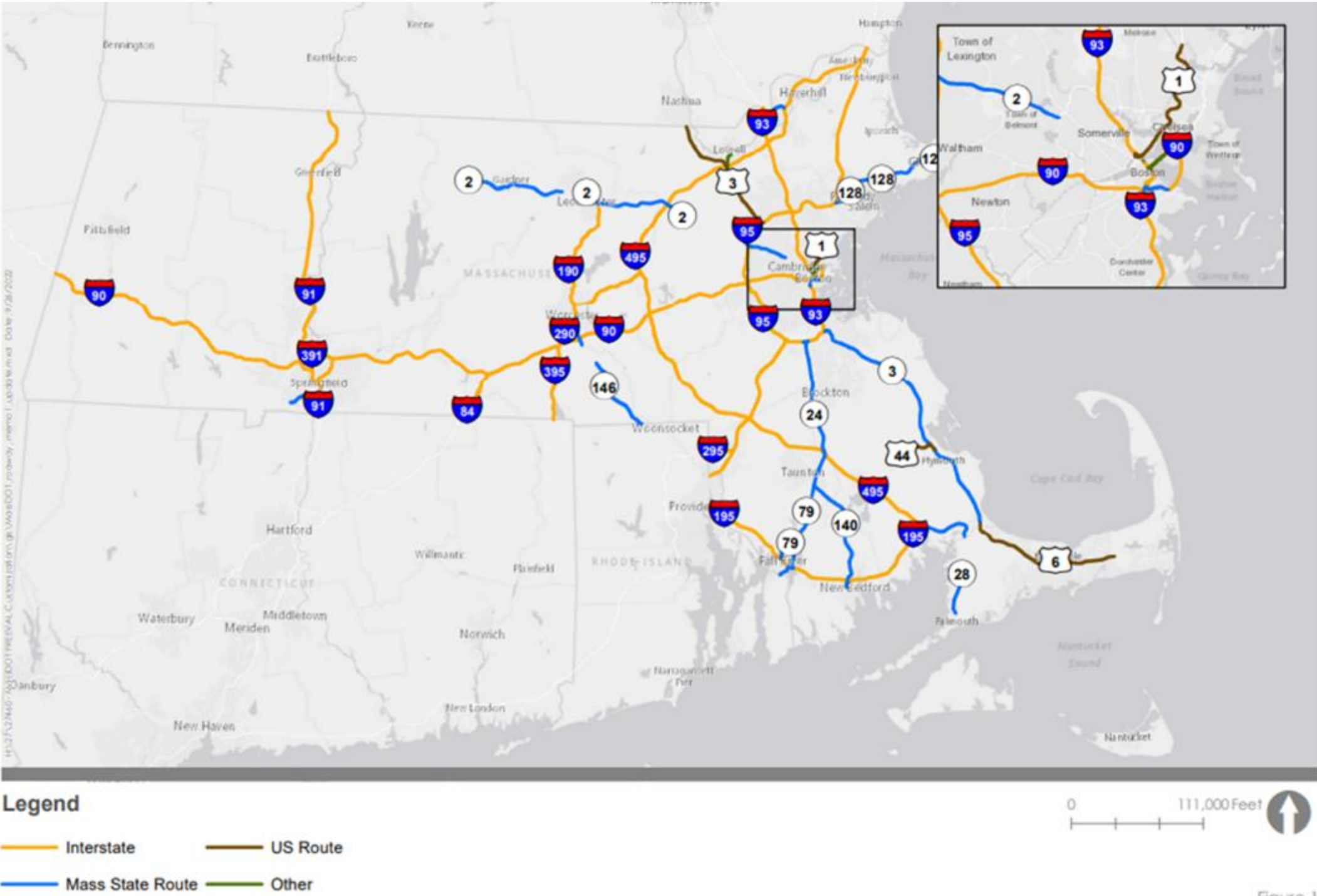
# 24-Hour Performance Measure Details



# Queuing Analysis and Visualization



# Statewide Segmentation and Data



# Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool

## Next Steps

Develop a MassDOT Standard Operating Procedure for designers and DOT staff for when and how the tool is used

Continue training staff and consultants on the use of the tool

Tool updates, including streamlining data entry

- Use feedback from users

Explore expansion of the tool's functionality, possibly incorporating predicted safety impacts



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# Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool Demo

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MassDOT Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool



The MassDOT Work Zone Impact Analysis Tool is designed to assess and optimize the operational conditions of freeways and other limited access facilities during work zone operations. It provides key metrics such as demand-to-capacity (D/C) ratios, queue lengths, speeds, and delays in real-time, aiding in effective decision-making.

START NEW ANALYSIS

OPEN EXISTING ANALYSIS

Key Features

Demand-to-Capacity Ratios

A ratio of predicted demand to estimated capacity. Aim for a D/C ratio between 0.75 to 0.85 to minimize queueing.

Shockwave Analysis

Utilizes fundamental traffic principles to calculate queueing, speeds, and delays, helping predict and manage work zone impacts.

Queue, Speed, and Delay Analysis

Analyze slow downs, queues (if D/C > 1) and delay. Watch for queues extending to on-ramps.

Evaluate Work Zone Configurations

Compare impacts of a longer term off-peak work zone to a shorter duration continuous work zone. Analyze weekday versus weekend work.

Disclaimer:

This application makes use of geometric data and volume estimates. For more accurate results, verify the information provided and update if needed. The predictions provided by the tool may not match real world conditions

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