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Section 1 StreetLight Overview

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Section 2

Big Data for Complete Streets Case Studies and Examples





Active Transportation Plan for Sarasota

Challenge:

Sarasota/Manatee MPO wanted an Active Transportation Plan to guide decisions and funding for transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities. They needed to ensure that this multimodal network would make these modes safer, affordable, and more convenient for all users, including increasing the number of people walking, bicycling, and taking transit trips in the region and promoting equity throughout the process.

StreetLight Solution:

They worked with Kittleson & Associates to manage the project and provide recommendations. With StreetLight InSight®, Kittelson's team was able to analyze the region's origin and destination (O-D) travel in granular detail for peak versus off-peak season, weekday versus weekend, hour of the day, and income level, revealing top O-D pairs without surveys. The analyses informed the plan to prioritize direct routes and high-stress segments and was included in the Active Transportation Network plan.



The final Active Transportation Plan vision network prioritizes bike routes that exist today and smaller gaps that can be filled to improve route directness. "The data enabled a clear understanding of how to address people's travel needs efficiently with fixedroute and, in some cases, flexible services."

SARASOTA./MANATEE MPO REPORT



Identify Areas of High Existing Non-Motorized Activity

"**Zone Activity**" for pedestrian trips across Broward County in 2021:

- Pedestrian Volumes that identify trip activity hotspots
- Trip attributes that provide context to that activity

Hone in on, compare, and contrast the types of travel occurring at specific sites.





Understand Regional Patterns to Improve Alternative Mode Connections

"Origin-Destination" for all vehicular trips across Broward County in 2021:

- Identify origin-destination pairs with a high-density trip activity and compare to existing infrastructure
- Trip attributes help to identify trips candidate for mode shift

Use up to date regional patterns of vehicular travel to ensure alternative modes are serving current demands







Consider Equity Impacts of Planning Decisions

"Trips to/from pre-set geography" for all vehicular trips starting in Broward County Justice40 tracts in 2021:

- Identify where trips are going from underserved communities
- Compare trip attributes to regional statistics to assess equity with existing infrastructure

Ensure that complete corridors are serving the needs of those who need it most and those who have been historically neglected



FDOT pedestrian and bicyclist safety statewide analysis

Challenge:

There was a history of crashes in the state and there wasn't an easy way for FDOT to access continuous bike and pedestrian O-D data to overlay with their crash data. Before using StreetLight InSight®, FDOT didn't have a good understanding or exposure map of where people were biking and walking and they didn't have the staff time and counters to understand where people were going.

StreetLight Solution:

Installing counters would have been too expensive, but with StreetLight InSight®, FDOT was able to verify daily relative counts, look at travel time and trip speed to help managers understand where to prioritize placing count stations with limited funds and resources.

View the full video here: https://youtu.be/72kz-iM89Wk



Ped/Bike Activity by Context Classification



StreetLight Data can inform on the relative presence of pedestrians



Source: StreetLight Data, LBS ped/bike data (2018)

Identify Segments with High Bicycle and Pedestrian Exposure

"**Zone Activity**" for pedestrian and vehicle trips on roadways within a pedestrian activity hot spot in Fort Lauderdale 2021:

- Pedestrian Volumes that identify high volume pedestrian corridors
- Identify locations where there may be high conflict points because high pedestrian and high vehicle volume

Fill in an often-missing piece in vulnerable road user safety studies: Exposure







Compare Exposure and Crashes with Vehicular Speeds

"Segment Analysis" for vehicular trips on roadways within a pedestrian activity hot spot in Fort Lauderdale 2021:

- Assess average and 85th percentile vehicle speeds in mixed modal corridors
- Identify segments with high instances of speeding

Understanding speeds in complete corridors is vital to the Safe Systems Approach







Section 3

MetroPlan Orlando's Speed Management Network Study





Speed Management Network Screening

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MetroPlan Orlando Regional Transportation Survey 2021



79 %

Speed and safety are closely related and that lower speeds mean greater safety for everyone on the road



Feel it's ok to speed when the roads are clear



Respondents report driving 19% 10, 15, 20, or 25+ MPH over the speed limit



Project Overview





Connected Vehicle Data





Methodology to Identify Critical Speed Management Segments





Critical Speed Management Network



Osceola County



Critical Speed Management Network



Orange County



Critical Speed Management Network



Seminole County



Preliminary Target Speed



Operating Speed

Measured speed at which vehicles are currently traveling.

Context Classification Design Speed

A selected speed used to determine the various geometric design features of the roadway.

Posted Speed

Legal allowable speed typically based on the 85th percentile operating speed.

Preliminary Target Speed

The highest speed at which vehicles should operate in a <u>specific context</u> considering:

- Multi-modal activity generated by adjacent land uses
- Mobility for motor vehicles
- Creating a supportive environment for pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit users

Preliminary Target Speed Results



- Should be used as starting point during corridor-specific projects
- Multiple projects may be needed to achieve a target speed
- Any reduction in vehicle operating speeds is a





National Traffic Safety Board (2017) Reducing Speeding-Related Crashes Involving Passenger Vehicles. Available from: https://www.ntsb.gov/safety/safety-studies/Documents/SS1701.pdf

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