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# SERPM 8 Model Update Progress

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# Outline

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- Status overview
- Network / SE data updates
- Validation update
- Sensitivity Tests
- Other implementation notes and next steps

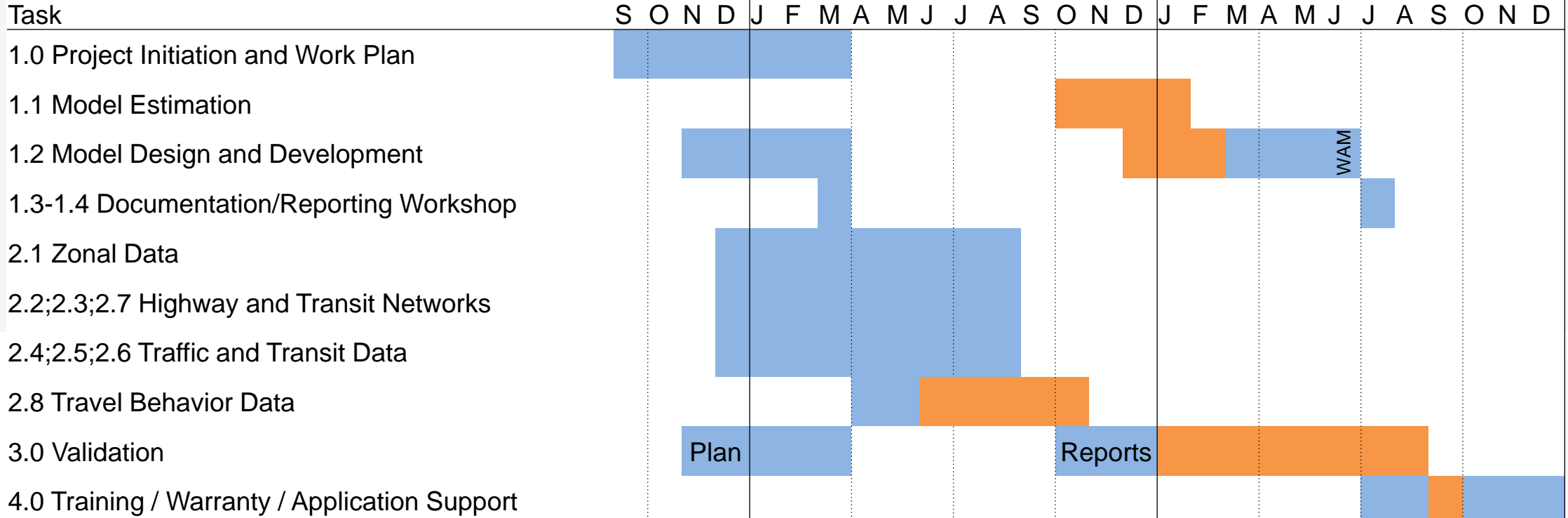
# Project status

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- Input data complete
- Model development complete
- Model validation in progress
- Next steps
  - » Sensitivity testing
  - » Model delivery and training

# Project schedule

## SERPM 8.0 Project Plan



**Critical Path**

*WAM: Windowed Area Model*

*Plan: validation plan development*

*Reports: validation reporting development*

Version: 9/27/2017

# Validation and delivery schedule

Week ending	Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul	3-Aug	10-Aug	17-Aug	24-Aug	31-Aug	7-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	5-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct
Countdown to Model Training (RTTAC-MS in Green)	-13	-12	-11	-10	-9	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	
<b>SERPM 8 Validation and Delivery</b>																
Component Validation	[Hatched]															
System Validation	[Hatched]															
Sensitivity Testing				[Hatched]												
Model Delivery				[Hatched]												

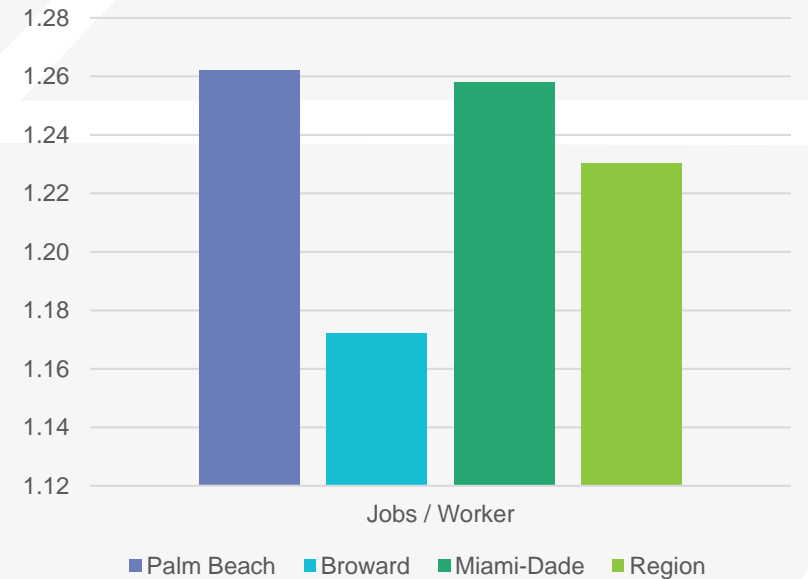
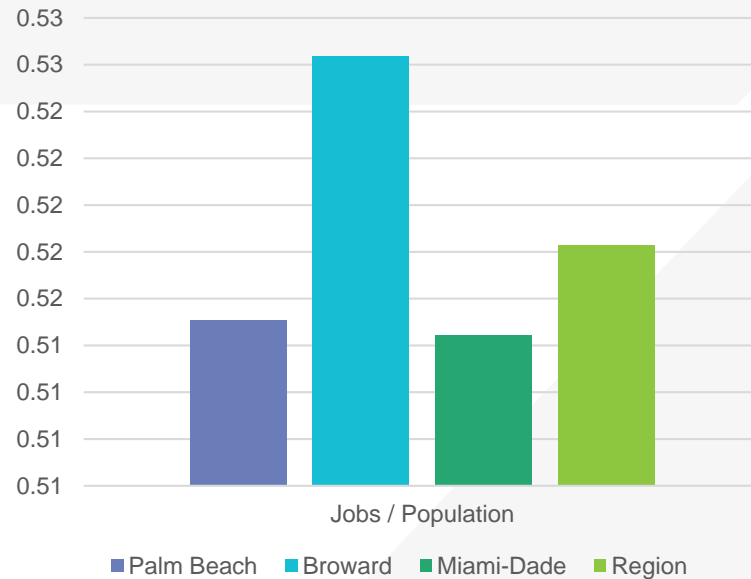
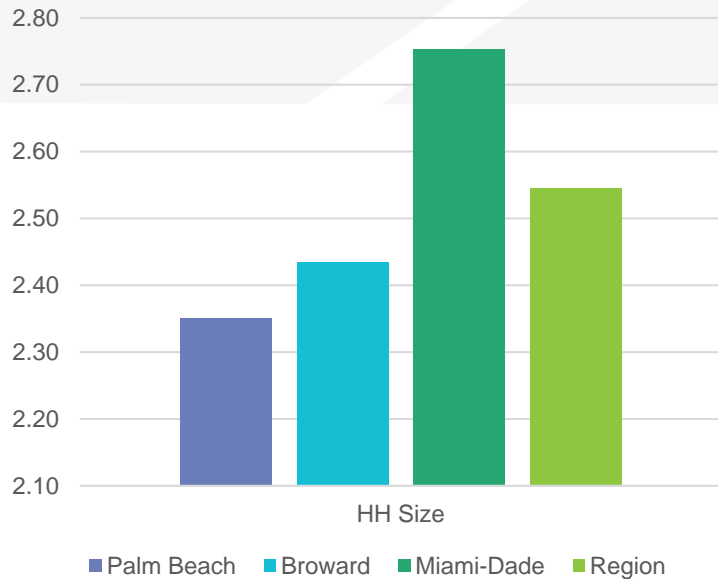
# Input data update request management

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- Revisions will be applied in a periodic “batch” fashion to maintain focus on implementation and validation
- Outstanding requests:
  - » Networks: SR25, NW 87<sup>th</sup> Expansion
  - » SE data: none
  - » Count data: feedback given as part of screenline review

# SE data summary

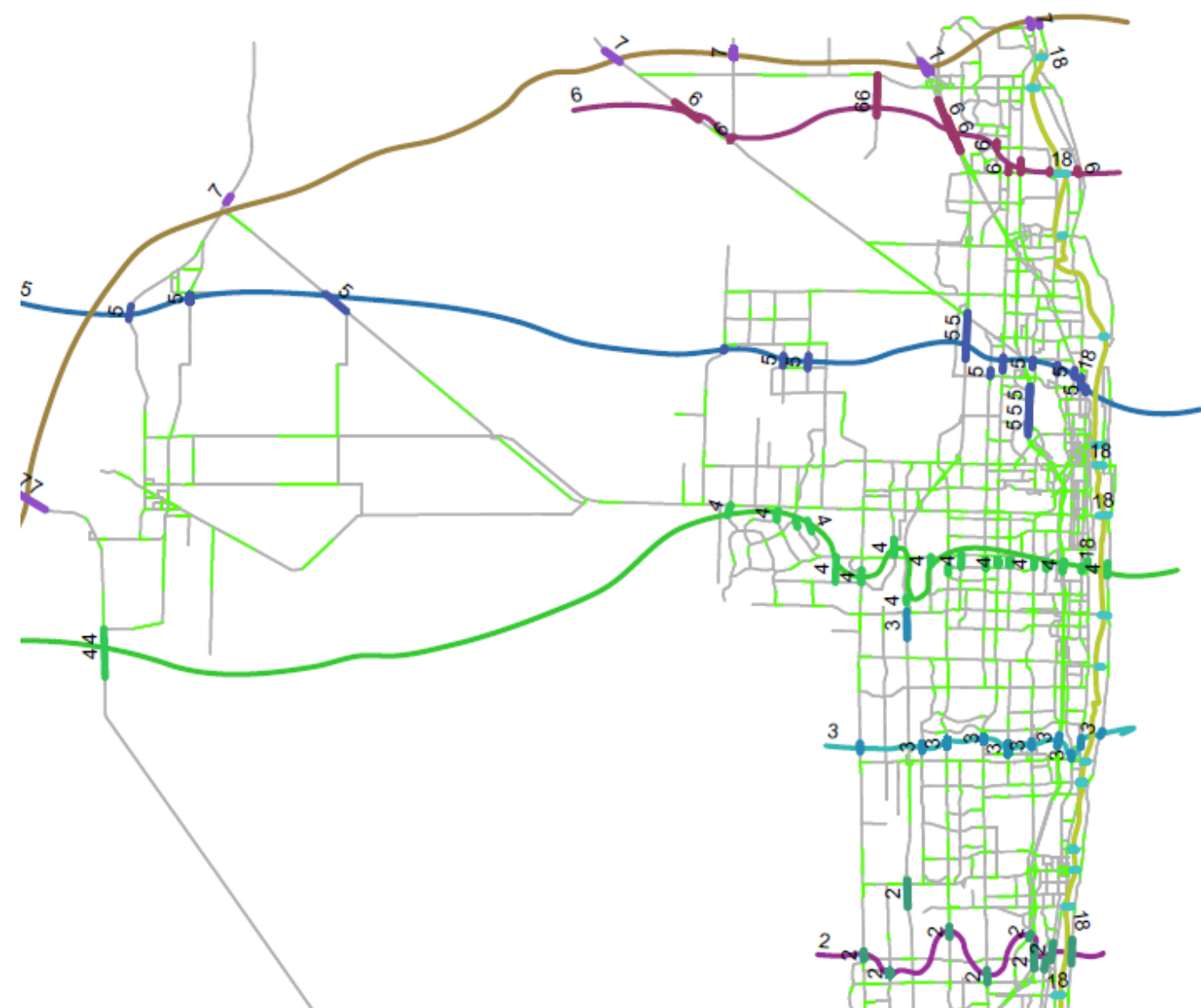
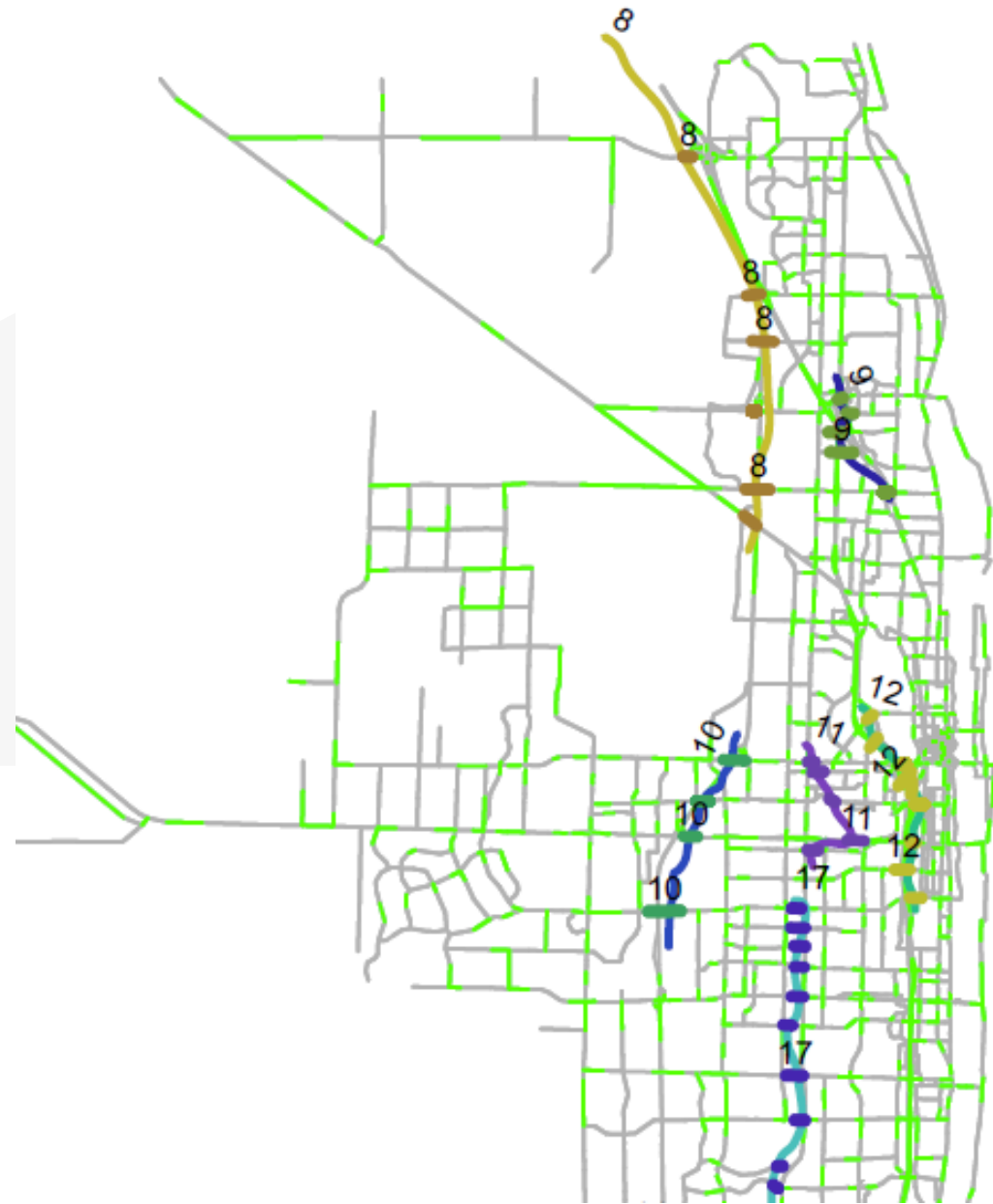
County	Households	Population	Workers	Employment
Palm Beach	595,518	1,399,463	571,134	720,801
Broward	750,601	1,826,972	820,285	961,607
Miami-Dade	955,425	2,629,845	1,075,473	1,352,874
<b>Region</b>	<b>2,301,544</b>	<b>5,856,280</b>	<b>2,466,892</b>	<b>3,035,282</b>

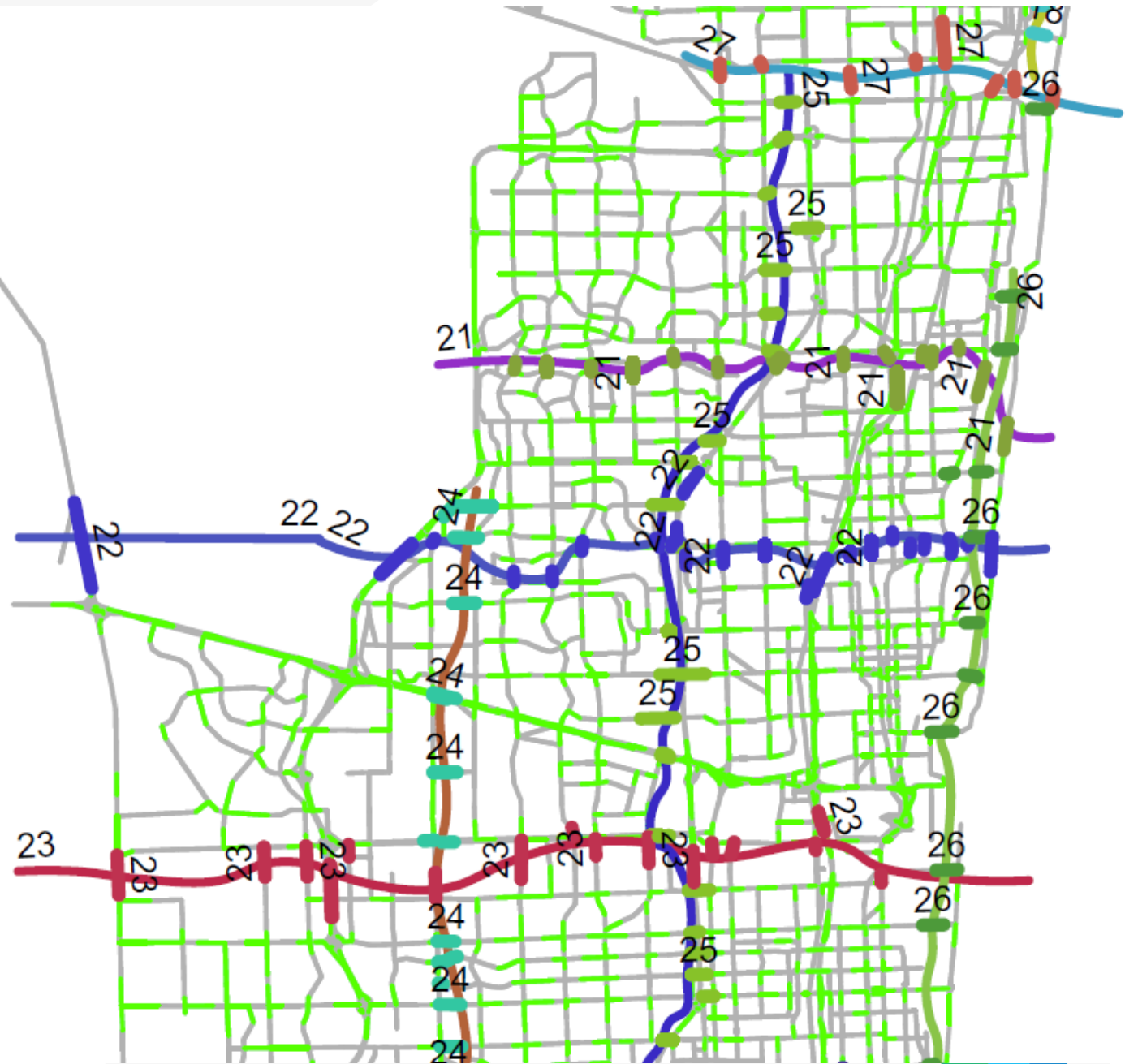
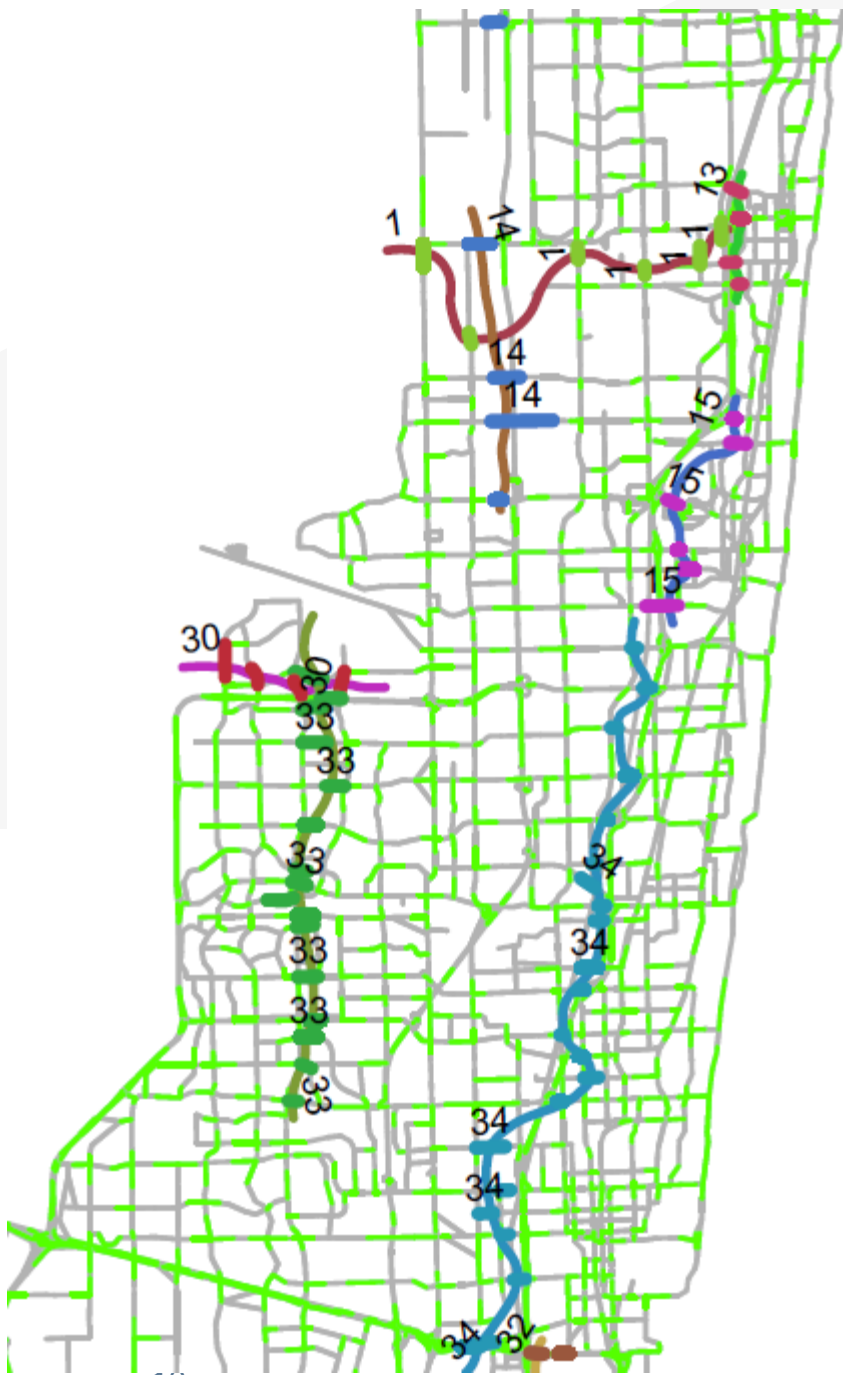


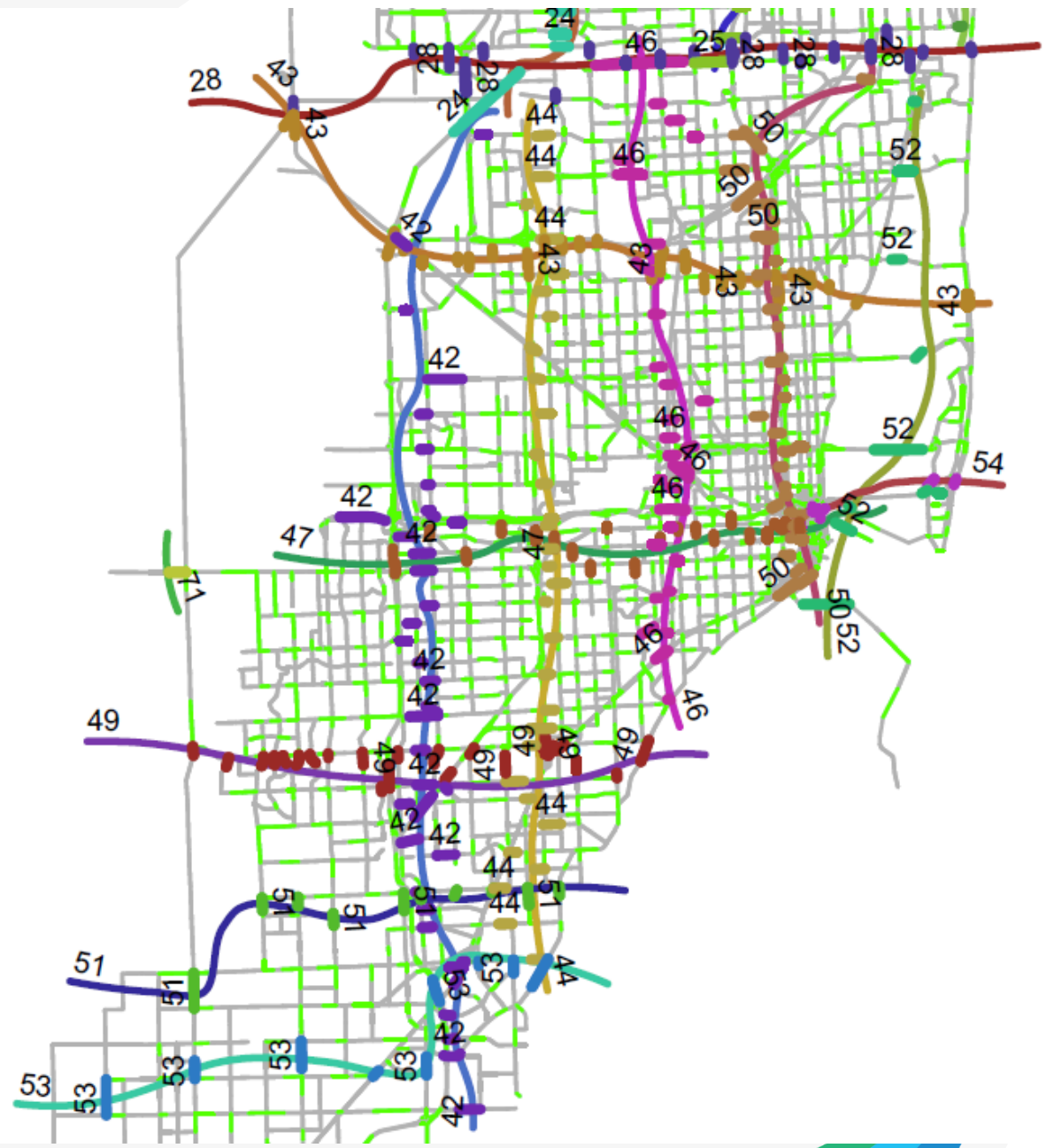
# Screen/Cutline review

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# Model development status

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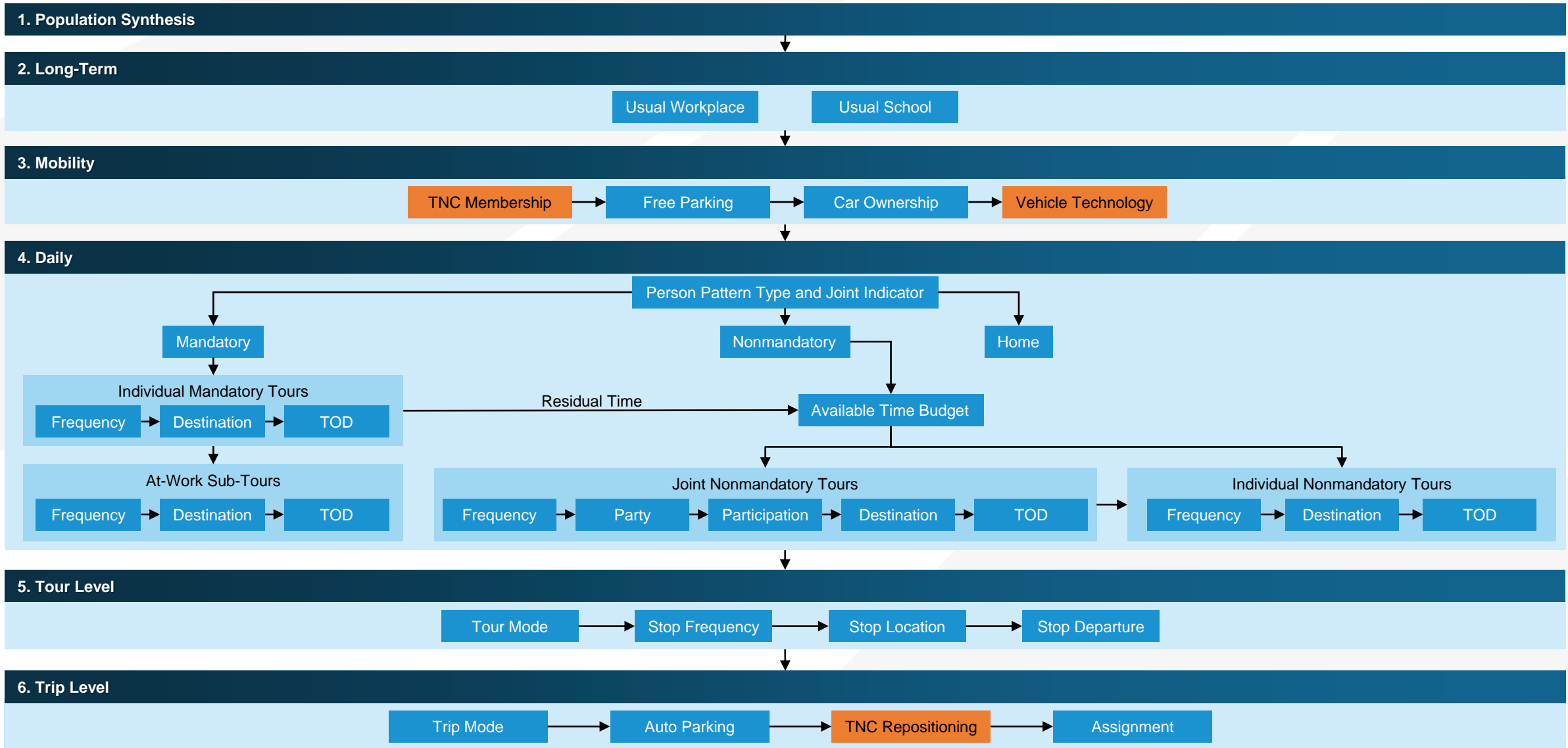
- Catalog development
- ABM functionality
- Reports
  - » HEVAL
  - » R-based summaries

# Validation Status

# Validation approach

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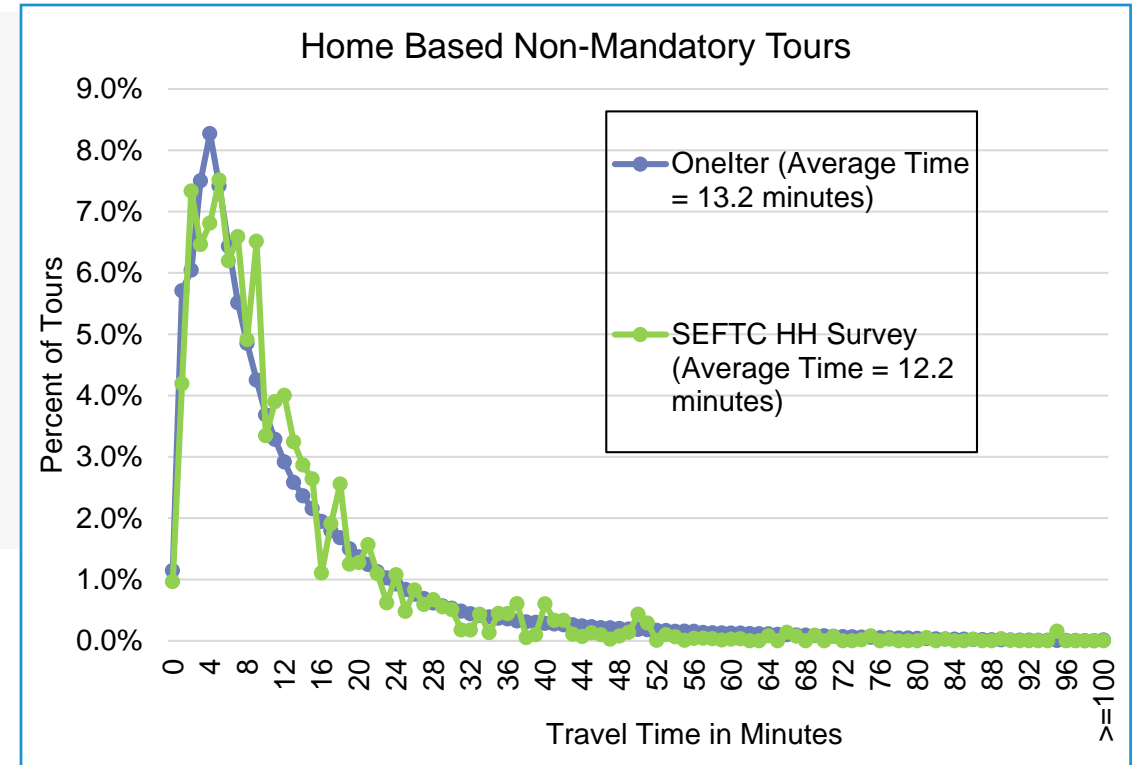
- Model inputs
- ABM components in execution order
  - » Resident models
  - » Visitor models
- Non-ABM components
  - » Special generators
  - » Externals
  - » Trucks
- System-level
  - » Transit
  - » Highway
- Sensitivity tests



# Tour destination: home-based non-mandatory

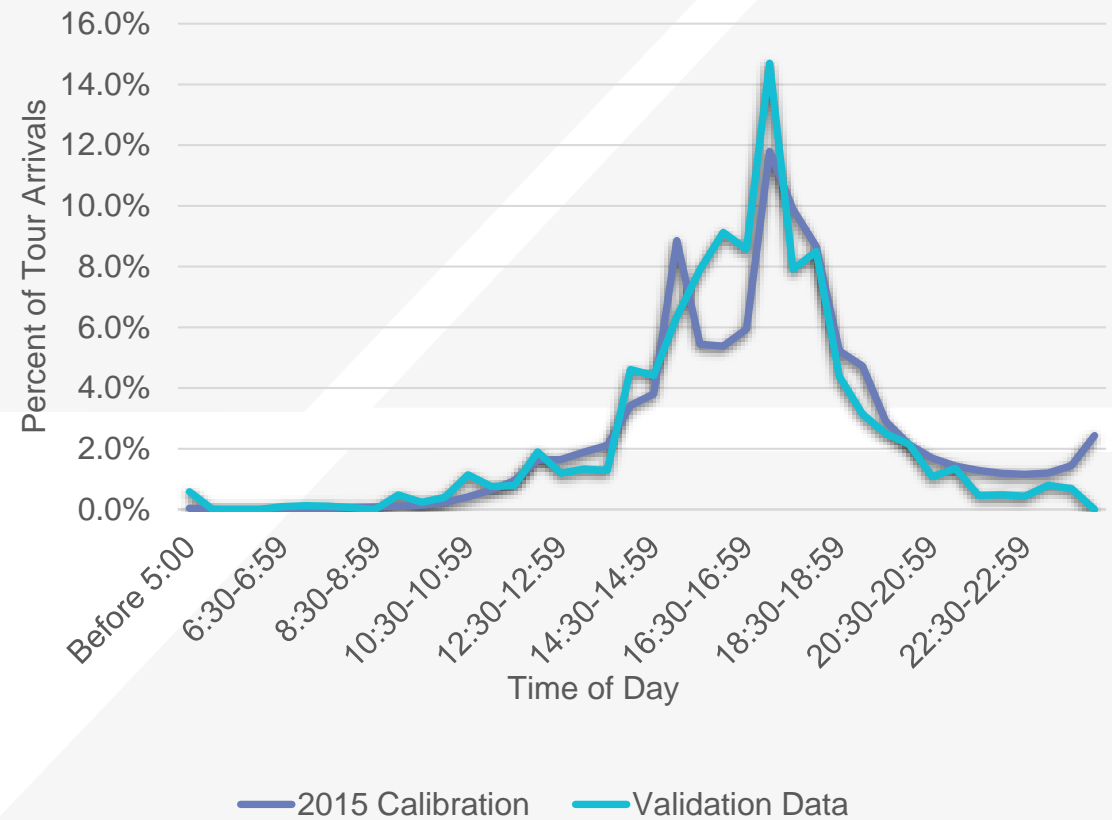
Tour Purpose	Average Time in Minutes		Percent Difference [( Onelter - SEFTC HH Survey) / SEFTC HH Survey ]
	2015 Calibration	SEFTC HH Survey	
Shop	16.6	16.8	-1%
Escort	10.0	9.7	4%
Maintenance	11.4	11.4	0%
Eating Out	12.9	12.8	1%
Visiting	14.3	14.1	1%
Discretionary	12.4	13.5	-8%
Total	13.2	12.2	9%

Household Auto Sufficiency	Average Time in Minutes		Percent Difference [( Onelter - SEFTC HH Survey) / SEFTC HH Survey ]
	2015 Calibration	SEFTC HH Survey	
0 Autos	10.1	8.4	20%
Autos < Drivers	12.9	12.2	6%
Autos = Drivers	13.7	12.5	10%
Autos > Drivers	14.7	12.2	20%
Total	13.2	12.2	9%

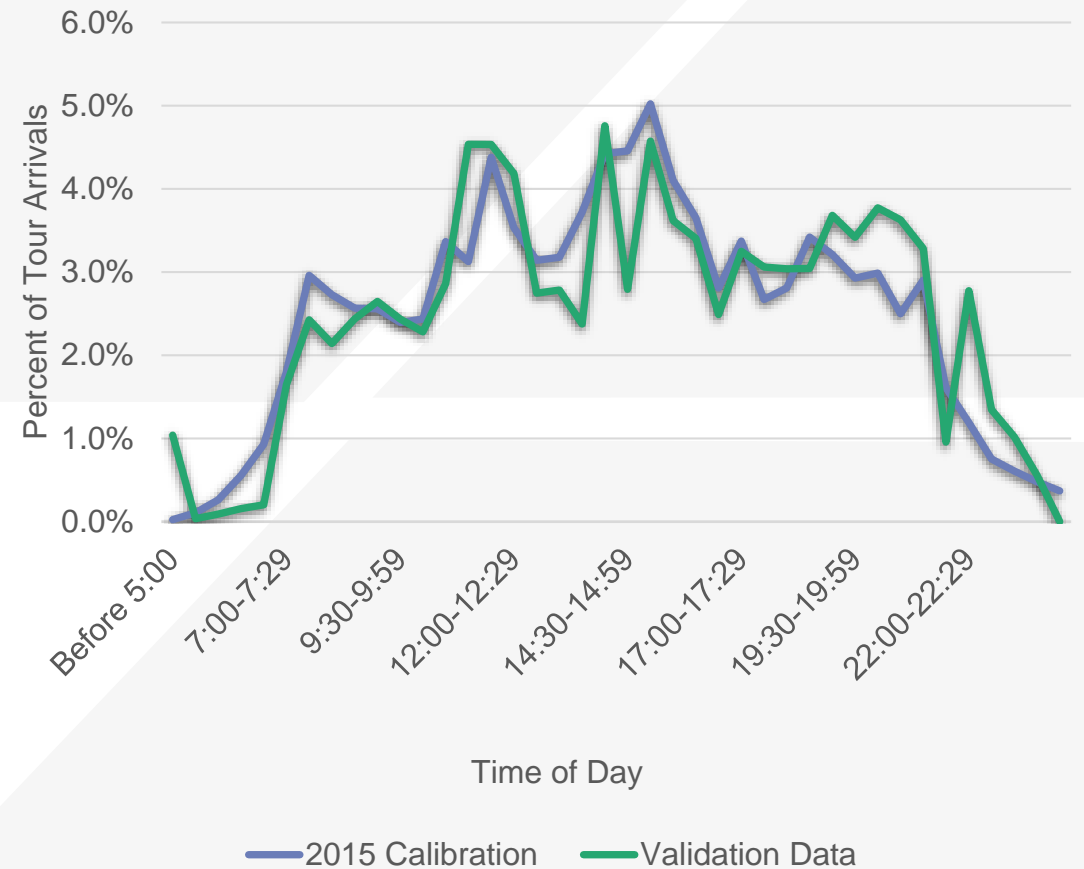
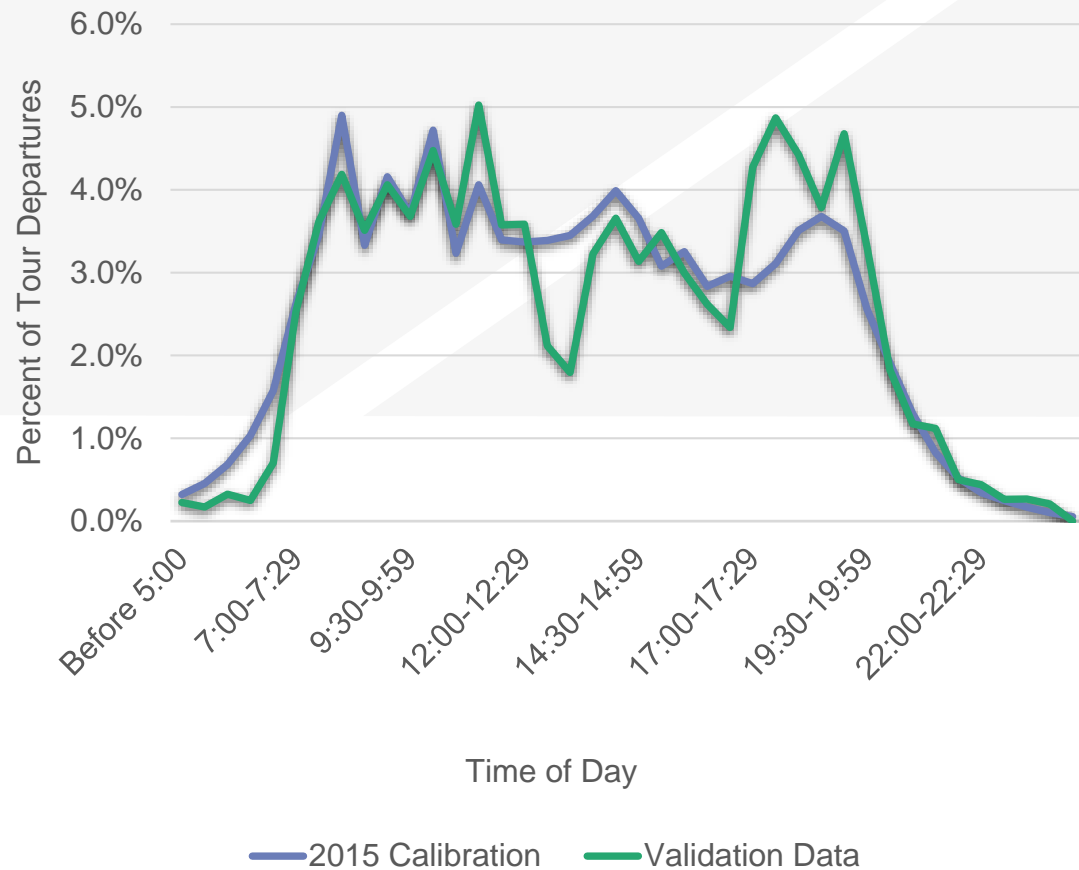




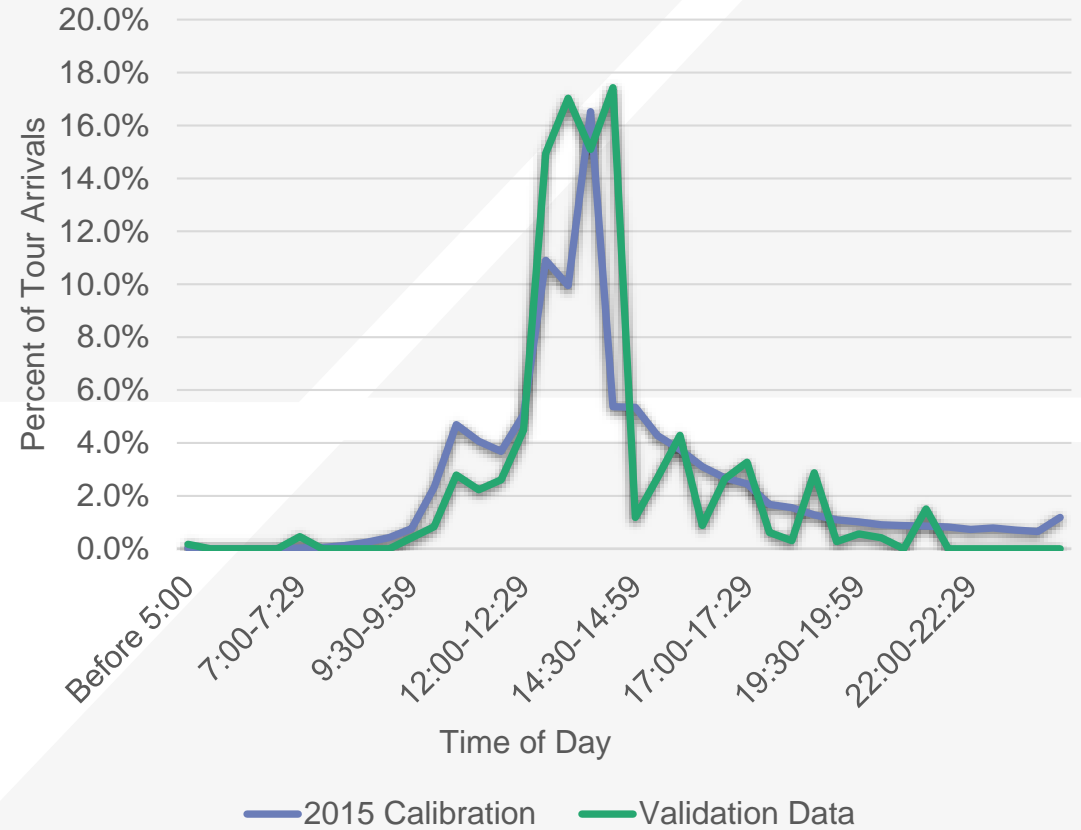
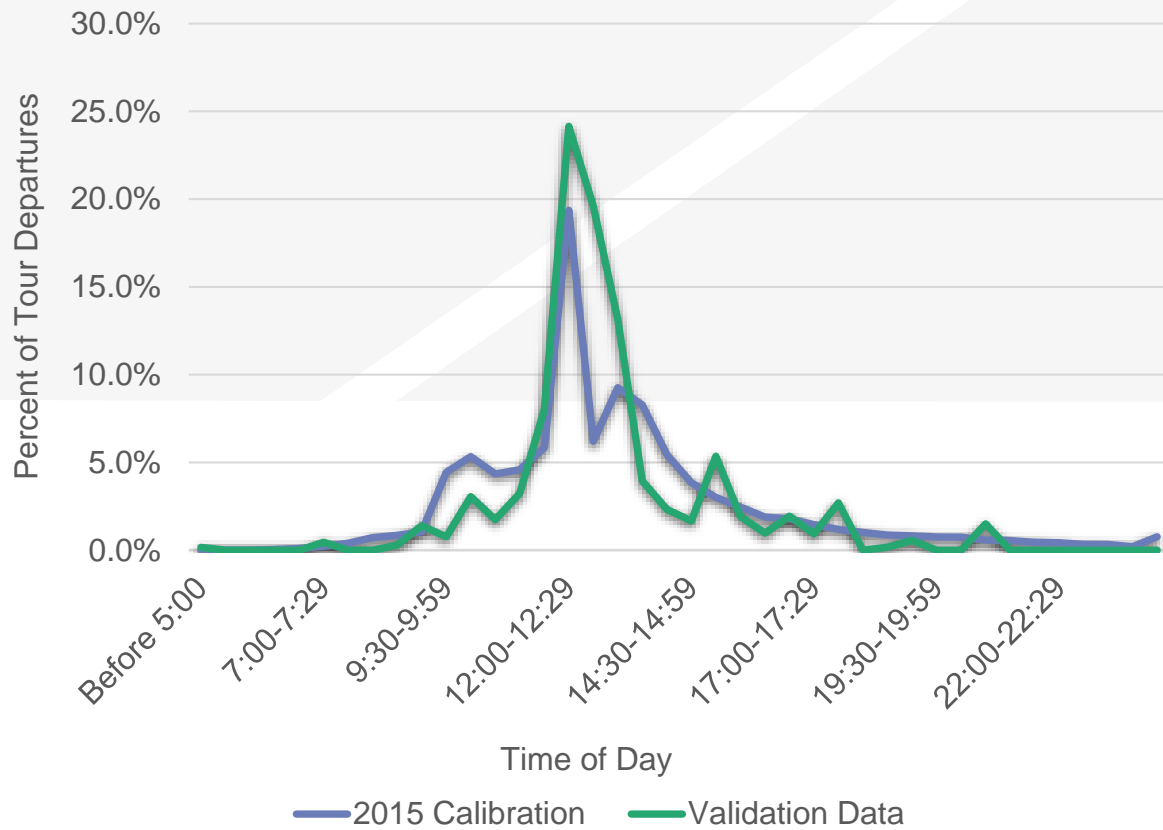
# Tour time-of-day: home-based mandatory



# Tour time-of-day: home-based non-mandatory



# Tour time-of-day: work-based



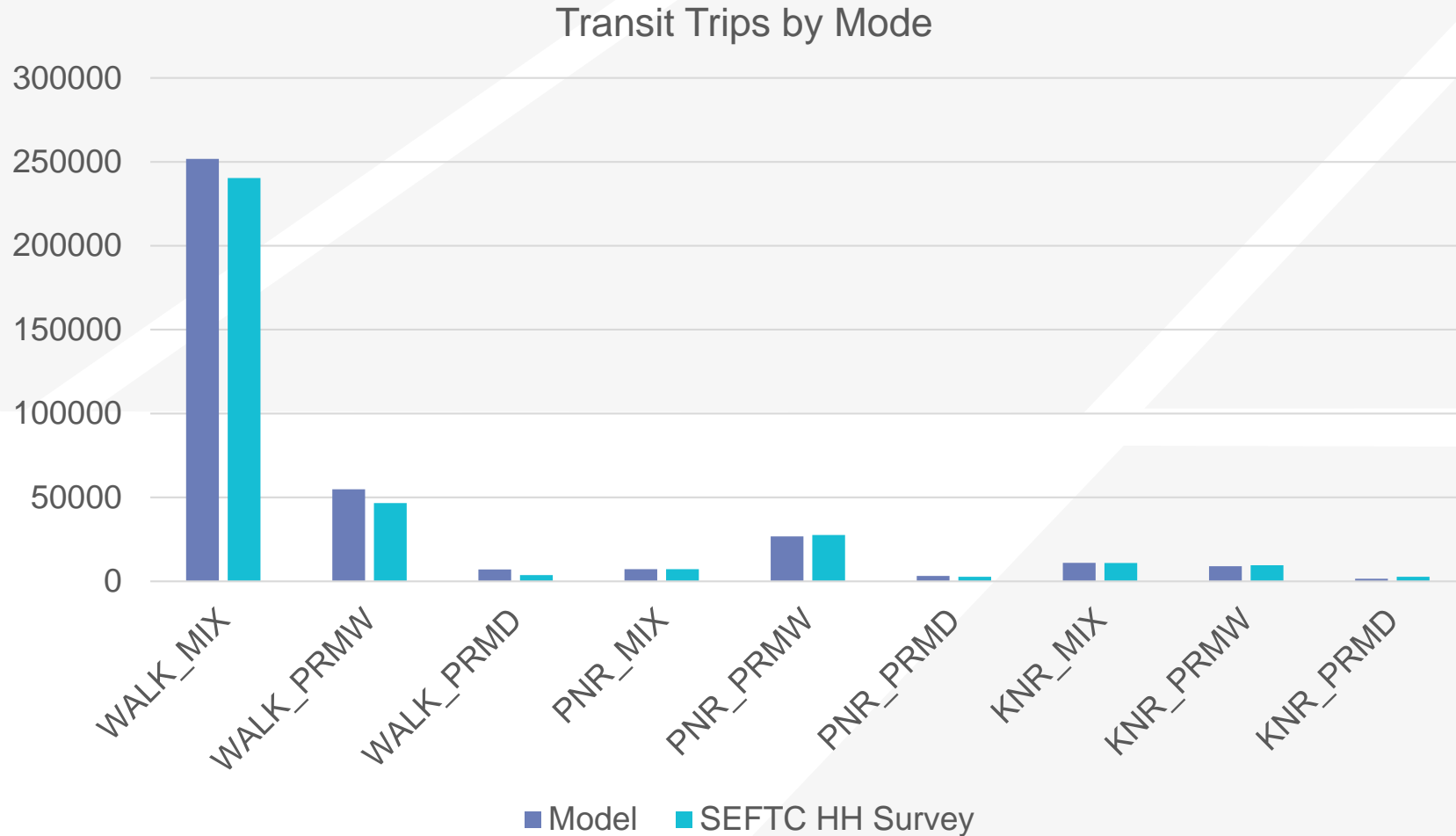
# Tour time-of-day: duration

Tour Purpose	Average Duration (Hours)		Difference [ Model - SEFTC HH Survey ]
	2015 Calibration	SEFTC HH Survey	
<b>Individual Mandatory Tours</b>	<b>7.90</b>	<b>7.46</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Work	8.46	7.82	0.6
University	4.37	3.94	0.4
School	7.40	7.52	(0.1)
<b>Home Based Non-Mandatory Tours</b>	<b>1.28</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Shop	1.42	1.37	0.1
Escort	0.75	0.37	0.4
Maintenance	1.24	1.20	0.0
Eating Out	1.30	0.96	0.3
Visiting	1.73	1.82	(0.1)
Discretionary	1.38	0.95	0.4
<b>At-Work Sub-Tour</b>	<b>1.12</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>0.2</b>

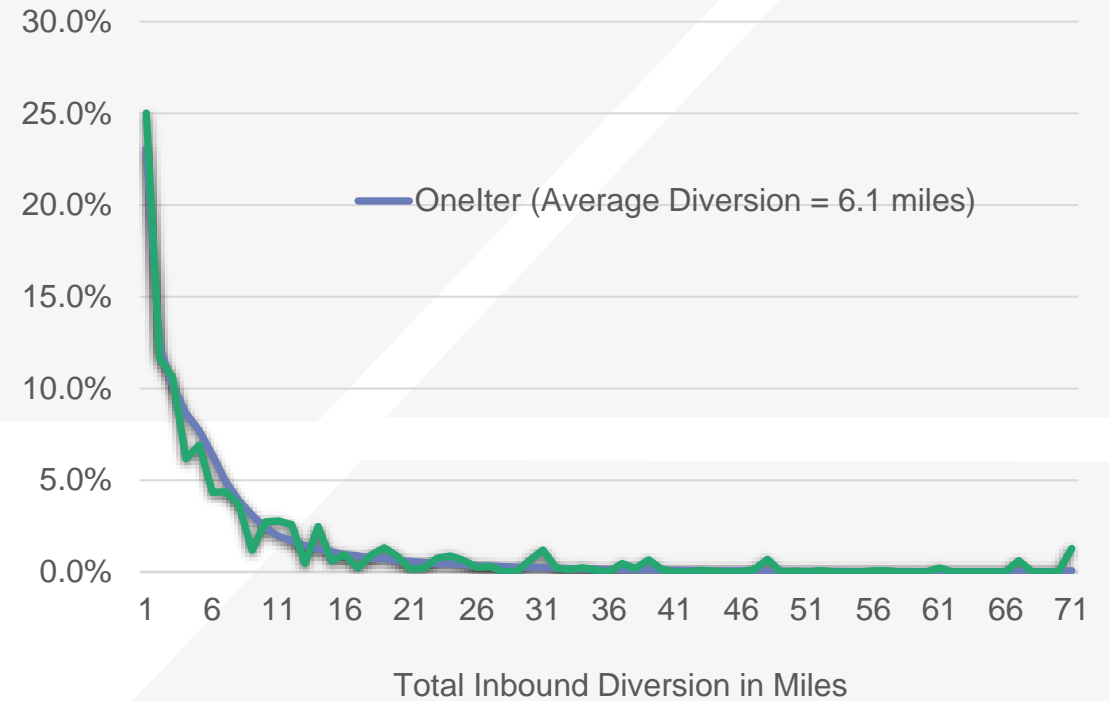
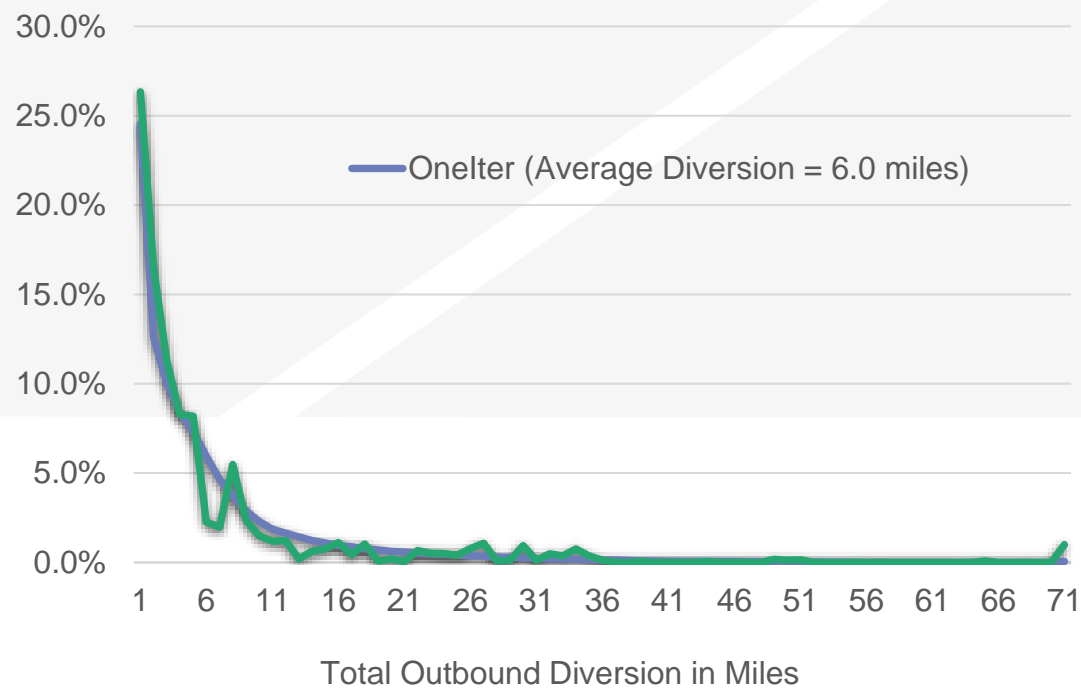
# Tour mode choice (transit adjusted)

Tour Purpose	Mode Share		Share Difference [ Model - SEFTC HH Survey ]
	Model	SEFTC HH Survey	
<b>Work</b>			
Auto	89.9%	88.2%	2%
Transit	5.6%	7.9%	-2%
Non-Motorized	4.5%	3.9%	1%
<b>University</b>			
Auto	84.6%	84.9%	0%
Transit	7.2%	6.3%	1%
Non-Motorized	8.2%	8.8%	-1%
<b>School</b>			
Auto	58.3%	62.2%	-4%
School Bus	33.0%	25.6%	7%
Transit	0.6%	1.8%	-1%
Non-Motorized	8.1%	10.4%	-2%
<b>Home-Based Non-Mandatory</b>			
Auto	91.3%	89.8%	2%
Transit	2.0%	2.7%	-1%
Non-Motorized	6.7%	7.5%	-1%
<b>AT_WORK</b>			
Auto	97.8%	92.6%	5%
Transit	0.0%	1.5%	-1%
Non-Motorized	2.2%	5.9%	-4%

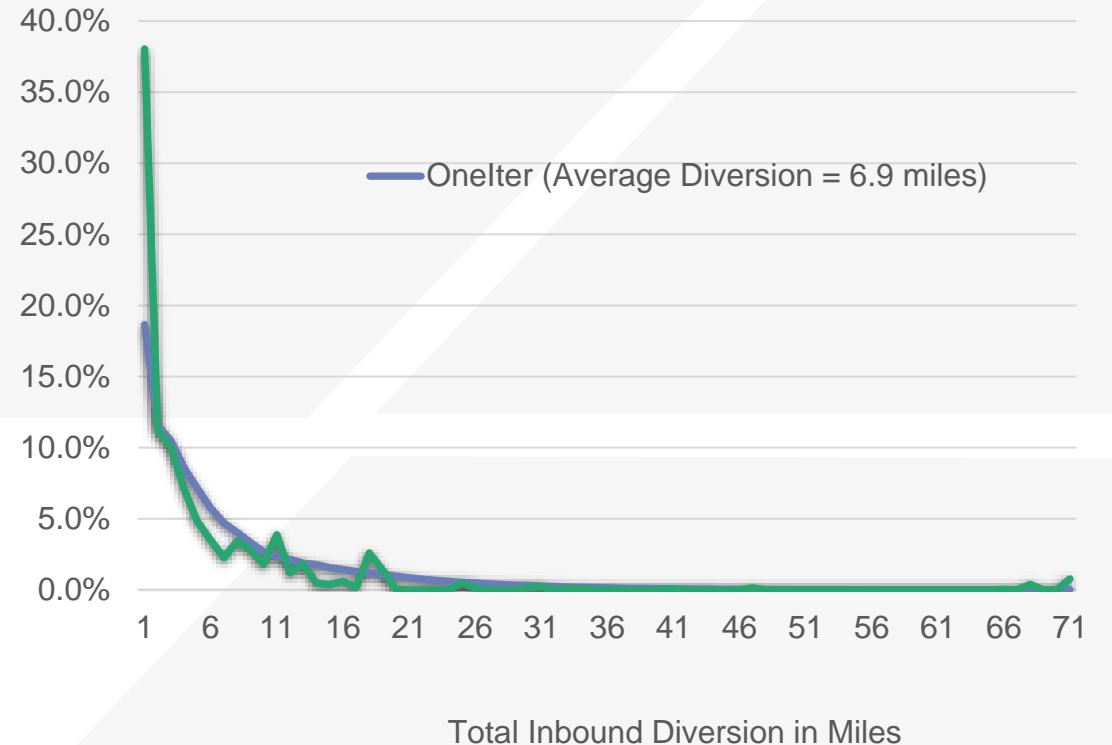
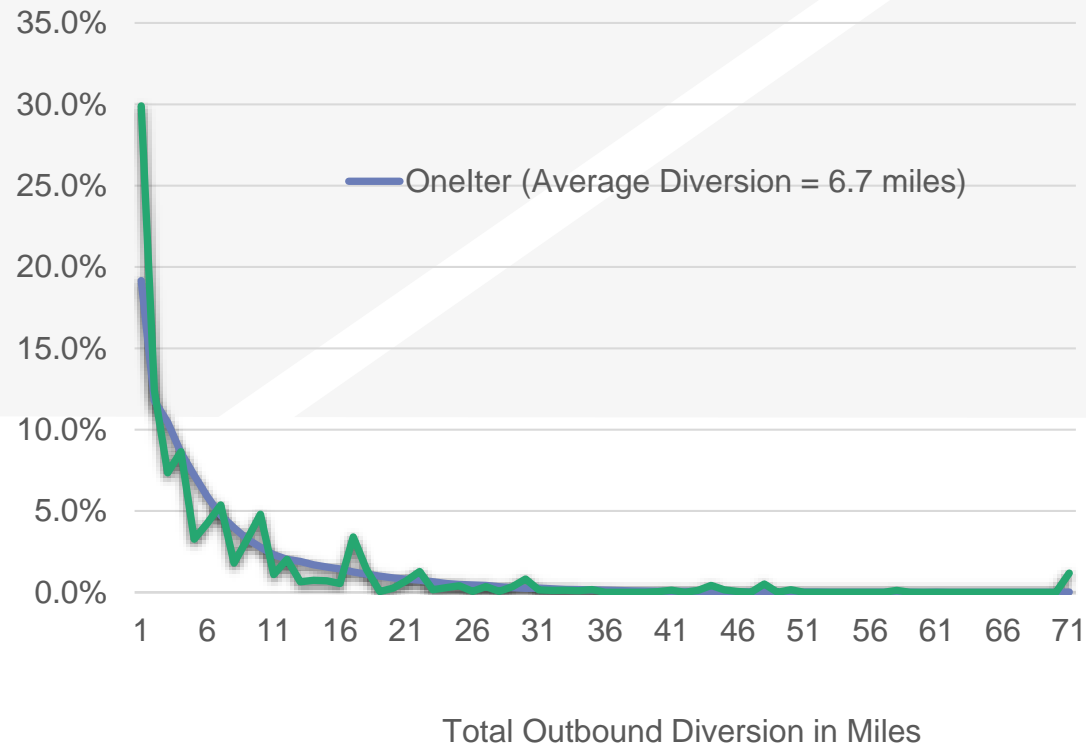
# Transit targets (trip-level)



# Intermediate stop location – mandatory tours



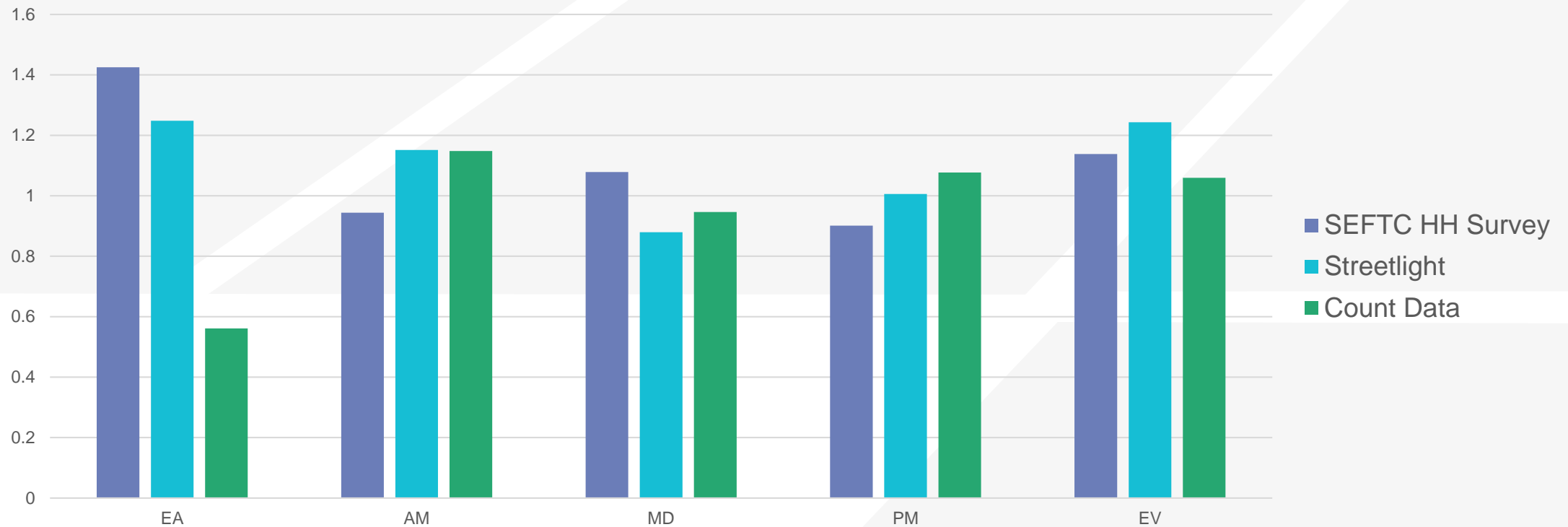
# Intermediate stop location – non-mandatory tours





# Time of day

Time of Day Share Ratios (Model / Obs)



*\*Streetlight AM Period 6-10AM  
(HH Survey and Counts are 6-9AM)*

# System level - highway

## *VMTRatio*

## Onelter/Observed Traffic Count VMT Ratio

Facility Type	CBD	Fringe	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Total	Miami-Dade	Broward	Palm Beach
Freeways	1.17	1.04	1.27	1.26	1.35	1.25	1.21	1.26	1.27
Uninterrupted Roadways	0.00	0.00	2.66	1.41	1.94	1.74	2.34	2.25	1.52
High Speed Arterials	1.22	1.12	1.19	1.10	1.06	1.13	1.12	1.18	1.06
Low Speed Collectors	0.97	1.00	1.05	1.00	0.74	1.01	1.02	1.03	0.91
Ramps	1.10	1.25	1.06	1.02	1.35	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06
HOV Lanes	0.00	0.00	0.82	0.93	0.00	0.91	0.64	0.71	1.05
Toll Roads	0.00	0.51	0.79	0.95	0.95	0.92	0.81	1.00	1.10
All Groups	1.12	1.05	1.14	1.10	1.37	1.12	1.06	1.17	1.13

# Validation next steps

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- Visitor model calibration
- Confirm non-ABM component (with full trip tables)
- Analyze single iteration vs. full feedback
- Implement network and count changes
  - » Resolve Toll/HOT discrepancies
- Build speed comparison summary (NPMRDS data)

# Sensitivity Tests

# SERPM8 model validation plan

## Section 5.5.2–Parameter/Variable Sensitivity Testing

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### ➤ Sensitivity testing:

- » Adjusting key factors and evaluate impact on forecasts. Adjustments can be made to:
  - Model parameters (more for calibration and verifying that model is working properly)
  - Model inputs (e.g., land use variables, socioeconomic conditions, fuel costs, etc.).
- » Observed data not available for comparison. Rather:
  - Review tests for reasonableness—expected outcomes of the tests shaped beforehand.
    - Compare to results from other regions as available.
  - Unexpected outcomes should be evaluated & explained.

➤ Tests will be developed in consultation with SEFTC RTTAC-MS.

# SERPM8 model validation plan

## Section 3.5–Sensitivity Testing

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- “A subset of the following tests will be undertaken:”
  - » Socioeconomic and demographic factors
    - Alternate growth rates of population, employment
    - Alternate growth rates of different market segments
      - Aging of population, presence of more females in the workforce...
  - » Auto Mode Parameters
    - Adjustments to fuel costs.
  - » Impact of new highway projects
    - New managed lanes, or pricing scenarios
    - Widening of highways
  - » Impact of new transit projects
    - Extension of rail lines
  - » Addition of new transit modes like LRT

# SERPM8 model validation plan

## Section 3.5–Sensitivity Testing

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- Elasticity tests: Convenient, quantitative measure of travel demand response to price and service changes
  - » Loose definition: elasticity of demand is the percentage change in quantity of service demand in response to a 1 percent change in price
  - » LogArc elasticity as defined in TCRP Report 95–Traveler Response to Transportation System Changes (2004) will be used

# Proposed sensitivity tests

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- Socioeconomic and demographic change
  - » Impacts entire modeling process from PopSyn through Assignment
- Regionwide transportation cost change
  - » Both direct and indirect impacts on travel
- Location specific socioeconomic or transportation supply change
  - » “Dynamic” sensitivity testing
  - » Localized impacts



# Recommended Sensitivity Test 1

## Socioeconomic and Demographic Change

### ➤ Aging population

#### » Tests impacts of aging population on travel

##### ■ 2016

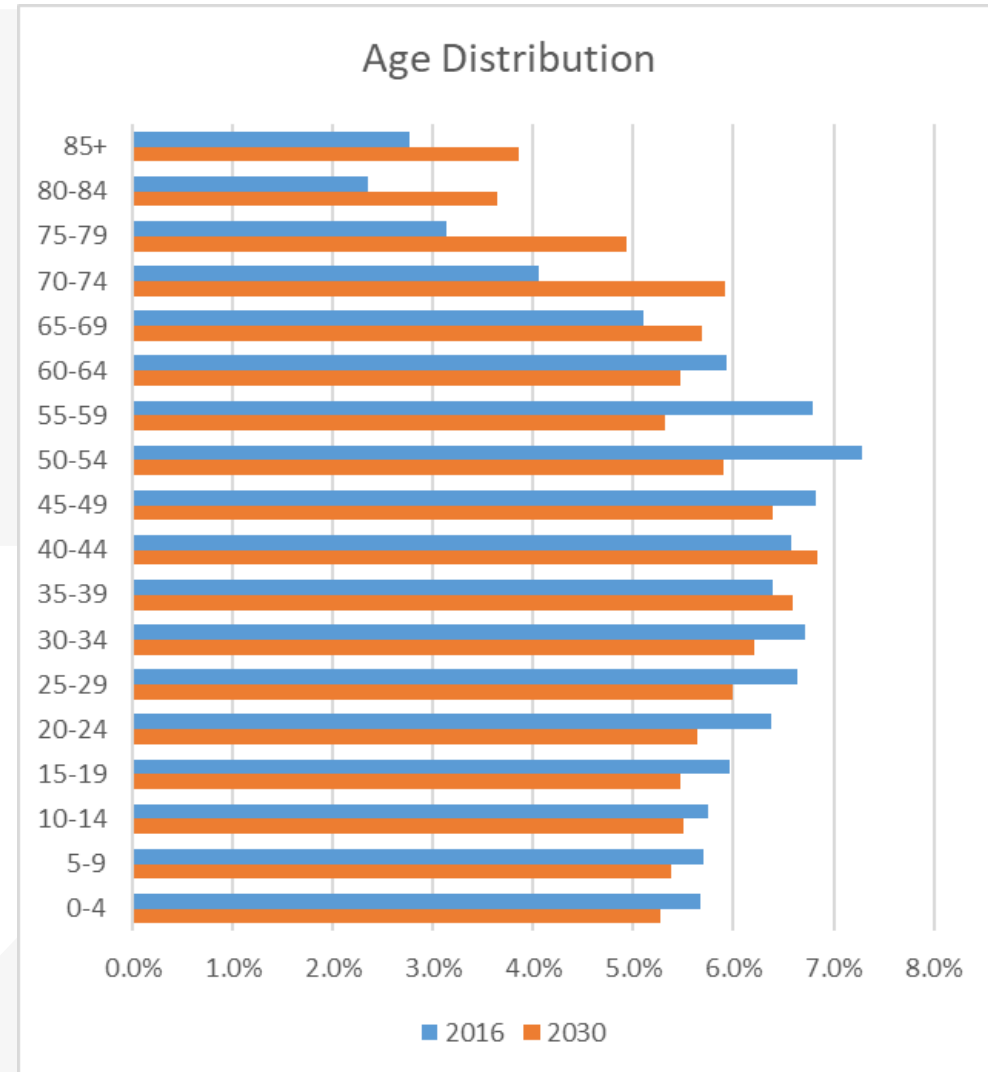
- Median age 41
- Percent age 65+ 17.4%

##### ■ 2030

- Median age 43
- Percent age 65+ 24.0%

#### » Apply 2030 distribution to base year population

#### » Adjust “retirement age” marginals to ensure sufficient workers for employment



# Recommended Sensitivity Test 1

## Socioeconomic and Demographic Change

### ➤ Expected outcomes

- » More work trips by age 65+ population
  - Possible changes...
    - Full-time vs. part-time employees and work at home
    - Tour time-of-day of work tours (shorter work hours if more part-time?)
    - Mode shares
- » More non-work travel
  - Possible changes...
    - Increase non-mandatory tours
    - Midday tours
    - Mode shares

### ➤ Comparisons

- » Compare results to
  - Houston & Baltimore (previous CS projects)
  - Atlanta (CT-Ramp model)

# Recommended Sensitivity Test 2

## Regionwide Transportation Cost Change

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- Reduce transit fares by 50% regionwide
  - » Simple implementation
  - » Primary impacts should be...
    - Increased transit ridership
    - Decrease in VMT regionwide
    - Don't expect much change on major freeways
      - Auto volumes will fill in for trips taken off the freeways
  - » Provides basis for estimating elasticity of transit ridership with respect to fares
    - Typically, elasticity is about -0.3
      - "Simpson-Curtin rule"
      - Implies ridership should increase around 15%

# Recommended Sensitivity Test 3

## Location Specific Transportation Supply Change

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- Add capacity to sections of I-95
  - » From my trip to SERPM area in November 2017, I know that there were several areas of construction/widening on I-95
    - Code all as complete and rerun on base year network
  - » Simple implementation
  - » Full-feedback and, possibly, assignment only
  - » Primary impacts should be...
    - Slightly less congestion on I-95 in peak periods
    - Less VMT on parallel facilities
    - Slightly more VMT on cross facilities with interchanges with I-95
    - Very minimal impact on other model components
  - » Compare results to observed 2017/2018 traffic counts

# Sensitivity Test Summary

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- Socioeconomic and demographic change
  - » Impacts entire modeling process from PopSyn through Assignment
- Regionwide transportation cost change
  - » Both direct and indirect impacts on travel
- Location specific socioeconomic or transportation supply change
  - » “Dynamic” sensitivity testing
  - » Localized impacts
- We request the RTTAC-MS’ approval of these tests

# Model Delivery

# Model delivery

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- Project status call schedule
- Setup support for RTTAC-MS Members
- LRTP Consultant training – on or around 10/17 (scheduled RTTAC-MS)

# Questions

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