TRAVEL REBOUND IN 2022 – A QUICK LOOK AT 2022 THANKSGIVING TRAFFIC

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Scope of the Analysis

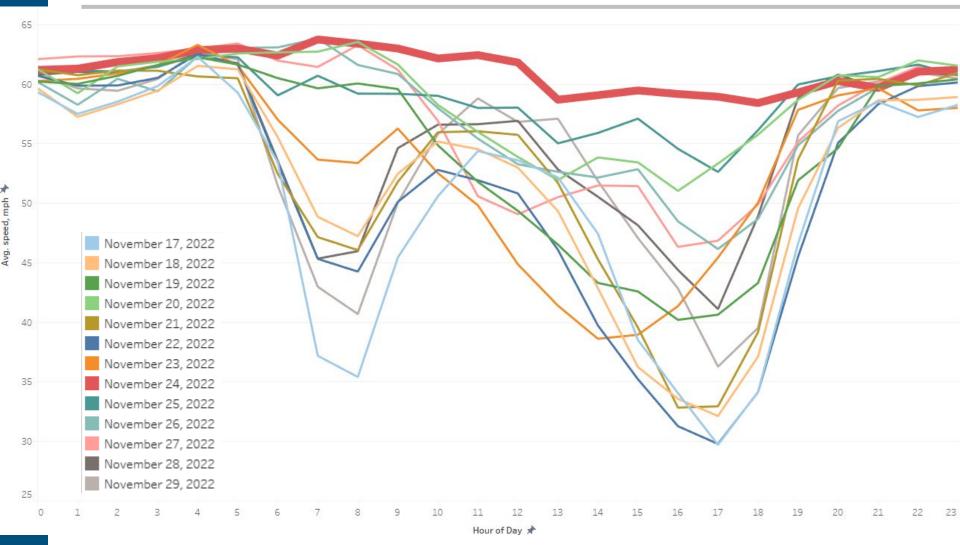
- Freeways in the National Capital Region
- Several days before and after November 24, 2022 – The Thanksgiving Day
- Average travel speed
- Comparisons
 - To average Tuesday and Wednesday
 - From 2018 throughout 2022





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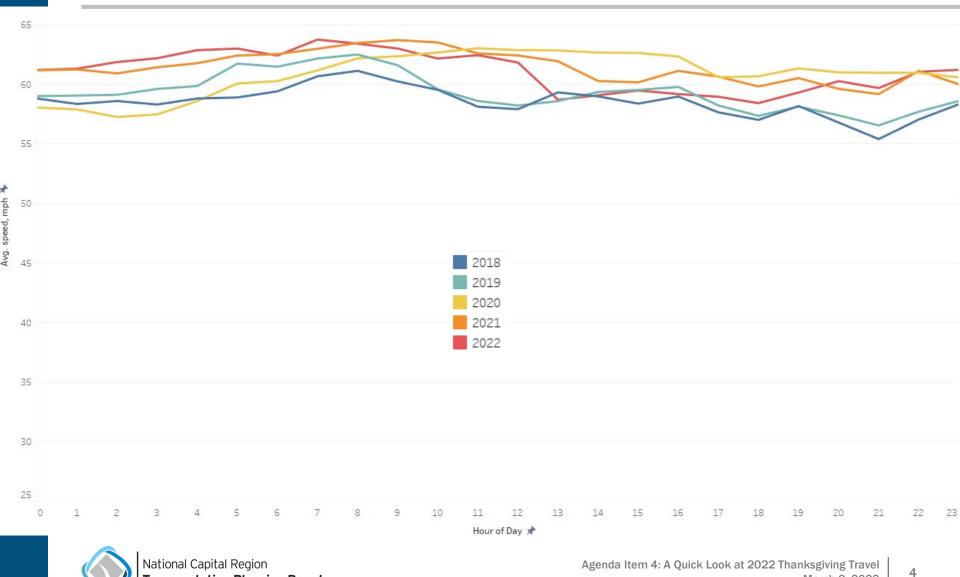
Days before and after the Thanksgiving





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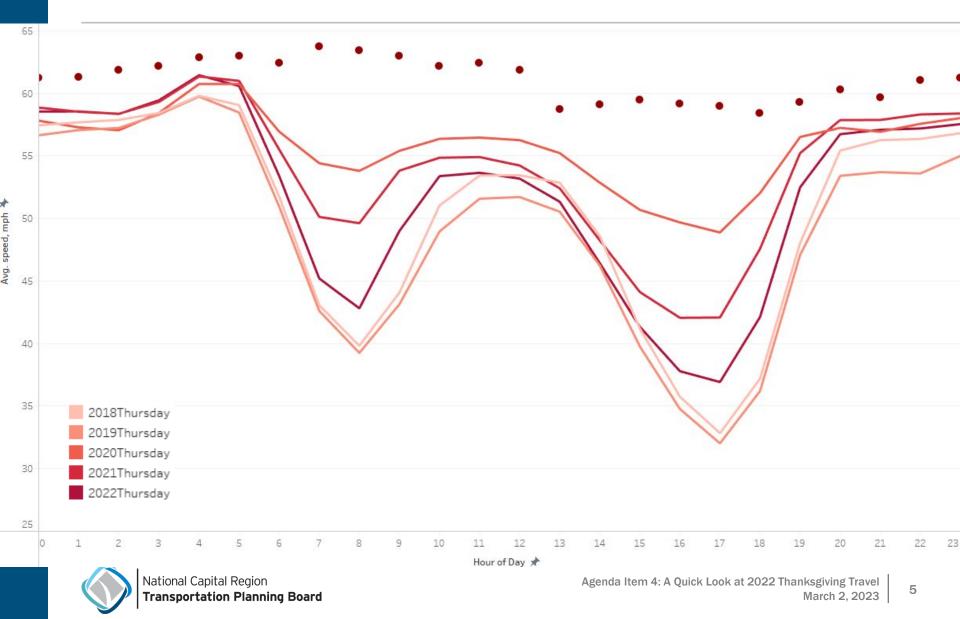
On Thanksgiving Days



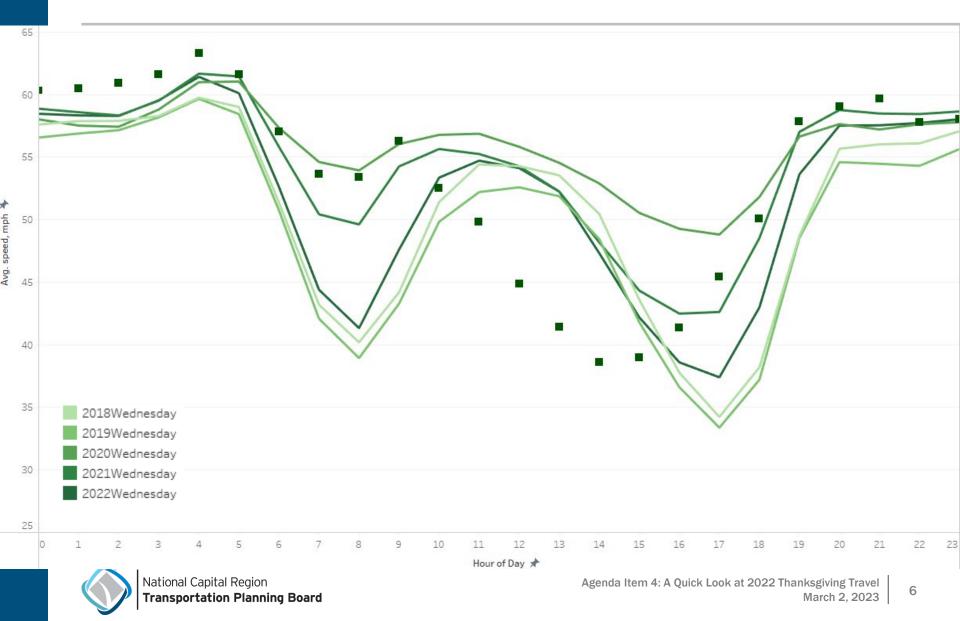
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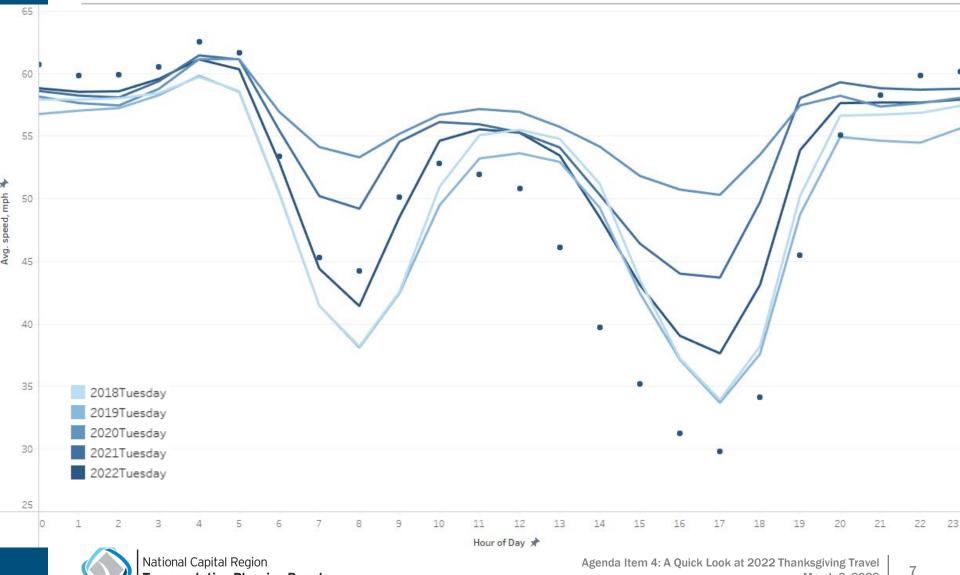
A Comparison to Thursdays



The Wednesday to Average Wednesdays



The Tuesday to Average Tuesdays



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Summary

- Traffic during afternoon rush hours of the Tuesday prior to the Thanksgiving Day would be the worse than that on the Wednesday before it.
 - Even busier than that on average Tuesday in 2022
 - Shift of traffic during afternoon rush hours of the Wednesday
- Regional travel bounded back from the pandemic levels
- Baseline traffic on Thanksgiving Days
 - Quite stable over years



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