

Weigh-in-Motion in the District of Columbia



TPB Freight Subcommittee July 14, 2022

Overview

- Weigh-in-motion (WIM) stations (3)
 - Type: Single hydraulic load cell with inductive loops
 - Locations:
 - New York Ave EB/WB
 - I-295 SB (upstream of weigh station)
 - I-295 NB
 - Ancillary equipment:
 - Overview camera
 - Infrared illuminator
 - System electronics
- Portable scales
 - -Wheel static scales (56)
 - -Axle static scales (1)







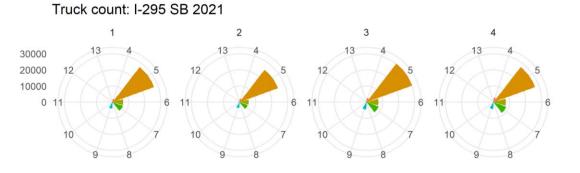
Current Status – Use, Condition, and Contracts

- WIM stations
 - Critical input to yearly Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) submission
 - Understanding freight behavior in the District
- Portable scales
 - Enforce commercial vehicle weight regulations
- Condition
 - WIM stations
 - Many individual scales and inductive loops are damaged and collecting no or poor quality data
 - Portable scales
 - Staffing constraints and cumbersome nature of setup limit deployment to 2-3 times per month, often reactive
- Contracts
 - WIM maintenance (IRD) system calibration, system validation and data collection, preventative maintenance services, maintenance data and service reporting, training, and emergency repairs

Vision

- Harness WIM and other related data to:
 - Identify trends in freight behavior
 - Better understand nexus between freight behavior and pavement condition
 - Optimize enforcement
- Upgrade WIM stations to enable enforcement activities
- Improve portable scale deployments for more efficient, effective enforcement

Data

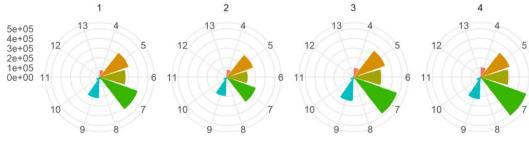


Number of violations: I-295 SB 2021

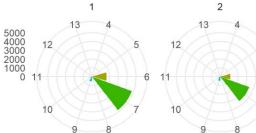
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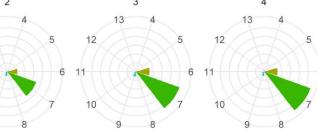
Gross weight: I-295 SB 2021



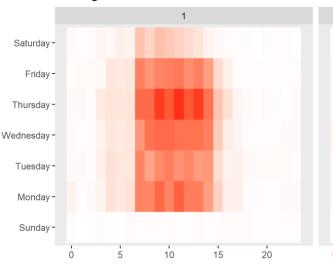
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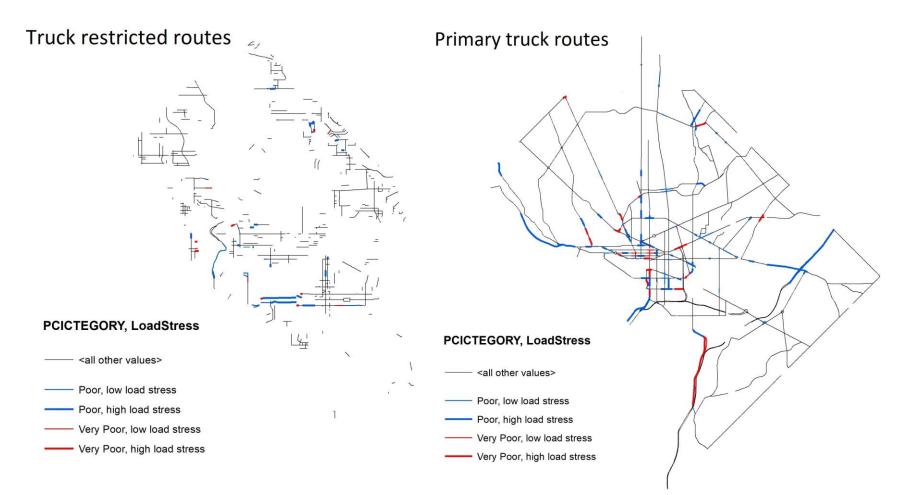




Average number of violations: I-295 SB 2021

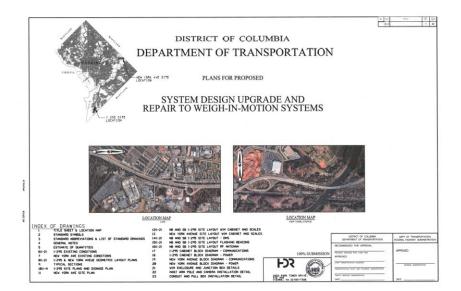


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Upgrade - Design

- Design completed in early 2020
- Scope:
 - On-site inspection and evaluation of operational condition
 - System functional requirements
 - Investigation of vehicle identification and enforcement options
 - Market research on latest WIM technology
 - Geometric field survey, utility study, right-of-way investigation
 - PS&E package



Upgrade - Construction

- Construction contract and associated support contracts awaiting award
- Scope:
 - Primarily restoration of pavement and existing equipment
 - Upgrades to enable:
 - More efficient e-screening and support for weigh station operations
 - "Notice of Observation" letters
 - Streamlined access to data
- Challenges:
 - Packaging of solicitation complicated given proprietary nature of existing system
 - Eventually issued as a sole-source contract to vendor
 - Initial funding request did not adequately account for rapid escalation of material and labor costs over past two years
 - Coordination with related contracts
 - Weigh station repair
 - WIM maintenance

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Location:

Motor Carrier Division 7491 Connelley Drive Hanover, Maryland 21076

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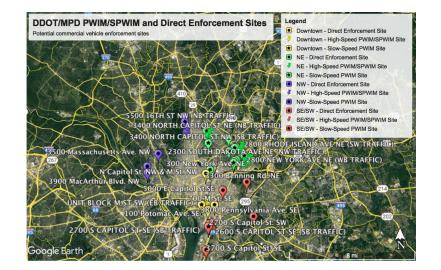
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Deployment Improvements

- Investigation of new portable WIM systems for near-term, practical application
- Consultant support via A&E schedule task order, completed mid 2022
- Scope:
 - Investigation and documentation of hardware, software, operations, and use cases
 - System functional requirements
 - Market research on existing technology
 - Technical memorandum with analysis of alternatives and recommendation for next steps
 - Recurring and non-recurring costs
 - Candidate placement sites





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