# ADVANCED TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY (TSP)

An Application for Metroway

### **TRANSIT RIDERSHIP TRENDS**



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Nationally 5% Decrease in Ridership

### Regionally NOVA 3% Decrease in Bus Ridership

Increases in Operating Expenses

Transit ridership is declining for a vary of reasons. Areas that have shown increases in ridership have improved service.

## FACTORS IMPACTING BUS RIDERSHIP



Market surveys and public outreach from all the major studies in the region show people want more frequent, faster, and reliable bus service.



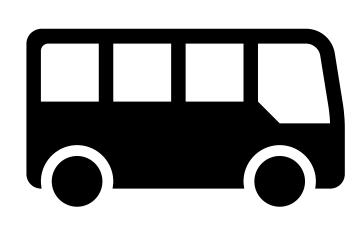


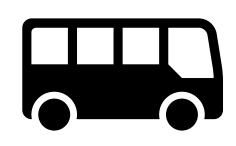




## OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES

- Bus lanes
- Boardings & Payment
- ► Stops
- Signals





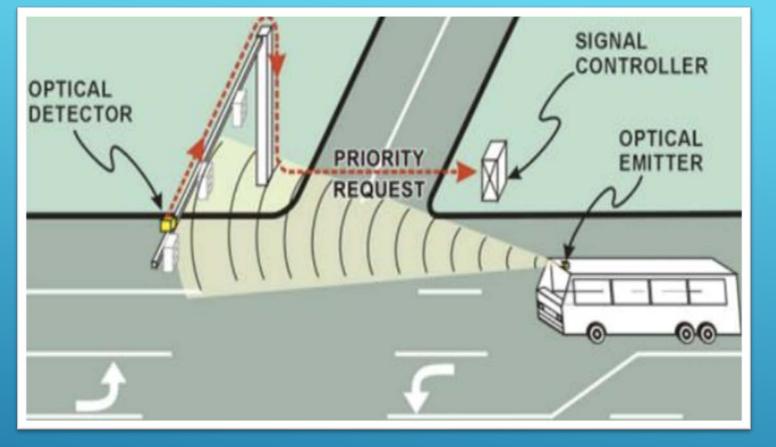


An operational strategy that facilitates the movement of transit vehicles through traffic signals controlled intersections.

### Benefits include:

- ✓ Improved schedule adherence
- ✓ Reliability
- ✓ Reduced travel times
- ✓ Increased transit quality of service

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- Connection between bus and signal
- Minor adjustments in signal split times
- Hold green within a limited extension/red truncation
- Stay green longer or start green sooner

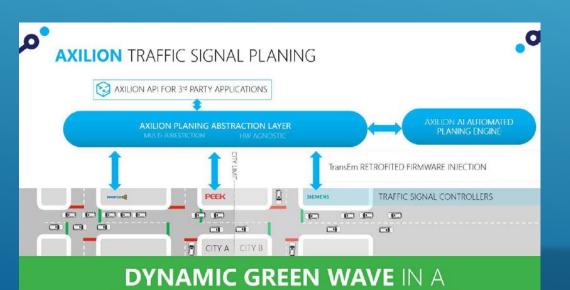
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- LA Metro 20% reduction in vehicle run time more than just TSP...
- ► 10 Second green extension reduces bus travel time 5%
- Field observation (South Snohomish Regional Transit Signal Priority) concluded no significant changes to average transit vehicle delay or number of transit vehicle stops
- Columbia Pike TSP simulation benefits did not off set the negative impacts to general traffic
- TCRP 83 Bus and Rail Transit Preferential Treatments in Mixed Traffic

## TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY (TSP) BENEFITS





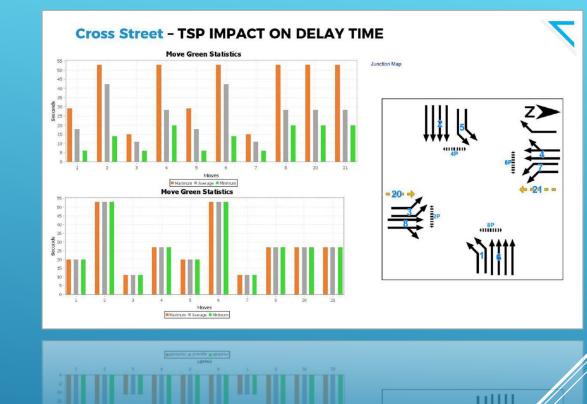
CORRIDOR, GRID AND CITY-WIDE

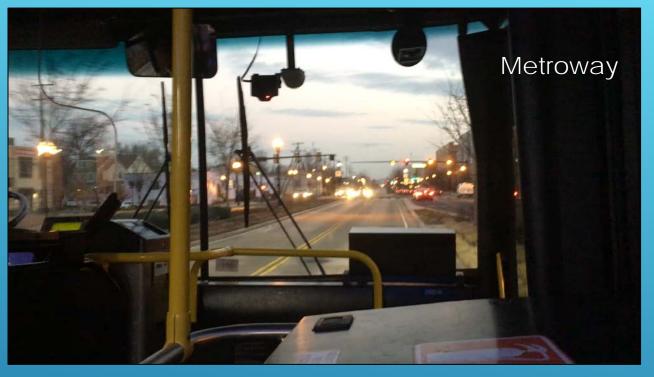
## **ADVANCED TSP APPLICATION**

- Software Solution
- Utilizes Existing Infrastructure
- Distributed Optimization Algorithm
- Minimizes Impact by Compensating other Phases
- Coordinate Across Different Systems

### **ADVANCED TSP RESULTS**

- Reduced Wait Time at Signals
- Improved Reliability
- Maintain Headways
- ► Reduce Fleet Needs
- Decreased Run Time
- Improved Ridership
- Typical TSP Shows Less Than 8% Improvements in Run Time
- Advanced TSP Solution Priority to Buses 15% to 40% Improved Run Time





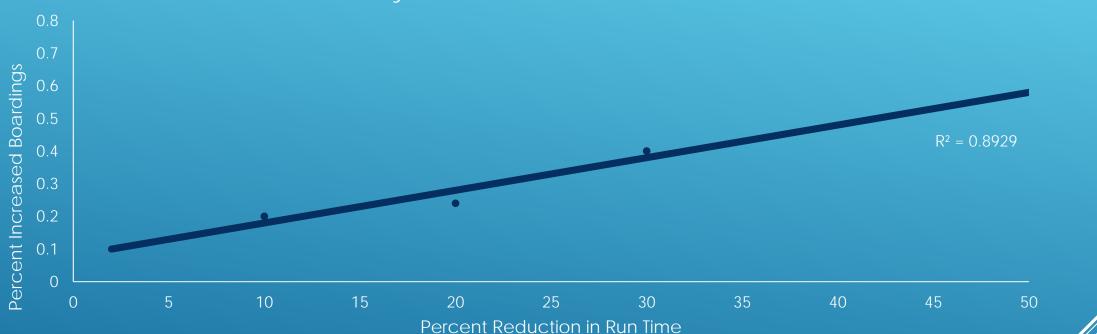
### BRT & TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY

- Current operations of Metroway, in the morning peak period.
- The bus approaches the intersection in fixed guideway.
- The bus waits at the signal while the cross street approach goes, then the left turn phase.
- Finally the bus gets the green signal.



- The is the BRT in Haifa, Israel. It has the full application of Axilion's advanced TSP software.
- The BRT operates in fixed guideway, shared lane, and mixed traffic.
- There are two BRT lines that align at this intersection.
- Notice the bus approaches the intersections and stops at the station.
- While passengers are exiting and boarding the vehicle, notice the second BRT line approaching from the opposite side of the intersection.
- The signal turns green to allow that bus to cross. The non-BRT bus does not get signal priority, only the BRT buses.
- Once the passengers exit and board the bus, the bus moves forward towards the signal.
- As the bus approaches the signal, it is given a green and continues through the intersection without stopping.

TSP will increase reliability and improve in-vehicle travel time. Faster buses and reliable bus service will result in additional riders.



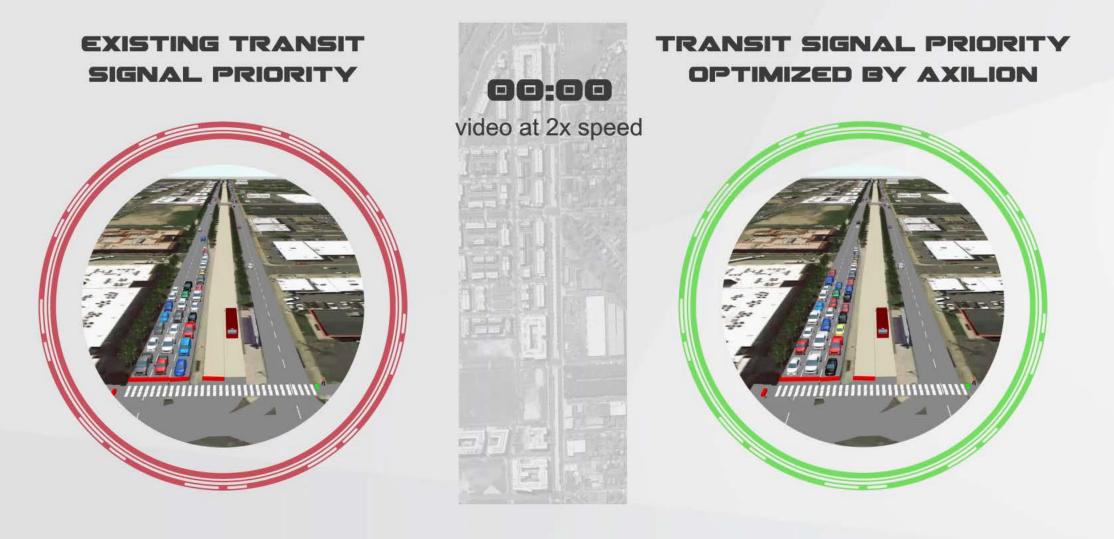
Metroway Increase in New Transit Riders

- > 10 percent travel time improvement could result in 20 percent increase in riders
- > 20 percent travel time improvement could result in 25 percent increase in riders
- > 30 percent travel time improvement could result in 40 percent increase in riders

Demand projections based on the TPB V2.3.70 travel demand forecast model

### US 1 IMPROVED METROWAY TRAVEL TIMES USING AXILIONS NEW TSP SOFTWARE.

Saving seconds in a small stretch can save minutes along a corridor and improve performance reliability.







## BRT & TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY COMPARISON

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