

# **FHWA Freight Fluidity: Measuring Supply Chain Performance - National and State/Regional Programs**

**State/Regional Pilot Workshop  
NY Metro Region  
August 15, 2019**

# Agenda

**10:00 – 10:30 AM**

**Agenda, Welcome, Introductions and Workshop Objectives:**

*David Behrend, Deputy Executive Director, NJTPA*

*Marygrace Parker, I-95 Corridor Coalition (Freight Fluidity Team)*

*FHWA - Chandra Bondzie, Office of Freight Management*

**10:30 – 11:15 PM**

**Freight Fluidity Supply Chain Program - National and State/Regional Overview**

*Joe Bryan, WSP USA*

**11:15 AM – 12:15 PM**

**Using the Freight Fluidity Tool – Interactive Presentation/Discussion -**

*Alan Meyers, WSP USA*

**12:15 - 12:45 PM**

**Working Lunch**

**12:45 - 1:30PM**

**Using the Freight Fluidity Tool – Interactive Presentation/Discussion - Continued**

*Alan Meyers, WSP USA*

**1:45 - 2:15 PM**

**Informing Supply Chains with FHWA NPMRDS Data - Bill Eisele, TTI**

**2:15 - 2:45 PM**

**Discussion – Participant Feedback/Key Insights – Chris Lamm, Cambridge Systematics**

**2:45 – 3:00 PM**

**Wrap Up/Next Steps – Chandra Bondzie, Marygrace Parker**

# Welcome to NJTPA and the State/Regional Freight Fluidity Pilot Workshop

David Behrend

Deputy Executive Director

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

# Freight Fluidity Participant Introductions

- Name
- Agency
- Role in Freight

# FHWA Freight Fluidity Program

Chandra Bondzie

FHWA – Office of Freight Management

Freight Fluidity Project Manager

# FHWA Freight Fluidity Supply Chain Monitoring Program

## Why?

- Meet the requirements in MAP-21 and the FAST Act to develop multimodal performance measures and freight policy to support statewide and regional freight planning
- Bring a multimodal perspective to freight performance measurement to support an economically competitive and resilient system for the movement of goods.
- Support State and regional implementation of fluidity measurement
- Improve information on the performance of supply chains to benefit freight stakeholders
- Stimulate new private sector services and tools to plan and optimize freight trips

## How?

- Establish national monitoring of freight fluidity
- Add to the “portfolio” of FHWA analysis tools (FAF, HEPGIS...)
- Build on work of previous FHWA work to measure supply chains



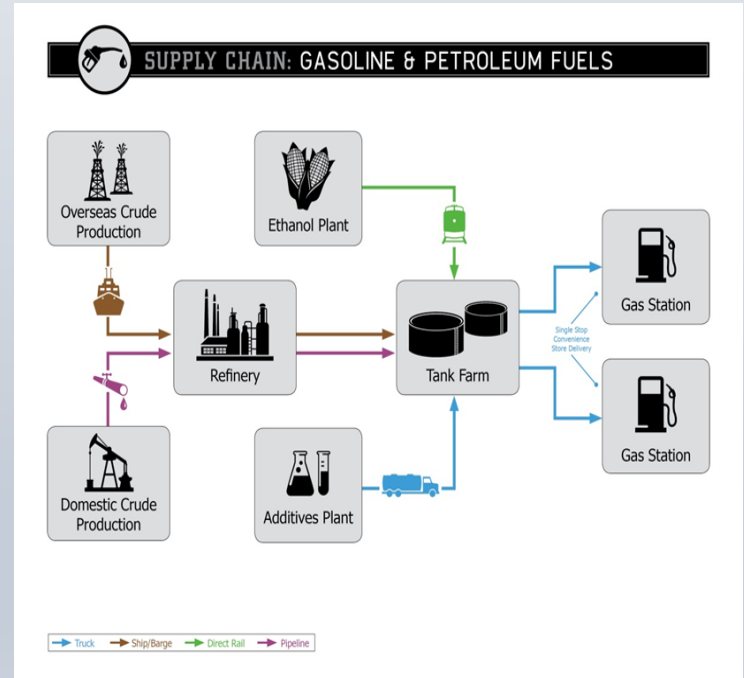
# National Freight Fluidity Monitoring Program Implementation

## Project Objective:

- Improve the measurement of freight transportation performance using a supply chain perspective
- Move supply chain performance monitoring from theory into real-world applications

## Approach - Two Tracks:

- 1) National supply chain performance monitoring
  - Select a “market basket” of supply chains
  - Establish data sharing and procurement agreements
  - Collect and track three supply chain measures
    - Time, travel time reliability, cost
    - Producing quarterly reports for monitoring
- 2) State /Regional Pilots
  - Testing feasibility of applying national monitoring measures locally
  - Two pilots: metropolitan Chicago and metropolitan New York/New Jersey



# State/Regional Pilots

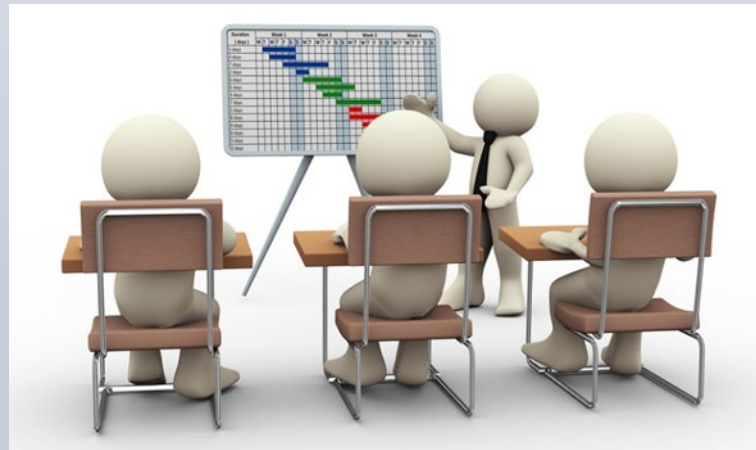
- New York Metro
  - Nation’s #1 population center, top consumer market
  - Largest trade gateway in East
  - “Freight focused” region with collaborative efforts on-going
    - “G-MAP” Goods Movement partnership
      - Port Authority of NY/NJ, NYSDOT, NJDOT, NYMTCC, NJTPA, NYCDOT...
    - MAP Forum Activities
      - NY/NJ/Southern CT Planning Organizations and other stakeholders
    - Freight Linkages to Lehigh Valley, Delaware Valley region
- “Chicagoland”
  - Nation’s freight hub
  - #3 population center and global city, major manufacturing megaregion
  - C-MAP and Illinois DOT has strong history of coordinating as partner agencies
  - Successful history of ground-breaking freight projects – e.g., CREATE





# State/Regional Workshop Objectives

- (1) Provide an overview of the National Freight Performance Supply Chain Monitoring Program and Tool
- (2) Show how the Freight Fluidity Monitoring tool can be used by transportation agencies
- (3) Gather feedback from workshop participants



# Overview of the Freight Fluidity Monitoring Program and Tool

Joe Bryan

Vice President and Manager of Freight and Logistics

WSP USA

# FHWA Freight Fluidity Tool – Overview

Goal: a database and visualization/mapping tool to track the cost (price of service), reliability, and travel time for multimodal freight movement, across selected representative national supply chains, on a quarterly basis

Primary Data Sources	Information Obtained	Metrics Developed by Team
30 US companies reflecting major freight-dependent industry sectors	Descriptions of representative supply chains – goods, modes, O/D pairs – not confidential	Flow sequence of key trips Database rows describing trips Slots for performance metrics
NPMRDS	Highway link speeds	Truck metrics for O/D trips: median & mean speed, 95% travel time, Travel Time Index, Planning Time Index
Chainalytics	Commercial data on truck and rail IMX shipment prices	Truck & IMX metrics for O/D trips: cost per move, cost per mile
TransCore	Commercial data on rail travel times, IMX and carload	Rail metrics for O/D trips: median & mean speed, 95% travel time, Planning Time Index
STB Waybill / FRA	Confidential rail costs	Rail carload cost per move, cost per mile
US Army Corps of Engineers	Waterborne shipping navigation system time/delay	Waterborne metrics for O/D trips: 25-50-75% travel time, 75/50% index

# Freight Fluidity Tool – Accessing Information

## From Companies:

- Identify key supply chains (e.g., parts inbound, finished products outbound, parts for repair and maintenance, etc.)
- For each chain:
  - Is it a single end to end move, or are there different links (e.g. individual trips) in the chain?
  - What is the specific role of each link? (inbound raw materials, outbound goods to warehouses, delivery to customers, etc.)?
  - What is the commodity or commodities being moved?
  - What is the mode or modes you are using for each link?
  - What are origins and destinations for each link? (city-state pairs for each trip)
- NEVER ask about business sensitive information – volumes, customer names, carrier names, performance

## From Vendors:

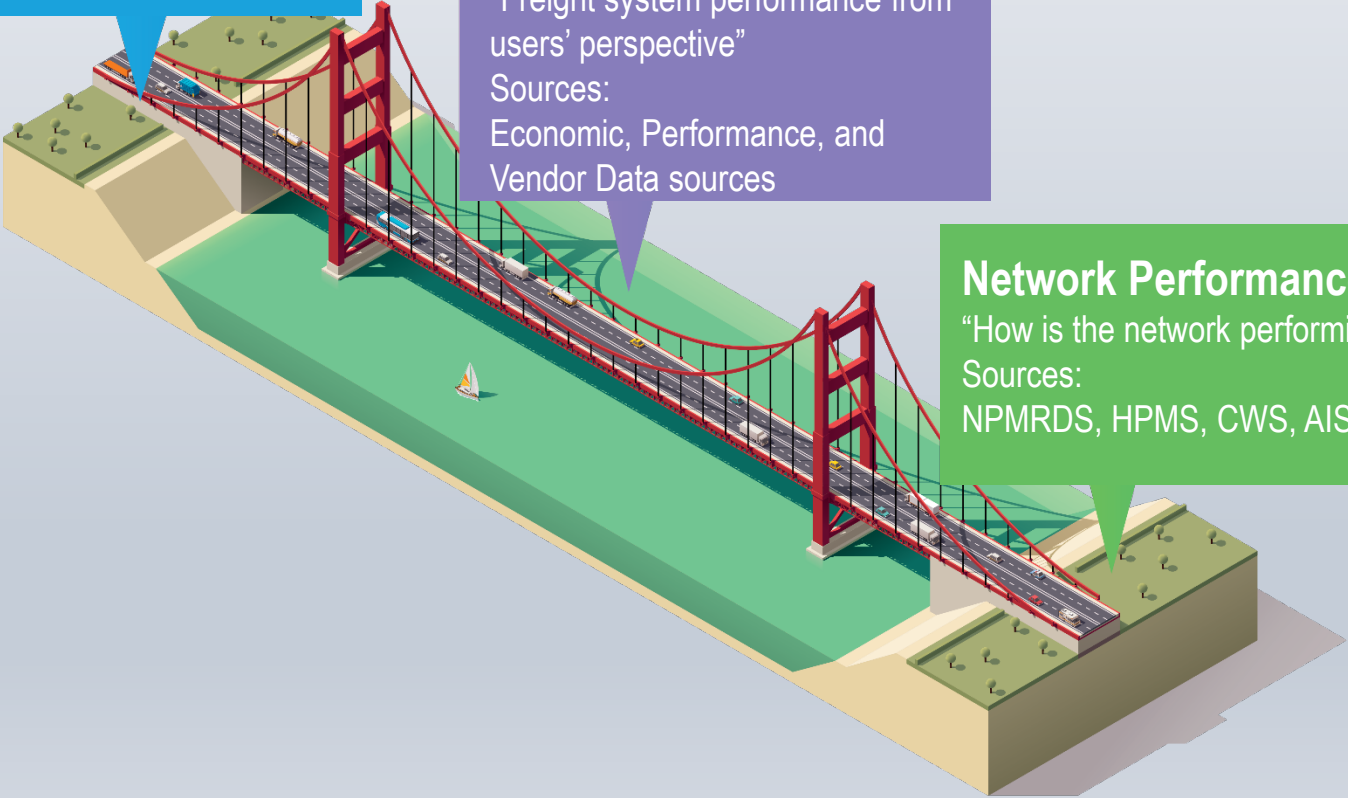
- Circumstances vary by vendor and business purpose
- Chainalytics example:
  - New data source
  - Purpose; benchmarking consortium, not data sales, *but*:
  - Data-driven performance improvement by public agencies benefits their members
  - Relatively small data sample will not compromise members
  - Purchase price defers consortium costs
- Developed model vendor agreement with negotiated price based on data volume, time periods and number of extract requests

# Freight Fluidity – A Tool in the FHWA Toolbox


**Economic Data**  
“What and how much freight is moving, and where?”  
Sources:  
FAF, BEA, CWS

**Freight Fluidity Program**  
“Freight system performance from users’ perspective”  
Sources:  
Economic, Performance, and Vendor Data sources

**Network Performance Data**  
“How is the network performing?”  
Sources:  
NPMRDS, HPMS, CWS, AISAP



# FHWA Freight Fluidity Tool – Software Platforms

- Two integrated platforms, both from existing suite of FHWA freight measurements tools:
  - Tableau database management, analysis and visualization platform 
  - FHWA/HOFM GIS data visualization tools, fed from Tableau
- The software platforms meet key criteria:
  - Ability to hold and process large data sets in time series, easily accept updates, and be versatile in use.
  - Accessibility of data to internal and external users, via export into common formats such as spreadsheet software, and directly on the platform without purchase of special tools.
  - Ability to restrict access to certain types or levels of data for certain groups of users.
  - Varied and high quality graphical and cartographical display must be provided, and the displays must be interactive with the data.
  - Stability as a dependable, tested tool.

# The New Perspective of Freight Fluidity

## ■ Distinguishing Features:

- ☑ Focus: Supply chain performance
- ☑ Key Performance Indicators: Speed, Reliability, Cost
- ☑ End-to-End: Multimodal, multijurisdictional, flow sequences chained across stages

Current System Performance Capture (Typical)	Freight Fluidity Performance Capture
Travel Time	Travel Time (Industry/Supply Chain)
Travel Time Reliability	Travel Time Reliability (Industry/Supply Chain)
Cost of Wasted Time and Fuel	Transportation Cost (Market Price, Industry/Supply Chain)
Highway Only	Multimodal: Highway, Rail (IMX & Carload), Water



# The Value of Freight Fluidity

Monitors Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) comparable to how freight system users monitor themselves

- Keeps public agencies abreast of developments affecting industry
- Anticipates concerns of Freight Advisory Committees and other users

Monitors KPIs that affect industrial competitiveness, supporting economic development and timely response to freight transportation issues

- Performance trends by industry sector
- Operational and investment actions



# The Value of Freight Fluidity (continued)

Provides working tool that complements and combines with others in the public agency toolbox

- Fills a gap: supply chain logistics structures and connected links
- Triggers diagnostics from the rest of the toolbox

National platform supplies foundation for state and local agencies to build upon

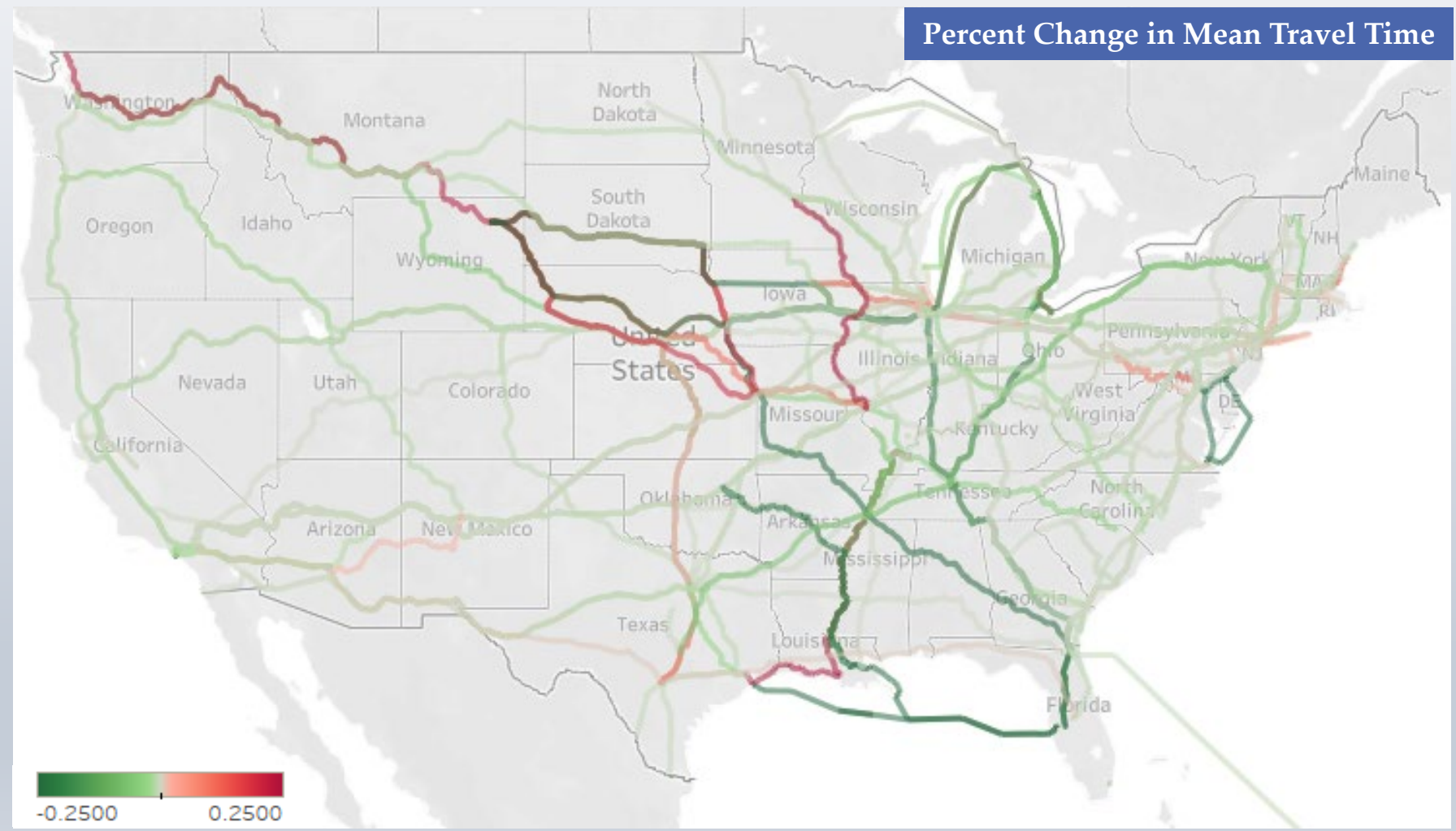
- Additional sectors and companies
- Additional locations

# National Trends in Supply Chain Travel Time

## Major US Supply Chains End-to-End:

- Multimodal
- Multijurisdictional
- Flow sequences across stages
- 4Q 2017-3Q 2018

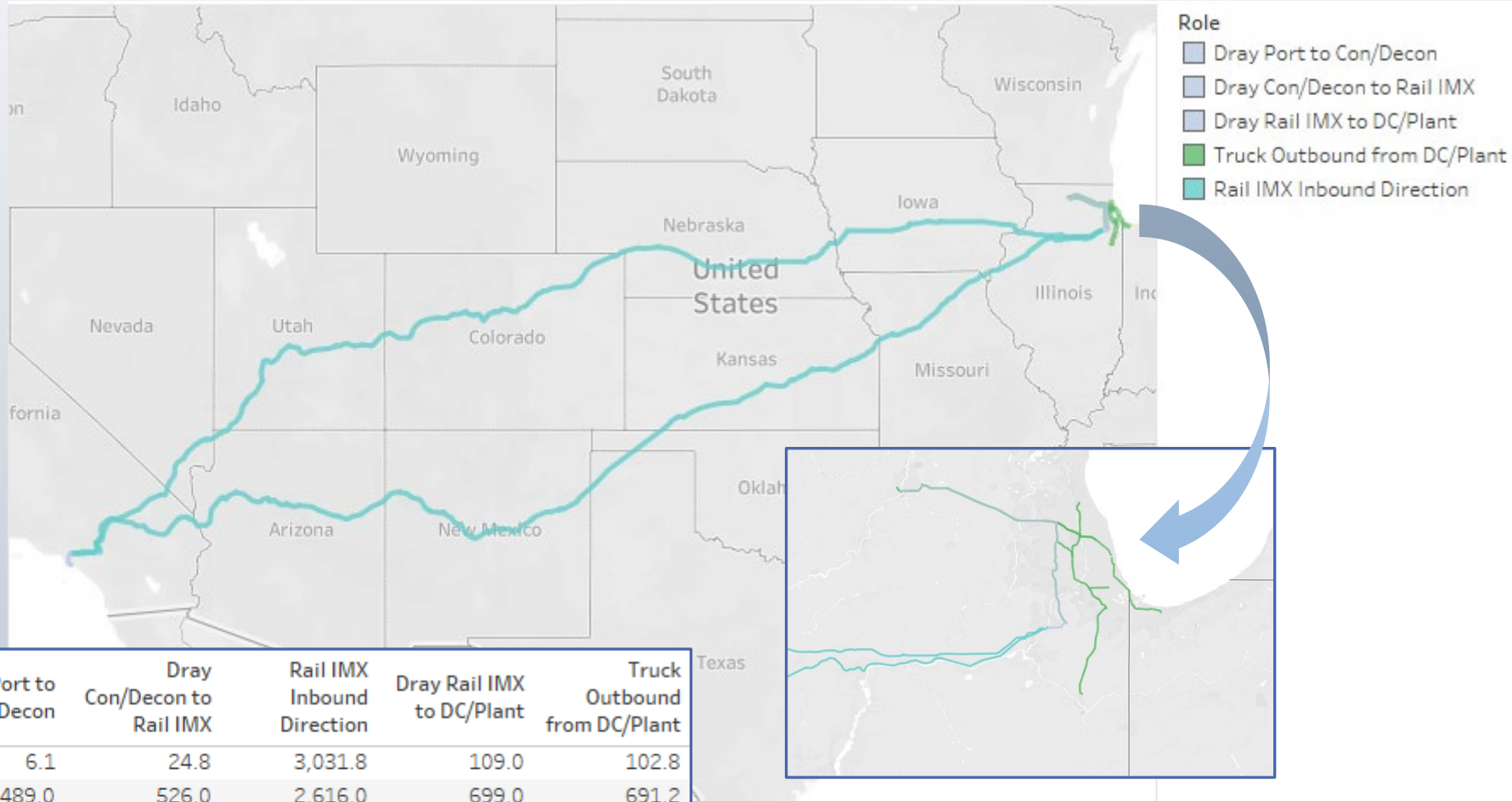
➔ 107 lanes begin and/or end in the NY-NJ-CT-PA region



# Supply Chain Performance by Stage

## Sector: Home Improvement

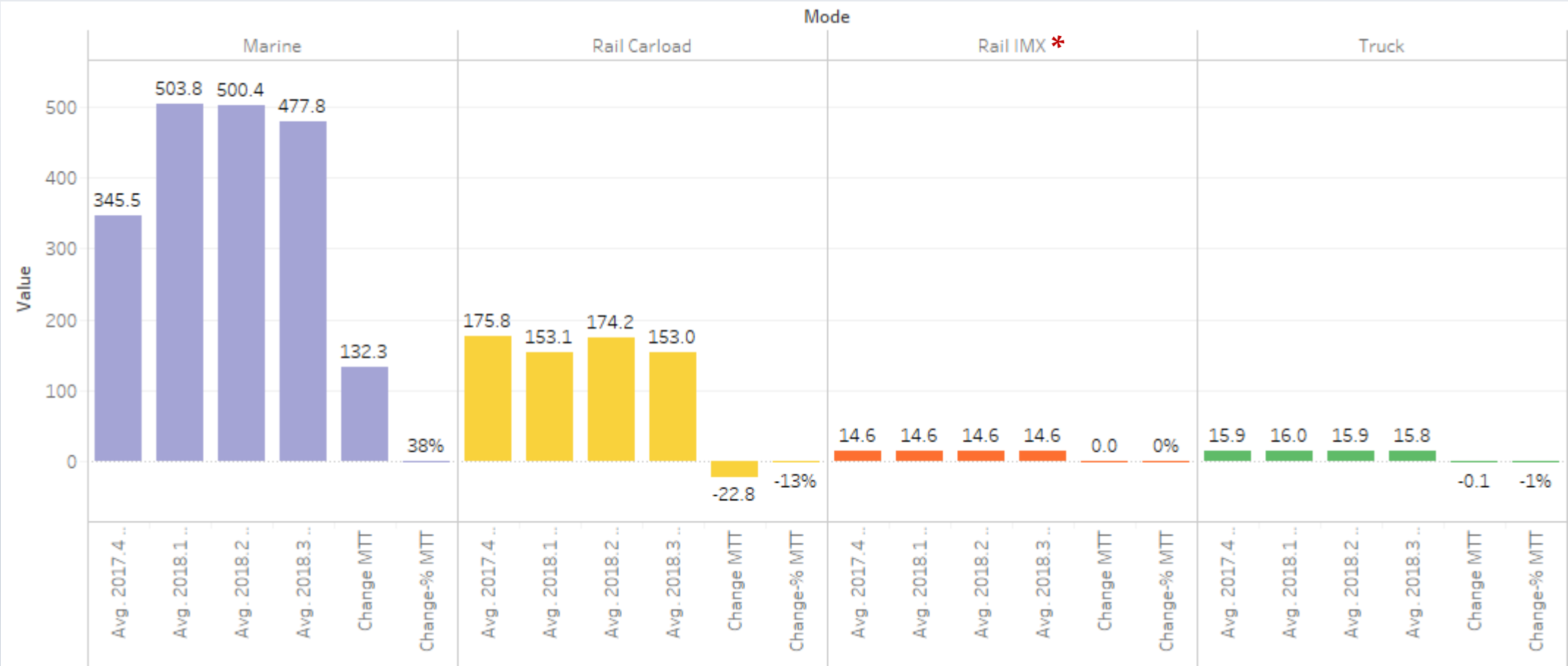
- Multimodal
- 5 stages from port to retail outlet
- Alternate rail routes
- Substantial drayage expense



	Dray Port to Con/Decon	Dray Con/Decon to Rail IMX	Rail IMX Inbound Direction	Dray Rail IMX to DC/Plant	Truck Outbound from DC/Plant
Avg. Adjusted Path Miles	6.1	24.8	3,031.8	109.0	102.8
Avg. 2017.4 Total Cost per Unit	489.0	526.0	2,616.0	699.0	691.2
Avg. 2017.4 Linehaul Cost per Unit	487.0	518.0	2,298.0	659.0	652.9
Avg. 2017.4 Fuel Cost per Unit	2.0	8.0	319.0	40.0	38.3
Avg. 2017.4 Mean or 50% Travel Time (hrs)	0.3	0.7	0.0	1.9	1.8
Avg. 2017.4 Cross Modal Reliability Ratio	1.5	1.6		1.1	1.3

# Questions Answered by Freight Fluidity

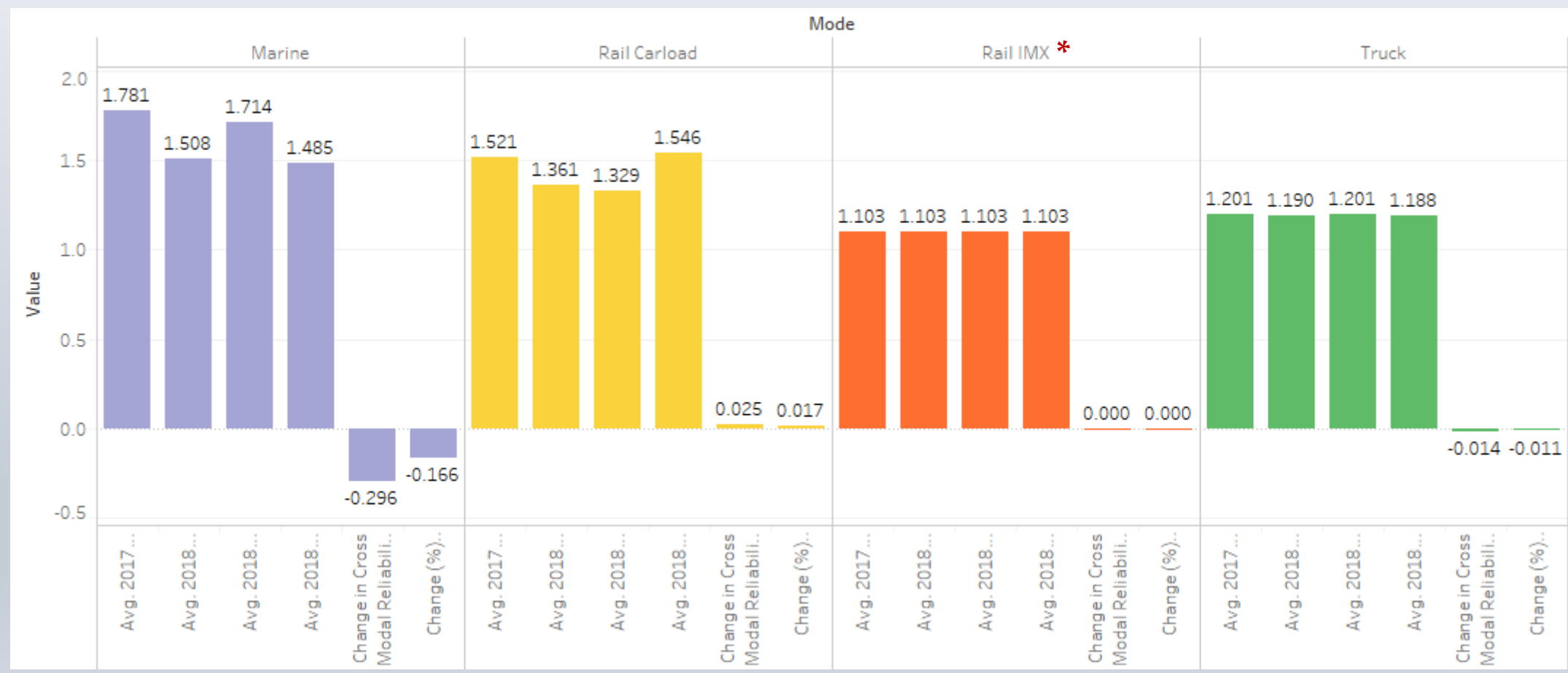
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\* Limited coverage of transit in IMX lanes

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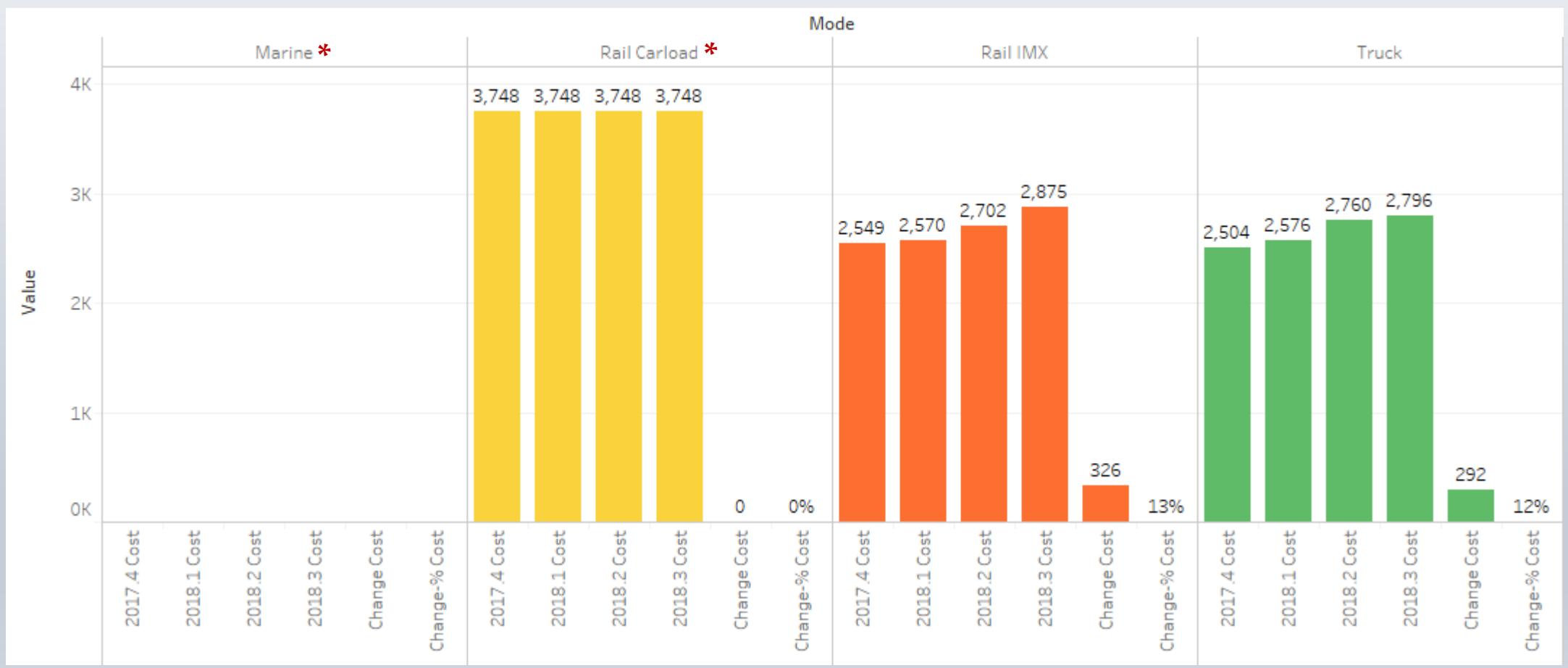
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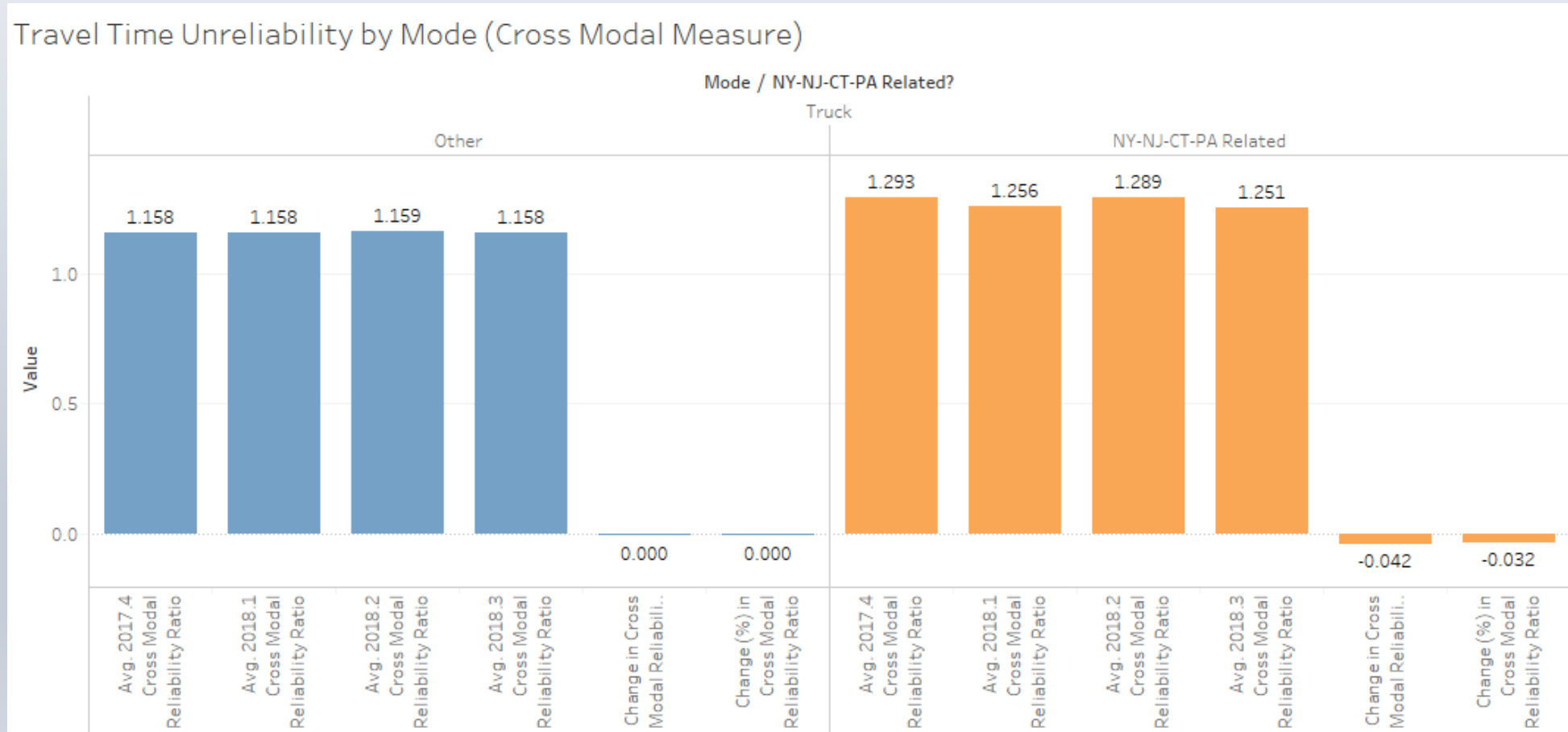
What are the costs by mode and how are they changing over time?



\* Marine costs unavailable; carload costs are annual, not quarterly

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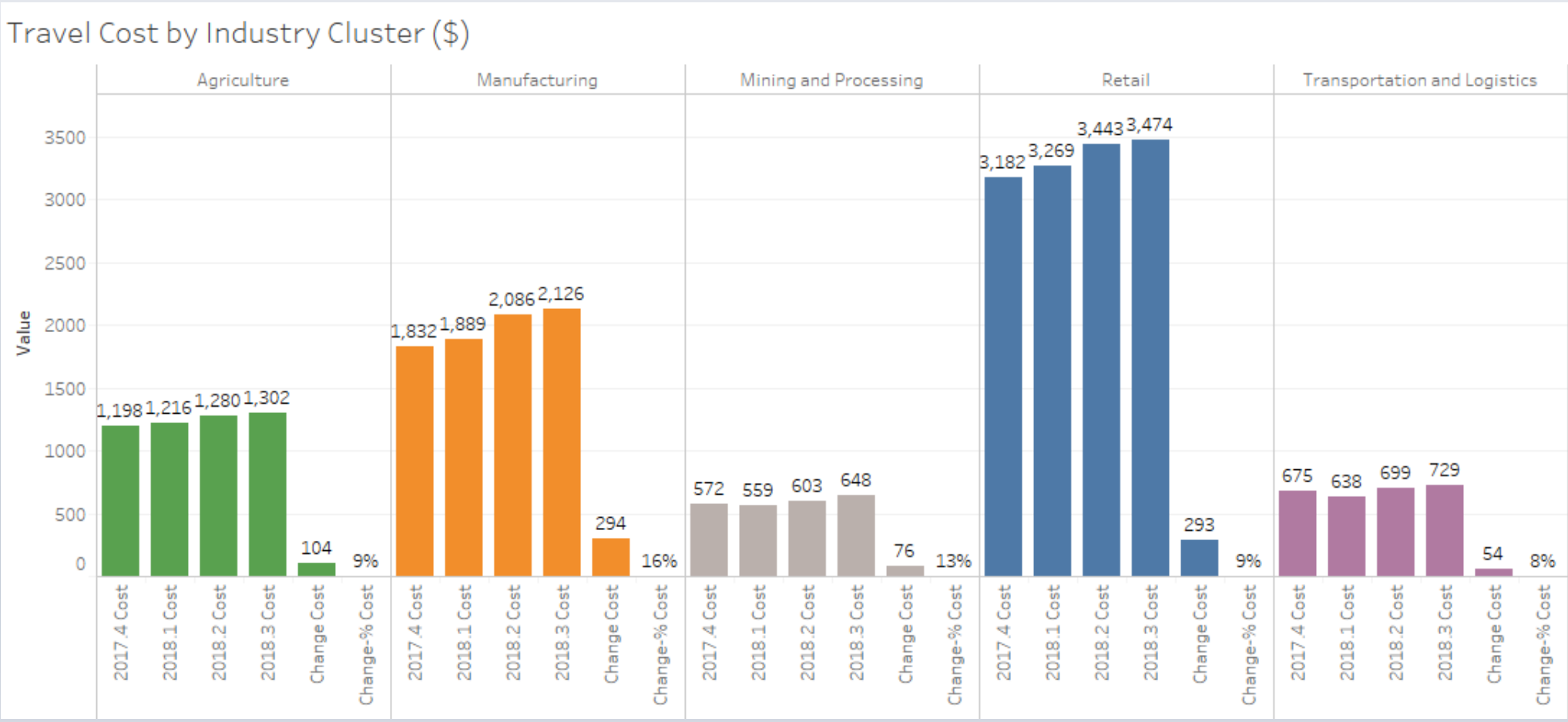
How do regional performance trends compare to national trends? Are we gaining or losing competitively?





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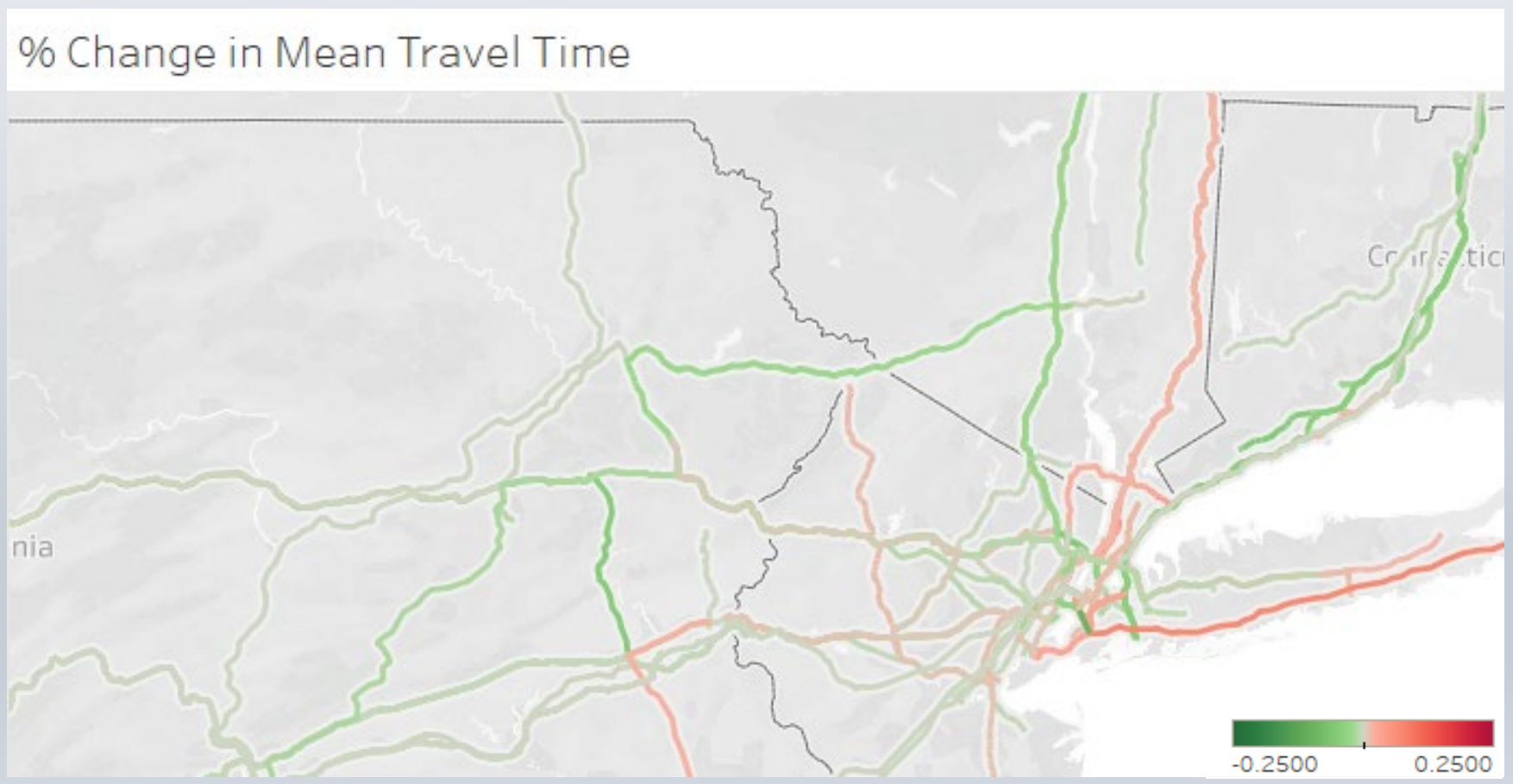
What is the relative performance by industry and how is it changing over time? Are we taking care of key sectors?





# Questions Answered by Freight Fluidity

What is the relative performance by network segment and how is it changing over time? Are we taking care of key regions?



# Application of Fluidity in Agency Toolbox

Situation: Supply chain reliability is falling in the Tri-State area. Why?

- Fluidity monitoring triggers the question
- Operational diagnostics available from agency:

• Weather	• Construction locations
• Continuous traffic counts	• Bottleneck locations & performance
• Crash trends by location	• Public events ... etc.



How is this affecting retail delivery costs around New York?

- Fluidity monitoring provides topline answer
- Probe data tools (e.g. ATRI, INRIX, StreetLight, etc.) add breadth and detail:
  - *Is the distance trucks can travel from FCs and DCs on same day at 95% reliability declining?*

# Freight Sectors in the Fluidity Platform

Number of Records by Industry

Industry Sector	Grand Total	Other	NY-NJ-CT-PA Rel..
Agriculture: Animal Products	11	11	
Agriculture: Dairy Products	9	9	
Manufacturing: Agricultural and Consumer Machinery	34	25	9
Manufacturing: Aircraft and Aerospace	5	5	
Manufacturing: Automotive	6	6	
Manufacturing: Beverages	5	5	
Manufacturing: Construction Machinery	23	23	
Manufacturing: Consumer and OEM Electronics	17	17	
Manufacturing: Food Products	24	6	18
Manufacturing: Organic Chemicals (Plastics et al)	9	8	1
Manufacturing: Paper Products	12	12	
Manufacturing: Pharmaceutical, Medical, and Consumer Products	58	44	14
Manufacturing: Recreational/Commercial Transport Equipment	22	21	1
Manufacturing: Speciality OEM Electronic Components	12	9	3
Mining and Processing: Cement and Rock	31	31	
Mining and Processing: Coal	9	9	
Mining and Processing: Fertilizers	12	12	
Retail: Apparel Store	7	7	
Retail: Department Store	14		14
Retail: Home Improvement	12	12	
Retail: Major National	4	4	
Retail: Personal Care Products	27	8	19
Retail/Wholesale/Distribution: Grocery, Food, Beverage	38	23	15
Transportation and Logistics	16	3	13
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>107</b>

- 30 companies in 24 sectors provided flow sequences for 417 freight movements by origin-destination zip code, commodity, mode, and logistics purpose
  - 14 = Manufacturing
  - 8 = Retail
  - 4 = Mining
  - 2 = Agriculture
  - 2 = Transportation
- Scalable
  - Original national program identified 7 industries with NY-NJ-CT-PA flows; 4 of these were “expanded” with additional regional flows
  - Three additional regional industries interviewed and added in consultation with regional partners
  - Result: 107 regional movements
  - Similar addition/expansion for Chicago
- Initially, four quarters of data for each data record
  - Data can be updated/maintained at moderate cost

# Multimodal Routes in the Fluidity Platform

## 417 Mapped Freight Movements by Truck, Rail IMX, Rail Carload, Water



- Each record in the database has an assigned path – NHS segment, rail network, waterway network
- Allows any data attribute or value to be displayed at a path level in the Tool, in addition to table/chart summaries
- Links to FHWA/HOFM GIS tools for integration with other USDOT products
- More supply chains and lanes can be added to this foundation



# Questions/Discussion

- (these will be prompts and noted on a whiteboard for later discussion/follow up)
- *Do these “value proposition” points on why Fluidity/this tool can be of value hold true to you?*
  - *Are there others you are looking for? Believe these can add to?*
- *Looking at the questions Fluidity can answer and the Applications in Agency Toolbox*
  - *Do these sound correct, are there others?*
    - *Recommend they think about these as they look at how the tool is actually used in the next session*

# Using the Freight Fluidity Tool

## *Interactive Demo*

Alan Meyers

Freight and Logistics Principal

WSP USA

# Proceedings

- Data Sources
- “Lessons Learned”
- Live Demo

# About the Data Sources

## Key Sources

- Costing
  - Truck, Rail IMX = Chainalytics
  - Rail Carload = STB Waybill
  - Marine = TBD
- Travel Time
  - Truck = NPMRDS analysis by CS and TTI
  - Rail IMX, Rail Carload = Transcore
  - Marine = BTS analysis of USACE AIS
- Travel Time Reliability
  - Team analysis of travel time metrics

## Ability to Update Data

- Commercial acquisition
  - Chainalytics , Transcore
  - Specify and purchase
- Public sources
  - NPMRDS, Waybill, AIS – refresh

## Ability to Update Tools

- Update cells and/or add records to Excel
- Import refreshed Excel table to Tableau
- Everything updates – only need modifications (very minor) when new time periods are added



# Some Lessons Learned

- Completeness of data
  - NPMRDS limited to NHS, some shorter trips not covered
  - Rail IMX travel time limited, water cost data not included
  - High variabilities in rail travel times and water data, mostly from small trip sample sizes
  - Some data not available for separate quarters
  - Some transborder trips combine US and non-US cost and time, not separable
- Data processing demands
  - Lower effort: Chainalytics, Transcore
  - Moderate effort: Waybill
  - Higher effort: NPMRDS, AIS
- Travel time reliability metrics
  - Different modes have different propensities for “outlier” values
  - Suggested Cross Modal Metric is 99<sup>th</sup>/Mean for truck, 95<sup>th</sup>/Mean for rail, 75<sup>th</sup>/Mean for water
  - Mean vs 50<sup>th</sup> percentile – 50<sup>th</sup> preferred for rail and water to minimize outlier effects

# Some Lessons Learned (cont.)

- Level of aggregation
  - Had planned to report results by NAICS and SCTG code
  - Not enough coverage from 30 industries to support high level of detail
  - Sufficient for modal and industry cluster-level conclusions
- Segmentation
  - Data must be collected and documented by individual segment, then manually associated as end-to-end chains with unique identifiers – in progress, but then you get both
- It works -- successful proof of concept
  - Robust, stable method and tools
  - Platform for expansion and improvement to address identified limitations

# Freight Fluidity Tool Demonstration

- Excel Spreadsheet
- Tableau Tool
  - National Level
  - Regional Focus
- Q and A, discussion

# Informing Supply Chains with FHWA NPMRDS Data

Bill Eisele, Texas A&M Transportation Institute

# Overview

- What is NPMRDS and how do I get the data?
- How did we put these data on the supply chains?
  - An example supply chain application
- Data cautions (and opportunities)

# National Performance Management Research Data Set

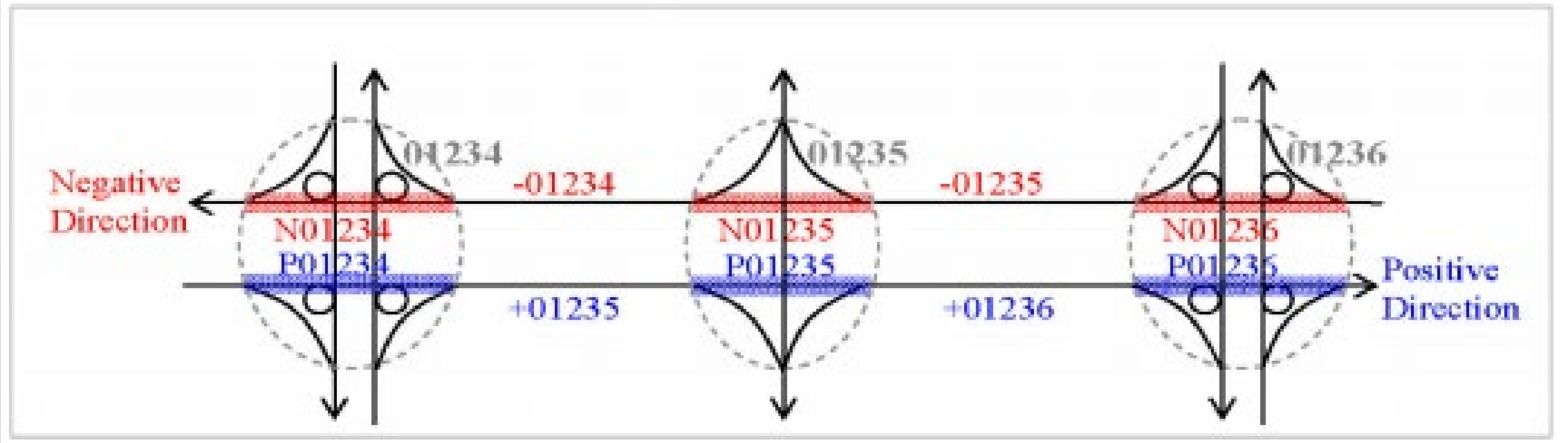
- FHWA acquired the first NPMRDS back in July 2013; and second version in April 2017
- Observed travel times from vehicle-based probes on Traffic Message Channels (TMC)
- Average travel times every 5 minutes on the National Highway System (when available) delivered every month
- Passenger, Freight, and “All Traffic” average travel times

*Link to more NPMRDS information: [https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf\\_measurement/index.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf_measurement/index.htm)*

# National Performance Management Research Data Set

- Free to use for State DOTs, MPOs and their contractors for performance management activities
- Includes selected Highway Performing Monitoring System (HPMS) attributes conflated from state HPMS submissions

*Depiction of TMCs*



Link to more NPMRDS information: [https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf\\_measurement/index.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf_measurement/index.htm)

# National Performance Management Research Data Set

- Information available in NPMRDS for each road segment (TMC)

Travel Time Items
tmc_code
measurement_tstamp
speed
average_speed ( <i>historical</i> )
reference_speed
travel_time_seconds
data_density

Items of Note

Sample travel time output from NPMRDS

Metadata Item	Metadata Item(con't)
tmc	f_system
road	urban_code
direction	faciltype
intersection	structype
state	thrulanes
county	route_num
zip	route_sign
start_latitude	route_qual
start_longitude	altrtname
end_latitude	aadt
end_longitude	aadt_singl
miles	aadt_combi
road_order	nhs
timezone_name	nhs_pct
type	strhnt_typ
country	strhnt_pct
tmlinear	truck
frc	isprimary
border_set	active_start_date
	active_end_date

Sample TMC metadata from NPMRDS

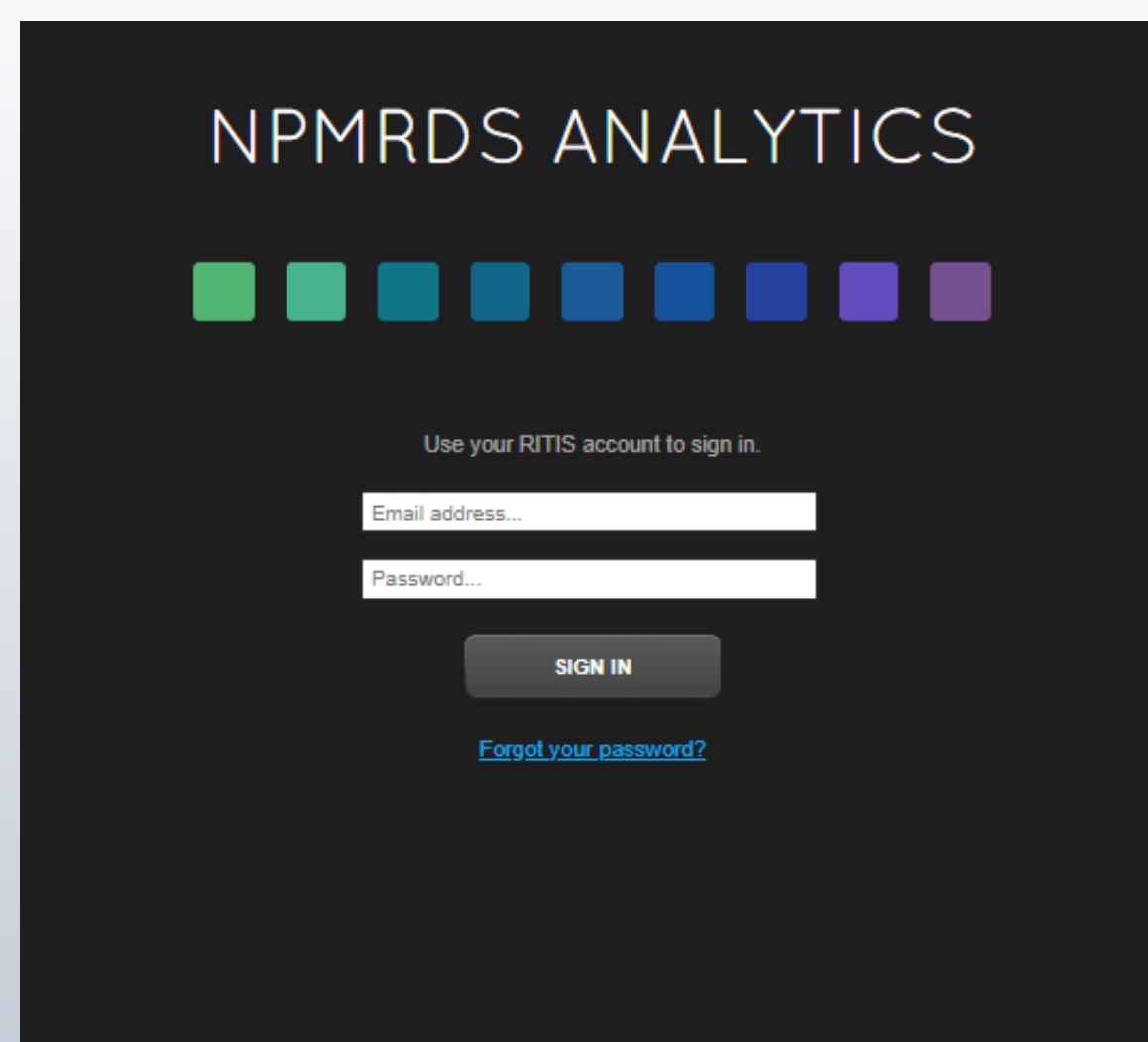


# How to Get the NPMRDS Data

1. Sign the data sharing agreement
    - <https://nprmrd.ritis.org/dsa>
  2. Create a RITIS Account
    - <https://www.ritis.org/register/>
  3. Access the data
    - <https://nprmrd.ritis.org>
- A quick start guide can be found here: <https://nprmrd.ritis.org/static/help/docs/NPMRDSquickstart.pdf>
  - Tutorials can be found here: <https://nprmrd.ritis.org/analytics/tutorials/>
  - For additional questions, e-mail/contact: [nprmrd@ritis.org](mailto:nprmrd@ritis.org)

# NPMRDS

- How to extract data from the NPMRDS interface (available after you have registered)
  - <https://npmrds.ritis.org/analytics/>



NPMRDS ANALYTICS

Use your RITIS account to sign in.

Email address...

Password...

SIGN IN

[Forgot your password?](#)

**NPMRDS ANALYTICS**

Access to NPMRDS Analytics is linked to your [RITIS](#) account. If you do not have a [RITIS](#) account, you can request one [here](#).

In the meantime, you can see demonstrations of the tools in the suite in our [tutorials](#).

# NPMRDS Massive Data Downloader

The screenshot shows the NPMRDS Analytics website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text 'NPMRDS Analytics' and a row of icons representing various data analysis tools. Below this is a 'Help' button. On the left side, there is a dark sidebar menu with sections for 'NPMRDS' (containing links for FAQs, Analytics, Coverage Map, and Resources), 'General Information' (with expandable links for Data Types, TMC Codes, Incident/Event Icons, MAP-21, and Support), and 'Tools' (with expandable links for Selecting Roads, Massive Data Downloader, Congestion Scan, Trend Map, Performance Charts, Performance Summaries, User Delay Cost Analysis, and Dashboard, plus a 'My History' link at the bottom). The main content area is titled 'NPMRDS Analytics' and contains a descriptive paragraph: 'NPMRDS Analytics allows agencies to support operations, planning, analysis, research, and performance measures generation using probe data and other agency transportation. Each tool has its own unique purpose.' Below this paragraph is a list of tools, each with an icon, a title, a brief description, and a 'Help Tutorial' link. The 'Massive Data Downloader' tool is circled in red. The other tools listed are: Dashboard (Create your own personal dashboards to monitor corridor performance in regions of interest.), Congestion Scan (Analyze the rise and fall of congested conditions on a stretch of road.), Trend Map (Create animated maps of roadway conditions.), Performance Charts (Chart performance metrics over time.), Performance Summaries (Report on Buffer Time Index, Planning Time Index, and other performance metrics.), NPMRDS Coverage Map (Explore the coverage completeness of the NPMRDS on a month-by-month basis.), and User Delay Cost Analysis (Put a dollar amount on how much a road's performance impacts its users.). At the bottom of the main content area, there is a paragraph: 'Among many other uses, NPMRDS Analytics can provide insight on:' followed by a bulleted list: Average speeds and travel time index; Travel time reliability metrics like buffer index and planning time; and Other metrics that DOTs can use to communicate effectively with the public or decision-makers. A final sentence states: 'NPMRDS Analytics is provided by the same group responsible for the NPMRDS itself. For more information about NPMRDS, see the [NPMRDS FAQs](#).'

# NPMRDS Massive Data Downloader

- Massive Data Downloader uses the interface along the left side of the screen to interact with the data

The screenshot displays the NPMRDS Massive Data Downloader interface. On the left is a sidebar with 10 configuration steps, and on the right is a map of the United States with a green data overlay.

**1. Select roads**  
TMC segments from: NPMRDS INRIX 2018  
Expand NPMRDS to the Full TMC Network  
Road Region Segment codes Map Saved Advanced  
Search in Texas

**2. Select one or more date ranges**  
04/30/2018 - through - 04/30/2019  
Add another date range

**3. Select days of week**  
Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

**4. Select one or more times of day**  
12:00 AM - to - 11:59 PM  
Add another time of day

**5. Select data sources and measures**  
 NPMRDS from INRIX (Passenger vehicles)  
 NPMRDS from INRIX (Trucks and passenger vehicles)  
 Speed  
 Historic average speed  
 Reference speed  
 Travel time  
 Data Density  
 NPMRDS from INRIX (Trucks)  
 NPMRDS from HERE (Passenger vehicles)  
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 NPMRDS from HERE (Trucks)

**6. Select units for travel time**  
 Seconds  
 Minutes

**7. Null record handling**  
 Include records with null values

**8. Select averaging**  
 Don't Average  
 10 minutes  
 15 minutes  
 1 hour

**9. Provide title**  
Enter a title...

**10. Notification**  
 Send me an email when this export is ready to download

**SUBMIT**

# NPMRDS Massive Data Downloader

- The Interface



Four options for selecting roads and a way to save your query

- Road by name
- Region (State, county, zip, direction functional class)
- Individual TMC code
- Interactive map

Ability to select date range or multiple date ranges

Ability to select days of the week and specific times if necessary

# NPMRDS Massive Data Downloader

## • The Interface

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- 15 minutes
- 1 hour

**9. Provide title** ⓘ

Enter a title...

**10. Notification** ⓘ

- Send me an email when this export is ready to download

**SUBMIT**

Options for selecting speed and travel time data

- Passenger vehicles
- Trucks and passenger vehicles
- Trucks

Travel time can be presented in seconds or minutes

Time intervals can be selected from the following

- 5 minute (Don't average)
- 10 minute
- 15 minute
- 60 minute (one hour)

Email notification when submission is complete



# Example #1 - Supply Chain Application

When Superstorm Sandy pummeled the east coast, it caused severe damage in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut and far beyond. Food supply was impacted.

As a simple example, public officials may ask about the performance of a supply chain of food supplies between a distribution center and a local grocery store in the region.





# Example #2 - Supply Chain Application

Higher demand for Caribbean foods is expected leading up to the Taste of the Caribbean & Jerk Festival and the West Indian Independence Celebrations in Hartford, Connecticut.

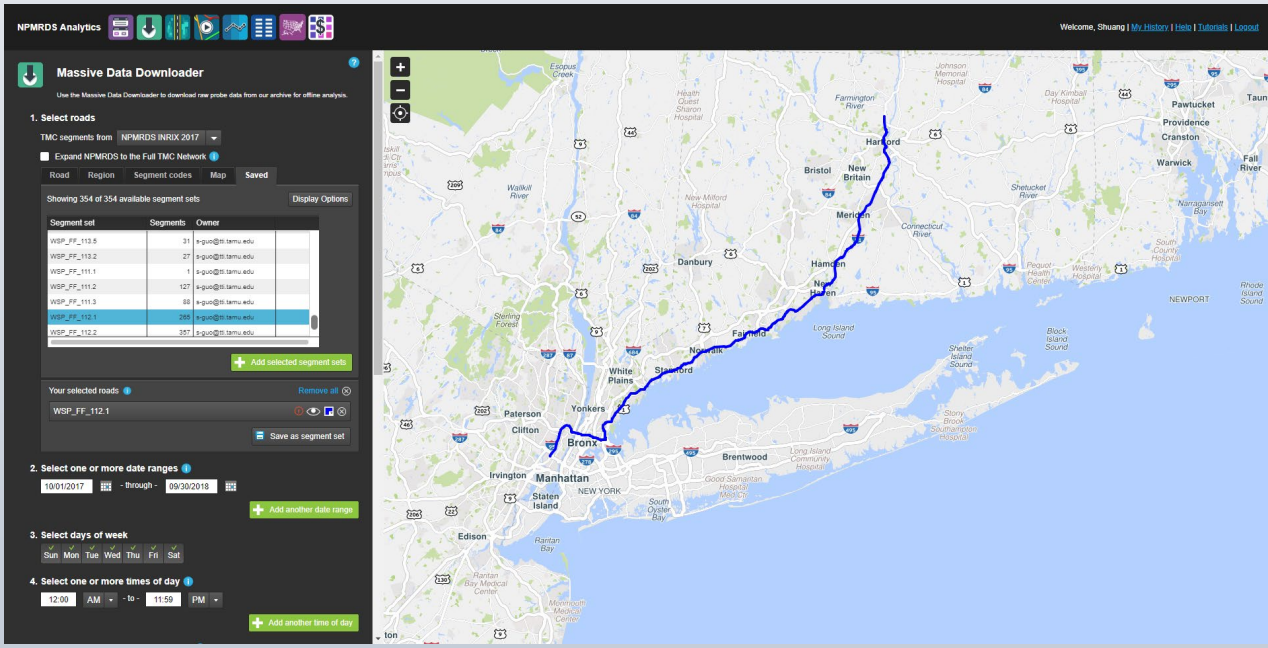
Public officials want to ensure adequate food supply chain performance for these events; therefore, a supply chain from Bergen, New Jersey warehouses to a distribution center in Bloomfield, Connecticut is of interest.





# Example Supply Chain Application

- Applying NPMRDS to a specific example of food supplies
- Collect observed travel times on NHS roadway network from the NPMRDS interface



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Road Segment Time Speed Reference Speed Travel Time

	A	B	C	D	E
	tmc_code	measurement_tstamp	speed	reference_speed	travel_time_seconds
1	120+05618	10/1/2017 0:00	62.5	67	51.89
2	120+05618	10/1/2017 0:15	75	67	43.24
3	120+05618	10/1/2017 0:30	61.99	67	52.32
4	120+05618	10/1/2017 0:45	61	67	53.17
5	120+05618	10/1/2017 1:00	61.46	67	52.77
6	120+05618	10/1/2017 1:15	60.33	67	53.76
7	120+05618	10/1/2017 1:30	57.38	67	56.52
8	120+05618	10/1/2017 1:45	62.98	67	51.49
9	120+05618	10/1/2017 2:00	60.66	67	53.46
10	120+05618	10/1/2017 2:15	54.74	67	59.25
11	120+05618	10/1/2017 2:30	58.78	67	55.18
12	120+05618	10/1/2017 2:45	51.72	67	62.7
13	120+05618	10/1/2017 3:00	63	67	51.48
14	120+05618	10/1/2017 3:15	62.66	67	51.76
15	120+05618	10/1/2017 3:30	64.29	67	50.45
16	120+05618	10/1/2017 3:45	61.39	67	52.83
17	120+05618	10/1/2017 4:00	57	67	56.9
18	120+05618	10/1/2017 4:15	60.85	67	53.3
19	120+05618	10/1/2017 4:15	60.85	67	53.3

Sample travel time output from NPMRDS

# Example Supply Chain Application

## Procedures to Calculate Statistics and Measures

1. Line up road segments (TMCs) from origin to destination zip codes using NPMRDS roadway inventory
2. Using this virtual routing, calculate travel times for a trip starting every 15 minutes throughout a quarter (“traces”)



# Example Supply Chain Application

- Procedures to Calculate Statistics and Measures (cont.)
  3. Record the time it takes to travel the route (O-D) for each starting time and day in the quarter then calculate the following statistics and measures
    - Statistics:
      - 50<sup>th</sup> percentile travel time (median),
      - Average travel time,
      - Free-flow travel time (15<sup>th</sup> percentile travel time),
      - 95<sup>th</sup> percentile travel time,
      - 99<sup>th</sup> percentile travel time
      - Average speed (distance/average travel time)
    - Measures:
      - TTI (50<sup>th</sup> percentile travel time / Free-flow travel time )
      - PTI (95<sup>th</sup> percentile travel time/ Free-flow travel time )
      - Average Delay (50<sup>th</sup> percentile travel time – Free-flow travel time )

# Example Supply Chain Application

Results for Flow 112.1 N Bergen, NJ 07047 to Bloomfield, CT 06002

Year-Qtr	Flow Route	Statistics				Measures			
		Free Flow Travel Time (hrs)	50% Travel Time (hrs)	95% Travel Time (hrs)	99% Travel Time (hrs)	Average Speed (mph)	Travel Time Index (50%/FF)	Planning Time Index (95%/FF)	Avg Delay (hrs) (50% TT-FF TT)
2017Q4	112.1	2.153	2.366	3.592	4.351	49	1.10	1.67	0.213
2018Q1	112.1	2.125	2.285	3.345	3.987	51	1.08	1.57	0.161
2018Q2	112.1	2.139	2.436	3.797	4.552	48	1.14	1.78	0.297
2018Q3	112.1	2.147	2.426	3.679	8.106	47	1.13	1.71	0.279

*(Performed same process for all 68 NY/NJ regional flows)*

- For the specialty food delivery of this supply chain (example), this method/tool:
1. Provides baseline data...
  2. Can/will provide trend data...
  3. Is good for planning purposes...

# Example Supply Chain Application

- Produced shapefiles for integration with Tableau and into the tool
- Shapefiles can be downloaded from NPMRDS and filtered to the desired TMCs for a route

## 1. Download shapefile from NPMRDS

**NPMRDS Shapefiles**

**NPMRDS INRIX Shapefiles**  
For use with NPMRDS INRIX data

Statewide Shapefiles

State	Conflation year		
	2017 (January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017)	2018 (January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018)	2019 (January 1, 2019 - present)
Alabama	<a href="#">Download (3.8MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (3.6MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Alaska	<a href="#">Download (1.8MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (1.7MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Arizona	<a href="#">Download (2.3MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (2.2MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Arkansas	<a href="#">Download (2.4MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (2.4MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
California	<a href="#">Download (18.2MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (17.2MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Colorado	<a href="#">Download (3.7MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (3.7MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Connecticut	<a href="#">Download (2.8MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (2.3MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Delaware	<a href="#">Download (518.8KB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (517.4KB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
District of Columbia	<a href="#">Download (363.2KB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (307.8KB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Florida	<a href="#">Download (9.3MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (8.3MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Georgia	<a href="#">Download (7.8MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (6.9MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Hawaii	<a href="#">Download (568.1KB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (642.7KB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Idaho	<a href="#">Download (1.4MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (1.3MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Illinois	<a href="#">Download (6.8MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (6.5MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019
Indiana	<a href="#">Download (3.8MB)</a>	<a href="#">Download (3.1MB)</a>	Coming in Summer 2019

## 2. In GIS: Find your route

Route TMC info

FID	Shape	Tmc	TmcType	RoadNumber	RoadName	IsPrimary	FirstName	TmclLinear	Country	State	County	Zip	Direction	StartLat	StartLong	EndLat	EndLong	Miles	FRC	Border_Set	F_System
1088	Polyline	120P04854	PI	95	I-95 N	1	Wordn Ave/Exit 26	118	United States	Connecticut	Farfield	06605	E	41.186299	-73.209278	41.167792	-73.200885	0.451842	1	N	
10861	Polyline	120-04834	PI	95	I-95 N	1	Em St/Exit 6	118	United States	Connecticut	Farfield	06902	E	41.051246	-73.532146	41.052163	-73.530639	0.100967	1	N	

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<https://npmrds.ritis.org/analytics/shapefiles>

# NPMRDS Considerations/Cautions

- NPMRDS is discontinuous (a non-navigable network).
- NHS only and contains observed travel time / speed readings (no estimates)
  - To fill in beyond NHS - compatible data coverage can be purchased from other data providers (e.g., ATRI, INRIX, HERE, StreetLight, etc.)
- Freight coverage is generally lower than passenger vehicles (because that's reality)
- Coverage is lower when there is less traffic (obviously) like overnights and weekends.
- HPMS meta data are typically lagging by two years (e.g., 2018 NPMRDS data contains 2016 HPMS data).



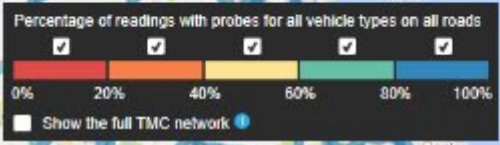
### NPMRDS Coverage Map

All Hours **6AM - 8PM Mon - Fri** June 2019



**PERCENT OF READINGS ON NHS WITH PROBES**

	All Roads	Interstates	Non-Interstate NHS
All	59%	92%	50%
Freight	35%	81%	22%
Passenger	49%	80%	41%



# Example NPMRDS Uses/Activities

- FHWA Urban Congestion Quarterly/Annual Reports
  - [https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf\\_measurement/ucr/](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf_measurement/ucr/)
- FHWA Freight Mobility Measures (and Tableau visualization)
  - National freight roadway bottlenecks (and ports, borders, airports, intermodal areas)
- FHWA Pooled Fund (Mobility Measurement in Urban Transportation)
  - Spatial and temporal coverage
  - Performance measure calculations & sensitivity analyses, etc.
- NPMRDS Technical Assistance Webinars
  - [https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf\\_measurement/index.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/perf_measurement/index.htm)



# Discussion (and Contact Information)

- Questions on the data?
- .....the uses?
- .....the opportunity?
- Other?

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# Discussion: Feedback/Key Insights

Workshop Participants  
Chris Lamm (Facilitator)

# Discussion Questions

1. How do you envision using this tool to support the activities you do within your organization?
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5. Would your organization build upon this tool?
6. To what extent would you want your organization to be involved in updates/enhancements?
7. Other recommendations?

# Discussion Exercise

- Write your responses onto the post-it notes provided
- Post your responses on the appropriate boards

# Discuss the Responses

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# Next Steps

- Collect/document feedback from this and Chicago workshop
  - Provide any additional comments to: [mgparker@i95coalition.org](mailto:mgparker@i95coalition.org)
- Finalize/complete tool content
- Complete development of and provide Guidance Documents
- FHWA HOFM makes Freight Fluidity Quarterly Monitoring Data/tool available as resource
  - Complements other FHWA data tools for freight and system performance analysis