

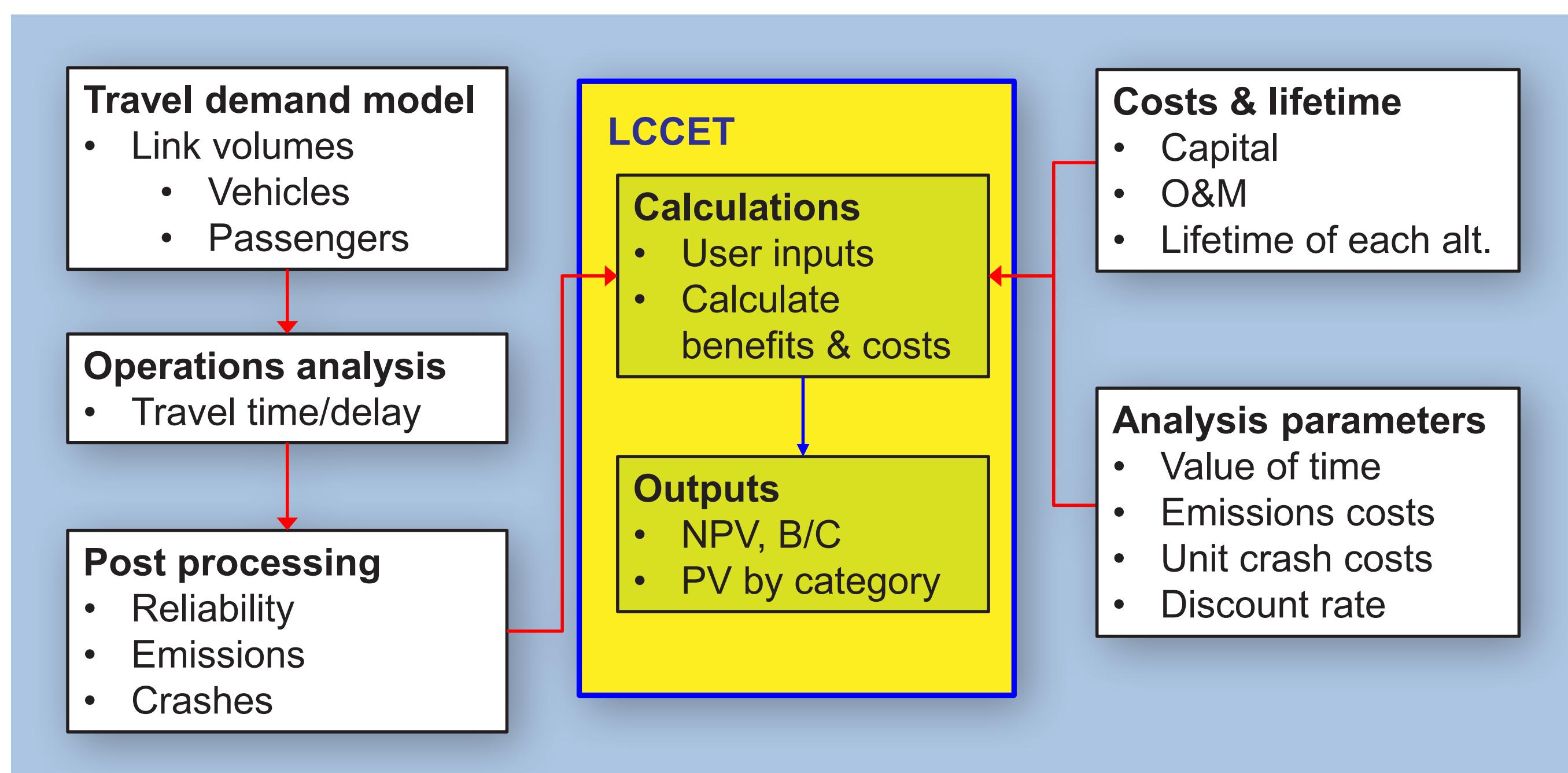
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Estimating the Life-Cycle Cost of Intersection Designs

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The Life-Cycle Cost Evaluation Tool (LCCET) is a spreadsheet based tool that can:

- Help practitioners **estimate the life-cycle costs and benefits of infrastructure projects**
- Consider a **wide range of intersection configurations**, including traffic signals, roundabouts, and innovative designs, such as median u-turns.
- Account for **local cost parameters** for construction, operations, and social factors



Description: Roundabout Alternative						
A summary of the net present value for this alternative is shown to the right in column "P".						
Planning & construction period		Begin planning & construction	2014	First year of planning & construction		
		Opening year	2014	Travel time/delay and demand forecasts for the opening year must be provided.		
Operating period		Interim year 1		Travel time/delay and demand forecasts for up to three years between the opening year and the end year may be provided.		
		Interim year 2				
		Interim year 3				
		End year	2035	Travel time/delay and demand forecasts for the end (horizon) year must be provided.		
Worksheet setup	Setup Worksheet		Once you have entered begin planning & construction, opening, and end years, click this button to set up the worksheet. You may enter other inputs at any time.			
Planning & construction costs	Units	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Planning, design	Dollars	\$ 622,819				
Survey	Dollars					
Right of way	Dollars	\$ 881,000				
Equipment, signs	Dollars					
Utilities	Dollars					
Construction	Dollars	\$ 3,111,000				
Landscape	Dollars					
(Other planning & construction costs)	Dollars					
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Operations & maintenance costs	Units	2014	Period (years)	Cost	Notes	
Power	Dollars		1	\$ 4,000		
Inspection	Dollars					
Repairing	Dollars					
Signaling, striping	Dollars					
Signal timing	Dollars					
Lane	Dollars					
(Other O&M costs)	Dollars					
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Demand & Travel Time (Delay)	Average travel time / delay	Time Period	Units	Opening year	Interim year(s)	End year
Average vehicle travel time or delay	AM peak	seconds/veh	5.0			11.0
	PM peak	seconds/veh	30.0			49.0
	Weekend peak	seconds/veh	28.0			45.0
Standard deviation of vehicle travel time or delay	AM peak	seconds/veh	0.0			0.0
	PM peak	seconds/veh	0.0			0.0
	Weekend peak	seconds/veh	0.0			0.0
Average bicycle travel time or delay	All time periods	seconds/bike	0.0			0.0
Average pedestrian travel time or delay	All time periods	seconds/ped	0.0			0.0
Safety	Cash type	Units				
Fatality, injury, PDO	Fatality crashes	crashes/year	0.0			0.0
	Injury crashes	crashes/year	1.0			1.0
	Property damage only crashes	crashes/year	7.0			11.0
Emissions	Type	Units				
Greenhouse gases -- Federal method (Exec. Order 12866)	CO2 equivalent	metric tons/year				
Criteria pollutants -- by type	CO	metric tons/year				
	NOx	metric tons/year				
	HC	metric tons/year				
	PM 2.5	metric tons/year				

The LCCET and B/C analysis provides:

- Consistent framework for comparing outcomes
- Dollar values to monetize outcomes
- Outcomes based on market values
- Present value of project costs over entire project lifetime
- Comparison of outcomes over time by discounting future costs
- Results that are understandable to decision-makers and the general public

LCCET Costs Considered

- Planning and Preliminary Engineering
- Construction and Right-of-way
- Ongoing operations and maintenance
- User and societal costs (delay, safety, etc.)
- Other costs significant to local jurisdiction

LCCET Potential Applications

- Analysis of alternative designs for a single intersection or set of intersections
- Programming, prioritizing, funding decisions across a large area
- Alternatives evaluations for corridors and subareas
- Signal retiming study along corridor
- Intersection maintenance, replacement, upgrade

Example Application: Roundabout vs Signal

