

Interstate Access Modifications: A Corridor Level Approach to FHWA's Eight Points

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I-405 Corridor Today

- Seattle, WA
- 3+ Million Population
- 30-Mile Corridor
- 200,000+ ADT
- 1 HOV and 2 GP Lanes
- HOV's Used Extensively





Improvement Project

- Separated HOV Lanes
- HOV Direct Access Interchanges
- 5,000 New Park-and-Ride Spaces
- Two Additional Lanes of Capacity
- Multiple Implementation Phases
- **Rebuild/Construct 25-30 Interchanges**





Interstate Access Changes

- FHWA Additional Interchanges to the Interstate System
 - 8-Point Access, Interchange Justification Report, Access Point Decision Report
- Traditional Approach
 - Individual Interchange Assessment
 - Adjacent Interchange Plans
 - Large Reports Evolved





Interstate Access Changes

- Traditional Approach Won't Work
 - Thousands of Pages of Reports
 - 4,200 Capacity Calculations
 - Static Document With Limited Shelf Life
 - Confusing To Understand
- **Completely New Approach**
Developed



New IJR Approach

- Successful Document Based On
 - Team Approach
 - Performance Information
 - Phased Implementation
 - Living Document
 - Timely Report Process



Team Approach

- All Decision Makers and Technical Staff Formed a Team
- Charter: Delivery of IJR Addressing Access Impacts
- Established Ground Rules and Working Assumptions (revisited them)
 - Technical, Political, Institutional Issues
- Met Consistently



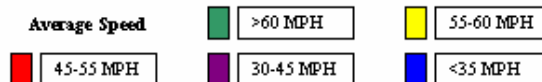
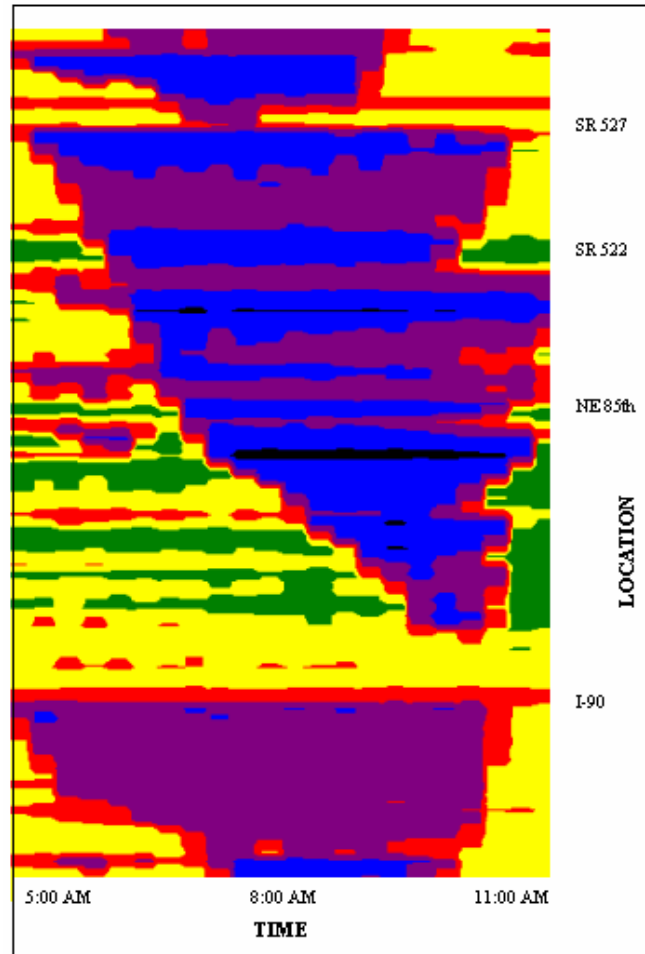
Performance Information

- Clear Understanding of Operational Impacts
- 4,200 HCS Calculations
- Microsimulation vs. HCS
- Temporal Congestion Charts
 - Doppler or Brain Scans

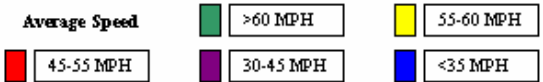
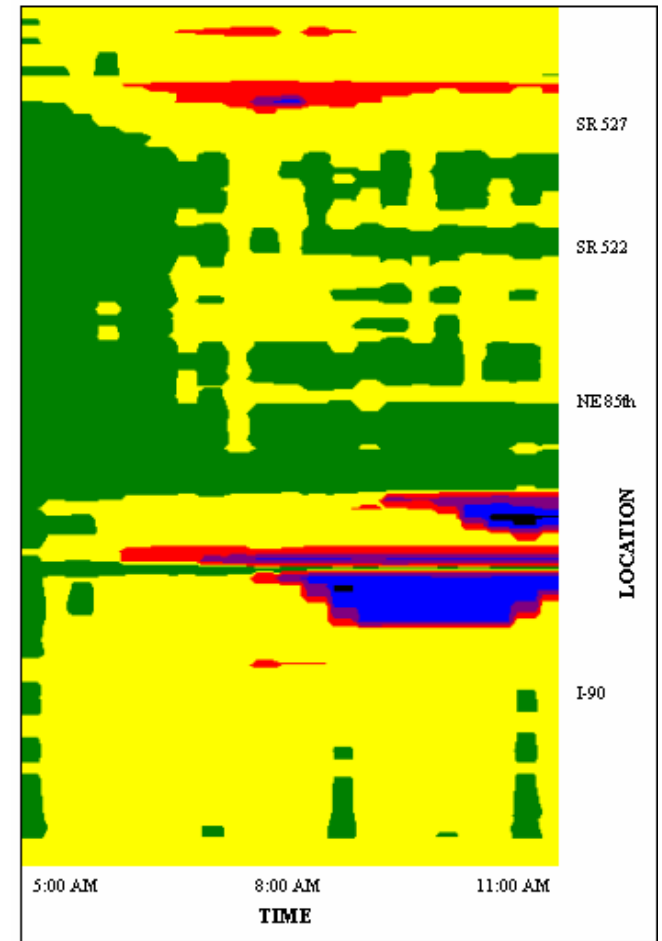


Performance Information

No Action



Improvement



Phased Implementation

- \$10.9 Billion Program
- \$1.5 Billion in Allocated Funding
- Uncertain Future Funding
 - Legislative and Voter Approval
 - Funding in Sections of Corridor
- Two Major Phases
 - 10-15 Year, 20+ Year



Living Document

- Master Document For Both Phases
- FHWA Approval for Corridor Plan
- As Funding Becomes Available...
 - Specific Analyses Conducted
 - FHWA Local Review/Approval of Analysis and Design Details Only
- No New IJR Report Required



Timely Report Process

- Aggressive Schedule to Complete Report in 12 Months
- Kept Team Engaged
 - HCS Analysis to Compare Results
- 14 Month Process Resulted
 - Microsimulation vs. HCS
 - HCS Analysis to Compare Results



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