

ATMS / ATM Initiatives and Vision at the City of Toronto

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Congestion Management Plan (CMP)



Objectives:

- Improve traffic flow
- Improve safety
- Improve management of traffic congestion

CMP Activity To-Date (2013-2016)

- Upgraded Operations Centre
- VMS Installations
- Travel Time Deployments
- Signal Coordination
- Arterial CCTV Cameras
- LED Blank-out Signs
- UPS for Traffic Signals

Operations Centre Upgrade

New Concept of Operations, new video wall, new ATMS, new video management

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148 Arterial CCTV Installed

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- Transit Signal Priority Strategy (Dec)
- Traveller Information Strategy (Dec)
- UPS Installations (Dec)
- Purchase of Commercial Data (Dec)
- Advanced Traffic Mgt System (Q1)
- Data Warehouse Plan (Q1)
- Coordination Studies (all year)

- Turn Restriction Blank-Out Signs (Q2)
- Smart Work Zones (Q2)
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- Adaptive Traffic Signal Control (Q4)
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Active Traffic Management Strategy

• Objectives:

- Improve safety
- Alleviate congestion
- Leverage existing and new technology
- Targeting expressways and arterials
- Moving from passive to active operation
- Dynamically managing infrastructure in response to traffic conditions

Active Traffic Management Strategy

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Active Traffic Management Strategy

- Active Traffic Management (ATM) is generally regarded as real-time and/or predictive operational strategies for actively and dynamically managing and controlling traffic demand and/or available capacity of the roadway network.
 - Reactive/Proactive
 - Real-time
 - Based on current traffic conditions

Benefit Objectives

- Improve safety
- Improve trip reliability
- Increase network throughput
- Increase directional capacity
- Increase trip reliability
- Balance volume and capacity

Speed Harmonization / Variable Speed Limits

- Purpose/Goals:
 - Create more uniform travel speeds and manage traffic during adverse weather conditions or construction related congestion.
 - ➤ Maintain traffic flow and reduce the risk of collisions due to speed differentials at the end of the queue.

Hard Shoulder Running

• Purpose/Goals:

- Provide additional capacity without the need for full capital expense associated with a full lane expansion.
- \succ Alleviate congestion when warranted.

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Queue End Warning

- Purpose/Goals:
 - Inform travellers of slow moving traffic and the back of queues that result from recurring and non-recurring (e.g. due to incidents or work zones) congestion.
 - Advisory information allows motorists to reduce speed and drive with caution and reduce the occurrence of primary and secondary incidents.

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Reversible Lanes

- Purpose/Goals:
 - > Dynamically change lane configuration and directional use.
 - Maximize available capacity and provide capacity where most warranted.

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Dynamic Lanes

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Dynamic Re-routing

• Purpose/Goals:

Actively directing traffic based on traffic conditions to avoid downstream queues and congestion.

> Dynamically manage demand across available routes and capacity.

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Ramp Metering

• Purpose/Goals:

- Manage the traffic merging onto controlled access highways, in order to maintain mainline traffic flow.
- Smoothing traffic flow and reducing shockwaves and the risk of collisions due to merging traffic.

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Active Parking Management

• Purpose/Goals:

- Affect travel demand by influencing trip timing choices, mode choice, as well as parking facility choice at the end of the trip.
- Reduce congestion and delays associated with motorists searching for available parking.

Active Gate Management

- Purpose/Goals:
 - Manage access to expressway (e.g. Jameson Gates)
 - Manage ingress to flood-prone areas (e.g. Lower Don)

Upcoming CMP Initiatives (2017-2020)

- Field installations !!
- Traveller Information Deployments
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Potential mobile application
- Back-up Traffic Operations Centre
- Integrated Corridor Management
- Systems Support for Evacuation Routes

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Questions?

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