



Speed Management Through Signal Timings

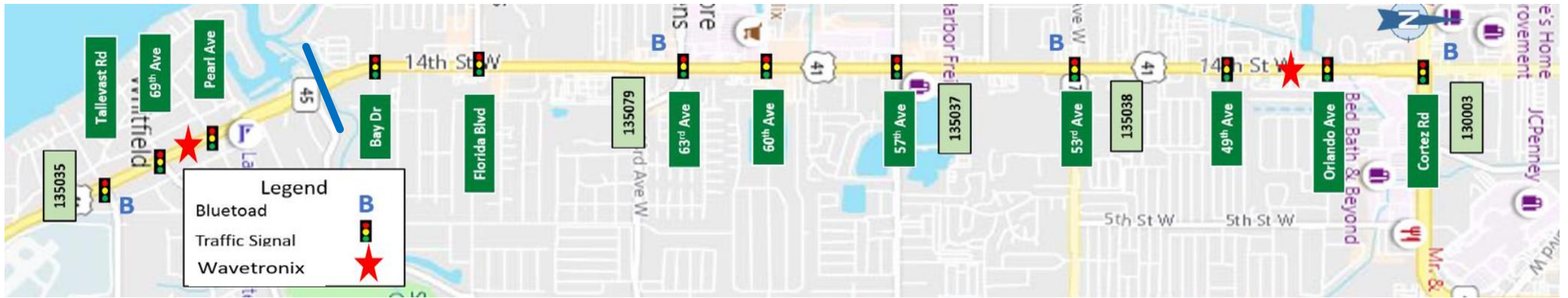
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Reducing speeds on arterials:

- District Secretary's Challenge
- Zero Cost and Immediately Effective
- Traffic Operation's Systematic Approach
- Moving Needle Towards Vision Zero



US 41 from Tallevast Rd to Orlando Ave



- **Highest Fatality per Mile in District 1**

- 31 Fatalities in 5-year period
- 264 Serious Injury in 5-year period
- Heavy Pedestrian Traffic / Pedestrian Crashes

- **Speed Limit = 45 MPH & 50 MPH**

- Average Speed 45 MPH & 50 MPH
- 85th Percentile Speed 55 MPH & 60 MPH

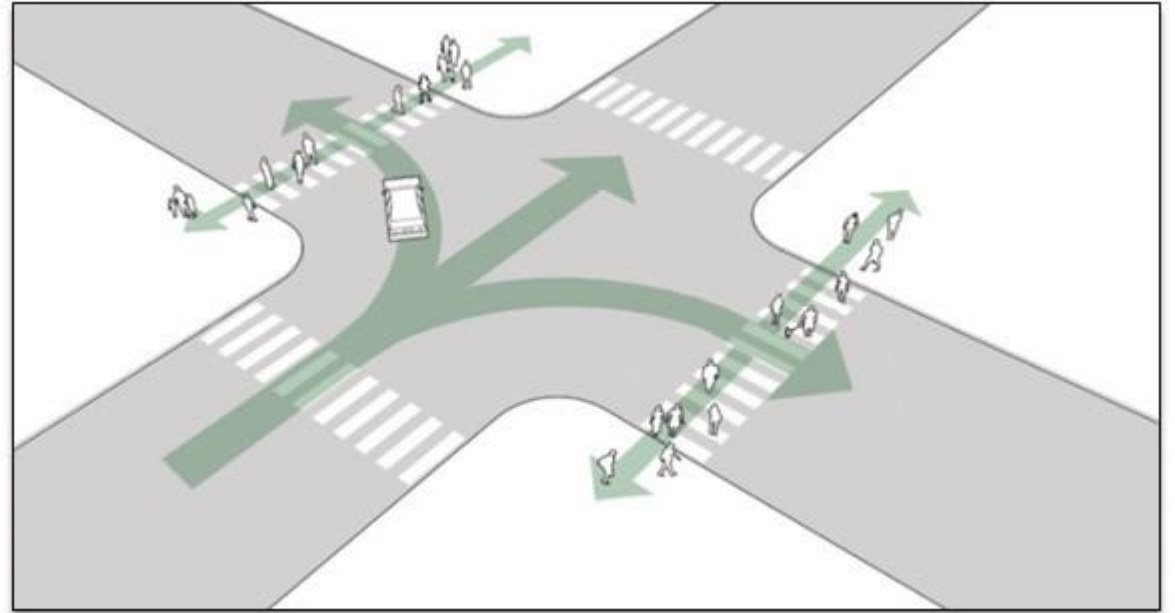
Signal Timing Plan Objectives

- **Reduced Cycle Lengths (20% - 30%)**
 - Reduce Green Bands
 - Reduce Pedestrian Delay

- **Reduced Progression Speed**
 - Removes Incentive to Speed

- **Leading Pedestrian Intervals (LPI)**
 - Implemented 5 Second LPI to Improve Pedestrian Safety

- **Overnight Coordinated Pattern**
 - Platoon vehicles
 - Predictable gaps for pedestrians



Goals / Performance Measures

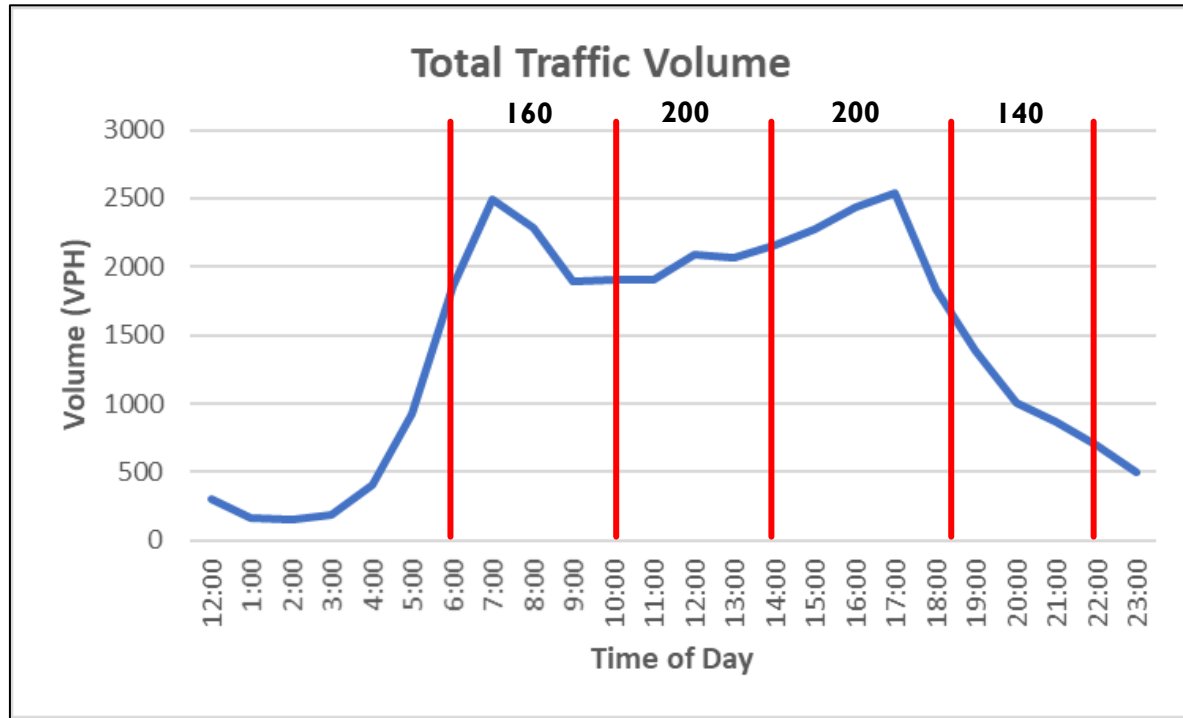
- **Crowdsourced / MVDS Speed Data**
 - Average and 85th Percentile Speeds
 - Ineffective at Providing Insights on Top Speeders

- **Bluetoad Travel Time**
 - Before / After Operational Analysis
 - Operation and Safety Balance using Benefit to Cost Analysis

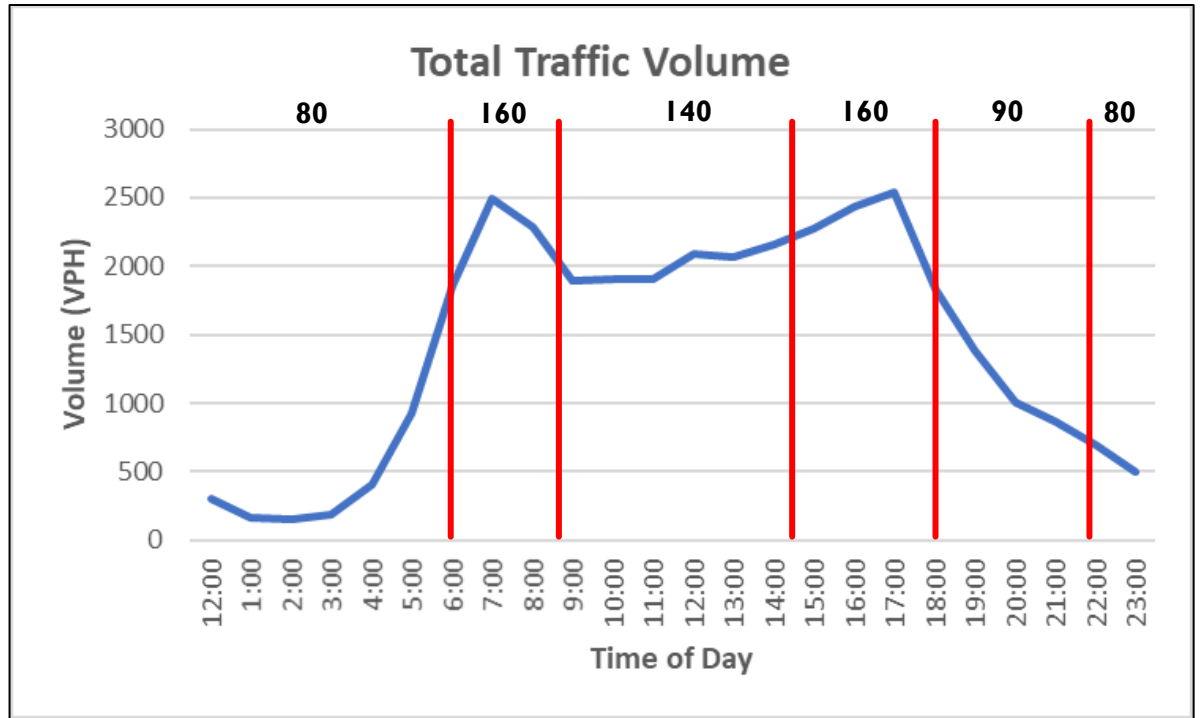
- **Monitor Performance and Safety Report**
 - Speed and Travel Time Analysis
 - Crash Trend Analysis



Before / After Weekday Timing Plans for Northern Section



Previous

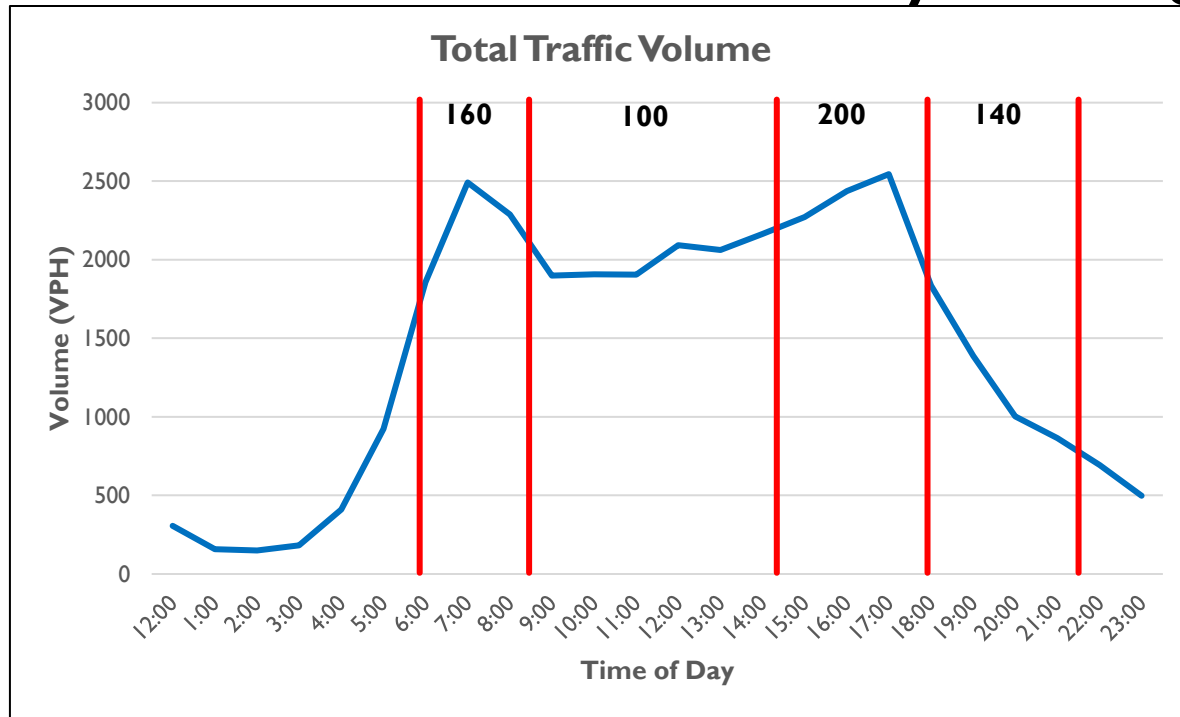


New Timings

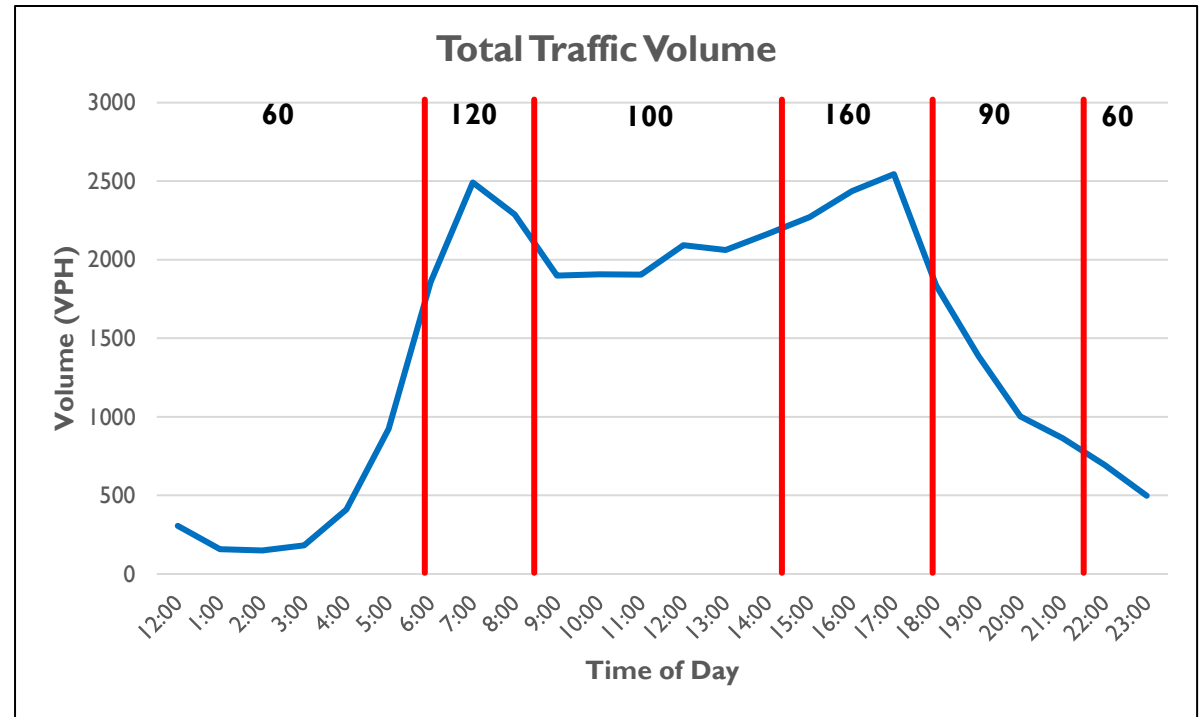
- Reduce Cycle Lengths

- Reduce Amount of Time in Longer Cycle Lengths

Before / After Weekday Timing Plans for Southern Section



Previous



New Timings

- North and South Systems Remain Coordinated during PM Peak

Speed and Travel Time Comparison

■ Speed Data Comparison

- 4-8 MPH Speed Reduction
- 7-15% Speed Reduction

5. NB Weekday Average Speed Comparison						
	Before	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	% Difference
AM Peak Plan (6:00 - 10:00)	42.5	42	41.9	42.1	40.5	-4.7%
Midday Plan (10:00 - 14:00)	39.5	38.7	37.5	37.7	35.9	-9.1%
PM Peak Plan (14:00 - 18:30)	40.8	38.2	37.6	37.8	36.9	-9.6%
Evening Plan (18:30 - 22:00)	41	40.1	40.5	35.9	35	-14.6%

■ Travel Time Data Comparison

- 20-90 Second Travel Time Increase
- 4-20% Travel Time Increase

SB Weekend Average Travel Time Comparison							
	Before	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Difference (Sec)	% Difference
AM Peak Plan (7:00 - 9:30)	6.9	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.5	36	8.7%
Midday Plan (9:30 - 18:00)	7.85	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.7	51	10.8%
PM Peak Plan (18:00 - 23:00)	7.57	8.3	8.3	8.1	8.2	37.8	8.3%

■ Monitor Performance and Safety Report

- Speed and Travel Time Analysis
- Crash Report Analysis

SB Weekday Average Number of Stops Comparison			
	Before	After	Difference
AM Peak Plan (6:00 - 10:00)	4	4.8	0.8
Midday Plan (10:00 - 14:00)	3.5	4.6	1.1
PM Peak Plan (14:00 - 18:30)	4.3	5.2	0.9
Evening Plan (18:30 - 22:00)	2.8	4.6	1.8



Incapacitating Injury

Retiming





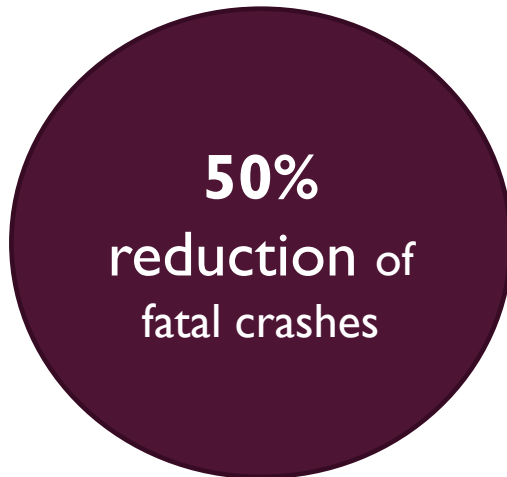
Total Crashes



Location: US 41 from Tallevast Rd to Orlando Ave

Treatments included:

- Signal Retiming
- Median Modifications
- High-visibility of Law Enforcement Partners



50% reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes

34% reduction in all fatal crashes

Before-period*: 6 fatal crashes per year

47 serious injury crashes per year

After (20 months): 3 fatal crashes (per year)

22 serious injury crashes per year

Less crashes increases reliability of the corridor

*Study included five years (2016-2021) prior to installation.

After study period - 11/2021 to 6/30/2023

Overnight Impact on Pedestrians and Bicyclists

- 3 Years Before Implementation (9/15/2019-9/15/2022)

Fatal	Incapacitating Injury	Non-incapacitating Injury	Possible Injury	Injury	Non-traffic Fatality
4	2	3	1	0	0

- After Implementation (9/15/2022-Present)

Fatal	Incapacitating Injury	Non-incapacitating Injury	Possible Injury	Injury	Non-traffic Fatality
0	0	1	0	0	0

- Charts display Ped/Bike crashes only, but there have been zero Fatal crashes during the overnight pattern since implementation.

Next Steps

- **Expand to New Corridors**
 - Lee County
 - Sarasota County
 - Polk County

- **Identify Prime Corridors**
 - Spare Capacity / Saturation
 - Overnight crash history

- **Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures**
 - Yellow and Red Actuations
 - Active Arterial Management

- **Adjust Approach to Signal Timings**
 - Shift Focus from Strictly Operational Improvements

Bicycle Crash – 03/02/2022

- **Bicyclist hit by Southbound Vehicle**
- **Incapacitating Injury**
 - Carried to Hospital
 - Expected to Make Full Recovery
- **Nearly all Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes Resulted in a Fatalities**
 - Excluding Turning Vehicles





Thank you!

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