DOTD TRAFFIC MONITORING

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Data Collection & Management Systems

Traffic Monitoring Program

- Traffic characteristics
  - Volume
  - Vehicle classification
- Support federal data requirements
- Support DOTD engineering design and planning processes

Traffic Monitoring Collection Methods

- DOTD field crews
  - Routine traffic volume counts
  - Vehicle classification
  - Vehicle weigh in motion
  - Continuous traffic volume counts
- Contracted Services
  - Blanket traffic volume counts
  - Vehicle classification (supplements DOTD crews as needed)
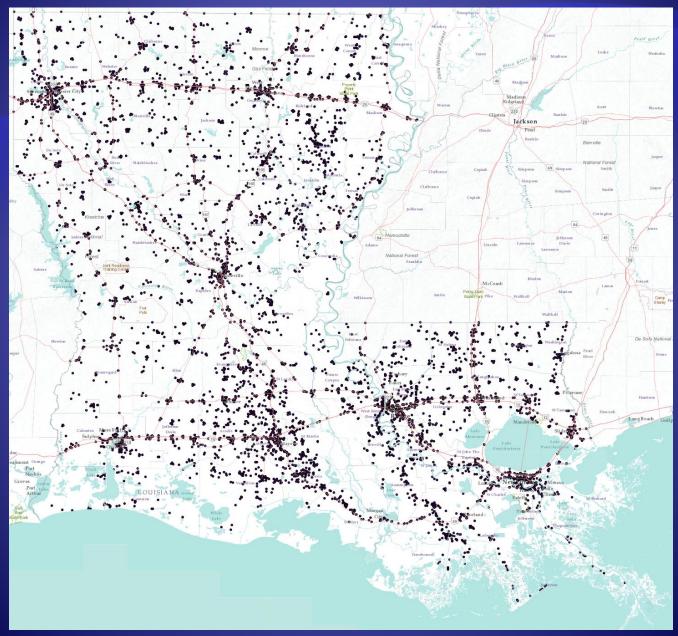
Data and Collection Methods

- **Routine Traffic Volume Counts**
  - State maintained routes
  - Short Session – 48 Hour
  - 3,700 monitoring sites collected every 3 years
- **Blanket Traffic Volume Counts**
  - Local roads
  - Short Session – 48 Hour
  - 50,000 monitoring sites collected over a 10 year period
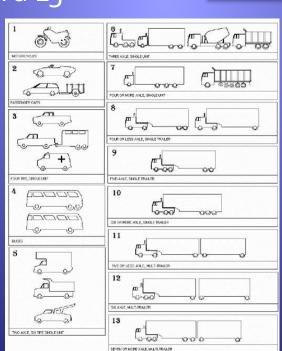 - Supplemented with contracted services (Southern Traffic Services)

Routine Count Locations

Data and Collection Methods

- **Vehicle Classification**
  - Short Session (48 Hour)
  - 1300 monitoring sites collected every 3 years
  - AASHTO standard 13 vehicle types
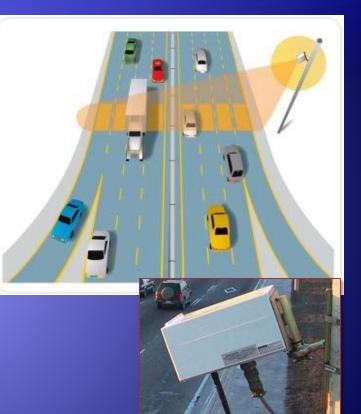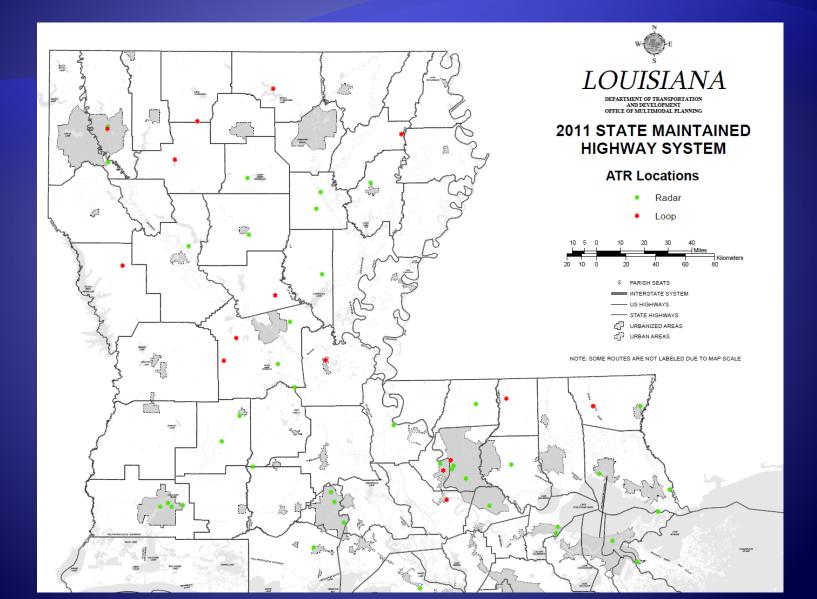
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- **Vehicle Weigh in Motion**
- Short Session – 48 Hour
- 100 monitoring sites collected every 3 years
- Estimates ESALS

Data and Collection Methods

- **Continuous Traffic Volume Counts**

- 53 active permanent monitoring sites

- Polled weekly by telemetry

- Malfunctions serviced weekly

Statewide ATR Locations

Data Distribution

- DOTD Website
- Mainframe

Data Distribution

- Transmetric Traffic Server
- Web-based application
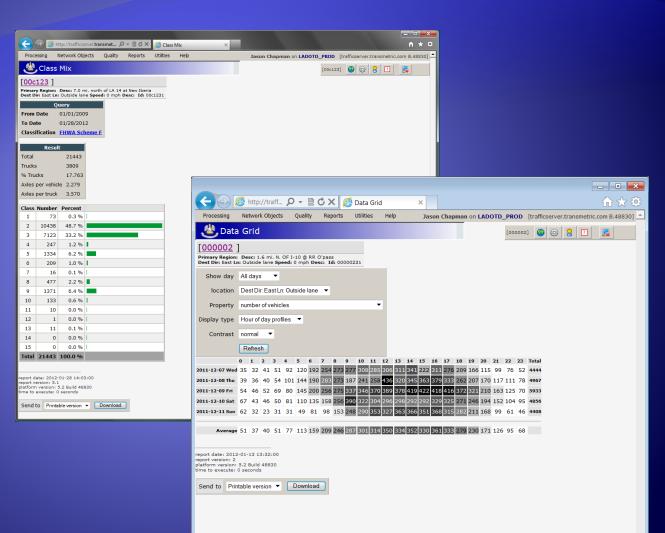- Collect data by uploading in house collection, contractors and auto-polling permanent stations
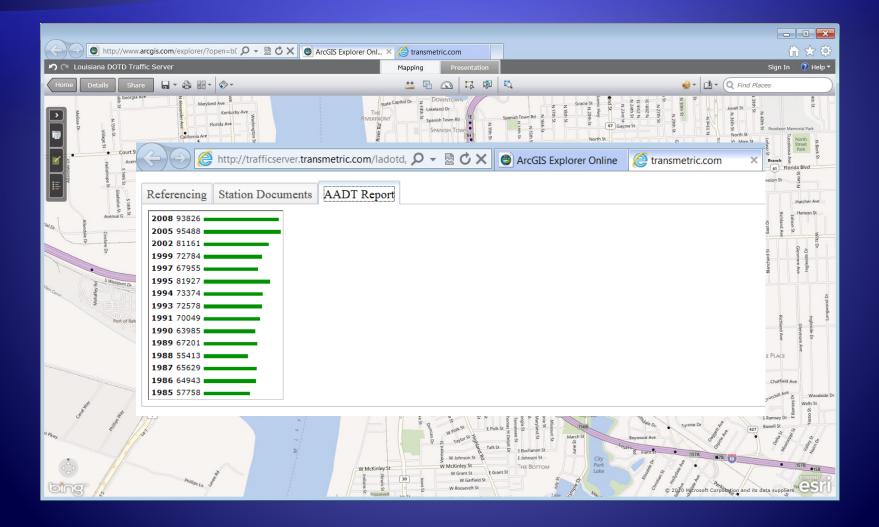- Single point access to traffic monitoring stations

Data Distribution

- Traffic Server reports
- Raw data
- Volume
- Classification
- Annual statistics

Ongoing Activities

- Develop public access for Traffic Server

Asset Data Collection

Data items collected include;

- Number of Travel Lanes
- Type of HOV operations
- Number of HOV Lanes in both directions
- Presence of Right Turn Lanes
- Presence of Left Turn Lanes
- Posted Speed Limit
- Sections with Toll Charge
- Type of Toll
- Count of Signalized At-Grade Intersections
- Count of At-Grade Intersections with Stop Signs
- Count of Intersections without Stop Sign or Signals
- Begin Bridge Location
- End Bridge Location
- Measure of Existing Lane Width
- Type of Median
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- Type of Shoulder Material
- Measure of Existing Right Shoulder Width
- Measure of Existing Left Shoulder Width
- On Route Parking Locations
- Curve Classification Data
- Type of Terrain
- Grade Classification Data
- Sample Section Meeting the Sight Distance for Passing
- Surface Type of a Given Location

- Thickness of Rigid Pavement
- Thickness of Flexible Pavement
- Base Pavement Type
- Thickness of Base Pavement
- Friction Number
- Presence of Curb
- Presence of Rail Road Crossing
- Start Location of Sidewalk Right
- End Location of Sidewalk Left
- Identify ADA Compliant Sidewalk

LADOTD Point Feature Locations for Mapping include;

- Cemetery
- Church
- Church & School
- Church with Cemetery
- Courthouse
- Fire Station
- Hospital
- Police Station
- Post Office
- School

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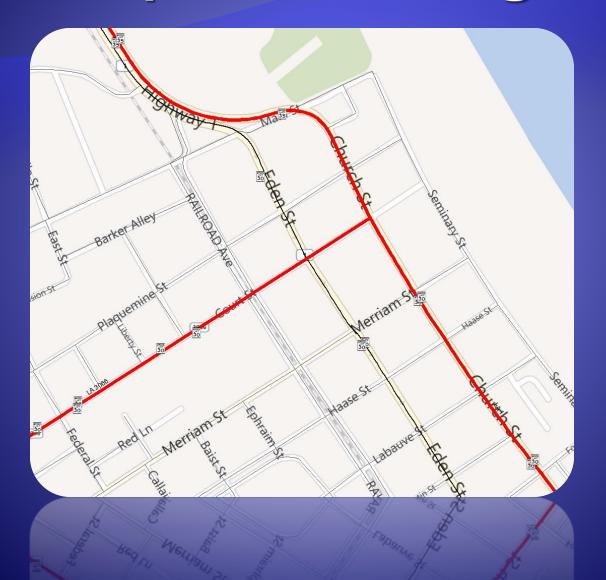
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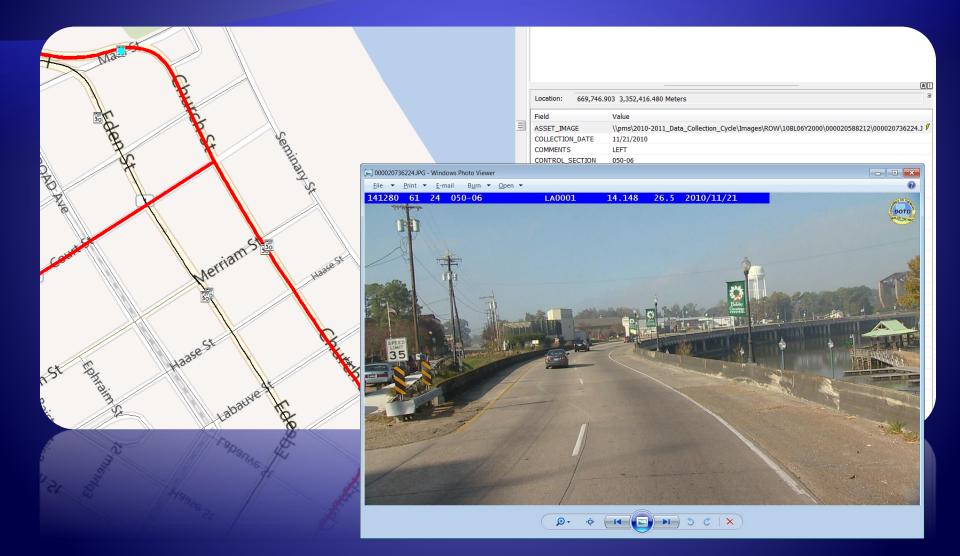- Identify ADA Compliant Sidewalk

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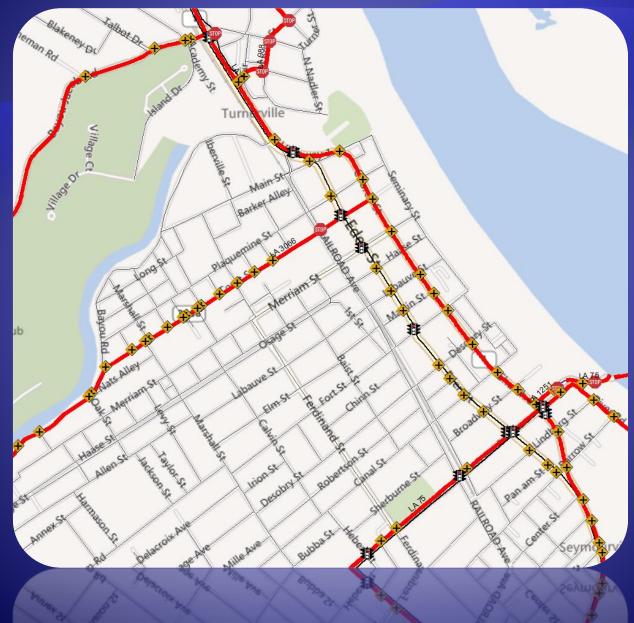- Hospital
- Police Station
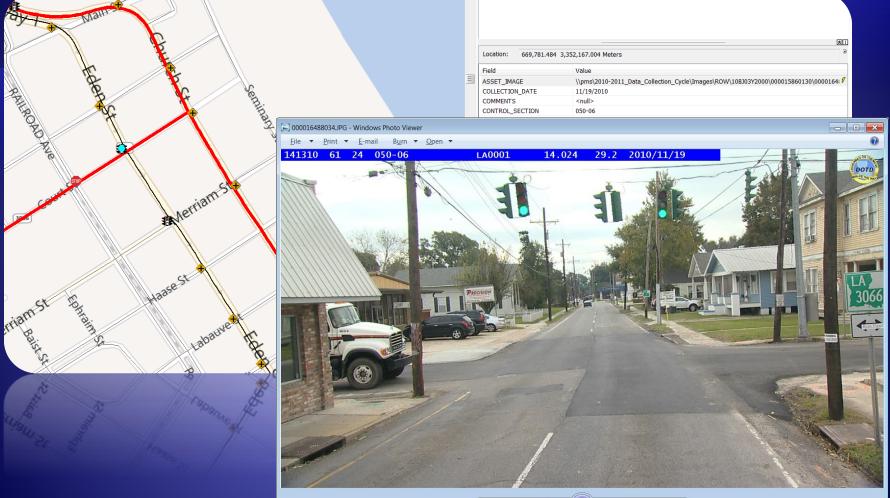- Post Office
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Posted Speed Limit Signs

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Intersections

Signalized Intersections

Current Activities

- Incorporate WIM data from Truck Scales
- LTRC research project to explore use of in place video systems for volume collection
- QCIP project to identify ALL sources of traffic data to incorporate into Traffic Server

Thank you!

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