

Update on Congestion Management Process Activities at BMC

January 7, 2020





Current CMP Activities

- Quarterly Congestion Analysis Reports (since 2011)
- Online Traffic Count Dashboard (2019)
- Online CMP Analysis Tool (projected January 2020)
- Holiday Travel Tips (Since 2016)



Quarterly Congestion Analysis Report



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Quarterly	
Congestion Analysis Re	port
for the Baltimore Regio	n

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Top 10 Bottleneck Locations

Rank	Location	Average max length (miles)	Average Daily Duration	All Events/ Incidents	Volume Estimate (AADT)
1	I-695 OL @ EDMONDSON AVE/EXIT 14	3.42	2 h 39 m	537	102,468
2	US-50 W @ BAY BRIDGE	4.55	2 h	684	31,798
3	MD-295 S @ MD-198	2.80	3 h 47 m	119	48,852
4	I-695 IL @ SECURITY BLVD/EXIT 17	2.42	3 h 12 m	351	101,851
5	I-895 N @ HOLABIRD AVE/EXIT 10	1.80	4 h 12 m	229	34,346
6	I-895 S @ HOLABIRD AVE/EXIT 10	1.06	6 h 34 m	118	26,542
7	I-95 S @ MD-43/WHITE MARSH BLVD/EXIT 67	7.01	57 m	222	79,200
8	MD-3 S @ MD-424/CONWAY RD/DAVIDSONVILLE RD	1.09	5 h 30 m	8	33,542
9	MD-295 N @ CANINE RD	2.13	2 h 23 m	166	49,320
10	US-50 E @ BAY BRIDGE	5.05	1 h 05 m	953	37,473



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Speed for I-695 OL @ EDMONDSON AVE/EXIT 14

Averaged per five minutes for Jul 01, 2019 through Sep 30, 2019

Outer Loop







Online Traffic Count Dashboard

- Developed in 2019
- Source: SHA shapefiles including BMC sourced counts
- Volume and Classification Counts (No turning movements)

https://baltometro.org/transportation/data-maps/traffic-countdatabase





Online Traffic Count Dashboard







Online Traffic Count Dashboard



Dashboard Gallery

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Dashboard Gallery

Dashboards combine graphs, charts, tables and maps to help users explore and understand complex data sets. In cooperation with our partners Salisbury University's Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) and Towson University's Center for Geographic Information Systems (CGIS), the Maryland Department of Information Technology (DoIT) will help Maryland state agencies develop and host dashboards. The primary requirement is the underlying data sets are shared as open data through Maryland's Open Data Portal or the GIS Data Catalog.



Traffic Count Locations in the Baltimore Region

This dashboard showcases traffic count characteristics. Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) and Average Annual Weekday Daily Traffic (AAWDT) counts at each location are graphed by year. Select a traffic count location to see the AADT and AAWDT graphed by year and vehicle type. Developed by the Baltimore Metropolitan Council.





Purpose: Interactive online GIS allowing users to visualize congested areas in the region alongside planned projects to alleviate congestion. The tool will allow for before and after study of projects as they occur.

Current layers

- Top 25 bottlenecks in the region (including AADT)
- Average Morning and Evening Speeds
- Long Range Plan and TIP Project Locations
- Baseline speed and bottleneck data for 2018 (2019 data to be added in 1st half of calendar year 2020)

Future plans

- Integration into ArcGIS StoryMaps format
- Additional Advanced Performance Measures
- Annual updates for "before after" analysis



















2019 Thanksgiving Travel Tips Post Holiday Analysis







The I-95 Corridor Coalition has used BMC as an example of how to use probe data to provide travel tips on its website: https://i95coalition.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=267

Baltimore Metropolitan Council's Thanksgiving Travel Tips



Check out BMC's use of the VPP Suite in providing travel tips around the Baltimore region:



Top 10 Bottleneck Locations from Thanksgiving Week 2015

Rark	Tursday	Miles -	Wednesday	p-tiles.
1	-695 OL @ 1-70/EXIT 16	11.62	-95N @ MD-24 EXIT 77	8.56
2	695 CL & US-45 E017 15	13.75	9-95 N @ MD-100/EXIT-43	9.58
3.	P95 N @ MD-100/EXIT 43	9.74	1-695 IL @ 1-83 MD-25 EXIT 23	4.64
4	1-695 SLID MD-41-PERRING PKWV/EXIT 30	5.82	1-695 OL @ EDMONDSON AVE/EXIT 14	5.81
5	1-695 OL & MD-144/FREDERICK RD-EX/T 13	8.74	HERS N @ HARBOR TUNNEL THWY (NORTH)	143
6	1-695 DL @ EDMONDSON AVE EXIT 14	7.91	3-95.5 @ MD-#3/WHITEMARSH BLVD/EXIT-67	14.92
7.	MD-2955@MD-193	10.42	US-SOE @ SEVERN RIVER BRIDGE	3.5
0	MD-295N @ MD-175	7.58	1-695 DL @ US-40/EXIT 15	4.57
9	1-695 K @ 1-70/EXIT 16	3.4	-955 @ MD-175/EXIT 41	4.73
10	195N@MD-175/D0T41	8.99	1-695 IL @ MD-41/PERRING PKWY/EXIT 00	3.13
-	E + Inner Loop / OL + Outer Loop	-		

Congestion on Tuesday is hearlest on 1-695 North, between 1-95 and 1-70. On Westnesday, 1-95 North had the worst congestion To combut that congestion, which suggests that travelers were leaving the Baltimore region, BMC staffers recommend taking atternative routes.

http://www.baltometro.org/be-involved/transportation-options/thanksgiving-travel-2016







BMC has been publishing Holiday Travel Tips since 2016 for the following Holidays:

- Memorial Day Weekend
- July 4th Holiday
- Labor Day Weekend
- Thanksgiving Day

Travel Tips are done in consultation with travel recommendations from the Maryland Transportation Authority MdTA. BMC uses probe data to create maps and charts to support MdTA recommendations for the best time to get on the roads.



Travel Suggestions for Thanksgiving 2019

Our partners at the Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) offered these travel tips for the Thanksgiving Day holiday:

MDTA is reminding motorists using I-95 to travel these off-peak hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 26-27, before 6 a.m. and after 11 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, before 7 a.m. and after 9 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, November 29-30, before 9 a.m. and after 9 p.m.





Animated Maps

The following animated maps show speeds on the major highways of the Baltimore Region on the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving in 2018. Just press play to see a 24-hour time-lapse animation of both days side by side. Pan around and zoom in or out to take see what conditions on your family's route to Thanksgiving dinner may look like this year.







BMC Region Limited Access Speed Trend Map for November 21, 2018







Bottlenecks

Wednesday 11/21/2018



Rank	Location	miles
1	I-95 N @ MD-24/EXIT 77	6.75
2	I-95 N @ MD-100/EXIT 43	5.32
3	I-695 OL @ EDMONDSON AVE/EXIT 14	3.46
4	I-695 IL @ I-83/MD-25/EXIT 23	3.64
5	MD-295 S @ MD-198	2.71
6	I-695 CW @ I-70/EXIT 16	2.21
7	MD-295 N @ MD-648	3.35
8	I-695 OL @ SECURITY BLVD/EXIT 17	3.47
9	I-695 IL @ MD-295	2.31
10	I-95 N @ MD-152/EXIT 74	9.66





Bottlenecks

Wednesday 11/27/2019



Rank Location	miles
1 I-95 N @ MD-24/EXIT 77	4.99
2 I-695 IL @ I-70/EXIT 16	5.86
3 I-695 IL @ I-83/MD-25/EXIT 23	3.32
4 I-695 IL @ SECURITY BLVD/EXIT 17	4.16
5 I-695 OL @ I-70/EXIT 16	3.27
6 I-95 N @ MD-100/EXIT 43	4.96
7 I-95 N @ MD-175/EXIT 41	4.7
8 MD-295 N @ MD-648	2.07
91-95 N @ FORT MCHENRY TUNNEL	3.77
10 US-50 E @ MD-450/EXIT 23	2.43





Speed Map 2018 & 2019 - 4pm

2018

2019



Average speeds on I-95 N between MD 43/White Marsh Blvd and MD 152/Mountain Rd





Performance Comparison - Speeds

Speed for I-95 Northbound between MD-43/Whitemarsh Blvd/Exit 67 and MD-24/Exit 77

Averaged per hour for November 21, 2018 and November 27, 2019

Northbound



Speed: The current estimated harmonic mean speed for the roadway segment in miles per hour.

November 21, 2018 - INRIX

November 21, 2018 25th and 75th percentile - INRIX November 27, 2019 - INRIX

- November 21, 2018 5th and 95th percentile INRIX
- November 27, 2019 25th and 75th percentile INRIX November 27, 2019 5th and 95th percentile INRIX



Time Spiral Comparison



2018 11am-8pm





Time Spiral Comparison



2019 11:30am – 7:45pm





Congestion Times

I-95 N from Harbor Tunnel Thruway to MD-24

Averaged by 1 hour for November 27, 2019







Travel Time Comparison – 2018 vs. 2019







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