Baltimore Metropolitan Council

Quarterly Congestion Analysis Report for the Baltimore Region

Top 10 Bottleneck Locations

2nd Quarter 2018

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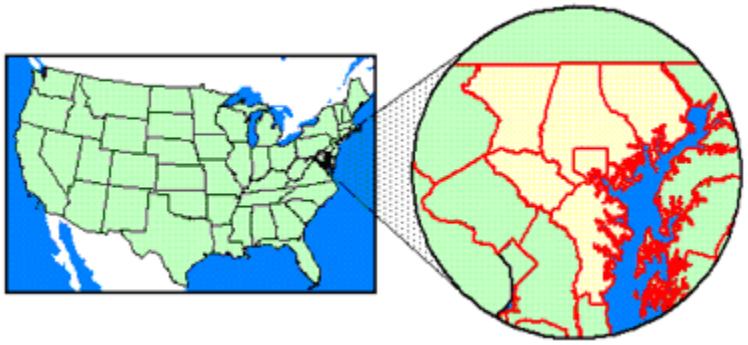
About the Region

Located in the heart of the Mid-Atlantic on the east coast, the Baltimore region includes:



The Baltimore region is the nation's 19th largest market, with over 2.5 million people. The market also ranks among the top 20 in the country in the number of households, total effective buying income and retail sales.

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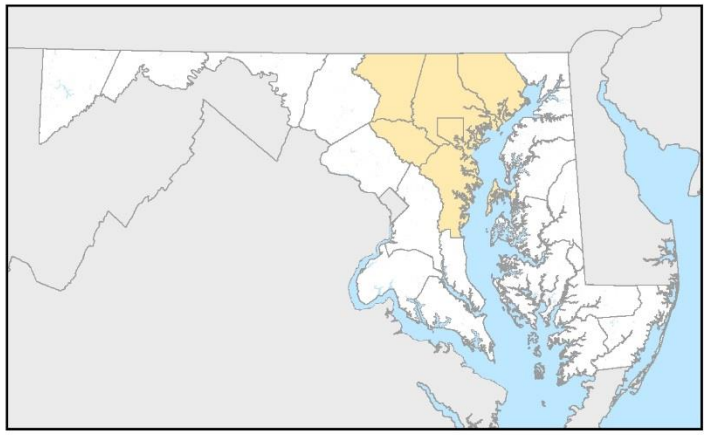

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How are bottleneck conditions tracked?

- **Rank** - The ranked position of the location according to the current table ordering by Total Delay - Raw speed drop weighted by vehicle miles traveled (VMT) factor
- **Average max length** - The average maximum length, in miles, of queues formed by congestion originating at the location
- **Average daily duration** - The average amount of time per day that congestion is identified originating at the location
- **All Events/Incidents** - The number of traffic events and incidents that occurred within the space of the bottleneck at any time during the time period being analyzed
- **Volume Estimate** - AADT weighted by queue length

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1	I-695 OL @ EDMONDSON AVE/EXIT 14	5.01	2 h 43 m	834	88946
2	I-695 IL @ I-83/MD-25/EXIT 23	3.53	2 h 56 m	463	95048
3	I-695 IL @ I-70/EXIT 16	2.11	2 h 54 m	233	95068
4	I-695 OL @ US-40/EXIT 15	3.57	1 h 48 m	766	89650
5	I-95 N @ MD-100/EXIT 43	4.23	1 h 22 m	310	95604
6	I-95 N @ MD-295/BALTIMORE WASHINGTON PKWY/EXIT 52	2.26	1 h 50 m	641	93260
7	MD-295 S @ POWDER MILL RD	5.26	1 h 24 m	318	45940
8	I-695 IL @ MD-542/LOCH RAVEN BLVD/EXIT 29	3.71	53 m	496	85789
9	I-95 N @ MD-175/EXIT 41	3.23	1 h 12 m	243	95344
10	I-695 OL @ I-83/MD-25/EXIT 23	3.48	1 h 06 m	484	79378

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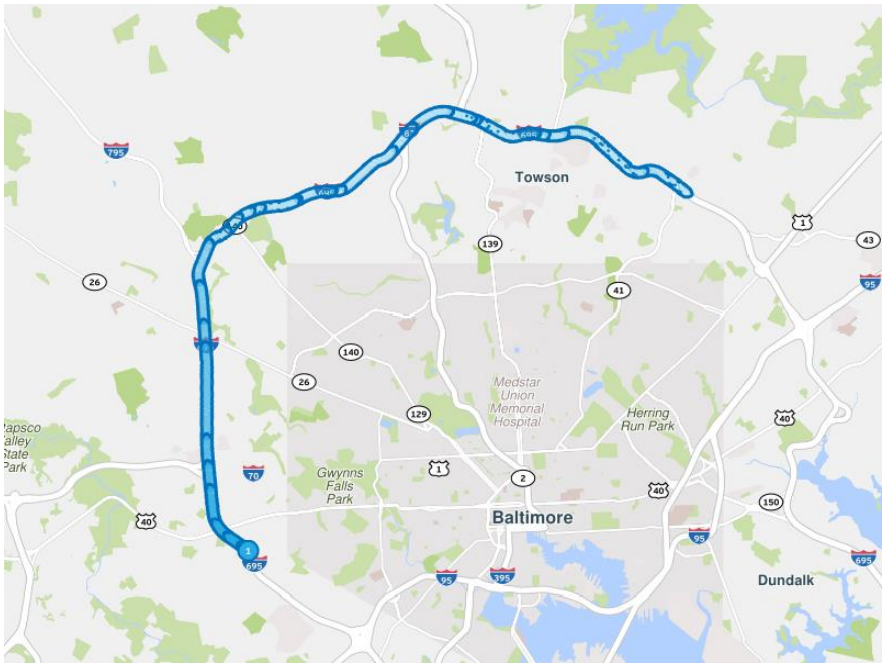
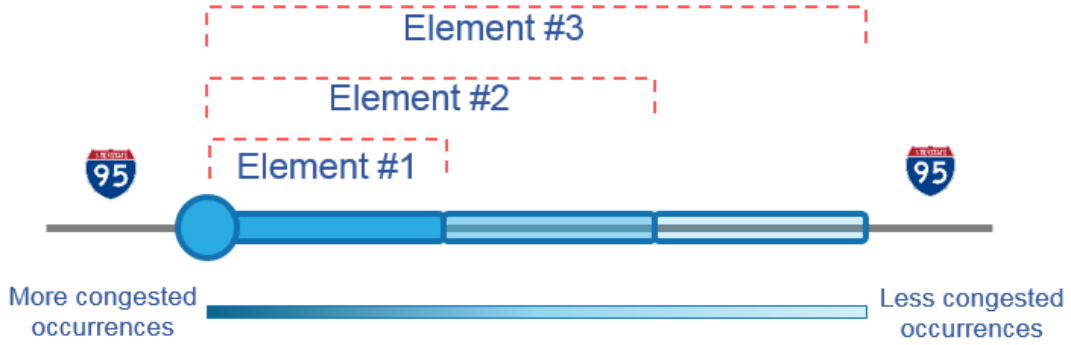
Maps



The Map view displays selected bottlenecks on a map. Each element occurring at the selected location is layered on the map, extending upstream from the head location to the maximum length of the specific *element*. As each element adds another layer on the map, road segments become more opaque. Segments closest to the head become the most opaque as they are more frequently affected by congestion at the selected location.



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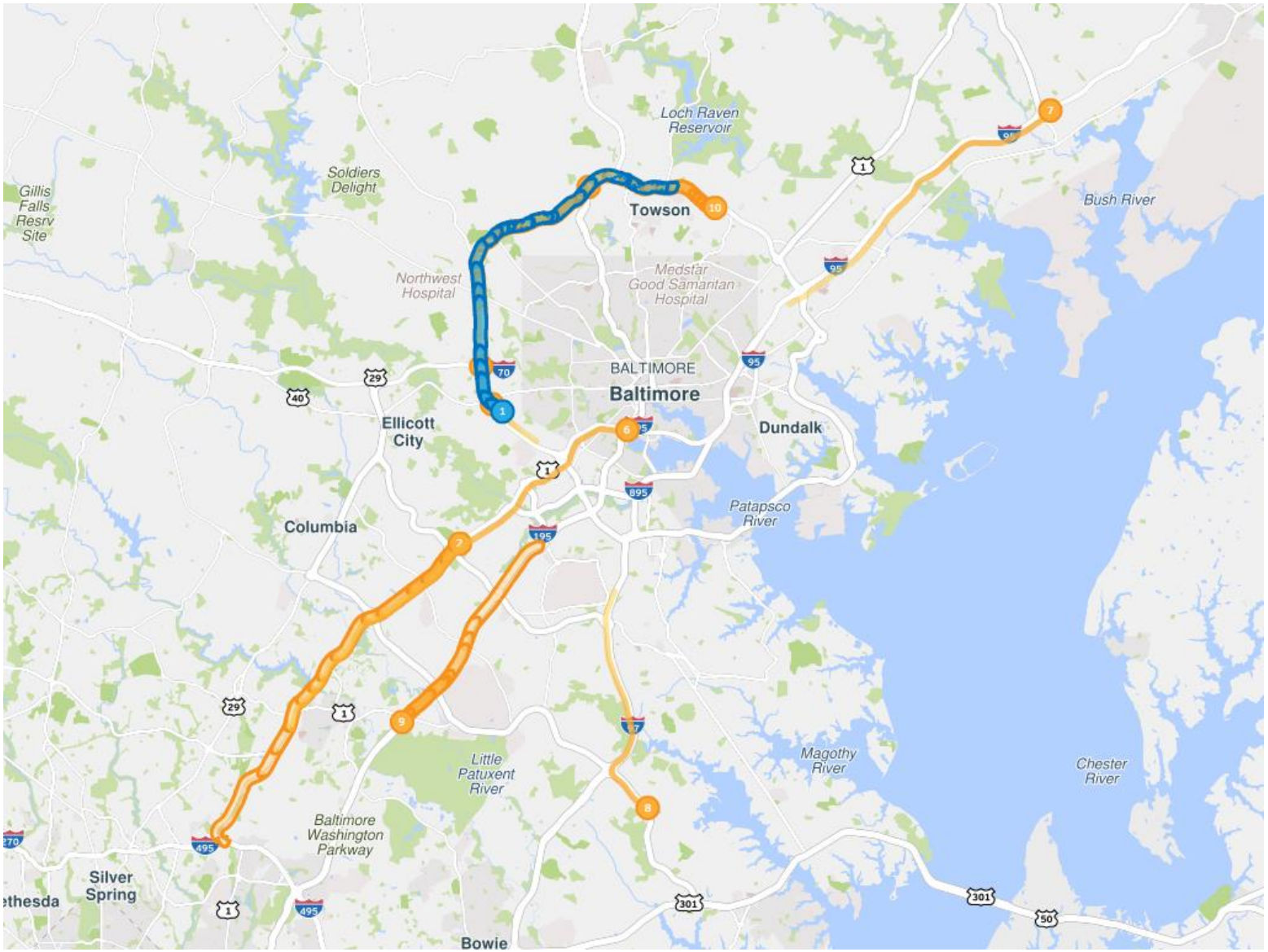

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By Total Delay

Raw speed drop weighted by vehicle miles traveled (VMT) factor. This table indicates the top 10 congested corridors in the region.

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1	I-695 OL @ EDMONDSON AVE/EXIT 14	4.74	2 h 53 m	767	92795
2	I-95 N @ MD-100/EXIT 43	4.58	2 h 53 m	379	95604
3	I-695 IL @ I-83/MD-25/EXIT 23	3.16	4 h 18 m	499	95049
4	I-695 IL@ I-70/EXIT 16	2.02	4 h 10 m	260	95068
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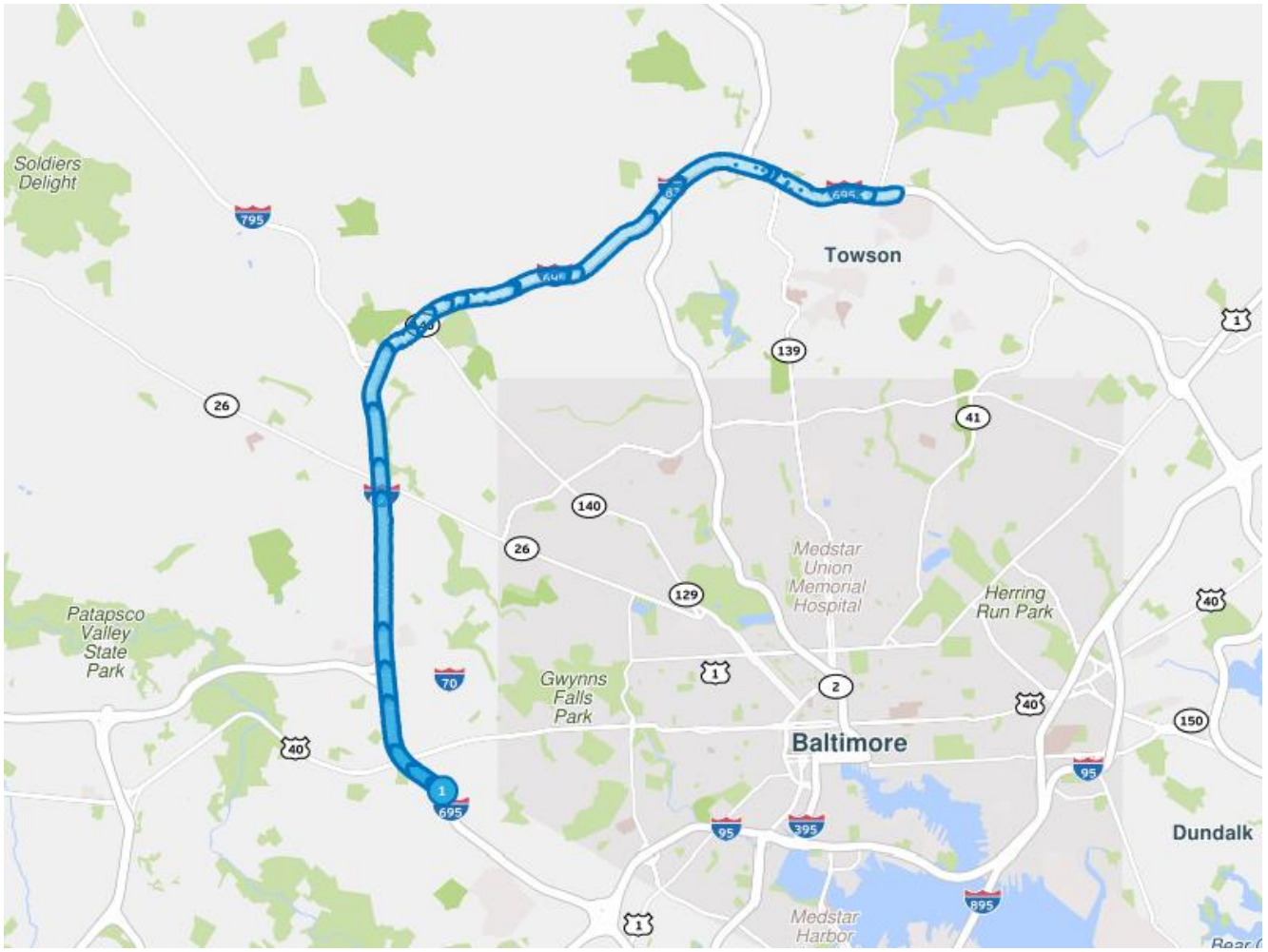

Notes: The core congestion extends from just south of US-40/Baltimore National Pike to MD-140/Reisterstown Rd in both the morning and afternoon rush hour with the AM rush being more severe. A few times during the 1st quarter of 2018 it extended as far as Towson. A beltway widening project is underway in the area.

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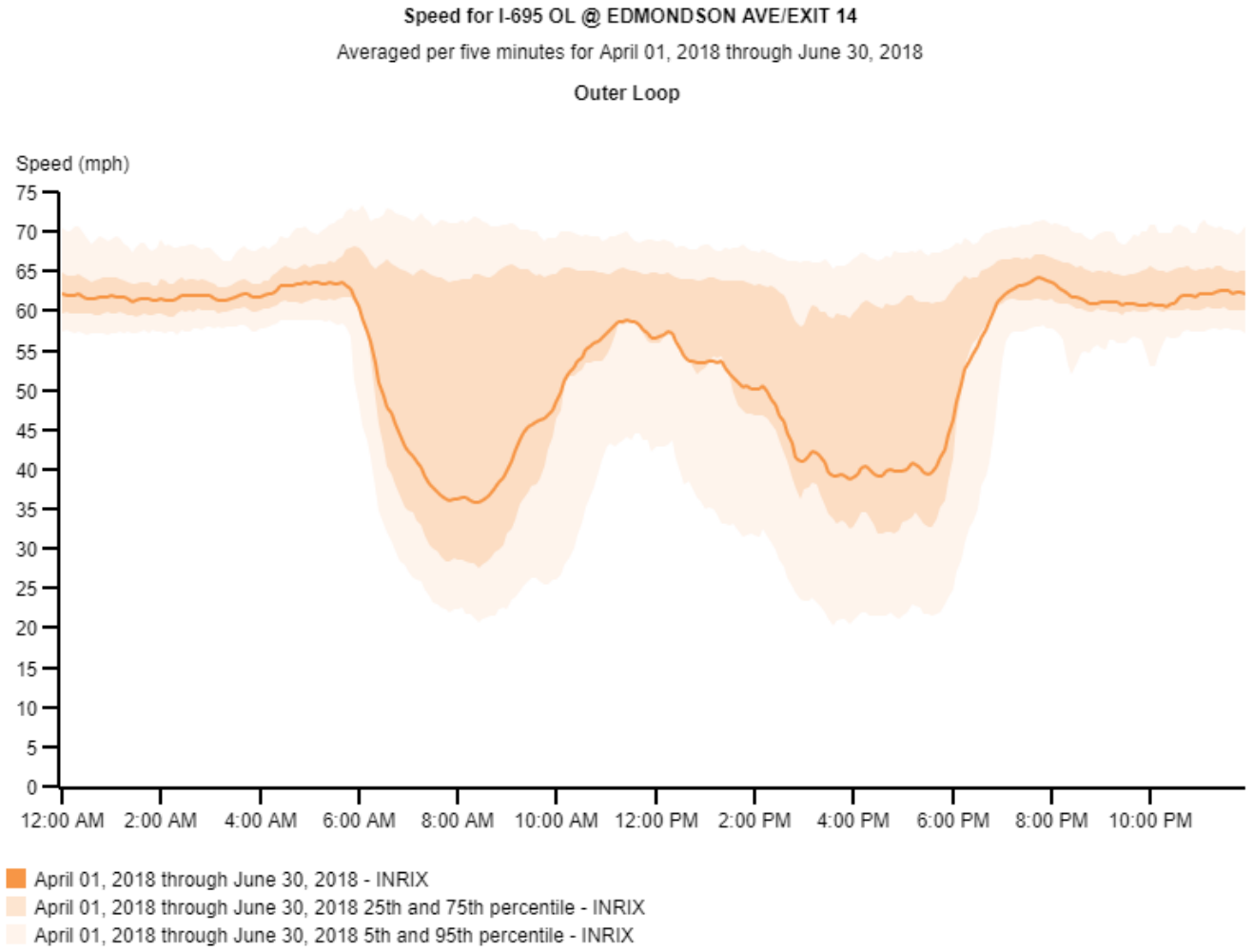

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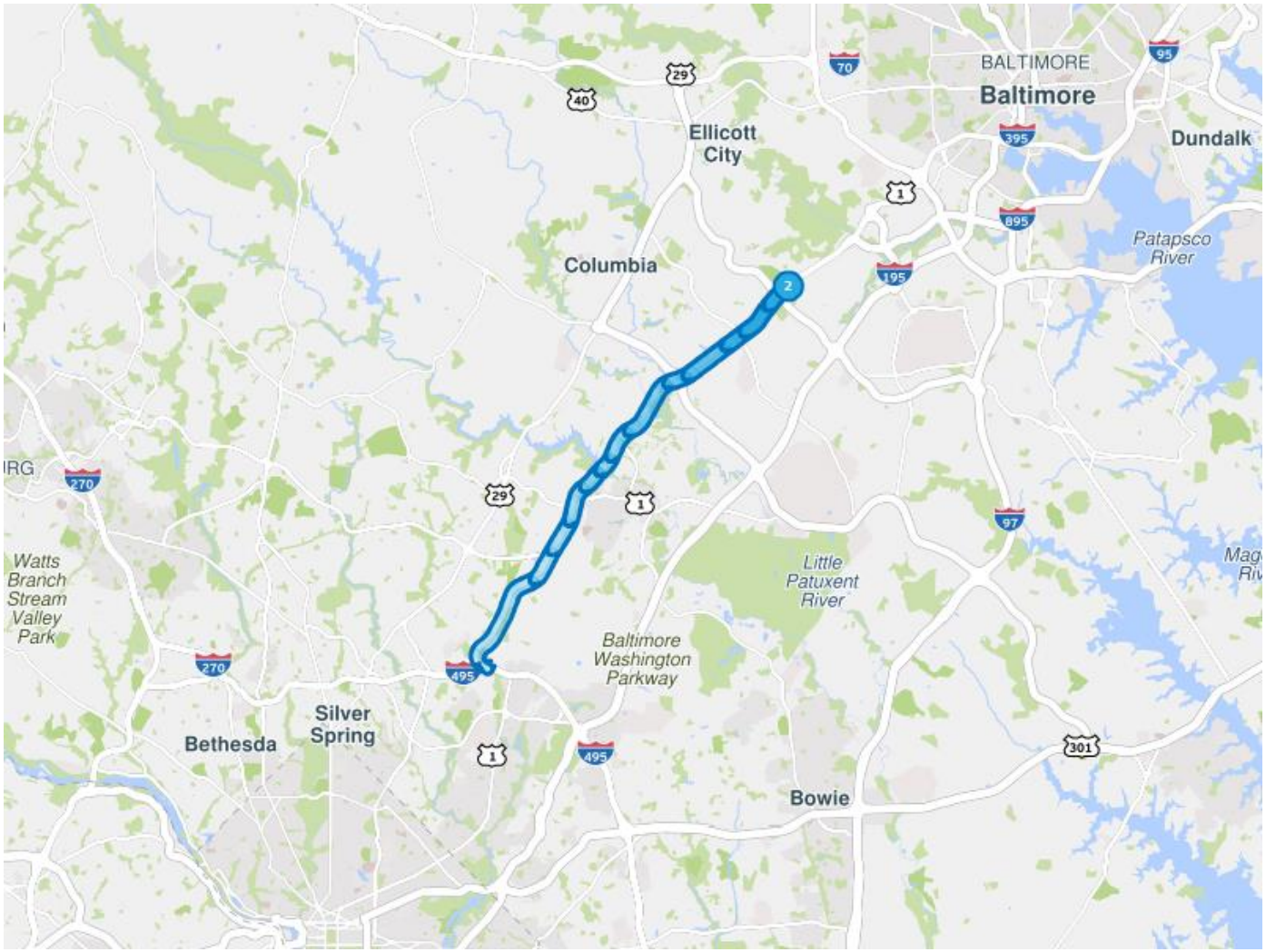

Notes: Congestion in the afternoon rush hour. Contributing factors include traffic entering at MD-175, weaving to exit at MD-100, and the half-mile uphill grade midway between MD-175 and MD-100.

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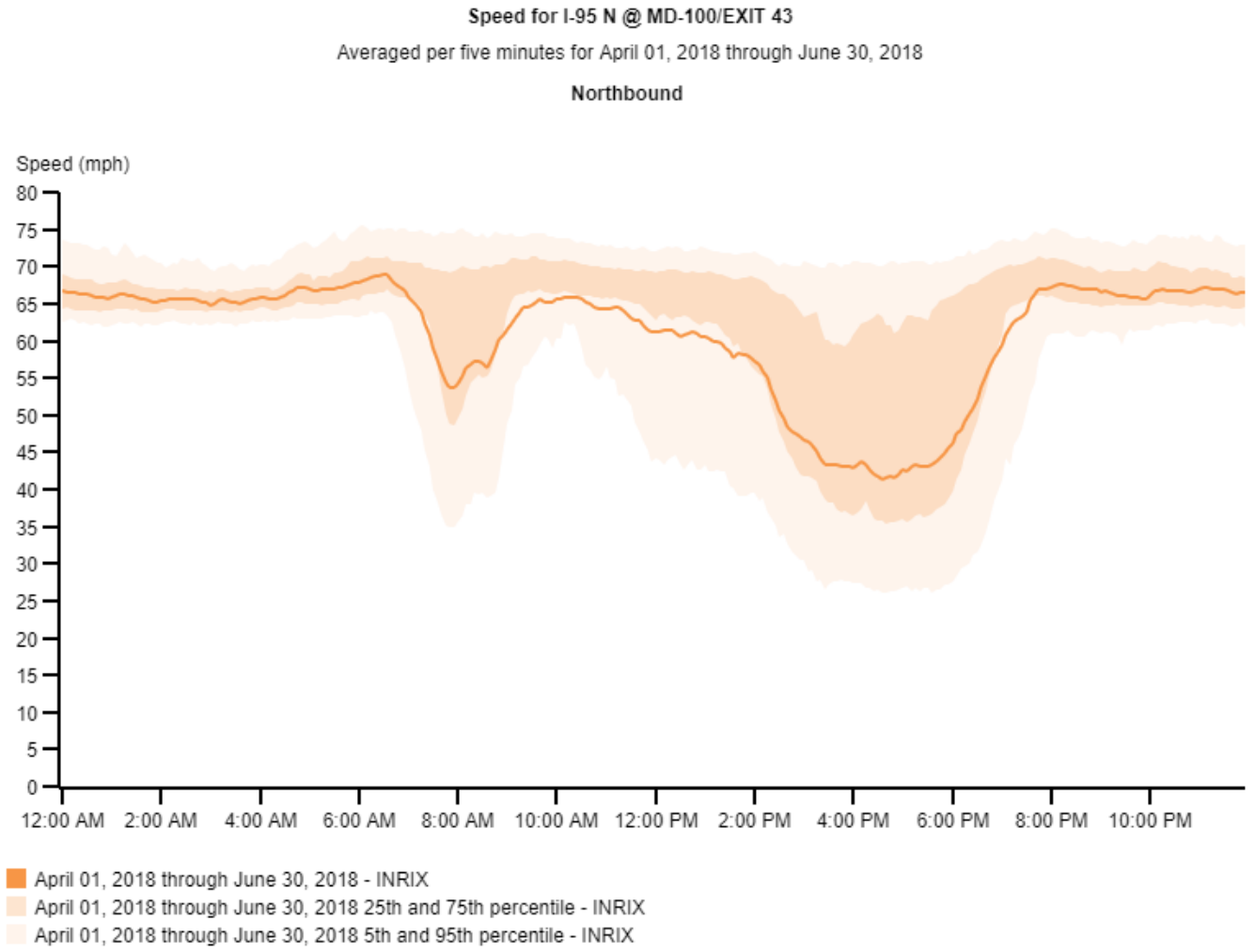

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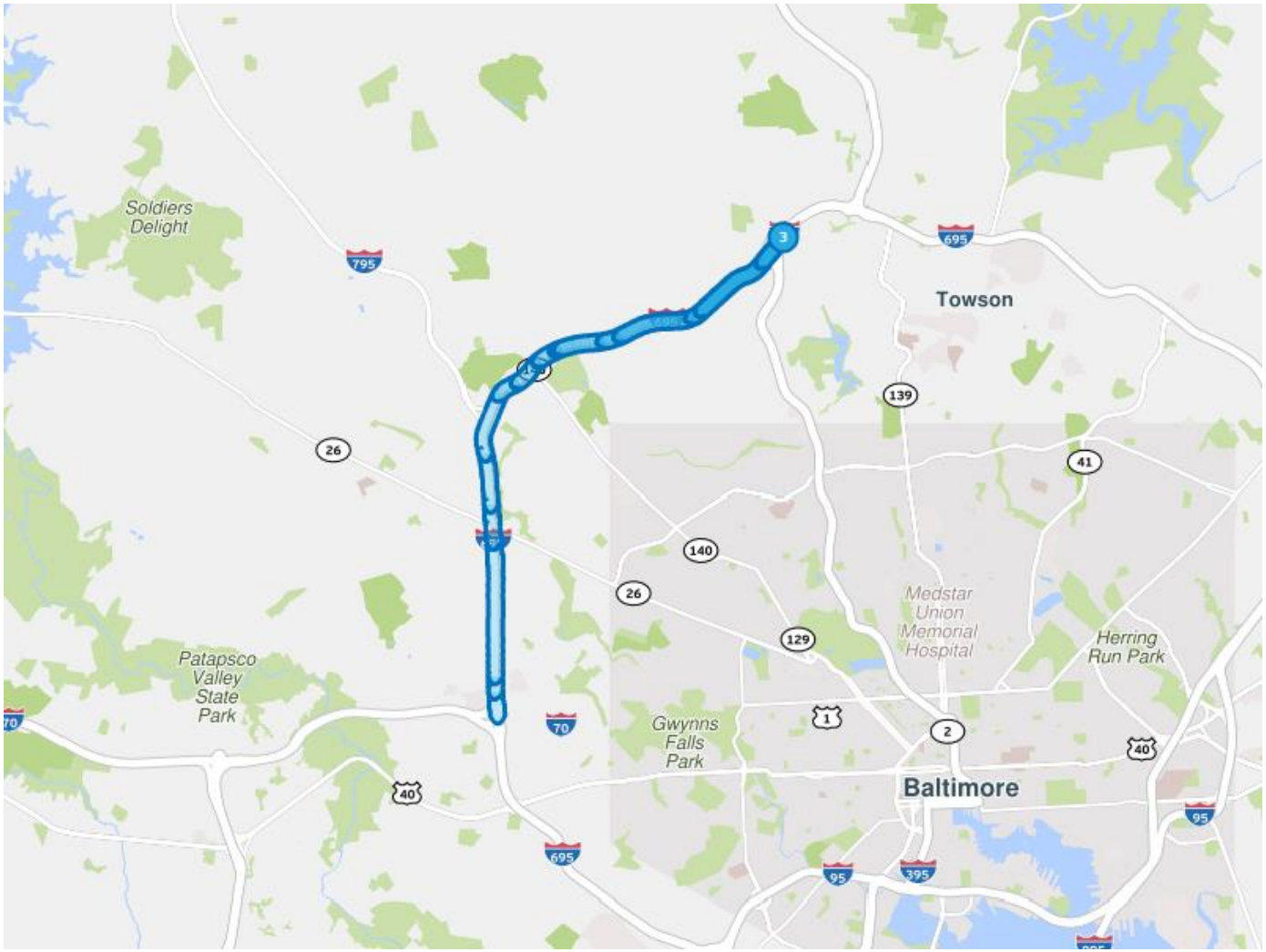

***Notes:** Rush hour congestion more severe during the AM peak period. The lane drop approaching the ramp to southbound I-83 is a contributing factor, as are merging and weaving at the interchanges in this segment*

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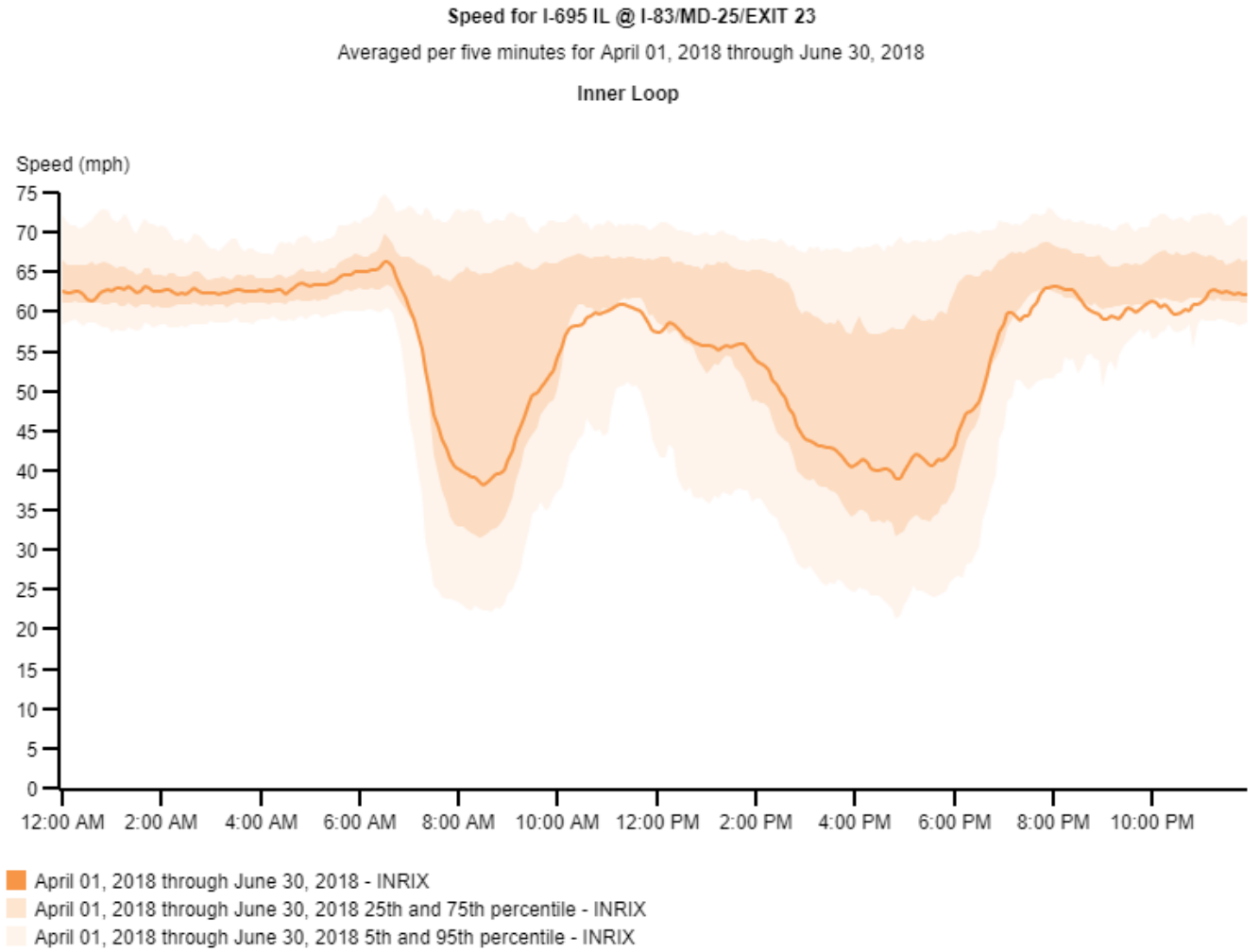

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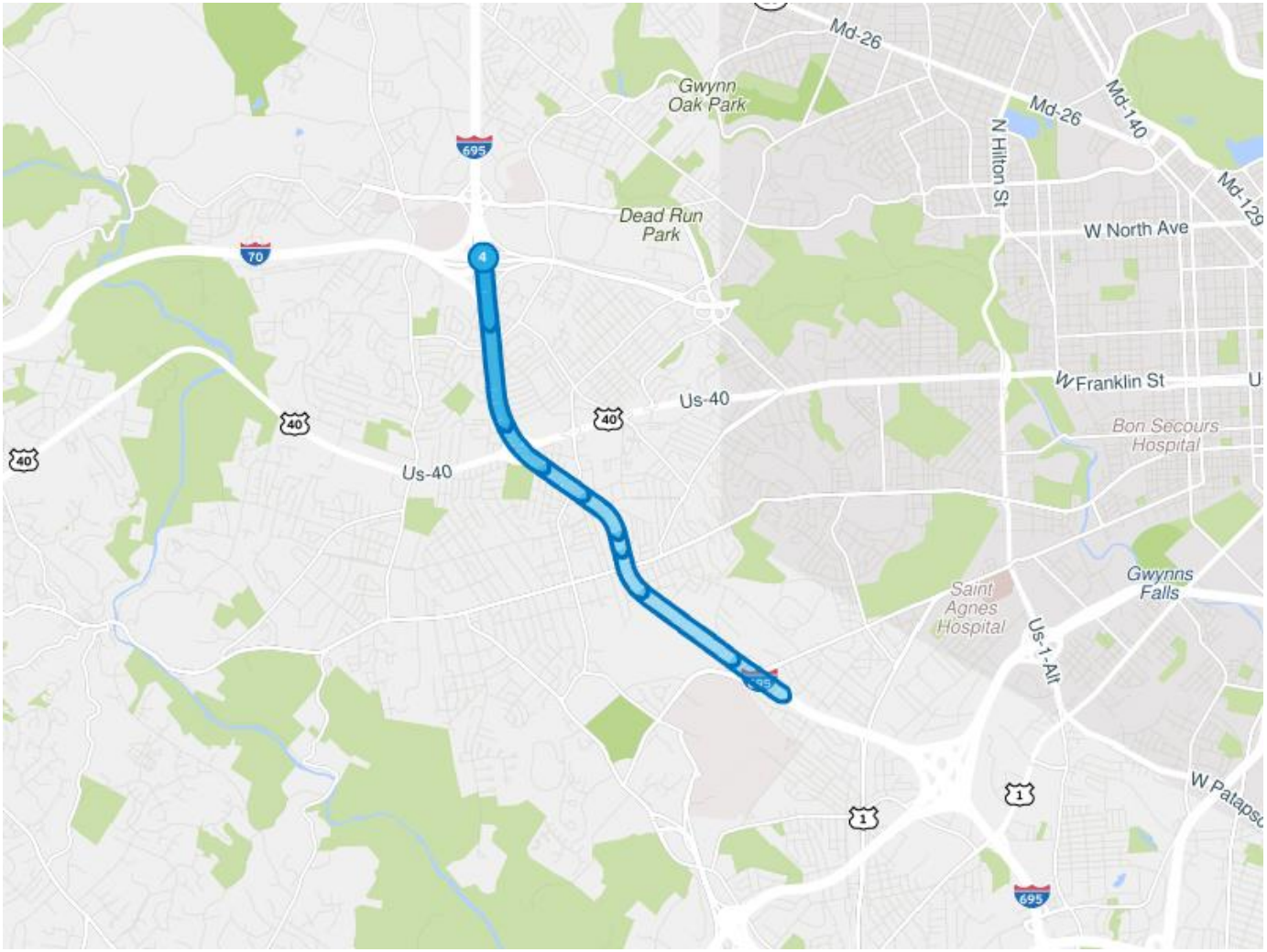

***Notes:** Afternoon congestion on the inner loop of the beltway with the greatest delays between MD 144 and the lane drop at I-70. High-volume ramps from Security Blvd, I-70 and US 40 contributed to the congestion*

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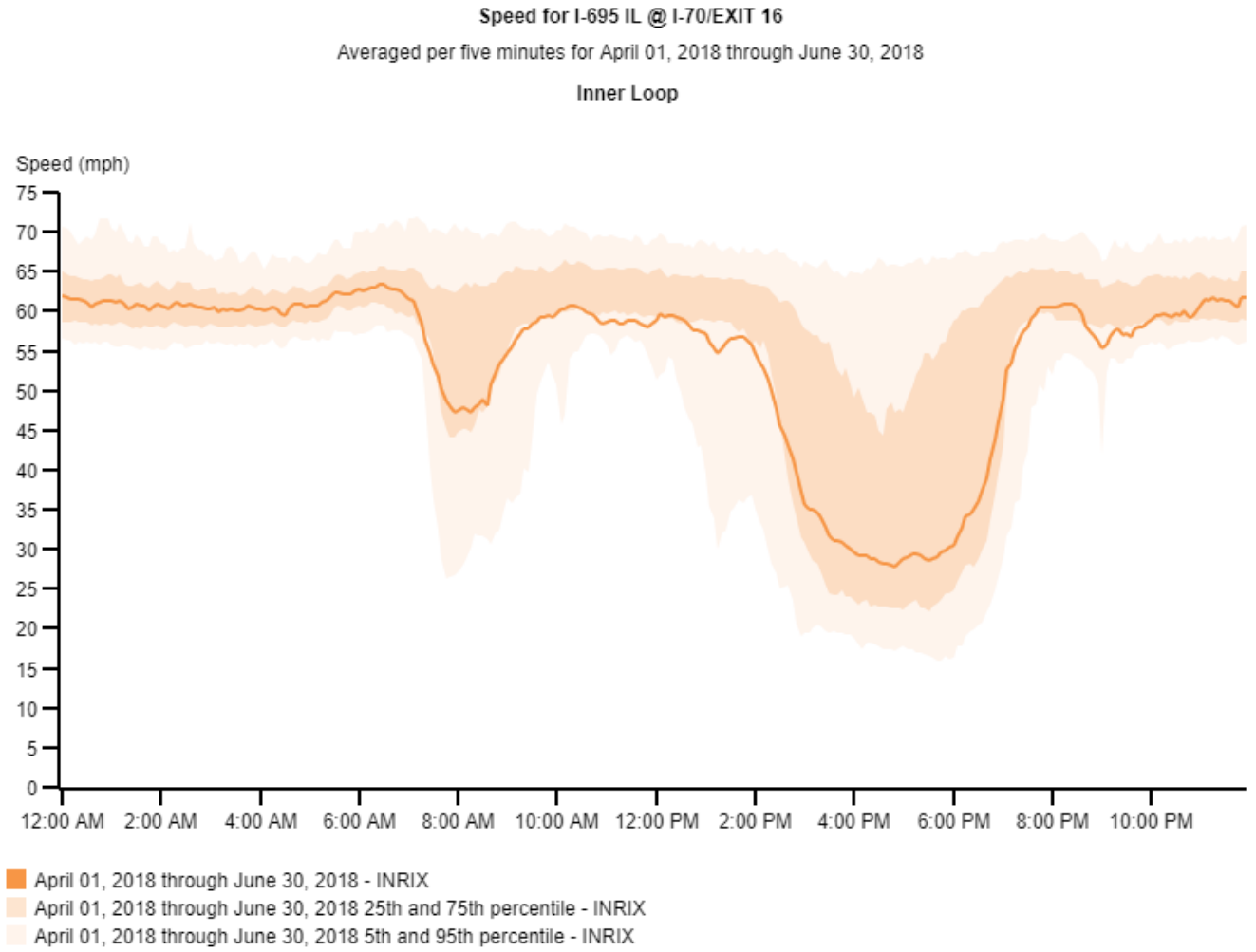

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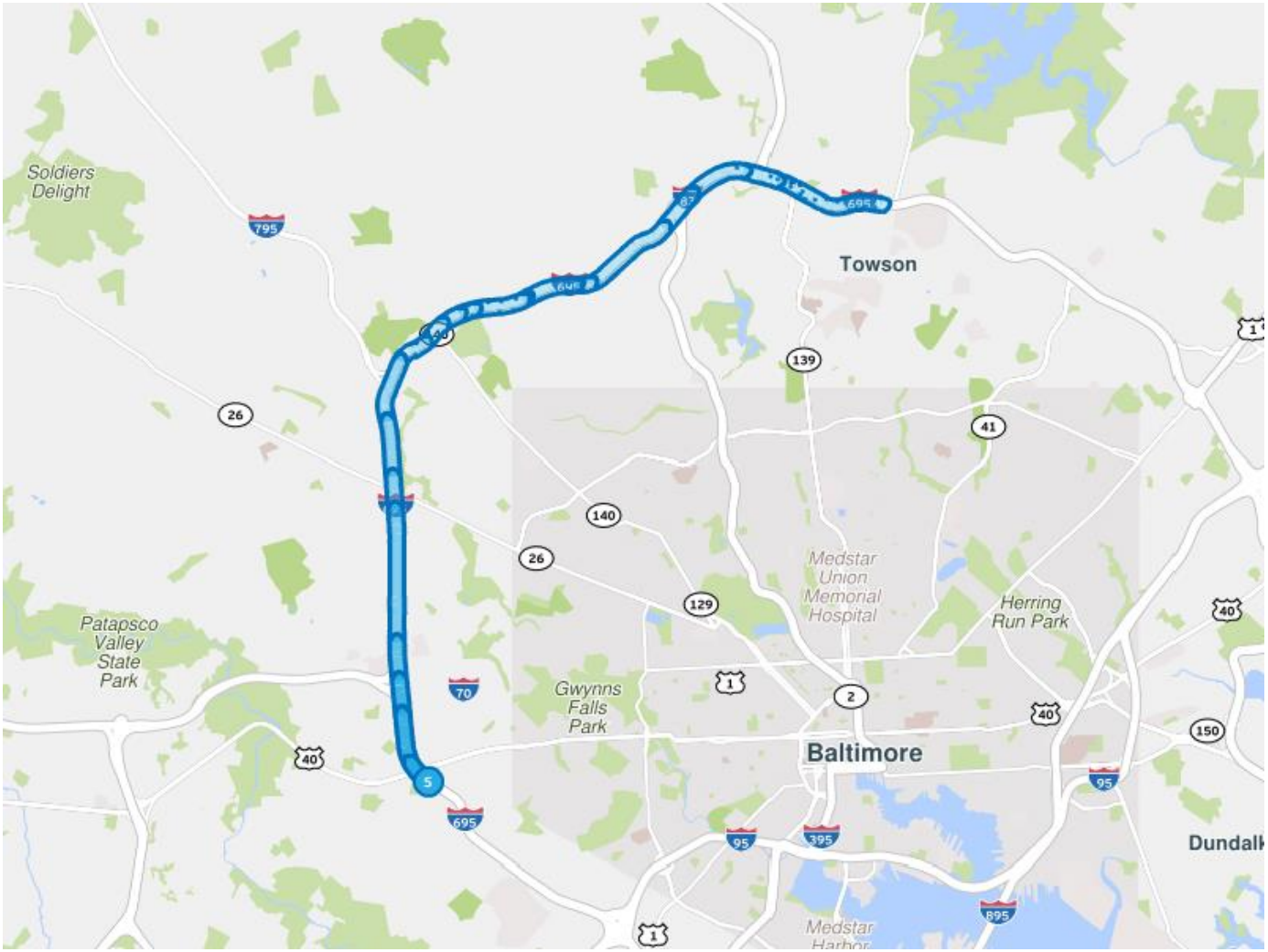

Notes: Delays found in both the morning and afternoon. Longstanding bottleneck on the outer loop of the beltway both in the AM and PM rush. High traffic volume area. Also contributing to congestion in the area is a beltway widening construction project.

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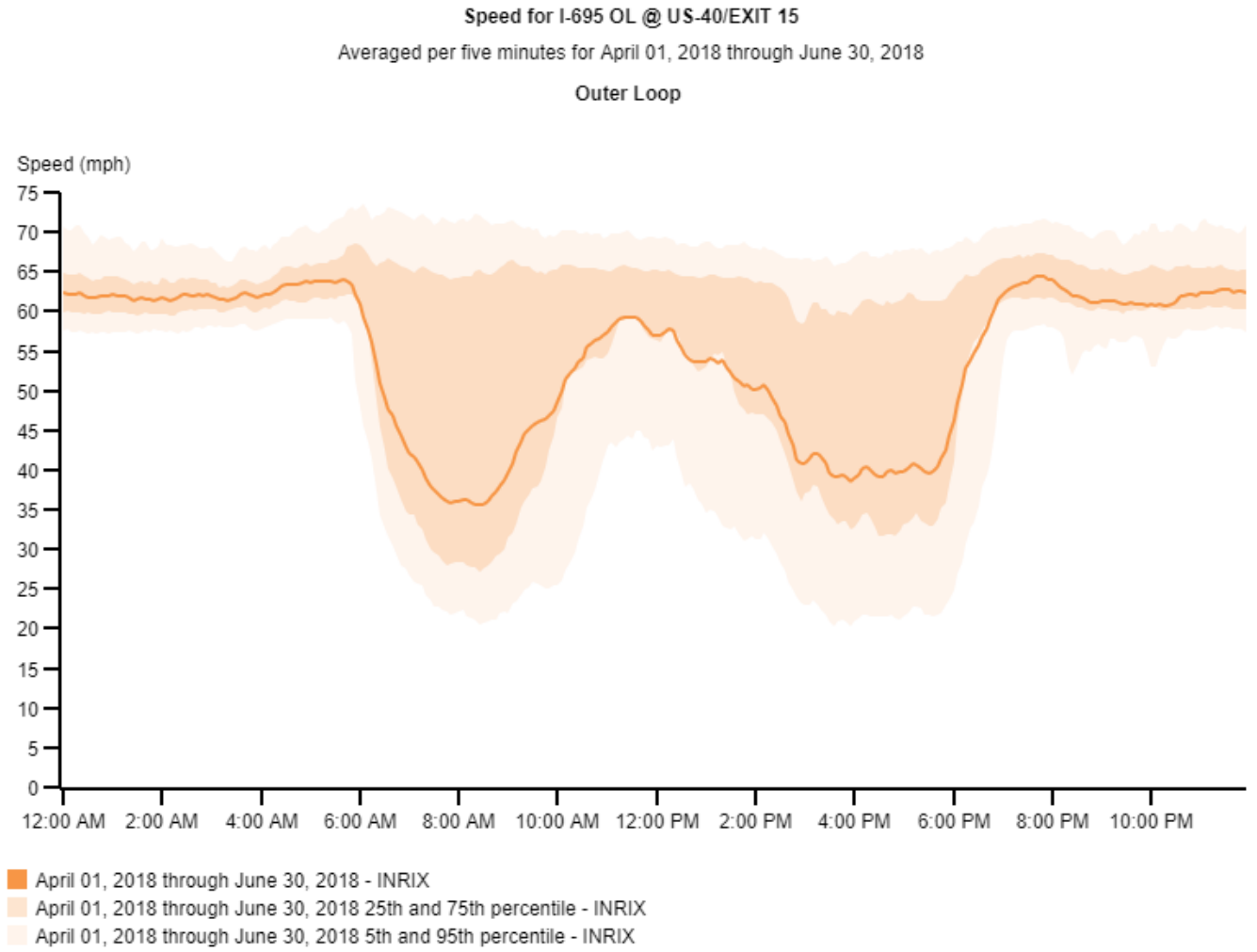

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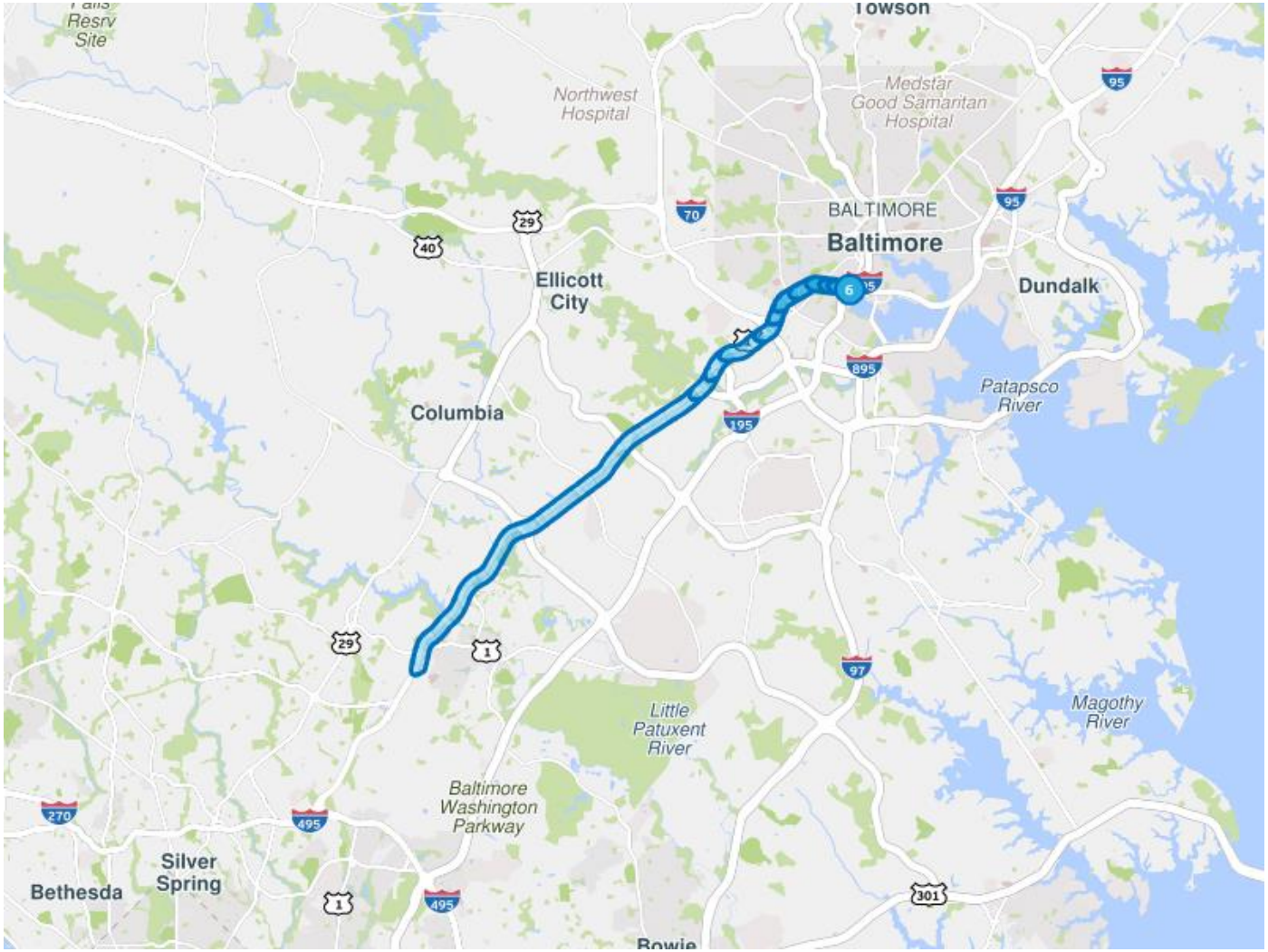

Notes: Afternoon congestion due to high traffic volumes, and major merging areas of traffic with I-695/Baltimore Beltway and MD-295/B.W. PKWY only 3 miles apart

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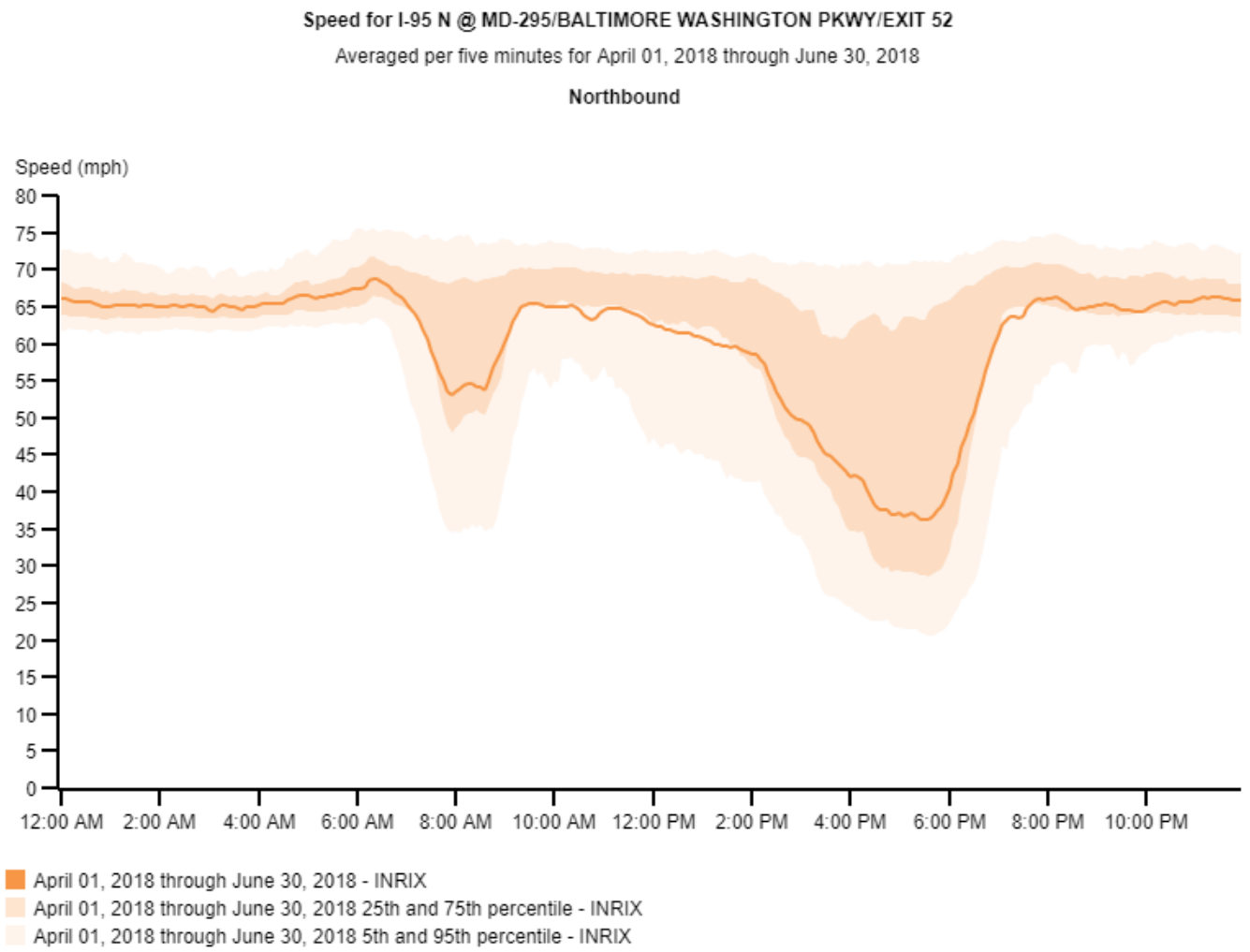

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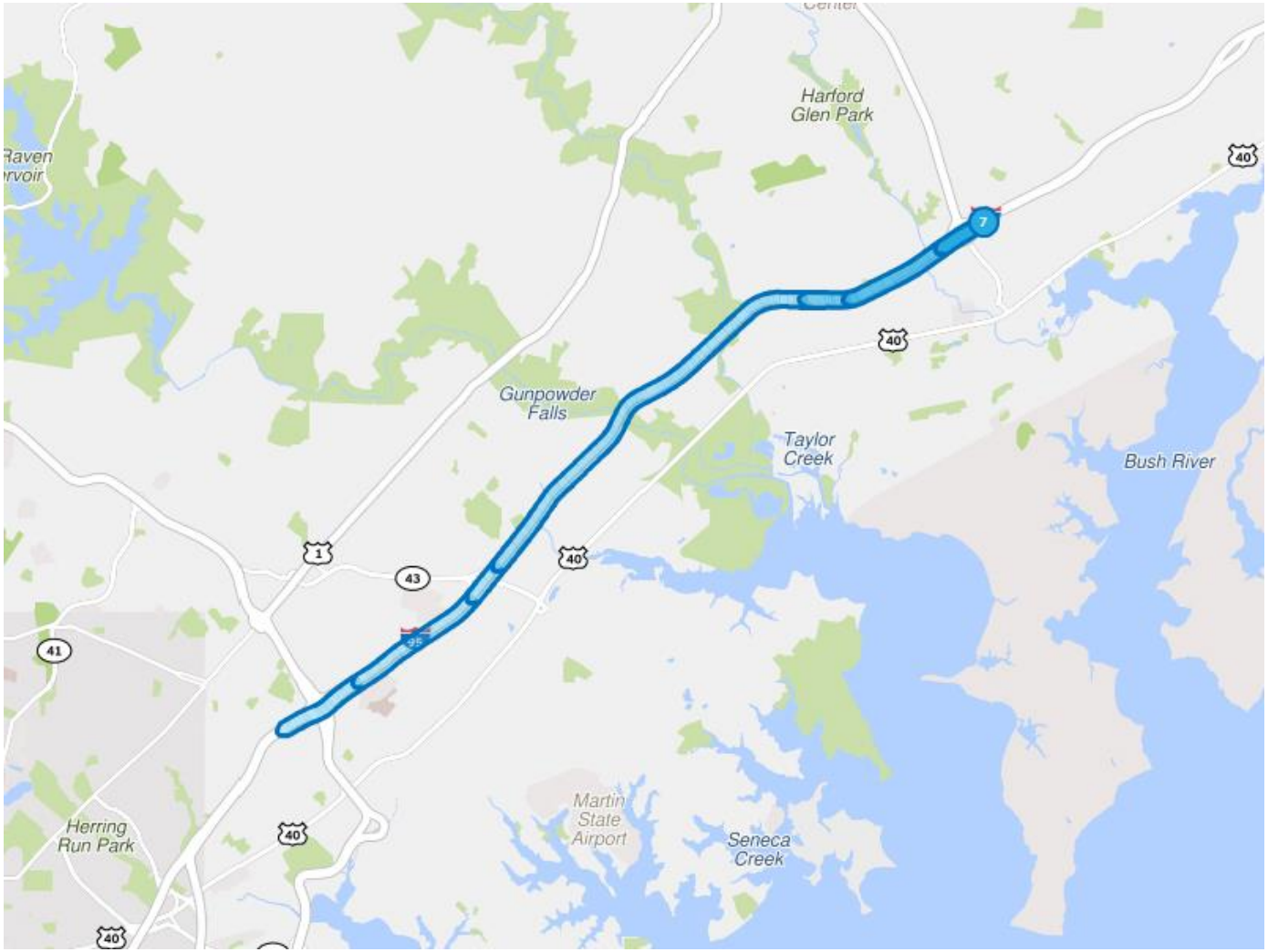

Notes: Heavy traffic usually only seen on Friday afternoons. Also lane closures contributed to congestion northbound overnight on May 3rd and 4th from 11pm to 4:30am for road maintenance.

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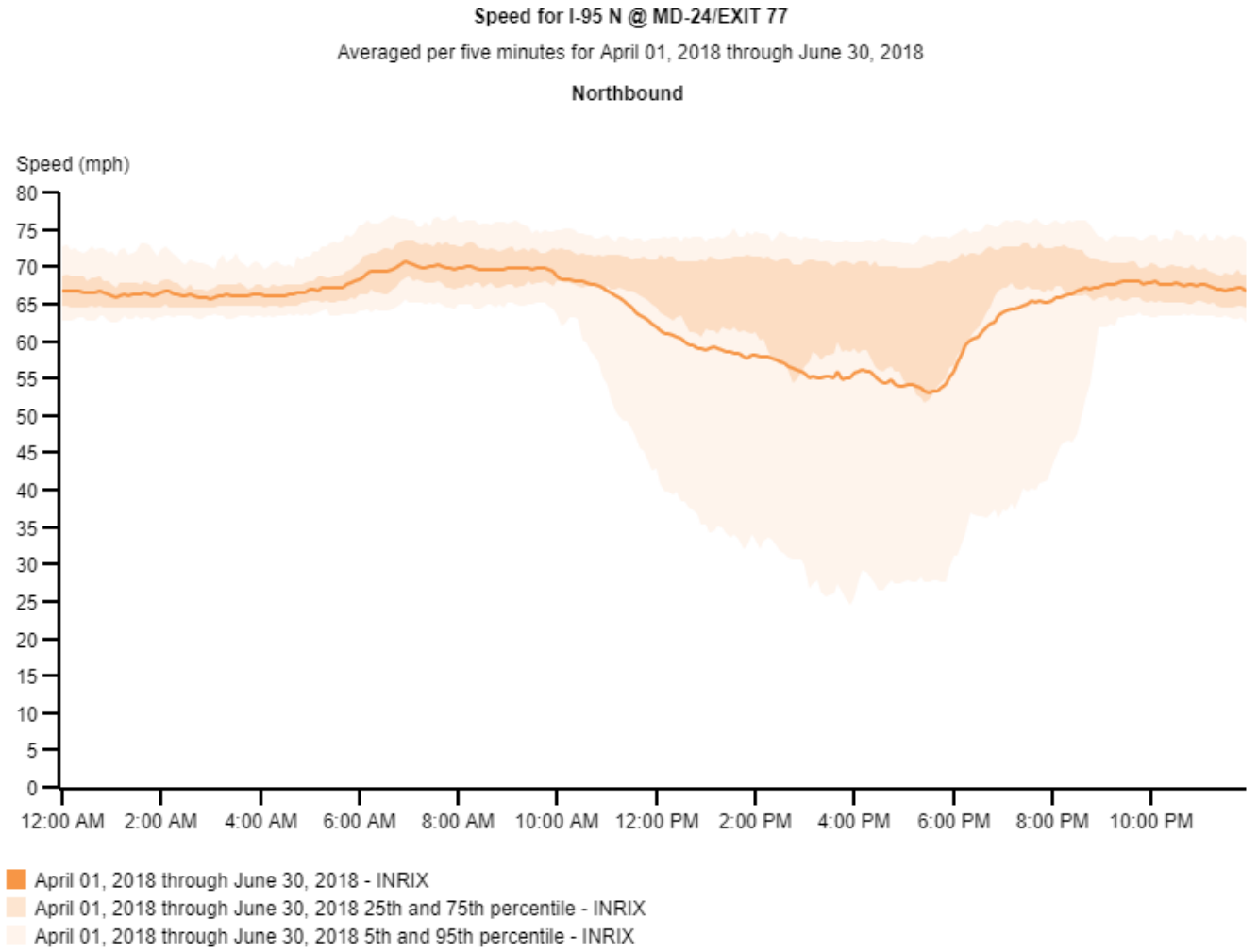

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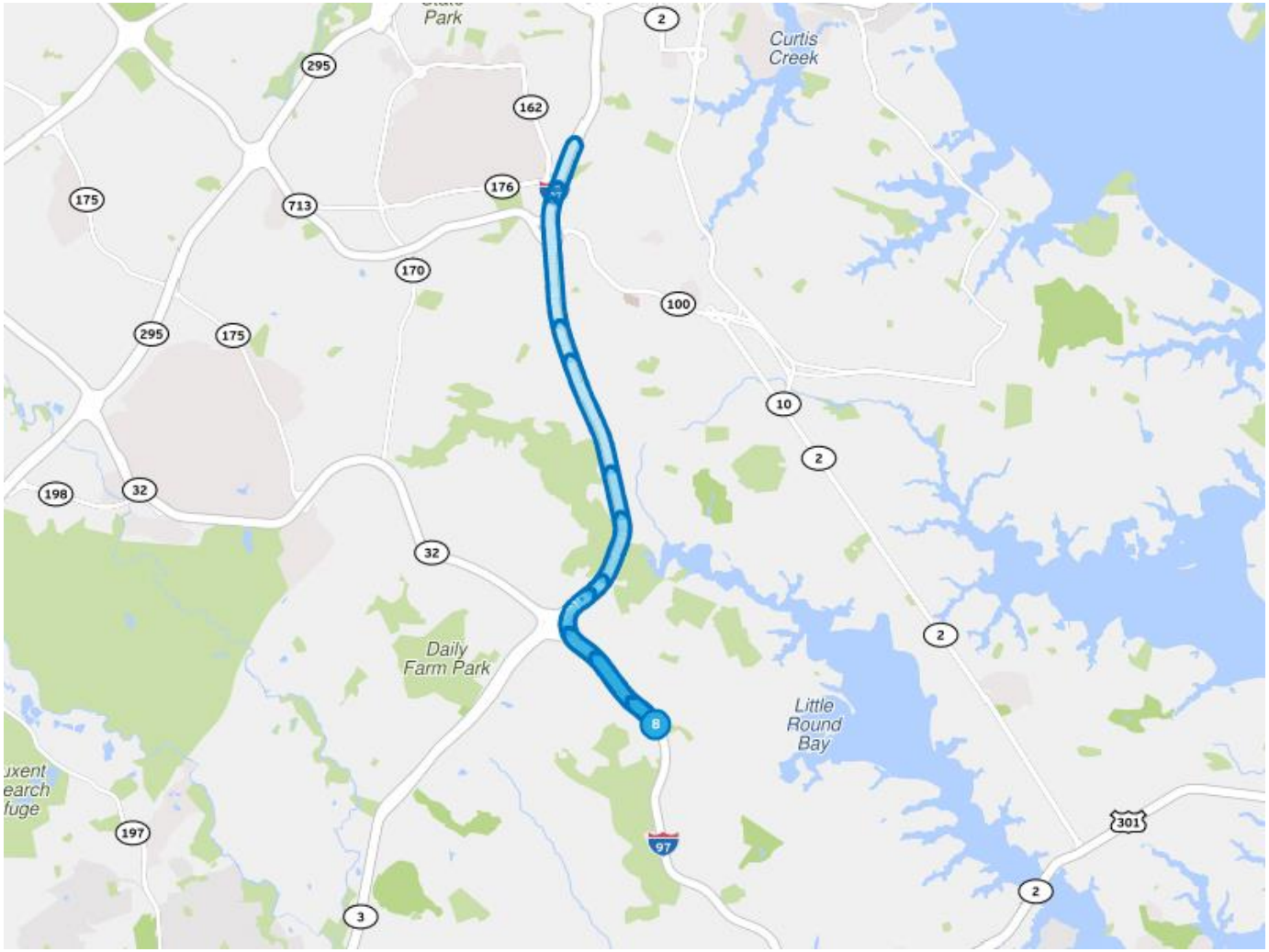

Notes: Major curve and merge at MD-32 causes slow downs in both the AM and PM rush hours.

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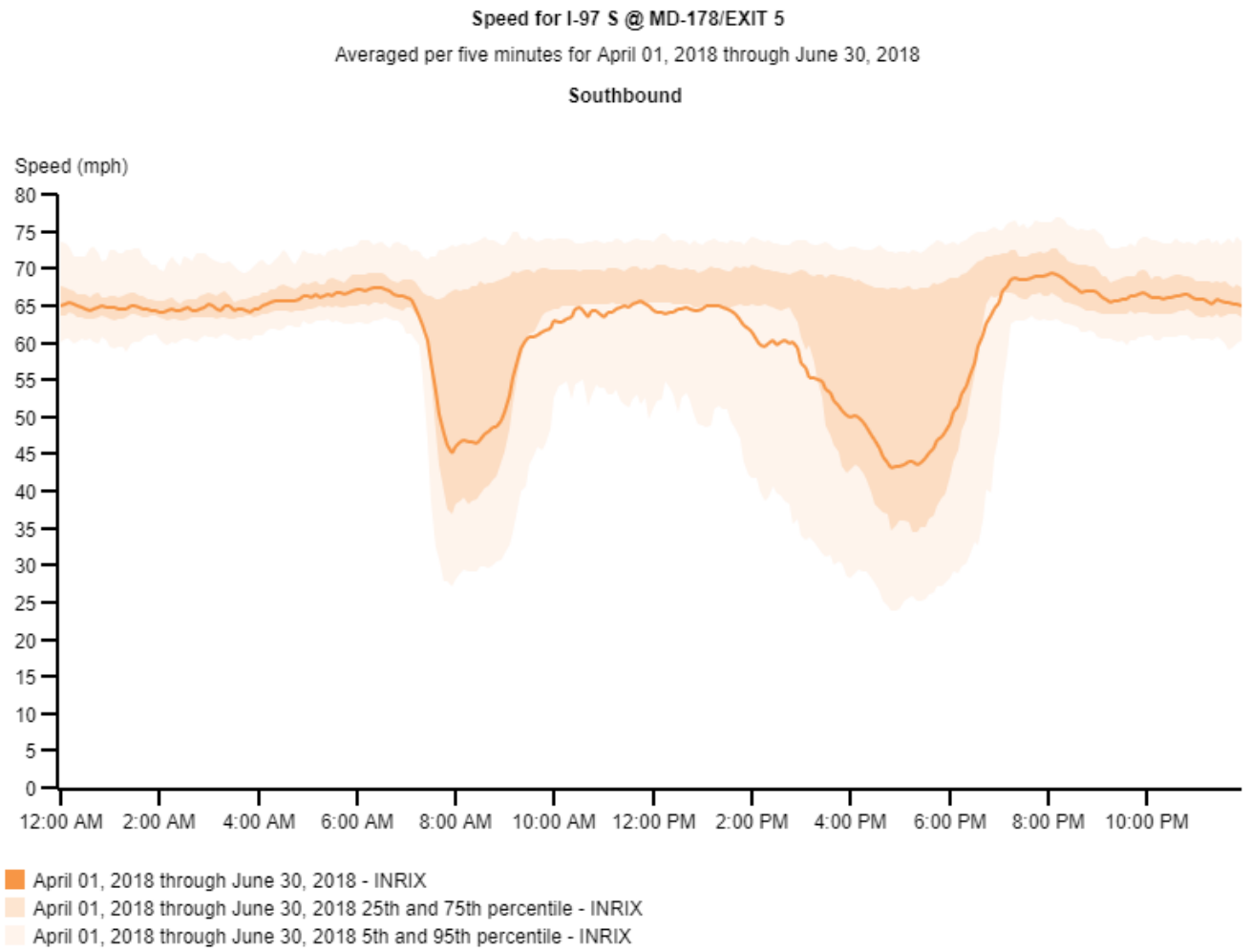

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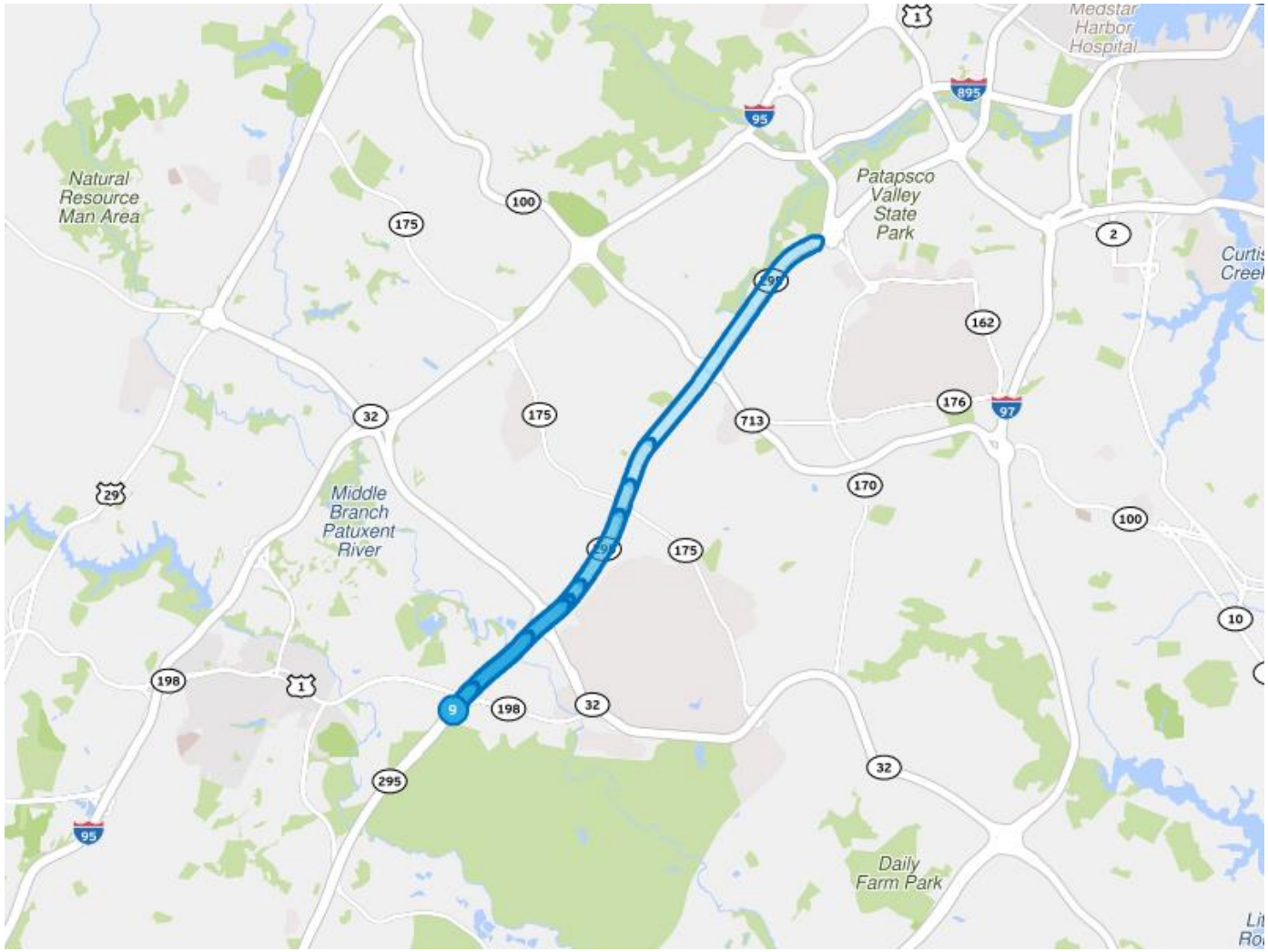

Notes: Southbound PM congestion extending from MD-198 extending into the southern portion of the Baltimore region near Fort Meade occurring during both the morning and afternoon peak periods. Volume related delays caused by factors such as Baltimore commuters to DC and Fort Meade and the MD-295 merge with the heavily congested Capital Beltway

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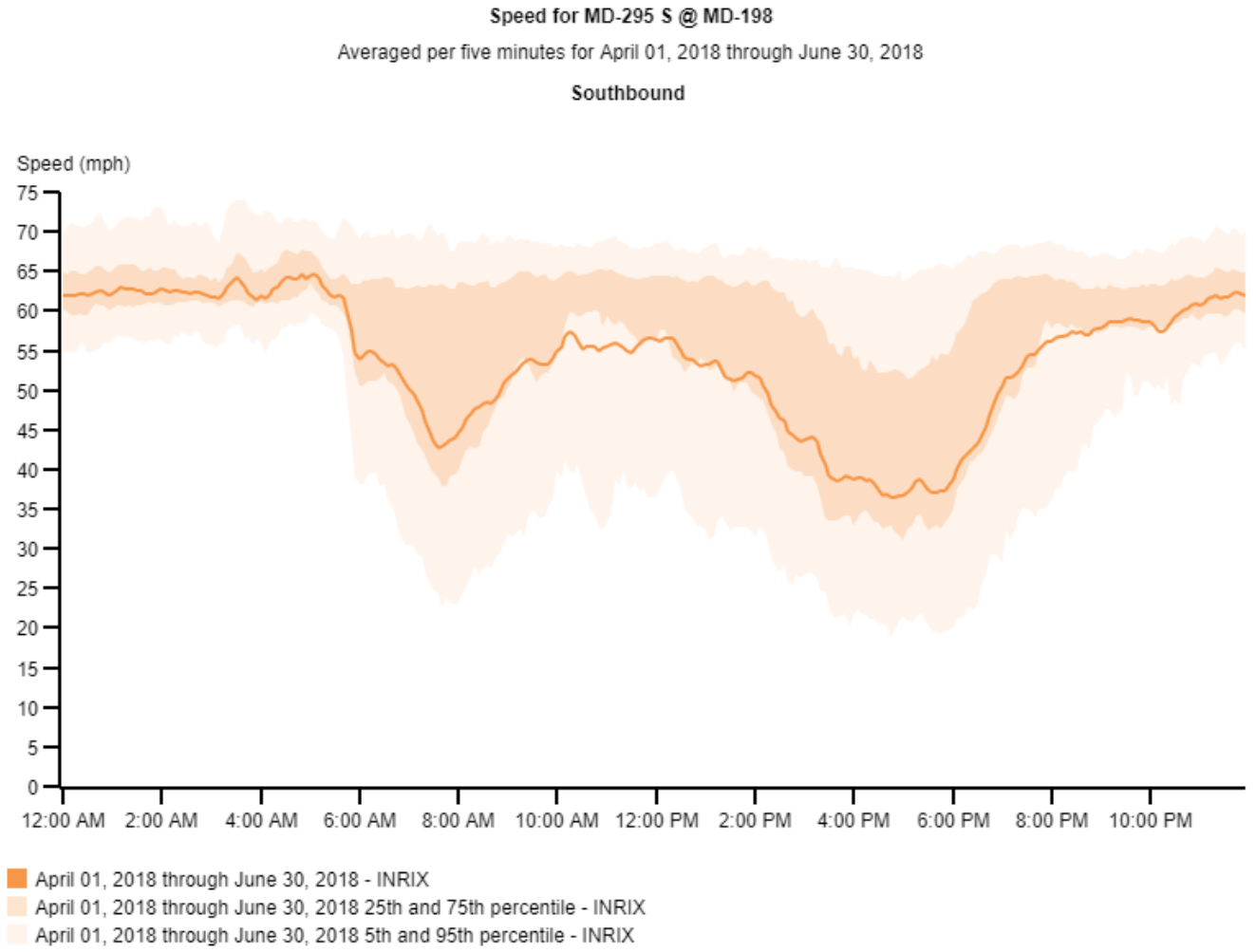

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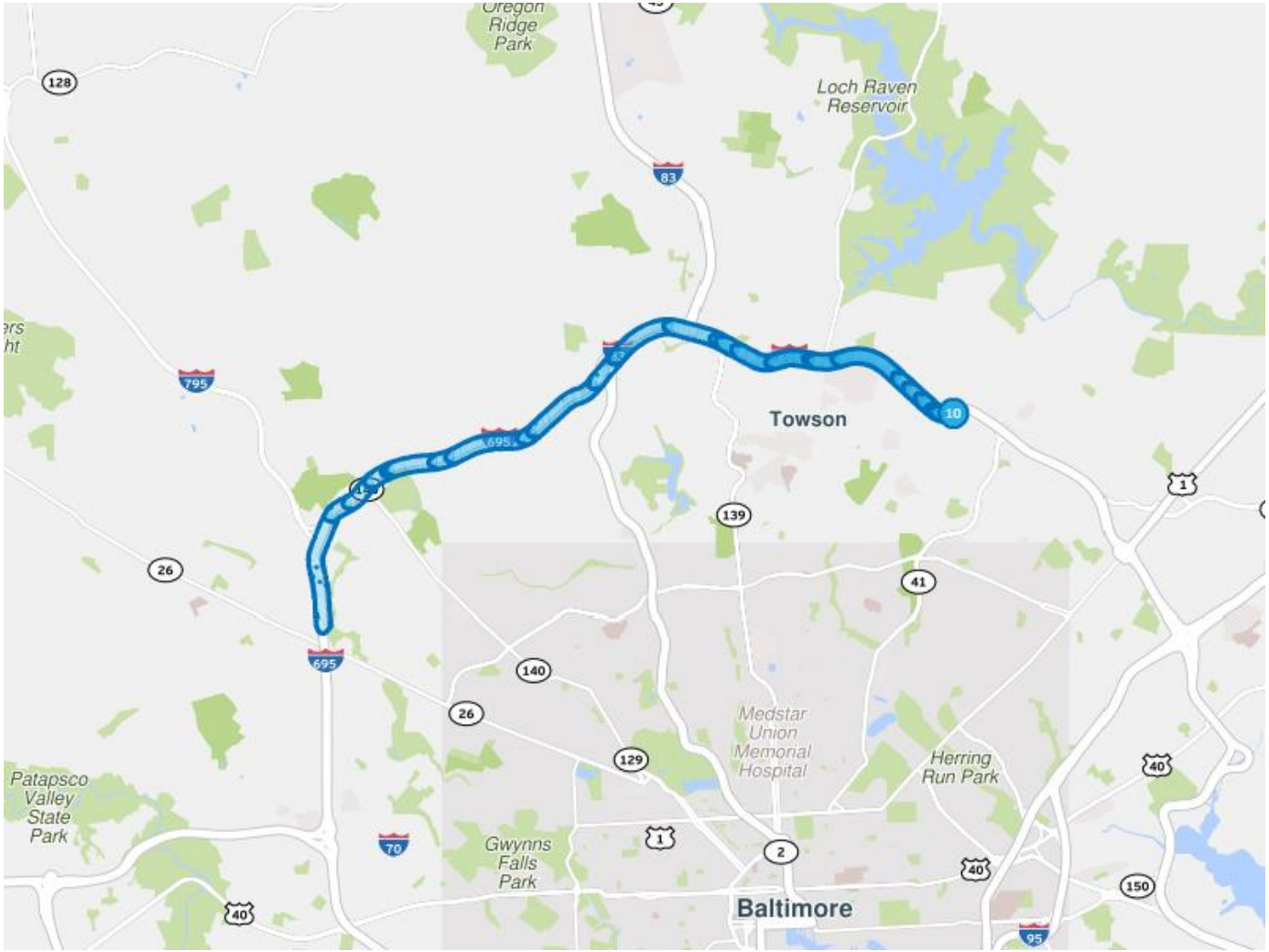

Notes: Congestion was most severe between I-83 and Providence Rd in the PM rush. Factors contributing to this long-standing and extended congested zone: merging and weaving associated with traffic at each interchange; and a lane drop (to three lanes) at MD 45 (York Rd).

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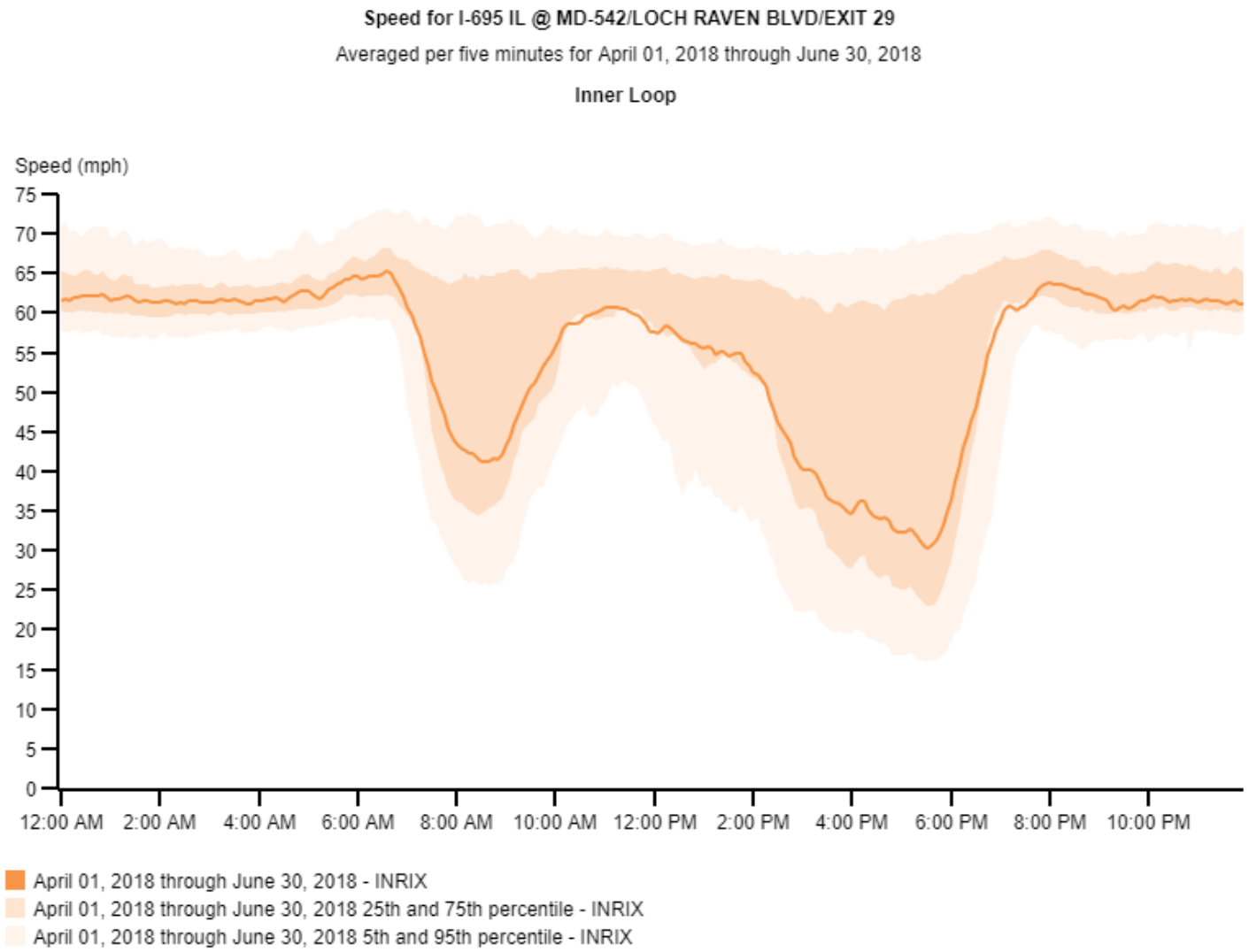
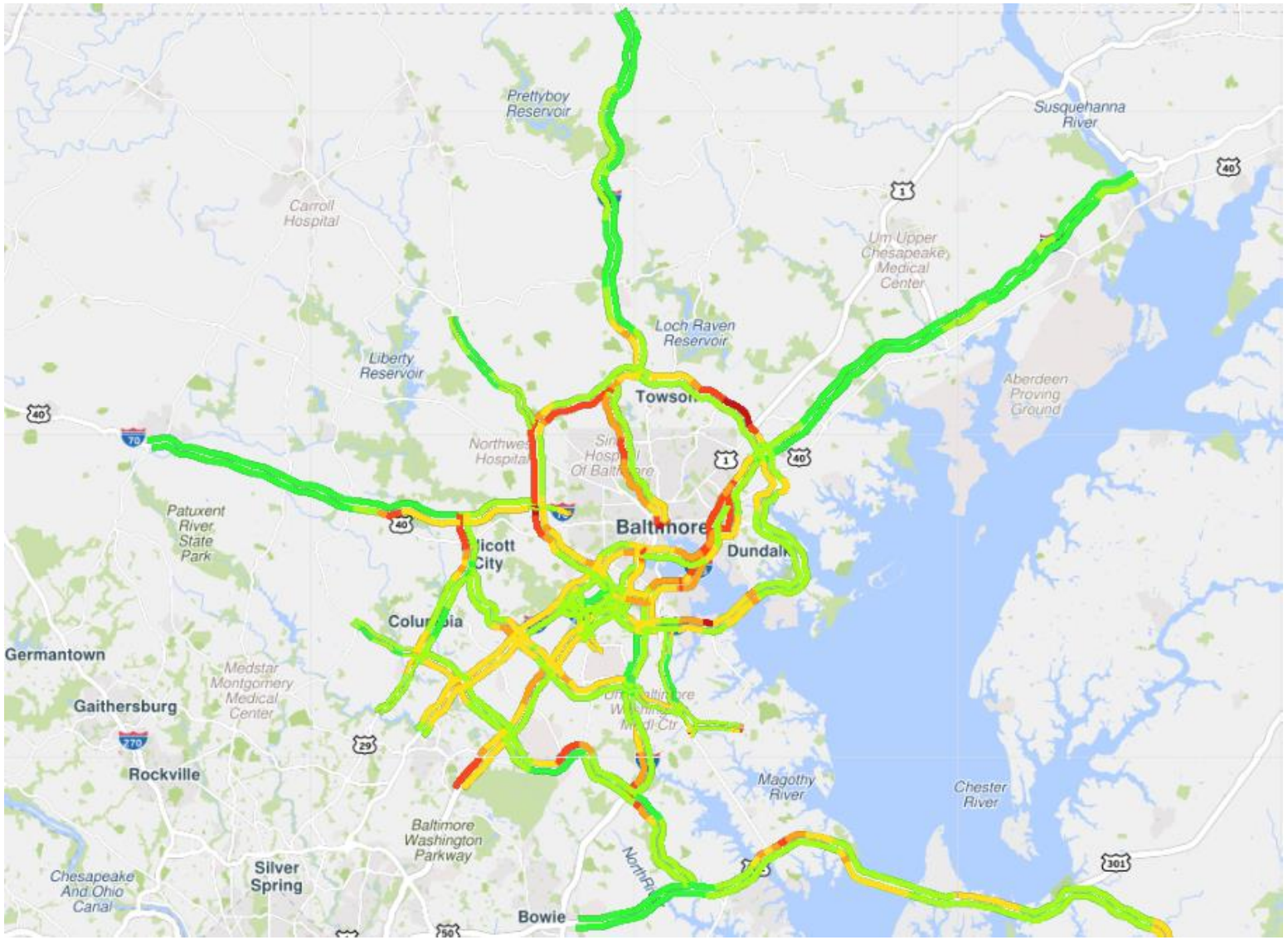
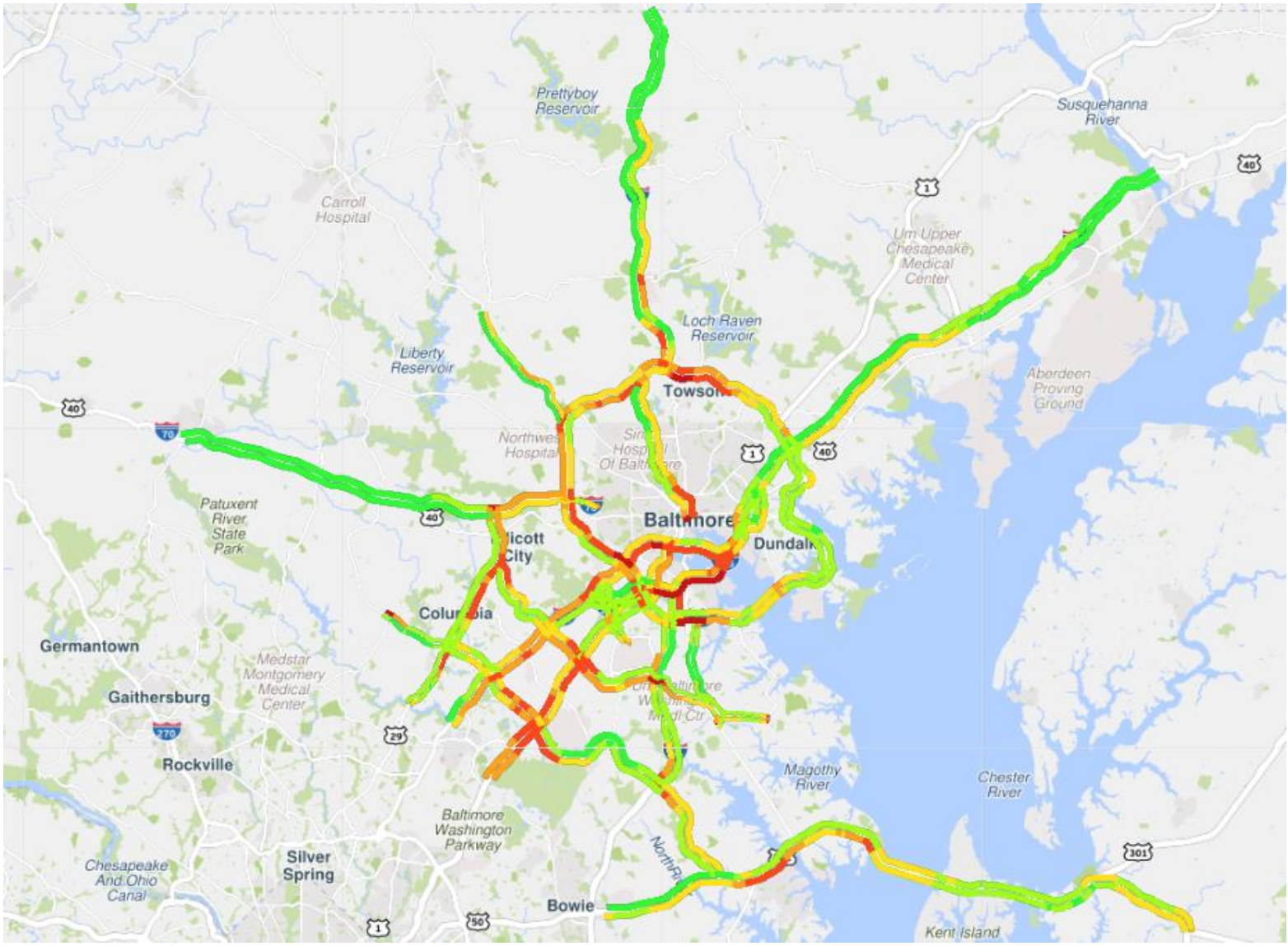


Average Speed Maps – AM Peak Period 8:00-9:00 Weekdays: 2nd Quarter 2018



Average Speed Maps – PM Peak Period 5:00-6:00 Weekdays: 2nd Quarter 2018



Probe Data Analytics

Data and graphics in this report were generated from the *Probe Data Analytics* suite. *The Probe Data Analytics Suite (PDA) formerly known as the Vehicle Probe Project* (VPP) is a groundbreaking initiative and collaborative effort among the I-95 Corridor Coalition, University of Maryland, INRIX, HERE and Tom Tom and has been providing comprehensive and continuous real-time travel information for more than seven years. Member agencies like the Baltimore Metropolitan Council have found numerous uses for the data beyond simply travel information.

There are **now** **7,000 centerline freeway miles**, more than **20,000 freeway and arterial miles** in all, including continuous coverage of the I-95 corridor from New Jersey through Florida. Coverage also exists in Rhode Island. The network includes full coverage of freeways and major arterials in North Carolina and the Tidewater area of Virginia, full or nearly full coverage of limited access roads in New Jersey, Maryland and South Carolina and the northern and eastern portions of Florida. In addition, coverage now includes ramps at 160 major highway-to- highway interchanges, with all states having interchanges included except Georgia.

Agency Participation
As the value of the data from the Vehicle Probe Project is realized through the various applications and the continued quality via the validation efforts, the member states have increased their commitment to this project. In fact, all of the participating states have committed their own funds to continue this project and many have increased their coverage far beyond the initial core area.

Numerous Uses for the Data
I-95 Corridor Coalition member agencies have found many uses for the vehicle probe data, including:

- Travel Information for 511 (web and phone) Systems, Dynamic Message Signs, and Kiosks
- Travel Time Calculations for Message Boards
- Performance Measures and Travel Time Reliability Support
- Traffic Pattern Observations (in-state and multi-state)
- Trip Planning (www.i95travelinfo.net)
- Performance Measures Tool – Continuing the momentum in performance analysis, the newest initiative from the Coalition is the Vehicle Probe Project Suite. The basic tools include:

Bottleneck and Incident dashboard
Massive Raw Data Downloader
Historical Data Visualizations and Performance Measures (Congestion Scan)
UMD CATT Lab made the VPP suite available to participating agencies. For the training video, please visit http://vpp.ritis.org/suite/screencast/

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