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**TRIP GENERATION  
RESEARCH ON HIGH-  
VOLUME FAST-FOOD  
RESTAURANTS AND COFFEE  
SHOPS**



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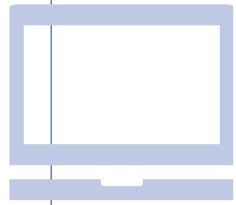
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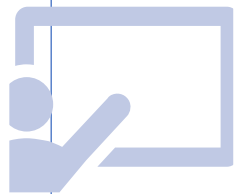
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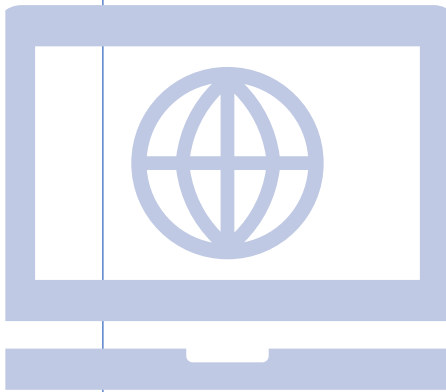
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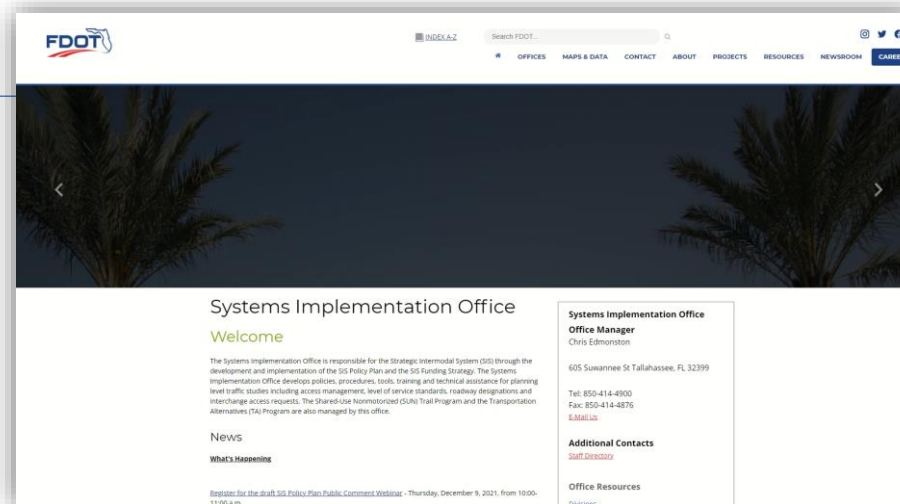


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# Statewide Multimodal Access Management And Transportation Site Impact

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Multimodal Site Impact Analysis

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Multimodal Access Management

Tuesday, February 20, 2024



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Trip Generation Research on  
High-Volume Fast-Food  
Restaurants and Coffee Shops

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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Today's Webinar

**Trip Generation Research on  
High-Volume Fast-Food Restaurants  
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Tuesday, May 21, 2024

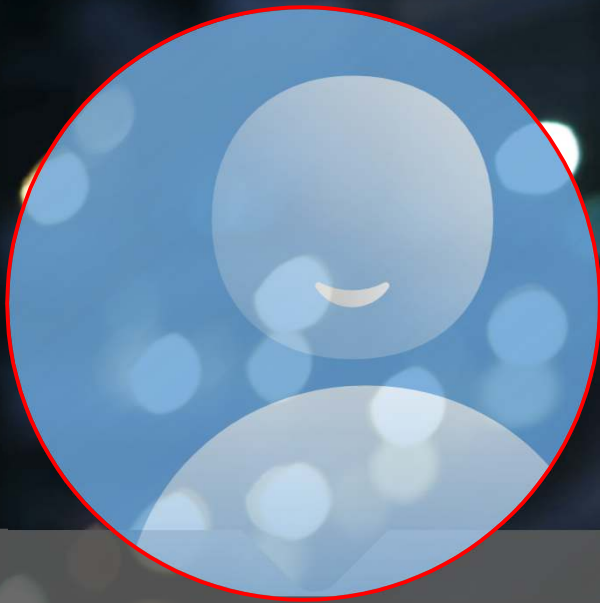
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# How familiar are you with the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Manual?

VERY FAMILIAR

SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR

NOT FAMILIAR



**TRIP GENERATION STUDY FOR  
COFFEE SHOP WITH DRIVE-  
THROUGH AND FAST FOOD  
WITH DRIVE-THROUGH**

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# Presentation Outline

- Background/Objectives
- Benefits
- Scope
- Tasks 1-6
- Updates & Lessons (so far)
- Timeline
- Questions



# Project Objectives

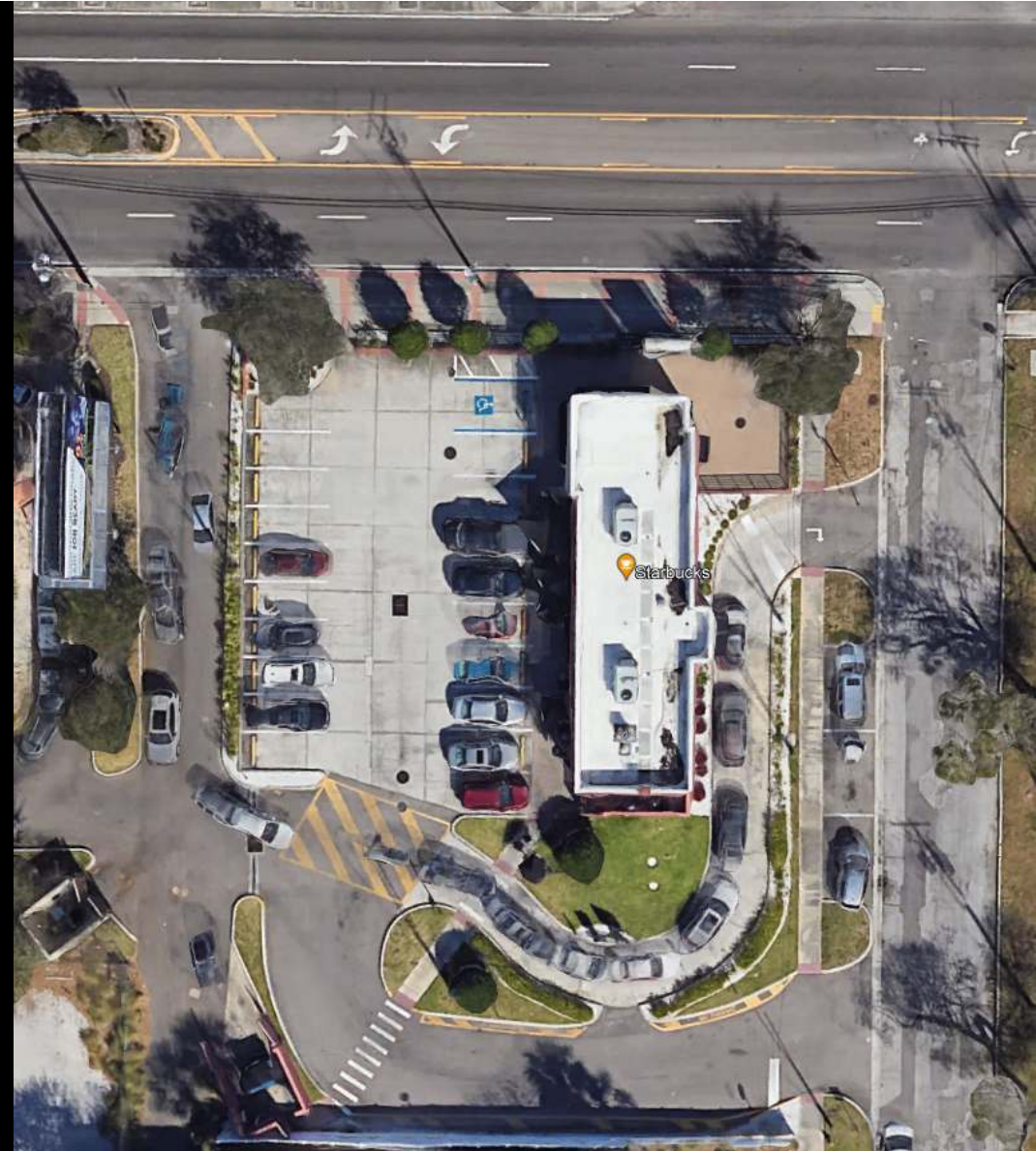
# Project Benefits

## Qualitative

- A better understanding of trip generation and operational characteristics of these land uses in varying situations.

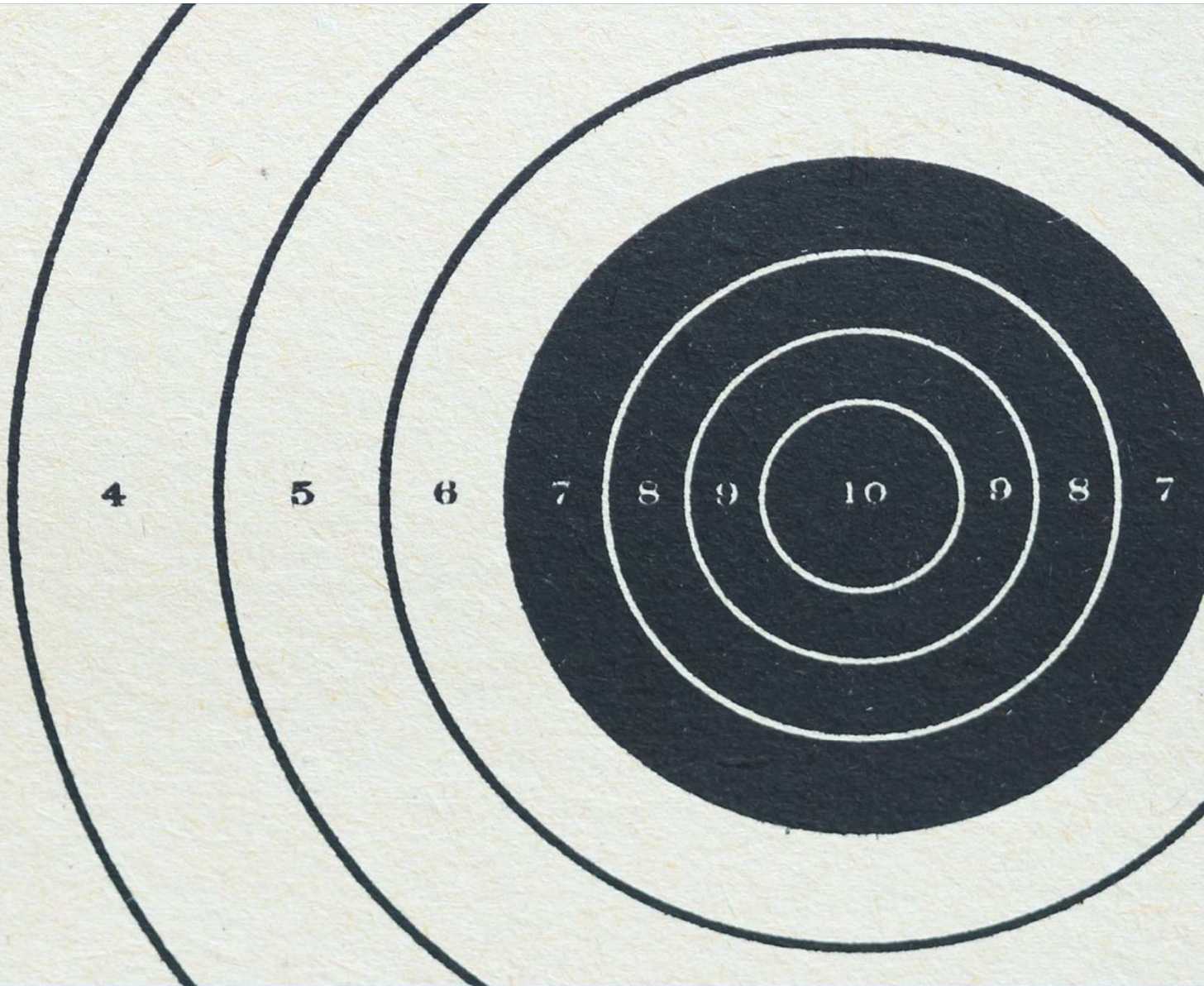
## Quantitative

- Specific requirements for approval (or denial) of new driveway permits for these land uses.





Scope





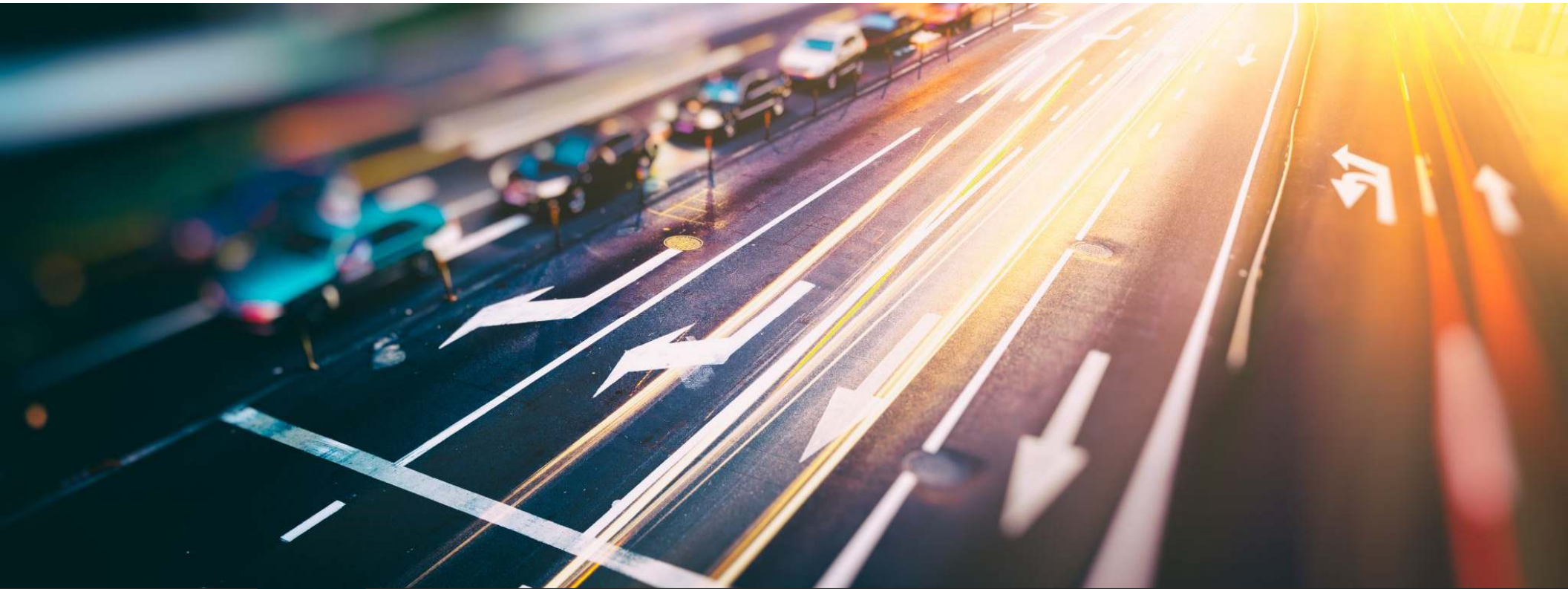
## Task 1 – Literature Review



# Task 2 – Site Selections







## **Task 3 – Traffic Data Collection**

# Just the Facts

- For fast food restaurants we sampled 2,347 vehicles utilizing the drive through
- A total of approximately 24,000 vehicles (roughly 10%)
- Coffee shops included 1,157 samples in the drive through
- Generally recorded information:
  - Time of arrival at order station
  - Time order was completed
  - Time vehicle arrived at payment station (if applicable), and if the vehicle was “inhibited” by a vehicle ahead
  - Time payment transaction was completed (if applicable)
  - Time of arrival at pickup station (in some cases, this would be the time an attendant brought the order to the vehicle), and if the vehicle was “inhibited” by a vehicle ahead
  - Time of departure from the pickup lane



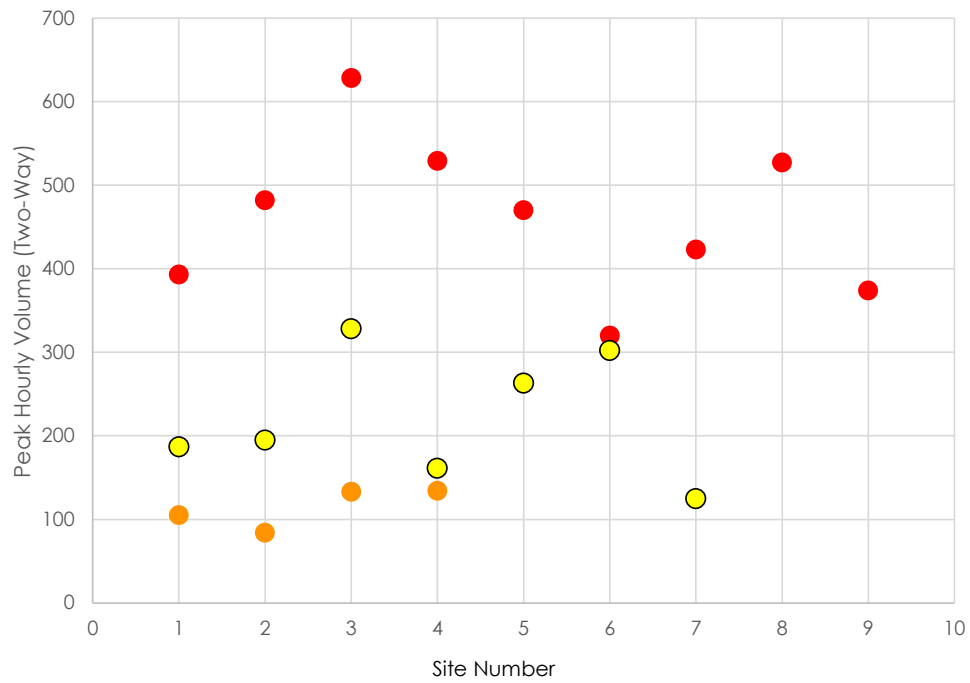
# Task 4 – Data Analysis



# Conditions We Saw

- Demands are higher than historically seen.
- At Fast-Food average 60% (range 25% to 95%) of entering vehicles use drive-through.
- At Coffee/Donut Shops average 62% (range 26% to 85%) of entering vehicles use drive-through .
- Some use of internet ordering in advance.
- Multi-lane ordering, multi-lane pickup operations.

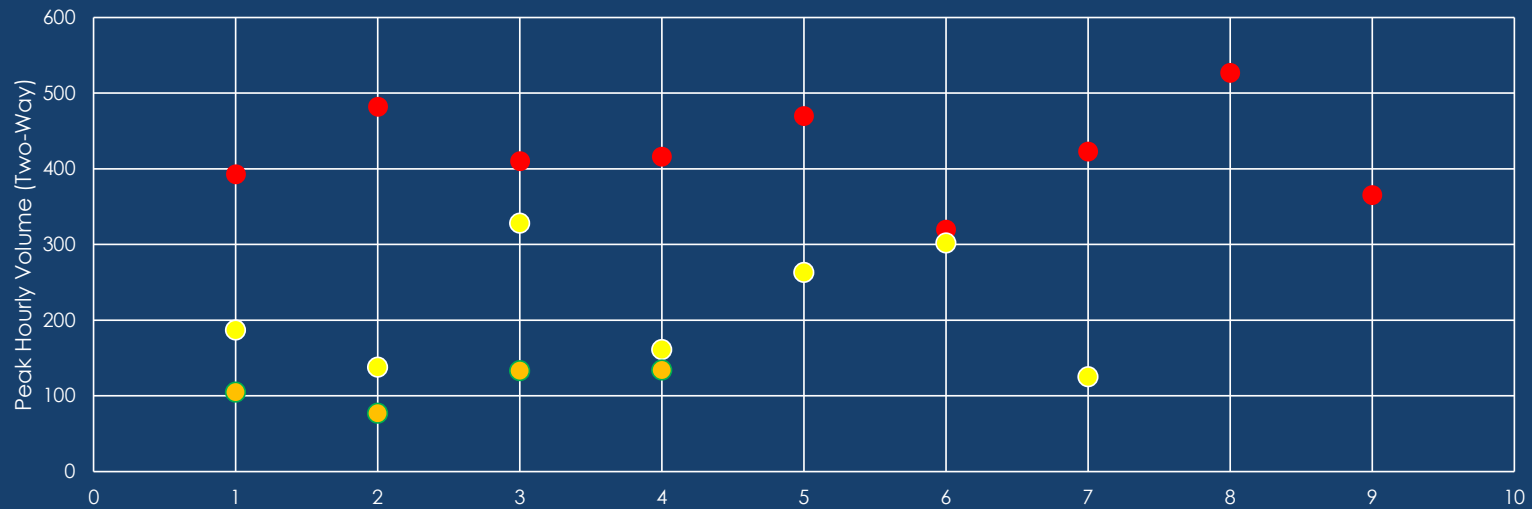
Maximum Hourly Trip Generation



**Actual Trip  
Generation**

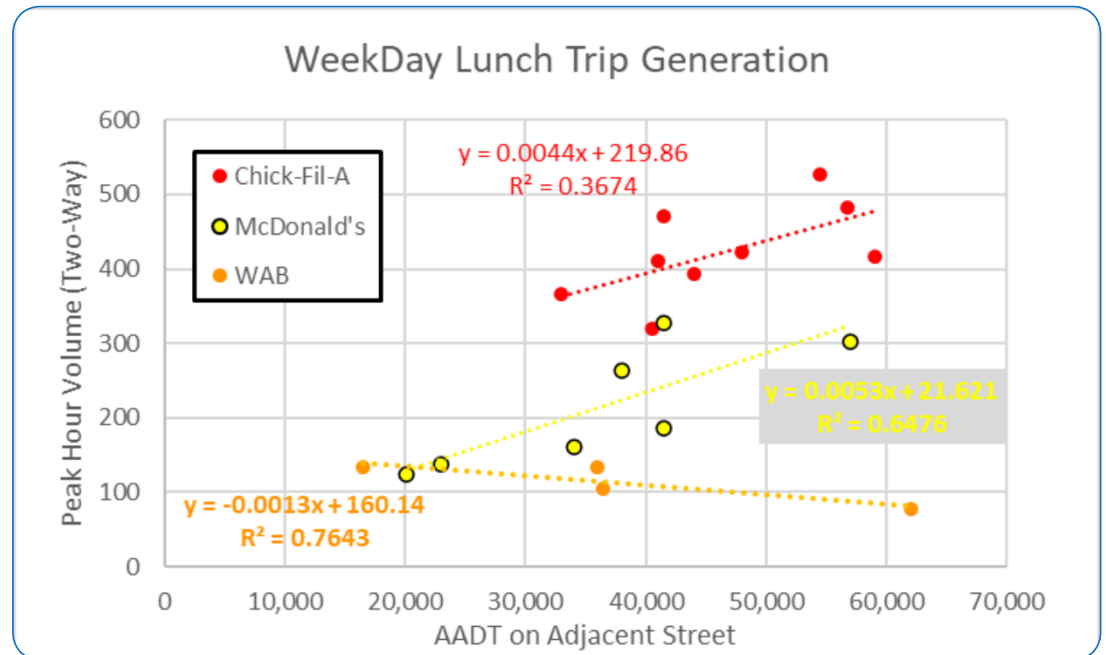
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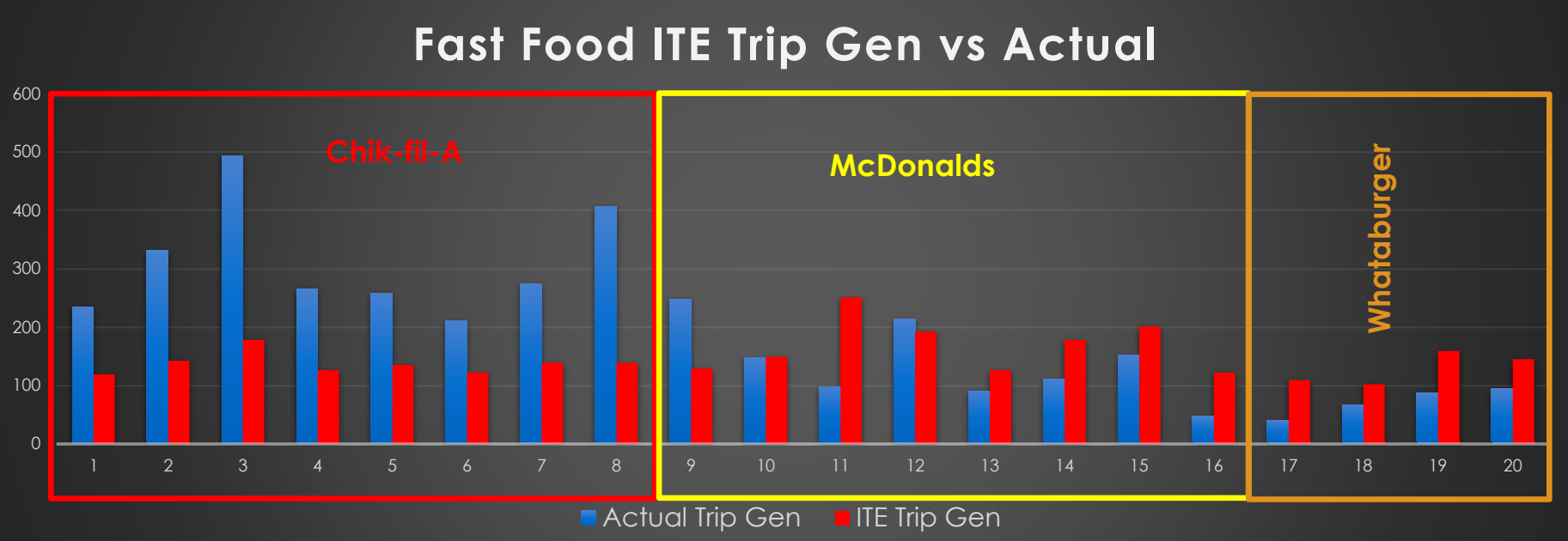




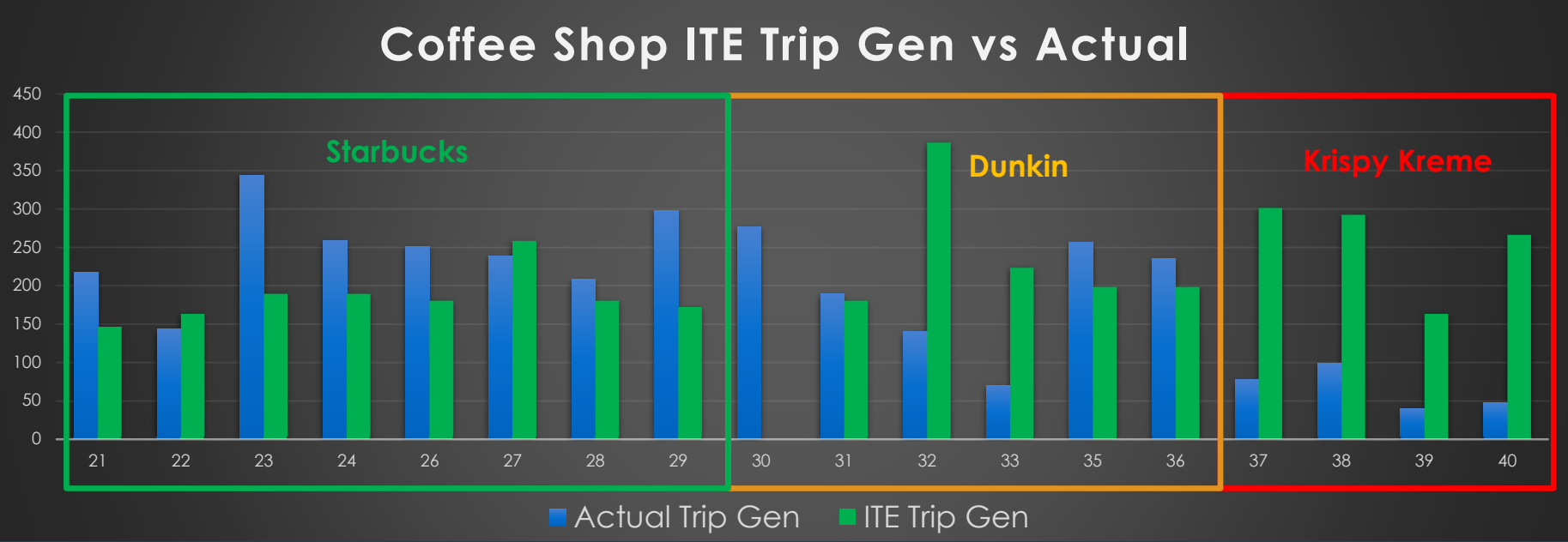
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# ITE vs. Actual – Fast Food



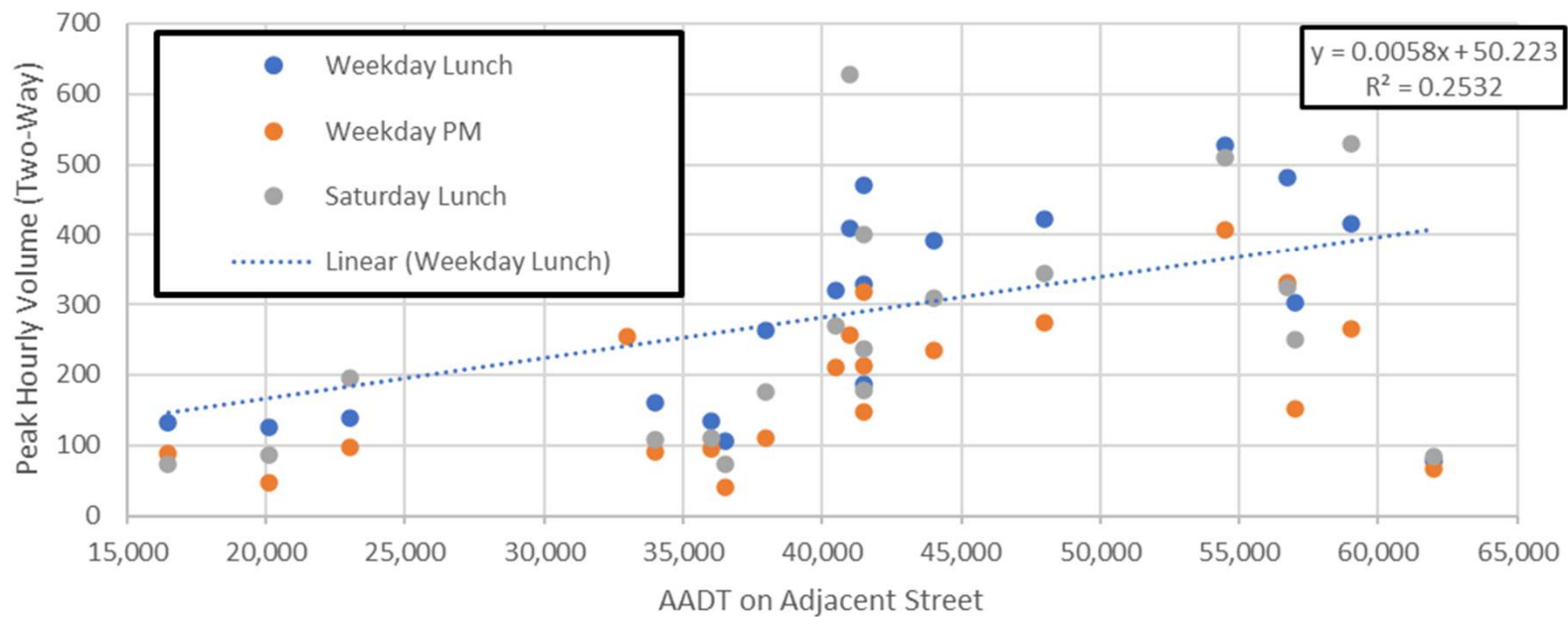
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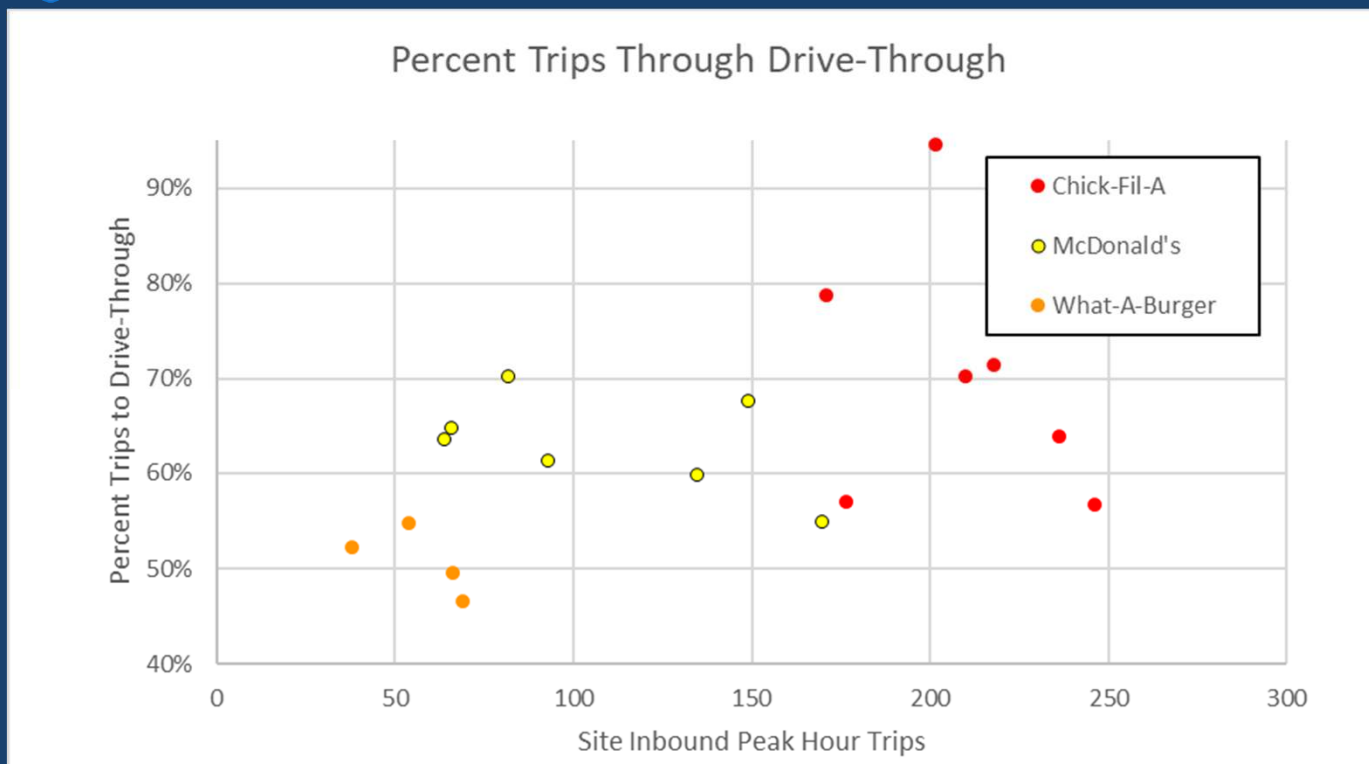


# Is Adjacent Street Volume a Better Independent Variable?

Fast Food Trip Generation v AADT on Adjacent Street



# Queueing – Drive-Through Usage



# How To Estimate Queue Length

Queue lengths depend on three factors:

- Rate and duration of arrivals (e.g. trip generation). More arrivals, longer queues.
- Rate at which orders are filled and vehicles depart. Faster rate shortens queues.
- Lengths of vehicles in queue.



# How to Estimate Queue Length

## Arrival Rates

- At Fast-Food Restaurants ranged from 40 To 628 veh/hr, averaged 245
- At Coffee-Donut Shops ranged from 22 To 485 veh/hr, averaged 199

## Service Rates

- At Fast-Food Restaurants ranged from 21 To 205 veh/hr, averaged 86
- At Coffee-Donut Shops ranged from 33 To 107 veh/hr, averaged 73

**Conclude:** Different restaurants have different operating styles. These parameters even vary within store brands. **Cannot generalize.**

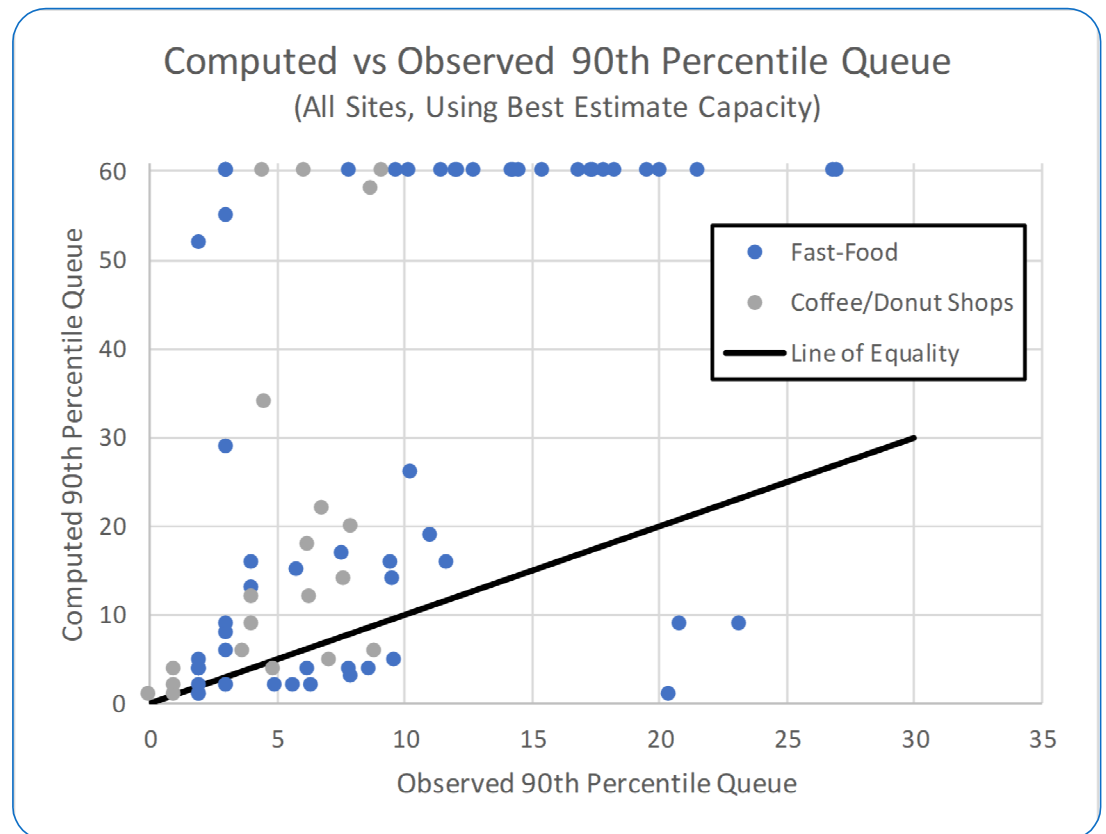
# How to Estimate Queues

We tried different methods:

- Applied classical equations
- Applied micro-simulation

# Application of Classical Equations

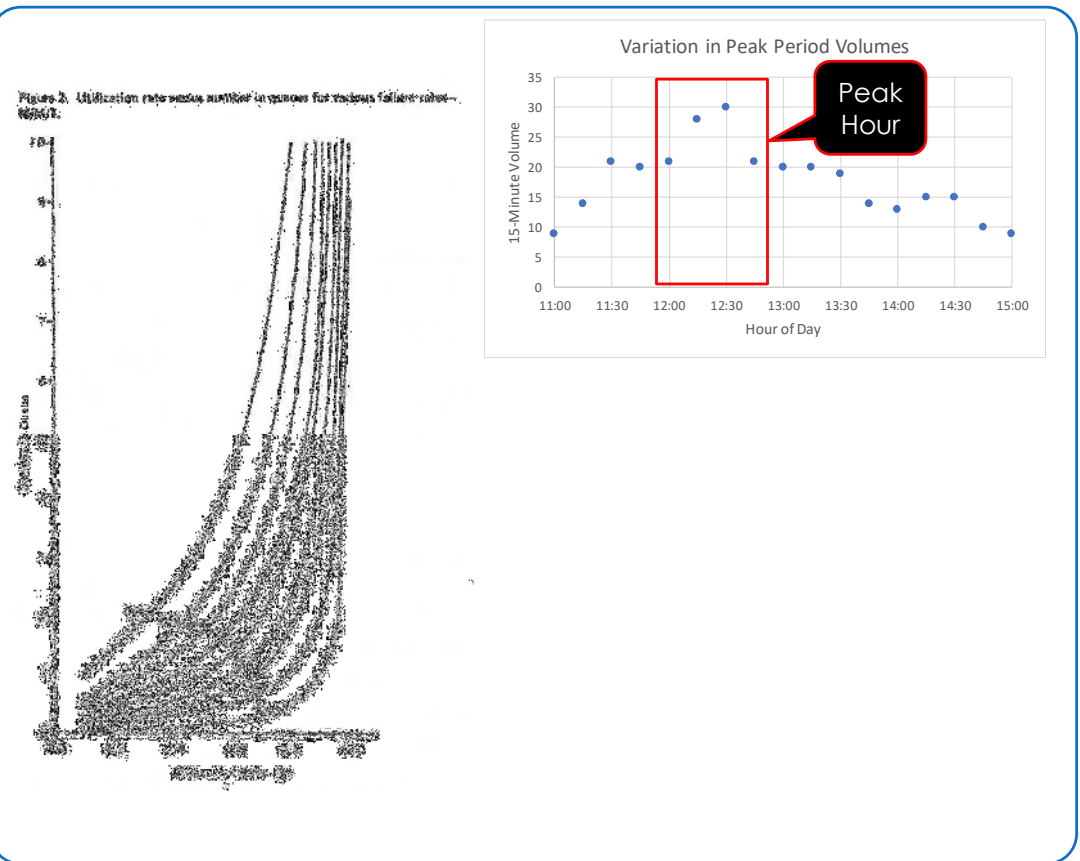
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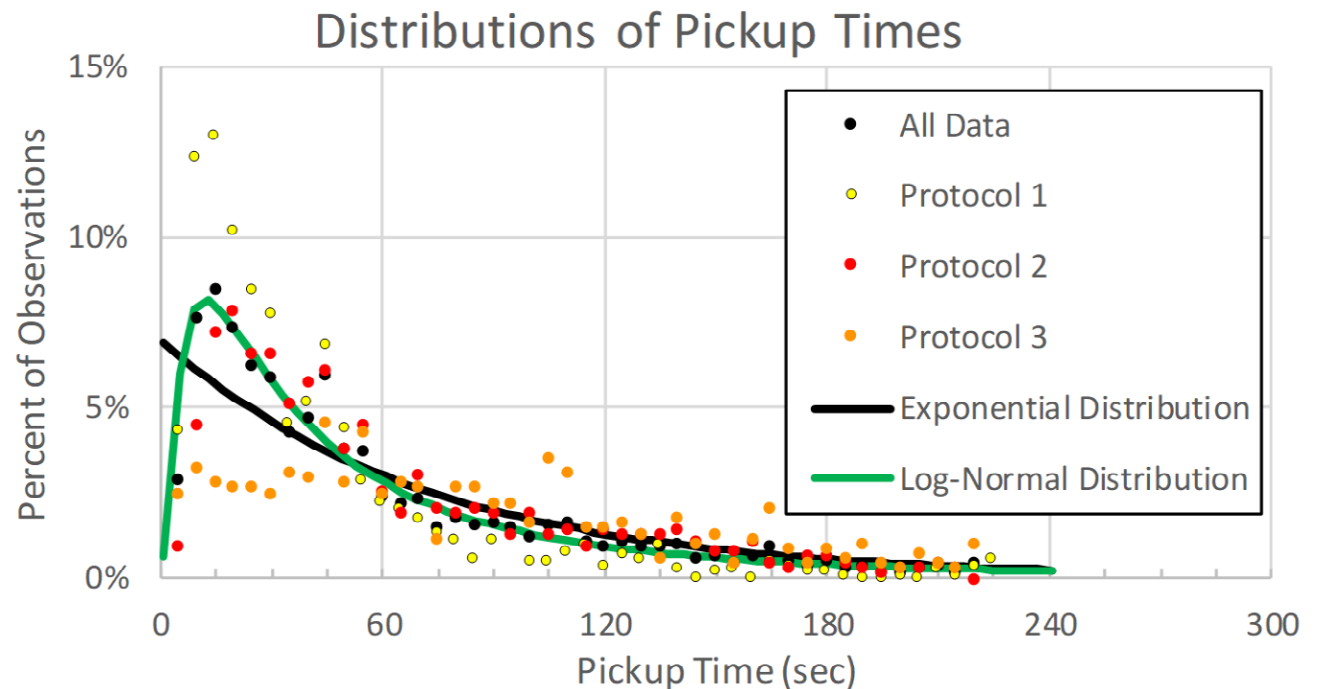
# Classical Equations Don't Do a Good Job

As volume:capacity ratios approach 1.00, queues increase exponentially. For queues to increase exponentially, vehicles need to arrive exponentially. But demands fall off after the peak period, and queues dissipate.

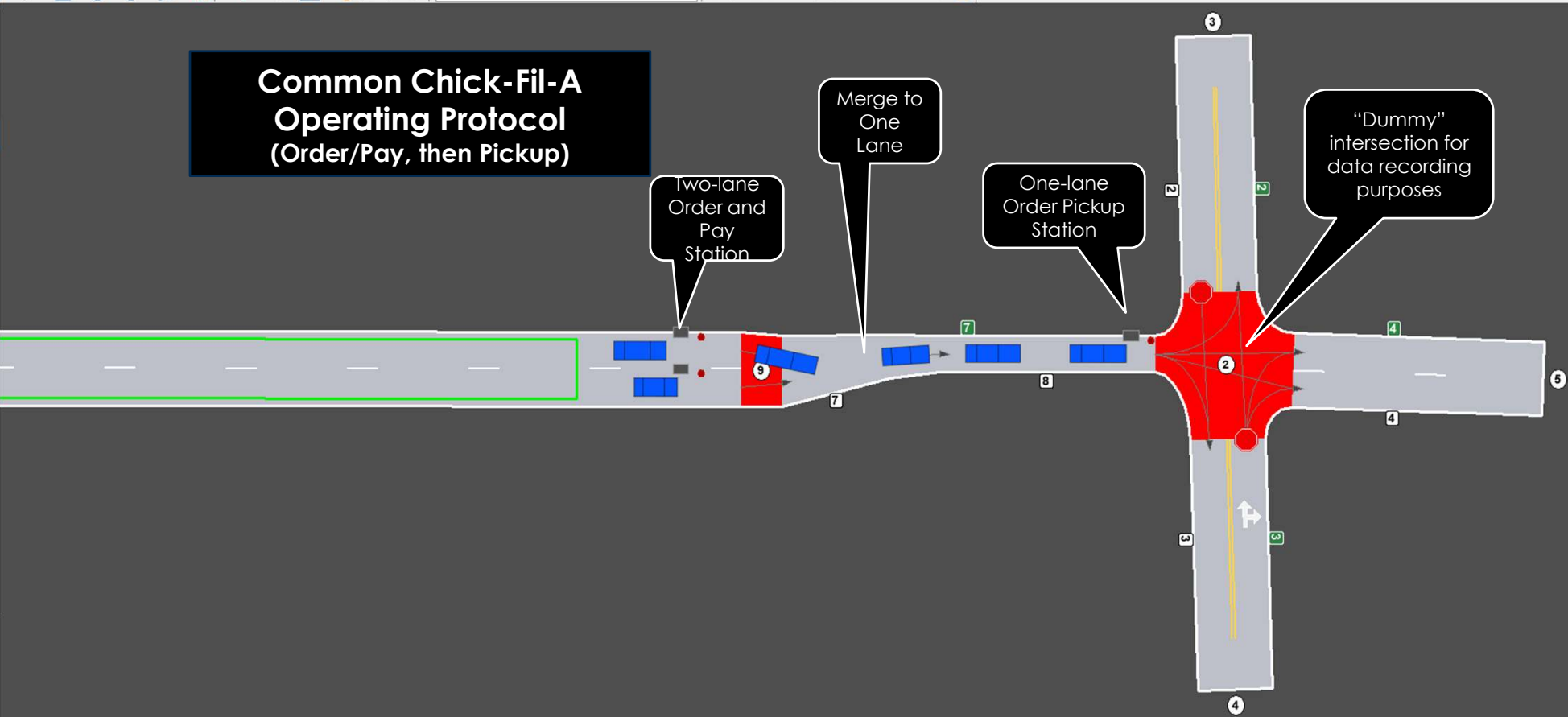


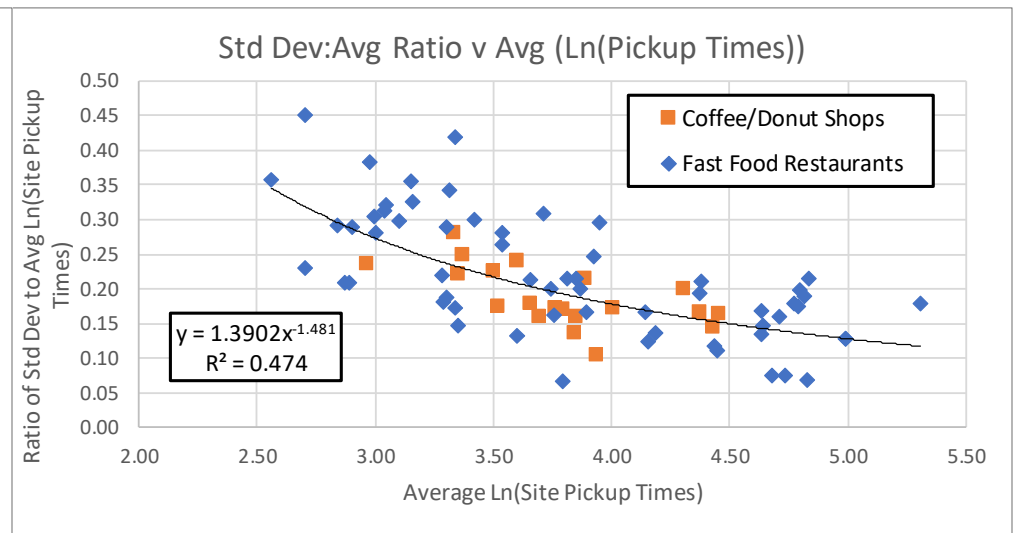
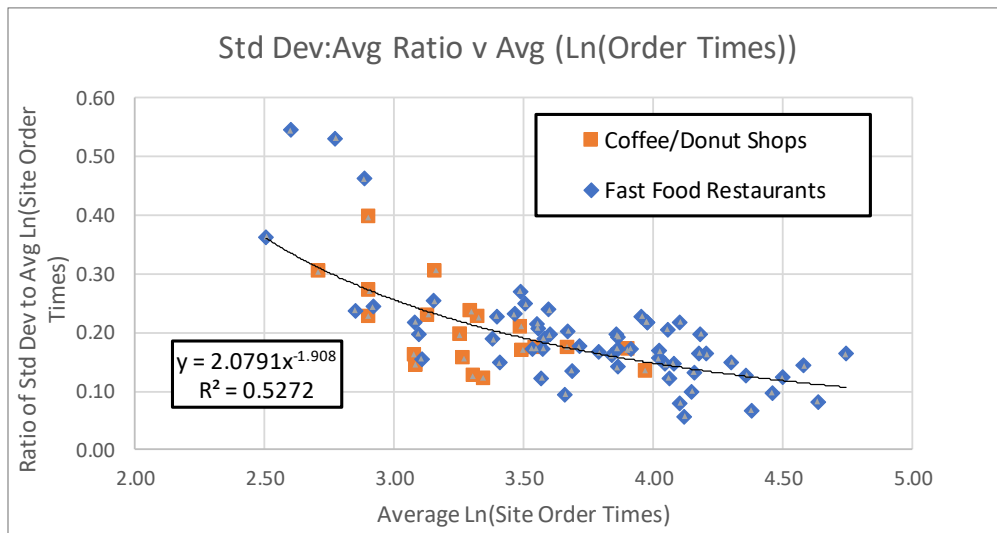
# Classical Equations Don't Do a Good Job

- They are based on a “negative exponential” distribution of service times, actual service times follow a “log-normal” distribution.



# Common Chick-Fil-A Operating Protocol (Order/Pay, then Pickup)





**Natural Log Better Fit**

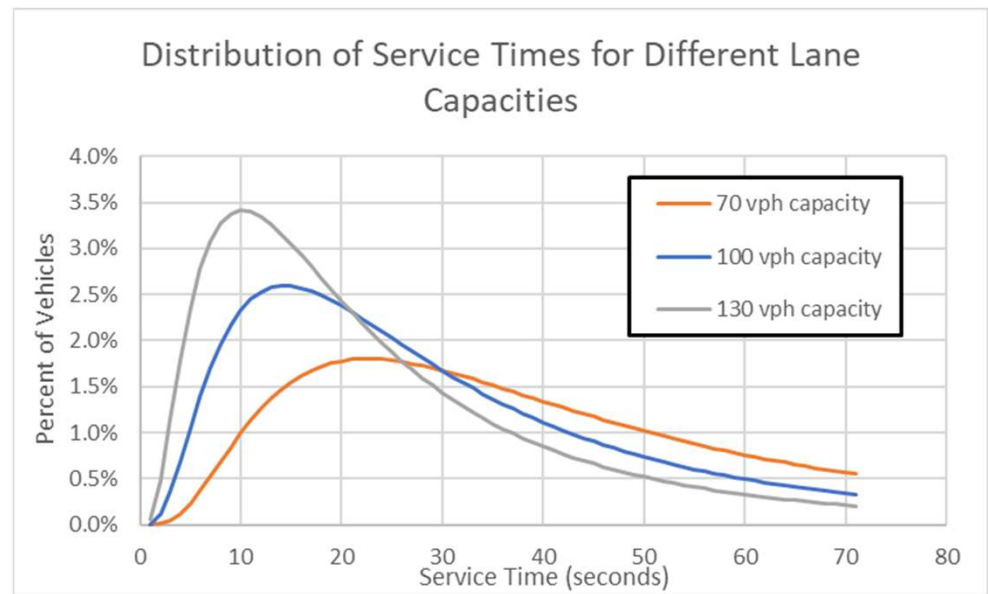


Unique, log-normally-distributed service time distributions can be entered into TransModeler

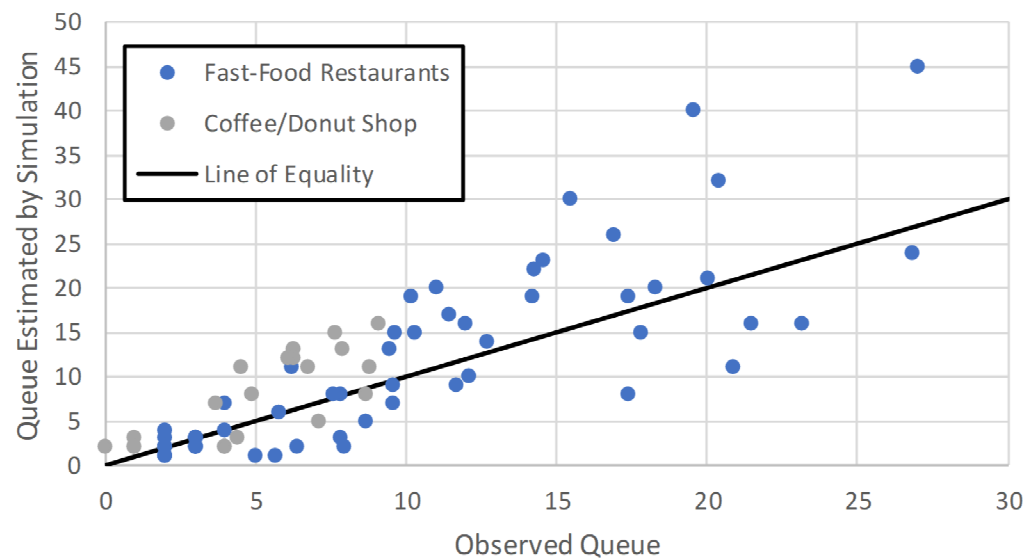
**Service Time Distributions for TransModeler**

			Order Times				Pickup Times				
			Average:	47.0	42.5	54.3	75.1	27.9	40.3	55.7	144.0
			Standard Dev:	34.47	41.22	38.10	65.42	25.60	37.46	45.14	118.49
			Capacity:	77	85	66	48	129	89	65	25
Trans-Modeler Table Row	Percentile	% to which Applicable	Order Time 1	Order Time 2	Order Time 3	Order Time 4	Pickup Time 1	Pickup Time 2	Pickup Time 3	Pickup Time 4	
1	2%	3.5%	6.9	2.0	12.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	7.0	12.9	
2	5%	4.0%	9.2	3.0	13.8	4.0	5.0	5.0	9.0	26.6	
3	10%	4.5%	13.0	6.0	17.0	8.0	7.0	9.0	14.0	37.3	
4	14%	5.5%	15.0	10.0	20.0	20.0	8.0	11.0	16.2	43.0	
5	21%	5.5%	19.0	16.0	24.0	28.0	10.2	15.0	21.0	52.0	
6	25%	6.0%	21.0	18.5	27.0	32.0	12.0	16.0	24.0	61.0	
7	33%	6.5%	26.0	24.0	32.0	42.0	14.0	21.0	30.0	77.7	
8	38%	5.5%	30.0	29.0	35.1	47.0	16.0	23.0	34.0	88.0	
9	44%	6.0%	34.0	32.0	40.0	54.0	18.0	25.8	38.0	100.0	
10	50%	6.0%	37.0	35.0	46.0	60.0	20.0	29.0	42.0	109.0	
11	56%	6.0%	41.0	39.0	51.0	67.0	23.0	35.0	49.0	125.0	
12	62%	5.5%	48.0	43.0	55.9	74.0	26.0	39.0	53.9	142.3	
13	67%	5.5%	54.0	48.0	60.0	84.0	29.0	42.8	59.0	158.0	
14	73%	5.5%	60.1	55.0	68.0	100.0	35.0	47.0	68.0	180.0	
15	78%	5.0%	67.0	60.0	75.5	109.5	39.3	52.6	80.5	209.0	
16	83%	5.0%	77.0	69.0	84.0	124.0	44.5	61.0	92.0	237.2	
17	88%	5.0%	90.0	79.6	96.0	142.5	53.0	78.0	106.2	269.4	
18	93%	4.5%	105.0	96.1	114.8	174.0	65.0	102.0	126.6	340.4	
19	97%	3.0%	133.4	122.7	140.7	225.4	89.0	135.9	169.5	419.6	
20	99%	2.0%	161.6	176.1	203.5	310.2	134.6	191.0	238.0	592.2	
			100.0%								

As capacity increases, distribution of service times "tightens up"



Simulation Queue Estimate v Observed Queue  
(vehicles)

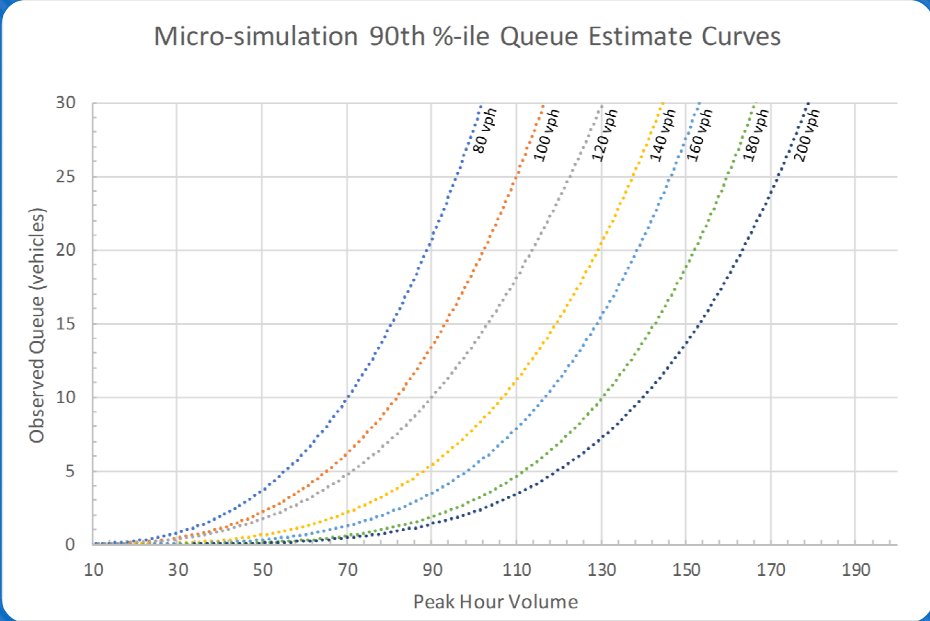


# Application of Micro-Simulation

RMS error = 5.5 veh  
(compared to >30.24)

### Queue Length in Vehicles as a Function of Peak Hour Volume and Service Rate

		Service Rate (veh/hr)>>>>>>>									
		2	1.5	1.2	1	0.86	0.75	0.67	0.6	0.55	0.5
		30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
Peak Hour Volume	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	40	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	60	61	32	11	5	1	0	0	0	0	
	80	113	77	49	26	12	7	2	0	0	
	100		131	96	65	43	21	13	8	3	0
	120				115	83	60	38	20	15	10
	140					135	100	78	55	33	22
	160						153	118	94	72	49



# Queue Length based on Volume and Service Rate

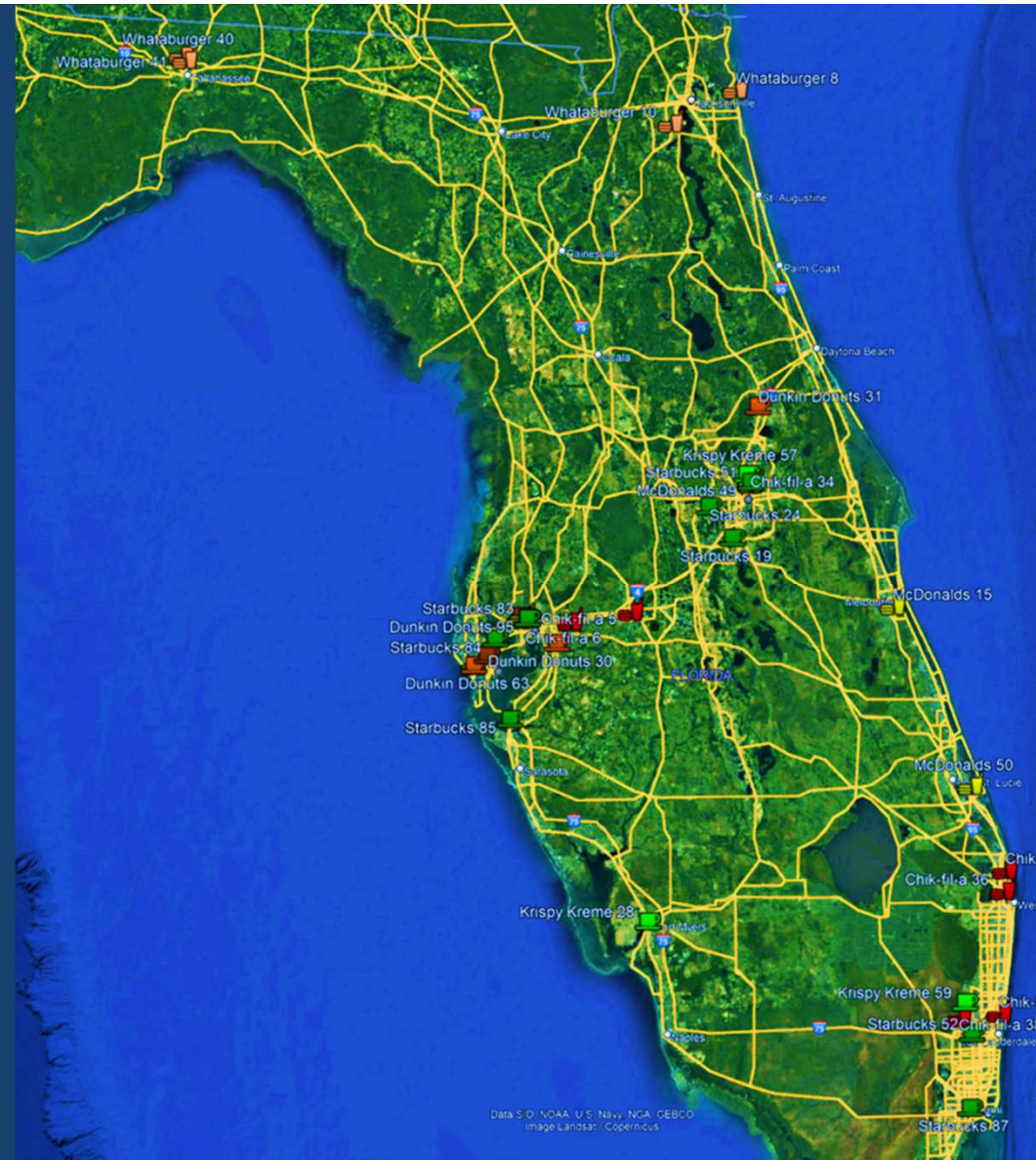




# Tasks 5&6 – Teleconference and Report

# Updates and Lessons (so far)

- Popularity among different brands varies dramatically, therefore trip generation rates vary dramatically.
- Using ITE Trip Generation for estimates may not be accurate by brand
- Peak hours for fast food are weekday lunch hour, however traffic impact analysis is typically weekday PM Peak Hour





# Updates and Lessons (so far)

- Through the pandemic, drive-throughs have seen dramatic changes (increased usage)
- No updates in traffic engineering queuing theory since the 70s. Queueing equations focused on roadway/intersections.
- Performance in drive throughs (service times) vary dramatically
- Different restaurant chains have different operating procedures







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