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Universal Roadway Network

Toward a More Efficient Network Structure for Travel Demand Modeling





Network Problem for Modeling

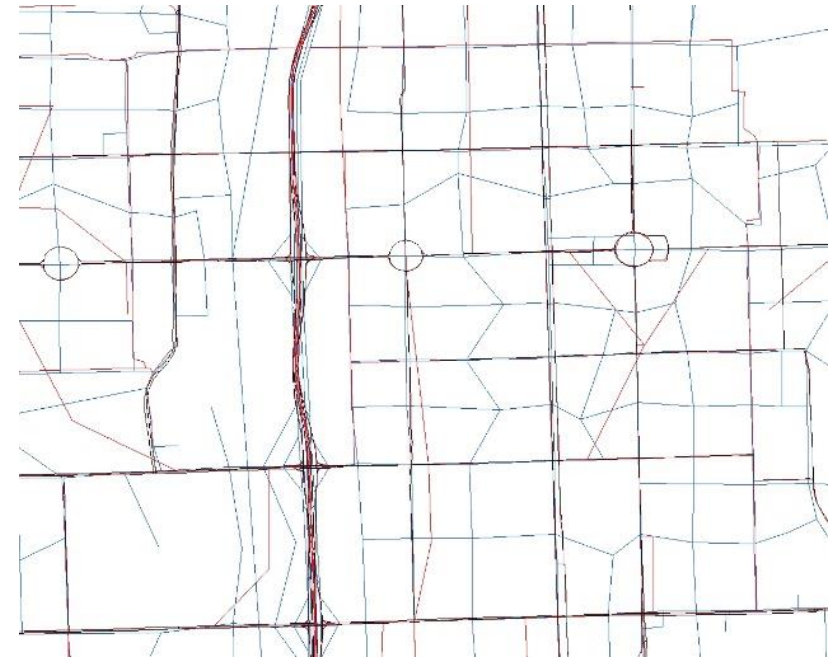
State



State & Regional



State , Regional & Local





Network Problem for Modeling - continued

- Different models in overlapping geographic areas use different network representation of the same physical network
- We have data standards for modeling (FSUTMS), but we lack a standard/common network
- Difficult to share common input data elements
 - Facility type, area type, number of lanes, speed, traffic counts, etc.
- Difficult to exchange information among models of multi-scales and multi-resolutions
- Difficult to view and compare input data and future projections





Considerations for Network Requirements

Network Structure

- One common node-link data structure that includes all roads
- Integrated easily with ArcGIS and compatible with modeling software
- Maintain required attributes for modeling

Data Source

- A reliable source such as FDOT RCI, ARBM, HERE...
- Criteria for choosing the source if multiple sources are available

Data Management

- Support different scales of models (state/regional/local)
- Shared among different agencies and stakeholders (safety, operations, transit, forecasting & trends, civil integrated management etc.)
- Clearly defined portion of data (links and attributes) that could be shared and managed





Proposed Data Model for Multi-scale and Multi-resolution Modeling

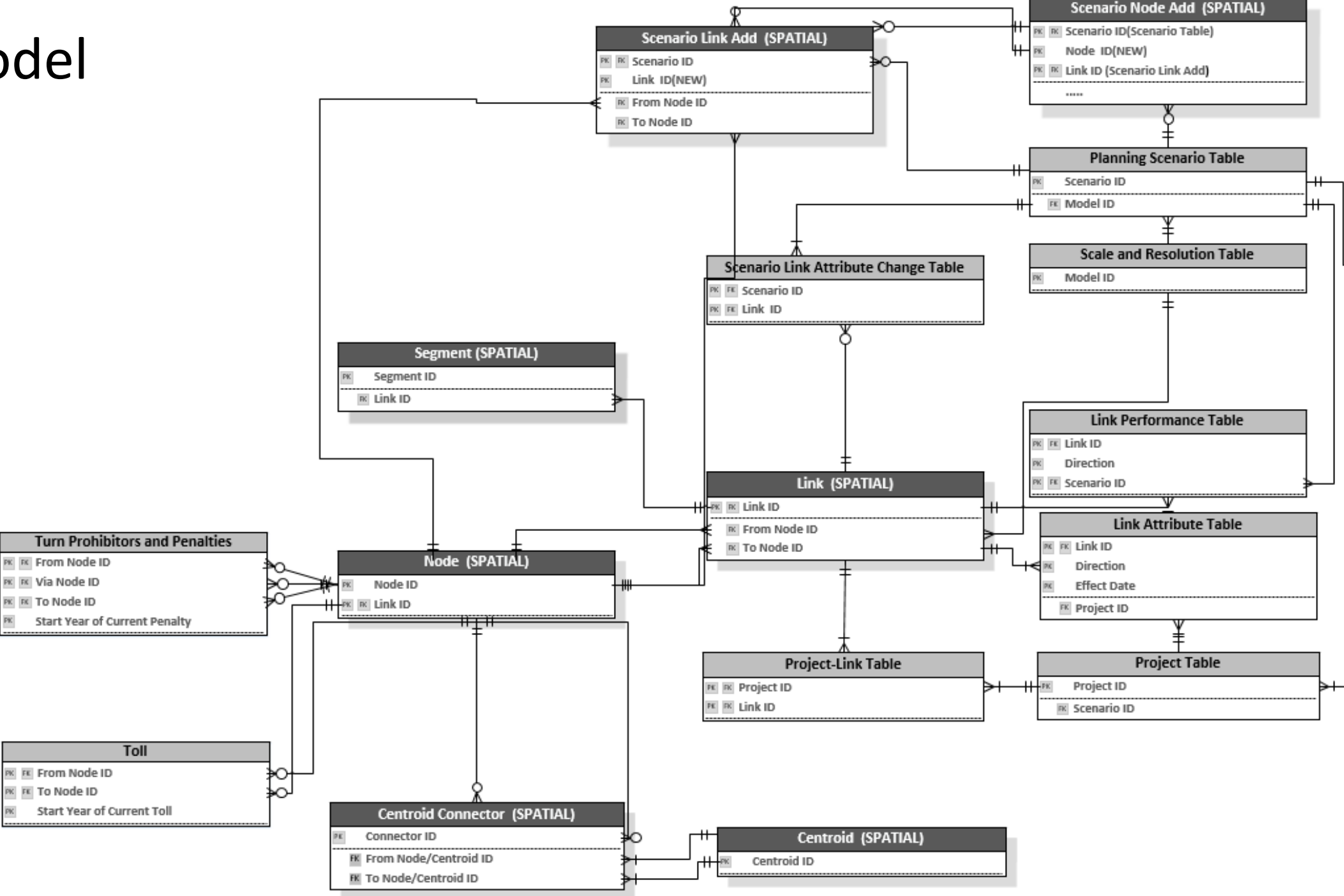


Data sources for the proposed data model

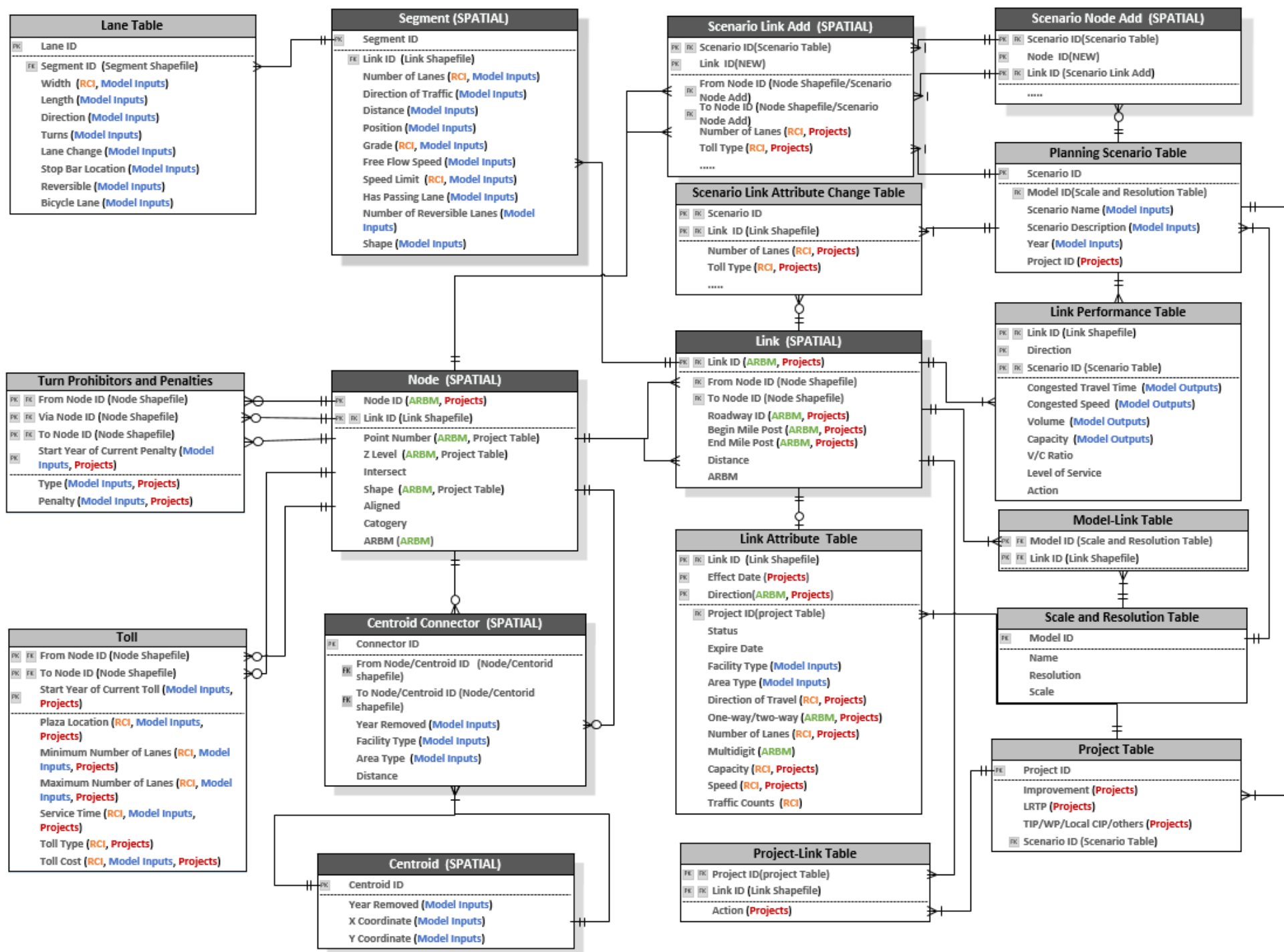
- **BASEMAP (DOT basemap/ARBM):** Link ID, Node ID, Multidigit, Milepost, Z level, ...
- **RCI:** Direction of travel, Number of lanes, Speed, AADT, Toll plaza, Toll type, ...
- **Projects:** Agency, Location, Work type, Planning status, Year of completion, Direction of travel, Number of lanes, Speed, ...
- **Model inputs:** Facility type, Area type, Scenario Name, Turn type, Turn penalty, ...



Data Model



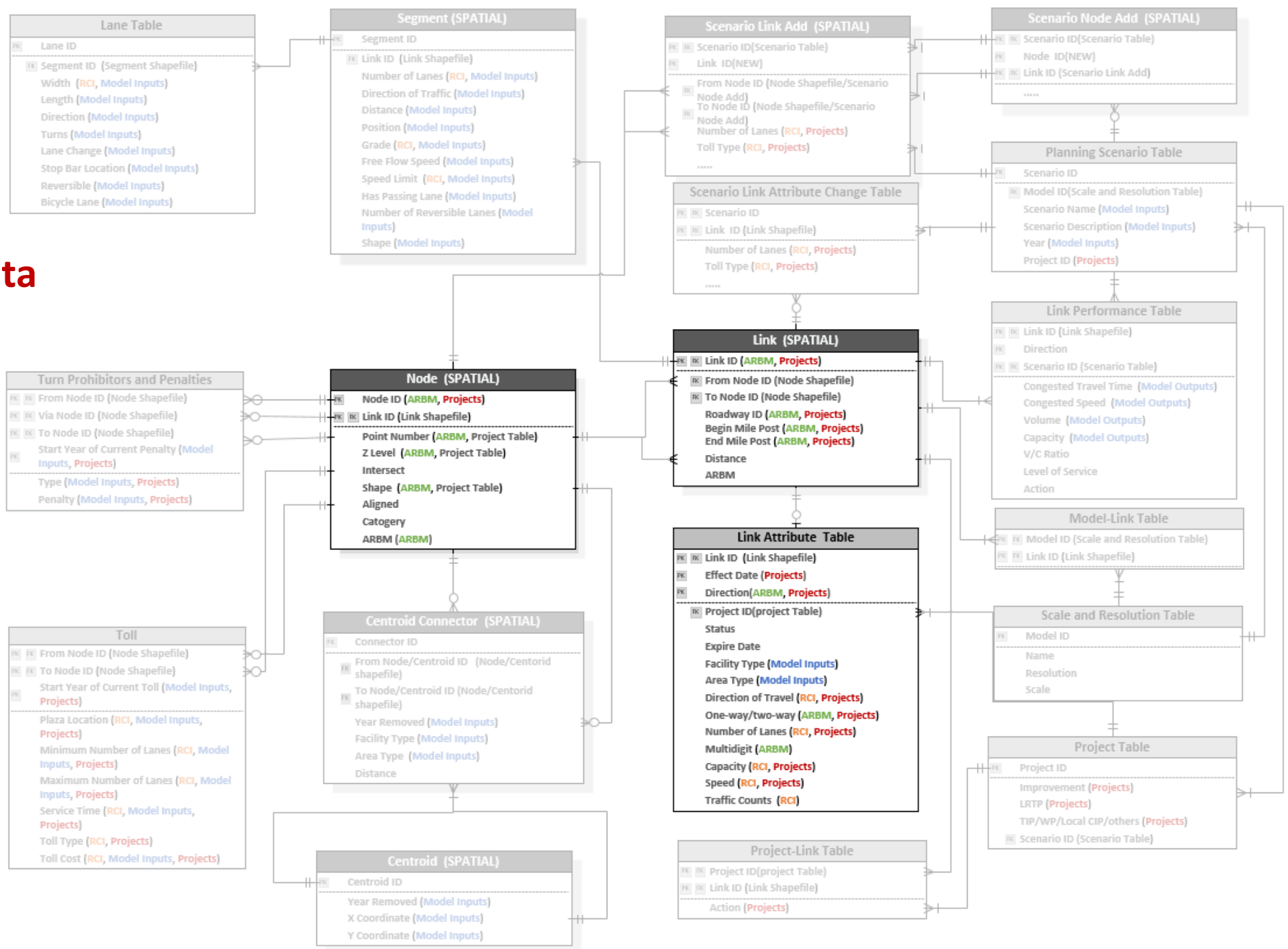
Data Model



Data sources:

- ARBM
- RCI
- Projects
- Model inputs

First Priority Data

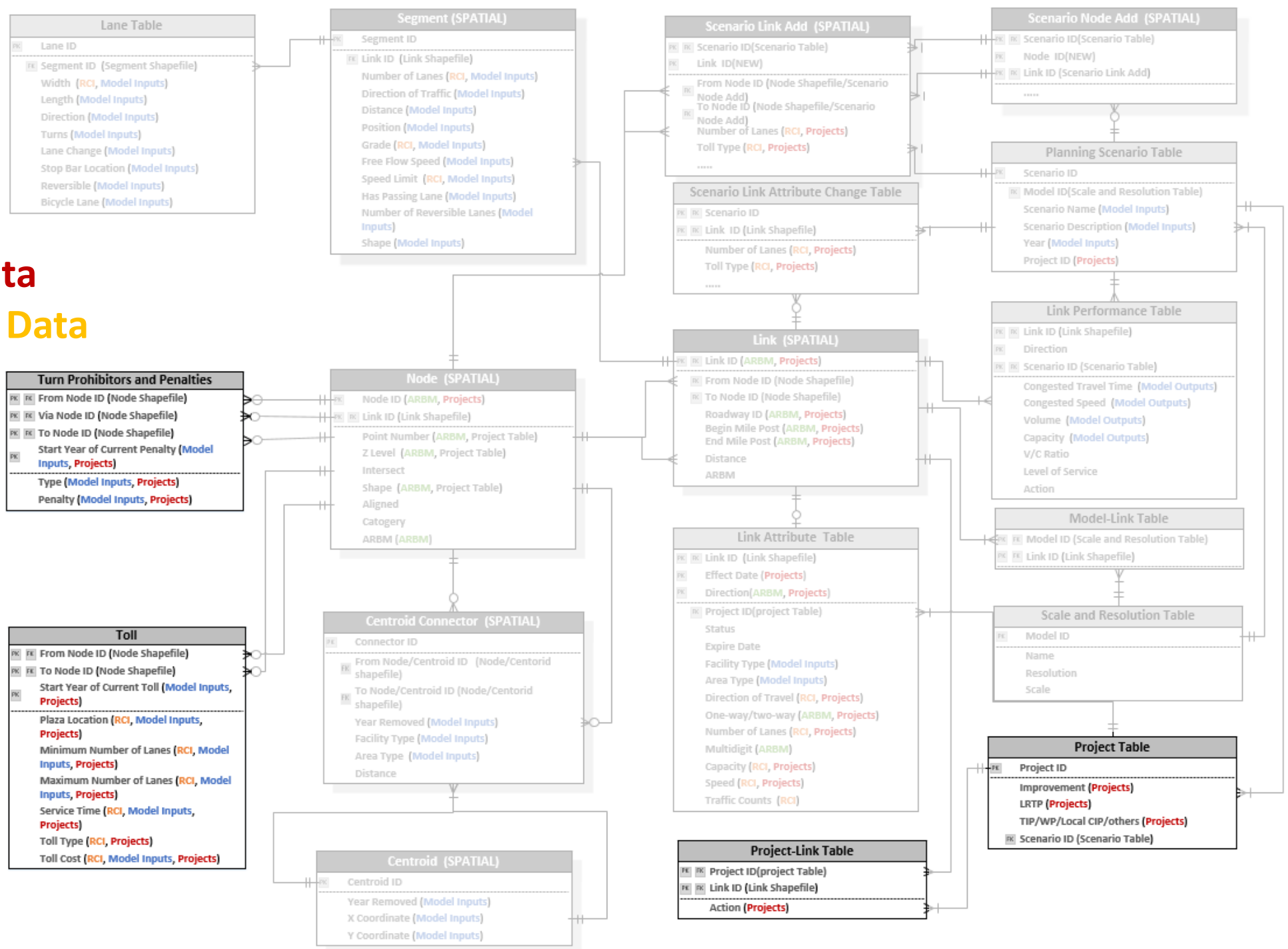


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First Priority Data

Second Priority Data



Data sources:
 ARBM
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Legend

Relationship types

- — 1 or more
- ○ — 0 or more
- — 1 and only 1
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Only spatial entities have shadows

First Priority Data
Second Priority Data
Additional Modeling
Related Data

Data sources:
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 Model inputs

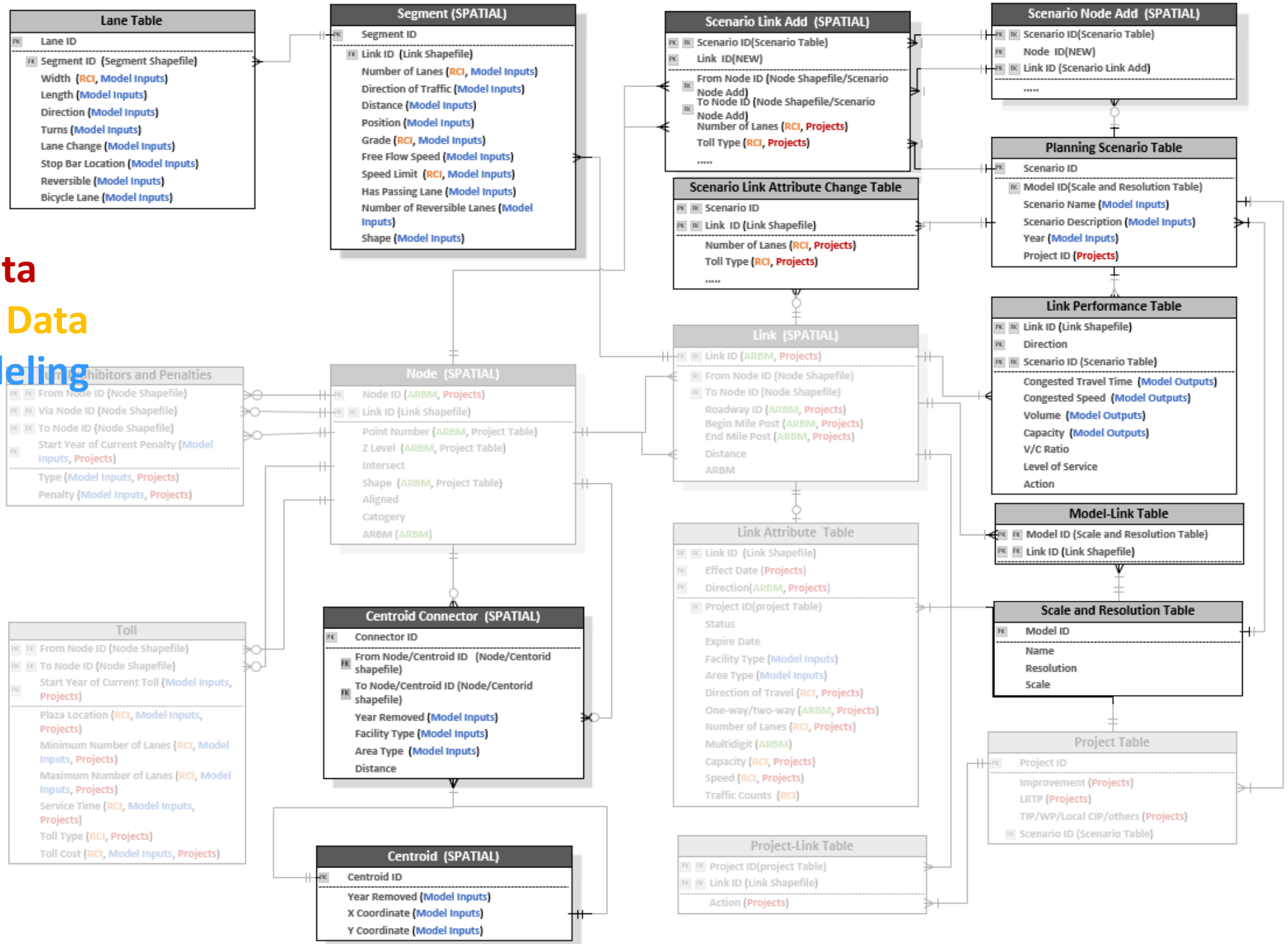
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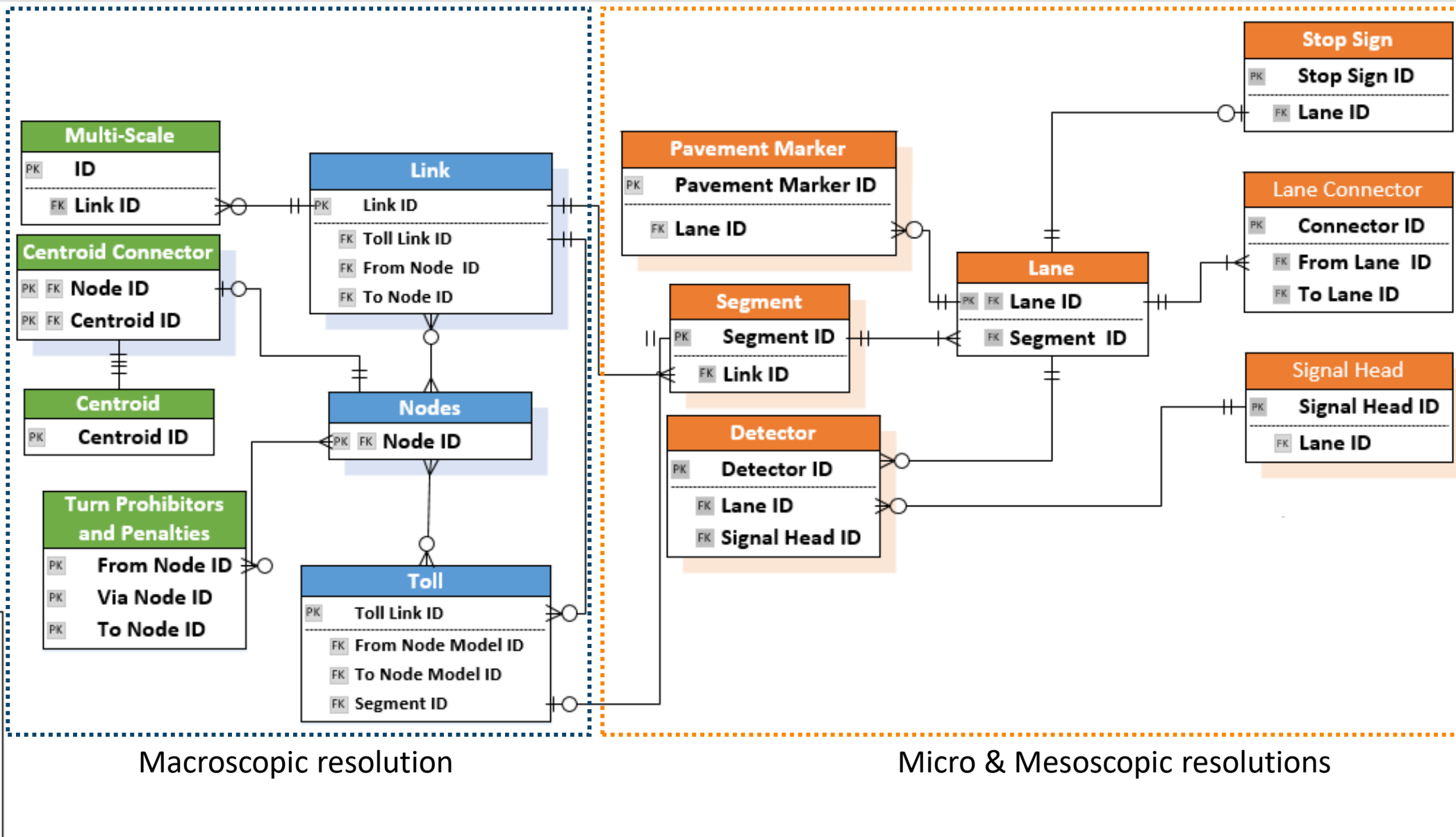
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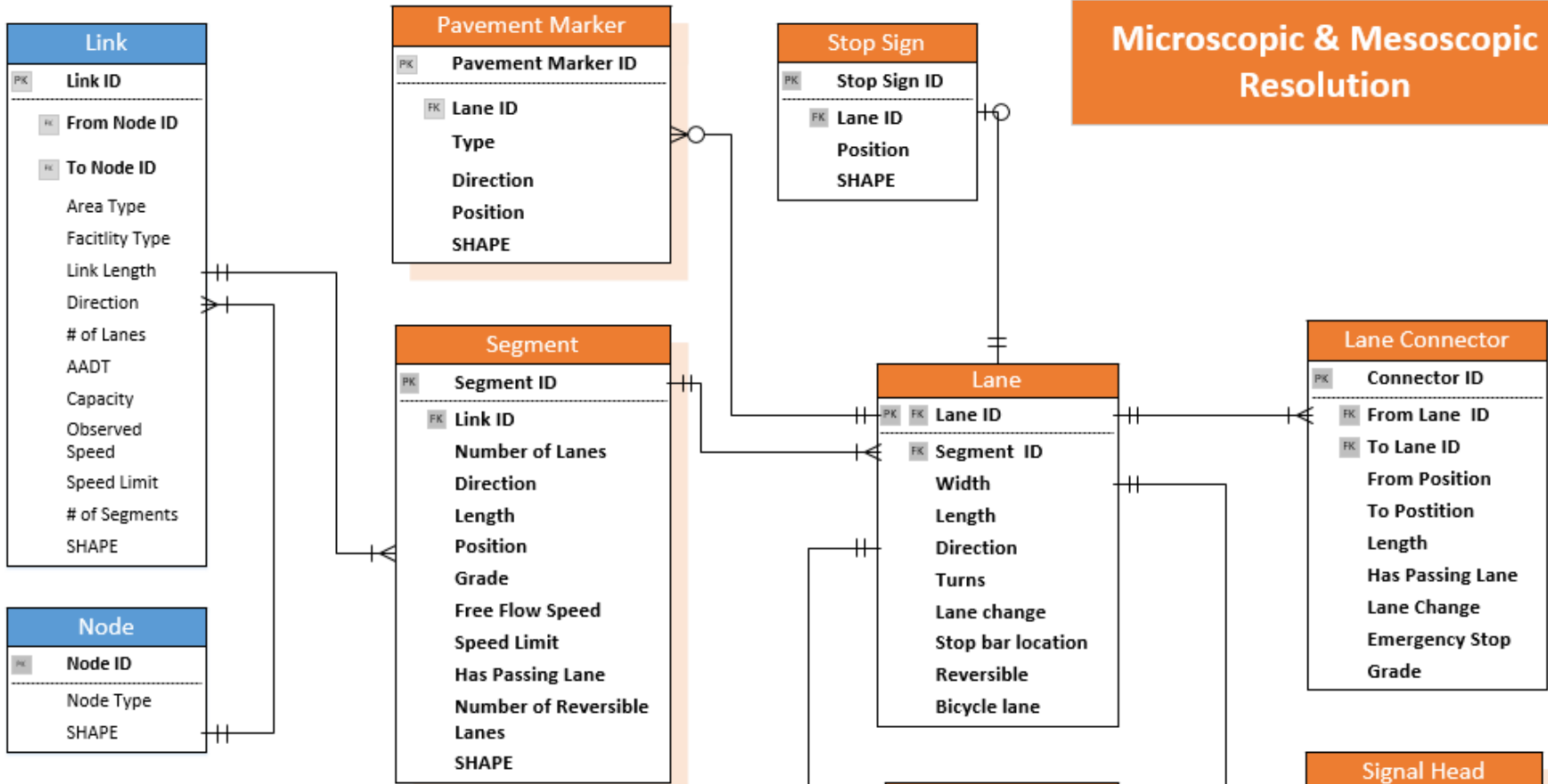




Data model for multi-resolution modeling



Microscopic & Mesoscopic Resolution



Legend

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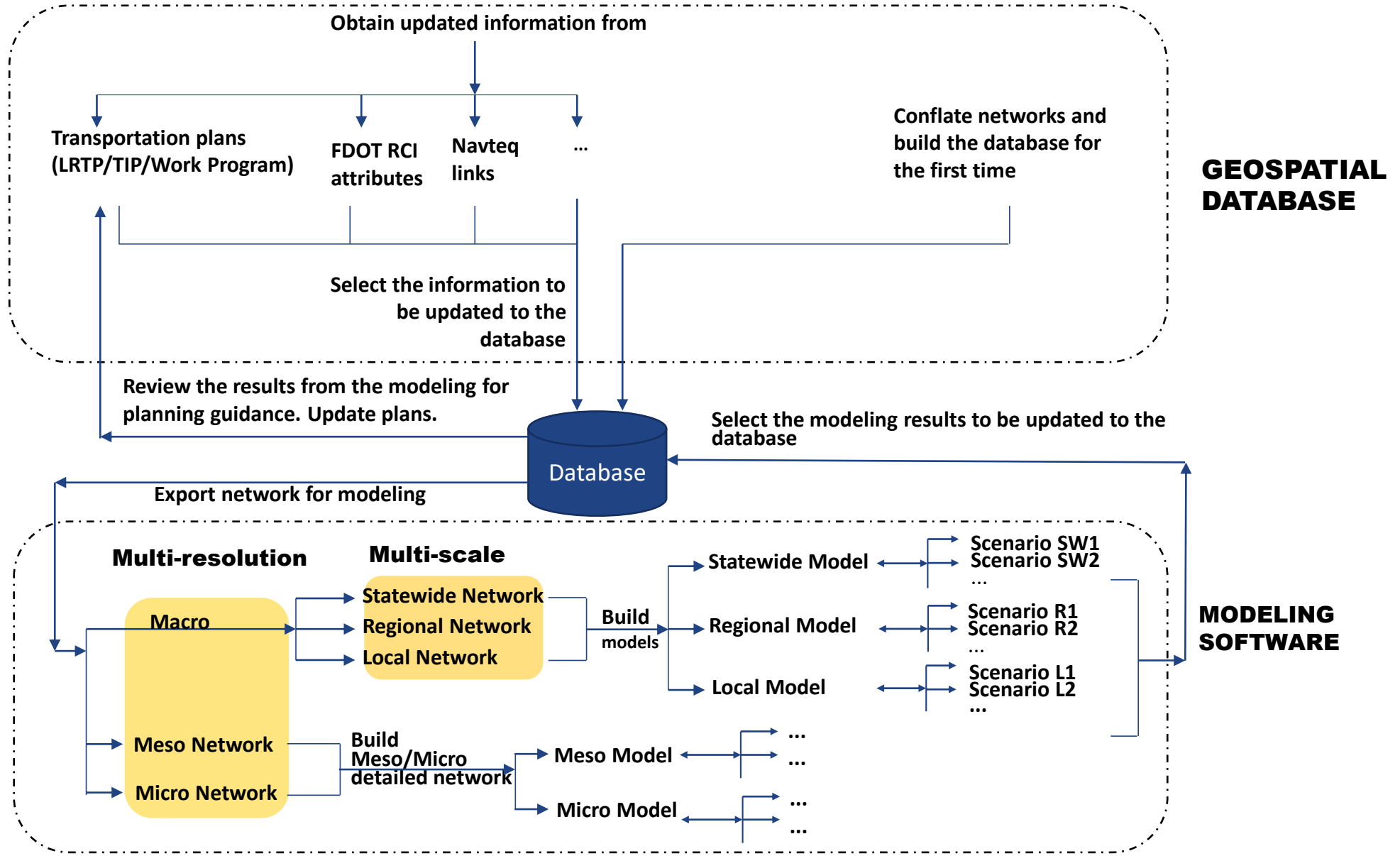
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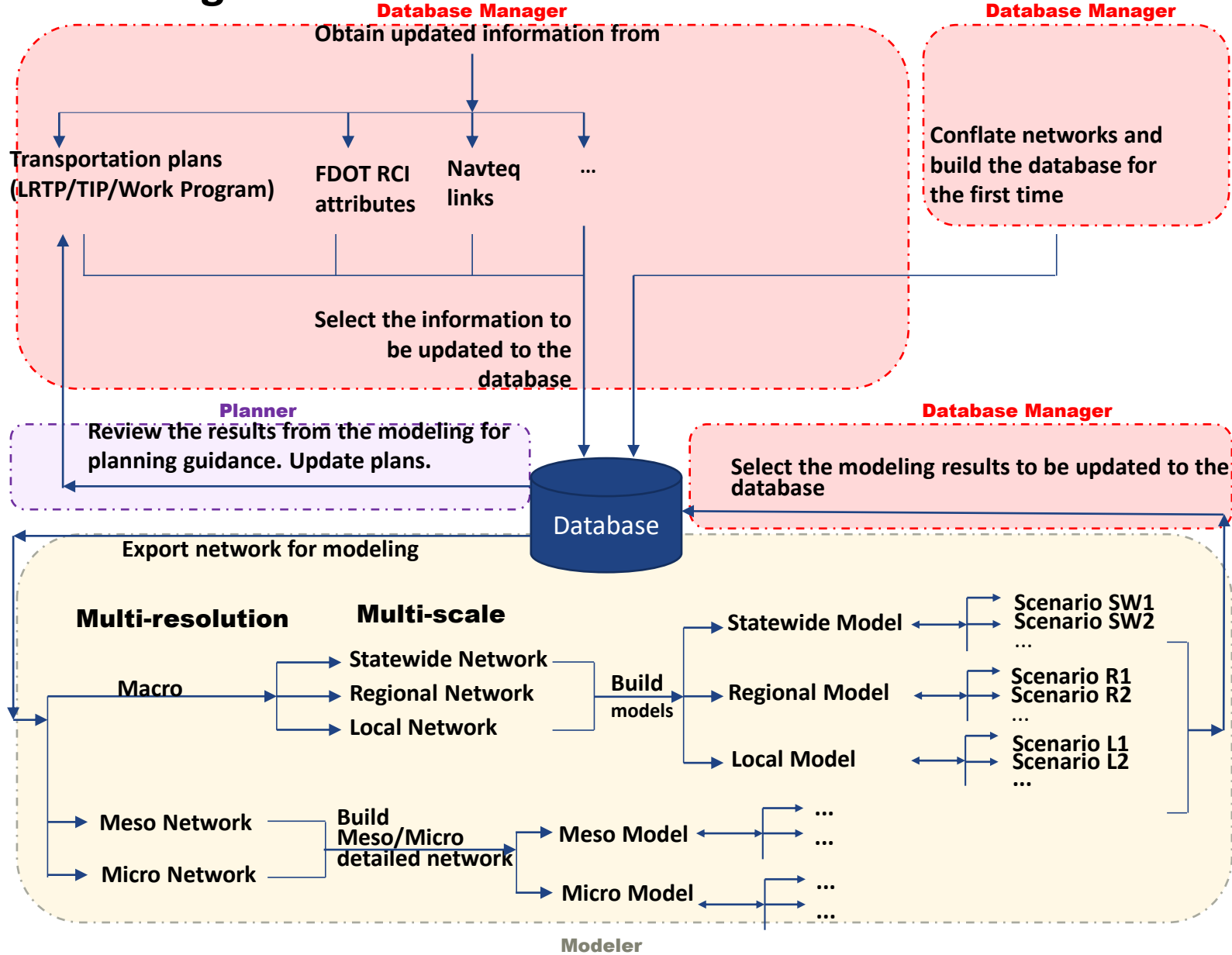


Data flow and management for the unified planning network

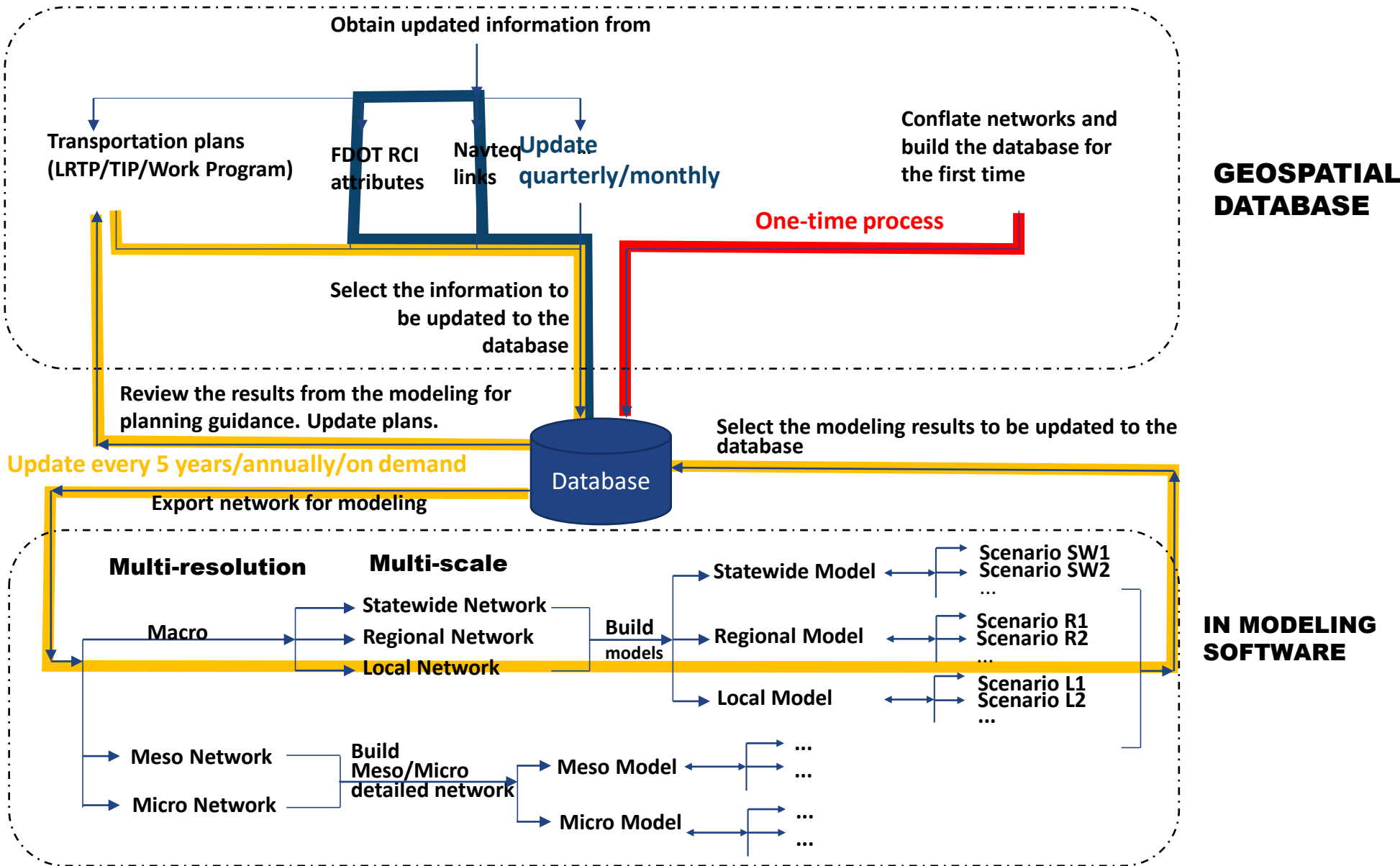
Network Database Data Flow



Network Database Management Roles



Network Database Update Cycle





Benefits for Modeling and Collaboration

- Integrate the data already being collected and maintained by FDOT
- Less need for data processing
- Easier to find potential errors on shared links
- Reduction of duplicate efforts





Benefits for Modeling and Collaboration - continued

- Various departments/agencies get access to shared information
- Facilitates coordination of agencies that rely on the same network - MPO, FDOT, Transit Agencies, Toll Operators
- While models can retain their independence, sharing can support ability to estimate/calibrate models to develop forecast





Considerations for Implementation

- FDOT offices encouraged to play contributing roles
 - As data providers
 - As hosts and managers of the database
- Leadership in developing and maintaining the unified network
 - TDA & FTO collaboration/coordination
- Modeling communities willing to collaborate and share
- Modeling software should support the unified true shape network





Considerations for Implementation - Network selection

- **All roads and true shape, e.g:**
 - All Roads Base Map (ARBM) contains all roads, it is true shape (based on HERE/Navteq)
 - FDOT has a maintenance contract with HERE
 - The State Safety Office has a process that integrates the LRS into HERE, RCI can be connected to the unified network
 - Turnpike model uses the HERE network
 - Methods have been developed and tested in the past to conflate the stick network to the HERE network





Suggested next steps towards implementation

- Coordinate with TDA
- Explore options and build a functional network prototype
- Start with Statewide and the Turnpike models
- Use the lessons for the regional and local models





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