



Regional Intergovernmental Council LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND TRAVEL DEMAND MODEL

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Base Map
Transportation Features
Interstate Highway
US Highway
Environment



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PLANNING PROCESS



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Changing Conditions

- 2005 Projection - \$842 million (\$32.4 million annually)
- 2008 Projection - \$469 million (\$14.7 million annually)
- Shift in mindset needed for future success



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2009 Existing Deficiencies

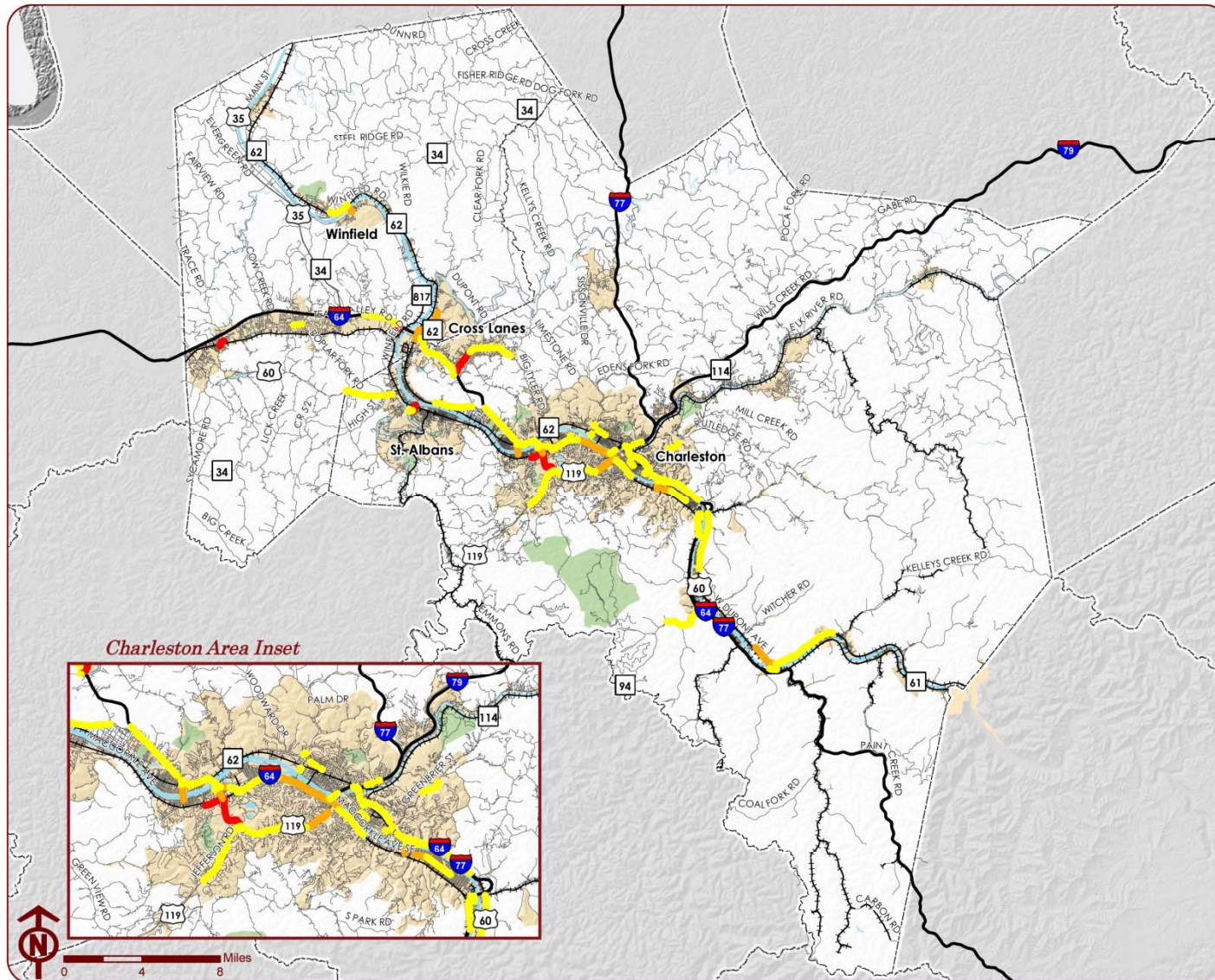


Figure 4.2

2009 Corridor Congestion

- Interstate Highways
- Streets
- +++ Railroads
- County Boundaries
- Bodies of Water
- Municipalities
- Parks

2009 Congested Corridors

- LOS D (Approaching Capacity)
- LOS E (At Capacity)
- LOS F (Over Capacity)

2040 Highway Deficiencies

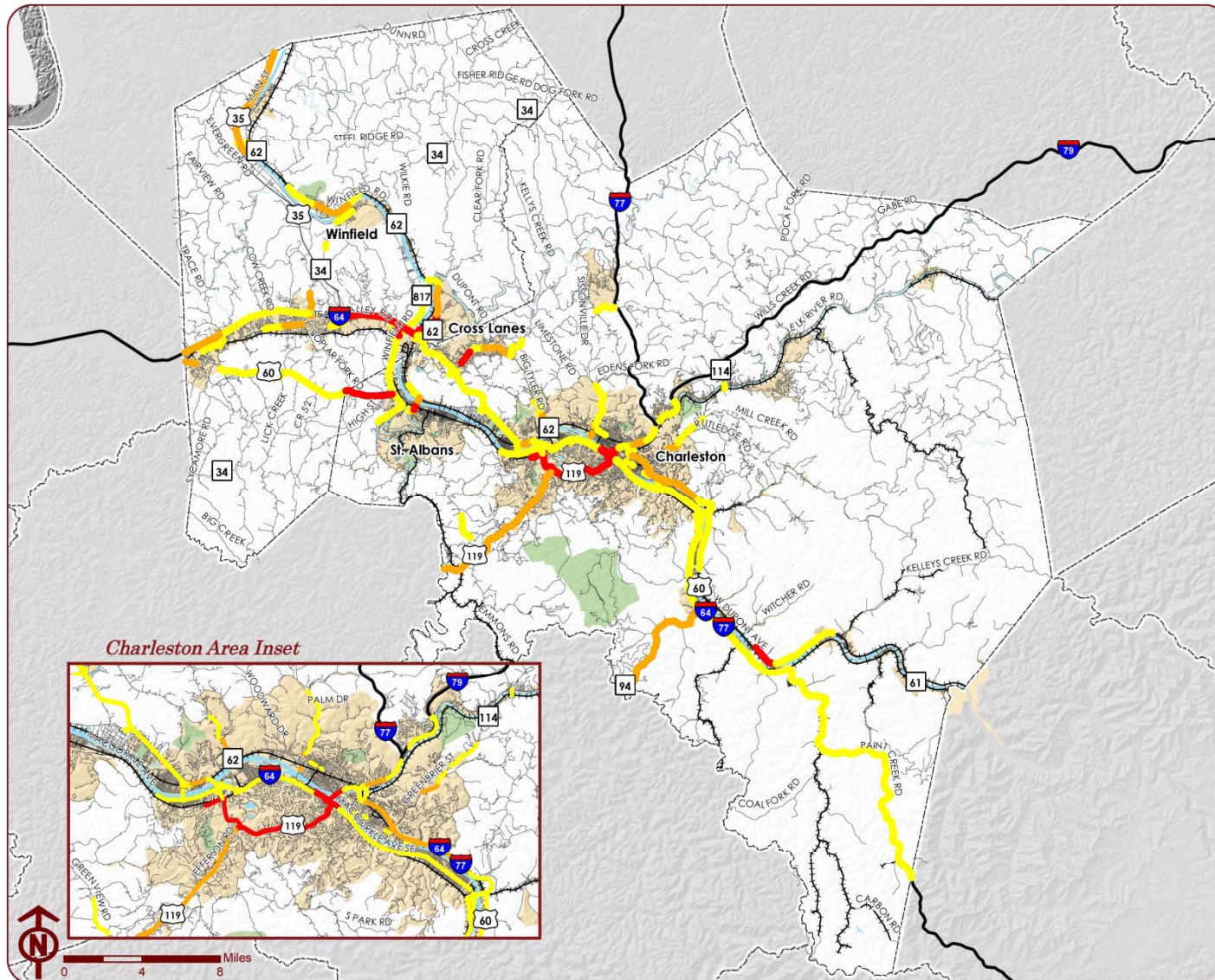


Figure 4.3

2040 E+C Corridor Congestion

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2040 Congested Corridors

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Planning Process

- Steering Committee
 - RIC, WVDOT, FHWA, and WVDEP
- Public Outreach
 - Workshops in July and October
 - Stakeholder Outreach
 - Online Public Questionnaire
- Conversion to new Model Platform
- Federal Highway Administration Compliant Process



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Planning Process

- Range of project types needed
 - Access management
 - Safety and intersection improvements
 - Large capacity projects
 - Multimodal integration



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Phased Project Solutions

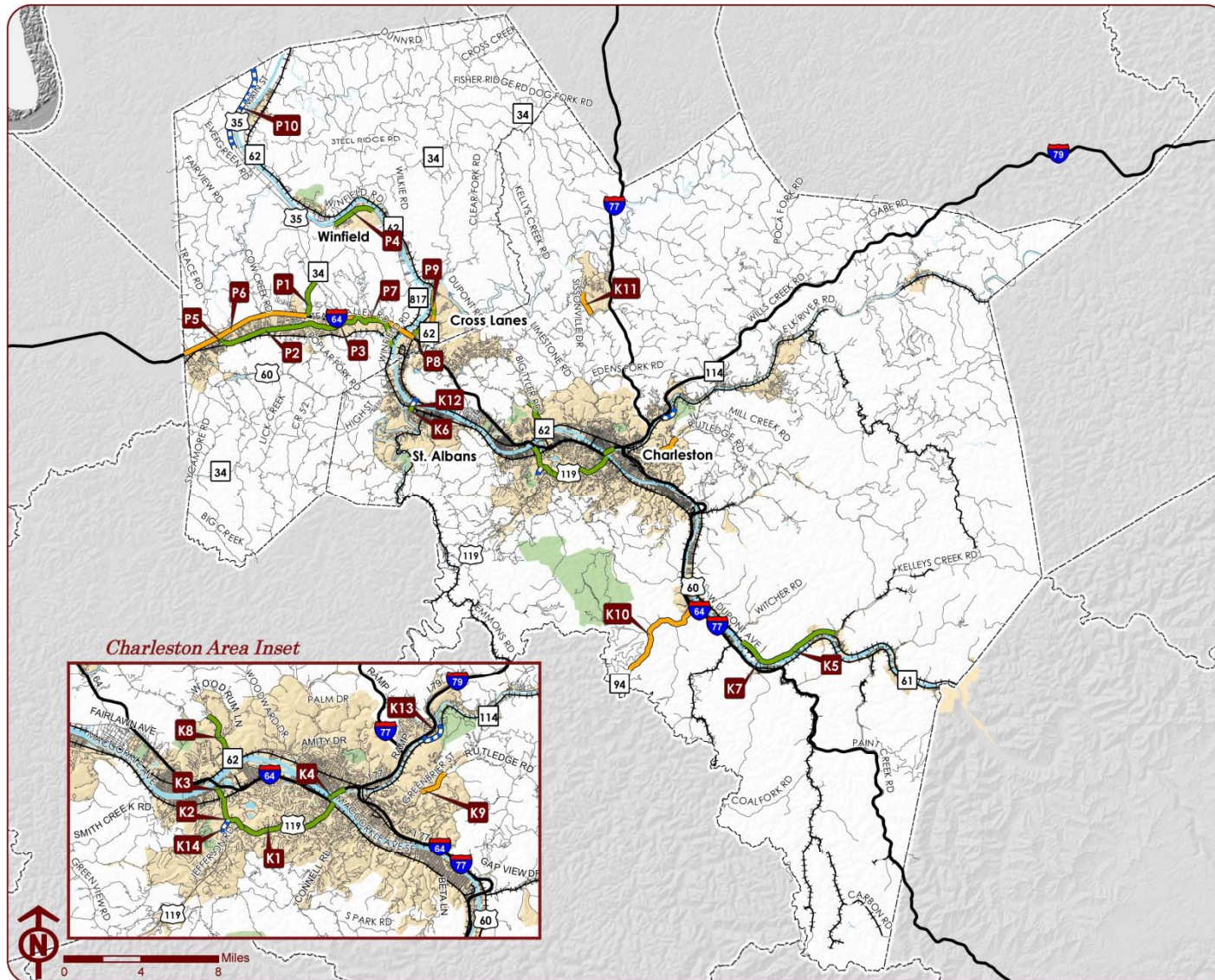
- Short-term: smaller, cost-effective projects
 - Relieve critical bottlenecks
 - Improve safety and reduce conflict points
 - Enhance intersection capacity
 - Rehabilitate key connections
- Long-term: larger, more costly projects
 - Larger scale improvements
 - Small area and regional congestion relief



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Recommended Highway Plan



2010 Addendum **Figure 1**

Proposed Projects

- Interstate Highways
 - Streets
 - Railroads
 - County Boundaries
 - Bodies of Water
 - Municipalities
 - Parks
- Proposed Projects**
- New Alignment
 - Access Management
 - Widening
 - Widening & Access Management

Tools for Implementation

- Best Practices Toolbox
 - Access management
 - Complete streets
 - ITS
- Visualization of improvements
- Model application
- Clear prioritization process



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Access Management

- Protecting key corridors
- Safety & Mobility
- Small, cost-effective projects



*Teays Valley Road today
(near Lake Chadesa Drive)*

*Teays Valley Road after implementation of
median and left-over treatments*



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What's Next

- Exploring alternative funding sources
 - Tolling
 - Grant initiatives
 - CMAQ
- Moving key recommendations forward
 - Teays Valley area
 - St. Albans bridge and underpass
 - US 35



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TRAVEL DEMAND MODELING



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Model Background

- EMME/2 Model with various upgrades and updates over time for planning work
- In 2008, Caliper Corporation converted the existing model to the TransCAD platform
- Caliper delivered a fully functional model, however it was not calibrated/validated therefore it couldn't be used for LRTP update work
- KHA, with assistance from RIC, performed calibration/validation, data updates, added additional model analysis years and updated the model interface

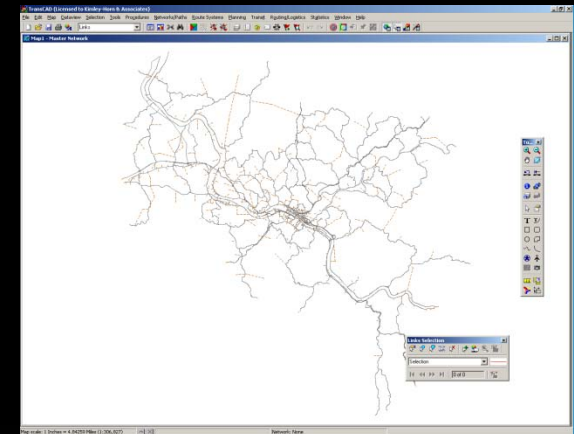
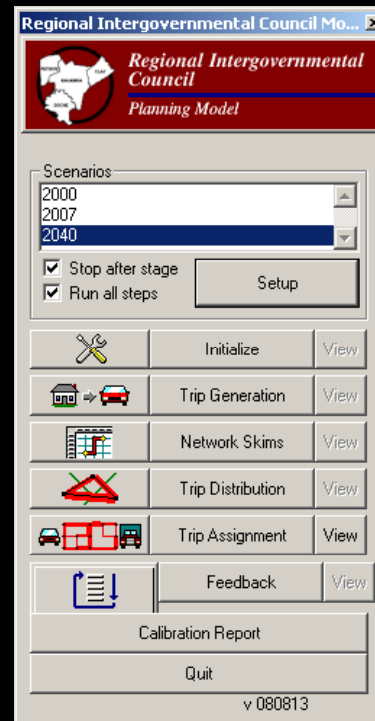


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TransCAD Update Process

- Consistency check of parameters and input data from existing EMME/2 model to new TransCAD model
 - Model Network
 - SE Data Inputs
 - Traffic Counts
- Baseline 2000 model run
- Model calibration



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Baseline 2000 Model Run

- As compared to counts, the baseline 2000 model run loading was high
- Overall loading – 21% high
 - Freeways – 22% high
 - Principal Arterials – 32% high
 - Minor Arterials – 20% high
 - Collectors – 4% high

Comp Summary

MODEL RESULTS COMPARED TO OBSERVED

VMT per Capita = 35
VMT per Household = 84
Network loaded to standard capacity.

R Squared (Regionwide Counts) = 0.870
RMSE = 52.7%
Modeled Region-wide VMT = 8,929,120

% Difference for VDT by Facility Type

Facility Type	Target (+/-)	Model (+/-)
Freeway	7%	22%
Principal Arterial	10%	32%
Minor Arterial	15%	20%
Collector	25%	4%

% Links within Specified % of Counts

Facility Type	% within Count	Range to Count
Freeway	47%	20%
Freeway	22%	10%
Principal Arterial	37%	30%
Principal Arterial	0%	15%
Minor Arterial	53%	40%
Minor Arterial	28%	20%

% Difference for VDT by Volume Group

Volume Group	Target (+/-)	Model (+/-)
< 1,000	200%	76%
1,000- 2,500	100%	48%
2,500- 5,000	50%	10%
5,000-10,000	25%	17%
10,000-25,000	20%	23%
25,000-50,000	15%	21%
> 50,000	10%	16%
All Groups	5%	21%

Screenline Comparisons

Screenline	Count Volume	Modeled Volume	Variance
Screenline 1	394,700	513,510	30%
Screenline 2	99,700	147,758	48%
Screenline 3	58,200	57,592	-1%
Screenline 4	57,200	68,221	19%
Screenline 5	146,900	183,311	20%
Screenline 6	23,500	31,687	26%

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Model Calibration

- Trip Generation, Trip Distribution and Assignment checks and comparisons
 - Trip Generation
 - IE/EI trips were getting doubled in the time-of-day step
 - External station calculation was incorrect (model loading 34,000 – traffic count 28,000)
 - Trip Distribution
 - Trip lengths were no longer calibrated to observed information
 - Assignment
 - Link level calibration



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Final Calibration Table

Model Calibration/Validation Summary

Assigned Volumes by Facility Classification			
Category	FHWA Target	EMME/2 Calibration	TransCAD Validation
Freeway/Interstate	+/- 7%	4.5%	1.0%
Major Arterial	+/- 10%	-1.6%	0.0%
Minor Arterial	+/- 15%	-15.6%	-10.0%
Collector/Local	+/- 25%	-10.7%	-3.0%
Assigned Volumes by Volume Group			
Category	FHWA Target	EMME/2 Calibration	TransCAD Validation
<1000	+/- 200%	15.2%	33.0%
1000-2500	+/- 100%	-14.9%	10.0%
2501-5000	+/- 50%	-19.0%	-10.0%
5001-10000	+/- 25%	-6.4%	-8.0%
1001-25000	+/- 20%	-1.8%	-3.0%
25001-50000	+/- 15%	4.5%	1.0%
>50000	+/- 10%	-7.2%	-8.0%
Total	+/- 5%	-3.6%	-2.0%
Screenline Summary			
Screenline	FHWA Target	EMME/2 Calibration	TransCAD Validation
Kanawha River	+/- 5%	2.3%	1.0%
Putnam/Kanawha County Line	+/- 5%	1.7%	11.0%
Kanawha East	+/- 5%	-4.4%	-6.0%
North Kanawha	+/- 5%	11.5%	-5.0%
Kanawha West	+/- 5%	-5.3%	-3.0%
Kanawha Southwest	+/- 5%	7.7%	9.0%
Other Summaries			
Category	FHWA Target	EMME/2 Calibration	TransCAD Validation
RMSE Summary	35%	30.1%	22.6%
R2 Summary	0.8	0.955	0.949



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Final Model

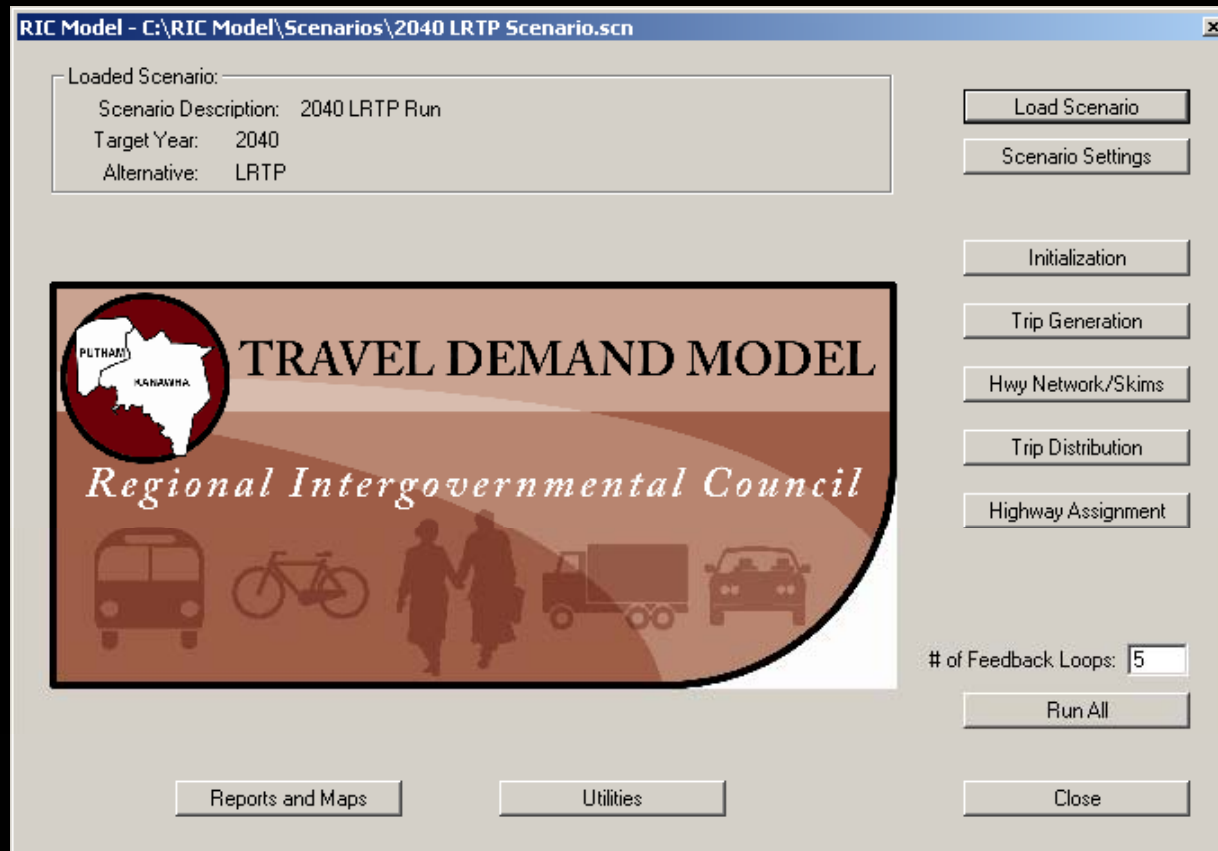
- Model years of 2000, 2002, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, and 2040
- Revised model interface
 - More easily set-up the model
 - More easily manage scenarios
 - View all model input/output files on one screen
- Provided RIC with model files, model documentation and model training



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Final Model Interface



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Model Training

- Morning (9:00-11:30) – Model Overview
 - Installing the RIC Model
 - Introduction to the RIC Model Interface
 - Scenario Settings
 - Input and Output Files
 - Additional Interface Tools
- Afternoon (1:00-4:00) – Applying the RIC Model
 - Editing Data
 - Scenario Management and Alternatives Analysis



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Model Update Benefits

- Ease of use for day-to-day applications
- Interface providing tools for quick editing and results
- Documentation with background, tools, and tips
- On-site model training, explaining setup and everyday uses
- Easier integration with other statewide modeling and planning efforts



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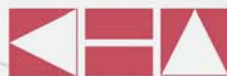




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