



What Performance Measures are Needed for Signal Coordination Timing

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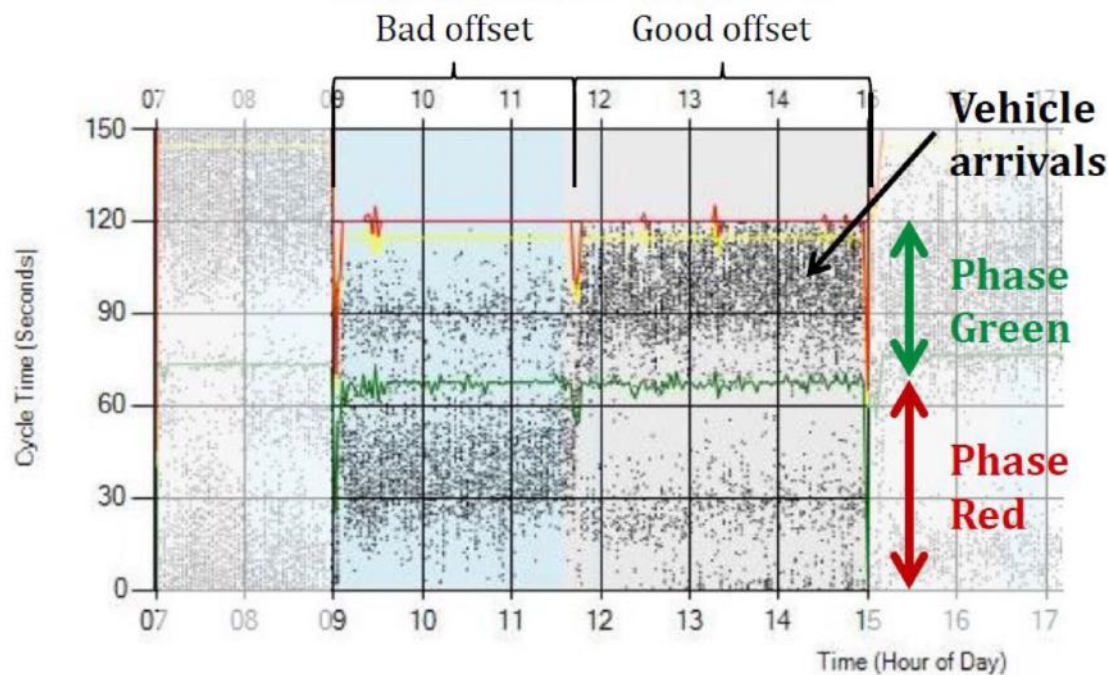
Questions

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Detector/Phase Based ATSPM

- %AoR or %AoG
- Purdue Coordination Diagram



Limitations:

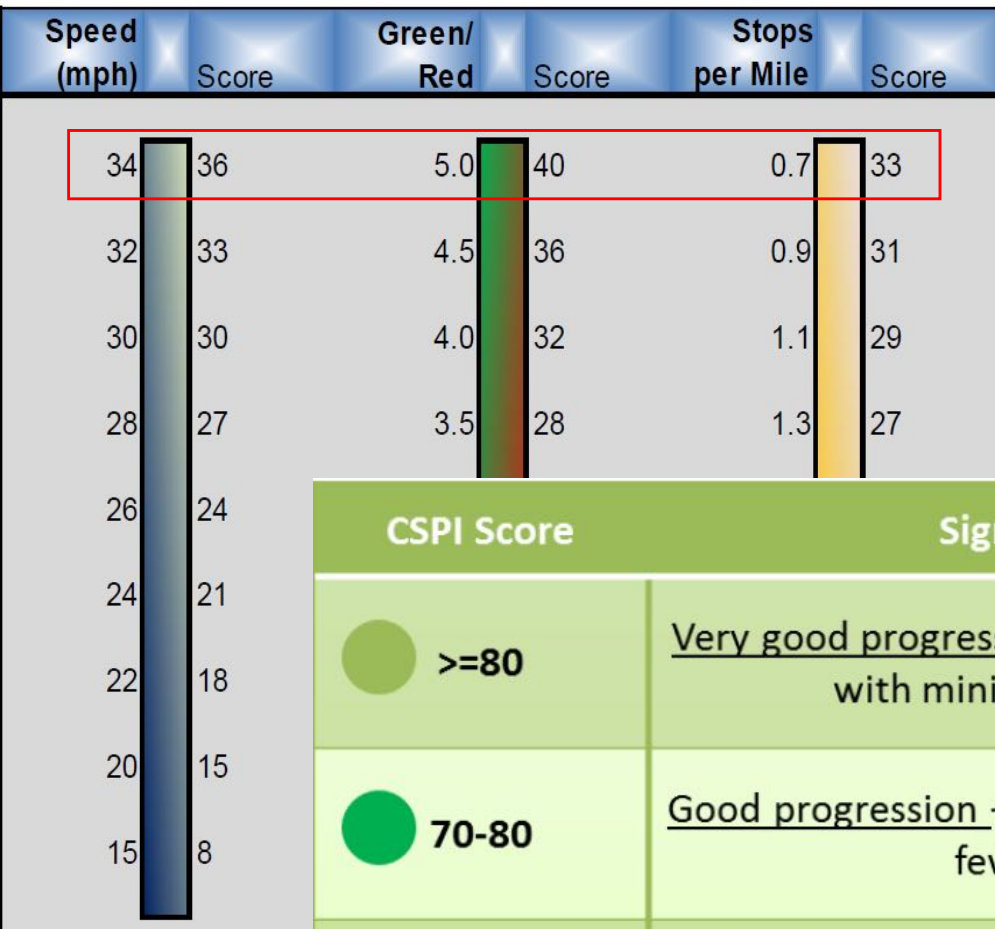
- Link-based measure, not arterial-level performance
- No established criteria for performance quality

Trajectory-based Performance

- **Conventional floating-car travel runs for before-after studies**
 - **What is missing?** Quality level, reflection of the timing, side street
- **Orange County's Corridor Synchronization Performance Index (CSPI)**
 - A composite score based on average speed, greens per red, and stops per mile
- **UNR enhanced CSPI or QOS**



Orange County's CSPI



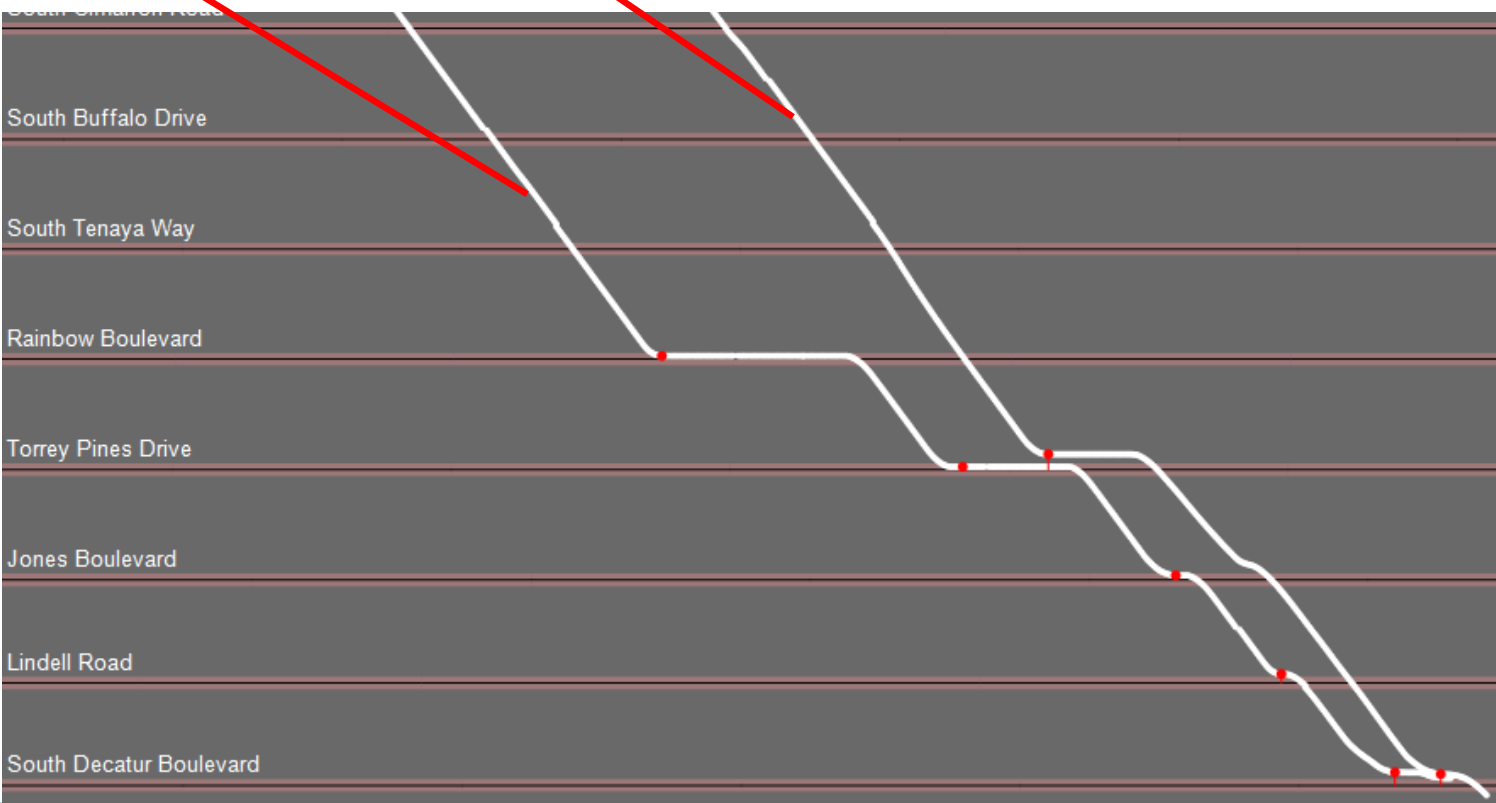
- Highest possible score = 109
- No information on speed limit or free-flow speed
- No differentiation between short stop and long stop
- Ignore the impact on side street

CSPI Score	Signal Synchronization Description	Level
>=80	<u>Very good progression</u> – traveling through signalized intersections with minimal stops and favorable travel speeds.	Tier 1
70-80	<u>Good progression</u> – traveling through signalized intersections with few stops and good travel speeds.	Tier 2
60-70	<u>Fair progression</u> – traveling through signalized intersections with moderate stops and fair travel speeds.	Tier 3
50-60	<u>Limited progression*</u> – traveling through signalized intersections with moderately high stops and slower travel speeds.	Tier 4

Orange County's CSPI

South Fort Apache Road

Timing	GPS File Name	Average Speed (mph)	Greens per Red	Stop per Mile	Speed Score	GpR Score	SpM Score	Total Score
MD1	Flamingo-West(MD1)-EB-2021-12-30 10-17-29	34.2	2.7	0.6	36	21	34	92
MD1	Flamingo-West(MD1)-EB-2021-12-29 09-35-37	26.5	1.2	1	25	10	30	65



UNR's Enhanced CSPI

South Fort Apache Road

Timing	GPS File Name	Average Speed (mph)	% Speed	Speed Score	No. of Stops	Stand No. of Stops	% Stop	Stop Score	Original Score	Cycle Adj.	Spacing Adj.	Adjusted Score	Quality of Signal Timing
MD1 (E)	Flamingo-West (MD1)-EB-2021-12-30 10-17-29	34.2	76%	86	3	1.7	16%	98	95	95	95	95	A
MD1 (E)	Flamingo-West (MD1)-EB-2021-12-29 09-35-37	26.5	59%	69	5	3.8	35%	70	70	70	70	70	C-

South Tenaya Way

Rainbow Boulevard

Torrey Pines Drive

Jones Boulevard

Lindell Road

South Decatur Boulevard

OCTA

Total Score

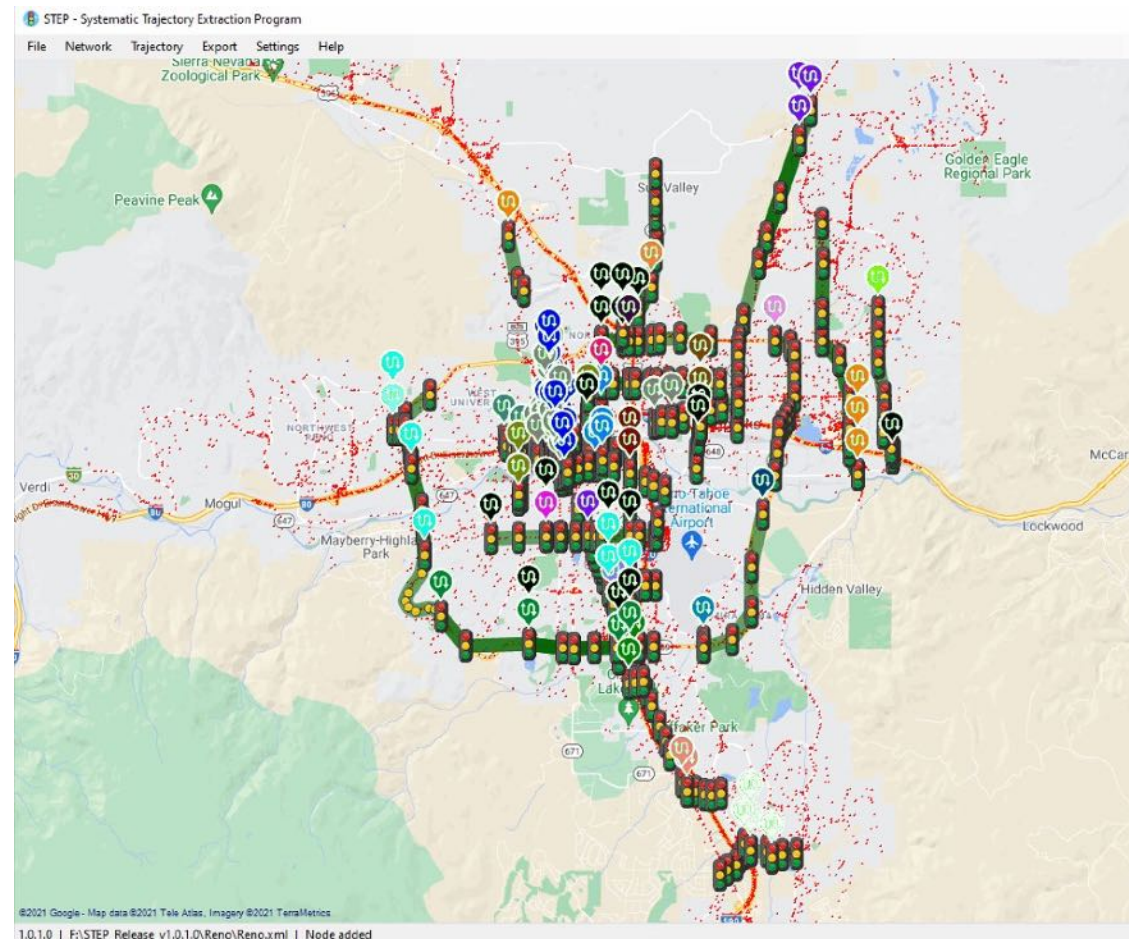
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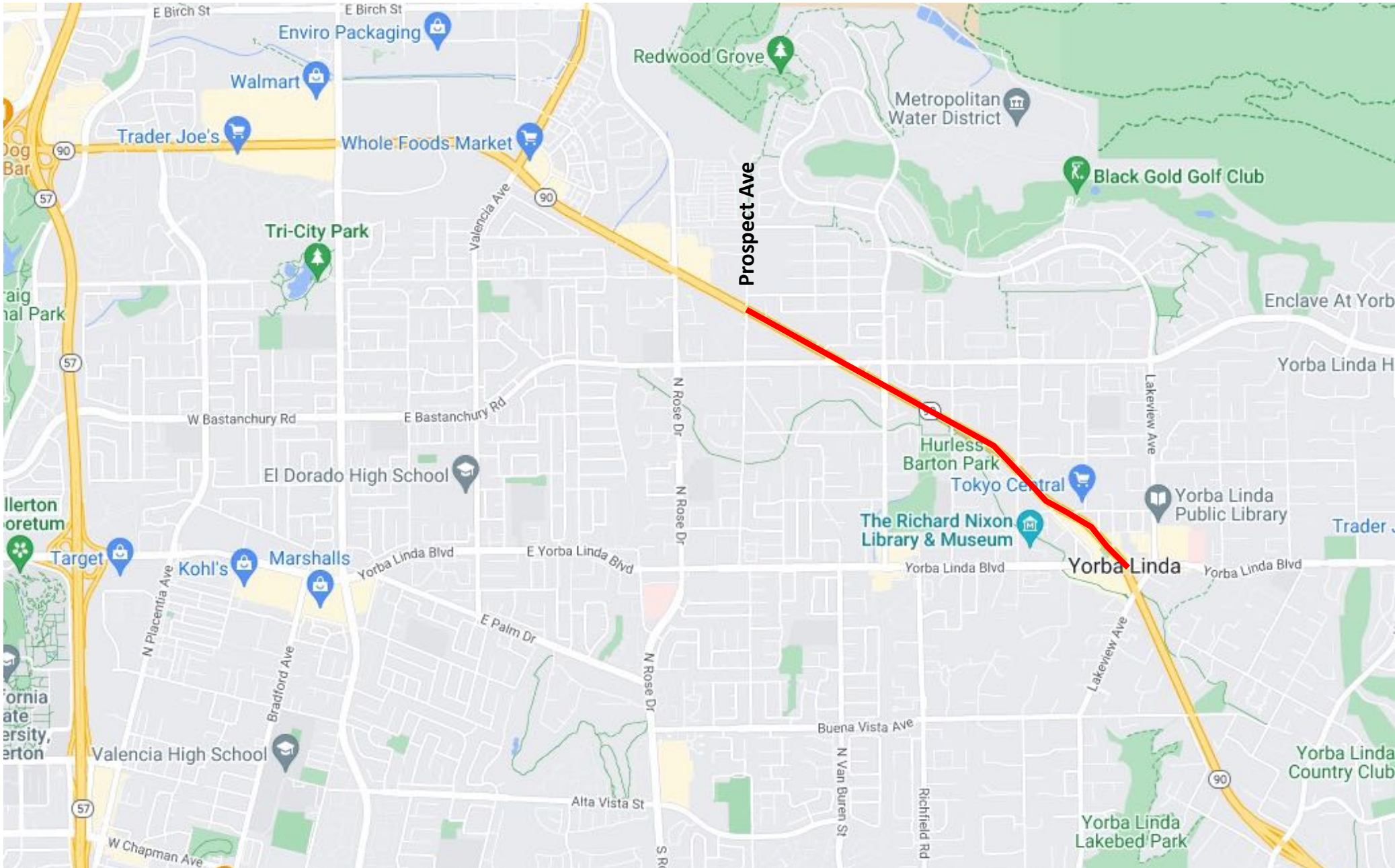
Automated Trajectory Data Sources

- Vehicle Telematics or Connected vehicles
- Systematic Trajectory Extraction Program (STEP)



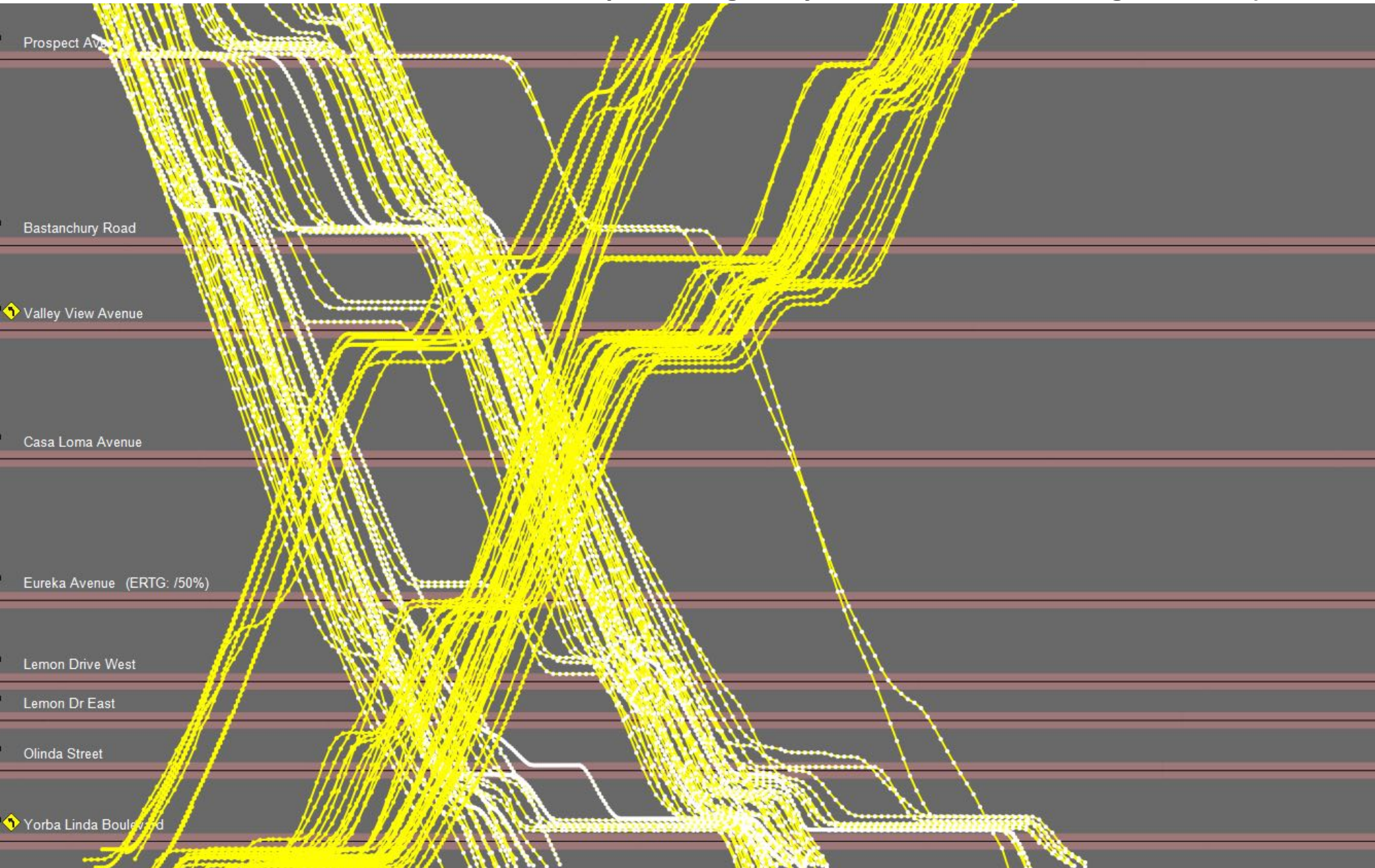
Case Demo

– Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda



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– Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda (Existing PM Plan)



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Corridor Synchronization Performance Index

Summary

Arterial: Imperial Hwy

Timing	No. of Runs	Average Speed (mph)	Greens per Red (GpR)	Stops per Mile (SpM)	Speed Score	GpR score	SpM score	Total Score	Average Travel Time (s)	Average Delay Time (s)	Average Total Stop Time (s)
PM (Avg)	127	29.3	4.9	1	29	40	30	99	218	95	42
PM (NW)	47	28	4	1.1	27	32	29	88	226	103	49
PM (SE)	80	30.1	5.5	0.9	30	40	31	101	213	91	38

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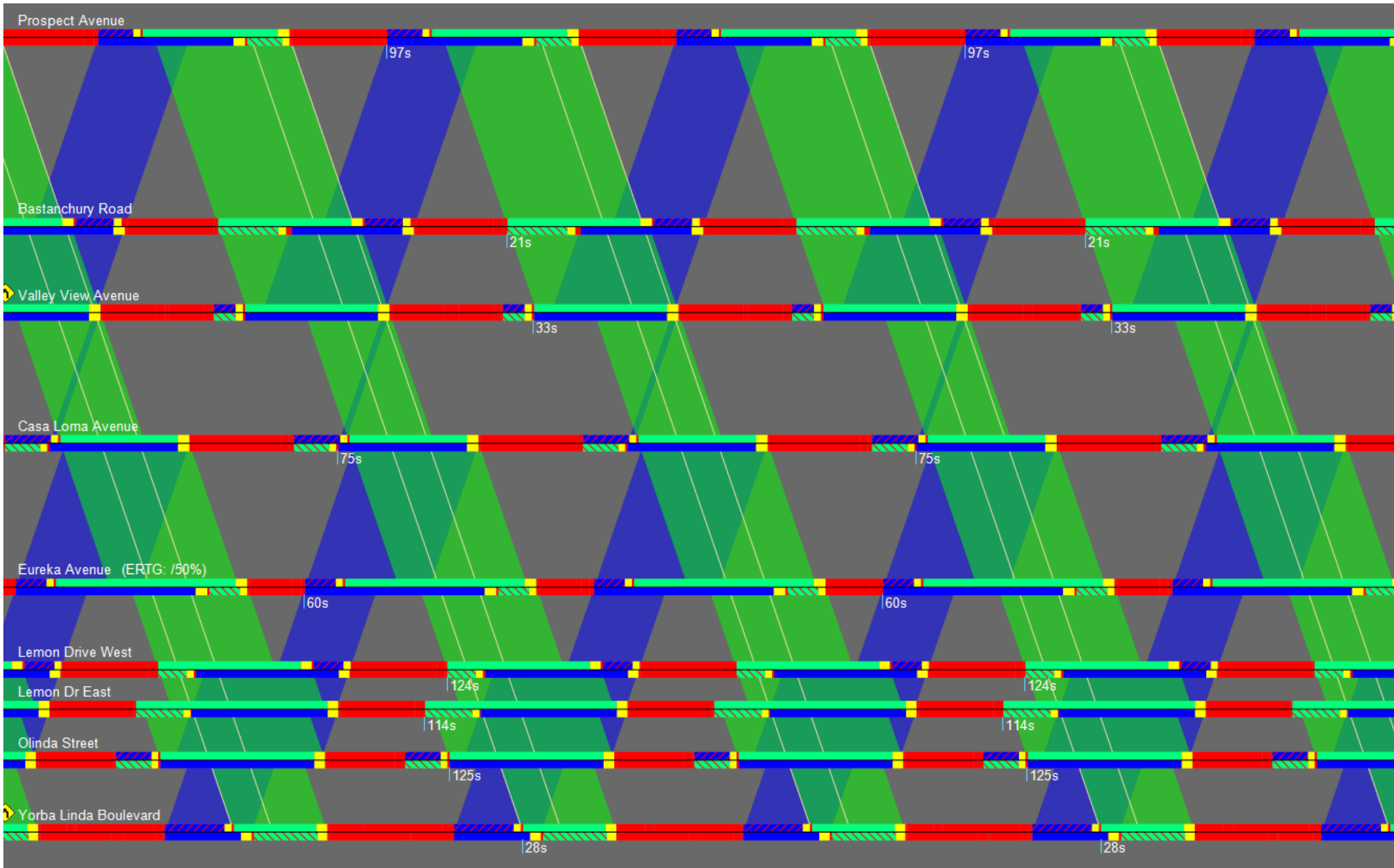




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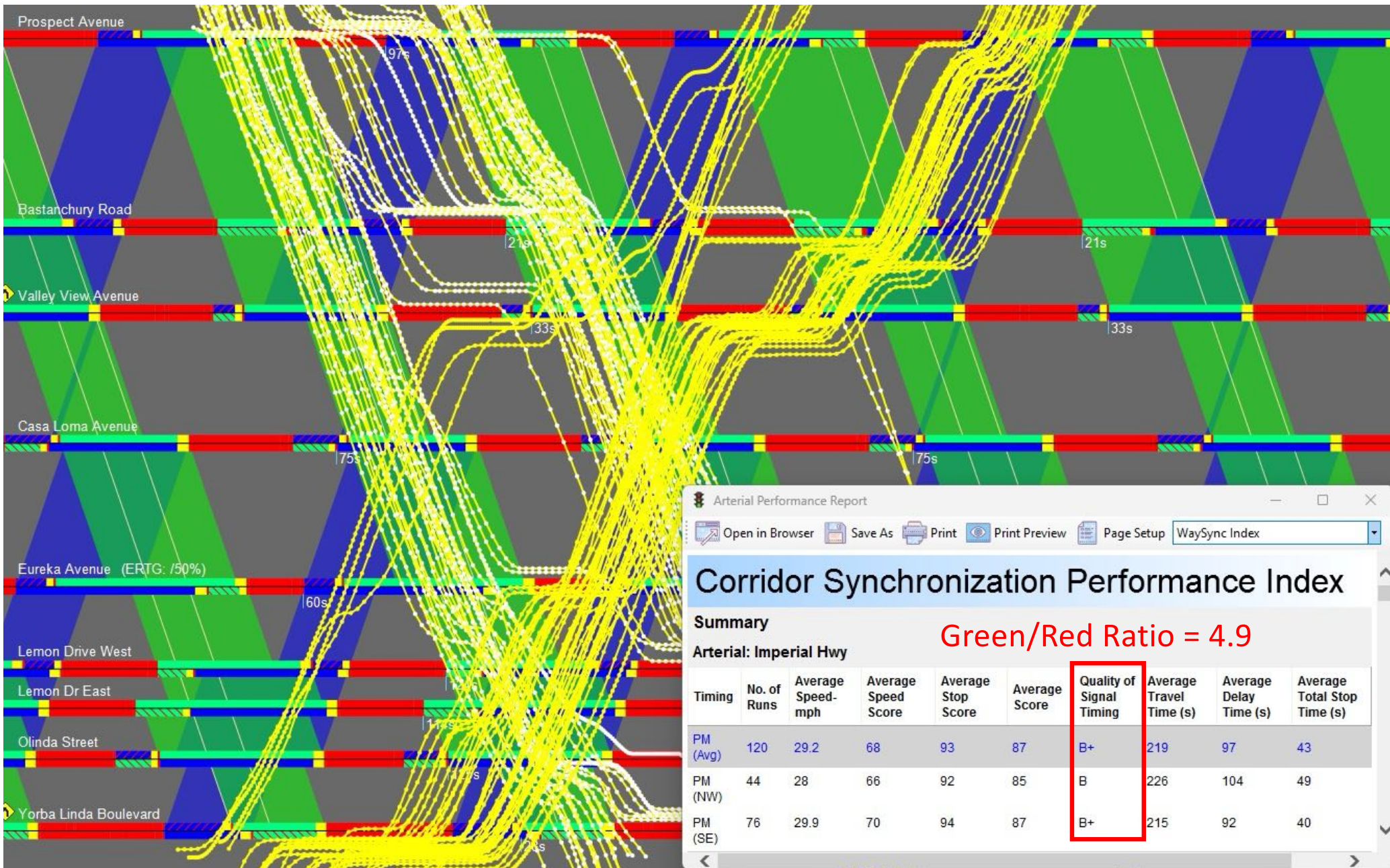
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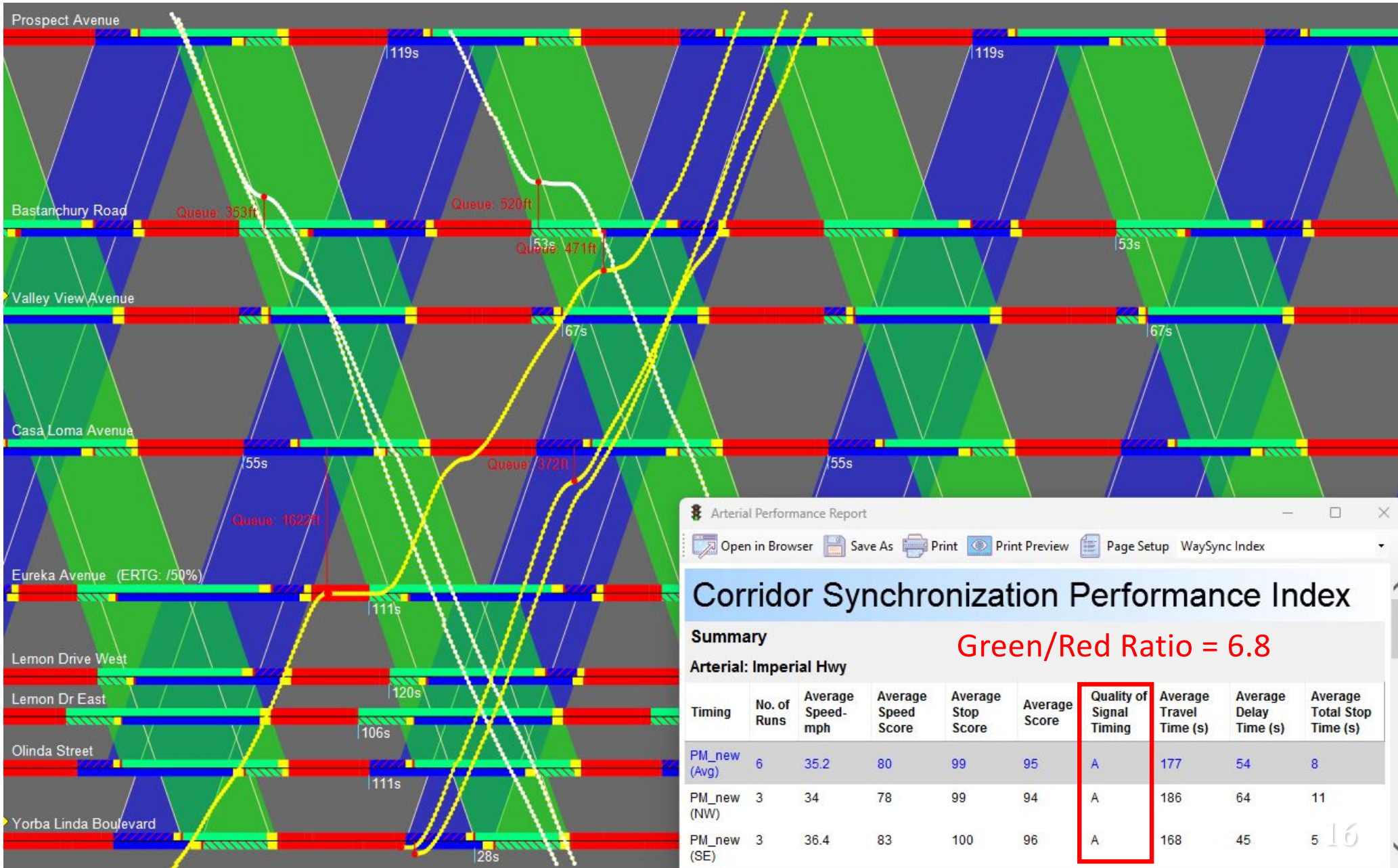
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Case Demo

– Imperial Highway, Yorba Linda (Optimized PM Plan)



Arterial Performance Report

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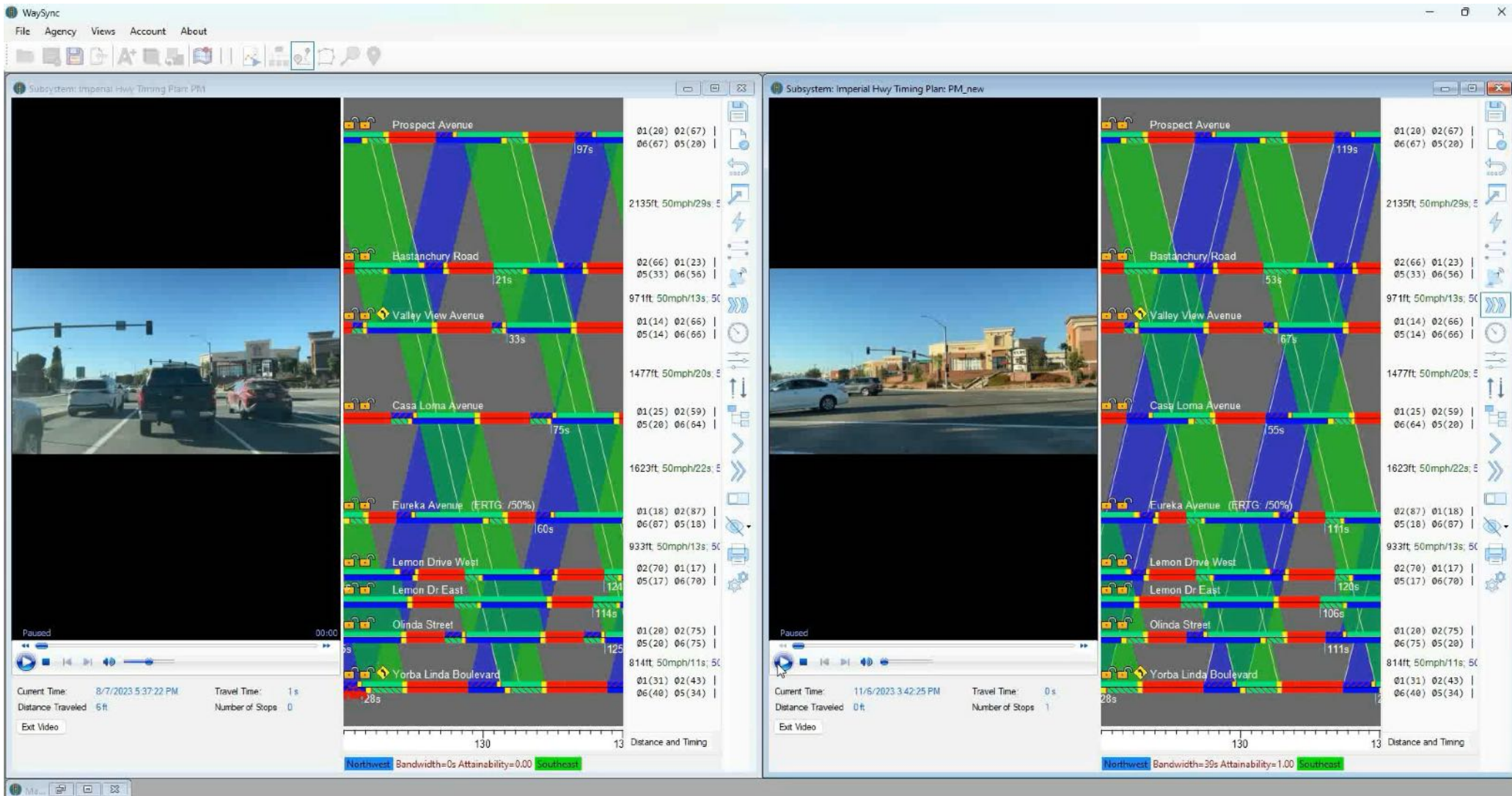
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Green/Red Ratio = 6.8

Timing	No. of Runs	Average Speed-mph	Average Speed Score	Average Stop Score	Average Score	Quality of Signal Timing	Average Travel Time (s)	Average Delay Time (s)	Average Total Stop Time (s)
PM_new (Avg)	6	35.2	80	99	95	A	177	54	8
PM_new (NW)	3	34	78	99	94	A	186	64	11
PM_new (SE)	3	36.4	83	100	96	A	168	45	5

Applications

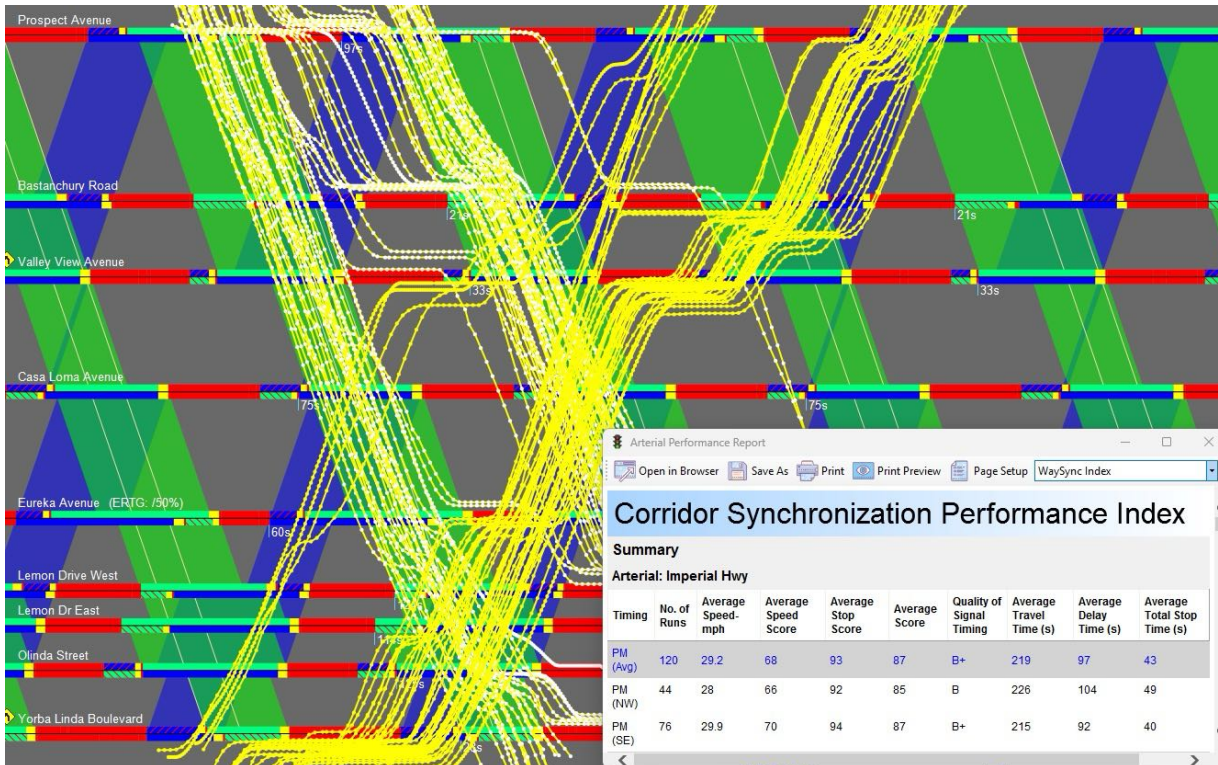
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Can you trust the automated trajectory data?



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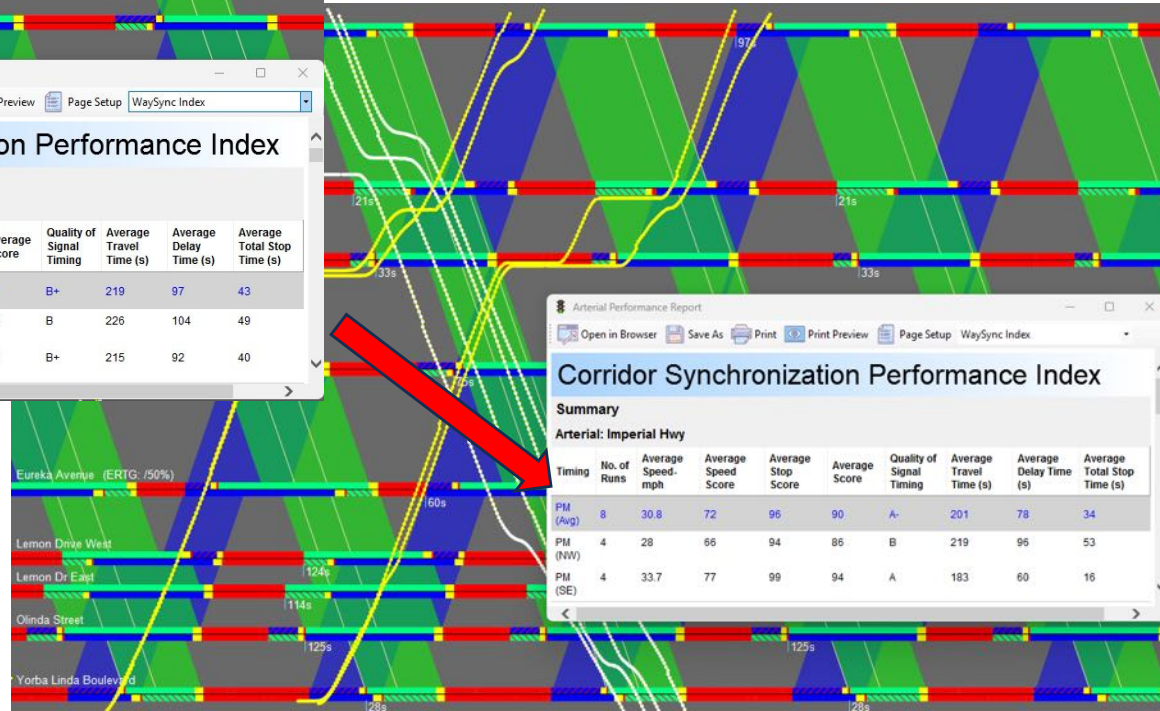
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PM (Avg)	120	29.2	68	93	87	B+	219	97	43
PM (NW)	44	28	66	92	85	B	226	104	49
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PM (Avg)	8	30.8	72	96	90	A-	201	78	34
PM (NW)	4	28	66	94	86	B	219	96	53
PM (SE)	4	33.7	77	99	94	A	183	60	16

Questions

- Is ATSPM (%AoG) sufficient for evaluating arterial signal coordination timing?
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- What is the purpose of signal performance measures?
- **Can ATSPM replace current signal timing optimization process?**



Summary

- Two types of ATSPM: detector/phase based and trajectory based.
- No widely accepted performance measures are available yet for evaluating corridor-level signal timing.
- A combination of %AoR, vehicle trajectories and time-space diagram can reveal a more complete picture of signal timing coordination.
- Trajectory-based %Stops are not the same as those reported by ATSPM.
- Keep in mind: The ultimate goal of ATSPM is to improve signal timing.

