Freeway Performance Report 2015, 1st Quarter (15.01)



Highlights:

- Identifies performance thresholds for seven freeway locations in Las Vegas that experience recurring congestion.
- Future quarterly reports will compare corridor performance with the thresholds and provide commentary and recommendations.
- Thresholds are based on recent historical performance. Delay, duration of congested conditions, and crash frequency are considered in the performance thresholds. Secondary supporting data includes volume and speed.



Overview 15.01

- This quarterly report measures performance of freeway bottlenecks in the Las Vegas area. It compares a corridor's performance against customized thresholds based on historical performance.
- Performance reports are provided to NDOT on a quarterly basis, and their content and recommendations will continue to evolve. Each time we prepare a report we learn more about the complex interplay between traffic volumes, throughput, incidents, construction, and seasonal patterns.
- The 15.01 report establishes the initial set of thresholds.

This combination of information has led to, and will continue to lead towards, investing in and deploying strategies to enhance safety, reliability, and efficiency of our transportation system and measuring system effectiveness.

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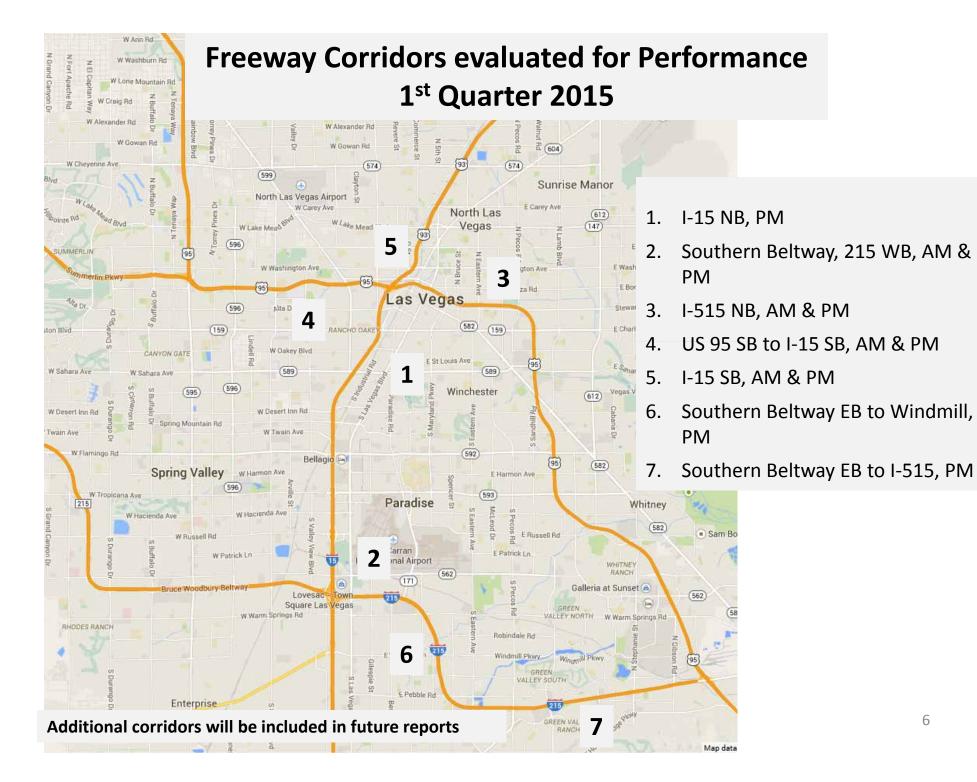
Questions & Additional Details

- The information presented in this report is supported by detailed tables with volumes, travel times, delay, crashes and other information.
- If you are interested in that data or have questions, please contact Brian Hoeft at hoeftb@rtcsnv.com

Corridors and Seasons

(spatial and temporal)

- Performance of congested corridors and time periods on the Southern Nevada freeway system are described.
- A display of the seven corridors and AM / PM peak periods used in this report is shown on page 6.
- The 15.01 report contains data through mid-March, which includes the Beginning of Year season for 2015.
- The use of 'Seasons' to temporally group performance is described on page 7.



Based on review of several years of traffic volumes and patterns from ITS data, FAST recommends the performance analysis be grouped temporally as shown below. There are six seasons per year; details on the most recent seasons are shown.

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Season	Description	Begin	End	Days	Comment
Beginning of year	First day of CCSD school following holiday break through a Friday in mid-March	Monday, 01.05.15	Friday, 03.13.15	68	Traffic volumes and patterns pick up following holiday break and resemble Fall patterns
Holiday	Monday before Thanksgiving to day before CCSD school begins	Monday, 11.24.14	Sunday, 01.04.15	42	Although school is still in session during part of this season, traffic volumes and patterns begin to transition out of the fall travel mode. The three lowest volume travel days of the year occur during this season: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Traffic volumes to and from California are very high on several days during this season.
Fall	First day of CCSD school following summer vacation to Sunday before Thanksgiving	Monday, 08.25.14	Sunday, 11.23.14	91	By mid-September traffic volumes and patterns typically are built up to represent what will occur until the holidays. There is a distinct change from patterns and volumes experienced during the Summer season.
Summer	Final weekend of CCSD high school graduations through Sunday before the new school year begins	Saturday, 06.07.14	Sunday, 08.24.14	79	Recurring congestion and traffic volumes on the urbanized Las Vegas freeways are slightly reduced during the summer. There is an increase in travel between Las Vegas & California and towards Boulder City and Arizona.
Early Summer	A Monday in mid-April through the last weekend of CCSD school activity and graduation ceremonies	Monday, 04.21.14	Friday, 06.06.14	47	Patterns and volumes are typically similar to Fall and Beginning of Year
Spring	A Saturday in mid-March through a Sunday in mid-April	Saturday, 03.15.14	Sunday 04.20.14	37	Due to Spring Break, great weather, Easter, March Madness, conventions, and other events and activities, there is a noticeable increase in traffic volumes between mid-March and Mid-April. For the urbanized freeway corridors, the highest daily average traffic volumes of the year typically occur during this season; they are noticeably higher than the adjacent Beginning of Year and Early Summer seasons and, therefore, earn their own season. Most Sundays experience high volumes and long delays between Las Vegas and Southern California.

Performance Thresholds

(goal setting, targets)

- The concept of the corridor performance threshold is introduced in the 15.01 report and the initial thresholds are established.
- Thresholds will be used to address questions such as
 - Does corridor performance exceed, negatively, a threshold?
 - If so, why? What can be done to address?

Performance Thresholds (cont)

Establishment and use

- Each corridor's delay, congestion duration, crash rate and other data sets dating back to mid-2013 were reviewed.
- This review provided a sense of seasonal performance ranges of freeway corridors and bottlenecks.
- With this understanding, upper performance boundaries for the parameters were created. These are the performance thresholds
- How performance compares to these thresholds will be evaluated in future reports, and opportunities for projects, programs, and other activities to address performance will be introduced.
- The table on page 10 lists the thresholds for the seven bottleneck corridors. Page 11 describes threshold details. Pages 19 through 39 provide more extensive performance details for each bottleneck.

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Performance Threshold details

- Corridor, AM-PM, School-Summer: temporal and spatial information.
- Duration and Duration color: on average, how long does the congestion event last? The color corresponds to percentage of days that have a congestion event. More events means a redder color.
- Max delay fields: each congestion event will have a maximum delay over and above the free-flow travel time. The average and 95th percentile delay are shown.
- **Crashes**: how many days elapse between crashes and very bad crashes. Very bad crashes are not cleared from travel lanes in time to meet the 30 or 60 minute criteria.
- Volume-Speed relationship: the change in average daily volume and speed are compared over time. Does volume increase while speed decreases, or is there some other relationship? In some corridors, this cannot be determined because of construction during the previous season.

The Congestion Event

Used to monitor and quantify performance

- Evaluation of performance thresholds requires temporal and spatial measurements of congestion events.
- Congestion event examples displayed on slides 13 through 17 show
 - Frequency
 - Duration, and
 - Maximum delay
- Speed contour plots, obtained from the FAST dashboard at http://bugatti.nvfast.org/CorridorContour.aspx are used to visualize and evaluate congestion events. Congestion events for many corridors are available as far back as Fall 2009.

Plot 1 of 5: I-15 NB congestion events for Monday April 20 through Friday April 24 that are reliable in terms of duration and max delay.

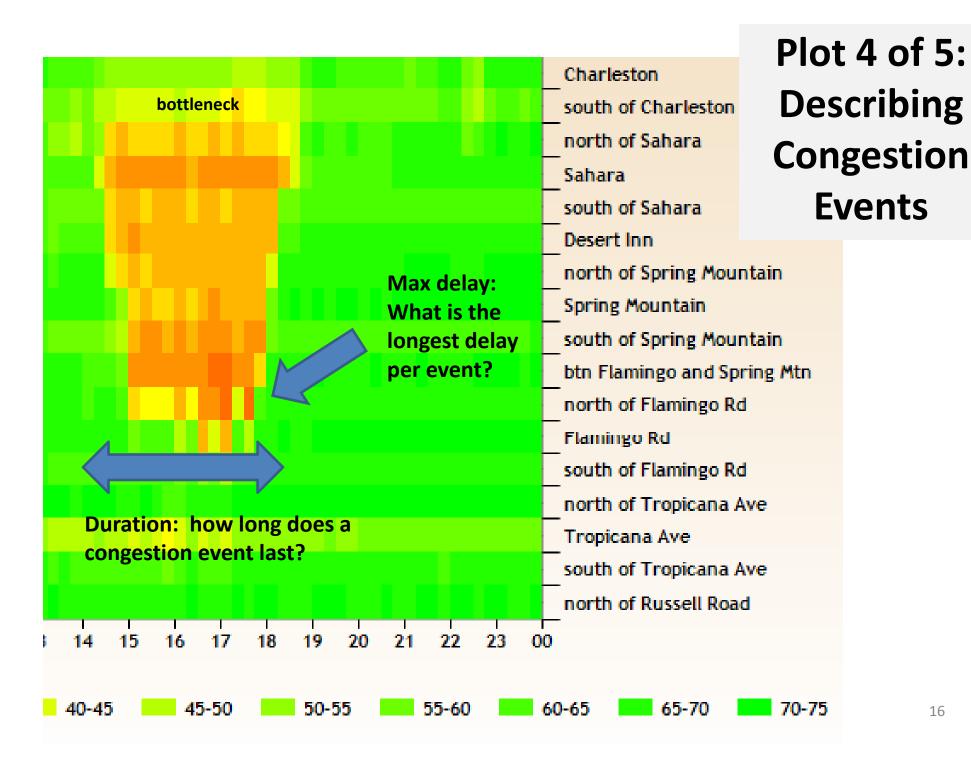


Plot 2 of 5 The 215 WB corridor has been experiencing congestion events only a few days per week. The number of events may increase in the future, but for now the duration color would be yellow or orange.

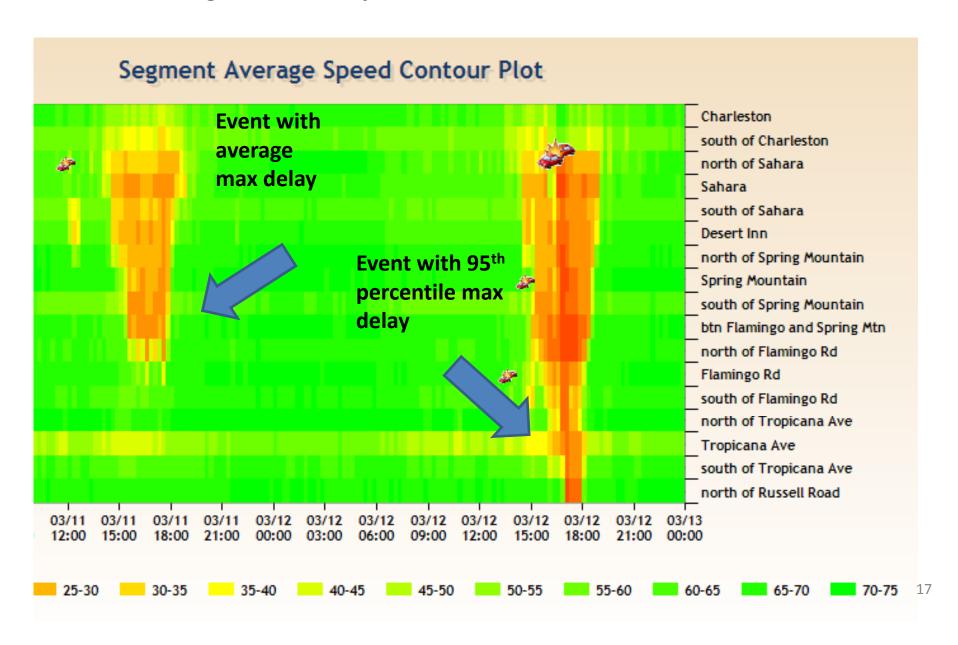


Plot 3 of 5: Here's a subsequent week of the same 215 corridor with congestion events that are unreliable in terms of location and extent; this is directly attributable to incidents.





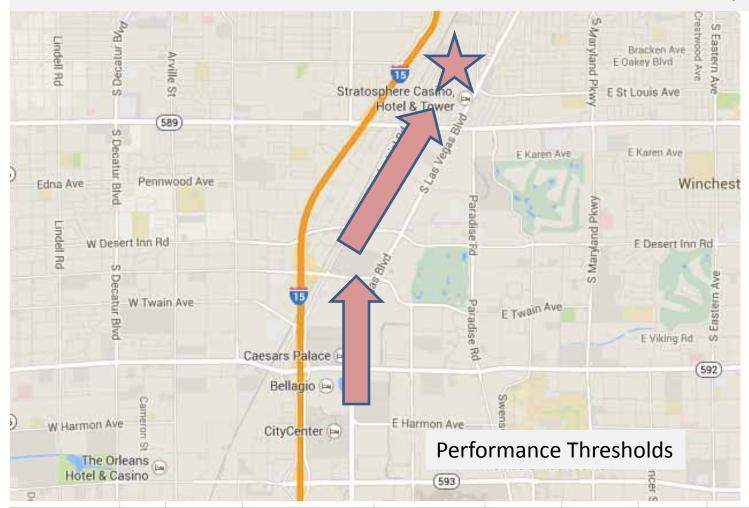
Plot 5 of 5: The left congestion event has average max delay; the right one has 95th percentile delay. As stated previously, traffic incidents are the main cause of unreliable congestion activity.



Corridor Performance

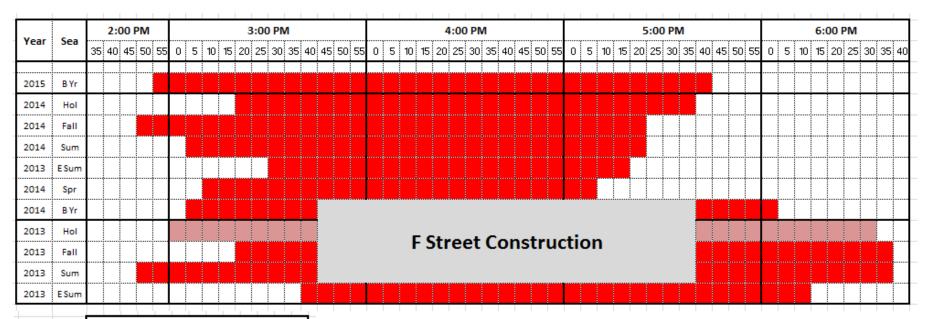
- Seven bottlenecks evaluated in 15.01
- For each bottleneck you will see
 - Map of location and performance thresholds
 - Duration, including start and end time of congestion event
 - Maximum delay during congestion event (average day, 95th percentile day)
 - Frequency of crashes and bad crashes
 - Percent increase in avg daily volume & pct decrease in avg daily speed

Bottleneck 1: I-15 NB between Charleston & Sahara, PM



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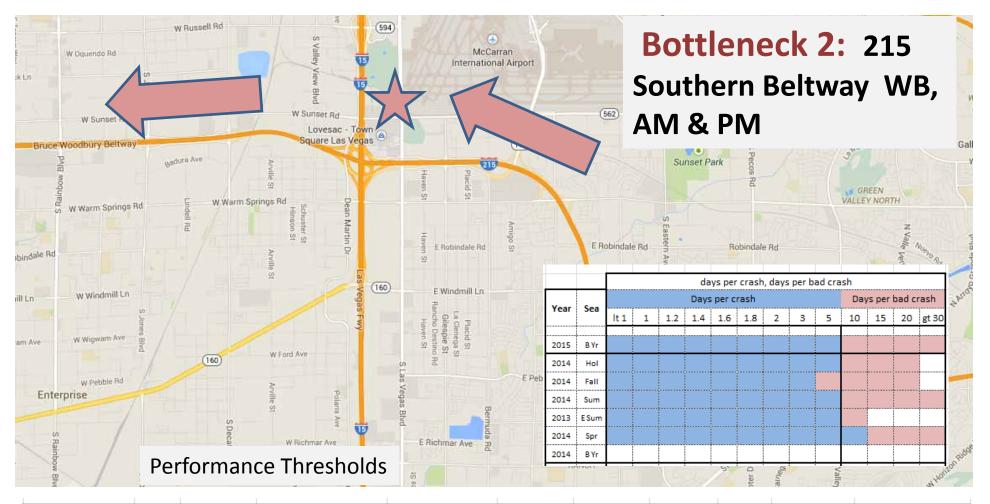
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Percent increase in daily average volume at three locations in corridor

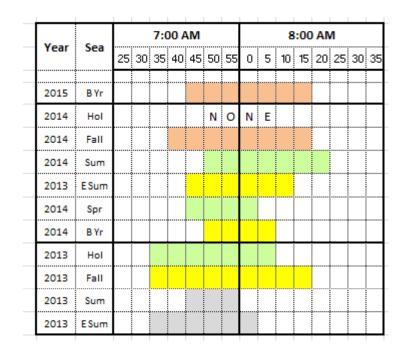
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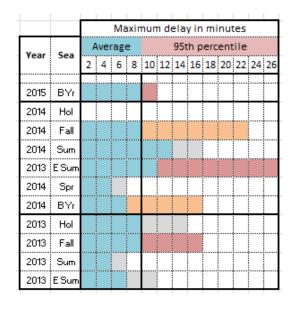
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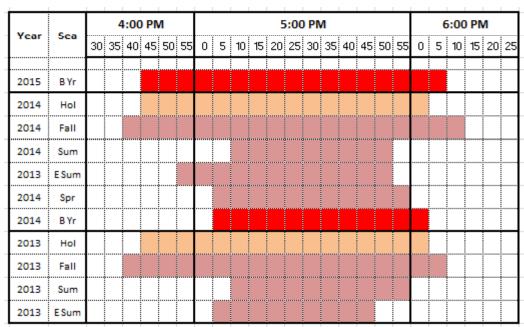


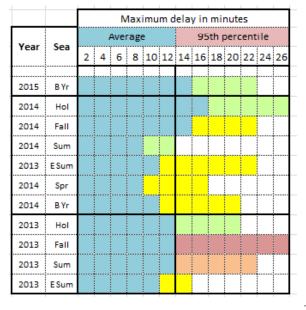
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Bottleneck 2 (cont): 215 Southern Beltway WB, AM & PM





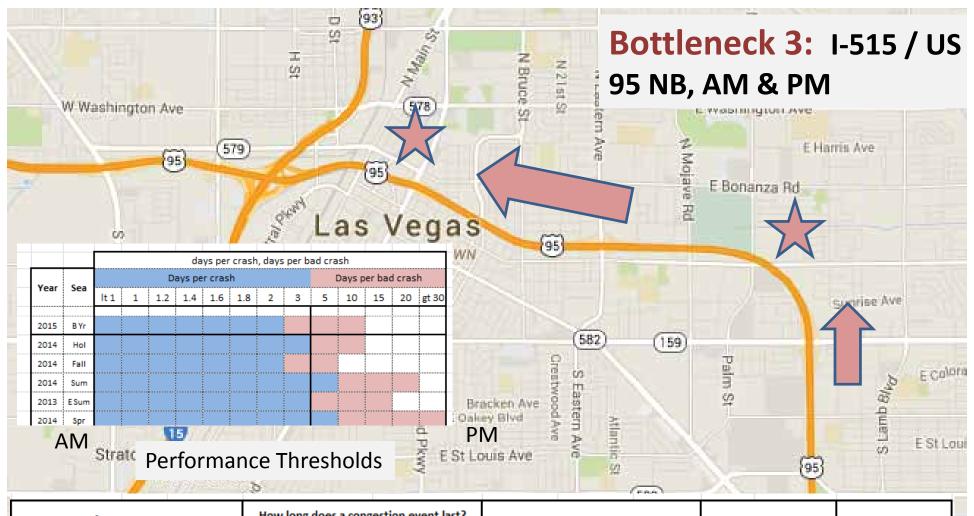
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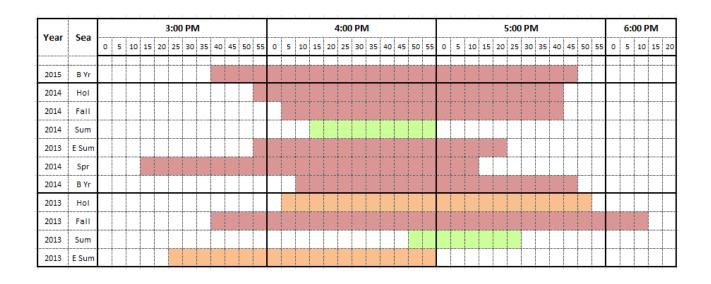


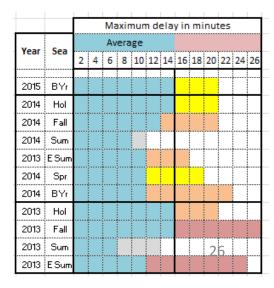
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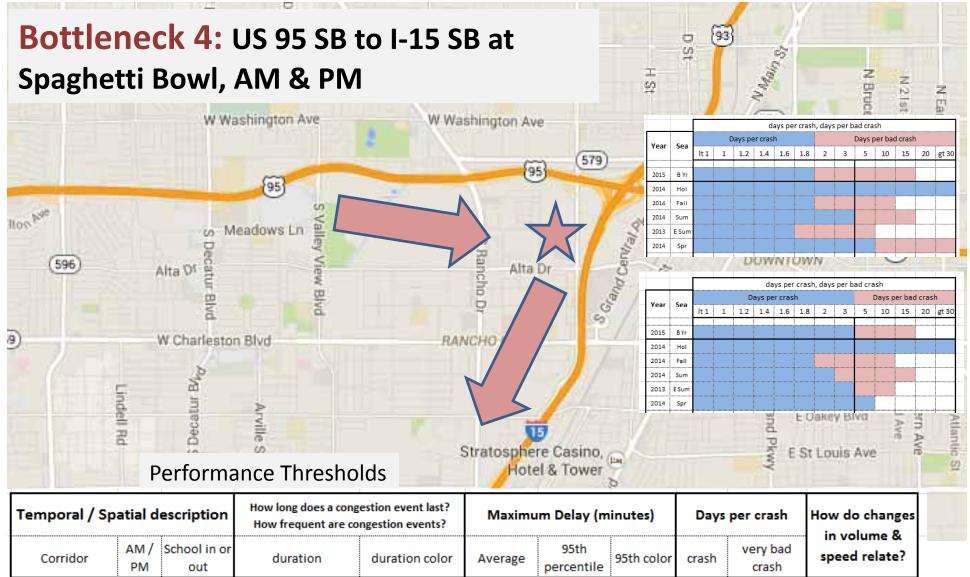
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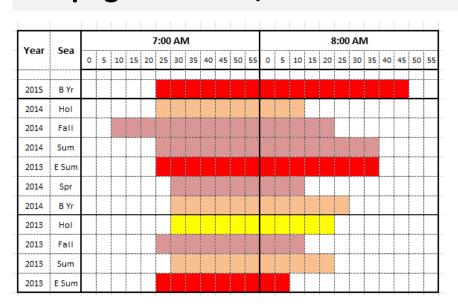
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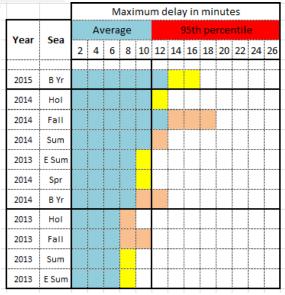
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Bottleneck 4 (cont): US 95 SB to I-15 SB at Spaghetti Bowl, AM & PM

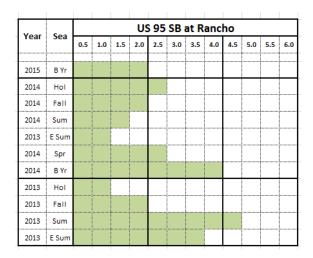




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Percent increase in daily average volume at two locations in corridor



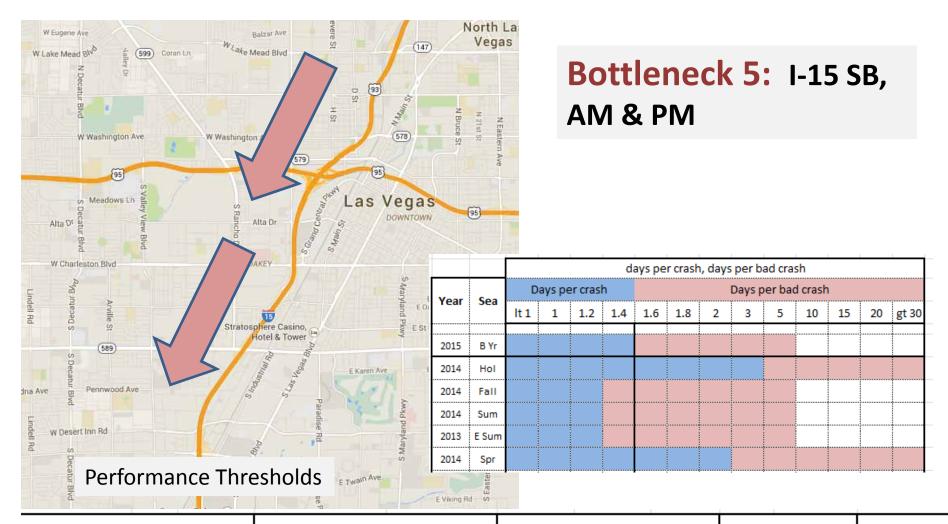
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rear	sea	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0
2015	B Yr											6.2	>
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Bottleneck 4
(cont): US 95 SB
to I-15 SB at
Spaghetti Bowl,
AM & PM

Percent change in daily average speed at two locations in corridor

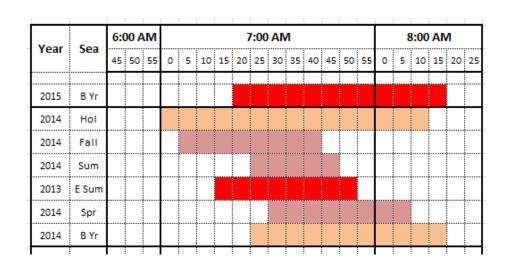
Voor						US 9	95 SE	at F	Ranch	10			
Year	Sea	lt-2	-1.8	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	pos
2015	B Yr												
2014	Hol												
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2014	Sum												0.1
2013	E Sum												0.6
2014	Spr												
2014	B Yr												
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2013	Fall												
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Year	Sea				I-1	5 SB	at La	ke N	/lead	Blv	d		
Year	sea	lt-2	-1.8	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	pos
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2014	Hol												3.4
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Temporal / Sp	atial d	escription	How long does a cong How frequent are co		Maximu	ım Delay (m	inutes)	Days	per crash	How do changes in volume &
Corridor	AM / PM	School in or out	duration	duration color	Average	95th percentile	95th color	crash	very bad crash	speed relate?
	am	sch	lt 60 mins	maroon	10	16	yellow			
15 SB	am	summer	lt 45 mins	orange	10	14	yellow	1.5	8	v4 sp
13 30	pm	sch	lt 75 mins	red	12	16	yellow	1.5	0	v+ sp-
	pm	summer	lt 75 mins	red	12	16	yellow			

Bottleneck 5: I-15 SB, AM & PM



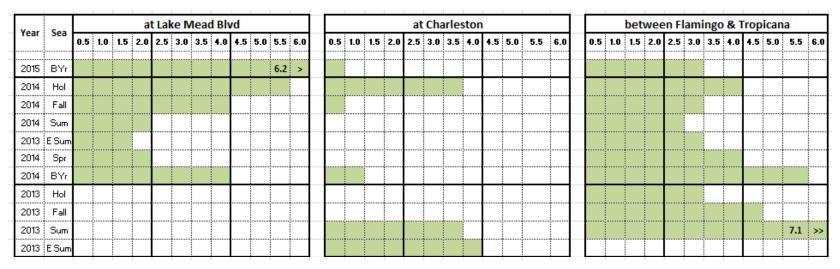
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rear	Sea	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
2015	BYr													
2014	Hol													
2014	Fall													
2014	Sum													
2013	ESum													
2014	Spr													
2014	BYr													

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Year	Sea		A	ver	rage	2			95t	h p	erc	ent	ile	
Tear	264	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
2015	BYr													
2014	Hol													
2014	Fall													
2014	Sum													
2013	ESum													
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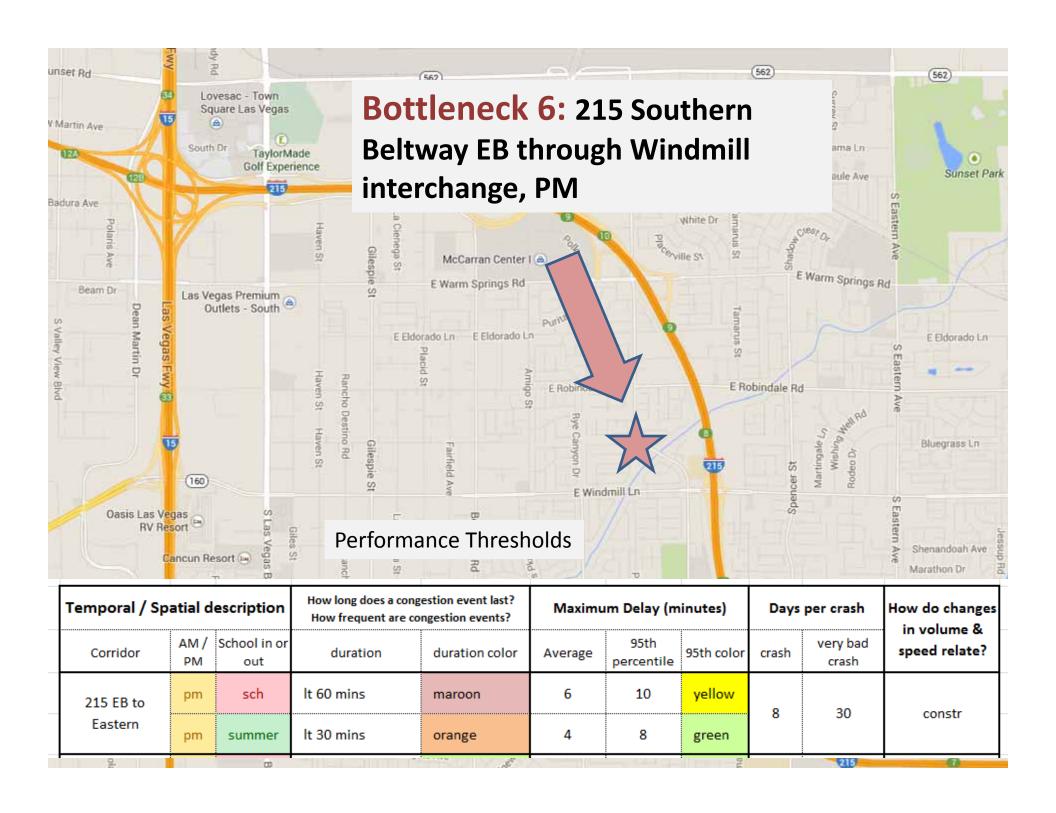
Bottleneck 5: I-15 SB, AM & PM

Percent increase in daily average volume at three locations in corridor



Percent change in daily average speed at three locations in corridor

Year	So.						at L	ake	Me	ad Bl	vd											at (Chai	rlest	ton										betv	veen	Flan	ningo	& 1	ropi	cana		
Tear	Sea	lt -2	-1.	B -1	.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.0	-0.8	-0.	6 -).4	-0.2	0.0	pos	lt -2	-1	1.8	-1.6	-1.4	-1.	.2 -1	1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	P	os	ŀ	t -2	-1.8	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	2 0.0	pos
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2013	Fall	<<	-4.	0																									0	.2	T					 						1	0.2
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Bottleneck 6: 215 Southern Beltway EB through Windmill interchange, PM

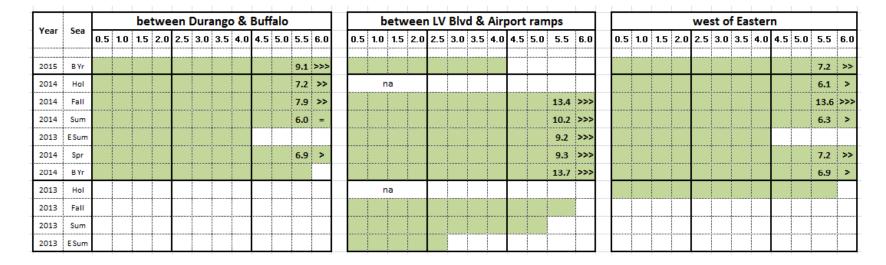
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	Sea		55	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	0	5	10	15
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Year	Sea	Αν	era	ge			9	5th	pe	rce	ntil	e		
real	Sea	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
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Year	Sea	lt 1	1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2	3	5	10	15	20	gt 30
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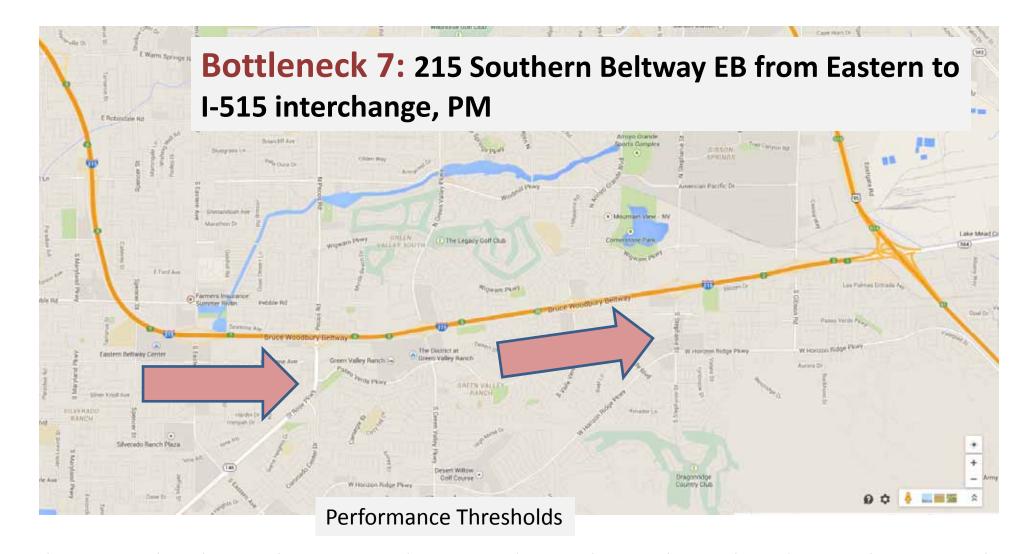
Percent increase in daily average volume at three locations in corridor

Bottleneck 6: 215 Southern Beltway EB through Windmill interchange, PM



Percent change in daily average speed at three locations in corridor

Year	Sea				be	twe	en [Dura	ange	8 l	Buff	alo							betv	wee	en LV	/ Blv	d & /	Airpo	ort ra	mps								w	est c	of Eas	tern				
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2014	Hol																											5.0													0.2
2014	Fall	<<	-2.1																									10.8													
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Temporal / Sp	atial d	escription	How long does a cong How frequent are co		Maximu	ım Delay (m	inutes)	Days	per crash	How do changes in volume &
Corridor	AM / PM	School in or out	duration	duration color	Average	95th percentile	95th color	crash	very bad crash	speed relate?
215 EB to 515	pm	sch	lt 30 mins	green	6	10	green	8	30	v4.50 =
213 EB (0 313	pm	summer	lt 30 mins	green	4	8	green	٥	30	v+ sp =

Bottleneck 7 (cont): 215 Southern Beltway EB from Eastern to I-515 interchange, PM

Year	Coo		1:00								 PN			6	5:00	PN	1
	Sea		40	:	:	:	0	:	10	: :	30			0	5	10	15
2015	B Yr	 															
2014	Hol																
2014	Fall																
2014	Sum																
2013	E Sum																
2014	Spr																
2014	B Yr			•	•									 	•		

				Ma	xin	nun	n de	ela	y in	mi	nut	es		
Year	Sea	Αv	era	ge			9	5th	pe	rce	ntil	e		
rear	Sea	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
2015	BYr													
2014	Hol													
2014	Fall													
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2013	ESum													
2014	Spr													
2014	BYr													
2013	Hol													

					da	ys per	crash	, days	per b	ad cra	sh			
V	C				Days	per cr	ash				Day	s per	bad cr	rash
Year	Sea	lt 1	1	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.8	2	3	5	10	15	20	gt 30
2015	BYr													
2014	Hol													
2014	Fall													
2014	Sum													
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2014	Spr													
2014	BYr													

Bottleneck 7 (cont): 215 Southern Beltway EB from Eastern to I-515 interchange, PM

Percent increase in daily average volume at three locations in corridor

V	C					eas	t of	East	tern	1						bet	wee	n P	eco	s &	Gre	en \	/alle	y	
Year	Sea	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0
2015	B Yr											7.3	>											6.1	>
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Percent change in daily average speed at three locations in corridor

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rear	Sea	lt -2	-1.6	-1.2	-1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	pos		lt -2	-1.8	-1.6	-1.4	-1.2	-1.0	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2	0.0	pos
2015	BYr										0.3	+												0.5
2014	Hol										1.2	Γ												1.4
2014	Fall										0.9	Ī												0.9
2014	Sum										0.9	ľ												0.5
2013	ESum										0.9	Ī												1.7
2014	Spr										0.5	ľ												0.3
2014	BYr										0.5	Ī												0.3