Maryland Statewide Transportation Model: Development, Calibration and Validation

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Goal

• **GOAL:** To support multimodal transportation planning decisions in Maryland by providing reliable and consistent travel forecasts and analysis capabilities

Statewide Vision/Policy Goals
Travel demand on corridors, rural regions
Freight Planning
Transportation System Performance
Long range and Scenario Planning
Common cross agency platform
Inform MPO models for externals



Travel Pattern and Agencies Involved Maryland Statewide Model - SMZ Development Regions Pennsylvania Region Counties State Western Maryland and Portions of Virginia/ **Baltimore Metropolitan** West Virginia Outside BMC/MWCOG Region **Council Region** MD 24 VA 19 PA 9 Metro Washington Council of Governments Region WV 8 Delaware DE 3 DC Total 64

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Travel Options



Three Layer Model

Multi-layer travel demand model working at *national*, *statewide* and *regional* levels to forecast and analyze key measures of transportation system performance.

Local Level Traffic analysis zones, Urban model (MPO) data

Statewide Level Aggregated MPO zones, Land use, Short distance flows, Residents travel

National Level Counties and States, Economic forecasts, Long distance flows, Visitor travel

Maryland Statewide

Transportation Model Enabling Smarter Transportation Decisions

Model Structure



Household Travel Survey



- Survey conducted between May 2007 and December 2008
- Interviewed 14,365 households
- 108,110 trips were reported

Trip Generation

- HBW = Home Based Work
- HBS =Home Based Shop
- HBO =Home Based Other
- HBSCH = Home Based School
- NHBW = Non Home Based Work
- NHBO = Non Home Based Other

Trip rates crossclassified by income and number of workers and size

- Five income categories (1,2,3,4,5)
- Four workers categories (0,1,2,3+)
- Five Household Sizes (1, 2, 3, 4, and 5+)



Destination Choice

Variable(s)	HBW	HBS	HBO	NHB W	NHBO
Mode choice logsum	S	S	S	S	S(C)
Distance*	-S	-S	-S	-S	-S
Income distance*	S	S	S		
Intrazonal dummy	S		S	S	S
CBD dummy*	-S	-S	-S	-S	-S
Bridge crossing dummy	-S	-S	-S	-S	-S
Semi-urban region dummy*	-S				
Suburban region dummy*	-S				
Employment exponentiated term*	S	S	S	S	S
Households exponentiated term			S	S	S
* Multiple variables in this category (e.g., distance includes distance, distance squared,					

distance cubed, and log[distance])



Assignment

- 19 trip purposes (5 trip purposes cross classified by five income categories) are assigned for four time of day periods.
- User equilibrium assignment is used
- Convergence criteria is kept as Gap<0.005
- Feedback with 6 iterations

Model Calibration

Following Data Sources were used in the calibration process

- o Household Travel Survey
- National Household Travel Survey
- o Freight Analysis Framework
- o Baltimore-Washington On-board survey
- o Census Transport Planning Package
- o Air Travel Survey
- o Highway Performance Management Systems (HPMS)
- Maryland Traffic Count Data
- Neighboring MPO/State DOT Model Results

















Base Year (2007) VMT = 142.79 million

Accessibility



Peak Hour Auto Accessibility

Peak Hour Transit Accessibility



Bus Line Inde

50 - 100

Overall Transit Connectivity

Conclusion

- The three layer system has advantage in modeling regional, and statewide travel demand
- Model improvement components include
 - o Use of New Household Travel Survey (2007)
 - o Urban, suburban, and rural trip generation
 - Destination choice model
 - Three layer person and freight long distance model
 - Improved person mode choice
 - Freight mode choice
- Initial tests for scenario planning

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