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# Evaluation Results for the State of Pennsylvania

## Executive Summary

The data from the Vehicle Probe Project is validated using Bluetooth™ Traffic Monitoring (BTM) technology on a near monthly basis. BTMs sensor were deployed on the beginning and ending points of fourteen different segments along the I-83 and I-81 corridor. The Bluetooth sensor deployment covers the range from 32nd St/Exit 45 to Carlisle Rd/Simpson Ferry Rd/Exit 40 along I-83 and from US-322/Exit 70 to PA-114/Exit 18 along I-81. Travel time data was collected for both directions along the freeway, between October 9 through October 22, 2014. The dataset collected represents approximately 2300 hours of observations along fourteen freeway segments, totaling approximately 31.3 miles. The number of effective five-minute travel time samples observed was 27,596 in total.

ES Table 1, below summarizes the results of the comparison between BTM reference data and the HERE data for freeway segments during the above time period. As shown, the average absolute speed error (AASE) and Speed Error Bias (SEB) were within specification in all speed bins.

**ES Table 1 - Pennsylvania Evaluation Summary for Freeway**

Speed Bin	Absolute Speed Error (<10mph)		Speed Error Bias (<5mph)		Number of 5 Minute Samples	Hours of Data Collection
	Comparison with SEM Band	Comparison with Mean	Comparison with SEM Band	Comparison with Mean		
0-30 MPH	2.1	3.4	0.8	1.0	857	71.4
30-45 MPH	3.1	5.2	-0.2	-0.2	643	53.6
45-60 MPH	1.2	3.4	-0.4	-0.8	7825	652.1
>60 MPH	1.5	3.7	-0.9	-2.0	18271	1522.6
All Speeds	1.5	3.6	-0.7	-1.5	27596	2299.7

Based upon data collected from October 9 through October 22, 2014 across 31.3.3 miles of roadway.

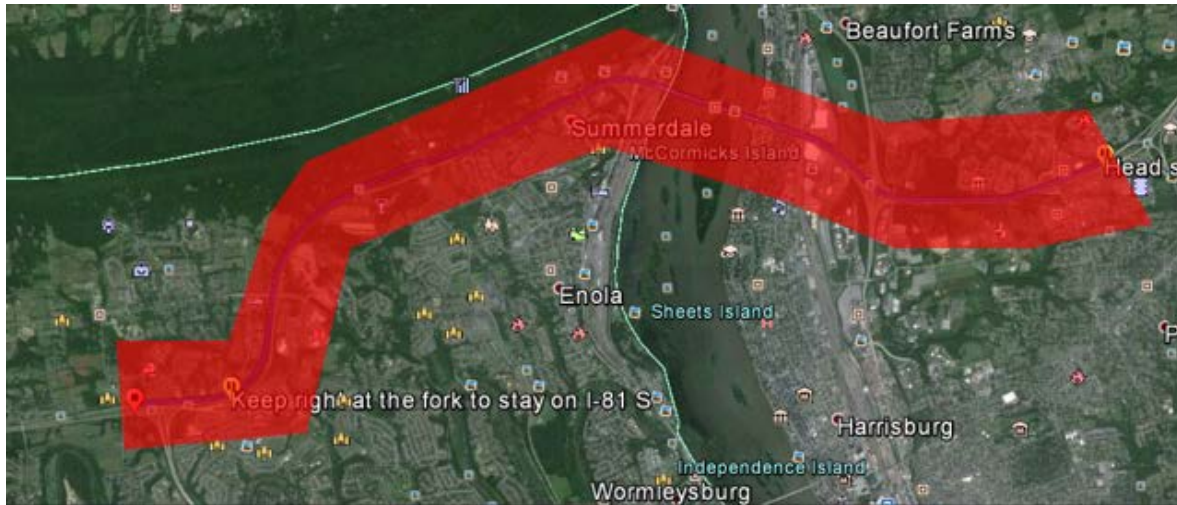
## Data Collection

The data from the Vehicle Probe Project is validated using Bluetooth™ Traffic Monitoring (BTM) technology on a near monthly basis. BTMs sensor were deployed on the beginning and ending points of fourteen different segments along the I-83 and I-81 freeway corridor. The Bluetooth sensor deployment covers the range 32nd St/Exit 45 to Carlisle Rd/Simpson Ferry Rd/Exit 40 along I-83 and from US-322/Exit 70 to PA-114/Exit 18 along I-81. Travel time data was collected for both directions along the freeway. The data was collected between October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 with the assistance of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) personnel. Segment locations were chosen with a high-likelihood of observing recurrent and non-recurrent congestions during peak or off-peak periods.

Figure 1 and 2 present snapshots of the placement of sensors for the collection of data on the I-83 and I-81 corridors in Pennsylvania. Red segments represent freeway segments selected for analysis.



**Figure 1** — Locations of segments selected for analysis on I-83 in Pennsylvania



**Figure 2** — Locations of segments selected for analysis on I-81 in Pennsylvania

### **TMC segments selected for validation in Pennsylvania**

Table 1 presents a list of data collection segments from Pennsylvania. In total, these segments cover a total length of approximately 31.3 freeway miles. Data collection segments are comprised of one or more Traffic Message Channel (TMC) base segments, such that total length of the data collection segment is one mile long or greater for freeway. When appropriate, consecutive TMC segments are combined to form a data collection segment longer than one mile. The results of the validation performed on fourteen freeway segments are included in this report. Table 1 contains the summary information on each data collection segments. The latitude/longitude coordinates of the locations at which the Bluetooth sensors were deployed throughout the state of Pennsylvania are provided in Table 1 as well as an active map link to view the data collection segment in detail. Click on the map link to see a detailed map for the respective data collection segment. It should be noted that the configuration of test segments is often such that the endpoint of one segment coincides with the start point of the next segment, so that one Bluetooth sensor covers both data collection segments.

Table 1 also provides data on the precise length of the TMCs comprising the test segment as compared to the measured length between BTM sensors placed on the roadway. Details of the algorithm used to estimate equivalent path travel times based on HERE data feeds for individual data collection segments are provided in a separate report. This algorithm finds an equivalent HERE travel time (and therefore travel speed) corresponding to each sample BTM travel time observation on the test segment of interest.

**Table 1**  
**Segments selected for validation in Pennsylvania**

SEGMENT (Map Link)	DESCRIPTION			TMC CODES		Deployment		
	Highway	State	Starting at	Begin	Number	Begin Lat/Lon		Length
	Pennsylvania	County	Ending at	End	Length	End Lat/Lon		% Diff
<b>FREEWAY</b>								All Lengths in Miles
F1 <a href="#">PA08-0001</a>	I-83 Southbound	Pennsylvania Dauphin	32nd St/Exit 45 17th St/Exit 44	103N04605 103N04603	3 1.33	40.2583 40.2553	-76.8377 -76.8628	1.33 -0.02%
F2 <a href="#">PA08-0002</a>	I-83 Southbound	Pennsylvania Dauphin	17th St/Exit 44 John Harris Brg	103N04603 103N04601	3 1.23	40.2553 40.2458	-76.8628 -76.8826	1.23 -0.03%
F3 <a href="#">PA08-0003</a>	I-83 Southbound	Pennsylvania Cumberland	John Harris Brg Carlisle Rd/Simpson Ferry Rd/Exit 40	103N04600 103N04613	7 1.68	40.2458 40.2271	-76.8826 -76.8887	1.73 2.80%
F4 <a href="#">PA08-0004</a>	I-83 Northbound	Pennsylvania Cumberland	Carlisle Rd/Simpson Ferry Rd/Exit 40 Lowther St/Exit 42	103P04614 103P04601	7 1.63	40.2257 40.2459	-76.8875 -76.8817	1.8 10.64%
F5 <a href="#">PA08-0005</a>	I-83 Northbound	Pennsylvania Dauphin	Lowther St/Exit 42 13th St/Exit 44	103P04601 103P04604	4 1.33	40.2459 40.2555	-76.8817 -76.8618	1.25 -5.78%
F6 <a href="#">PA08-0006</a>	I-83 Northbound	Pennsylvania Dauphin	13th St/Exit 44 32nd St/Exit 45	103P04604 103P04606	3 1.3	40.2555 40.258	-76.8618 -76.8377	1.28 -1.61%
F7 <a href="#">PA08-0007</a>	I-81 Southbound	Pennsylvania Dauphin	US-322/Exit 70 US-322/US-22/Exit 67	103N04526 103N04525	2 2.82	40.3067 40.3088	-76.8415 -76.889	2.82 -0.18%
F8 <a href="#">PA08-0008</a>	I-81 Southbound	Pennsylvania Dauphin	US-322/US-22/Exit 67 US-15/US-11/Exit 21	103N04524 103N04521	4 2.24	40.3088 40.3162	-76.889 -76.9276	2.1 -6.46%

**Table 1 (Cont'd)**  
**Segments selected for validation in Pennsylvania**

SEGMENT (Map Link)	DESCRIPTION			TMC CODES		Deployment		
	Highway	State	Starting at	Begin	Number	Begin Lat/Lon		Length
	Pennsylvania	County	Ending at	End	Length	End Lat/Lon		% Diff
<b>FREEWAY</b>								All Lengths in Miles
F9 <a href="#">PA08-0009</a>	I-81 Southbound	Pennsylvania Cumberland	US-15/US-11/Exit 21 PA-944/Wertzville Rd/Exit 61	103N04521 103N04521	1 3.26	40.3162 40.2948	-76.9276 -76.9798	3.18 -2.49%
F10 <a href="#">PA08-0010</a>	I-81 Southbound	Pennsylvania Cumberland	PA-944/Wertzville Rd/Exit 61 PA-581/Exit 19	103N04521 103N04520	2 2.22	40.2948 40.2751	-76.9798 -77.0058	2.3 3.62%
F11 <a href="#">PA08-0011</a>	I-81 Northbound	Pennsylvania Cumberland	PA-581/Exit 19 PA-944/Wertzville Rd/Exit 61	103P04520 103P04521	2 4.07	40.2713 40.2938	-77.0369 -76.98	4 -1.68%
F12 <a href="#">PA08-0012</a>	I-81 Northbound	Pennsylvania Cumberland	PA-944/Wertzville Rd/Exit 61 US-15/US-11/Exit 21	103P04522 103P04522	1 3.06	40.2938 40.3151	-76.98 -76.9287	3.1 1.26%
F13 <a href="#">PA08-0013</a>	I-81 Northbound	Pennsylvania Cumberland	US-15/US-11/Exit 21 US-322/US-22/Exit 67	103P04522 103P04525	4 2.49	40.3151 40.3069	-76.9287 -76.8868	2.38 -4.43%
F14 <a href="#">PA08-0014</a>	I-81 Northbound	Pennsylvania Dauphin	US-322/US-22/Exit 67 US-322/Exit 70	103P04525 103P04527	3 2.58	40.3069 40.3057	-76.8868 -76.8417	2.56 -0.68%

## ***Analysis of Freeway Results***

Table 2 summarizes the data quality measures obtained as a result of comparison between Bluetooth and all reported HERE speeds. Specifications include the Average Absolute Speed Error (AASE) and the Speed Error Bias (SEB).

### Average Absolute Speed Error (AASE)

The AASE is defined as the mean absolute value of the difference between the mean speed reported from the VPP and the ground truth mean speed for a specified time period. The AASE is the primary accuracy metric. Based on the contract specifications, the speed data from the VPP shall have a maximum average absolute error of 10 miles per hour (MPH) in each of four speed ranges: 0-30 MPH, 30-45 MPH, 45-60 MPH, and > 60 MPH.

### Speed Error Bias (SEB)

The SEB is defined as the average speed error (not the absolute value) in each speed range. SEB is a measure of whether the speed reported in the VPP consistently under or over estimates speed as compared to ground truth speed. Based on the contract specifications, the VPP data shall have a maximum SEB of +/- 5 MPH in each of speed ranges as defined above.

The results are presented as compared against the mean of the ground truth data as well as the 95<sup>th</sup> percent confidence interval for the mean, referred to as the Standard Error of the Mean (SEM) band. The SEM band takes into account any uncertainty in the ground truth speed as measured by BTM equipment due to limited samples and/or data variance. Contract specifications are assessed against the SEM band. (See the *Vehicle Probe Project: Data Use and Application Guide* for additional details on the validation process.) The AASE in the lower two speed bands have proven to be the critical specification (and most difficult) to attain, and are highlighted in Table 2. The AASE below 10 MPH met contract specifications. The AASE below 5 MPH are considered exceptional quality. As shown, the average absolute speed error (AASE) was within specification for all the speed bins.



**TABLE 2 Data quality measures for freeway segments in Pennsylvania**

SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for				No. of 5 Minute Samples	Hours of Data Collection
	1.96 SEM Band		Mean			
	SEB 5 mph (contract specifications)	AASE 10 mph	SEB	AASE		
0-30	0.8	2.1	1.0	3.4	857	71
30-45	-0.2	3.1	-0.2	5.2	643	54
45-60	-0.4	1.2	-0.8	3.4	7825	652
60+	-0.9	1.5	-2.0	3.7	18271	1523

Table 3 shows the percentage of the time HERE data falls within 5 mph of the SEM band and the mean for each speed bin for all freeway data segments in Pennsylvania.

**Table 3 Percent observations meeting data quality criteria for freeway segments in Pennsylvania**

SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for				No. of Obs.
	1.96 SEM Band		Mean		
	Percentage falling inside the band	Percentage falling within 5 mph of the band	Percentage equal to the mean	Percentage within 5 mph of the mean	
0-30	31%	88%	0%	77%	857
30-45	31%	76%	0%	59%	643
45-60	57%	93%	0%	78%	7825
60+	48%	92%	0%	74%	18271

Tables 4 and 5 present detailed data for individual TMC segments in Pennsylvania in a similar format as Tables 2 and 3, respectively. Note that for some segments and in some speed bins the comparison results may not be reliable due to small number of observations.

**Table 4**  
**Data quality measures for individual freeway validation segments in the state of Pennsylvania**

TMC	Standard TMC length	Bluetooth distance	SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for				No. of Obs.
				1.96 SEM Band		Mean		
				Speed Error Bias	Average Absolute Speed Error	Speed Error Bias	Average Absolute Speed Error	
PA08-0001	1.3	1.3	0-30	0.0	2.6	-0.4	3.8	46
			30-45	-2.7	3.8	-3.5	5.3	97
			45-60	-0.4	1.1	-0.9	2.8	692
			60+	-1.9	2.0	-4.4	4.8	559
PA08-0002	1.2	1.2	0-30	0.2	1.4	0.2	2.5	160
			30-45	0.5	3.2	1.2	5.5	35
			45-60	-0.6	1.0	-1.3	3.1	1000
			60+	-2.2	2.2	-5.2	5.4	1085
PA08-0003	1.7	1.7	0-30	0.9	2.0	1.1	3.5	28*
			30-45	-1.4	2.7	-1.4	5.2	112
			45-60	-0.6	1.0	-1.3	3.2	1951
			60+	-2.7	2.7	-10.3	10.3	18*
PA08-0004	1.6	1.8	0-30	1.3	2.2	2.0	3.9	160
			30-45	0.7	1.9	0.8	4.6	103
			45-60	-0.4	1.0	-1.2	3.2	1495
			60+	-2.9	2.9	-8.0	8.0	127
PA08-0005	1.3	1.3	0-30	-0.1	1.6	-0.4	3.5	158
			30-45	-1.3	3.5	-2.2	6.5	73
			45-60	-2.5	2.7	-4.5	5.3	514
			60+	-3.8	3.8	-8.0	8.1	1484
PA08-0006	1.3	1.3	0-30	0.6	1.8	0.8	3.0	205
			30-45	0.9	3.0	1.3	4.6	148
			45-60	0.2	1.0	0.7	3.1	1648
			60+	-1.4	1.5	-4.4	4.7	186
PA08-0008	2.2	2.1	0-30	0.6	1.0	0.8	2.3	12*
			30-45	1.2	2.4	1.6	4.2	28*
			45-60	0.5	0.7	1.0	2.4	59
			60+	-1.6	1.8	-3.7	4.2	2214
PA08-0009	3.3	3.2	0-30	-	-	-	-	-
			30-45	-5.2	5.2	-6.4	6.4	3*
			45-60	1.7	3.4	3.7	5.9	263
			60+	0.9	1.2	1.9	3.0	3022

\*Results in the specified row may not be reliable due to small number of observation

**Table 4 (Cont'd)**  
**Data quality measures for individual freeway validation segments in the state of Pennsylvania**

TMC	Standard TMC length	Bluetooth distance	SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for				No. of Obs.
				1.96 SEM Band		Mean		
				Speed Error Bias	Average Absolute Speed Error	Speed Error Bias	Average Absolute Speed Error	
PA08-0010	2.2	2.3	0-30	4.1	4.5	4.5	5.2	88
			30-45	3.7	5.2	4.3	6.7	30
			45-60	-0.2	3.3	1.4	6.1	50
			60+	-0.3	0.7	-0.6	2.4	2202
PA08-0011	4.1	4.0	0-30	-	-	-	-	-
			30-45	0.6	1.7	0.5	3.1	8*
			45-60	-0.1	1.7	0.4	3.7	75
			60+	-0.2	0.7	-0.5	2.3	2381
PA08-0012	3.1	3.1	0-30	-	-	-	-	-
			30-45	-	-	-	-	-
			45-60	1.6	1.8	3.2	4.1	25*
			60+	-0.5	1.0	-1.1	2.6	2525
PA08-0013	2.5	2.4	0-30	-	-	-	-	-
			30-45	9.0	9.7	9.9	12.0	6*
			45-60	-2.6	3.9	-2.1	6.6	53
			60+	-1.3	1.5	-3.0	3.6	2468

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**Table 5**  
**Observations meeting data quality criteria for individual freeway validation segments**  
**in the state of Pennsylvania**

TMC	SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for								No. of Obs.
		1.96 SEM Band				Mean				
		Speed Error Bias		Average Absolute Speed Error		Speed Error Bias		Average Absolute Speed Error		
		No. falling inside the band	% falling inside the band	No. falling within 5 mph of the band	% falling within 5 mph of the band	No. equal to the mean	% equal to the mean	No. within 5 mph of the mean	% within 5 mph of the mean	
PA08-0001	0-30	7	15%	39	85%	0	0%	32	70%	46
	30-45	10	10%	70	72%	0	0%	52	54%	97
	45-60	415	60%	657	95%	1	0%	589	85%	692
	60+	203	36%	496	89%	0	0%	326	58%	559
PA08-0002	0-30	51	32%	150	94%	0	0%	144	90%	160
	30-45	14	40%	25	71%	0	0%	21	60%	35
	45-60	627	63%	953	95%	0	0%	826	83%	1000
	60+	391	36%	913	84%	0	0%	530	49%	1085
PA08-0003	0-30	9	32%	23	82%	0	0%	20	71%	28*
	30-45	40	36%	90	80%	0	0%	64	57%	112
	45-60	1162	60%	1838	94%	0	0%	1553	80%	1951
	60+	6	33%	14	78%	0	0%	1	6%	18*
PA08-0004	0-30	54	34%	139	87%	0	0%	116	73%	160
	30-45	51	50%	87	84%	0	0%	71	69%	103
	45-60	917	61%	1428	96%	1	0%	1189	80%	1495
	60+	40	32%	102	80%	0	0%	21	17%	127
PA08-0005	0-30	69	44%	141	89%	0	0%	114	72%	158
	30-45	20	27%	54	74%	0	0%	31	42%	73
	45-60	212	41%	432	84%	3	1%	323	63%	514
	60+	374	25%	1007	68%	0	0%	382	26%	1484
PA08-0006	0-30	61	30%	187	91%	0	0%	165	80%	205
	30-45	43	29%	111	75%	0	0%	94	64%	148
	45-60	936	57%	1561	95%	2	0%	1364	83%	1648
	60+	98	53%	171	92%	0	0%	102	55%	186
PA08-0008	0-30	5	42%	11	92%	0	0%	11	92%	12*
	30-45	6	21%	24	86%	0	0%	22	79%	28*
	45-60	42	71%	57	97%	0	0%	51	86%	59
	60+	934	42%	1963	89%	0	0%	1451	66%	2214

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**Table 5 (Cont'd)**  
**Observations meeting data quality criteria for individual freeway validation segments**  
**in the state of Pennsylvania**

TMC	SPEED BIN	Data Quality Measures for								No. of Obs.
		1.96 SEM Band				Mean				
		Speed Error Bias		Average Absolute Speed Error		Speed Error Bias		Average Absolute Speed Error		
		No. falling inside the band	% falling inside the band	No. falling within 5 mph of the band	% falling within 5 mph of the band	No. equal to the mean	% equal to the mean	No. within 5 mph of the mean	% within 5 mph of the mean	
PA08-0009	0-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	30-45	0	0%	1	33%	0	0%	1	33%	3*
	45-60	55	21%	190	72%	0	0%	114	43%	263
	60+	1452	48%	2872	95%	0	0%	2542	84%	3022
PA08-0010	0-30	10	11%	62	70%	0	0%	54	61%	88
	30-45	9	30%	17	57%	0	0%	15	50%	30
	45-60	14	28%	41	82%	0	0%	29	58%	50
	60+	1367	62%	2148	98%	1	0%	1989	90%	2202
PA08-0011	0-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	30-45	3	38%	7	88%	0	0%	7	88%	8*
	45-60	31	41%	67	89%	0	0%	54	72%	75
	60+	1456	61%	2336	98%	2	0%	2156	91%	2381
PA08-0012	0-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	30-45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	45-60	8	32%	22	88%	0	0%	18	72%	25*
	60+	1308	52%	2445	97%	0	0%	2224	88%	2525
PA08-0013	0-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	30-45	1	17%	2	33%	0	0%	2	33%	6*
	45-60	13	25%	37	70%	0	0%	28	53%	53
	60+	1116	45%	2287	93%	0	0%	1844	75%	2468

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