



# **Q-FREE SNOHOMISH COUNTY ADAPTIVE DEPLOYMENT**

HAWAII ITE TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS EVENT

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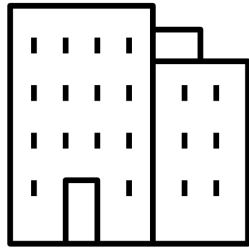
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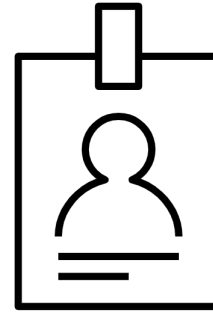
# Q-Free at a glance



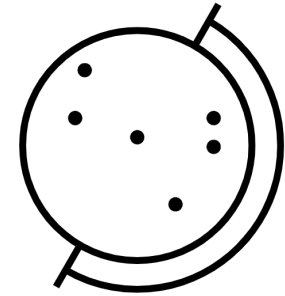
FOUNDED IN  
**1984**



GLOBAL ATMS  
HEADQUARTERS  
**CARLSBAD, CA**



**~ 400**  
EMPLOYEES  
WORLDWIDE



REFERENCES IN  
**50+ MARKETS**



# Traffic trailblazers

## 95

Intelight MAXVIEW city  
traffic management  
systems

## 10

OpenTMS freeway &  
statewide traffic  
management systems

## 30k

ATC traffic signal  
controllers (2070 and  
NEMA)

- ▶ Serving more than 25 million people
- ▶ Managing more than 500,000 lane miles





# Snohomish County At A Glance

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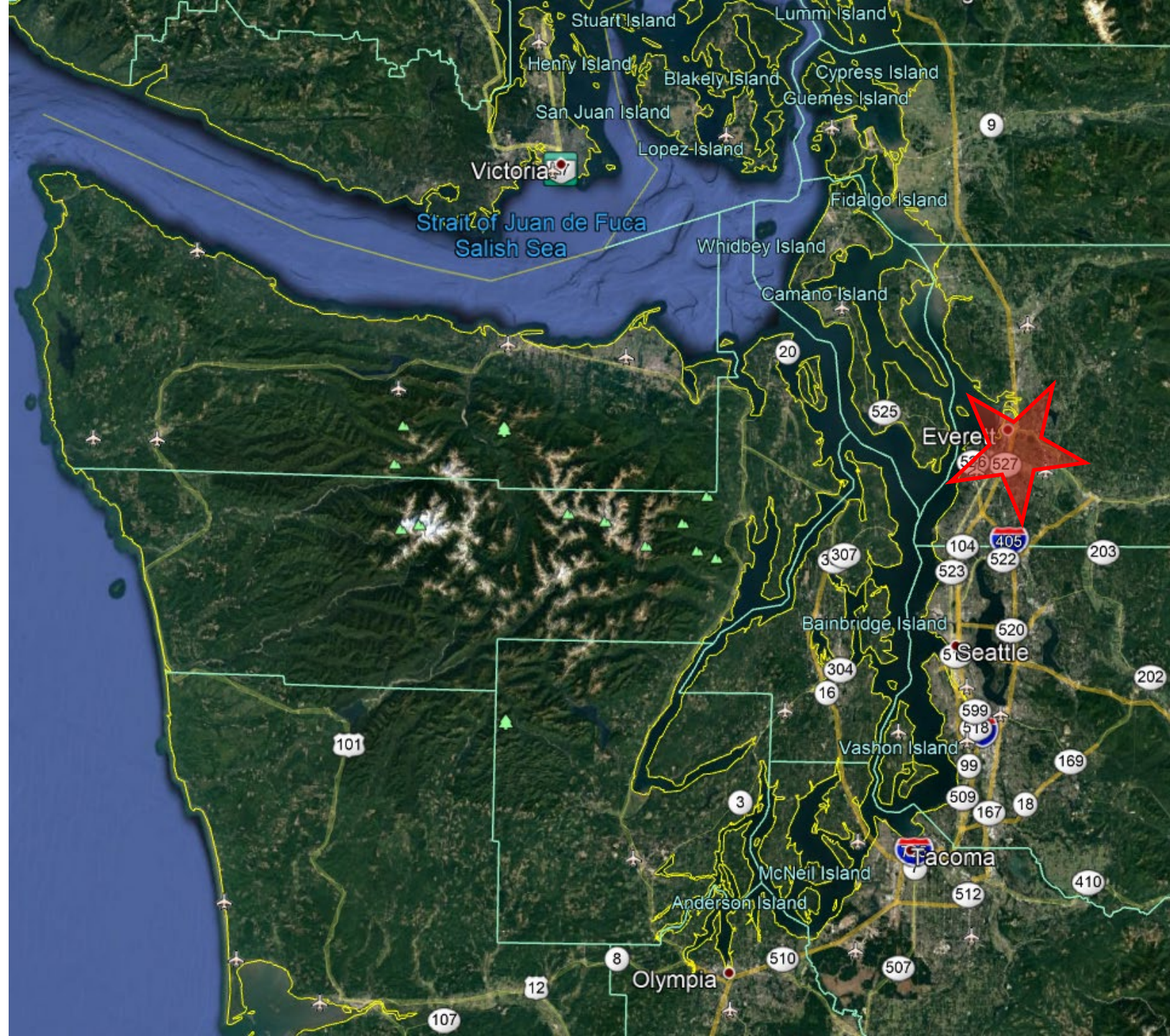
## Snohomish County

Northern most county in  
Seattle-Metro Area

Population (2019): 822,083

County Seat: Everett

Named for the Snohomish  
People





# **Snohomish County Adaptive At A Glance**

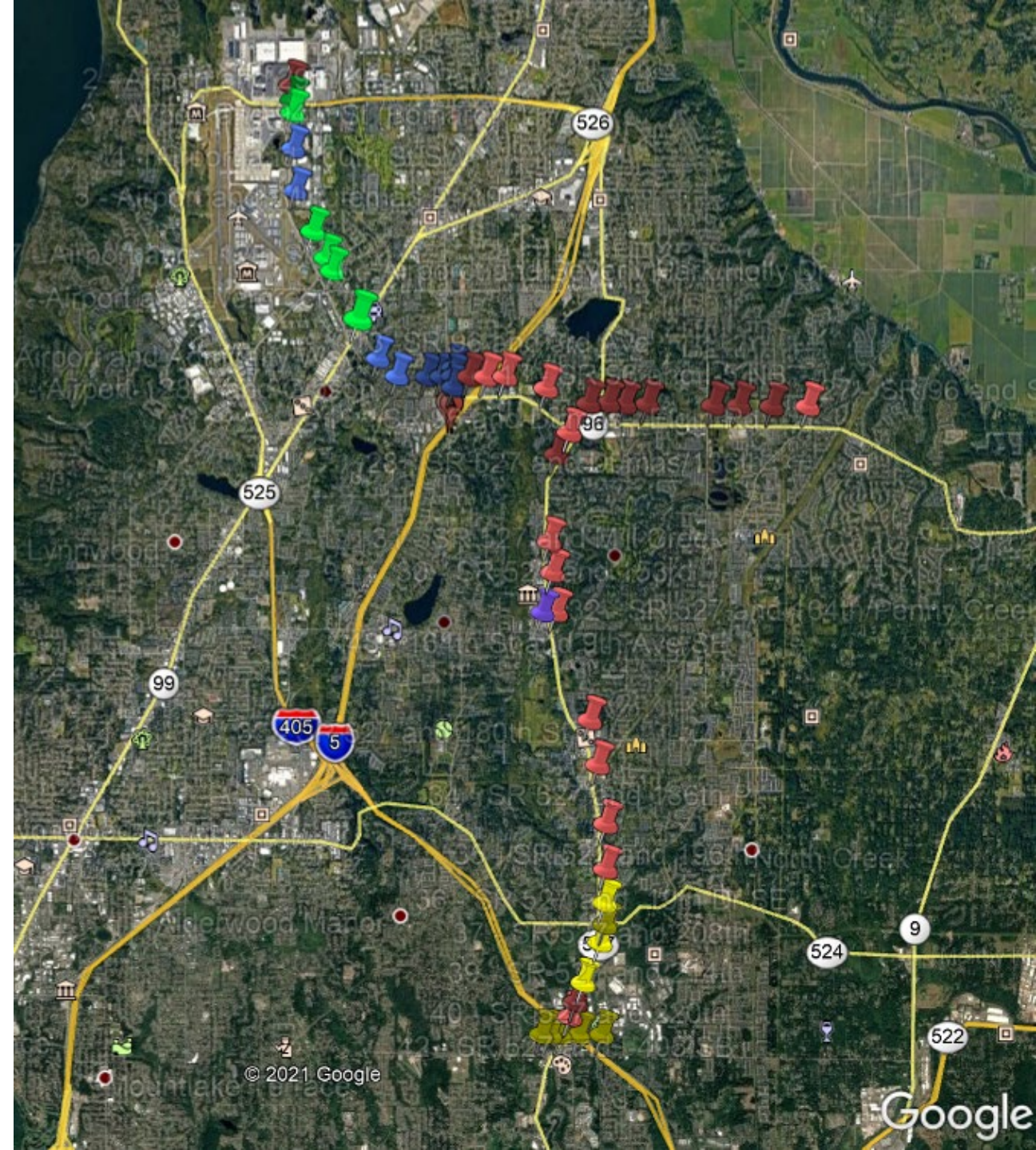
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**49 Intersections**

**6 MAXTIME Adaptive  
Corridors**

**2 IT Networks  
(Snohomish County and  
WSDOT)**

**Federal Funding from  
FHWA STP Grant**





# **Snohomish County Adaptive At A Glance**

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## **Jurisdictions**

Snohomish County – 9 Intersections  
City of Bothell – 9 Intersections  
City of Mill Creek – 1 Intersection  
City of Everett – 6 Intersections  
WSDOT – 24 Interactions

## **Facilities**

4 Highway to Highway Junctions  
2 Freeway Interchanges  
Busiest Intersection in SnoCo  
Major Commuter Traffic

## **Major Generators**

Boeing Manufacturing Plant  
Pain Field Airport  
2 Park and Rides  
4 Schools  
Multiple Bussiness Parks  
Multiple Retail Centers

## **Transit Routes**

1 BRT Line  
2 Park and Rides  
Multiple Commuter Routes  
Multiple Local Routes  
6 Planned TSP Intersections



# Hardware use on this Project

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## Intelight NEMA ATC



## Intelight 2070 ATC



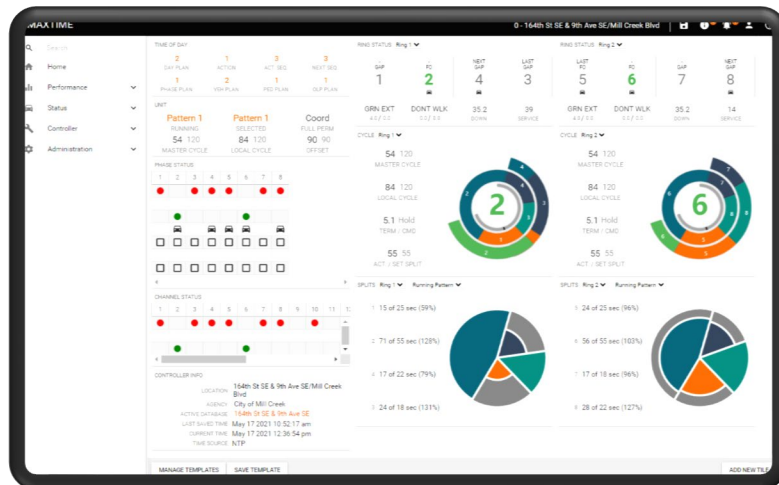
## Intelight ATC 1C



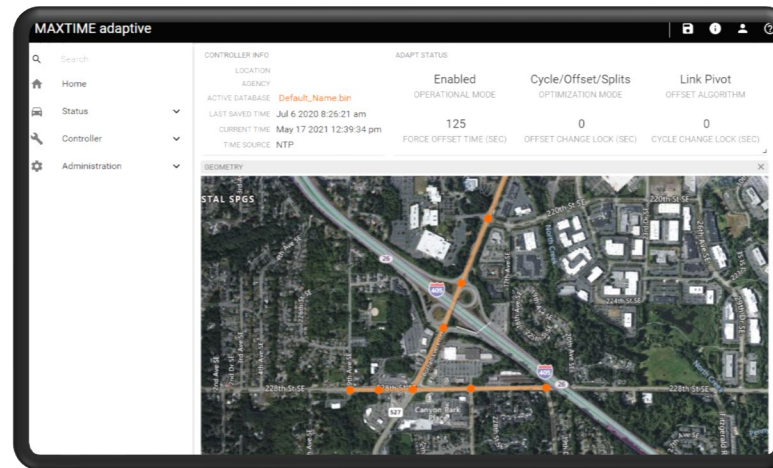


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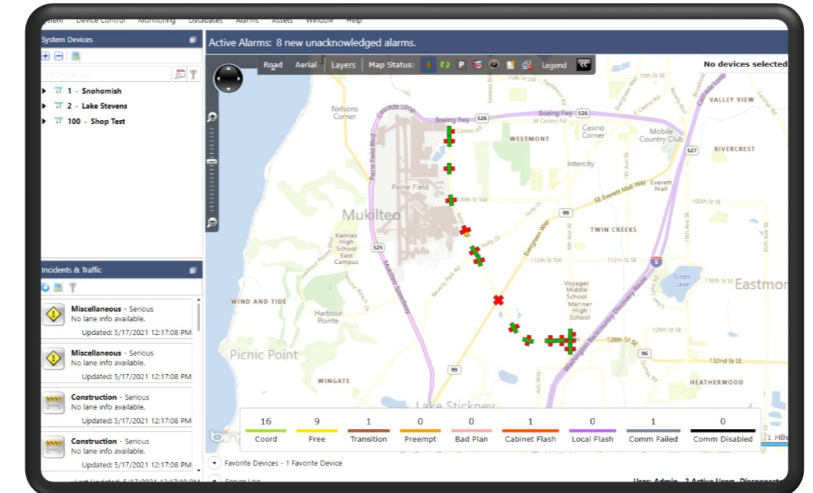
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## MAXTIME adaptive (Local)



## MAXVIEW (Central)





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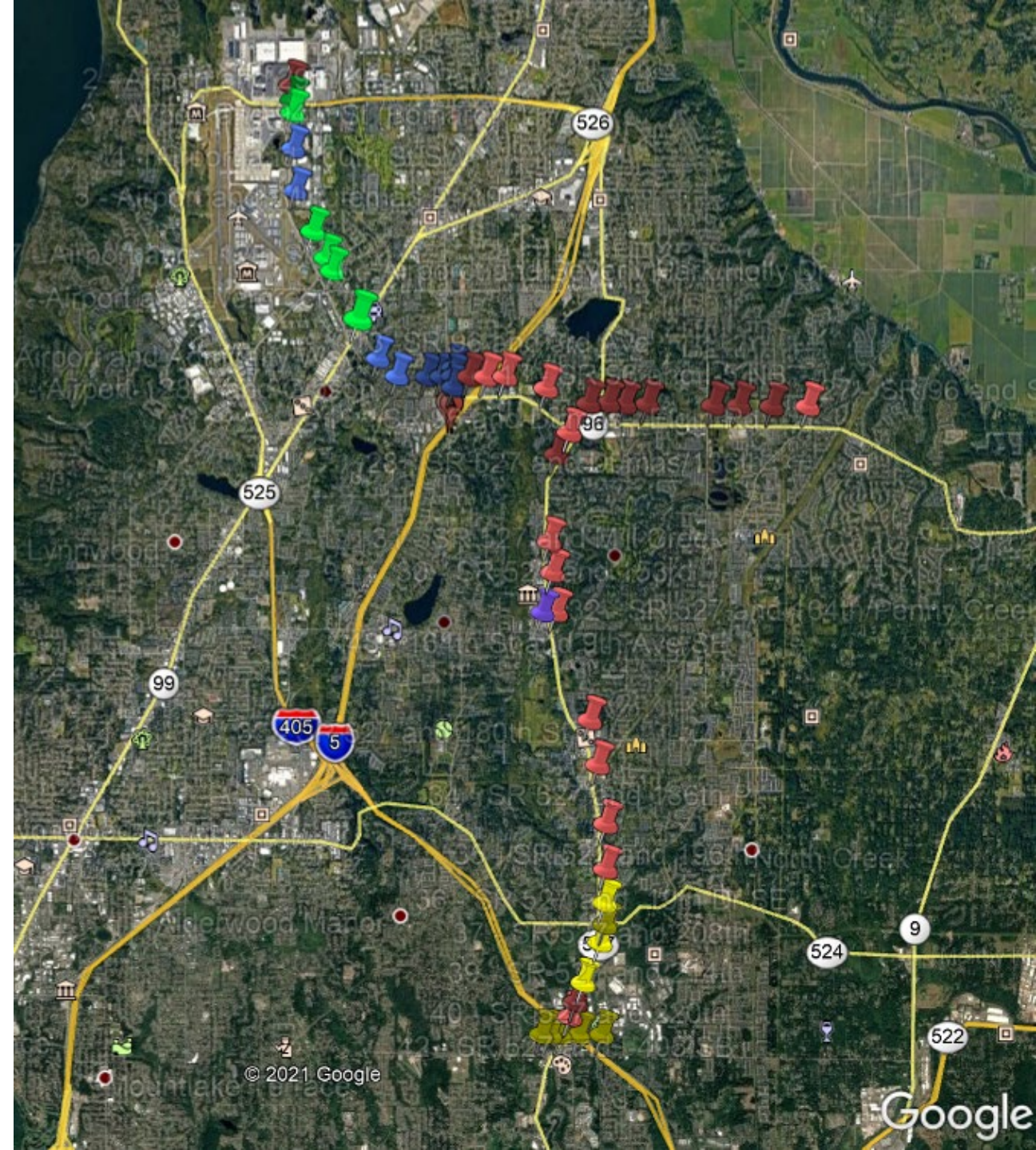
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# **Why Did Snohomish Go Adaptive?**

## Seattle ranks 2nd worst commute time in US, report finds

by Becca Savransky, SeattlePI | Sunday, December 1st 2019

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FILE - In this Sept. 24, 2014 file photo, traffic creeps along toward downtown on Interstate 5, left, and remains slowed down heading out during the rainy morning commute in Seattle. (AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)



# Project Goals

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**Improve Transit  
Reliability**

**Reduce Emissions**

**Support Regional  
Industrial Centers**

**Reduce Congestion**



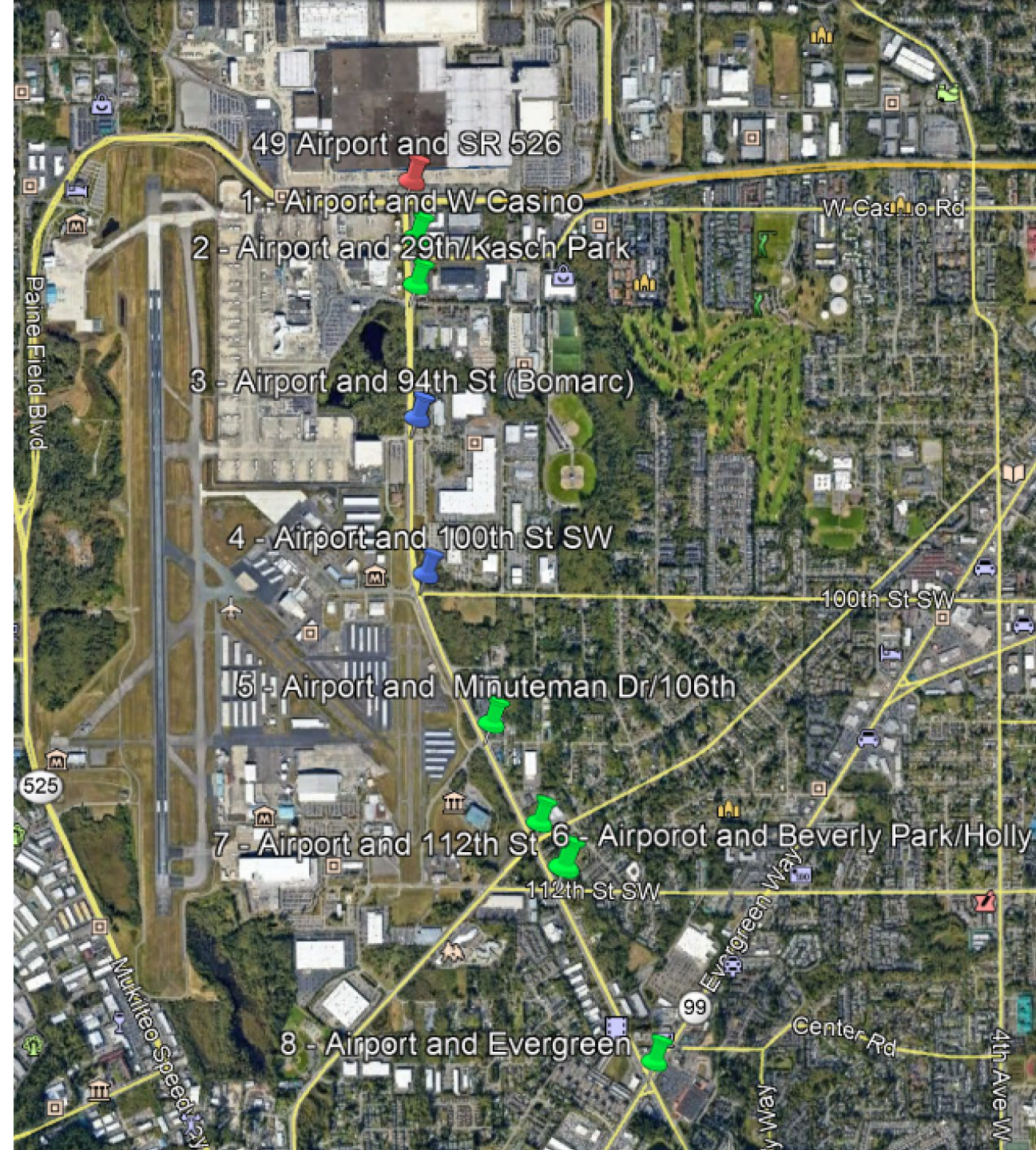


# Adaptive Networks

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## Airport Road Network

Boeing Manufacturing Facility  
Paine Field Airport  
SR 99 / SR 526 Junction  
SR 96 / SR 99 Junction  
Commuter Route





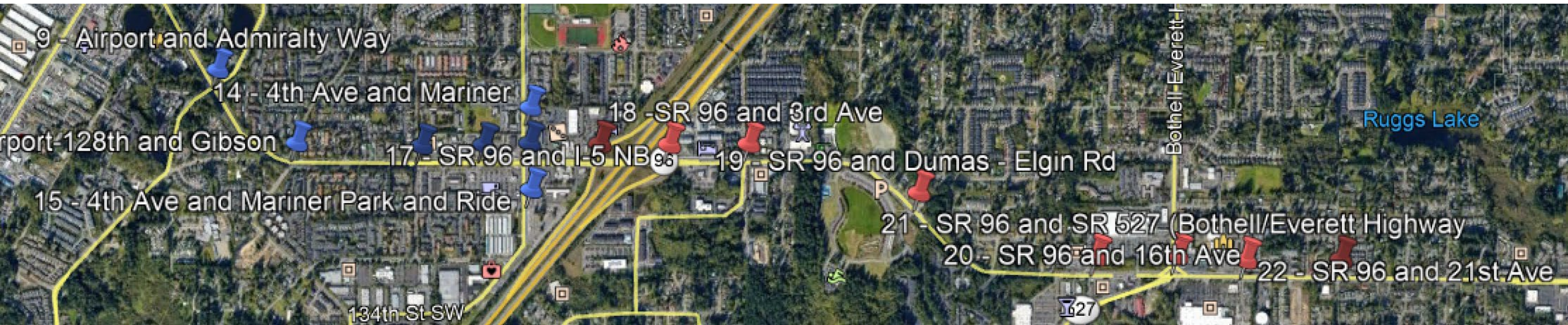
# Adaptive Networks

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## Airport Road / SR 96 Network

I-5 Interchange  
Mariner Park and Ride  
McCollum Park and Ride

Big Box Commercial  
SR 96 / SR 527 Junction  
Commuter Route



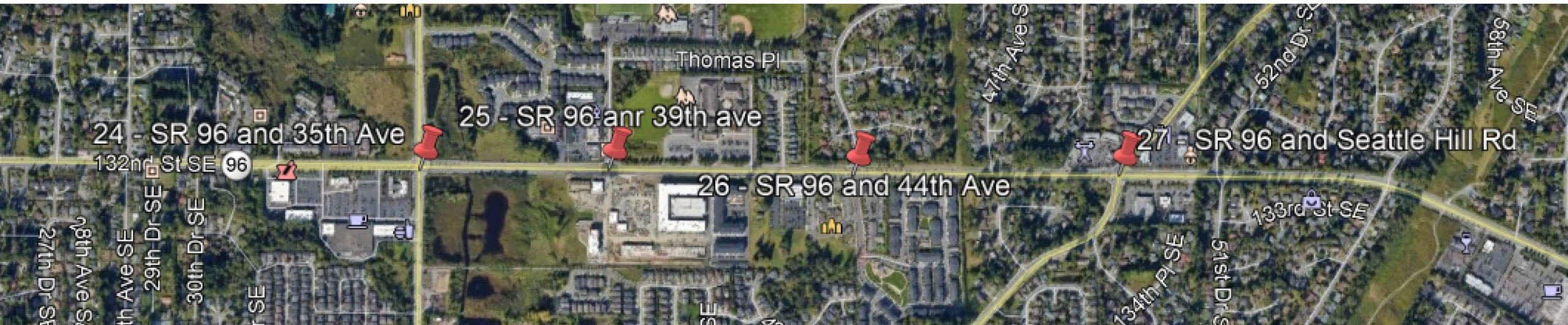


# Adaptive Networks

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## SR 96 East Network

Archbishop Murphy High School  
Penny Creek Elementary School  
Commuter Route



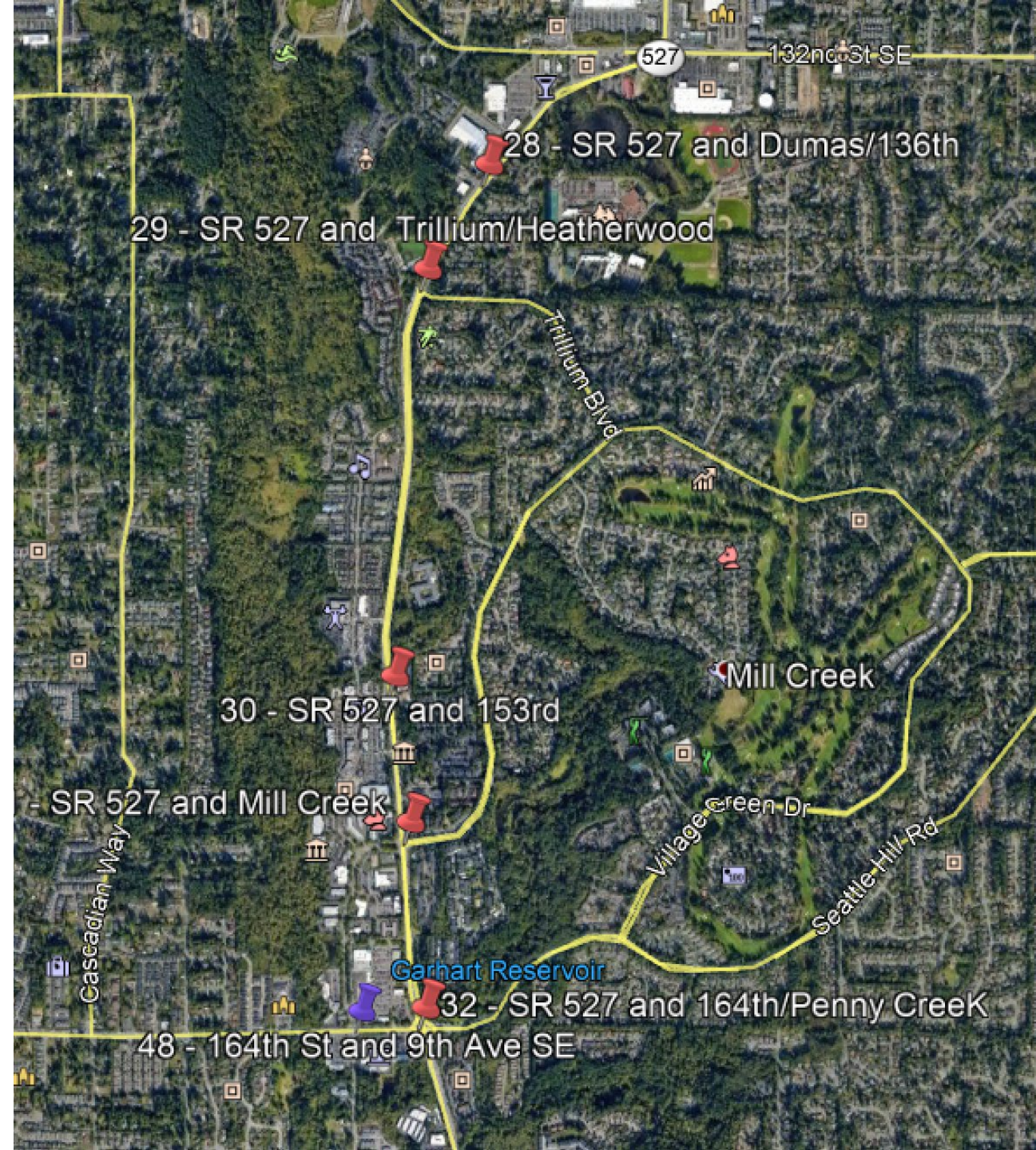


# Adaptive Networks

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## SR 572 North Network

Henry M Jackson Highschool  
Connection to I-5 west on 164<sup>th</sup> Street  
Major Retail Center  
Commuter Route



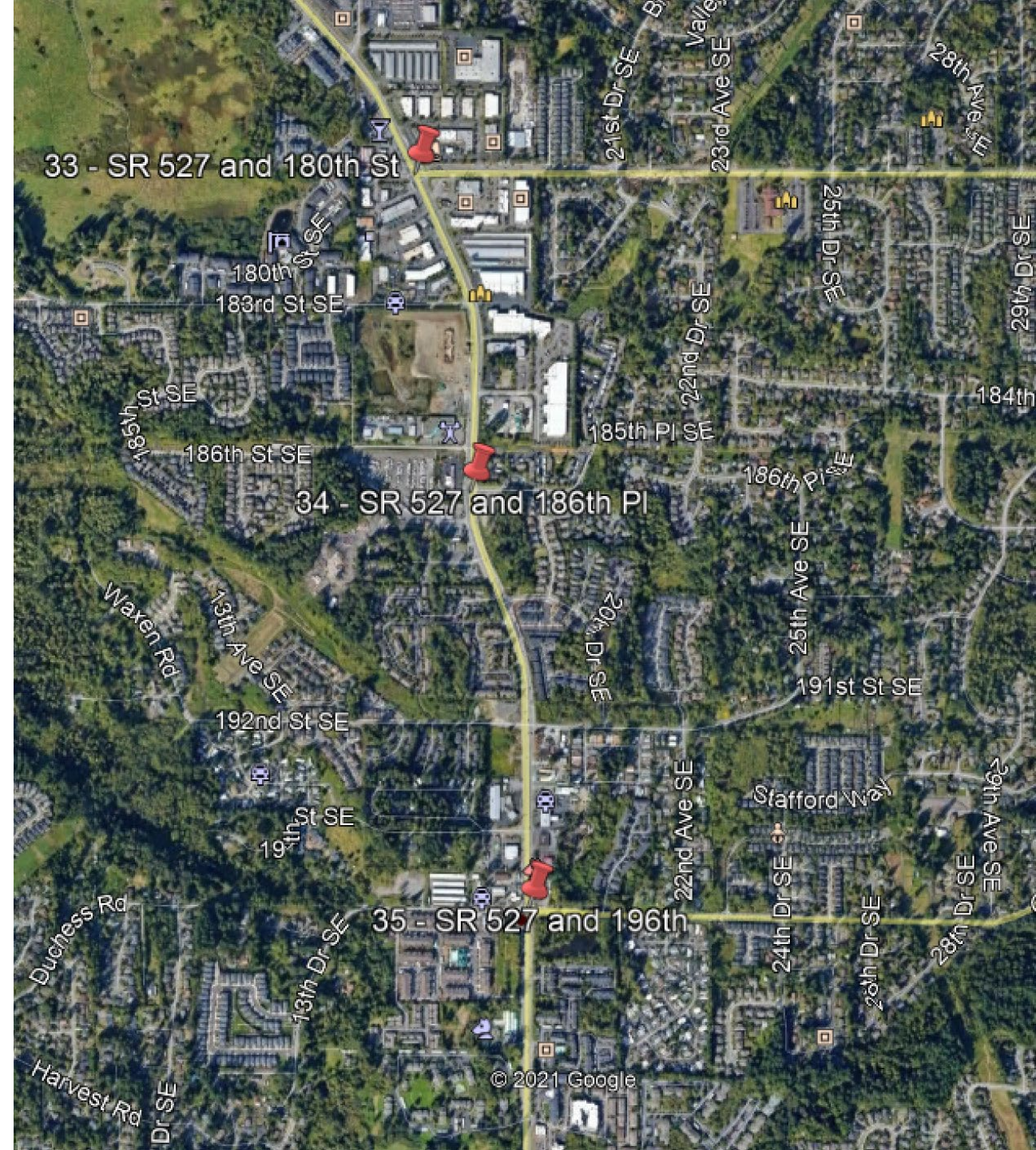


# Adaptive Networks

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## SR 572 Mid Network

Strip Commercial  
Residential  
Commuter Route





# Adaptive Networks

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## SR 572 South / 228th Network

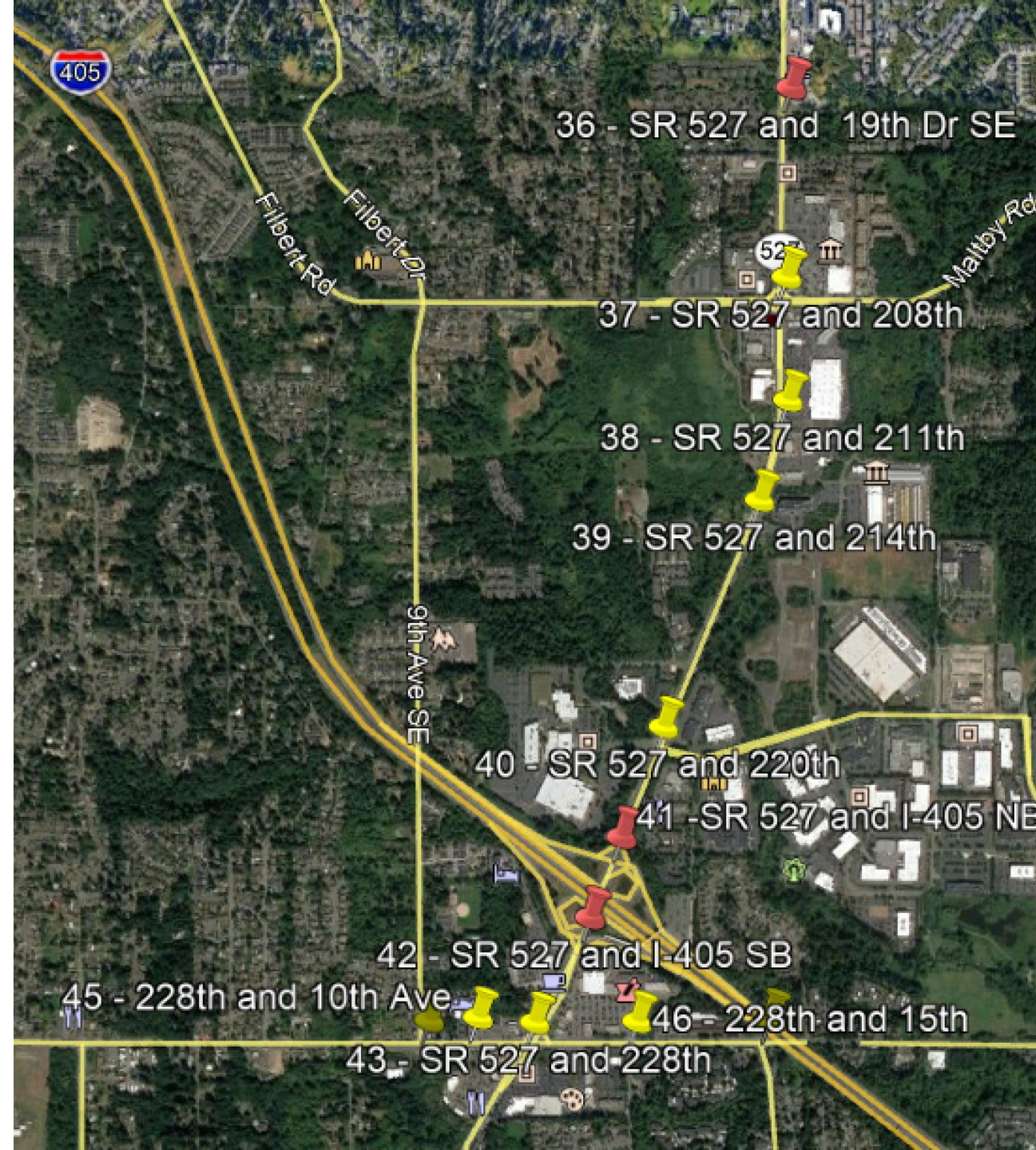
I-405 Interchange

Busiest Intersection in County

Major Retail Center

Major Business Parks

Commuter Routes



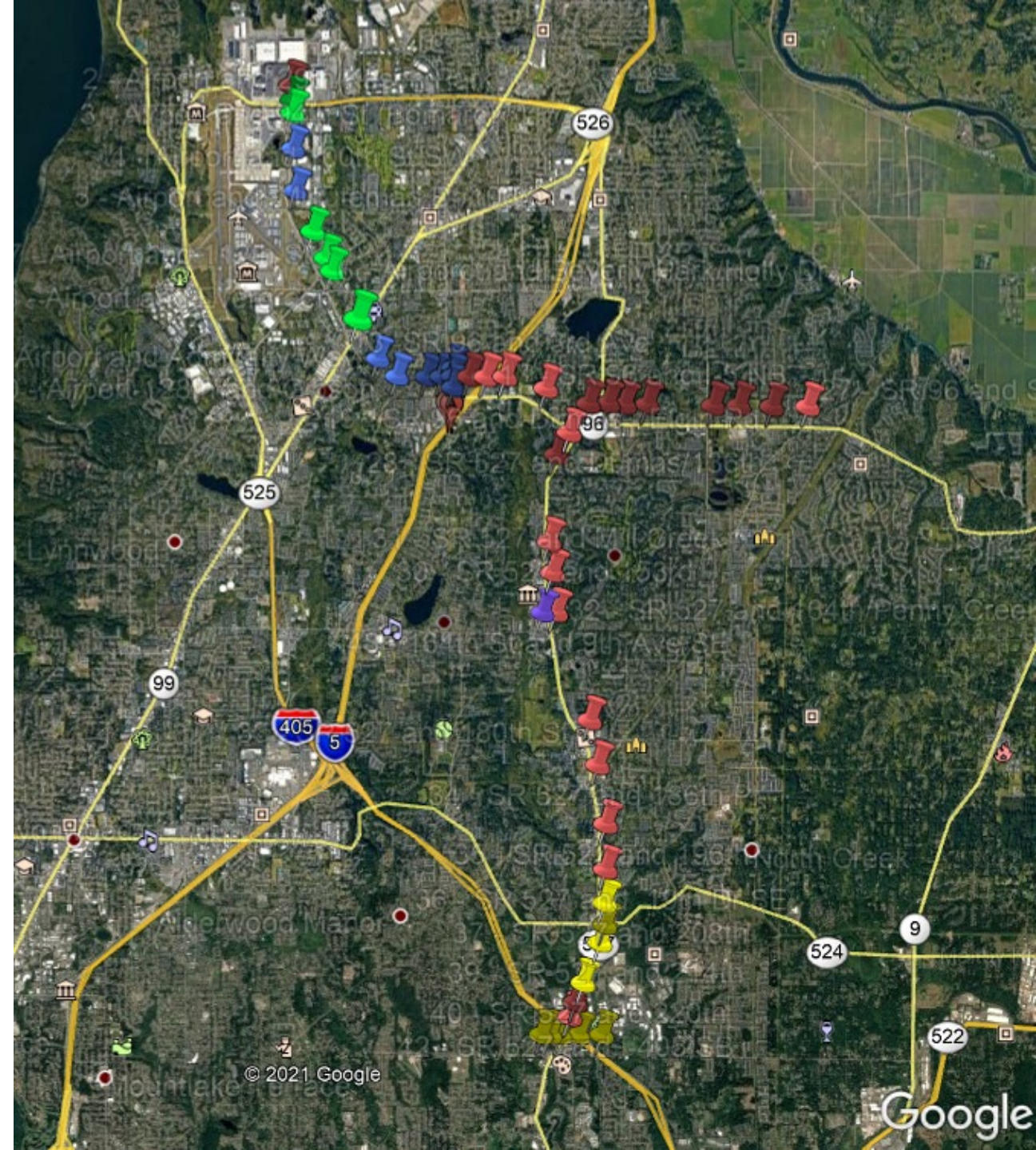


# Regional System

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**Multiple north south  
and east west routes**

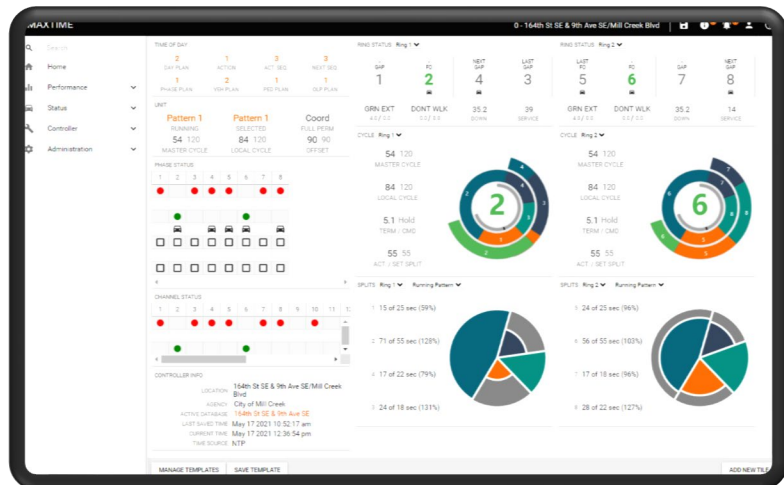
**Traffic incidents on one  
route will create impact  
on other routes**



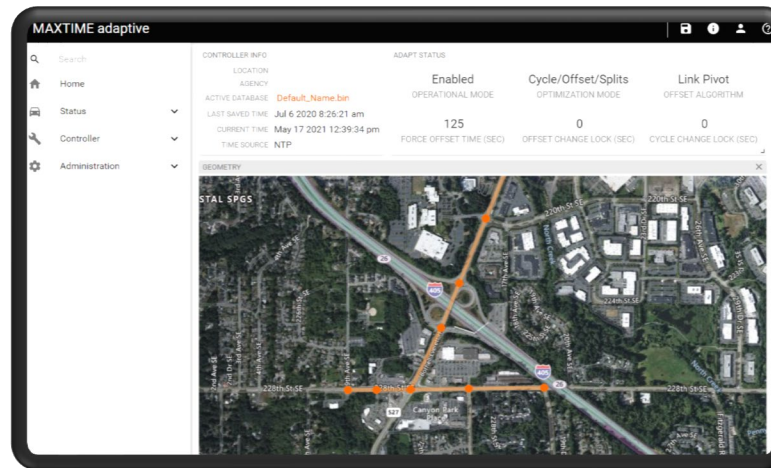


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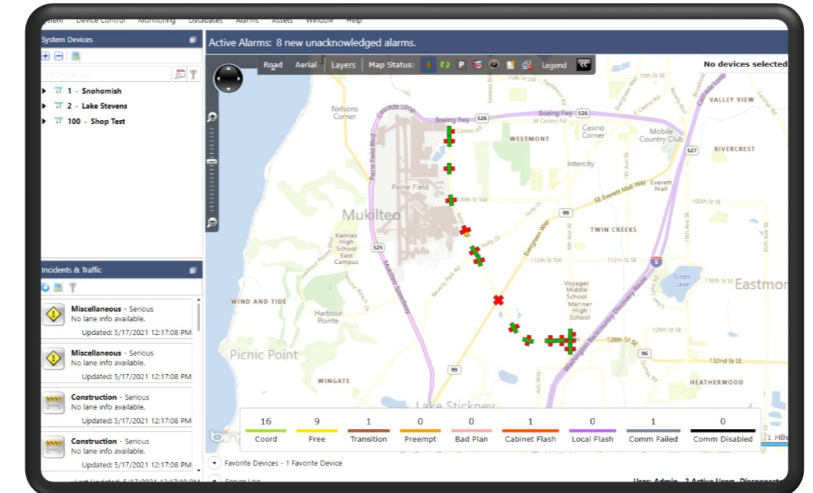
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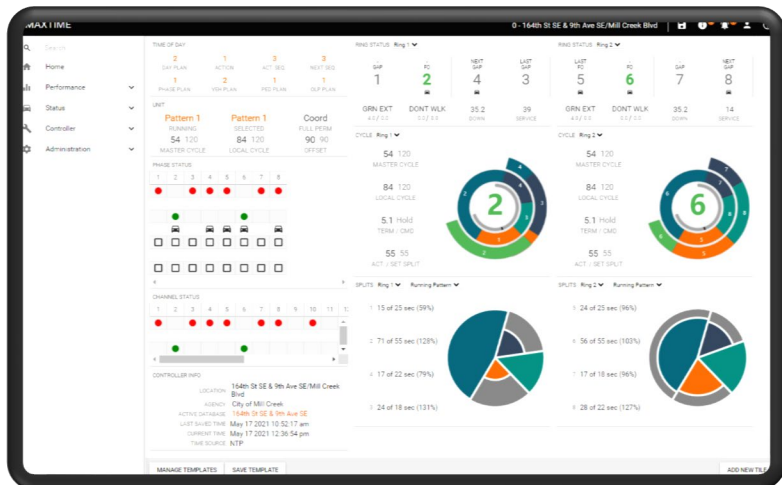


## MAXVIEW (Central)

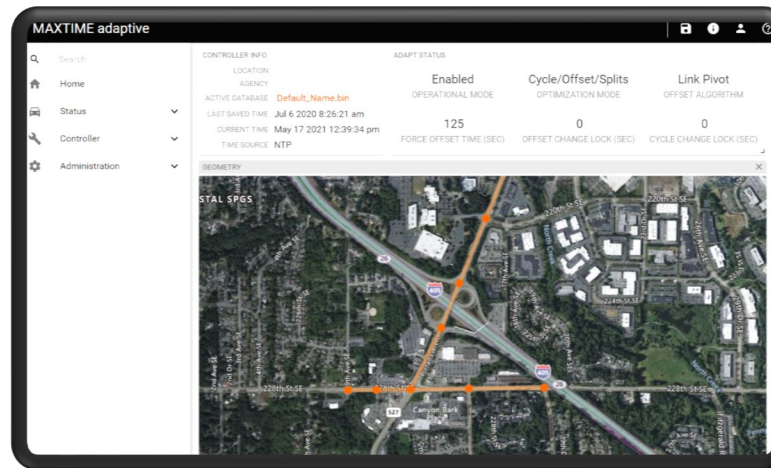


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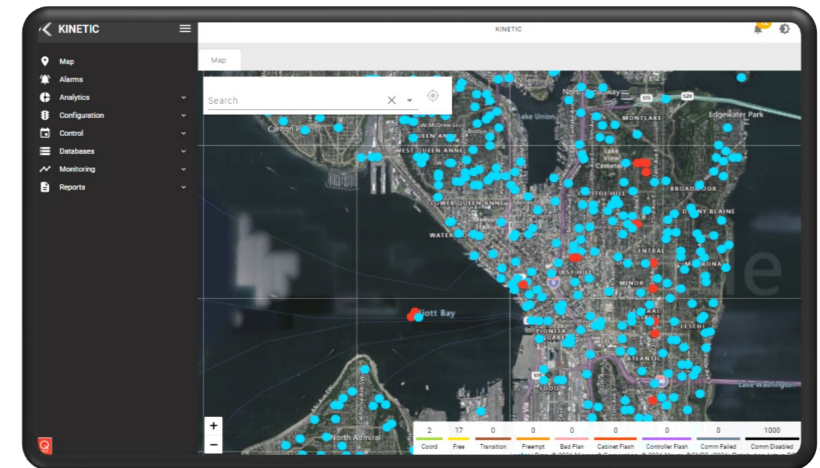
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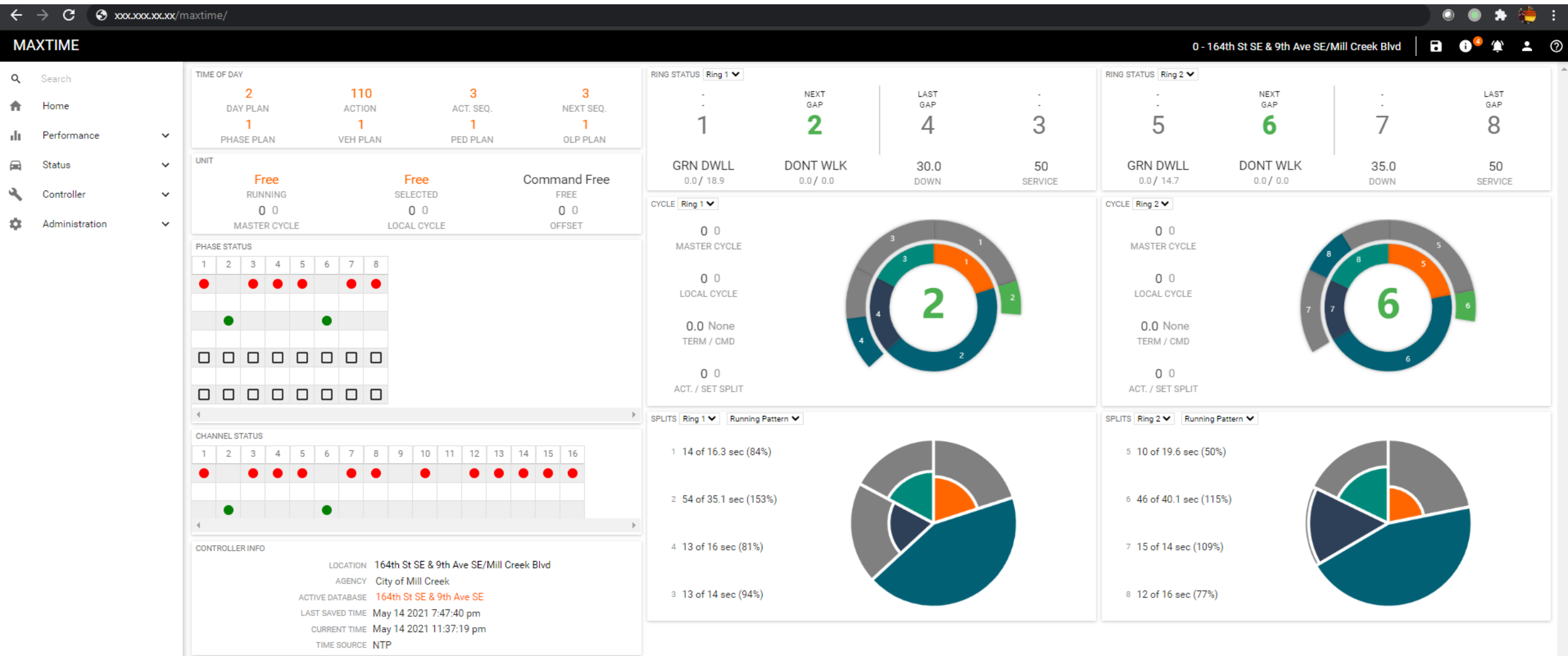


## Kinetic Signals (New Central)





# MAXTIME

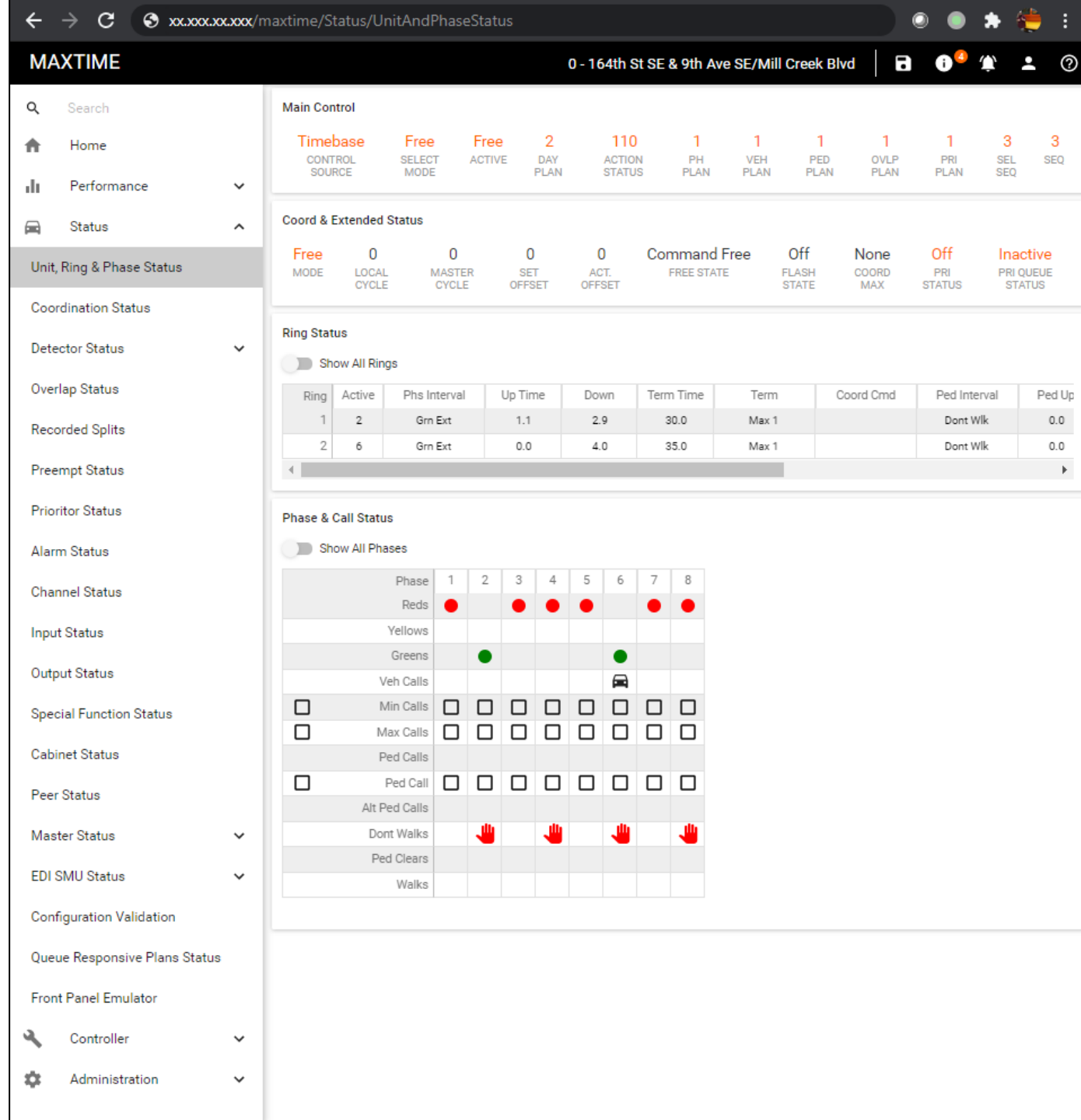


# LOCAL INTERSECTION CONTROLLER SOFTWARE

## Runs on 2070 or NEMA

## HTML5 Thin Client Interface

## Simple Licensing, No Add on Modals





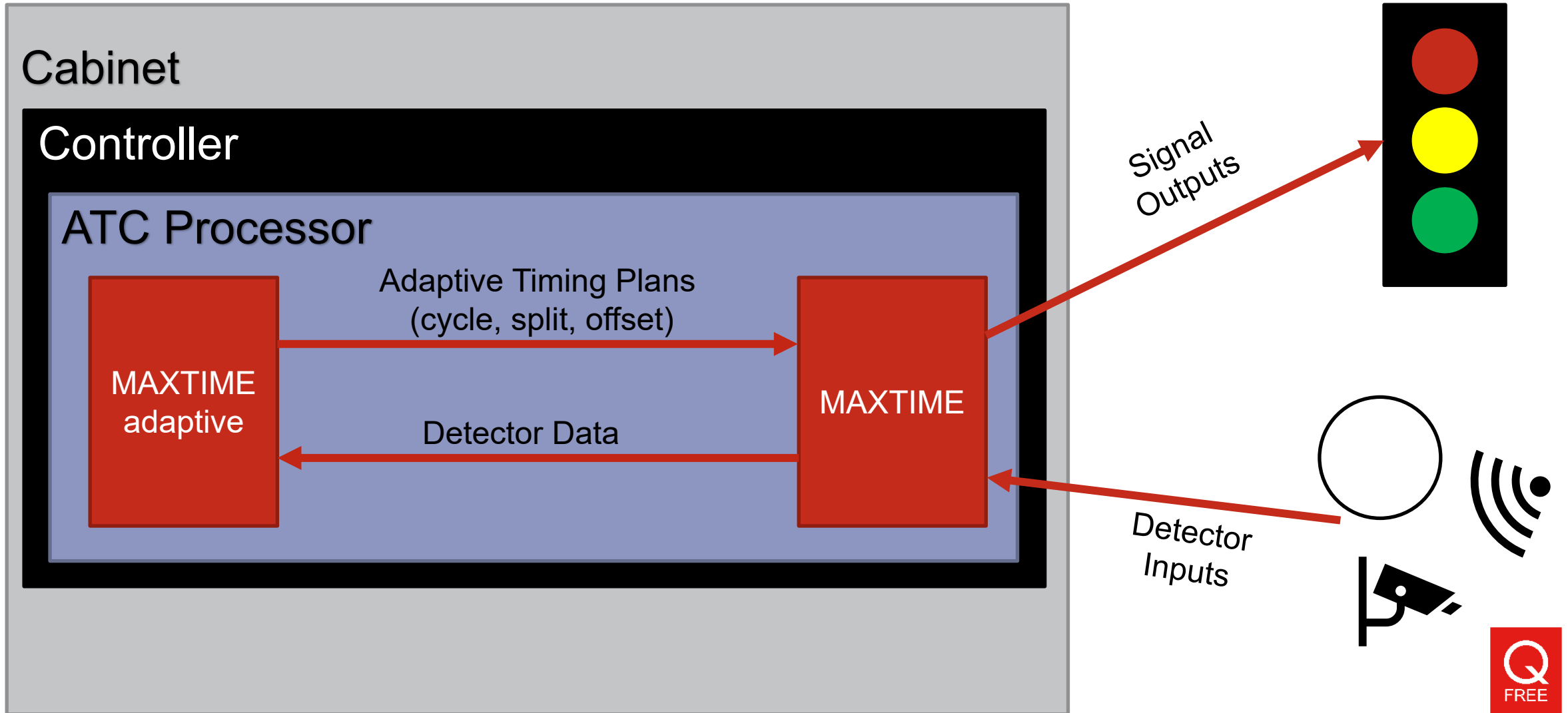
# LOCAL INTERSECTION CONTROLLER SOFTWARE

## All feature available during adaptive operations

- **Advanced Coord Modes**
- **TSP**
- **Peer to Peer**
- **User Logic**

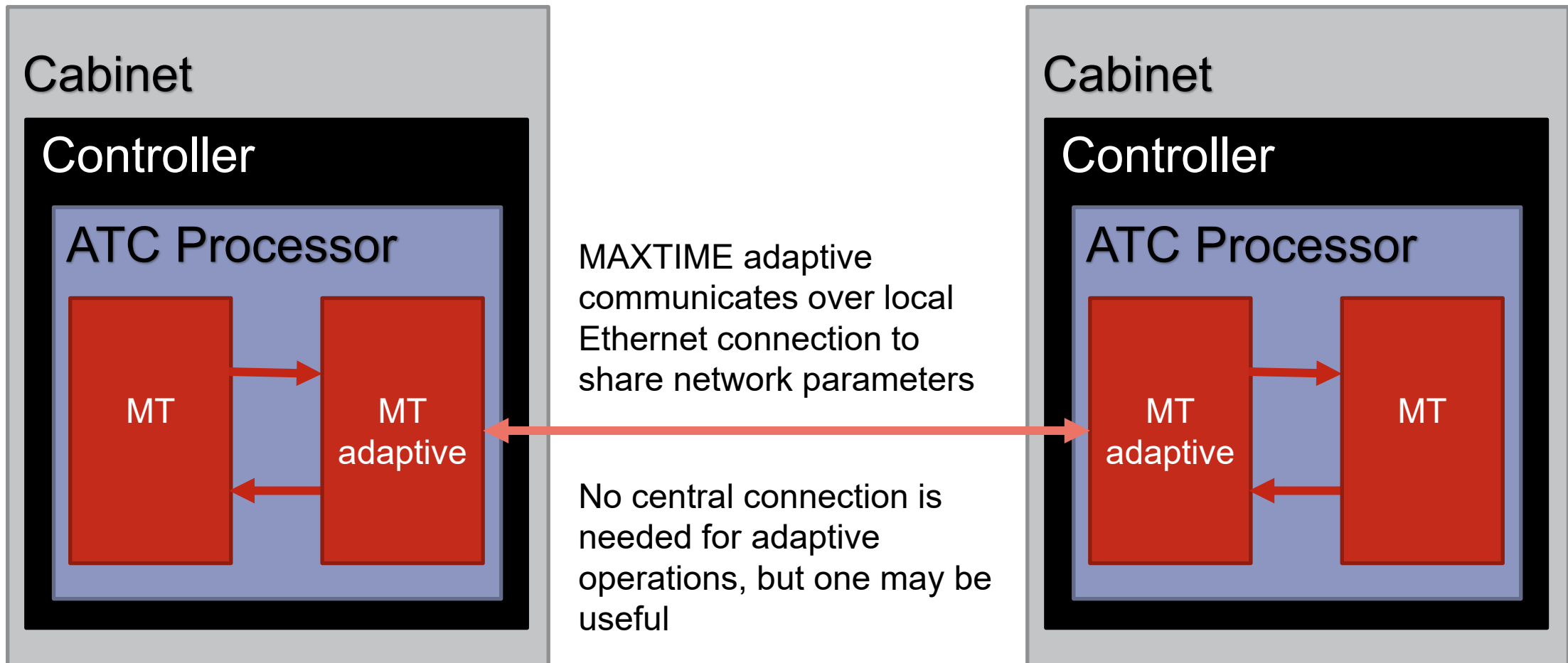
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# MAXTIME + MAXTIME adaptive





# MAXTIME adaptive to MAXTIME adaptive



# MAXTIME adaptive

## LOCALLY DISTRIBUTED ADAPTIVE SOFTWARE

Requires intersection  
communicate locally, central  
comm not necessary

Detection requirements based  
on ATSPM configuration

Geometry programmed in  
Kinetic Signals central  
software

MAXTIME adaptive

48 - 164th St SE & 9th Ave SE/Mill Creek Blvd

Search

Home

Status

Controller

Administration

CONTROLLER INFO

LOCATION 164th St SE & 9th Ave SE/Mill Creek Blvd

AGENCY

ACTIVE DATABASE Default\_Name.bin

LAST SAVED TIME Dec 18 2020 12:22:56 pm

CURRENT TIME May 15 2021 12:19:33 am

TIME SOURCE NTP

ADAPT STATUS

Diagnostic OPERATIONAL MODE

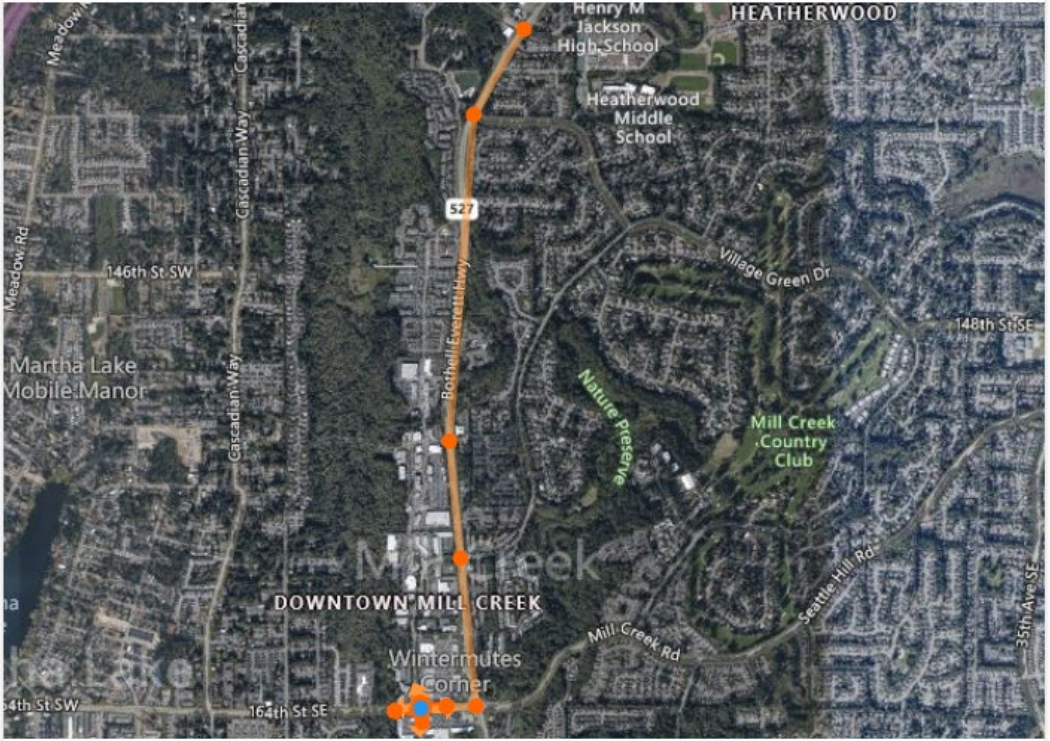
Cycle/Offset/Splits OPTIMIZATION MODE

Link Pivot OFFSET ALGORITHM

425 121 0

FORCE OFFSET TIME (SEC) OFFSET CHANGE LOCK (SEC) CYCLE CHANGE LOCK (SEC)

GEOMETRY



Network Settings Error VIEW ERROR...

MANAGE TEMPLATES

SAVE TEMPLATE

ADD NEW TILE



# MAXTIME adaptive

## LOCALLY DISTRIBUTED ADAPTIVE SOFTWARE

### Cycle Length Algorithm based on:

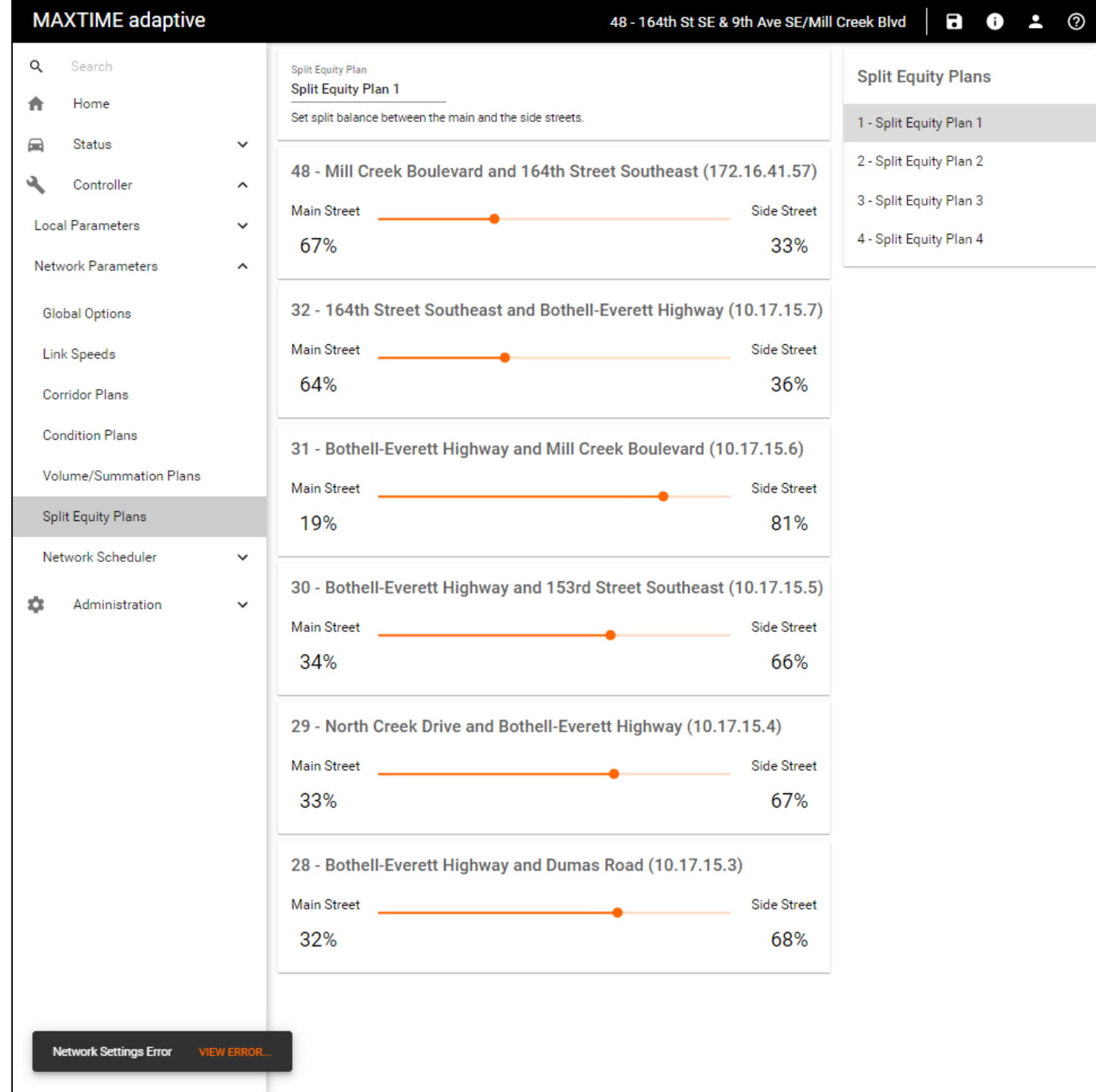
- Webster Cycles
- Condition Plans Trigger Changes

### Two Offset Optimization Algorithms:

- Geometric
- Link Pivot

### Split Optimization based on:

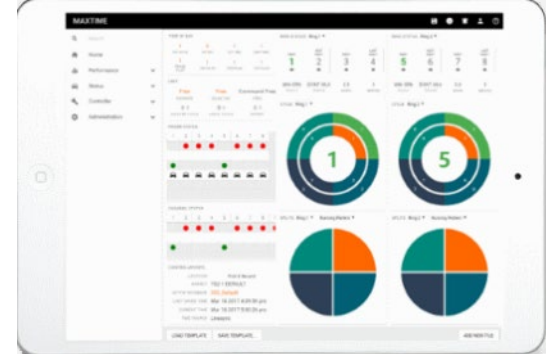
- Detector Occupancy
- Configurable split equity plans
- Adaptive Min and Max Splits



HOW IT WORKS

# Cycle Length Optimization

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## WEBSTER'S FORMULA

Establish System Lower  
Bound

Compare with User  
Defined Cycle Limits

## CYCLE LENGTH RANKING

Evaluated in 5 sec  
Increments

Processed through  
Offset Models

## CYCLE LENGTH SELECTION

Utilizes Time Space  
Diagrams

Selects Largest Green  
Band(s)

## TWO WAY CORRIDORS

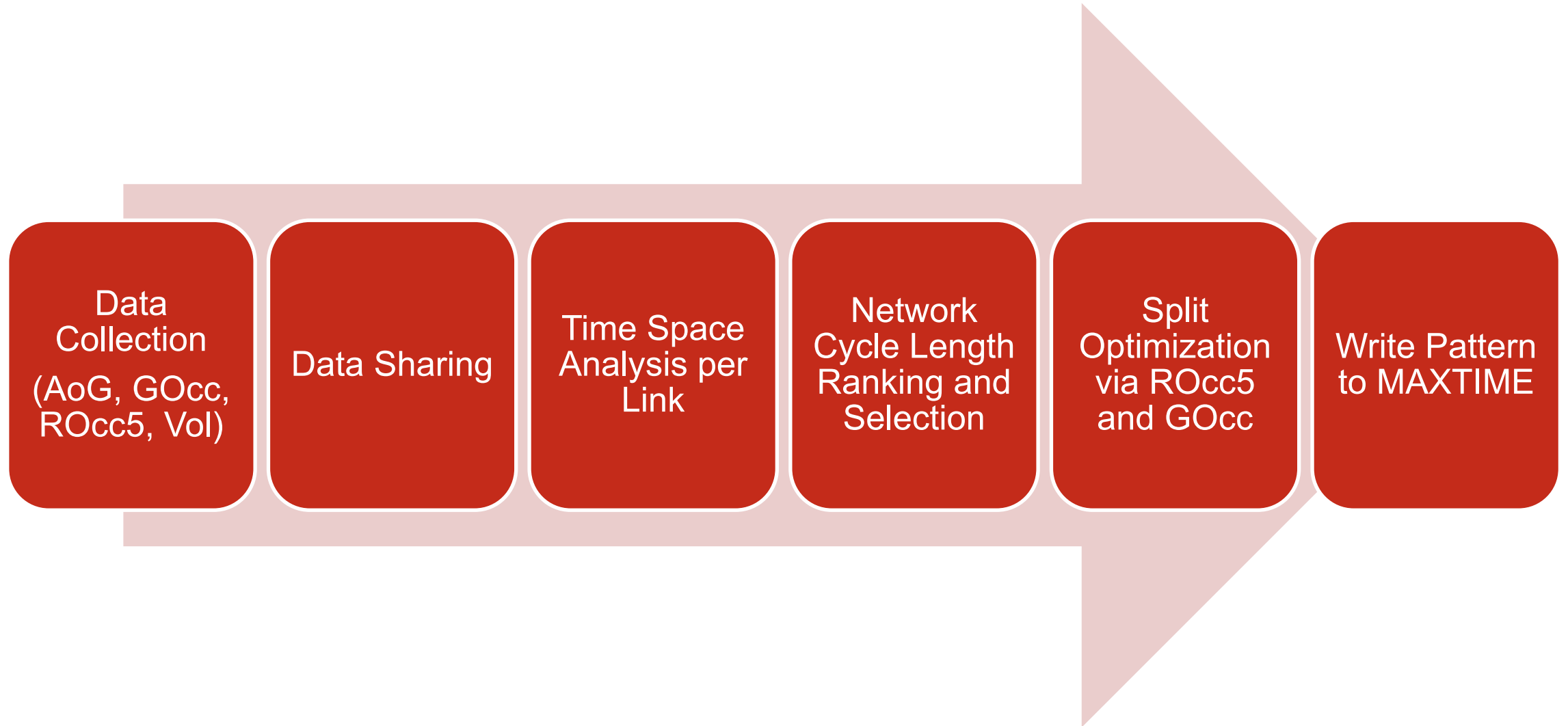
Weights Directionality of  
Green Bands

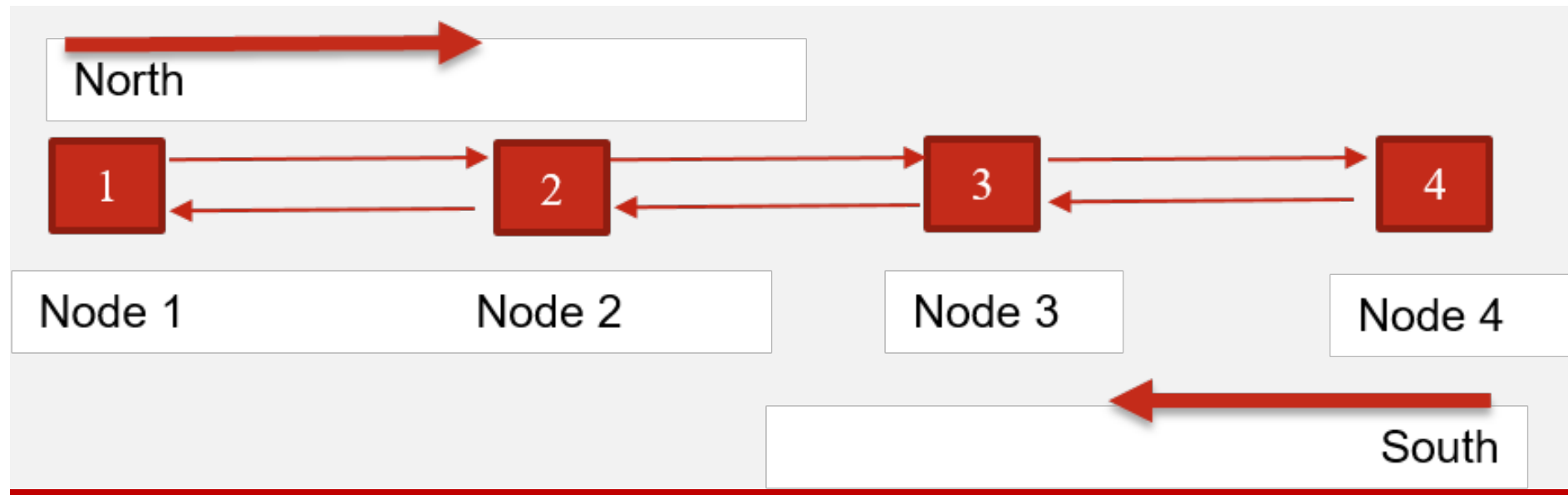
User Definable



# How It Works

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The link pivot algorithm computes the optimal offset for each node independently, given the past N cycles of data

HOW IT WORKS

# Offset Optimization



HOW IT WORKS

# Link Pivot Offset Calculations

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Calculates Bi-Directional Arrival Data for First Link

Calculates Mainline Green Probabilities (per cycle length)

Scores Each Offset Based on AoG

Repeats for Remaining Links, in Order



HOW IT WORKS

# Split Optimization

**1.**

Stop-bar detector data used to track occupancy during green (GOcc) and occupancy in 1<sup>st</sup> five-seconds of red (ROcc5) and plotted with a best-fit straight line.

**2.**

Split methodology is first impended across the sequence to share among barriers.

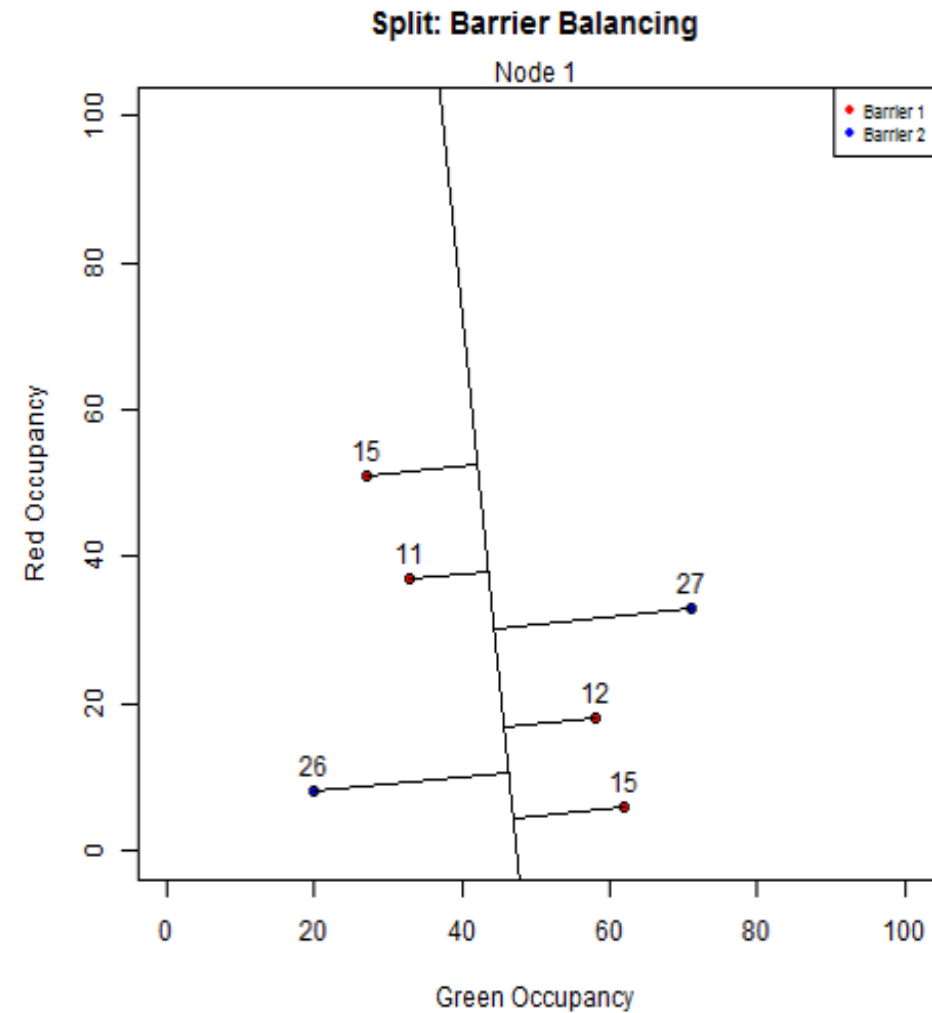
**3.**

Then it is applied across each phase within the ring and barrier group.



## HOW IT WORKS

# R0cc5 vs G0cc Plot



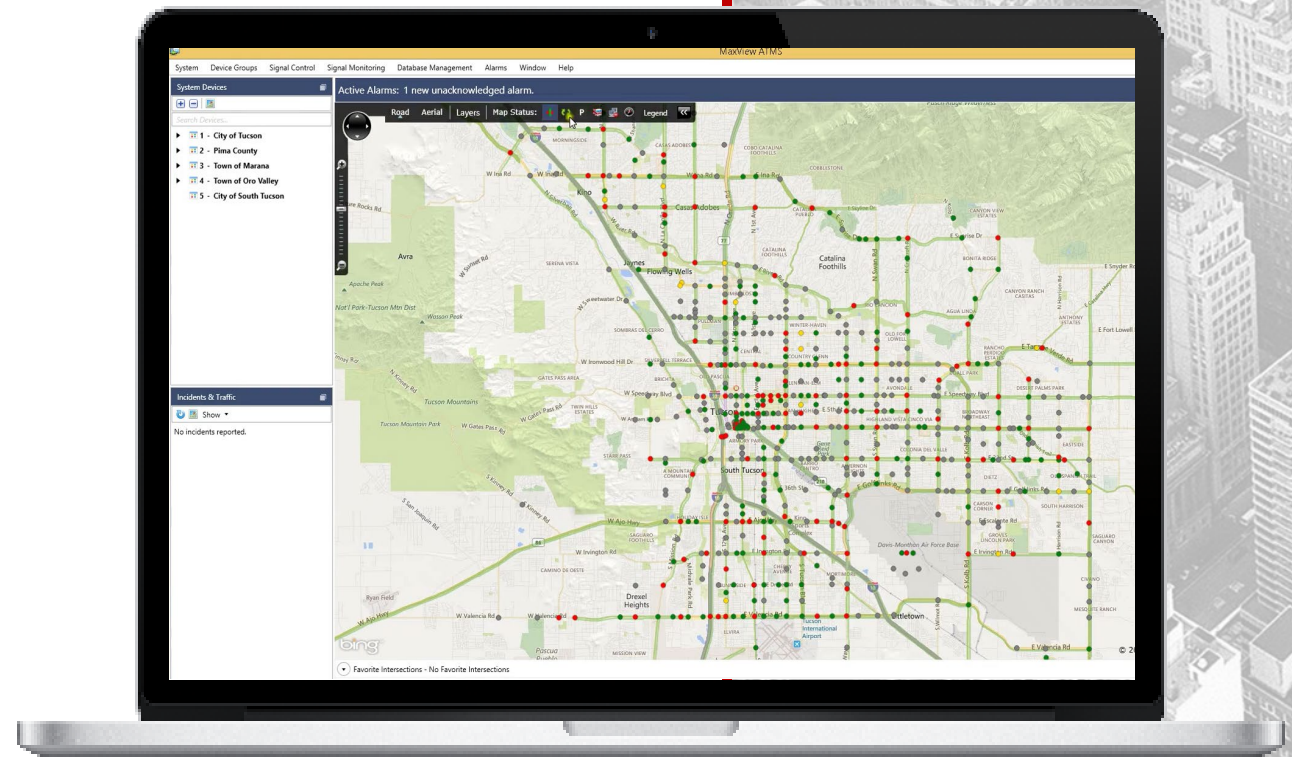
The plot represents split utilization.

The perpendicular lines give a % value of how much time each split can absorb or give.

Values are used to rebalance splits to achieve equal utilization.

# MAXVIEW atms (advance traffic management system)

- True thin-client
- Standards-based
- Open API
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party controllers and devices





# Advanced ATMS Functionality

## ATSPM REPORTS

- Included at no cost
- No ATSPM server
- MAXVIEW event log data

## INNOVATIVE DATABASE EDITOR

- “Live Front Panel”
- All changes logged
- Copy-and-Paste

## DYNAMIC GROUP PLAN VIEW

- Groups of intersections
- Group manual control

## CALENDAR BASED SCHEDULER

- Outlook-style calendar
- Quick Commands
- Control hierarchies



# Hi-Res Data Logging

## PERFORMANCE

### Signal Performance Metrics (ATSPM)

- No extra cost
- No extra server
- No extra SQL Server
- Uses MAXVIEW data

## REPORTS

### Graphical Reporting

- Event data over time
- Drag-and-drop time slice
- Line, bar, scatter, etc.

## ANALYTICS

### Analysis Tools

- Split monitor
- Time space diagram
- Device event detail



# ATSPM – Purdue Coordination Diagram

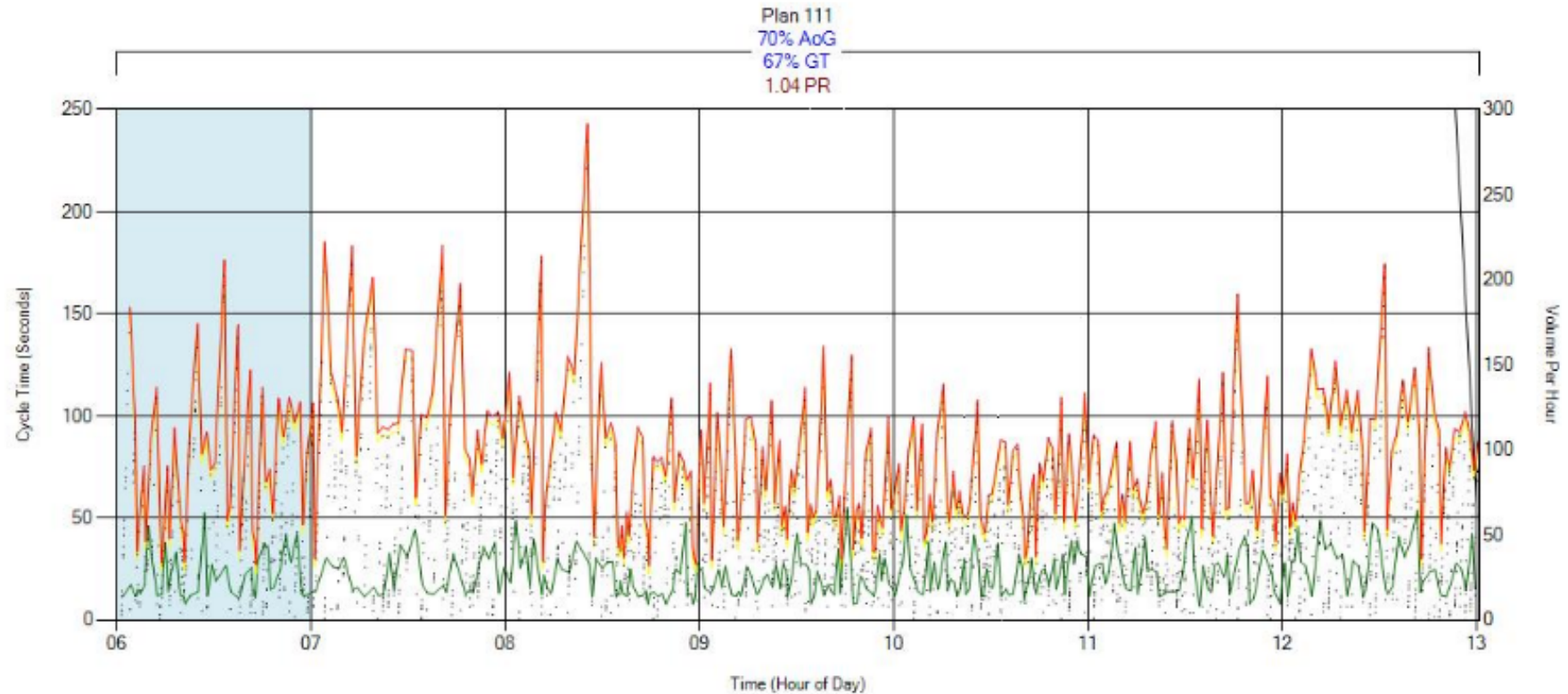
## Purdue Coordination Diagram

Airport Rd @ 100th - SIG#7  
Monday, May 17, 2021 6:00 AM - Monday, May 17, 2021 1:01 PM  
Advanced detector located 690 ft. upstream of stop bar

Phase 2: NBT-2

AoG = 76%

— Volume Per Hour  
• Detector Activation  
— Change to Green  
— Change to Yellow  
— Change to Red  
■ AoG - Arrival On Green  
■ GT - Green Time  
■ PR - Platoon Ratio



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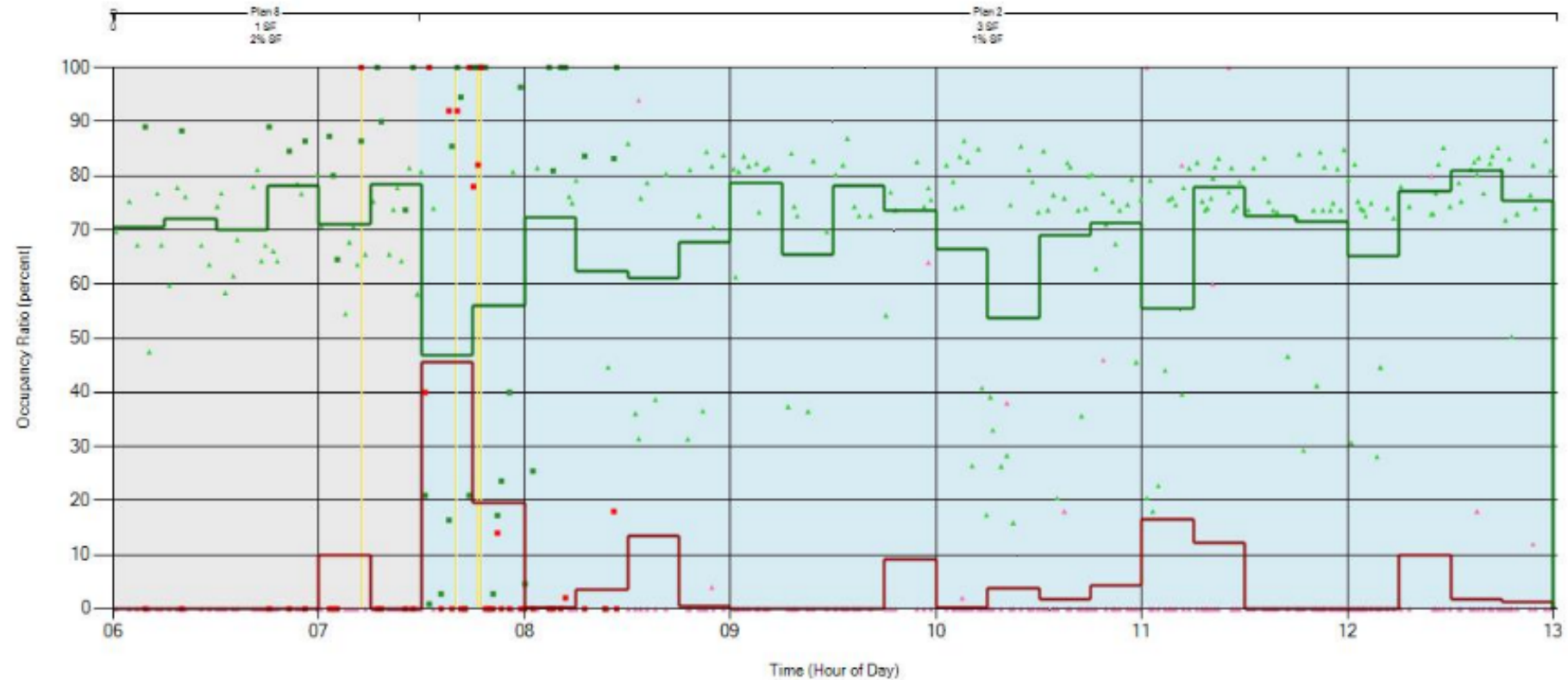
## Purdue Split Failure

Airport @ Kasch - SIG#3  
Monday, May 17, 2021 6:00 AM - Monday, May 17, 2021 1:01 PM

Phase 1: SBL-1

Total Split Failures = 4

- SplitFail
- GOR - GapOut
- GOR - ForceOff
- ROR - GapOut
- ROR - ForceOff
- Avg. ROR
- Avg. GOR
- Percent Fails





# MAXVIEW 1.9 → Kinetic™ Signals

The screenshot displays the MAXVIEW 1.9 web interface. The browser address bar shows the URL `http://172.16.40.16/maxview/`. The interface includes a top navigation bar with menus for System, Device Control, Monitoring, Databases, Alarms, Assets, Window, and Help. A search bar is located in the top right corner.

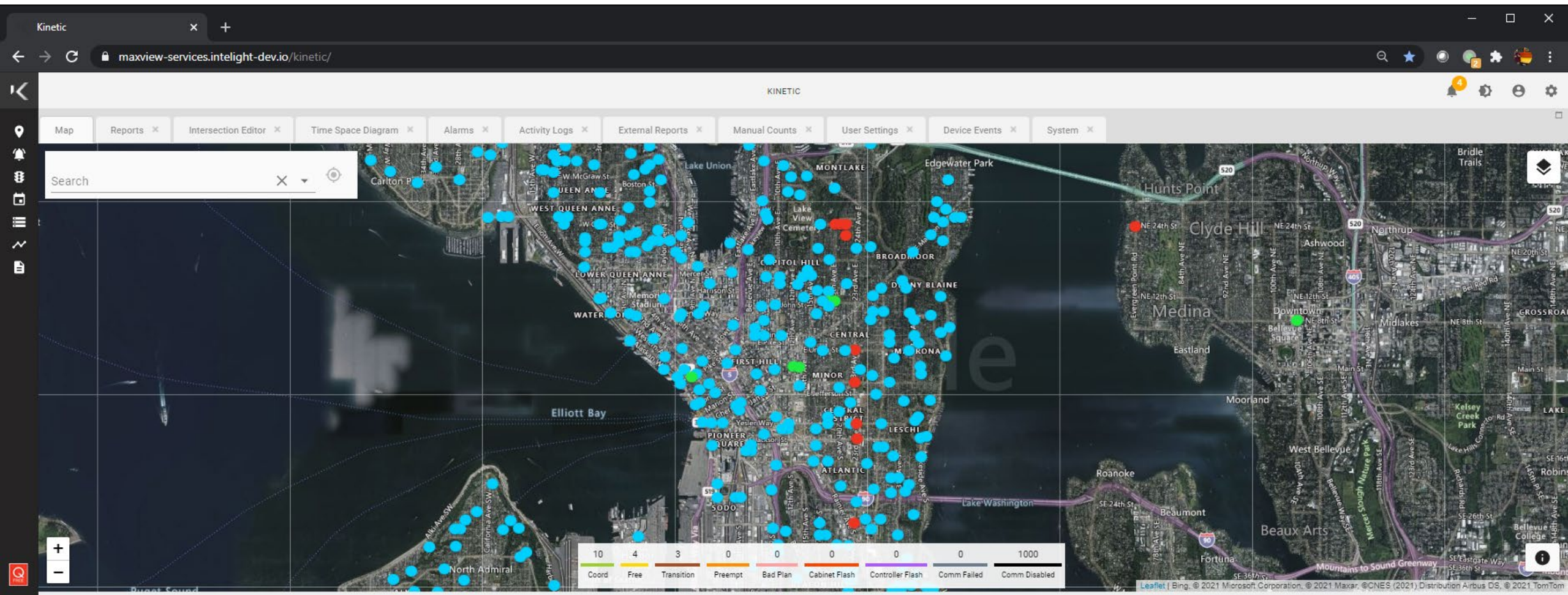
The main content area features a map of Snohomish County, Washington, with various locations labeled. A legend at the bottom of the map displays the following data:

Coord	Free	Transition	Preempt	Bad Plan	Cabinet Flash	Local Flash	Comm Failed	Comm Disabled
23	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

The left sidebar contains a 'System Devices' panel with a list of 7 devices, all labeled 'Snohomish'. Below this is an 'Incidents & Traffic' panel showing three 'Construction - Serious' incidents, each with the message 'No lane info available.' and a timestamp of 'Updated: 4/14/2021 11:17:43 AM'. At the bottom of the sidebar, there are links for 'Favorite Devices - 1 Favorite Device' and 'Server Log'.

The top status bar indicates 'Active Alarms: 6 new unacknowledged alarms.' and 'No devices selected.' The bottom right corner shows the user status: 'User: Admin - 2 Active Users Connected'.

# MAXVIEW 1.9 → Kinetic™ Signals





## Interactive Reports

# ATSPMS

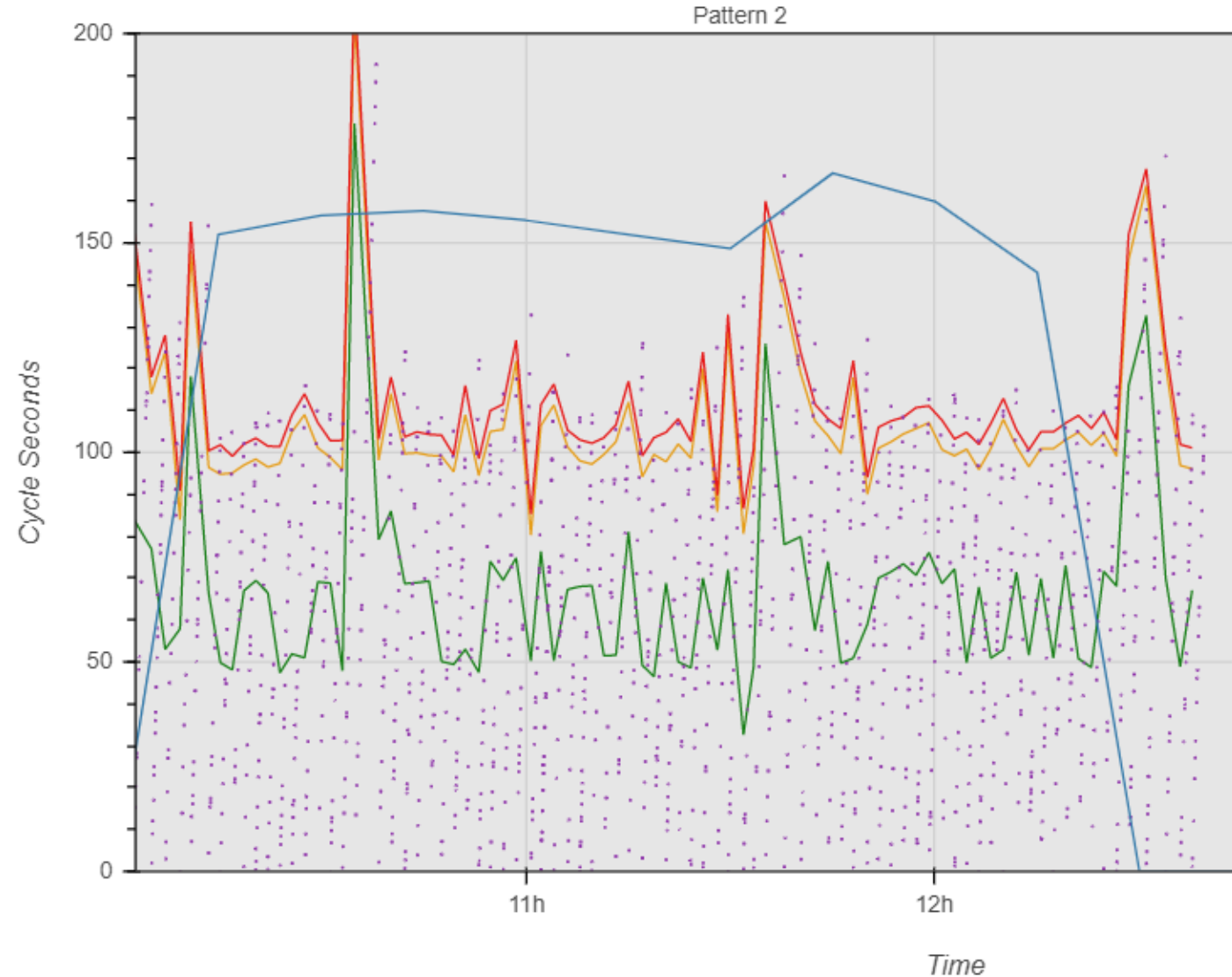
- Dynamic Time Scaling
- Active Data Filtering
- User Friendly Exports
- Popular Reports:
  - Purdue Coordination Diagram
  - Split Failures
  - Turning Movement Counts

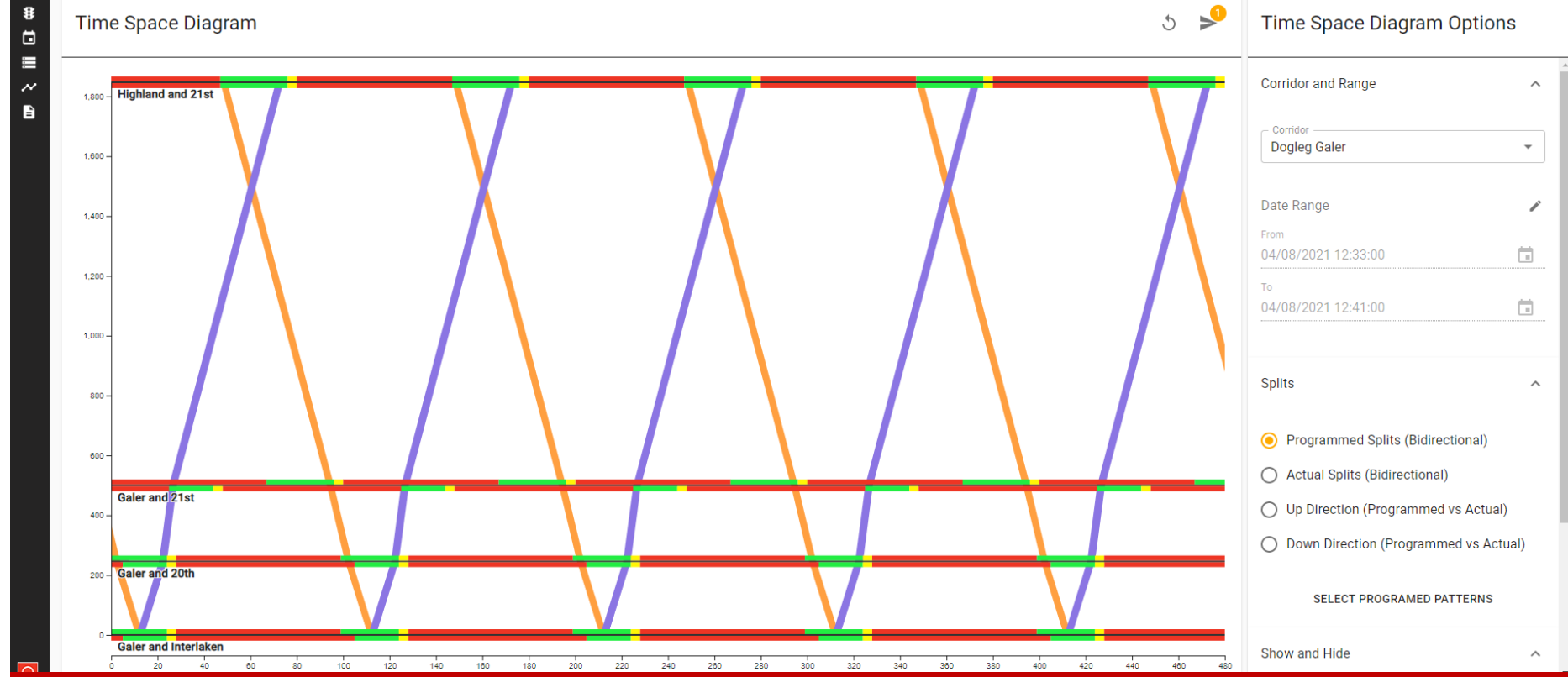
## 23rd and Cherry

### Purdue Coordination Diagram

Phase 6

2021/01/13





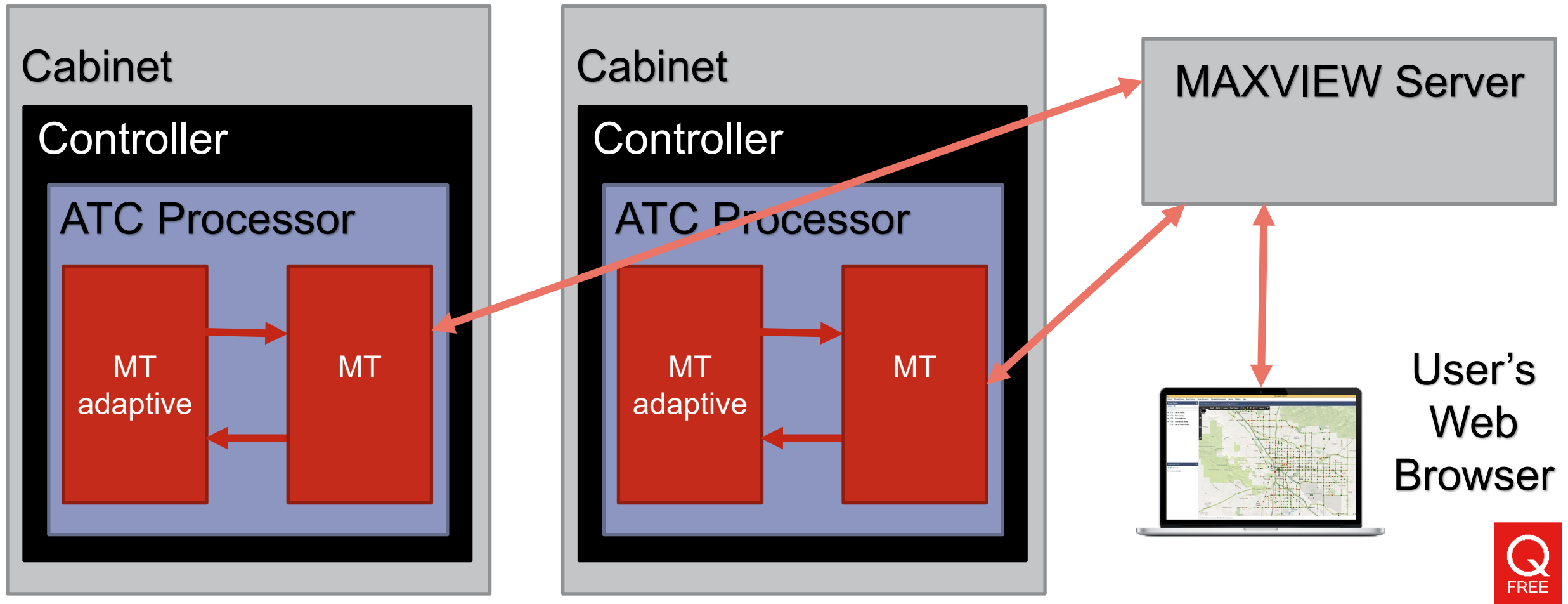
## Interactive Reports

# Time Space Diagrams

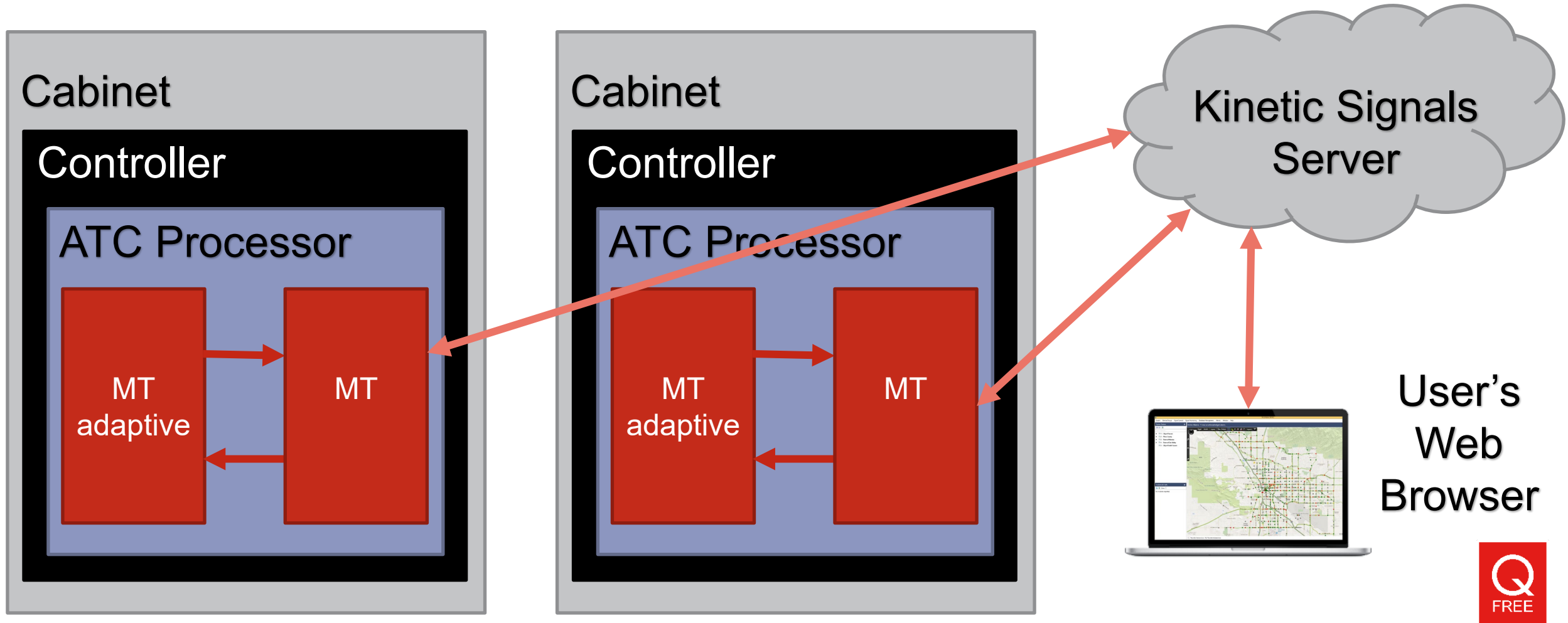
- Historical and near Real Time relationships
- View Programmed and Actual Splits
- Interactive offset adjustments



# MAXTIME + MAXTIME adaptive + MAXVIEW



# MAXTIME + MAXTIME adaptive + Kinetic Signals





# Deployment Challenges

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## Large Stakeholder Group

- Frequent Coordination
- Reserved Longer Meeting Times

## Multiple IT Networks

- Interagency Coordination
- NAT IP Addresses

## Federal, State, and County Contracting

- Flexibility in Scheduling
- Building on Existing Relationships



City of Bothell™



# Deployment Challenges

## Covid-19

- Wrote a Covid-19 safety plan for last deployment trip
- Delayed before and after study over a year

## Software Improvements

- Scheduled development resources on stand-by
- Multiple builds in the first week of deployment.

## Concerned Citizens

- A good sense of humor





# Notable MAXTIME adaptive Deployments

## CURRENTLY INSTALLED

Snohomish County, WA (49 signals)

Lincoln City, OR (7 intersections)

Omaha, NE (4 Systems)

- Dodge Street (15 intersections)
- 84th Street (25 intersections)
- 144<sup>th</sup> Street (7 Intersections)
- 132<sup>nd</sup> Street (6 Intersections)

Olathe, KS (3 Intersection)

Waterloo, IA (9 intersections)

Orange County, FL (3 Signal Pilot)

## COMING SOON

Snohomish County, WA (Additional 32 intersections)

Union City, CA

Waterloo, IA

Clive, IA

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

- Sandy, OR
- Salem, OR

Washington County, OR

- Tualatin-Sherwood Highway (joint with ODOT)
- Durham Road





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