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SIDRA Multimodal Capacity and Performance Analysis for Roundabouts

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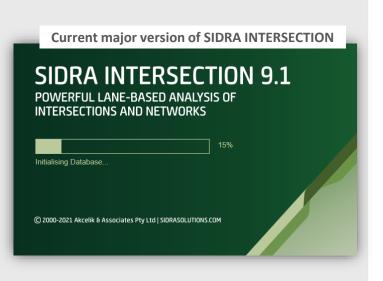
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This presentation will summarize the following features of SIDRA INTERSECTION:

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SIDRA Multimodal Roundabout Capacity and Performance Method

- **1.** SIDRA Capacity and Performance Output by Movement Class, Pedestrians and Persons
 - Example with a Bus Bypass Lane
 - Pedestrians





Vehicle Movement Classes

- Light Vehicles lacksquare
 - **Traditional** Heavy Vehicles (HCM)
- **Buses**

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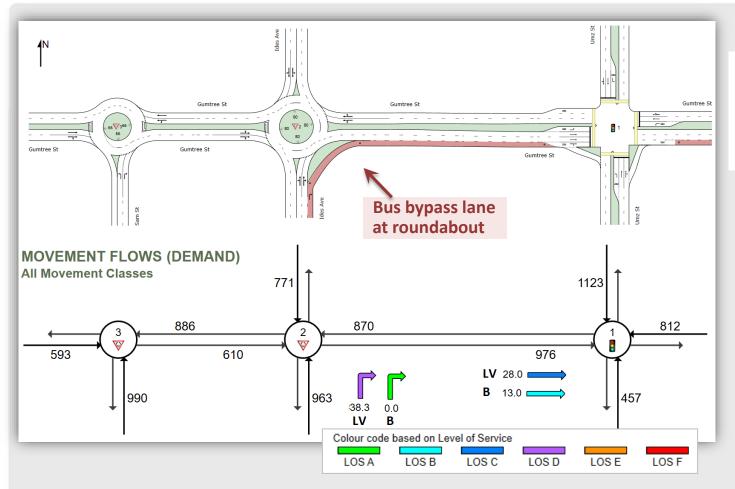
- **Bicycles** ۲
- Large Trucks ۲
- Light Rail / Trams •
- Six User-Defined Classes

Combined with the lane-based method, **Movement Classes allow modeling of Bus Priority Lanes, Bicycle Lanes, and** more detailed analysis including gap acceptance model by Movement Class



RH versions of photos from Sydney, Australia

Example: Two Roundabouts and a Signalized Intersection



Demand Flows (veh/h) include BUSES and TAXIS (User Class) using Bus Lanes

Average Delays (sec) shown



Mickleham Rd - Broadmeadows Rd Melbourne, Australia



Output Reports and Displays by Movement Class, Pedestrians and Persons

INTERSECTION SUMMARY

♥ Site: 2 [Site 2 (Site Folder: General)]

Output produced by SIDRA INTERSECTION Version: 9.1.5.224

Roundabout Corridor with a Signalised Intersection Site Category: Existing Geometry Roundabout

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Performance Measure	Vehicles:	All MCs	Light Veh	Heavy Veh	Buses	Taxis	Persons
Fravel Speed (Average)	mpn	19.7	19.6	19.8	35.0	35.0	20.7 mph
Travel Distance (Total)	veh-mi/h	1315.6	1266.9	31.6	6.8	10.2	1775.1 pers-mi/
Fravel Time (Total)	veh-h/h	66.7	64.6	1.6	0.2	0.3	85.6 pers-h/h
Desired Speed	mph	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	
Speed Efficiency		0.49	0.49	0.49	0.88	0.88	
ravel Time Index		4.37	4.34	4.38	8.62	8.62	
Congestion Coefficient		2.03	2.04	2.03	1.14	1.14	
Demand Flows (Total)	veh/h	3430	3296	80	22	33	4743 pers/h
rrival Flows (Total)	veh/h	3430	3296	80	22	33	4743 pers/h
Percent Heavy Vehicles (Demand)	%	3.0					
Percent Heavy Vehicles (Arrivals)	%	3.0					
Degree of Saturation		0.896	0.896	0.896	0.045	0.045	
Practical Spare Capacity	%	-5.1	-5.1	-5.1	2056.9	2056.9	
ffective Intersection Capacity	veh/h	3830	3679	90	478	718	
Control Delay (Total)	veh-h/h	27.74	26.62	1.12	0.00	0.00	33.30 pers-h/ł
control Delay (Average)	sec	29.1	29.1	50.2	0.0	0.0	25.3 sec
Control Delay (Worst Lane by MC)	Sec	39.1	39.1	39.1	0.0	0.0	
Control Delay (Worst Movement by MC)	sec	59.5	38.7	59.5	0.0	0.0	59.5 sec
Geometric Delay (Average)	sec	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Stop-Line Delay (Average)	sec	29.1	29.1	50.2	0.0	0.0	
dling Time (Average)	sec	19.1	18.9	39.7	0.0	0.0	
ntersection Level of Service (LOS)		LOS C	LOS C	LOS E	LOS A	LOS A	
verage Back of Queue - Veh (Worst Lane)	veh	5.7	5.7	5.7	0.0	0.0	
Average Back of Queue - Dist (Worst Lane)		144.7	144.7	144.7	0.0	0.0	

■ Network: N1 [Network 1 (Network Folder: Network)]

Results for Vehicle Movement Classes, Pedestrians and Persons

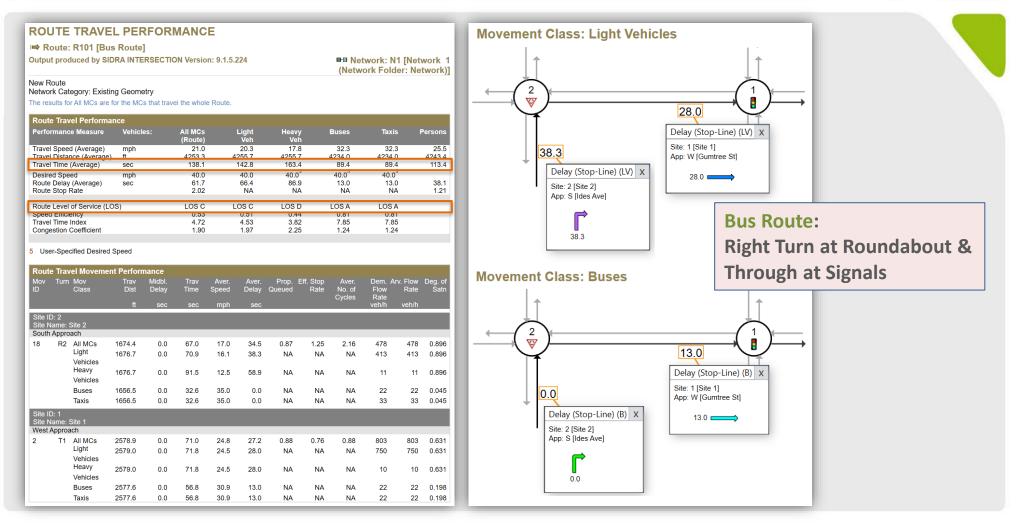
Results for Persons are calculated using Vehicle Occupancy

Defaults:

LVs: 1.2 persons/veh Buses: 30 persons/veh Pedestrians: 1 person



Output Reports and Displays by Movement Class, Pedestrians and Persons





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About Pedestrians in SIDRA (General)

- Modeling pedestrians at Roundabouts, Two-Way Sign Control, Unsignalized (Zebra) Crossings as well as Signalized Intersections and Crossings.
- Pedestrian movement characteristics (crossing speeds, opposing pedestrian factor, etc.).
- Effect of pedestrians on vehicle movement capacity and performance.
- Output reports and displays for vehicles (by Movement Class), pedestrians and persons (as discussed in previous slides).





Vehicles Yielding to Pedestrian Movements

 Pedestrians crossing Roundabout Entry Lanes: HCM Method is used (HCM Edition 7, Chapter 22, Section 3, Computation Step 6)

- Pedestrians crossing Roundabout Exit Lanes: SIDRA method
- Midblock Pedestrian Crossings

Site: Site 5 Roundabout Site ID: 5 Roundabout	(Analysis) Pe	fects ch a Signalised eriod = 15 minu		n				Distan			oject lane
Lane Turn		strian Adj.Flow Rate ped/h				ate Fact			*	Pedestrian Movement D	
South: Sam 1 L2 2 R2		200 200	1.00 1.00	385 385	39(39(Movement ID Crossing Distance	Full Crossi
Pedes	strian	Opposing	Conflict		-	Exit Lane		t Flow		Conflict Zone Length	Program
Flow Rate ped/h	Adj.Flow Rat ped/h	e Ped.Factor	Zone Length ft	Gap sec	Headway sec	Capacity veh/h		Average veh/h/lane	L (Opposing Pedestrian Factor	r 1.0
South: Sam 200	st 200	1.00	16.00	3.72	2.23	1393	352	352		Practical Degree of Saturation	Program
			J							Walking Speed (Average)	4.3 ft/sec



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2. Multimodal Gap Acceptance Capacity Model in SIDRA





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Multimodal Gap Acceptance Capacity Method (Gap acceptance by Movement Class)

SIDRA Method

- A unique gap acceptance capacity model by gap acceptance cycles is used.
- The gap acceptance capacity model applies the Critical Gap and Follow-up Headway parameters to each Movement Class separately.
- For lanes that include more than one Movement Class, the shared lane capacity equation is used to combine the Movement Class capacity values for the lane.
- The model enhancement applies to all gap acceptance situations (roundabouts, sign control, signals, pedestrian crossings).
- This method replaced the use of flow-weighted average values of critical gap and followup headway values of Movement Classes to calculate the shared lane capacity.

AKÇELIK, R. (2018). Gap Acceptance Cycles for Modelling Roundabout Capacity and Performance. Paper presented at the 15th Scientific and Technical Conference, Transport Systems - Theory and Practice, Silesian University of Technology, Katowice, Poland



Vehicle Movement Class Effects

Gap Acceptance Factor

In the SIDRA model, this adjusts the Critical Gap and Follow-up Headway values for Opposed Movements.

Opposing Vehicle Factor

This adjusts the Opposing / Circulating Flow Rate to a pcu value (limited to LVs and HVs in the HCM model) Explained in the next slide

		SIDRA Stan	dard Model	SIDRA HCM Model		
Movement Class	Site Type	Gap Acceptance Factor	Opposing Vehicle Factor	Gap Acceptance Factor	Opposing Vehicle Factor	
Light Vehicles	All Site types	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Bicycles	All Site types	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5	
Heavy Vehicles, Buses	Signals			2.0	2.0	
	Roundabout	1.5	4.5	2.0	2.0	
	TWSC		1.5	1.3	1.3	
	AWSC			1.5	1.5	
Large Trucks, Light Rail / Trams	Signals			3.0	3.0	
	Roundabout	2.5	0.5	3.0	3.0	
	TWSC		2.5	2.0	2.0	
	AWSC			2.3	2.3	



Movement Class Effects in SIDRA and HCM models

The SIDRA method applies the Gap Acceptance Factors to the Follow-up Headway for each Movement Class first. It uses them in the capacity equation applied for each Movement Class. Options are available to select the capacity equation to use.

The Movement Class capacity values are combined for the lane (shared lane formula).

Unlike the SIDRA method, the HCM method calculates the entry lane capacity, Q for Light Vehicles (in passenger car equivalents, pce), and then adjusts it for Heavy Vehicles only:

 $Q = f_{HVe} f_p A exp(-B q_m)$

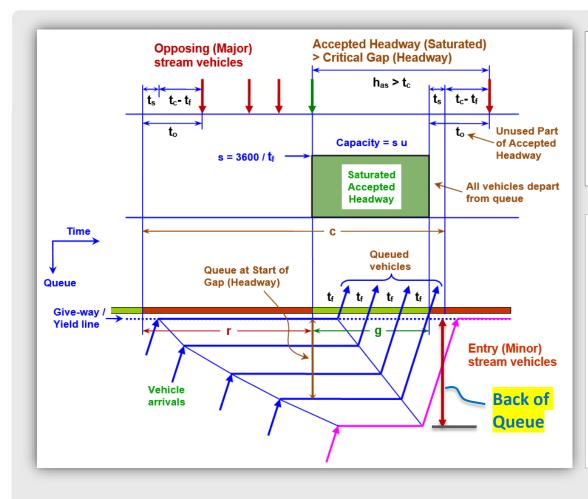
where parameters A and B are related to follow-up headway (t_f) and critical headway (t_c) parameters: A = 3600 / t_f and B = (t_c - 0.5 t_f) / 3600.

Parameter **f_{HVe}** is a flow-weighted average of *Gap Acceptance Factor* values of Light and Heavy Vehicles in the lane.

Parameter q_m is the opposing (circulating or exiting) flow rate in pce/h (adjusted using *Opposing Vehicle Factor* values of Light and Heavy Vehicles in the circulating or exiting stream).



Gap Acceptance capacity model by gap acceptance cycles (basis of the SIDRA Standard method)

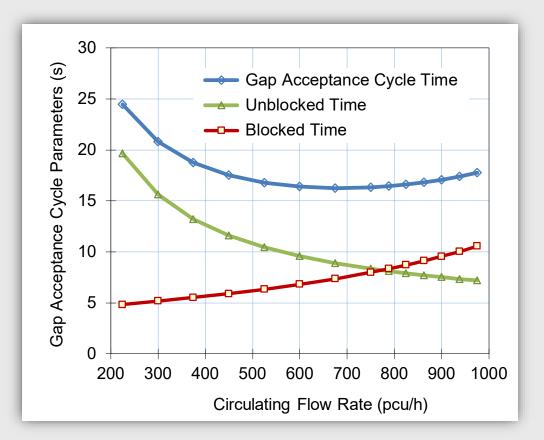


- Used for the Back of Queue model
- Recent research developing a gap acceptance survey based on gap acceptance cycles (report in review)
- t_f = Follow-up Headway (sec)
- t_c = Critical Headway (sec)
- t_s = Lost Time (sec)
- s = 3600 / t_f = Saturation Flow (veh/h)
- r = Effective Blocked Time (sec)
- g = Effective Unblocked Time (sec)
- c = Gap Acceptance Cycle Time (sec)
- u = g / c = Unblocked Time Ratio
- Q = s u = Capacity



Gap acceptance cycle parameters

Blocked and unblocked times and the gap acceptance cycle time as a function of the circulating flow rate for the case of arrival flow rate of 300 veh/h





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3. SIDRA Roundabout analysis method features relevant to "gaps in HCM" (includes: HCM Edition 6 Extended Roundabout Capacity Model)





SIDRA for HCM

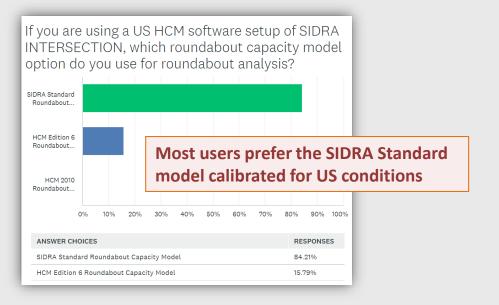
Refer to:

https://www.sidrasolutions.com/software/sidra-intersection/highway-capacity-manual-hcm-sidra-intersection

The most popular roundabout analysis software in the USA

According to the TRB document Roundabout Practices, A Synthesis of Highway Practice (NCHRP SYNTHESIS 488), SIDRA INTERSECTION is the most widely-used software tool in the USA for roundabout analysis.

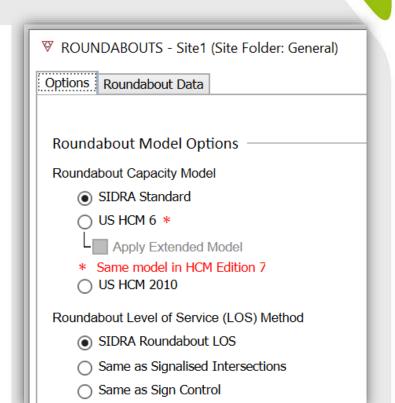
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Methods used in SIDRA (not in the HCM)

- Lane-based Intersection and Network modelling
- Back of Queue model for all traffic control types
- Effect of roundabout geometry on capacity
- Geometric Delay method
- Capacity constraint for oversaturated lanes
- Unbalanced flow conditions
- Short Lane modelling of complex cases
- Vehicle path model for stop-start traffic (emissions, fuel consumption, operating cost models)
- Movement Classes (as explained in previous sections)





Lane-based model with approach and exit short lanes

LANE-BASED MODEL

More realistic and reliable than modeling by approaches and lane groups.

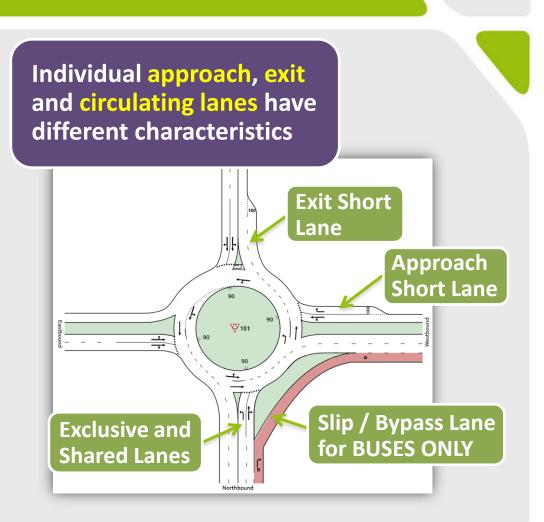
• General:

Unequal lane flows, De facto exclusive lanes, Short lanes, Slip/Bypass lanes

• Roundabouts:

Unequal circulating lane flows, Dominant and Subdominant lanes

 NETWORK (Corridor) Model: Lane back of queue, lane blockage, capacity constraint, midblock lane changes, signal platoon arrival and departure patterns, extra bunching

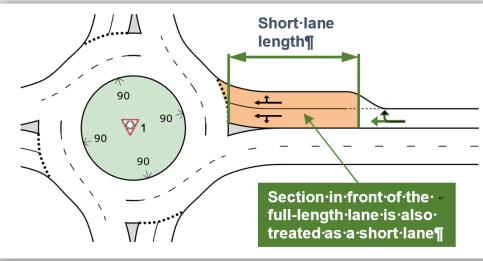


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Short Lane Capacities at Roundabouts

- Capacities are reduced after short lane queues are discharged at signals with long green times and long signal cycles.
- In contrast, short gap acceptance cycles at roundabouts and two-way sign control give large short lane capacities.
- Unique Back of Queue and Gap Acceptance Cycle models are used in SIDRA INTERSECTION.
- The model is flow-dependent rather than pure geometric model of FLARES in the UK (TRL) model.



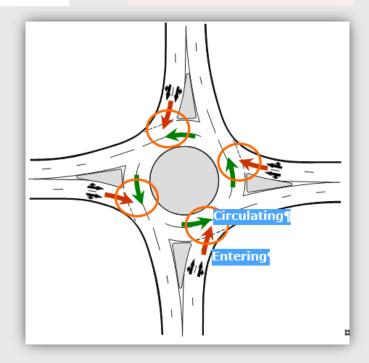


Capacity model with roundabout approach interactions

Roundabout is analyzed as a closed system with interactions among roundabout entries

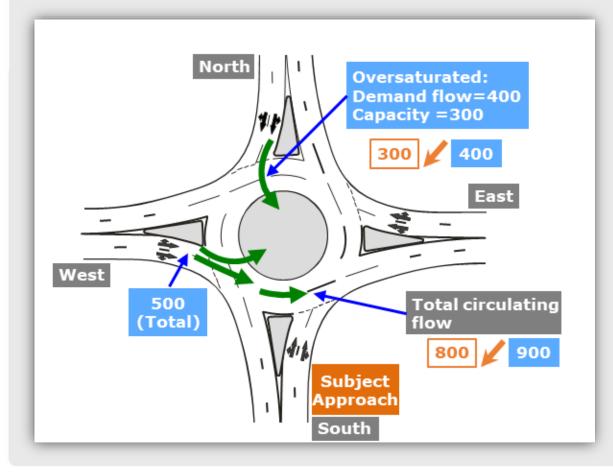
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- Capacity constraint
- Bunched headway distribution model for the circulating flow
- Unbalanced flow conditions
- Lane balance of circulating flow rates Not in the HCM.





Capacity Constraint



NOT in the HCM Roundabout Capacity Model

Capacity Constraint:

Circulating flow rate is reduced if any upstream entry lane is oversaturated, i.e. demand exceeds capacity and therefore Entry Flow Rate = Capacity.

Example:

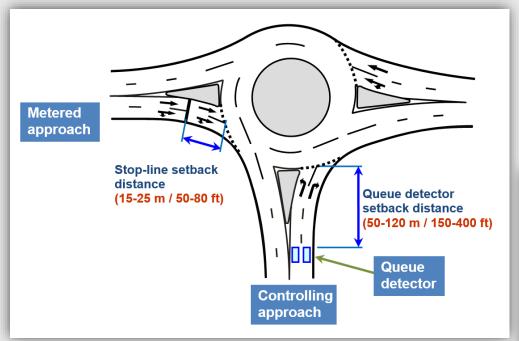
Circulating flow for South approach = 500 + 300 = 800 (reduced due to capacity constraint)



Roundabout Metering Signals

Congestion caused by UNBALANCED flow patterns at roundabouts can be alleviated using metering signals

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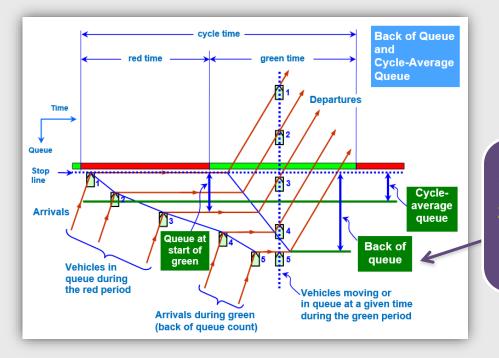
AKÇELIK, R. (2011). Roundabout metering signals: capacity, performance and timing. Paper presented at the 6th International Symposium on Highway Capacity and Quality of Service, Transportation Research Board, Stockholm, Sweden. www.sidrasolutions.com/publications





Importance of Back of Queue model

MODEL CONSISTENCY for different intersection types (definition of Delay, Back of Queue, Stops, etc).



NOT in the HCM

Gap-acceptance cycles method helps to model Back of Queue and Stops for Roundabouts and Sign control.

Back of Queue important for Short Lane and NETWORK Modeling Back of Queue Percentile and Probability of BLOCKAGE values are based on Back of Queue estimates for individual lanes



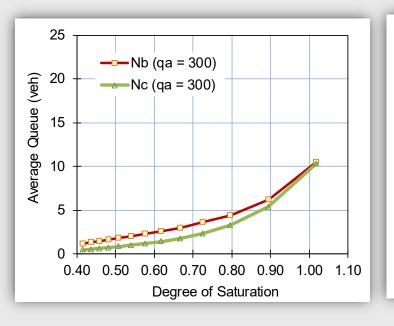
Comparison of Back of Queue and Cycle-Average Queue

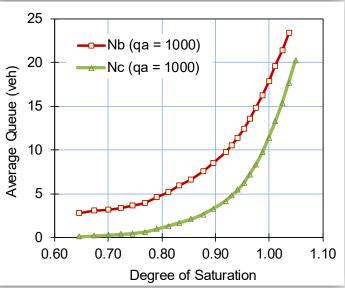
The difference between the values of average back of queue and cycle-average queue increases with increasing arrival flow rate.

For roundabouts and sign control, HCM uses:

Cycle-Average Queue = Arrival Flow Rate x Average Delay.

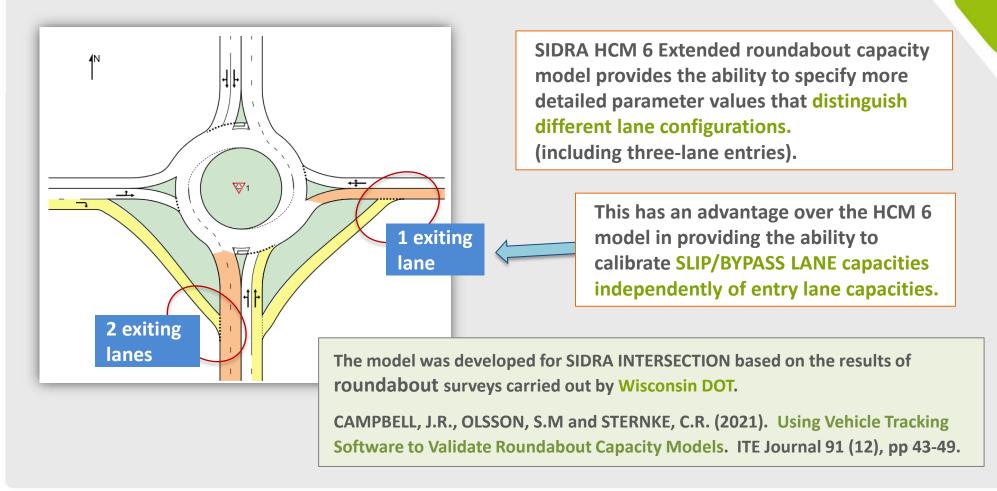
Average Back of Queue (Nb) and Cycle-Average Queue (Nc) as a function of the degree of saturation.







HCM Edition 6 Extended Roundabout Capacity Model





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4. SIDRA Site and Network Templates for Roundabouts





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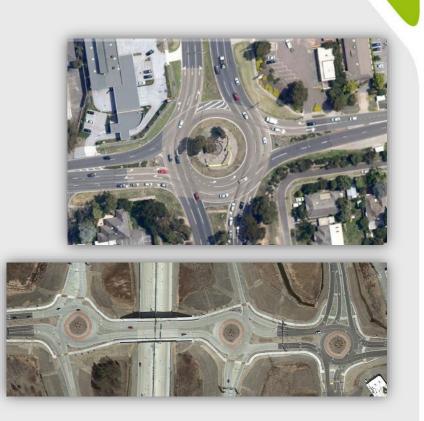
Site and Network Templates for Roundabouts

Site templates

- MUTCD Roundabouts
- Raindrop Roundabout
- Turbo Roundabout
- Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) Crossing

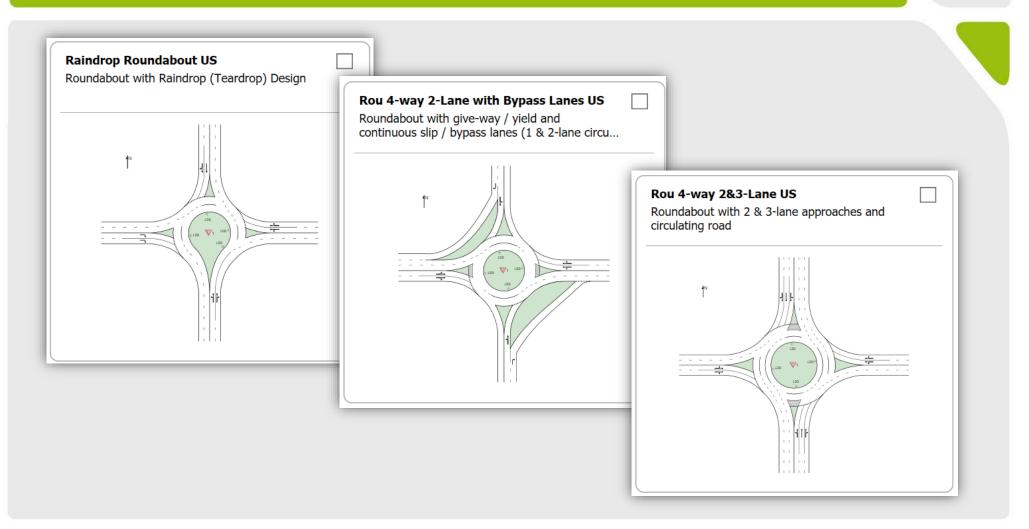
Network Templates

- Double Roundabout Interchange
- Double Teardrop Roundabout
- Roundabout with Signalised Pedestrian Crossings
- Roundabout with Zebra Pedestrian Crossings
- Divergabout
- Roundabout with Bicycle Circle (Dutch Roundabout)



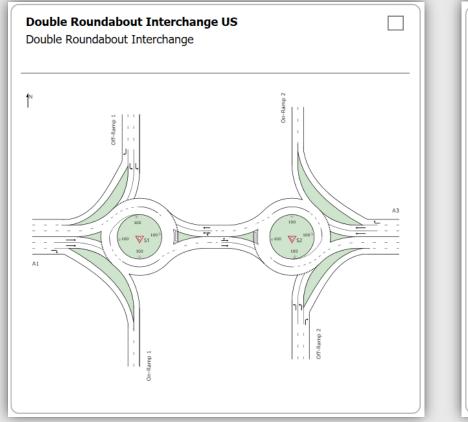


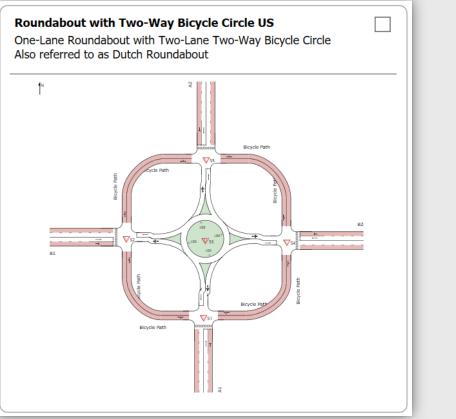
SIDRA Site Templates for Roundabouts





SIDRA Network Template Examples for Roundabouts







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5. A detailed study of the HCM exponential roundabout capacity model with suggested addition of geometry effects





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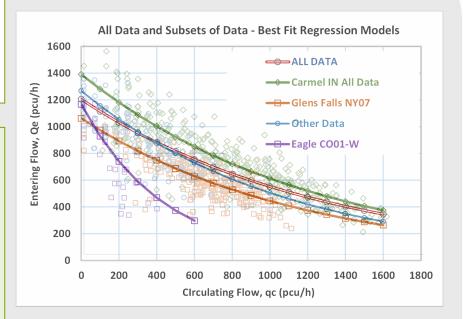
A study of the HCM Edition 6 roundabout capacity model

We conducted a detailed study of the HCM exponential (Siegloch M1) and linear roundabout capacity models.

Two reports and the Roundabout Conference 2022 presentation are available for download from http://www.sidrasolutions.com/Resources/Articles

AKÇELIK, R., SHIRKE, C., BESLEY, M., ESPADA, I. and BILLINGHURST, D. (2022). A Comparative Analysis of Exponential and Linear Roundabout Capacity Models Using HCM Research Data. Technical Note. Akcelik & Associates Pty Ltd, Melbourne, Australia.

AKÇELIK, et al (2022). A Comparative Analysis of Exponential and Linear Roundabout Capacity Models Using HCM Research Data. Presentation at TRB 6th International Conference on Roundabouts, Monterey, California, USA, 15-18 May 22.





HCM model with a Basic SIDRA Geometry Method

Alternative model calibration methods were applied to the HCM (Siegloch M1) Exponential model with a new Basic SIDRA Geometry Method added and the TRL-Kimber Linear model with geometry parameters.

The original estimates from these models are referred to as default models.

Basic SIDRA Geometry Method

Follow-up headway: $t_f = f_e f_a f_r t_f'$

Critical gap (headway): $t_c = 1.8 t_f$

Environment (Calibration) Factor, default: Entry Angle Adjustment Factor:

Entry Radius Adjustment Factor:

Unadjusted Follow-up Headway (seconds): $t_f = 3.18 - 0.0061 D_i + 7.8 \times 10^{-6}$

Average roundabout geometry parameters were used in the analyses.

 $f_e = 1.05$ (single lane roundabout) $f_a = 0.94 + 0.000026 \phi_e^{1.6}$ $f_r = 0.95 + 3.28 / r_e$ $t_e = 3.18 - 0.0061 D_1 + 7.8 \times 10^{-6}$

 ϕ_e : entry angle (degrees), r_e : entry radius (feet), D_i : inscribed diameter (feet).



Best fit and anchored regression models

The capacity estimates from anchored regressions indicate that the exponential model estimates can stay close to the best fit regression estimates for medium to high circulating flows.

The reducing slope of the exponential model helps it to adopt to the changes in the observed data. Results show small increases in RMSE values for the anchored regressions for the exponential model.

Further research needed.

	Α	В	t _f	t _c	t _f / t _c	RMSE		
Exponential (Siegloch M1)	1205	0.00078	2.988	4.302	0.695	180		
A (t _f) parameter anchored							Increase in RMSE	
Exponential (Siegloch M1)	1384	0.00099	2.601	4.865	0.535	191	5.7%	
Exponential model with SIDRA Geometry								
SIDRA Geometry default, f _e = 1.05	1363	0.000954	2.641	4.755	0.556	188	4.6%	
Calibrated: f _e = 1.07	1337	0.000972	2.693	4.845	0.556	187	3.6%	



A study of the HCM Edition 6 roundabout capacity model Main Conclusions - 1

Roundabout geometry types

Analyses of calibration methods for subsets of data using both the HCM (Siegloch) exponential capacity model with the Basic SIDRA Geometry Method added and the TRL-Kimber model supported the finding by Johnson and Lin (2018) that roundabout geometry parameters may have a combined (aggregate) effect on capacity of different roundabout geometry types.



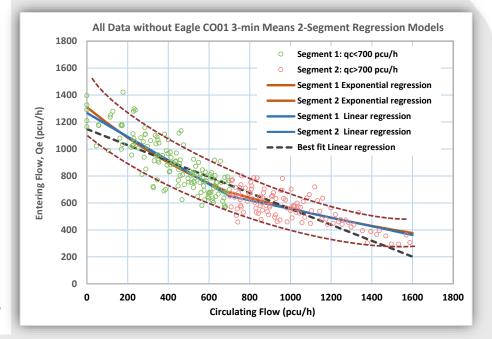


A study of the HCM Edition 6 roundabout capacity model Main Conclusions - 2

Our preferred model

The assessments from various perspectives conducted using the HCM single-lane roundabout capacity research data reported in our reports demonstrate the non-linear characteristic of roundabout capacity data.

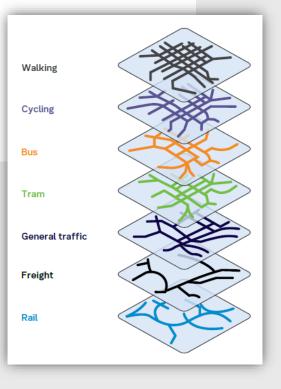
They are found to support the HCM exponential (non-linear) roundabout capacity model over the linear model form which has shortcomings in estimating capacity at low and high circulating flows.





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6. Movement and Place





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"From Functional Classification ...

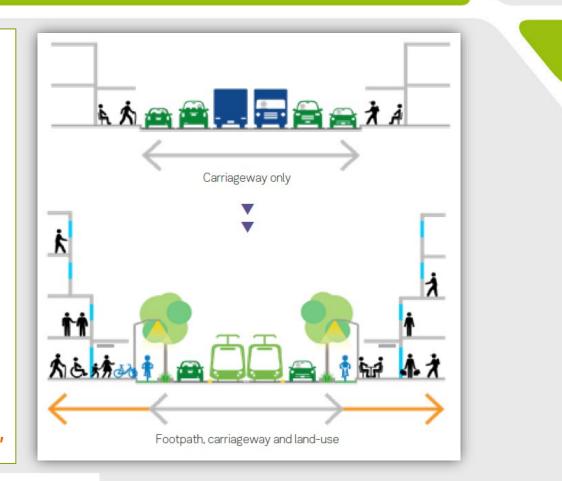
Still in use today, functional classification systems group roads and streets by their capacity to keep vehicles moving.

... to a Movement and Place approach

The Movement and Place Framework takes a future-focused, multi-modal approach to network planning. It takes into consideration the diverse role places play in planning the types of transport modes appropriate to a local road or street.

In this language, roads and streets are defined by the context of a local place and assigned various 'movement' and 'place' classifications. "

Source: DOT Victoria (2019). *Movement and Place in Victoria*.





Movement and Place



TfNSW (2023). Design of roads and streets - A guide to improve the quality of roads and streets in NSW (Movement and Place). Transport for NSW, NSW Government.



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