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Using big data for demand-responsive service planning

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COVID-19 WILL IMPACT TRAVEL PATTERNS TEMPORARILY AND PERMANENTLY – HOW WILL YOU ADAPT?



Ridership plummeted during the pandemic, especially during the lockdown.

With an ongoing second wave and threat of more, ridership could remain variable and unpredictable for the near future. What percentage of your workforce will remain permanently remote post-COVID who were not remote before COVID?



Source: Gartner (April 2020)

Pandemic could/will permanently change our societies.

As we reach a new normal, travel patterns will be permanently impacted.



% of Companies





BUS• 170 routes
• 2,300 buses
• 14,000 stops
• 800,000 weekday boardings
• 7 million annual service hours
• \$1.2 billion annual operationsRAIL• 4 light rail/2 subway
• 240 cars
• 93 stations
• 350,000 weekday boardings
• 1.3 million annual service hours
• \$542 million annual operations

Despite an extensive network and ongoing investment in mass transit, ridership had fallen by more than 20% over last 5 years.



Source : LA Metro





A new bus network



Something for everyone

Why and how?

Outdated bus network 25 years since last redesign! Travel patterns have changed

What do people want? Extensive customer outreach

What does the data say? Used tap card and cell phone data



Source : LA Metro



Data on travel patterns of residents (origin-destination-time of day)



2 sources









CALIBRATING MODEL USING SMART CARD DATA & OD MATRIX





CREATING VARIOUS NETWORK PLANNING SCENARIOS

















ANALYZING ESTIMATED RIDERSHIP – BY ROUTE











COMPARING SCENARIOS – WHO IS IMPACTED?



COMPARING SCENARIOS – IMPACT ON TRAVEL TIME



COMPARING SCENARIOS – IMPACT ON TRANSFERS



MAXIMIZING QUALITY OF SERVICE WITH LIMITED RESOURCES





IMPLEMENTING FREQUENT AND ITERATIVE CHANGES UNTIL NEW NORMAL IS REACHED

Frequency: Monthly Data source: Passenger counting Sample size: 2-3 weeks Changes: Service level adjustments Frequency: 3-5 years Data source: Multimodal OD matrix Sample size: 3-6 months Changes: Entire network redesign







QUESTIONS?



Thank you!







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