

# Strategic Signal Timing Changes = BIG Results





# Signal Timing Updates

Average Retiming Interval	Percent of Respondents
More Frequently than Every 3 Years	42
Around 5 Years	18
Around 10 Years	5
More than 10 Years	35

*Source: Tarnoff and Ordonez (2004)*



# Benefits of Signal Retiming

The Institute of Transportation Engineers has determined that Signal Retiming reduces:

- Motorist delay
- Overall travel time
- Fuel Consumption
- Vehicle Emissions
- Number of Crashes



# 2013 Signal Timing Task Order

What are the expected outcomes from a signal timing project?

- Capacity Improvements
- Travel Time Improvements



# 2013 Signal Timing Task Order

Additional outcomes that may present from a signal timing project?

- Reduction in crash severity
- Change in crash type



# Crash Modification Factors (CMFs)

## Adjust Red/Yellow Phasing

- Left Turn
- Angle
- Sideswipe



## Signal Timing Adjustments / Coordination

- Severity
- Rear End



# Average Crash Costs



## Crash Cost Annual Adjustment

### 2001 Cost Table

Crash Severity		Human Capital Costs	Comprehensive Societal Costs	Cost Difference
Fatal	K	\$1,245,600	\$4,008,900	\$2,763,300
Disabling Injury	A	\$111,400	\$216,000	\$104,600
Evident Injury	B	\$41,900	\$79,000	\$37,100
Possible Injury	C	\$28,400	\$44,900	\$16,500
PDO	O	\$6,400	\$7,400	\$1,000

**Estimated Costs**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Injury</b>	<b>\$55,700</b>	<b>\$57,000</b>
<b>PDO</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>	<b>\$8,700</b>

### Human Capital Costs

Crash Severity		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Fatal	K	\$1,457,352	\$1,519,632	\$1,507,176	\$1,532,088	\$1,581,912	\$1,619,280	\$1,644,192	\$1,656,648	\$1,669,104	\$1,694,016
Disabling Injury	A	\$130,338	\$135,908	\$134,794	\$137,022	\$141,478	\$144,820	\$147,048	\$148,162	\$149,276	\$151,504
Evident Injury	B	\$49,023	\$51,118	\$50,699	\$51,537	\$53,213	\$54,470	\$55,308	\$55,727	\$56,146	\$56,984
Possible Injury	C	\$33,228	\$34,648	\$34,364	\$34,932	\$36,068	\$36,920	\$37,488	\$37,772	\$38,056	\$38,624
PDO	O	\$7,488	\$7,808	\$7,744	\$7,872	\$8,128	\$8,320	\$8,448	\$8,512	\$8,576	\$8,704

### Comprehensive Societal Costs

Crash Severity		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Fatal	K	\$4,828,578	\$5,001,390	\$5,044,200	\$5,124,378	\$5,284,734	\$5,377,368	\$5,485,179	\$5,635,800	\$5,731,155	\$5,811,333
Disabling Injury	A	\$257,950	\$267,704	\$268,682	\$273,002	\$281,642	\$287,076	\$292,442	\$298,786	\$303,038	\$307,358
Evident Injury	B	\$94,285	\$97,864	\$98,187	\$99,767	\$102,927	\$104,926	\$106,877	\$109,151	\$110,683	\$112,263
Possible Injury	C	\$53,358	\$55,438	\$55,484	\$56,382	\$58,178	\$59,360	\$60,423	\$61,532	\$62,311	\$63,209
PDO	O	\$8,708	\$9,068	\$9,024	\$9,172	\$9,468	\$9,680	\$9,838	\$9,952	\$10,046	\$10,194

Source: ODOT Office of Program Management (2017)





# 2013 Signal Timing Task Order

Corridors studied for pre-implementation vs post-implementation safety improvements

- COL-30, Lisbon, OH (3 signals)
- LOR-83, Avon, OH (8 signals)
- LAK-306, Mentor, OH (8 signals)



# COL-30 Lisbon, OH



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## Corridor Issues:

- Heavy truck traffic (10% avg, 20% peak)
- US 30 (Lincoln Way) / Market St
  - Convergence of 1-US Route and 3-State Routes
  - Traffic using local streets to avoid congestion
  - Signal not upgraded with others COL-30-18.32
  - TBC never programmed to work with other signals
- Signal timing did not match COL-30-18.32 plans
- Inconsistencies in programming were found



# COL-30 Lisbon, OH

## DGL Recommendations:

- Signal Time Modifications
- Add GPS Time Clock at Market St or verify/correct time on a routine basis

## Additional Recommendations:

- Remark crosswalks and stop bars
- Adjust signal head locations where needed
- Replace heads with LED's where needed



# COL-30 Lisbon, OH

## Signal Timing Outcomes:

Capacity Improvements				
Intersection	Expected Reduction in Intersection Delay			
	AM Peak	Noon Peak	PM Peak	Night Off-Peak
US-30 & Beaver	-4.3%	-	-	-2.1%
US-30 & Market	-9.0%	-6.8%	-6.5%	-13.4%
US-30 & Jefferson	-6.0%	-6.3%	-6.1%	-
Market & Washington	-24.4%	-19.8%	-17.9%	-16.7%



# COL-30 Lisbon, OH

## Signal Timing Outcomes:

Travel Time Improvements			
Time Period	Direction	Reduction	
		Average Travel Time	Average Stopped Time
AM Peak	Eastbound	1"	3"
	Westbound	1"	2"
Day Off- Peak	Eastbound	-14"	-10"
	Westbound	14"	17"
Noon Peak	Eastbound	-3"	-
	Westbound	2"	-1"
PM Peak	Eastbound	-26"	-25"
	Westbound	-9"	-4"



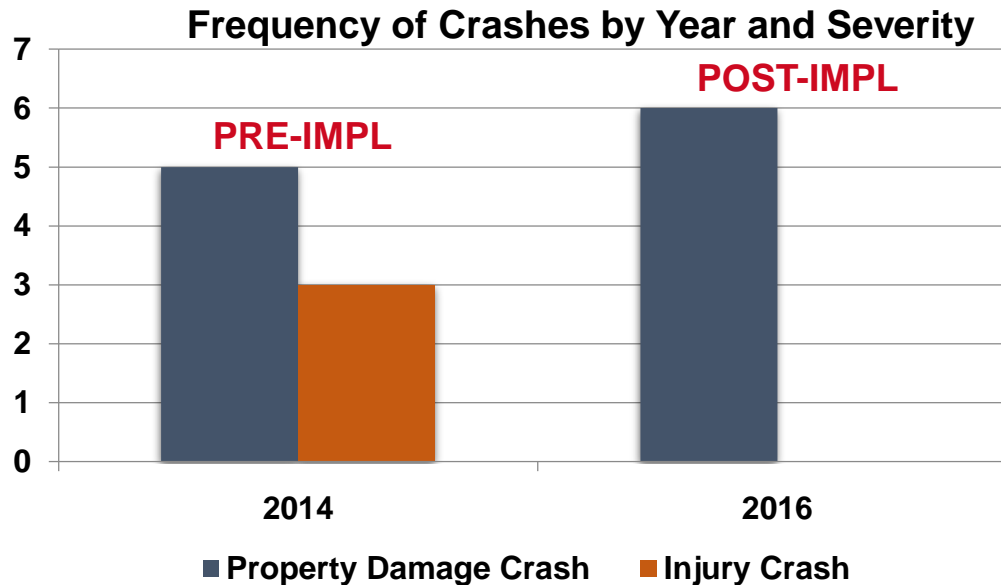
# COL-30 Lisbon, OH

## 2014 Pre-Implementation

- 8 crashes
- 3 Injury, 5 PDO

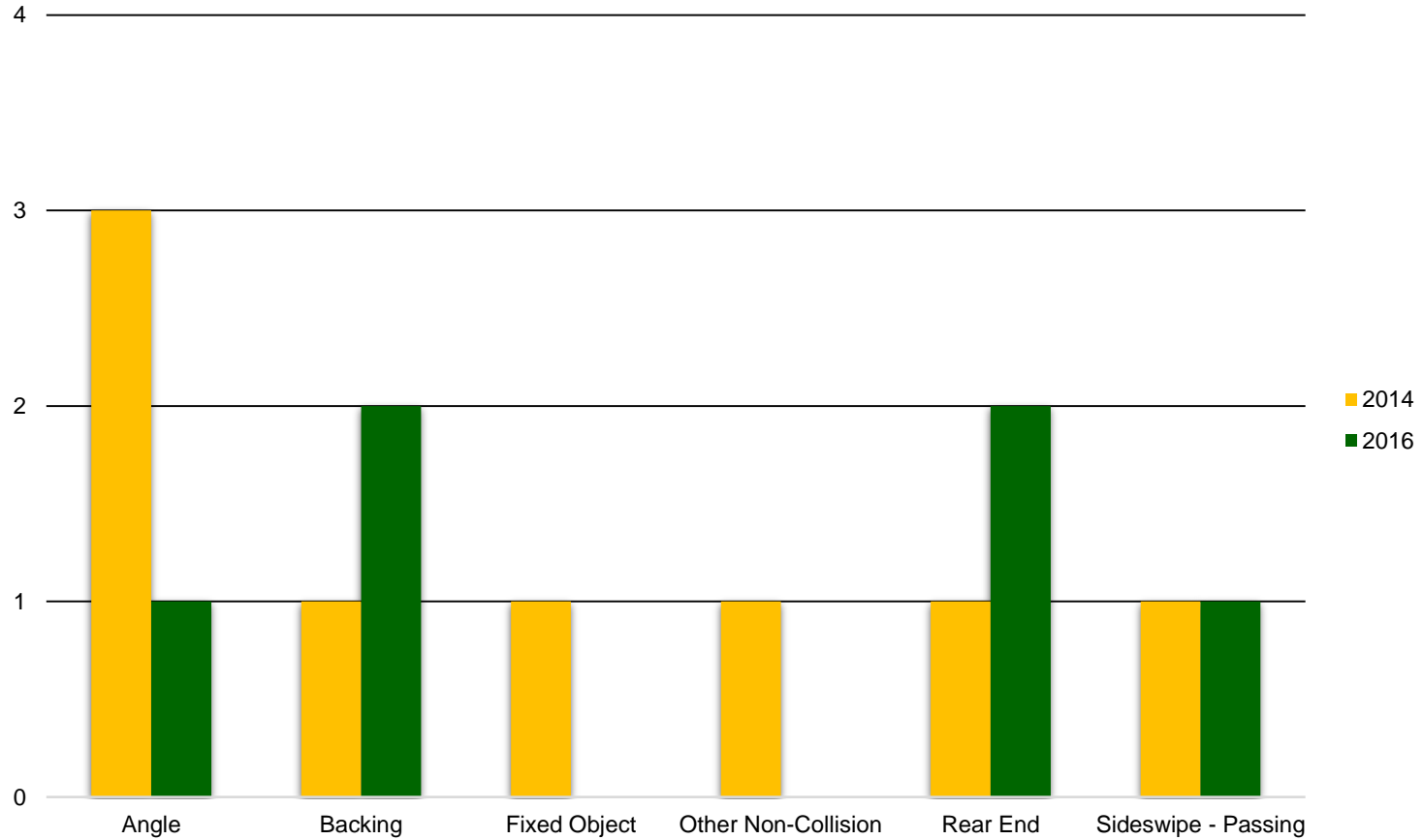
## 2016 Post-Implementation

- 6 crashes
- 0 Injury, 6 PDO



# COL-30 Lisbon, OH

## Frequency of Crashes by Year and Type





# COL-30 Lisbon, OH

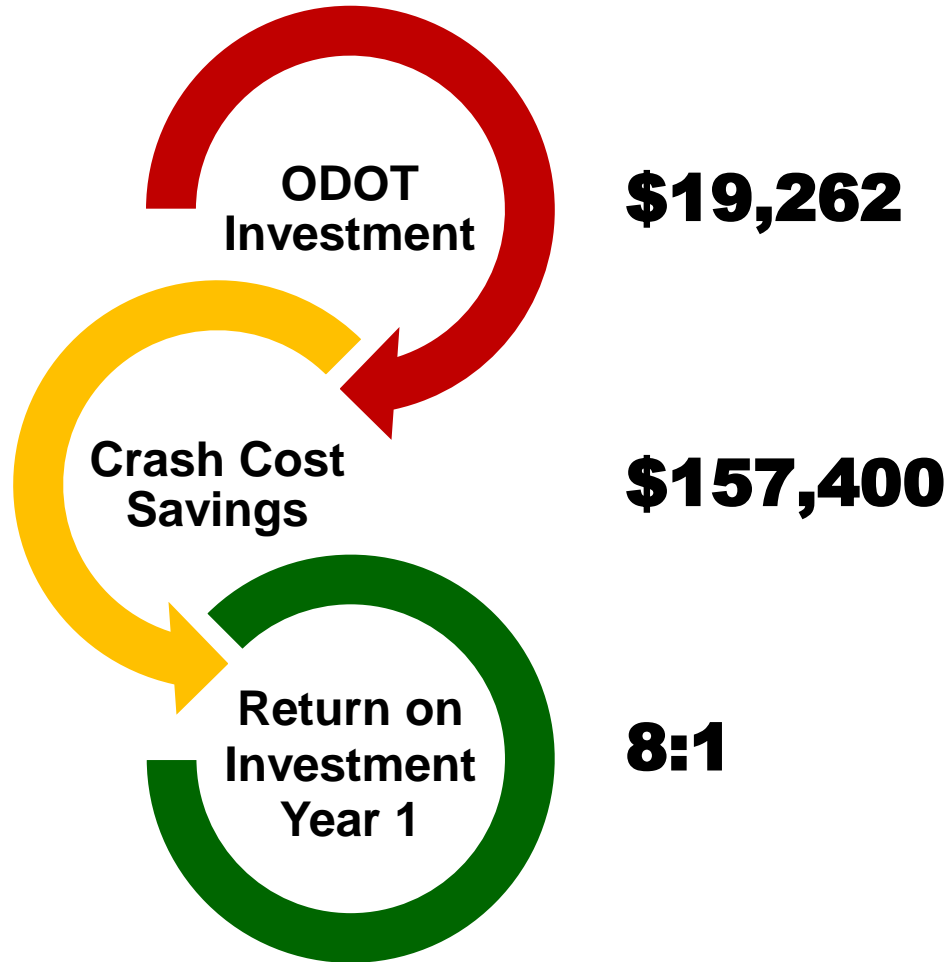
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CRASH TYPE	# OF CRASHES	COST PER CRASH	TOTAL COST	# OF CRASHES	COST PER CRASH	TOTAL COST
INJURY	3	55,700	167,100	0	57,000	0
PDO	5	8,500	42,500	6	8,700	52,200
TOTALS	8		209,600	6		52,200



**CRASH REDUCTION = 2**  
**COST SAVINGS = \$157,400**



# COL-30 Lisbon, OH



# LOR-83, Avon, OH



# LOR-83, Avon, OH

## Corridor Issues:

- Highly commercial corridor
- Connectivity to major highway (I-90)
- ADT = 26,000 to 30,000 vpd
- Timing plans were present but not operational
- Did not accommodate directional changes throughout the day



# LOR-83, Avon, OH

## DGL Recommendations:

- Time of Day (TOD) Plans

## Additional Recommendations:

- Add destination lane use pavement markings
- Consider adding a second left turn lane at I-90 ramp intersections
- Consider an alternate interchange design



# LOR-83, Avon, OH

## Signal Timing Outcomes:

SR-83 Arterial LOS Improvements (Synchro)			
Analysis Period	Expected Change in Travel Time		
	Northbound	Southbound	Overall
AM Peak	-9.5%	-5.8%	-7.9%
Day Off-Peak	4.0%	-18.6%	-8.6%
Mid-Day Peak	-9.5%	-14.7%	-12.1%
PM Peak	-6.5%	-12.5%	-9.6%
Weekend	-7.4%	-12.7%	-9.8%



# LOR-83, Avon, OH

## Signal Timing Outcomes:

SR-83 Travel Time Improvements (Actual)		
Time Period	Direction	Average Travel Time Reduction
AM Peak	Northbound	2"
	Southbound	-49"
Day Off- Peak	Northbound	-27"
	Southbound	-34"
Mid-Day Peak	Northbound	-52"
	Southbound	-64"
PM Peak	Northbound	-23"
	Southbound	82"



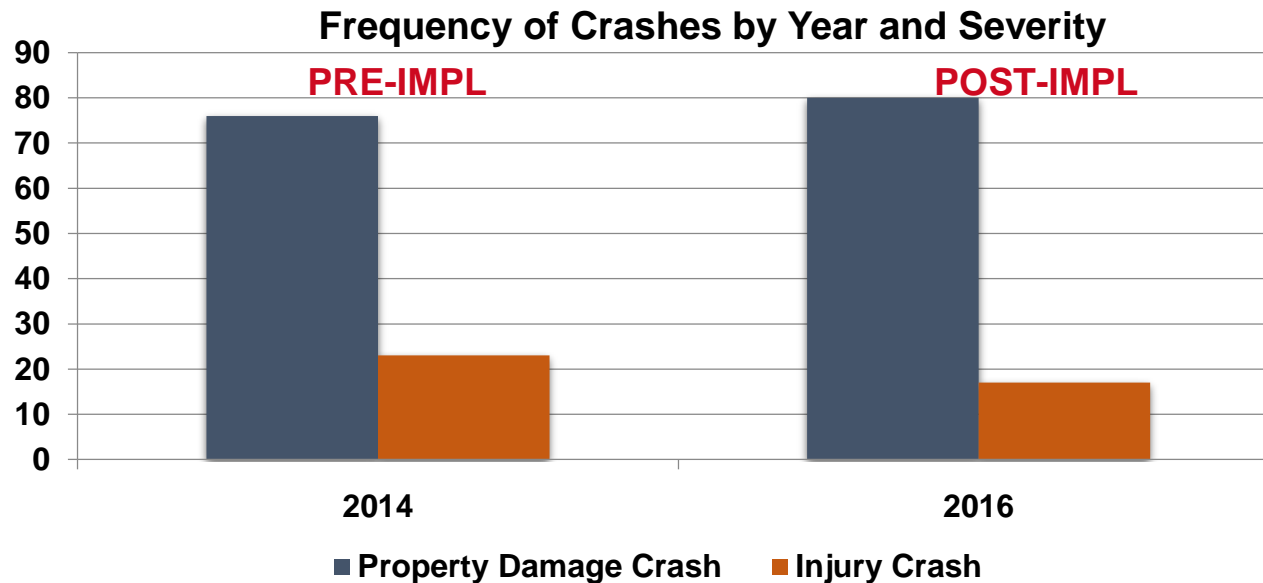
# LOR-83, Avon, OH

## 2014 Pre-Implementation

- 99 crashes
- 23 Injury, 76 PDO

## 2016 Post-Implementation

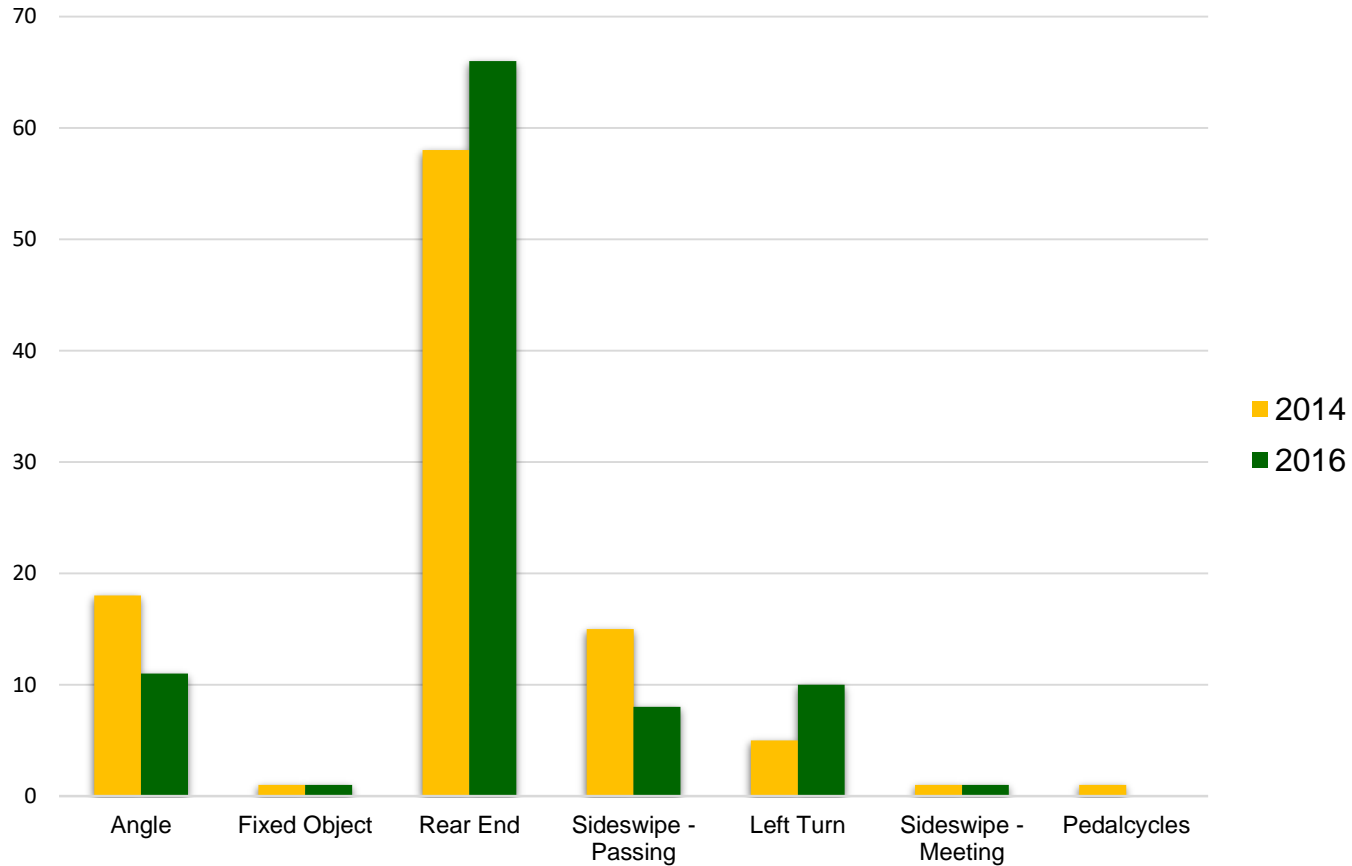
- 97 crashes
- 17 Injury, 80 PDO





# LOR-83, Avon, OH

## Frequency of Crashes by Year and Type



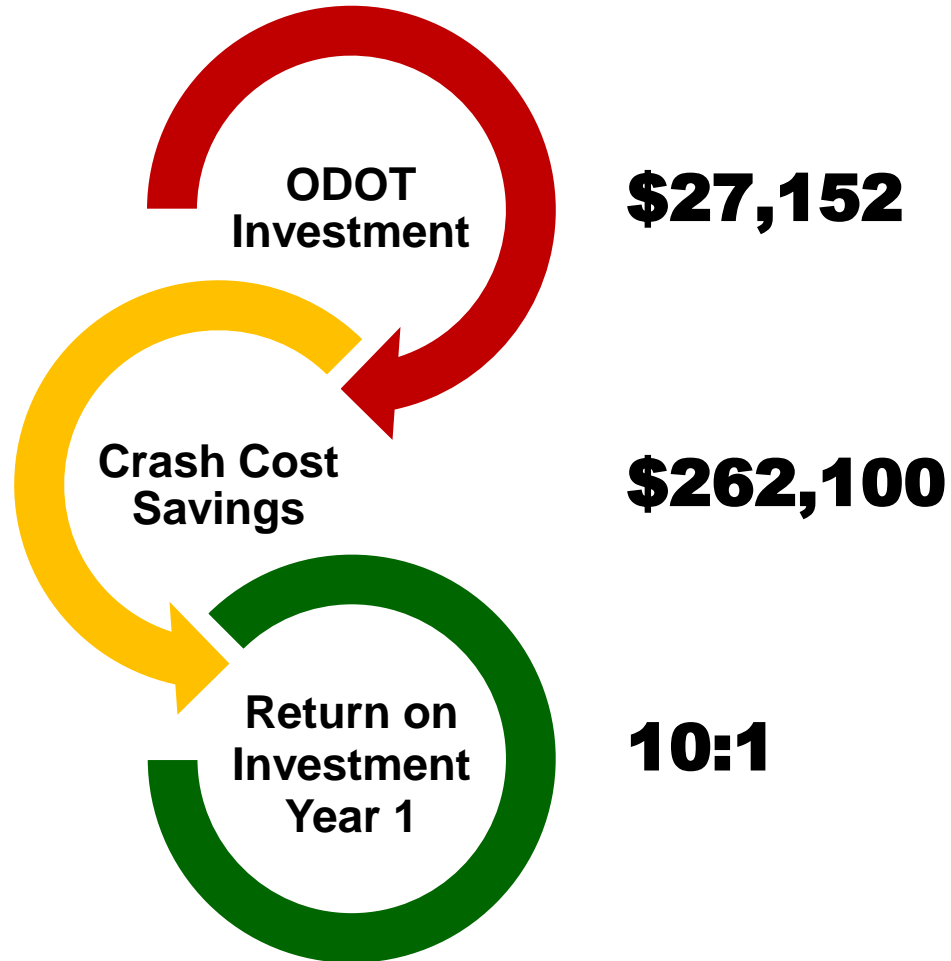
# LOR-83, Avon, OH

	2014			2016		
CRASH TYPE	# OF CRASHES	COST PER CRASH	TOTAL COST	# OF CRASHES	COST PER CRASH	TOTAL COST
INJURY	23	55,700	1,281,100	17	57,000	969,000
PDO	76	8,500	646,100	80	8,700	696,000
TOTALS	99		1,927,100	97		1,665,000

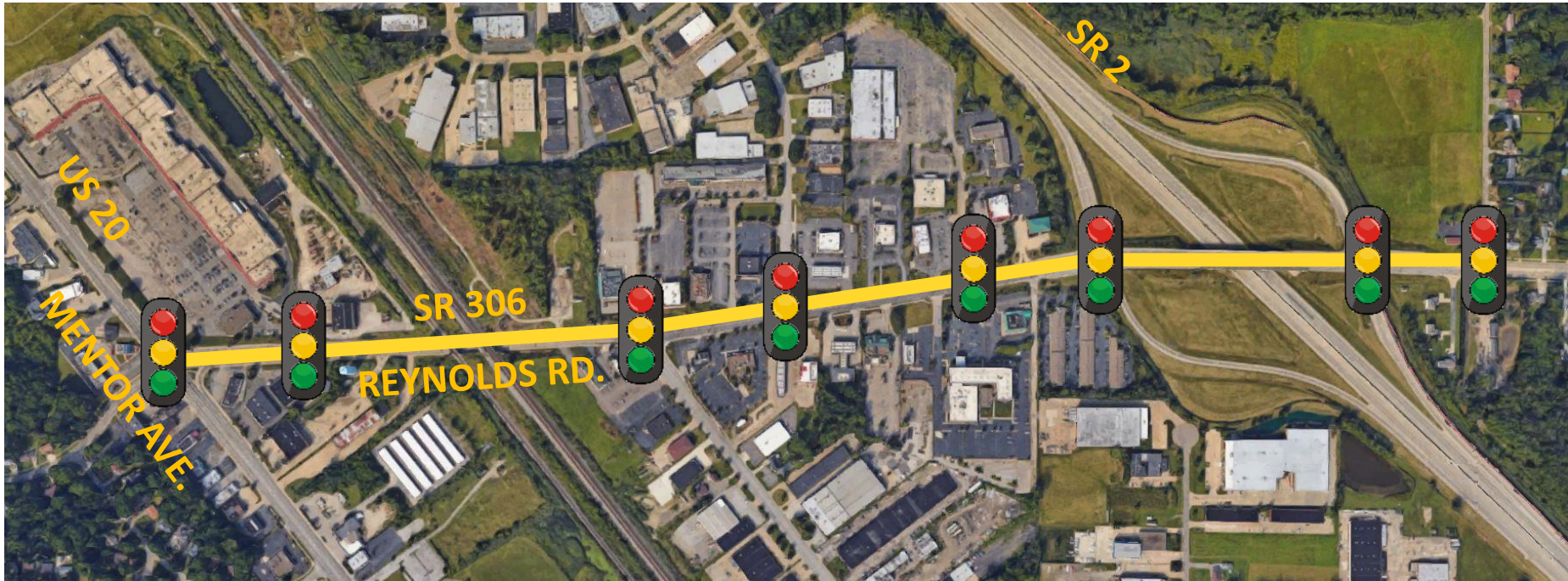
**CRASH REDUCTION = 2**  
**COST SAVINGS = \$262,100**



# LOR-83, Avon, OH



# LAK-306, Mentor, OH



# LAK-306, Mentor, OH

## Corridor Issues:

- Highly commercial corridor
- Connectivity to major highway (SR 2)
- ADT = 35,000 vpd
- Significant queuing – especially northbound



# LAK-306, Mentor, OH

## DGL Recommendations:

- Phasing changes
- Timing changes
- Extend timing for protected lefts

## Additional Recommendations:

- Look at timing changes at additional intersections
- Extend Phase Splits if queuing continues



# LAK-306, Mentor, OH

## Signal Timing Outcomes:

SR-306 Arterial LOS Improvements (Synchro)			
Analysis Period	Expected Change in Travel Time		
	Northbound	Southbound	Overall
AM Peak	-8.2%	4.1%	-1.6%
Day Off-Peak	-4.5%	-2.9%	-3.7%
Mid-Day Peak	-5.9%	-9.2%	-7.5%
PM Peak	-24.4%	-1.5%	-15.3%
Night Off-Peak	-2.1%	-1.3%	-1.7%
Weekend	0.9%	-9.3%	-4.2%



# LAK-306, Mentor, OH

## Signal Timing Outcomes:

SR-306 Travel Time Improvements (Actual)		
Time Period	Direction	Average Travel Time Reduction
AM Peak	Northbound	-30.8%
	Southbound	-37.9%
Day Off- Peak	Northbound	-27.5%
	Southbound	-15.3%
Mid-Day Peak	Northbound	-24.1%
	Southbound	-30.8%
PM Peak	Northbound	-37.4%
	Southbound	-12.9%
Weekend	Northbound	-18.2%
	Southbound	-20.6%





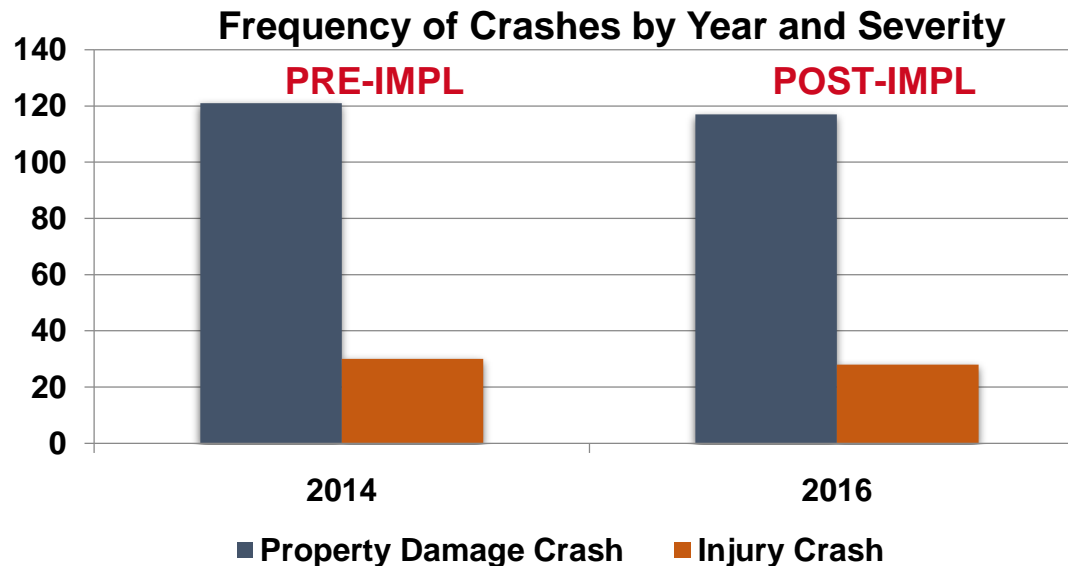
# LAK-306, Mentor, OH

## 2014 Pre-Implementation

- 151 crashes
- 30 Injury, 121 PDO

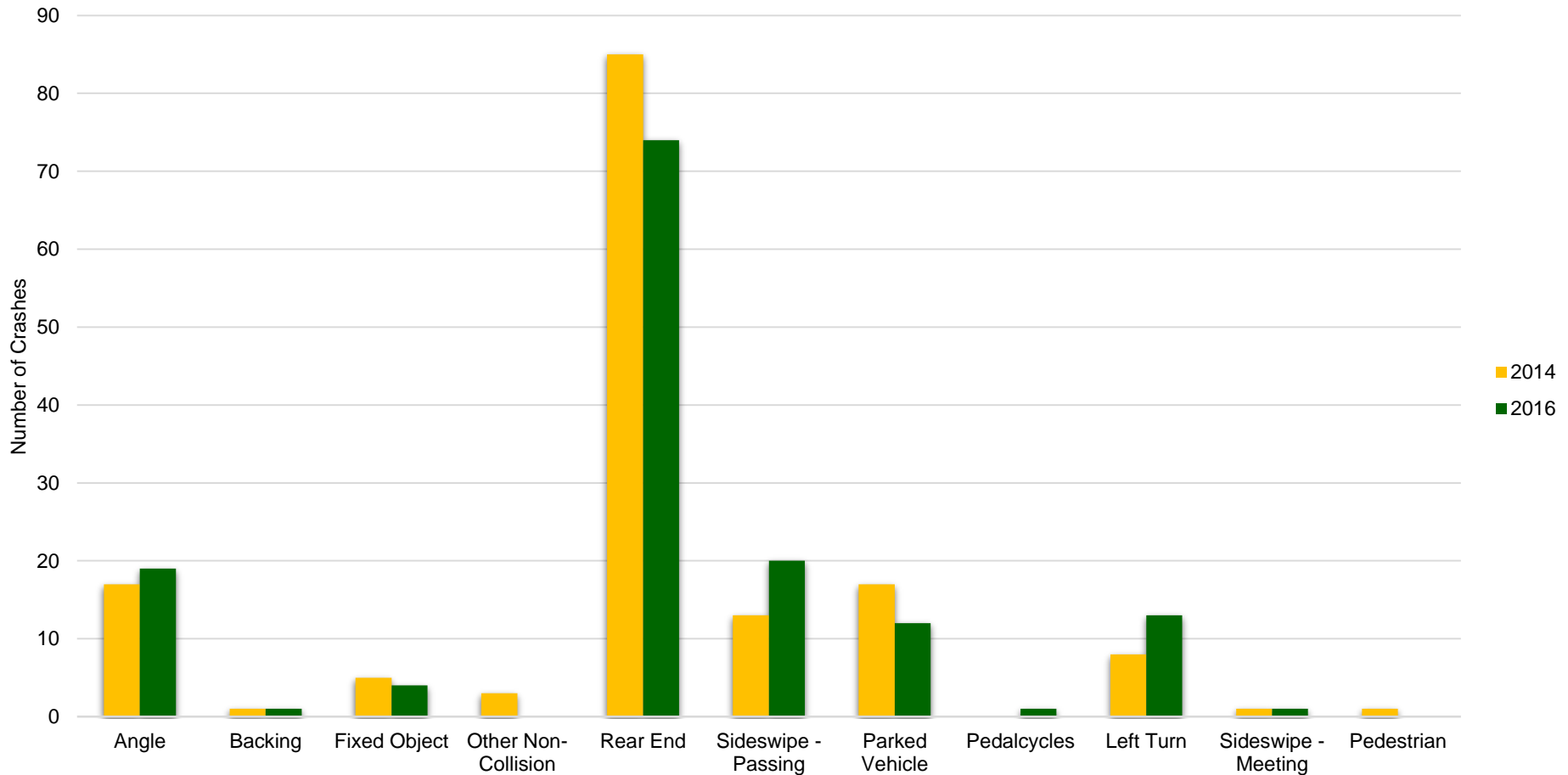
## 2016 Post-Implementation

- 145 crashes
- 28 Injury, 117 PDO



# LAK-306, Mentor, OH

## Frequency of Crashes by Year and Type



# LAK-306, Mentor, OH

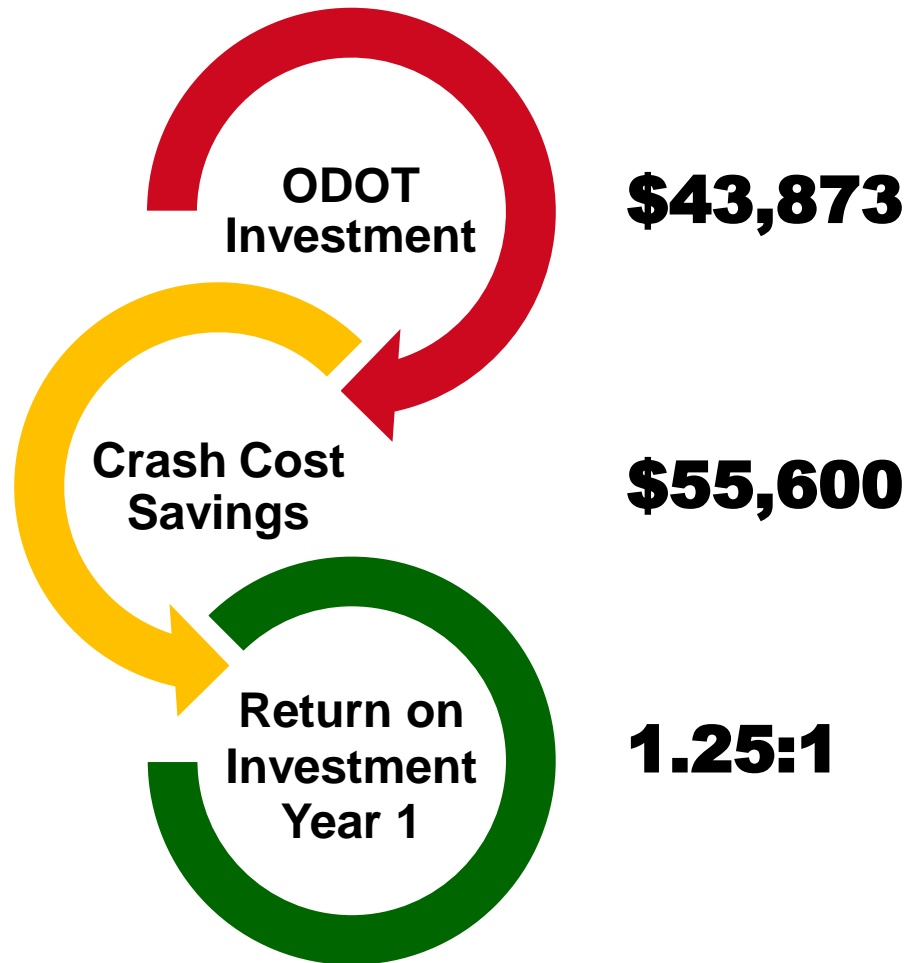
	2014			2016		
CRASH TYPE	# OF CRASHES	COST PER CRASH	TOTAL COST	# OF CRASHES	COST PER CRASH	TOTAL COST
INJURY	30	55,700	1,671,000	28	57,000	1,596,000
PDO	121	8,500	1,028,500	117	8,700	1,017,900
TOTALS	151		2,699,500	145		2,613,900



**CRASH REDUCTION = 6**  
**COST SAVINGS = \$55,600**



# LAK-306, Mentor, OH



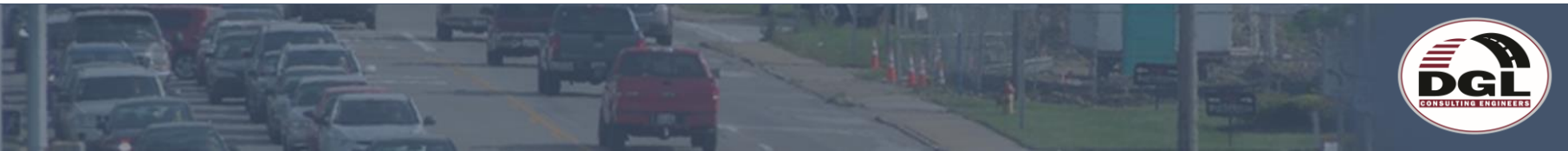
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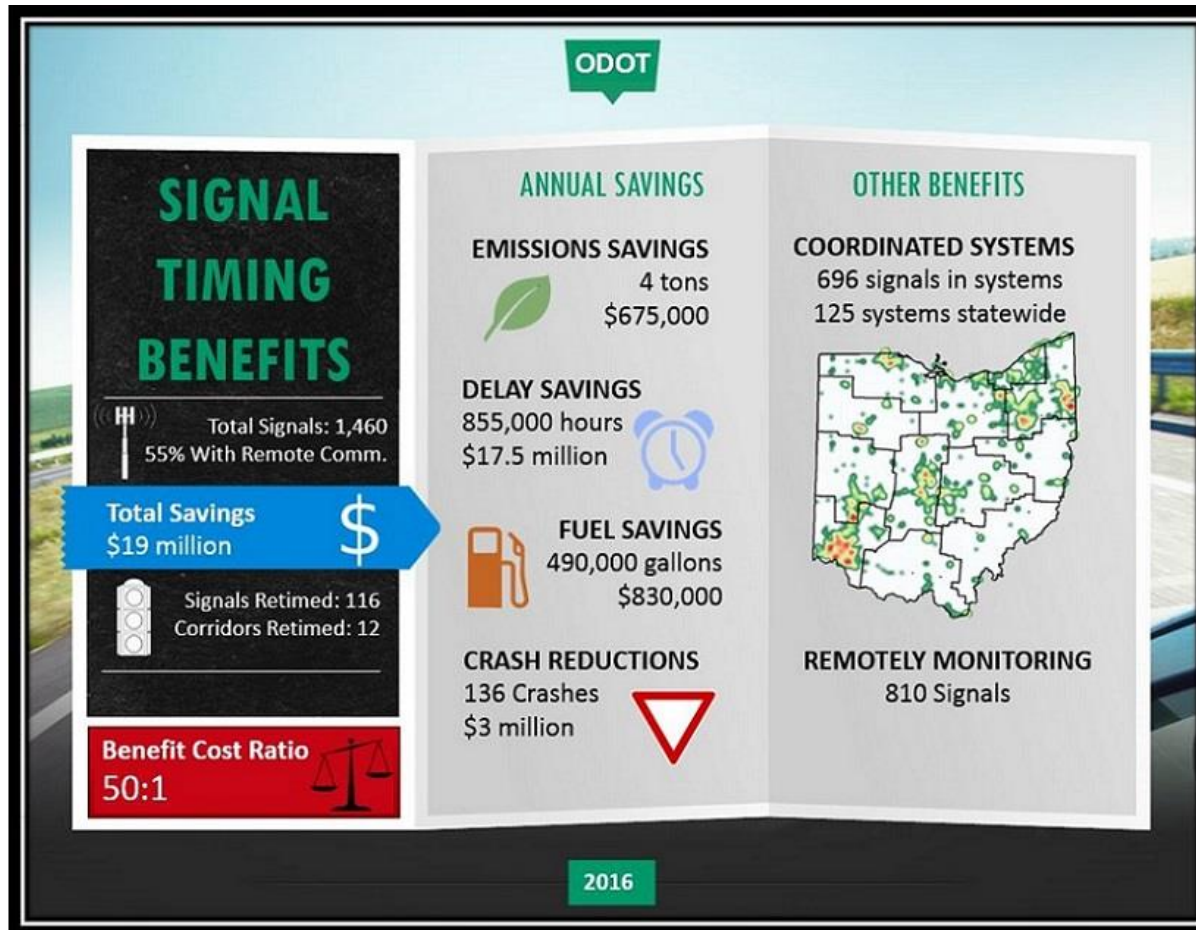
# Takeaway

## Signal Timing Projects Benefits:

- Travel Speed Approaches Posted Speed
- Far Less Travel Time
- Far Fewer Stops



# Takeaway



Source: ODOT Office of Traffic Operations (2016)

# Conclusion

