

Emergency Management Modeling: Transportation Security & Synergies with MPO Modeling



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Modeling & Transportation Planning

- Traditional transportation planning approach to modeling
 - Measure & predict traffic volumes
 - Identify bottlenecks
 - Develop & test mitigation strategies
- Goal: Enhance ability of transportation system to support every day activities
 - Home-based work, Home-based shopping, etc

- IEM

Emergency Management Considerations

- SAFETEA-LU: Transportation Security introduced as stand-alone planning factor
- Transportation in Incident Management:
 - Evacuation
 - Critical Facility Access (e.g. PODs)
 - Emergency Response
- Incidents related to or resulting from transportation
 - Freight & HazMat Transport
 - Transit Planning & Training

Modeling as Part of EM Toolkit







Transportation Modeling: MOEs & Scenario Testing



Example: Building an Evacuation Model

- Key Data Needs:
 - Population & demographic data
 - Road network data
 - Behavior survey (if available)



Example: Building an Evacuation Model

- Trip Generation
 - Only one purpose!
 - Break demand into segments by behavior
 - Behavioral Survey
 - Empirical Data
 - Distribute temporally
 - Type of event
- Trip Distribution
 - EM Plans
 - Empirical Data



Trip Generation Times





Example: Building an Evacuation Model

- Mode Choice (if applicable)
 - EM Approach
- Assignment
 - Break into time intervals
 - Evacuation time is key result
- Scenarios
 - Variations in incident scenario
 - Variations in EM approach
 - Assumption sensitivity analysis

Output: Evacuation Times



Next Step: Evacuation as Protective Action

- Clearance times do not directly measure effectiveness of evacuation
- Need to compare against alternatives (e.g. shelter-in-place)
- Solution: Combine hazard model with traffic model



Evacuation Feasibility



Questions/Discussion?



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