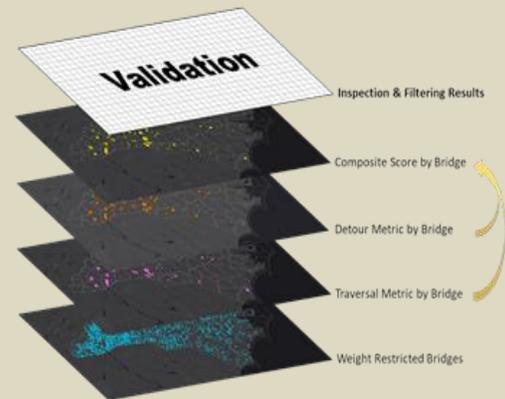




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Executive Summary

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North Carolina has almost 3,000 bridges classified as weight restricted spread across the state, some of which could have significant economic value if improved. Bridges heavily traversed for agricultural and commerce purposes that do not have many convenient alternative routes that would make the bridge redundant are considered to be important bridges. However, if the bridge has a weight restriction, agricultural and commerce freight vehicles may be forced to take longer alternative routes, costing farms and businesses potential significant time costs.

The prioritized set of weight restricted bridges (shown below) was developed through a Geographic Information System (GIS) process that expressed bridge criticality as a score derived from a comprehensive and systematic travel model to consider the frequency of demand across weight-restricted bridges (traversals) and the necessary detour to avoid the weight-restricted bridge. This process offers a system-wide, objective evaluation of weight-restricted bridges. Based on the funding availability to improve or replace the bridges with the highest composite scores, a validation of the scores should be considered based on local input and confirmation of the importance of the bridge for local, impacted businesses.

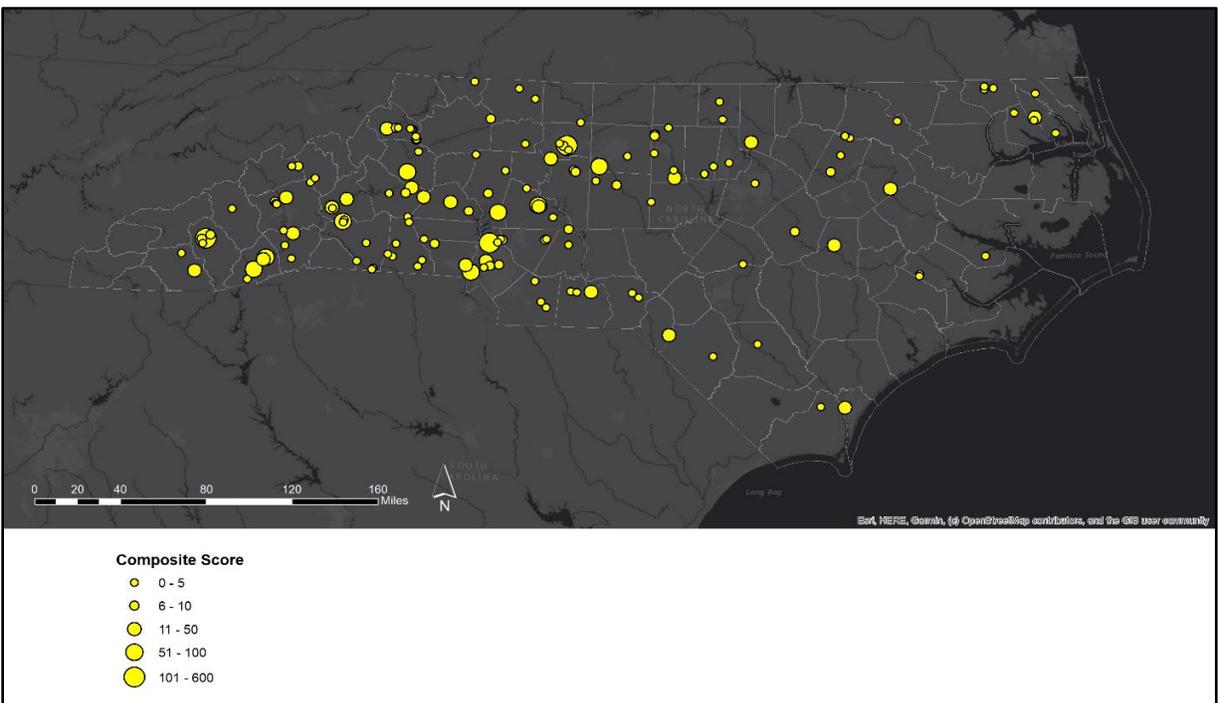


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Introduction

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In 2014, the North Carolina Department of Agriculture provided NCDOT with a tiered list and corresponding map of bridges that were critical to the agricultural industry. NCDOT has used this list to identify bridges that are an impediment to agriculture but do not qualify for other programs because they are not Structurally Deficient or Functionally Obsolete, nor do they reside along a high traffic volume route. The purpose of this project was to create a methodology to update the tiered list of bridges vital to North Carolina's agricultural industry and more generally, commerce. The project team created a methodology that targeted weight restricted bridges that pose the greatest impediment to agriculture and commerce.

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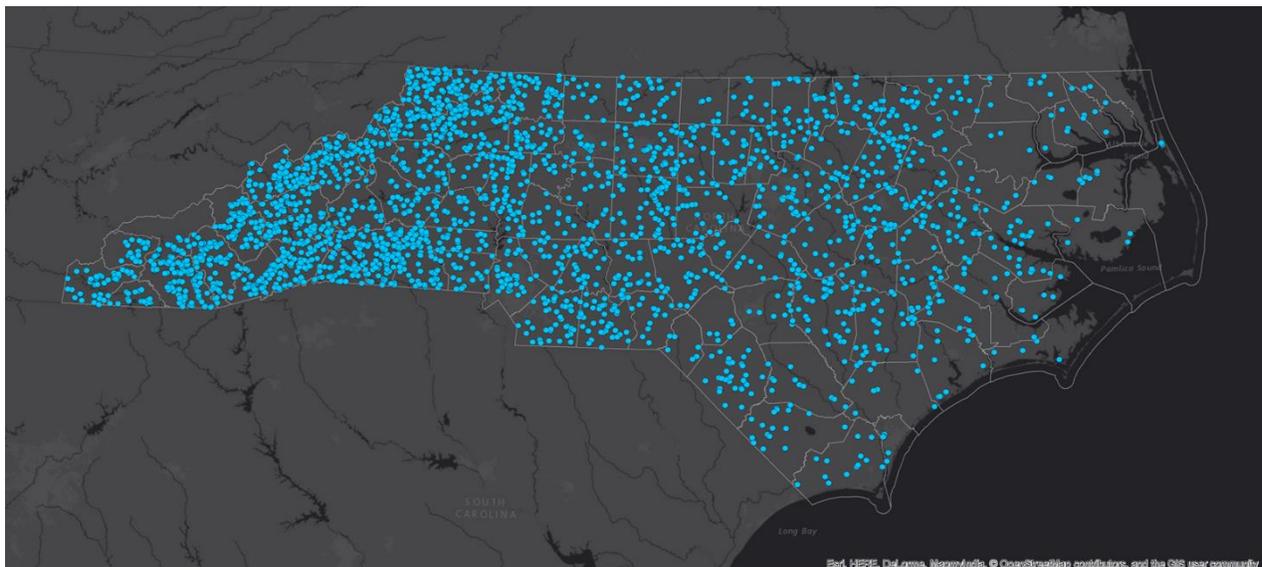


Figure 1. NCDOT Weight Restricted Bridges (2,879 Bridges)

Background and Literature Review

The NCDOT is responsible for the maintenance of 13,500 bridges in North Carolina (NCDOT 2020). These bridges make up part of North Carolina's infrastructure system that supports the movement of goods and people. Of the 13,500 bridges in North Carolina, roughly 14% are considered structurally deficient with a cost of \$3.8 billion needed to repair them to standard. In addition to the structurally deficient bridges, over 2,800 bridges are posted with weight restrictions. Bridges with posted weight restrictions can create vulnerabilities, bottlenecks, or suboptimal inefficiencies in the freight transportation system, preventing industries from being as competitive as they could be at a national or global level. Many of these posted bridges are not considered structurally deficient or functionally obsolete and are likely not located on heavy passenger vehicle traffic routes. This combination of occurrences makes it possible for bridges restrictive to heavy loads to fail to qualify for State bridge improvement programs. As a result, bridges vital to some businesses have the possibility of only receiving limited, ad-hoc funding.

Several previous studies informed the methodology development of this paper. Particular focus was given to studies that focused on various prioritization schemes for bridges. Zhang and Alipour (2020) developed a process for prioritizing bridge replacements based on the benefits from accelerated bridge construction. Their process includes a determination of a bridge's criticality and an optimization of the appropriate accelerated bridge construction techniques that could be applied to the bridge. The various construction techniques were evaluated based on the construction costs and impacts on travelers during a bridge's closure period. Liu and Frangopol (2005) developed a procedure to prioritize the maintenance of reinforced concrete bridge crossheads. Bocchini and Frangopol (2012) evaluated resiliency and cost to prioritize bridge improvements in response to disruptive events. Whelan et al. (2019) developed two indices considering various performance measures to prioritize bridge replacement projects.

This research project compliments the existing literature in bridge improvement prioritization by focusing on a subset of bridge types, weight-restricted bridges, and their potential to reduce industry transportation costs. Specific evaluation metrics in this research concentrate on the potential for heavy traffic, spurred by local businesses, to traverse each weight-restricted bridge and the resulting travel time savings relative to the available network.

Methodology

To determine the importance of a bridge, two different factors were considered: 1) the use of the bridge for agricultural and commerce purposes and 2) the circuitry costs of having to take an alternative route if the bridge did not exist. These two factors work in tandem. For example, a bridge heavily used by agricultural and commerce freight but having a detour route that only adds a short distance to the trip, or a bridge having a detour route that adds over ten miles to the travel distance but not used by any agricultural or commerce freight would not be considered important bridges. To be considered an important bridge, the bridge must be used by agricultural and/or commerce freight and have a significant detour penalty if the bridge did not exist. To capture both factors, the research team developed a multi-step methodology shown in Figure 2. The approach builds upon business and bridge data to develop an overall composite score for each bridge.

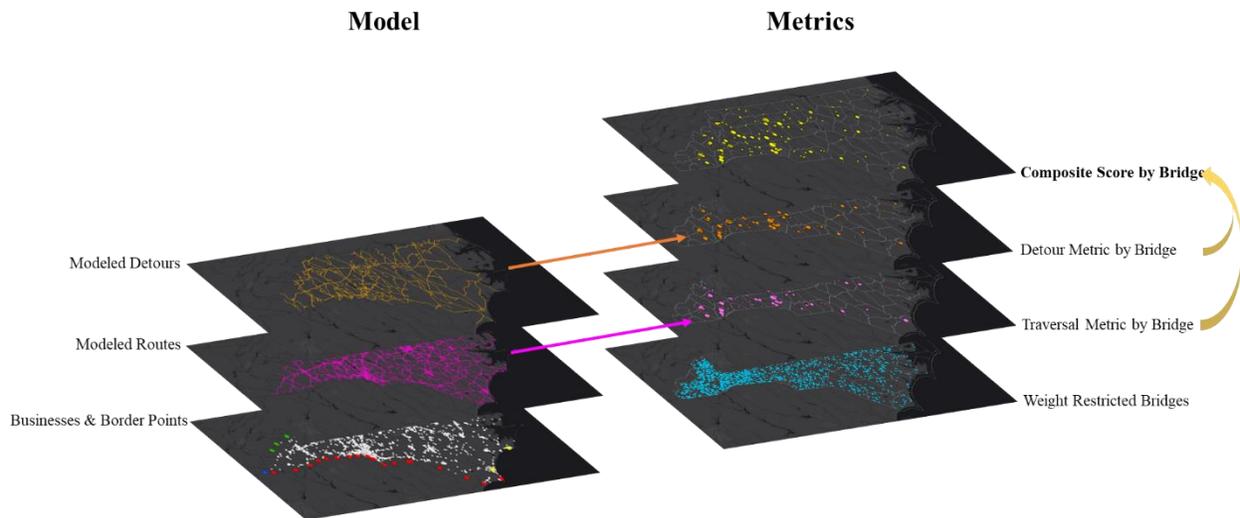


Figure 2. Analysis Methodology

GIS Process

This study used a Geographic Information Systems (GIS)-based approach to model agriculture- and commerce-related truck demand throughout North Carolina and evaluate the criticality of existing weight-restricted bridges to those routes. Weight-restricted bridge criticality is evaluated with a combination of two metrics: (i) a weighted *traversal* value, calculated from the count of crossings for a given weight-restricted bridge, and (ii), a weighted *detour* value, calculated from the time required to circumvent a given weight-restricted bridge. The overall workflow is summarized in Figure 3. These multiple perspectives of criticality account for the variable density of trucking-dependent businesses and weight-restricted bridges throughout the state. Weighting for both metrics is a function of the trucking intensity (which is a function of the business size and trucking demand) of the modeled routes and the distance of a given weight-restricted bridge from route origins, as discussed below. A final “composite score” was created from the sum of weighted traversal and weighted detour values and was used to rank weight-restricted bridges by criticality.

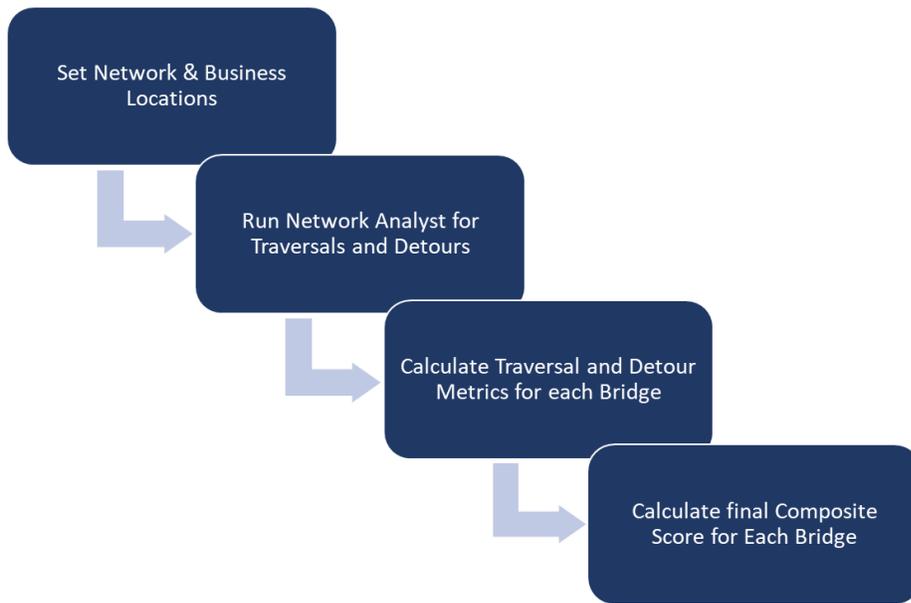


Figure 3. Analysis Workflow for Developing Composite Score for Bridge

An important methodological consideration for the design of the travel model used in this study is that the specific trucking routes used by trucking-dependent businesses across weight-restricted bridges is unknown. This is because large trucks should be avoiding these bridges, depending on their specific load and the given limit for the bridge. The model applied in this study accounts for this unknown by systematically modeling routes from trucking-dependent businesses in multiple directions, generating one route for each trucking-dependent business for each direction (see “Trucking Intensity of Businesses” below for the approach used to determine truck-dependency). Trucking-dependent businesses are treated as route origins, and a destination in each direction is automatically selected from a set of points where major road network segments intersect the state border (referred to here as *border points*). In this study, we use four sets of border points that correspond to the northern, eastern, southern, and western borders of the state (see Figure 4). Traversal and detour scores for bridges reflect the aggregation of modeled routes for all directions.

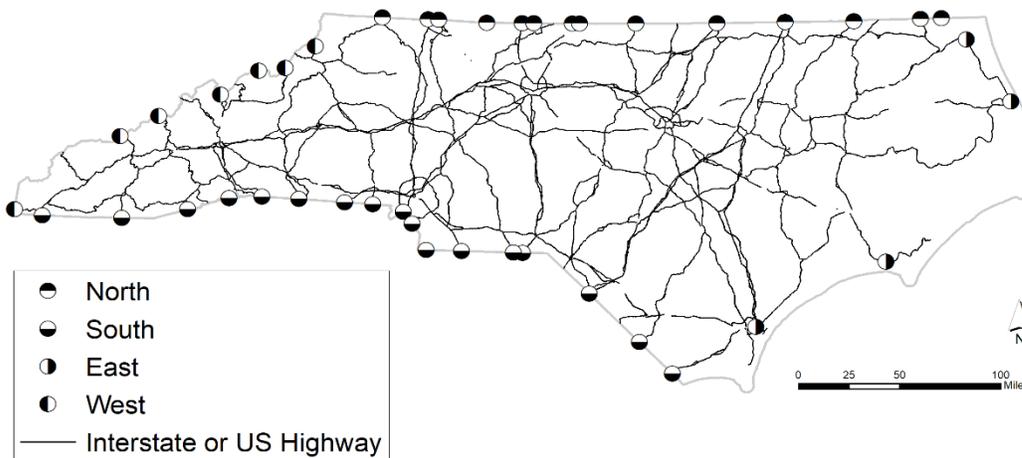


Figure 4: Locations of Border Points

Trucking Intensity of Businesses

A measure of the intensity of trucking activity associated with business locations was used to weight modeled routes and narrow the universe of businesses included in the study. To determine trucking intensity, the project team analyzed industry linkages within the Impact Analysis for Planning (IMPLAN) economic input-output platform for North Carolina. IMPLAN contains interindustry linkages for 546 industrial sectors within North Carolina. The project team evaluated how each of these industrial sectors rely on sector 417, Truck Transportation, as a factor of production. To understand the magnitude of trucking dependency, the research team evaluated the use and make tables of the Social Accounting Matrices (SAMs) within IMPLAN. These tables provide the input commodities and goods and services by industry required to produce an industry's output. Thus, industries that had higher trucking dependence had higher use table values for 417, Truck Transportation. The research team then used a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and IMPLAN crosswalk to bridge the 546 IMPLAN sectors to NAICS designations. Next, the research team used this information to assess trucking dependence for business establishments in North Carolina.

The research team used ArcGIS Business Analyst, which contains a database of over 13 million U.S. businesses by NAICS designation, to locate businesses by NAICS within the state. Using business establishments within the database and use table values extracted from IMPLAN's social accounting matrices, the research team conducted its assignment of trucking dependency. Businesses with a trucking intensity of at least 1.0 were defined as "trucking-dependent" (n=5400) and included in the study. The calculated trucking intensity of each trucking-dependent business was used to weight its associated routes. The location of all businesses in North Carolina, along with the business sector and the number of jobs at the business were obtained using ArcGIS Business Analyst. The research team augmented the Business Analyst dataset with business location and employment data for the meatpacking sector developed by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Trucking intensity was calculated using the same methodology for businesses with available employment information in this ancillary meatpacking dataset. The estimated trucking intensity for each business was calculated for each business as the product of the number of jobs and the trucking/freight intensity of the business sector (obtained from IMPLAN Sector Analysis) for each business.

Network Dataset

The travel model used to generate scores for weight-restricted bridges employed a statewide road network model to perform network analysis and generate routes for trucking-dependent businesses. The network model is composed of road segment features and a set of rules stored as an ArcGIS Network Dataset. The speed limit of each network segment was used to calculate a traversal time for each network segment, which serves as a cost attribute when calculating routes. In the interest of modelling truck navigation on the network realistically, the network dataset includes a connectivity policy, route hierarchy, and route type preference. The connectivity policy ensures access to limited-access network segments is only permitted at ramps and highway endpoints. The hierarchy constraint requires continuous travel on primary routes (defined as Interstate, US, and NC highways) once they are reached, thereby reducing shortcuts on secondary routes. The route-type preference is used to further encourage travel on primary routes rather than on secondary routes.

Travel Model

Truck routes are modeled in a two-step process using ArcGIS Network Analyst and the Closest Facility Tool. The Closest Facility Tool facilitates automatic destination selection and permits preservation of the "true shape" of routes, which is necessary for spatially joining route characteristics to bridges. The same Network Dataset was used to model routes in both steps.

In the first step, the Closest Facility Tool was run once for each set of border points, generating four unique routes for each trucking-dependent business. In each of the four runs, trucking-dependent businesses were

loaded into the tool as “Incidents,” and a set of border points corresponding to the direction of analysis were loaded as “Facilities.” The specific border point to which a trucking-dependent business was routed was automatically chosen by the tool to provide the least-time route. After routes were generated, route features were spatially joined with weight-restricted bridges to yield a set of traversed bridges. Each traversal was weighted by the trucking intensity of the route and the inverse of the Euclidean distance from the weight-restricted bridge to the trucking-dependent business generating the route. The resulting weighted traversal values were summed by weight-restricted bridges for all routes and all directions to produce the weighted traversal score.

In the second step, the Closest Facility Tool was run again for trucking-dependent businesses that generated routes with weight-restricted bridge traversals in the previous step. The Closest Facility Tool was run individually for each trucking-dependent business, with the business loaded as an “Incident,” the border points for the recorded direction of the traversal loaded as “Facilities,” and the traversed weight-restricted bridge loaded as a “Barrier.” When the tool was rerun, routes were not permitted to traverse Barriers. The route generated is therefore the next-shortest route from the trucking-dependent business to a border point in a given direction that does not include the weight-restricted bridge traversal found in the previous step. The difference in the route time calculated for the trucking-dependent businesses in this step, and the previous step is stored as the detour value for each pair of weight-restricted bridges and traversed bridges. Detour values were weighted in the same way as traversals, with the inverse of the Euclidean distance from the weight-restricted bridge to the trucking-dependent business generating the route. The resulting weighted detour values were summed by weight-restricted bridges for all routes and all directions to produce the weighted traversal score. The process is summarized in Figure 5. The composite score of bridge criticality was calculated as a simple sum of the total weighted traversal value and the total weighted detour value for each bridge. The final, ranked list of weight restricted bridges should be visually inspected against aerial imagery and further vetted by local experts to confirm the results of the travel model.

The stakeholder feedback process described below produced a list of 30 additional weight-restricted bridges that were not included in initial set of bridges scored automatically in the GIS process described above. The research team analyzed each of these additional bridges for likely traversals by agricultural and business users, for whether or not those users were included in the trucking-dependent set employed in the study, and for the availability of acceptable detours (defined as fewer than five minutes). From the list of 30 bridges, 11 were selected for inclusion in the final scored set of bridges based on this analysis. These additional bridges share a common feature of apparent importance to agricultural uses not recorded in the final trucking-dependent businesses dataset employed in the travel model. The research team manually applied the travel model to these bridges by measuring the approximate agricultural acreage (measured to the nearest 250 acres) affected by the bridge and applying an agricultural land trucking intensity to enable manual scoring. The results presented here include the manually-derived scores for those bridges.

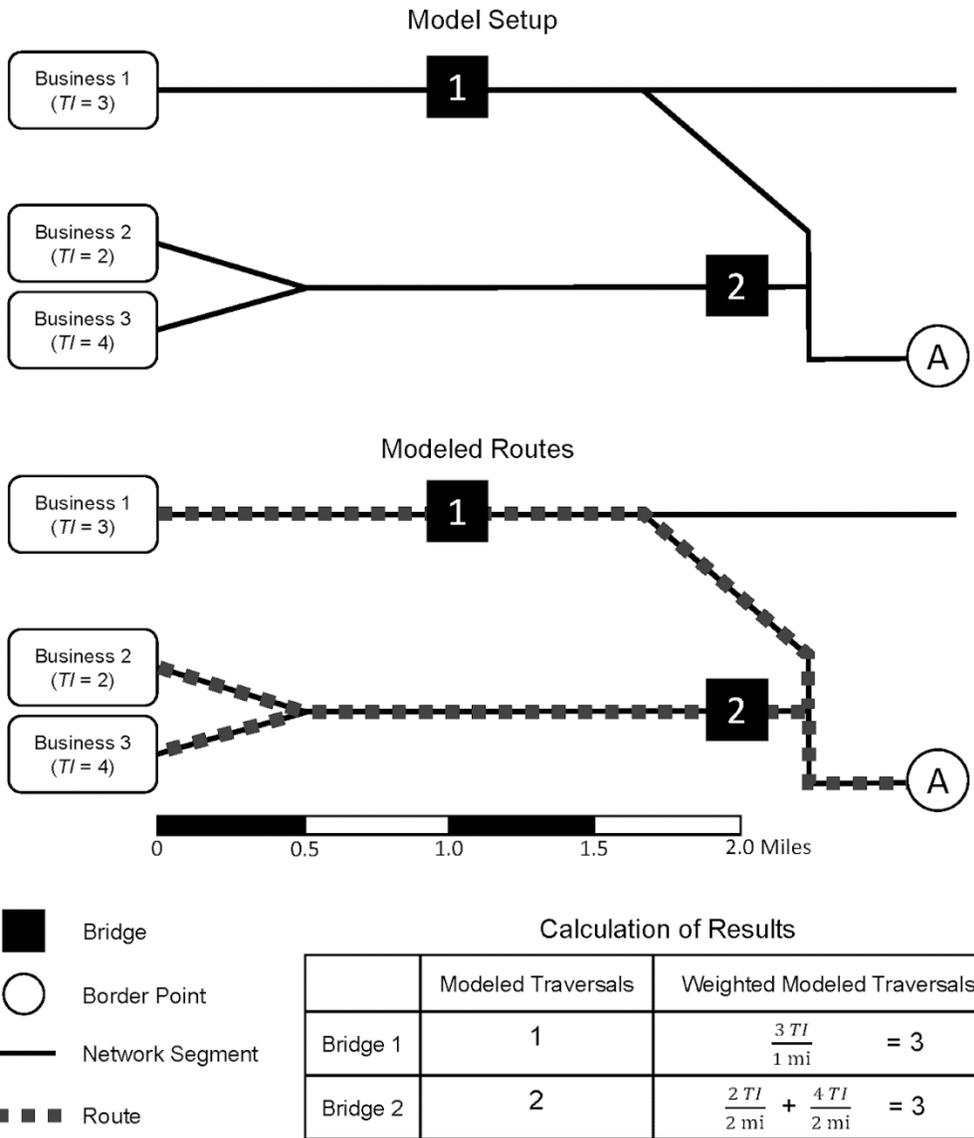


Figure 5. Illustration of weighted traversal value calculation. “TI” refers to trucking intensity.

Results

The GIS process expresses bridge criticality as a score derived from a comprehensive and systematic travel model. As noted in this report, the model results should be analyzed alongside local stakeholder expertise. This section reports the results of both the model and local office comments and presents an analysis of these results as they pertain to prioritizing bridge replacement.

Model Results

A total of 158 weight-restricted bridges received at least one traversal in the travel model and therefore have composite scores greater than zero. The 158 bridges with modeled traversals represent 5.5% of the 2,879 weight restricted bridges in the study. The final sorted results (see Appendix A Table A1) show a relatively large range in composite score values, with a median value of 2.89 and a maximum value of 538.46. The large range in scoring is not surprising given the high variation in underlying bridge, roadway network, local economic, and business characteristics. The research team classified the final list of 158 bridges with modeled traversals into three replacement priority levels, with the highest-scoring 20% of bridges designated as high priority, the next-highest scoring 30% of bridges designated as medium priority, and the lowest-scoring 50% of bridges designated as low priority. These classifications are summarized in Table 2 and mapped in Figure 6 (by priority and replacement status) and Figure 7 (by composite score excluding replaced or planned for replacement). Table 1 lists the 28 high priority bridges based on the modeled composite scores (excluding bridges that have been replaced or have replacement plans).

Following the review of the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and comments from NCDOT Divisions and Cooperative Extension Offices, the research team identified 31 bridges from the final list of 158 scored bridges that have already been replaced (including those with improvements currently under construction) or that are planned to be replaced in the next ten years. These bridges represent 19.6% of scored bridges (Table 1).

Final composite scores for all bridges are a sum of weighted traversal values and weighted detour values. The relationship between these values for scored bridges (Figure 8) indicates correlation but not collinearity. The traversal count plays a significant role in driving both weighted traversal values and weighted detour values because every traversal also generates a detour. However, the additional weighting variables (detour time, trucking intensity, and business-to-bridge distance) contribute unique information to the detour score, as is indicated by the non-collinearity of these variables. The model therefore appears to effectively incorporate the dual factors of use and circuitry in its measurement of bridge criticality.

The final scoring and priority classifications derived from the GIS travel model can be interpreted as a measure of probability that a bridge is critical to agriculture and commerce based on the assumptions in the model. Given that the model's set of traversed bridges is a small fraction of the full set of bridges in the study, gathering local expert comment for all bridges with modeled traversals is a practicable task. Local expert feedback provides a second perspective on bridge prioritization that can validate the GIS model and provide a more complete picture of the potential impacts of the bridge.

Table 1. High Priority Bridges (Excluding those with Replacement Plans)

Bridge Number	Feature Crossing	Route	County	NCDOT Division	Modeled Composite Score
330386	Fifth Street	Vine Street	Forsyth	9	158.4
590109	Torrence Creek	SR2138	Mecklenburg	10	115.9
130353	Lower Creek	Complex Rd	Caldwell	11	86.7
870207	Lamb Creek	SR1592	Transylvania	14	79.0
800252	Greasy Creek	SR1001	Rutherford	13	70.5
480473	Southern R.R.	SR2398	Iredell	12	64.3
870222	Morgan Mill Creek	SR1388	Transylvania	14	61.1
400289	Branch of Richland Creek	SR1300	Guilford	7	57.1
790393	Norfolk Southern Rr.	North Ellis St	Rowan	9	54.3
590441	CSX Rr	Hovis Rd	Mecklenburg	10	45.4
030288	Flat Fork Creek	SR1650	Anson	10	42.6
440237	Southern Railroad	SR1545	Henderson	14	33.5
550193	Cullasaja River	SR1677	Macon	14	32.2
580025	Catawba Rvr & Private Rd	SR1221	McDowell	13	29.8
380002	Ledge Creek	NC56	Granville	5	25.9
640036	Abandoned Rr	Front St	New Hanover	3	25.3
100224	Reems Creek	SR1003	Buncombe	13	18.5
000114	South Fork Cane Creek	SR1003	Alamance	7	18.2
870102	Kings Creek	Railroad Ave	Transylvania	14	16.0
110302	Southern Railway	SR1628	Burke	13	15.1
690026	Canal	SR 1144	Pasquotank	1	14.0
820025	Shoe Heel Creek	SR1369	Scotland	8	13.8
350007	Ut To S Fork Catawba Rivr	SR2014	Gaston	12	13.5
170086	McLin Creek	SR1739	Catawba	12	13.0
580269	Mill Creek	SR1103	McDowell	13	12.7
790138	Norfolk Southern Rr.	East Fisher St	Rowan	9	12.6
580268	Mill Creek	SR1103	McDowell	13	12.1
950039	Little River Overflow	NC581	Wayne	4	11.3

Table 2. Bridge Priority Classification based on Modeled Composite Score

Modeled Priority	Total Bridges	Replacement Planned	Replaced or In Progress of Replacement	Total Bridges without Planned or Executed Replacement
Low (50%)	79	11	5	63
Medium (30%)	47	5	6	36
High (20%)	32	4	0	28
<i>Total</i>	158	20	11	127

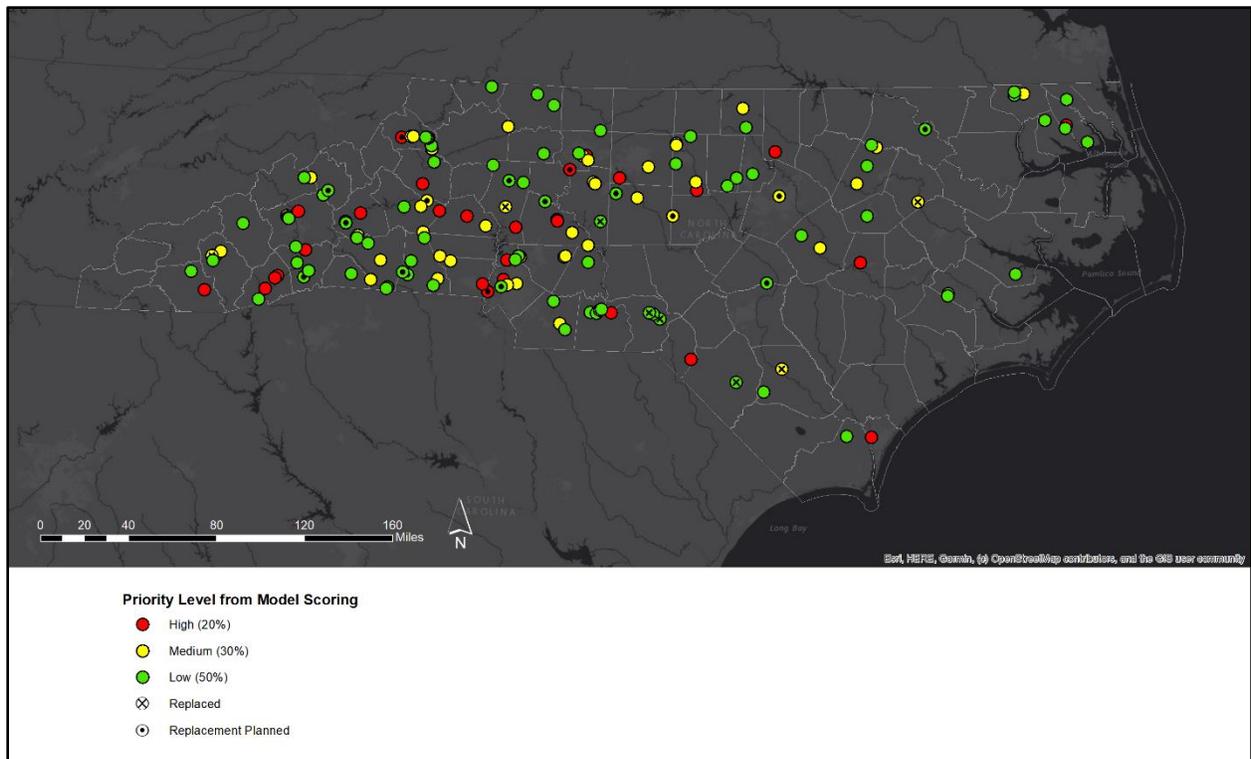


Figure 6. Map of Scored Bridges with Model-Based Priority Classification

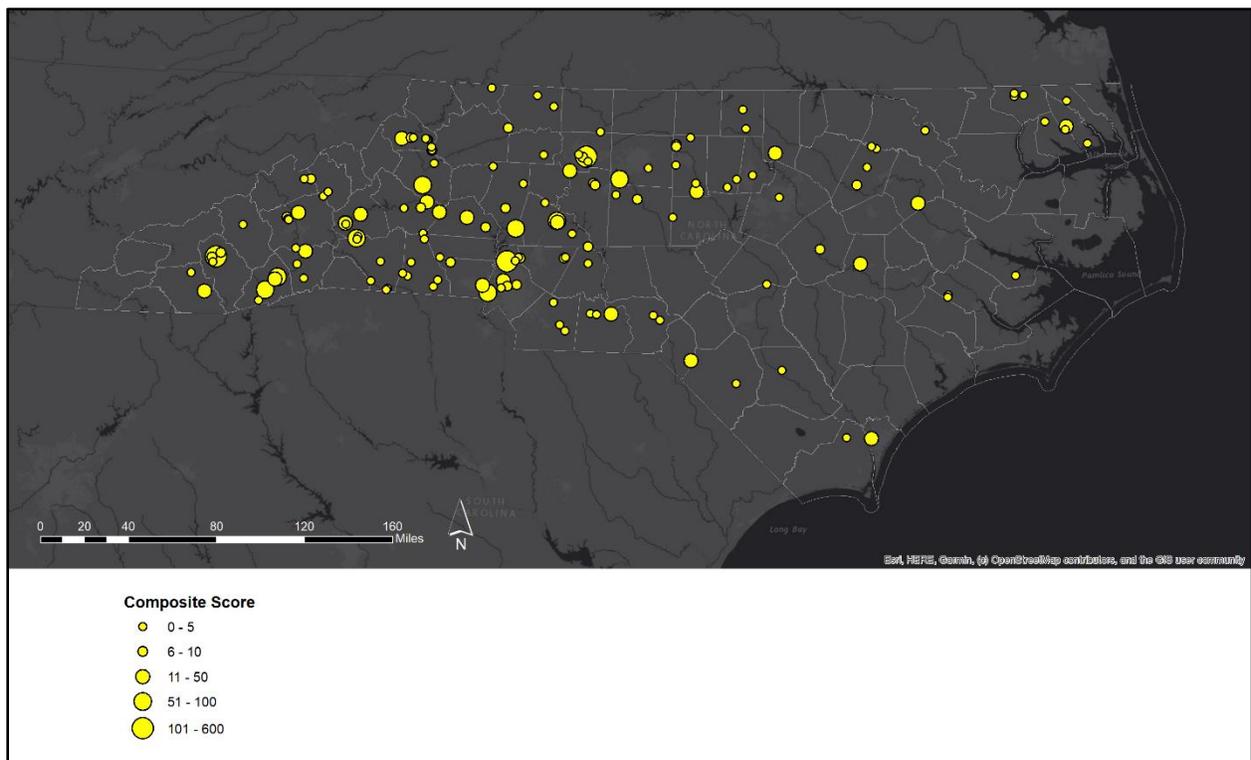


Figure 7. Composite Score for Scored Bridges

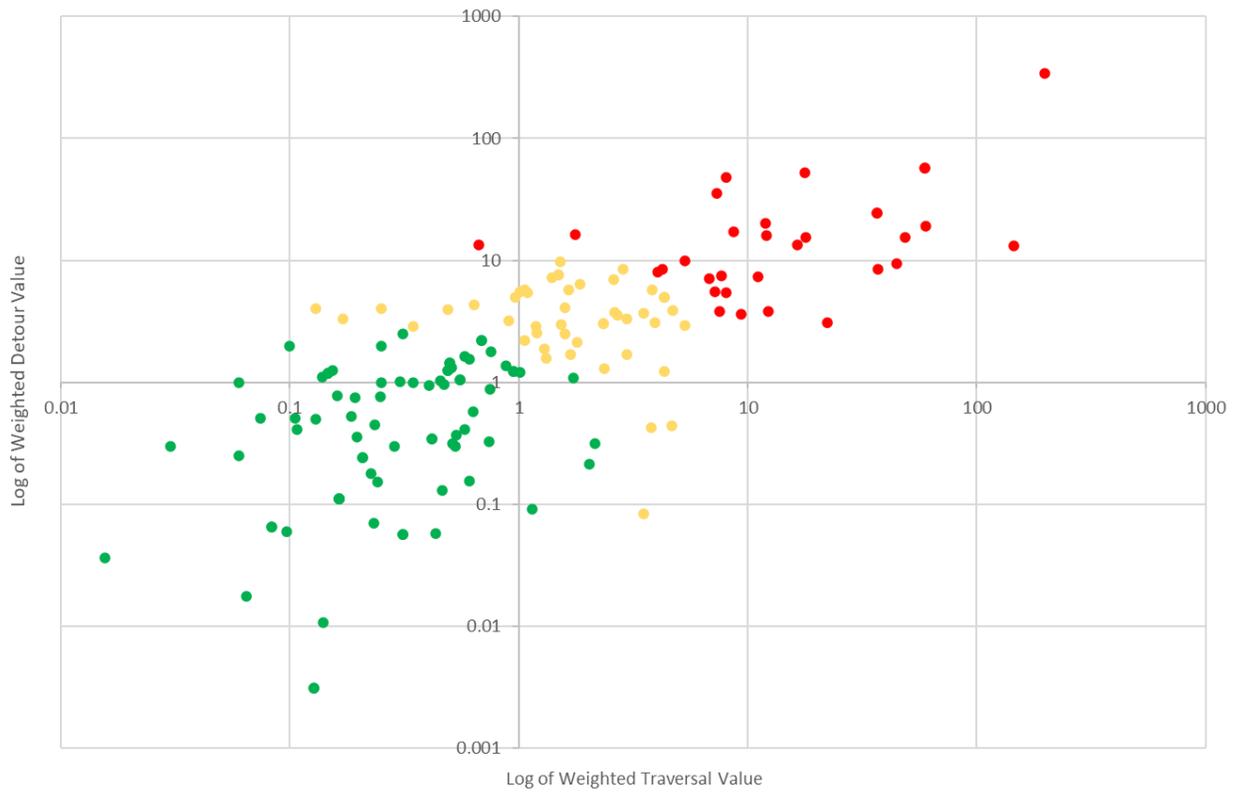


Figure 8. Relationship of Weighted Traversal and Weighted Detour Values among Scored Bridges.

Stakeholder Feedback

The research team solicited feedback from NCDOT Division bridge professionals and local Cooperative Extension offices to comment on known bridge replacement projects, to assign replacement priority classifications (low, medium, and high) to any of the 158 traversed weight-restricted bridges within their districts, and to identify any additional critical weight-restricted bridges in their area not represented in the final model results. Modeled bridge scores and classifications designated by the research team were not disclosed to respondents. Of the 158 weight restricted bridges with modeled traversals, 55 bridges not yet replaced or planned for replacement received prioritization assignments from local comments (see Table 3). Results of the comments from the local stakeholders are mapped in Figure 9.

Table 3. Bridge Priority Classification Based on Stakeholder Feedback

Priority Level from Stakeholder	Total Bridges	Average Modeled Traversals	Average Composite Score
Low	17	3.2	10.7
Medium	6	8.5	16.4
High	32	3.7	6.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>8.6</i>

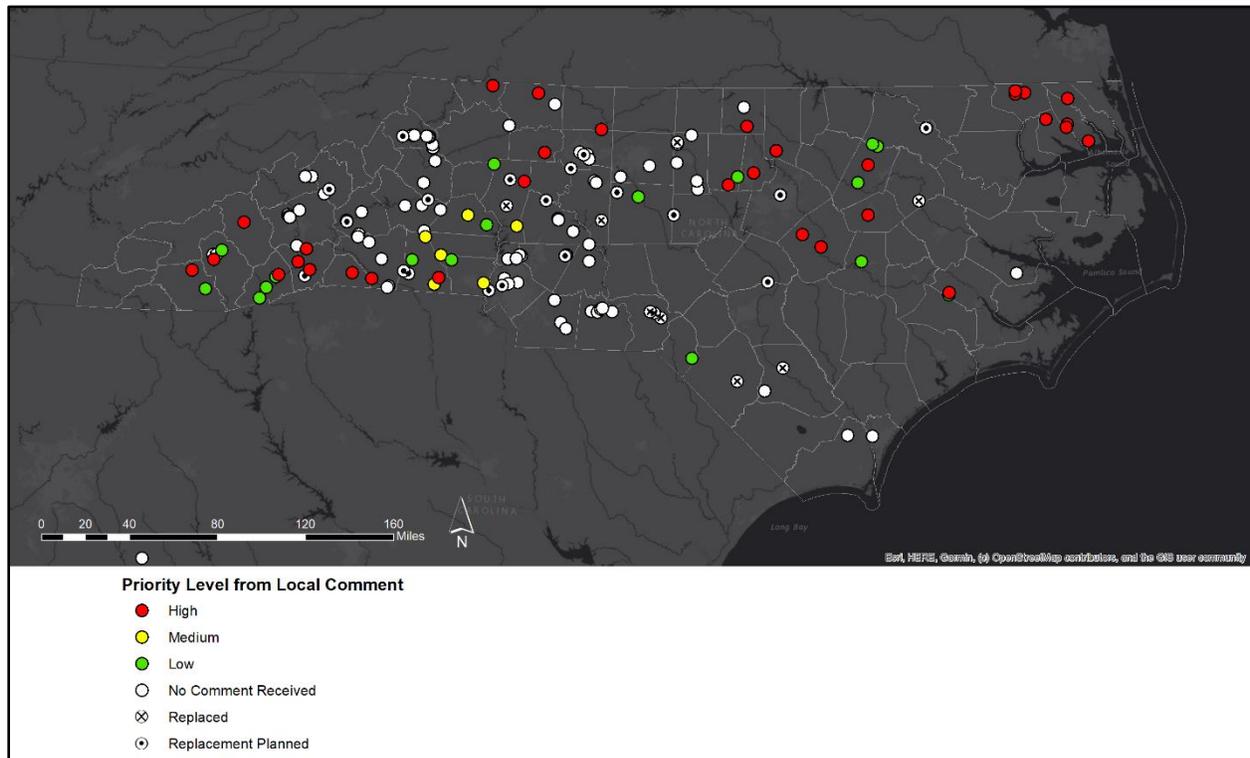


Figure 9. Map of Scored Bridges with Comment-Based Priority Classification

Priority levels assigned from these comments gravitate to the high and low extremes, with few bridges assigned a priority level of medium. The average number of modeled traversals for bridges assigned a priority level of medium or high by a local comment is higher on average than bridges assigned a priority level of low. The average composite score for bridges assigned a priority level of medium or high is not higher on average than bridges assigned a priority level of low. This difference between priority levels from

comments and priority levels from the classified model results shows the importance of a multi-perspective approach to criticality. In these cases, local stakeholders may have special knowledge or experience that is not considered by the travel model. Conversely, the travel model may incorporate systematic weighting that is not accounted for by the local comments.

Recommendations

The final, ranked list of weight restricted bridges was developed through a GIS process that expressed bridge criticality as a score derived from a comprehensive and systematic travel model to consider the frequency of demand across weight-restricted bridges (traversals) and the necessary detour to avoid the weight-restricted bridge. This process offers a system-wide, objective evaluation of weight-restricted bridges. The recommended methodology developed in this study is summarized in Figure 12. An important final step, similar to soliciting stakeholder feedback in this study, is the validation process. Based on the funding availability to improve or replace the bridges with the highest composite scores, a validation of the scores should be considered based on local input and confirmation of the importance of the bridge for local, impacted businesses. For instance, the current posted weight restriction should be considered based on this stakeholder input. If a posted weight limit is above the weight of heavy vehicles generated by the proximate businesses and no desire for carrying heavier loads exists, the bridge may not be a prime candidate for improvement funds. Additionally, visual inspections of each bridge should be performed to assess the potential for inaccuracies in the travel model or business information (e.g., incorrect business address, driveway connections on a different, adjacent roadway, and others).

Future research efforts could involve updates to the travel modeling and business input data. Specifically, some heavy vehicle generating land uses (such as agricultural activities located separately from the farm headquarters) may not be present in traditional business listing databases. More thorough information about truck traffic generation would improve this method's ability to adequately prioritize bridges.

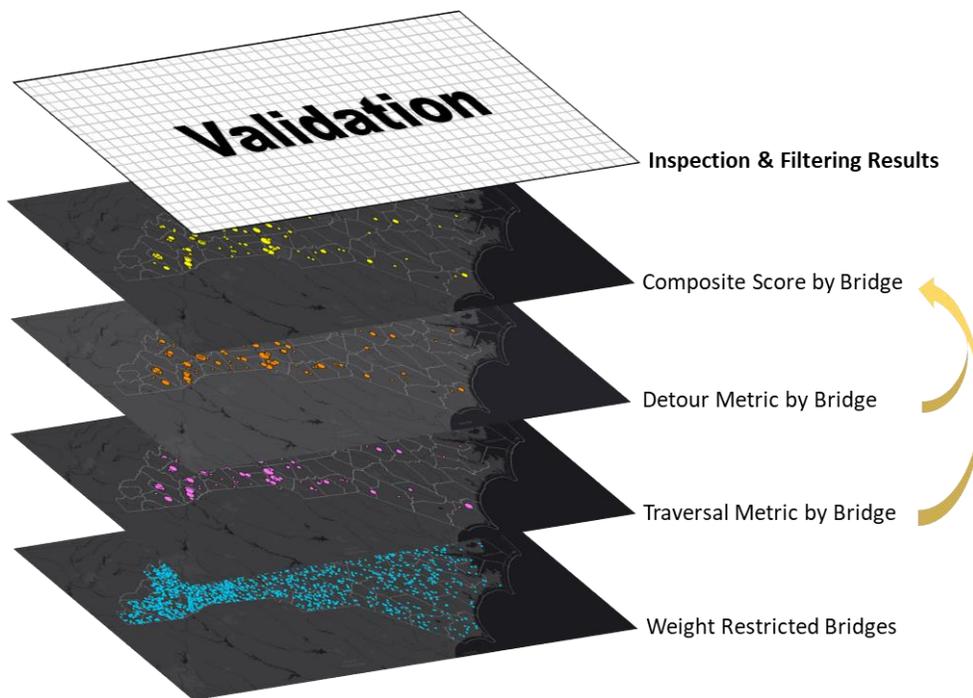


Figure 12. Recommended Methodology for Scoring Weight-Restricted Bridges

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Appendix A – Full Model Results

Table A1. Final Model Results Sorted by Modeled Composite Score

Bridge	Feature Crossing	Route	County	Div.	Struc. Def.	Func. Obs.	Posted SV Weight	Posted TTS Weight	Weighted Trav	Weighted Det*	Comp Score	Score Rank	Priority Class from Model	Repl. Status	Manual Score
490077	Scott Creek	US23BUS.	Jackson	14	N	FO	24	32	198.4	340.0	538.5	1	High	Planned	
330386	Fifth Street	Vine St	Forsyth	9	N	FO	30	30	145.3	13.1	158.4	2	High		
590109	Torrence Creek	SR2138	Mecklenburg	10	N	FO	38	99	59.1	56.9	115.9	3	High		
130353	Lower Creek	Complex Rd	Caldwell	11	N	N	39	42	86.7	None Found	86.7	4	High		
870207	Lamb Creek	SR1592	Transylvania	14	N	FO	24	32	59.8	19.2	79.0	5	High		
800252	Greasy Creek	SR1001	Rutherford	13	N	FO	21	28	17.7	52.8	70.5	6	High		
480473	Southern R.R.	SR2398	Iredell	12	N	FO	22	31	48.8	15.5	64.3	7	High		
870222	Morgan Mill Creek	SR1388	Transylvania	14	N	N	20	28	36.5	24.5	61.1	8	High		
400289	Branch Of Richland Creek	SR1300	Guilford	7	N	N	20	28	57.1	None Found	57.1	9	High		
350022	Duke Power Feeder	NC273	Gaston	12	N	FO	26	39	8.0	48.1	56.1	10	High	Planned	
790393	Norfolk Southern Rr.	North Ellis St	Rowan	9	SD	FO	5	0	44.9	9.4	54.3	11	High		
590441	Csx Rr	Hovis Rd	Mecklenburg	10	N	FO	34	37	36.9	8.5	45.4	12	High		
030288	Flat Fork Creek	SR1650	Anson	10	SD	FO	19	28	7.3	35.3	42.6	13	High		
440237	Southern Railroad	SR1545	Henderson	14	N	FO	31	36	18.0	15.5	33.5	14	High		
550193	Cullasaja River	SR1677	Macon	14	N	N	34	40	11.9	20.3	32.2	15	High		
580025	Catawba Rvr & Private Rd	SR1221	McDowell	13	N	FO	31	35	16.4	13.3	29.8	16	High		
330109	Southern Railroad	SR2999	Forsyth	9	N	FO	20	27	12.0	15.9	27.9	17	High	Planned	
380002	Ledge Creek	NC56	Granville	5	N	FO	38	38	8.6	17.3	25.9	18	High		
640036	Abandoned Rr	Front St	New Hanover	3	N	FO	34	34	22.2	3.1	25.3	19	High		
100224	Reems Creek	SR1003	Buncombe	13	N	FO	32	35	11.1	7.4	18.5	20	High		
000114	South Fork Cane Creek	SR1003	Alamance	7	N	N	39	43	1.8	16.4	18.2	21	High		
870102	Kings Creek	Railroad Ave	Transylvania	14	SD	FO	10	14	12.3	3.8	16.0	22	High		
940005	Watauga River	NC105	Watauga	11	SD	N	30	30	5.3	9.9	15.2	23	High	Planned	
110302	Southern Railway	SR1628	Burke	13	N	FO	23	31	7.7	7.4	15.1	24	High		
690026	Canal	SR 1144	Pasquotank	1	N	N	38	44	0.7	13.3	14.0	25	High		Y
820025	Shoe Heel Creek	SR1369	Scotland	8	N	N	38	99	6.8	7.0	13.8	26	High		
350007	Ut To S Fork Catawba Rivr	SR2014	Gaston	12	N	FO	32	37	8.0	5.4	13.5	27	High		
170086	Mclin Creek	SR1739	Catawba	12	N	N	34	38	9.4	3.6	13.0	28	High		
580269	Mill Creek	SR1103	McDowell	13	N	FO	39	39	4.2	8.5	12.7	29	High		
790138	Norfolk Southern Rr.	East Fisher St	Rowan	9	SD	FO	10	13	7.2	5.5	12.6	30	High		
580268	Mill Creek	SR1103	McDowell	13	N	FO	39	99	4.0	8.1	12.1	31	High		
950039	Little River Overflow	NC581	Wayne	4	N	FO	39	99	7.5	3.8	11.3	32	High		
110010	Rhodhiss Lake	SR1001	Burke	13	SD	FO	16	19	2.9	8.4	11.2	33	Medium	Planned	
320028	Tar River	NC42	Edgecombe	4	N	N	29	29	1.5	9.7	11.2	34	Medium	Repl./Active	
490317	Scott Creek	SR1432	Jackson	14	N	N	25	37	3.8	5.8	9.6	35	Medium		

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630090	Henry Branch	SR1919	Nash	4	N	N	20	29	2.6	7.0	9.5	36	Medium		
000119	Haw River	NC87	Alamance	7	SD	FO	22	26	4.3	5.0	9.3	37	Medium	Repl./Active	
000126	Mill Race	NC87	Alamance	7	N	FO	39	44	4.3	4.9	9.3	38	Medium	Repl./Active	
280099	Brushy Fork Creek	SR1810	Davidson	9	SD	N	19	24	1.5	7.6	9.1	39	Medium		
110304	Southern Rr	SR1730	Burke	13	N	FO	24	30	9.1	-4.5	9.1	40	Medium		
590239	A,C & Western Railroad	SR2975	Mecklenburg	10	N	N	31	35	1.4	7.2	8.6	41	Medium		
000112	Reedy Fork Creek	NC87	Alamance	7	SD	FO	31	35	4.7	3.9	8.6	42	Medium		
280100	Abbotts Creek	SR1810	Davidson	9	SD	FO	19	25	1.9	6.4	8.3	43	Medium		
330296	Norfolk S. Railroad	West First St	Forsyth	9	SD	FO	17	22	5.3	2.9	8.3	44	Medium	Planned	
790108	Riles Crk Royals Crk	SR1004	Rowan	9	SD	N	24	29	1.7	5.8	7.4	45	Medium		
490027	Scott Cr.,Sou.Rr	US23 BUS.	Jackson	14	SD	FO	30	31	3.5	3.7	7.2	46	Medium	Repl./Active	
590386	Pedestrian Footpath	Tuckaseegee Rd	Mecklenburg	10	N	N	32	36	3.9	3.1	7.0	47	Medium		
120103	Dutch Buffalo Creek	NC49	Cabarrus	10	SD	FO	24	30	1.1	5.7	6.8	48	Medium	Planned	
990269	Bald Creek	SR1421	Yancey	13	N	FO	22	30	1.0	5.5	6.5	49	Medium		
590096	Ramah Creek	SR2426	Mecklenburg	10	N	FO	39	43	1.1	5.4	6.5	50	Medium		
500105	I95	SR1007	Johnston	4	N	FO	39	42	2.6	3.8	6.4	51	Medium		
750230	I73, Us220	SR1952	Randolph	8	N	FO	39	42	3.0	3.3	6.3	52	Medium		
350116	Beaverdam Creek	SR1627	Gaston	12	SD	FO	6	0	2.7	3.5	6.2	53	Medium		
960389	Elk Creek	SR1162	Wilkes	11	SD	N	24	31	1.0	4.9	5.9	54	Medium		
100017	Newfound Creek	SR1607	Buncombe	13	N	N	33	37	1.6	4.1	5.7	55	Medium		
940098	Hodges Creek	SR1547	Watauga	11	N	N	25	33	4.3	1.2	5.5	56	Medium		
960239	Elkin Creek	SR2044	Wilkes	11	SD	N	18	22	2.3	3.0	5.4	57	Medium		
480038	Third Creek	US21	Iredell	12	SD	FO	24	28	5.1	-3.2	5.1	58	Medium	Repl./Active	
170158	N. Fork Mountain Creek	SR1817	Catawba	12	N	FO	25	38	4.7	0.4	5.1	59	Medium		
800563	Cathey'S Creek	SR1510	Rutherford	13	N	FO	23	27	0.6	4.3	4.9	60	Medium		
350092	Ut To Mill Creek	NC274	Gaston	12	N	N	26	31	2.9	1.7	4.6	61	Medium		
410003	Little Fishing Creek	SR1343	Halifax	4	N	N	35	44	1.5	3.0	4.5	62	Medium		
960620	Elk Creek	SR1166	Wilkes	11	N	N	38	42	0.5	4.0	4.5	63	Medium		
740087	Broad River	SR1004	Polk	14	N	N	30	30	0.3	4.0	4.3	64	Medium		Y
910494	Crabtree Creek	SR1670	Wake	5	N	N	41	41	3.8	0.4	4.2	65	Medium	Planned	
360022	Middle Swamp	SR 1312	Gates	1	N	N	32	37	0.1	4.0	4.1	66	Medium		Y
940173	Winkler Creek	State Farm Rd	Watauga	11	N	FO	21	28	1.6	2.5	4.1	67	Medium		
110305	Camp Creek	SR1924	Burke	13	N	FO	37	99	0.9	3.2	4.1	68	Medium		
120118	Little Buffalo Creek	NC49	Cabarrus	10	N	FO	40	43	1.2	2.9	4.1	69	Medium		
080011	Ellis Creek	NC53	Bladen	6	N	FO	38	99	1.8	2.1	3.9	70	Medium	Repl./Active	
000098	Mary'S Creek	SR1003	Alamance	7	N	N	38	44	1.2	2.6	3.8	71	Medium		
890066	Branch Of Meadow Creek	SR1002	Union	10	N	FO	26	38	2.4	1.3	3.6	72	Medium		
330134	Wssb Railroad	Sprague St	Forsyth	9	N	FO	16	22	3.5	0.1	3.6	73	Medium		
220040	Potts Creek	SR 1001	Cleveland	12	SD	FO	15	21	0.2	3.3	3.5	74	Medium		Y
400238	Little Alamance Creek	SR1005	Guilford	7	SD	FO	41	44	1.7	1.7	3.4	75	Medium		
580247	Frasheur Creek	SR1140	McDowell	13	N	FO	16	23	1.1	2.2	3.3	76	Medium		
790141	High Rock Lake	SR1004	Rowan	9	SD	FO	22	22	0.3	2.9	3.2	77	Medium		
180252	Blood Run Creek	SR1127	Chatham	8	N	FO	20	25	1.3	1.9	3.2	78	Medium	Planned	
720184	Marlowe'S Creek	SR1532	Person	5	N	FO	34	39	1.3	1.6	2.9	79	Medium		

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840176	Lick Creek	SR1926	Stokes	9	SD	N	35	38	0.7	2.2	2.9	80	Low		
590097	Ramah Creek	SR2425	Mecklenburg	10	N	N	20	26	2.9	-0.4	2.9	81	Low		
940210	Elk Creek	SR1508	Watauga	11	N	N	38	38	0.3	2.5	2.8	82	Low		
140014	Dismal Swamp Canal	US17B	Camden	1	N	FO	25	38	1.7	1.1	2.8	83	Low		
760057	Hitchcock Creek	SR1487	Richmond	8	SD	N	15	20	0.8	1.8	2.5	84	Low	Repl./Active	
110084	Silver Creek	US70	Burke	13	N	N	39	43	2.2	0.3	2.5	85	Low		
480338	Kinder Creek	SR 2139	Iredell	12	SD	FO	10	15	0.3	2.0	2.3	86	Low		Y
060048	South Creek	NC33	Beaufort	2	N	N	35	43	0.9	1.4	2.2	87	Low		
310044	Nc55	Pettigrew St	Durham	5	N	FO	39	99	2.0	0.2	2.2	88	Low		
410093	Conoconnara Swamp	NC561	Halifax	4	SD	N	30	30	0.6	1.6	2.2	89	Low	Planned	
870139	Taxaway Creek	SR1139	Transylvania	14	SD	FO	14	18	1.0	1.2	2.2	90	Low		
250060	Lower Little River	US401	Cumberland	6	SD	FO	41	41	0.9	1.2	2.2	91	Low	Planned	
030084	Lanes Creek	NC742	Anson	10	SD	N	34	38	2.2	-0.3	2.2	92	Low		
100016	Dix Creek	SR1607	Buncombe	13	N	FO	20	24	0.6	1.6	2.2	93	Low		
710029	Perquimans River	SR 1200	Perquimans	1	SD	N	7	0	0.1	2.0	2.1	94	Low		Y
000173	Back Creek	SR1149	Alamance	7	SD	FO	26	99	0.5	1.4	1.9	95	Low		
800254	Cove Creek	SR1328	Rutherford	13	N	FO	38	41	1.9	-1.0	1.9	96	Low		
220039	Knob Creek	NC10	Cleveland	12	N	FO	12	15	0.5	1.3	1.8	97	Low		
100648	Ut To Dix Creek	SR1002	Buncombe	13	SD	N	16	24	0.5	1.3	1.7	98	Low		
830167	Town Creek	SR1421	Stanly	10	SD	FO	12	17	1.6	-1.5	1.6	99	Low		
590443	Southern Railroad	Morris Field Dr	Mecklenburg	10	N	FO	23	27	0.7	0.9	1.6	100	Low	Planned	
590090	S.Prong Of Clark'S Creek	SR2442	Mecklenburg	10	SD	FO	25	38	0.6	1.0	1.6	101	Low		
750054	Creek	SR1557	Randolph	8	SD	FO	14	18	1.6	-0.2	1.6	102	Low	Planned	
020021	Little River	NC18	Alleghany	11	SD	FO	32	36	0.5	1.0	1.5	103	Low		
670086	University Lake	SR1005	Orange	7	SD	FO	35	40	0.5	1.0	1.4	104	Low		
940205	Elk Creek	SR1508	Watauga	11	N	N	31	35	0.2	1.2	1.4	105	Low		
220070	Beasons Creek	SR2238	Cleveland	12	N	FO	38	41	0.4	0.9	1.3	106	Low		
850113	Flat Shoal Creek	SR1827	Surry	11	N	FO	18	24	0.3	1.0	1.3	107	Low		
940204	Elk Creek	SR1508	Watauga	11	N	N	41	44	0.1	1.2	1.3	108	Low		
480510	Dishman Creek	SR1599	Iredell	12	SD	FO	22	28	1.3	-0.7	1.3	109	Low		
790061	Fourth Creek	NC801	Rowan	9	SD	FO	40	43	0.3	1.0	1.3	110	Low	Planned	
940153	Elk Creek	SR1508	Watauga	11	N	N	27	32	0.1	1.1	1.3	111	Low		
690005	Chapel Creek	SR 1103	Pasquotank	1	SD	FO	18	26	0.3	1.0	1.3	112	Low		Y
670334	Dry Creek	Perry Creek Dr	Orange	7	SD	N	10	14	1.1	0.1	1.2	113	Low		
240103	Core Creek	SR1001	Craven	2	N	N	38	99	0.6	0.6	1.2	114	Low		
090065	Batarora Branch	NC87	Brunswick	3	SD	FO	41	44	0.7	0.3	1.1	115	Low		
430046	Jonathan Creek	SR1364	Haywood	14	SD	FO	19	24	0.1	1.0	1.1	116	Low		Y
000036	Tom'S Creek	SR1613	Alamance	7	N	N	35	41	0.2	0.8	1.0	117	Low		
580267	Catawba River	SR1103	McDowell	13	SD	FO	32	37	0.6	0.4	1.0	118	Low	Planned	
100200	North Fork Ivy Creek	NC197	Buncombe	13	N	N	26	99	0.2	0.8	0.9	119	Low		
800153	Big Horse Creek	SR2102	Rutherford	13	SD	FO	16	21	0.2	0.7	0.9	120	Low		
220123	Ut To Sandy Run Creek	SR1162	Cleveland	12	N	FO	23	26	0.5	0.4	0.9	121	Low	Planned	
630155	Trib Of Pig Basket Cr.	SR1417	Nash	4	SD	N	19	28	0.5	0.3	0.8	122	Low		
100043	Avery Creek	NC191	Buncombe	13	N	FO	23	29	0.5	0.3	0.8	123	Low		

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330275	Nc67	Robinhood Rd	Forsyth	9	SD	FO	35	40	0.6	0.2	0.8	124	Low		
490032	Savannah Creek	NC116	Jackson	14	SD	FO	26	31	0.4	0.3	0.8	125	Low		
560248	Big Laurel Creek	SR1457	Madison	13	SD	FO	10	14	0.7	-0.1	0.7	126	Low		
720021	North Flat River	SR1715	Person	5	N	FO	31	36	0.2	0.5	0.7	127	Low		
890090	Maple Springs Branch	SR1947	Union	10	N	N	38	99	0.2	0.4	0.7	128	Low		
360015	Buckland Mill Branch	SR 1304	Gates	1	N	N	21	31	0.1	0.5	0.6	129	Low		Y
990016	Elk Fork Creek	NC197	Yancey	13	N	FO	10	17	0.1	0.5	0.6	130	Low	Planned	
770446	Gum Branch Canal	NC41	Robeson	6	SD	FO	26	40	0.5	0.1	0.6	131	Low	Repl./Active	
130029	Yadkin River	NC268	Caldwell	11	N	FO	34	39	0.3	0.3	0.6	132	Low		
440011	River Overflow	SR1314	Henderson	14	N	FO	19	23	0.1	0.5	0.6	133	Low		
760068	Rocky Fork Creek	SR1487	Richmond	8	N	N	15	21	0.2	0.4	0.6	134	Low	Repl./Active	
980010	South Deep Creek	SR1710	Yadkin	11	SD	FO	20	26	0.1	0.4	0.5	135	Low		
240052	Grape Creek	SR1001	Craven	2	N	N	25	33	0.4	0.1	0.5	136	Low		
630077	Fishing Creek	SR1506	Nash	4	N	FO	23	28	0.2	0.2	0.4	137	Low		
800155	Big Horse Creek	SR2105	Rutherford	13	SD	FO	17	22	0.4	-0.3	0.4	138	Low		
220218	Brushy Creek	SR1363	Cleveland	12	N	N	38	41	0.2	0.2	0.4	139	Low		
890058	Crooked Creek	NC218	Union	10	N	FO	38	42	0.2	0.2	0.4	140	Low		
550085	Cowee Creek	NC28	Macon	14	SD	FO	41	99	0.3	0.1	0.4	141	Low		
030231	Cabin Branch	SR1637	Anson	10	N	FO	13	17	0.3	-0.2	0.3	142	Low		
360014	Buckland Mill Branch	SR 1302	Gates	1	N	N	21	30	0.0	0.3	0.3	143	Low		Y
690031	Little River	SR 1140	Pasquotank	1	N	FO	6	0	0.1	0.3	0.3	144	Low		Y
220009	Seaboard Coast Line Rr	US74 BUS	Cleveland	12	SD	FO	13	17	0.2	0.1	0.3	145	Low	Planned	
850062	Stewarts Creek	SR1350	Surry	11	SD	FO	24	28	0.2	0.1	0.3	146	Low		
440192	Mud Creek	SR1126	Henderson	14	N	FO	21	30	0.3	-0.2	0.3	147	Low	Planned	
500145	Swift Creek	SR1555	Johnston	4	N	FO	19	25	0.2	0.0	0.2	148	Low		
800239	Catheys Creek	SR1325	Rutherford	13	SD	FO	13	18	0.2	-0.1	0.2	149	Low		
030234	Cabbage Branch	SR1637	Anson	10	N	FO	10	18	0.2	-0.1	0.2	150	Low		
440071	Shepherd Creek	SR1127	Henderson	14	SD	FO	19	28	0.1	0.1	0.2	151	Low		
970067	Contentnea Creek	SR1163	Wilson	4	N	FO	33	38	0.1	0.0	0.2	152	Low		
280082	Lick Creek	NC47	Davidson	9	SD	N	22	28	0.1	0.1	0.1	153	Low	Repl./Active	
760075	Bell'S Creek	SR1452	Richmond	8	N	N	15	22	0.1	-0.1	0.1	154	Low	Repl./Active	
480212	Patterson Creek	SR1892	Iredell	12	SD	FO	26	26	0.1	0.0	0.1	155	Low	Planned	
030235	Palmetto Branch	SR1637	Anson	10	N	N	12	20	0.1	-0.1	0.1	156	Low		
080010	Reservoir	NC211B	Bladen	6	N	N	38	99	0.1	0.0	0.1	157	Low		
740029	S.Br.Little White Oak Crk	NC9	Polk	14	SD	FO	30	30	0.0	0.0	0.1	158	Low		

*None Found and negative Weighted Detour values are excluded (treated as zero) for calculation of Composite Scores. None Found detour values result from the absence of alternative routes in the Network Dataset. Negative detour values can result due to the interaction of the Network Dataset route preference settings and the speed limit of the roadways. When businesses are forced to detour around bridges, the preference for primary routes can become compromised by forcing businesses to take complex routes on local streets that while faster in theory could be slower and more difficult in practice.

Table A2. Priority Levels from Stakeholder Feedback (Replacements planned, active or complete excluded)

Bridge	Feature Crossing	Route	County	Div.	Struc. Def.	Func. Obs.	Posted SV Weight	Posted TTS Weight	Priority from Comment
870207	Lamb Creek	SR1592	Transylvania	14	N	FO	24	32	High
480473	Southern R.R.	SR2398	Iredell	14	N	FO	31	36	High
870222	Morgan Mill Creek	SR1388	Transylvania	5	N	FO	38	38	High
440237	Southern Railroad	SR1545	Henderson	1	N	N	38	44	High
550193	Cullasaja River	SR1677	Macon	4	N	FO	39	42	High
380002	Ledge Creek	NC56	Granville	14	N	N	30	30	High
870102	Kings Creek	Railroad Ave	Transylvania	1	N	N	32	37	High
690026	Canal	SR 1144	Pasquotank	12	SD	FO	15	21	High
820025	Shoe Heel Creek	SR1369	Scotland	9	SD	N	35	38	High
350007	Ut To S Fork Catawba Rivr	SR2014	Gaston	1	N	FO	25	38	High
170086	Mclin Creek	SR1739	Catawba	12	SD	FO	10	15	High
950039	Little River Overflow	NC581	Wayne	5	N	FO	39	99	High
490317	Scott Creek	SR1432	Jackson	1	SD	N	7	0	High
630090	Henry Branch	SR1919	Nash	11	SD	FO	32	36	High
500105	I95	SR1007	Johnston	7	SD	FO	35	40	High
750230	I73, Us220	SR1952	Randolph	1	SD	FO	18	26	High
350116	Beaverdam Creek	SR1627	Gaston	2	N	N	38	99	High
170158	N. Fork Mountain Creek	SR1817	Catawba	14	SD	FO	19	24	High
350092	Ut To Mill Creek	NC274	Gaston	4	SD	N	19	28	High
410003	Little Fishing Creek	SR1343	Halifax	14	SD	FO	26	31	High
740087	Broad River	SR1004	Polk	5	N	FO	31	36	High
360022	Middle Swamp	SR 1312	Gates	1	N	N	21	31	High
220040	Potts Creek	SR 1001	Cleveland	14	N	FO	19	23	High
840176	Lick Creek	SR1926	Stokes	11	SD	FO	20	26	High
140014	Dismal Swamp Canal	US17B	Camden	14	SD	FO	41	99	High
480338	Kinder Creek	SR 2139	Iredell	1	N	N	21	30	High
310044	Nc55	Pettigrew St	Durham	1	N	FO	6	0	High
870139	Taxaway Creek	SR1139	Transylvania	11	SD	FO	24	28	High
710029	Perquimans River	SR 1200	Perquimans	4	N	FO	19	25	High
220039	Knob Creek	NC10	Cleveland	14	SD	FO	19	28	High
020021	Little River	NC18	Alleghany	4	N	FO	33	38	High
670086	University Lake	SR1005	Orange	14	SD	FO	30	30	High
220070	Beasons Creek	SR2238	Cleveland	12	N	FO	22	31	Medium
480510	Dishman Creek	SR1599	Iredell	12	N	FO	32	37	Medium
690005	Chapel Creek	SR 1103	Pasquotank	12	N	N	34	38	Medium
670334	Dry Creek	Perry Creek Dr	Orange	12	N	N	26	31	Medium
240103	Core Creek	SR1001	Craven	12	N	FO	12	15	Medium
430046	Jonathan Creek	SR1364	Haywood	12	N	FO	38	41	Medium

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630155	Trib Of Pig Basket Cr.	SR1417	Nash	14	N	N	20	28	Low
490032	Savannah Creek	NC116	Jackson	14	N	N	34	40	Low
720021	North Flat River	SR1715	Person	14	SD	FO	10	14	Low
360015	Buckland Mill Branch	SR 1304	Gates	8	N	N	38	99	Low
440011	River Overflow	SR1314	Henderson	4	N	FO	39	99	Low
980010	South Deep Creek	SR1710	Yadkin	14	N	N	25	37	Low
240052	Grape Creek	SR1001	Craven	4	N	N	20	29	Low
630077	Fishing Creek	SR1506	Nash	8	N	FO	39	42	Low
220218	Brushy Creek	SR1363	Cleveland	12	SD	FO	6	0	Low
550085	Cowee Creek	NC28	Macon	12	N	FO	25	38	Low
360014	Buckland Mill Branch	SR 1302	Gates	4	N	N	35	44	Low
690031	Little River	SR 1140	Pasquotank	14	SD	FO	14	18	Low
850062	Stewarts Creek	SR1350	Surry	12	SD	FO	22	28	Low
500145	Swift Creek	SR1555	Johnston	7	SD	N	10	14	Low
440071	Shepherd Creek	SR1127	Henderson	2	N	N	25	33	Low
970067	Contentnea Creek	SR1163	Wilson	4	N	FO	23	28	Low
740029	S.Br.Little White Oak Crk	NC9	Polk	12	N	N	38	41	Low

Appendix B – Technical Documentation of GIS Process

I. Building the Network Dataset

The Network Dataset used in the Travel Model is built from a statewide road network dataset maintained by NCDOT. The original data must be processed to ensure it contains all the required values and fields for building the Network Dataset with logical constraints. Initial processing steps include calculating the Time Cost for each network segment, assigning a Hierarchy value to each network segment, and dividing the network into the Connectivity and Intersection Classes.

Original Road Network Data Source: [Connect NCDOT GIS Data Layers](#)

- [Road Characteristics Arcs File Geodatabase Format](#)
- [Road Characteristics Field Descriptions \(pdf\)](#)

1. Calculation of Time Cost for each Network Segment

The Network Dataset models routes using the time required to traverse each network segment (referred to here as Time Cost) as the default Impedance attribute. All network segments must have a valid Time Cost value. Time Costs are calculated using speed limit values, which may be missing for some segments. The steps below detail the process of estimating speed limits for segments with missing speed limit values.

- a. Use the available columns in the Road Characteristics Arcs data and speed limit guidelines from the [U.S Department of Transportation of Federal Highway Administration](#) (Figure B1). See the Road Characteristics Field Descriptions to identify fields containing Land Use, Road Division, and Lane information. Assign a speed limit of 30 mph for any remaining segments that cannot be assigned speed limits based on these attributes.

		Land Use							
		Rural				Urban			
Classification		Undivided		Divided		Undivided		Divided	
		1 lane per direction	2+ lanes per direction	1 lane per direction	2+ lanes per direction	1 lane per direction	2+ lanes per direction	1 lane per direction	2+ lanes per direction
Arterial	Major	55 mph (90 km/h)	60 mph (100 km/h)	60 mph (100 km/h)	70 mph (110 km/h)	50 mph (80 km/h)		55 mph (90 km/h)	
	Minor	50 mph (80 km/h)	55 mph (90 km/h)	55 mph (90 km/h)	60 mph (100 km/h)	45 mph (70 km/h)		50 mph (80 km/h)	
Collector	Major	45 mph	50 mph	50 mph	55 mph	45 mph		50 mph	

Lane = through lane
 Divided = a median that separates travel lanes of traffic in opposing directions, which may be flush with, raised above, or depressed below adjacent travel lanes

Figure B1. Speed Limit Guidelines per FHWA.

- b. Add a Time Cost field to the road network data to store Time Cost values.
- c. Use speed limits and segment lengths (calculate geometry and convert to miles if necessary) to calculate a new field that stores time (in minutes) to traverse each segment at the segment speed limit. Divide segment length by the speed limit in miles per hour and convert the result to minutes. Store the final value in a field for Time Cost.

2. Calculation of Hierarchy Value of each Network Segment

The Network Dataset will optimize routing using a Hierarchy attribute, which dictates that travel be maintained to the maximum extent possible on primary roads.

- a. Add a Hierarchy field to the road network data to store Hierarchy values.
- b. Select primary roads using queries and calculate the new Hierarchy field. Assign a Hierarchy value of 1 (Primary Roads) to all limited-access roads (except the Blue Ridge Parkway), all I-, US-, and NC- highways, and all ramps, using the SQL statement below:

```
(AccessCont = 'Full' AND RouteName NOT LIKE 'FED-%') OR (RouteName LIKE 'I-%' OR
RouteName LIKE 'US-%' OR RouteName LIKE 'NC-%' OR RouteName LIKE 'RMP-%')
```

- c. Assign a Hierarchy value of 2 to all other roads.
- d. For more information on Hierarchy attributes in Network Datasets see: <https://desktop.arcgis.com/en/arcmap/latest/extensions/network-analyst/network-analysis-with-hierarchy.htm>

3. Preparation of Connectivity Classes and Intersection Classes

The original road data must be broken into three feature classes (referred to here as Connectivity Classes) corresponding to Local Streets, Limited Access Highways, and Ramps to ensure that limited access features are only accessed at ramps and highway endpoints. This process uses queries to select the appropriate features from the original road data and export them to new feature classes. The point intersections of Connectivity Classes (referred to here as Intersection Classes) must also be calculated to define access points between Connectivity Classes.

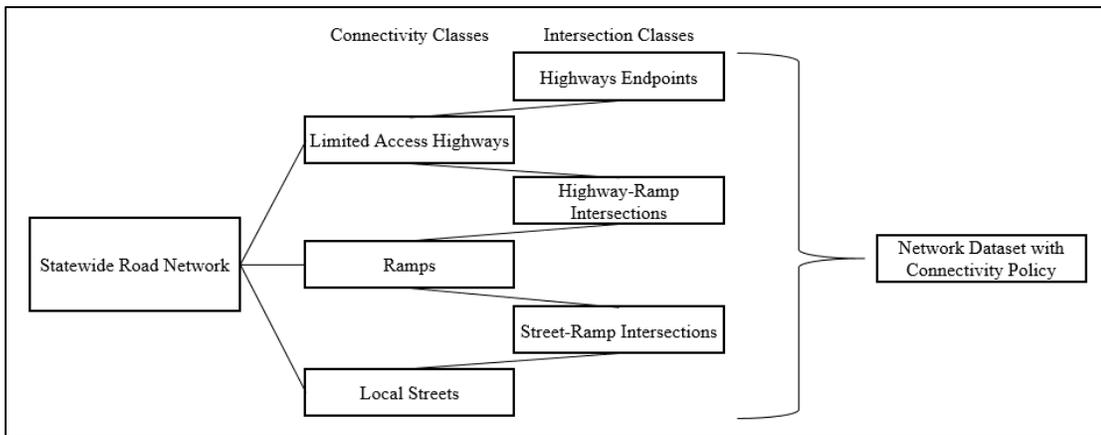


Figure B2. Connectivity Classes and Intersection Classes.

- a. Use queries with the following SQL statements to select the appropriate features for each connectivity class and export the selected features to new feature classes:
 - Limited Access Highways (fully access-constrained, or route is interstate highway):

```
AccessCont = 'Full' OR RouteName LIKE '%I-%'
```

- Ramps:

```
RouteName LIKE '%RMP%'
```

- Full Access Roads: All Remaining

- b. Intersection Classes must be derived using the following methods:

- Intersection Class of Limited Access Highways and Ramps: Use Intersect Tool with output type of Points to create new feature class.
 - Intersection Class of Ramps and Full Access Roads: Use Intersect Tool with output type of Points to create new feature class.
 - Intersection Class of Local Streets and Limited Access Highways: Use Feature Vertices to Points Tool with Limited Access Highway Connectivity Class and specification of Dangles to create new feature class.
- c. **NOTE:** In some cases, it may be desirable to merge the separated Connectivity Classes back into a single network feature class that contains information about the Connectivity Class to which each feature belongs. To create such a recombined network:
- Create a new field in each Connectivity Class to store the network segment ID. Make sure the new fields have the same name in each Connectivity Class.
 - Calculate the network segment ID in each Connectivity Class as the concatenation of the feature class name and the feature ObjectID (Ex: Network_LimAcc_Hwy999)
 - Use the Merge tool to merge each Connectivity Class (segments only) into a single recombined feature class.

4. Building the Network Dataset

The Network Dataset must be built within a geodatabase containing the Connectivity and Intersection Classes. Use the following settings to create the Network Dataset.

a. General:

- Version 10.1

b. Sources:

All Connectivity and Intersection Classes (aliases shown below) and automatically-added system junctions.

- Limited Access Highways (Network_LimAcc_Hwy)
- Local Streets (Network_LocalStreets)
- Ramps (Network_Ramps)
- Highway Endpoints (Dangles)
- Highway-Ramp Intersections (Intersect_H_R_Point)
- Local Streets-Ramp Intersections (Intersect_S_R_Point)

Sources:		
Name	Element Type	Type
Network_LimAcc_Hwy	Edge	Edge Feature
Network_LocalStreets	Edge	Edge Feature
Network_Ramps	Edge	Edge Feature
Dangles	Junction	Junction Feature
Intersect_H_R_Point	Junction	Junction Feature
Intersect_S_R_Point	Junction	Junction Feature
Network_ND_Junctions	Junction	System Junction

Figure B3. Network Dataset Sources.

c. Connectivity:

Use three connectivity columns to assign the Connectivity and Intersection Classes to connectivity groups as shown in Figure B4. Note that the Connectivity Policy must be set to “Any Vertex” for Connectivity Classes and “Honor” for Intersection Classes.

Connectivity Groups:		1	2	3
Source	Connectivity Policy			
Network_LimAcc_Hwy	Any Vertex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Network_LocalStreets	Any Vertex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Network_Ramps	Any Vertex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dangles	Honor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Intersect_H_R_Point	Honor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Intersect_S_R_Point	Honor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Figure B4. Connectivity Group Assignments.

d. Elevation:

- None

e. Attributes:

The Network Dataset will employ attributes for Hierarchy (“Hierarchy”), Time Cost (“TimeCost”), and primary route preference (“PreferPrimary”) as shown in Figure B5. All attributes will be used by default. Steps to set up each attribute are described below.

Name	Usage	Units	Data Type
Hierarchy	Hierarchy	Unknown	Integer
TimeCost	Cost	Minutes	Double
PreferPrimary	Restriction	Unknown	Boolean

Figure B5. Attributes of the Network Dataset.

- Hierarchy

- Usage: Hierarchy

Source	Direction	Element	Type	Value
Network_LimAcc_Hwy	From-To	Edge	Field	Hierarchy
Network_LimAcc_Hwy	To-From	Edge	Field	Hierarchy
Network_LocalStreets	From-To	Edge	Field	Hierarchy
Network_LocalStreets	To-From	Edge	Field	Hierarchy
Network_Ramps	From-To	Edge	Field	Hierarchy
Network_Ramps	To-From	Edge	Field	Hierarchy
Dangles		Junction		
Intersect_H_R_Point		Junction		
Intersect_S_R_Point		Junction		
Network_ND_Junctio...		Junction		

Figure B6. Hierarchy Attribute Settings.

- Evaluators: Field > Hierarchy

Ranges for the Hierarchy attribute (set from Attributes tab) must be set to reflect the values defined in Part 2 above:

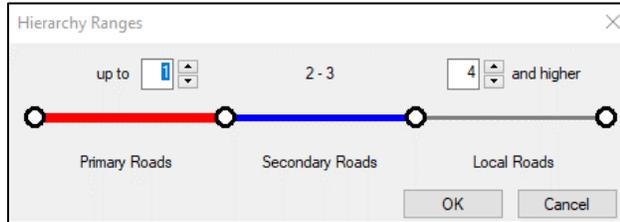


Figure B7. Hierarchy Ranges.

- TimeCost
 - Evaluators: Field: TimeCost (follow the same process as for Hierarchy setting)
 - Usage Type: Cost
- PreferPrimary
 - Usage Type: Restriction
 - Restriction Usage: Prefer (Medium)
 - Evaluators: Field: Expression
 - A Python Script Code is used to assign a value of True to segments with a Hierarchy value of 1 for each Connectivity Class source. Segments with a Hierarchy value greater than 1 are given a value of False. Use the Field Evaluators dialogue box shown below to define values for all Connectivity Classes and Intersection Classes.

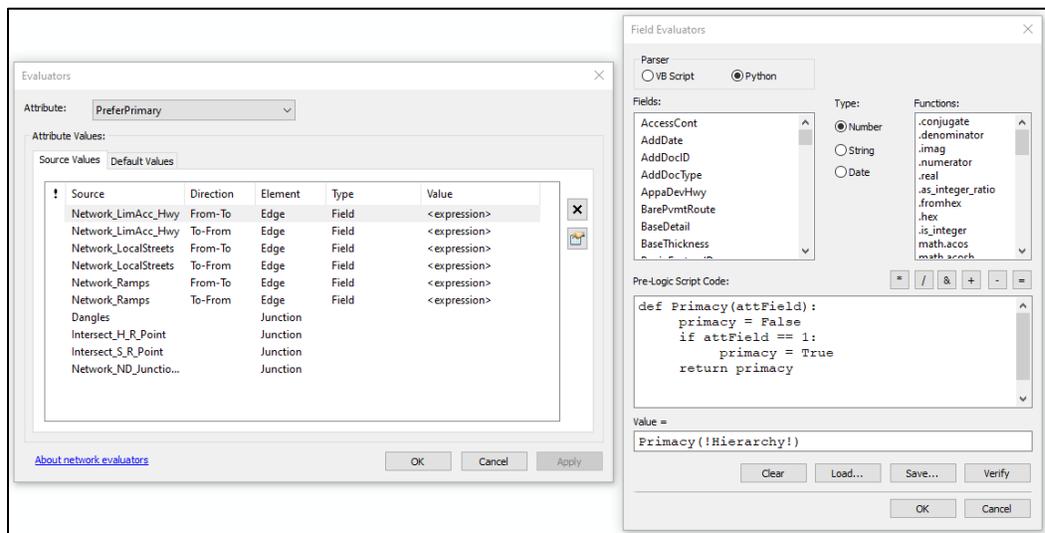


Figure B8. Field evaluator settings used to define values for PreferPrimary restriction.

- f. Travel Modes:
 - None
- g. Directions:
 - None
- h. Build Service Area:
 - No

II. Preparing the Model Inputs

1. **Businesses**

A point feature class of Businesses is used as the origin of routes in the Travel Model (see Section III). The Businesses feature class may be composed of business information from a single source or many sources. At a minimum, businesses used in the analysis must have a known geographic location, a unique identifier (referred to as Business ID), and an index of trucking intensity calculated on a uniform scale. The steps below detail the process for preparing a Businesses feature class from the businesses and associated data included in ESRI's Business Analyst dataset.

Original Business Data Source: [ArcGIS Business Analyst](#)

- All businesses in North Carolina
- a. Calculate Trucking Intensity for Each Business
 - The Impact Analysis for Planning (IMPLAN) economic input-output platform is required for estimating trucking intensity by industry. The Use and Make tables of the Social Accounting Matrices (SAMs) within IMPLAN provide estimates for how each of IMPLAN's 546 industrial sectors rely on Sector 417, Truck Transportation, as a factor of production. This metric is used for "trucking intensity" in the analysis. ArcGIS Business Analyst (BA) Business Data includes North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes and employment estimates for all businesses in the dataset. The IMPLAN crosswalk is used to bridge the 546 IMPLAN sectors to NAICS designations, so that trucking intensity estimates from IMPLAN can be joined to businesses in the BA dataset. Finally, the industry sector TI is multiplied by the employment at each business to yield the trucking intensity of each business (referred to here as TI), which must be stored as a numeric value in a new field appended to the BA business dataset.
 - Businesses with TI values greater than or equal to 1.0 are included in the analysis. These businesses are selected by a query and exported to a new Businesses feature class.
- b. Store the Coordinates of Each Feature
 - Create new fields, as necessary, to store projected Shape X and Shape Y coordinate information (independently) in the Businesses feature class. These coordinates are used in the travel model to determine the distance from bridges to businesses that generate traversals.
- c. Augmenting the Business Feature Class with Additional Sources
 - Other sources of business locations can be merged with the Businesses feature class, provided they contain the fields described in Table 1. Note that TI must be calculated with a consistent method for all business sources.

2. **Weight-Restricted Bridges**

A point feature class of Weight Restricted Bridges is used to determine bridge crossings and store bridge-based metrics calculated in the Travel Model (see Section III). The set of bridges analyzed is filtered from a dataset of structures maintained by NCDOT.

Original Structure Locations Data Source: [Connect NCDOT GIS Data Layers](#)

- [Structure Locations Statewide](#)
- a. Filtering for Weight Restrictions
 - Any structure with a single-vehicle weight restriction is included in the analysis. The original structure data is filtered with the following SQL expression and exported to a new Weight-Restricted Bridges feature class:

b. Snapping Bridges to the Road Network

- Structures included in the analysis must be checked for correct alignment with the underlying road network features in the network dataset and snapped to the correct position on the network. Bridge features that occur at the intersection of two roadways should be snapped to road features in such a way that only routes utilizing the bridge will be recorded as a traversal when spatially-joined with bridge features (Figure B9). This process typically only needs to be completed once, as the correctly snapped feature data can be reused in subsequent analyses. However, new features should be assessed for correct snapping when they are added.

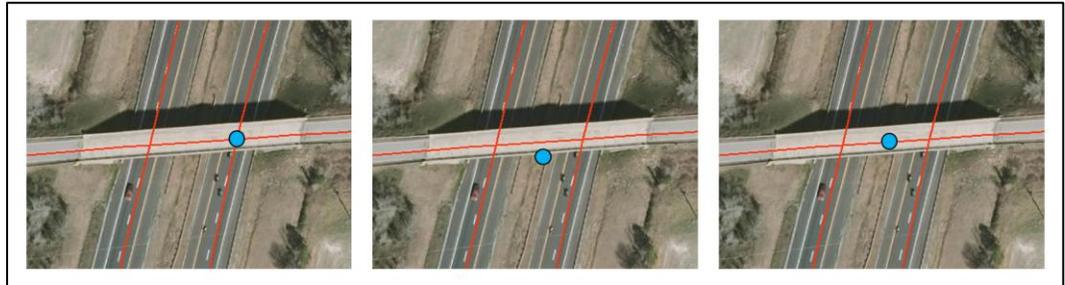


Figure B9. Left: Incorrect Snapping results in traversals from under-passing routes. Center: Lack of snapping results in no traversals. Right: Correct snapping results in traversals only from the route that includes use of the bridge.

c. Store the Coordinates of Each Feature

- Create new fields, as necessary, to store projected Shape X and Shape Y coordinate information (independently) in the feature class. These coordinates are used in the travel model to determine the distance from bridges to businesses that cross them.

3. Border Points

A point feature class of Border Points is used as the destination of routes in the Travel Model (see Section III). Border points are point feature classes with features located at the intersection of major trucking routes (I-, US-, and some state highways) and the state border, including coasts. Store one feature class of points for each border direction in a Border Points Feature Dataset (

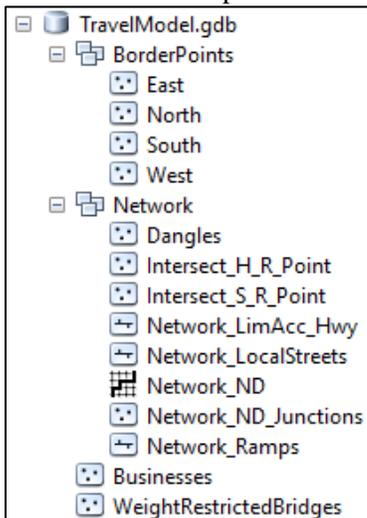


Figure B10). It is not necessary to store any additional attribute information with border points, but

it may be desirable to store the route name for each border point. The default Border Points used in the Travel Model are shown in Table B1.

North		South		East	West
US-21	NC-86	US-17	I-95	I-40	US-64/74
I-74/77	US-501	US-1	US-701	US-158	US-441
US-52	I-85	US-601	US-52	US-64	I-40
NC-8	I-95	US-21	US-521	US-70	I-26
US-220	US-258	I-85	NC-200		US-19E
NC-14	US-17	I-26	US-321		US-421
US-29	NC-168	US-25	US-221		NC-226
		US-441	US-178		
		US-129			

Table B1. Default Border Point Locations.

III. Running the Travel Model (Python Modules)

Running the Travel model, including the Traversals and Detours modules, requires, at a minimum, the following fully-processed inputs within a single File Geodatabase (see Appendix B, Section I and Section II):

Input	Required Attributes	Appendix B Section
Network Feature Dataset with Network Dataset	TimeCost, Hierarchy	Section I
Business Feature Class	BusinessID, TI, X_Coord, Y_Coord	Section II
Weight-Restricted Bridges Feature Class	BridgeNumber, X_Coord, Y_Coord	Section II
Border Points Feature Dataset with Border Points Feature Classes for all Borders		Section II

Table B2. Required Travel Model Inputs

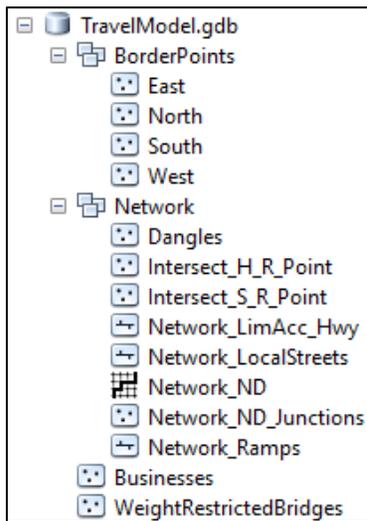


Figure B10. GDB Contents for Travel Model

The Travel Model is run in two separate Python Modules (Traversals and Detours) using the *arcpy* package to maximize efficiency. **Running the Travel Model outside of these modules is not recommended.** The steps below describe the functionality of the Python Modules as a GIS workflow.

1. Traversals

The following steps are run once for each feature class in the Border Points feature dataset (4 times in the default analysis described here):

- a. A Closest Facility Layer is created using the Network Dataset created in Section I. The Layer Properties for Network Locations are defined such that feature snapping is only permitted to the Shape of the Local Streets features. This ensures routes do not originate on Ramps or Limited-Access Highways. The Network Dataset uses the Hierarchy and PreferPrimary attributes by default and TimeCost as the default Impedance attribute.
- b. The first Border Points feature class is loaded as “Facilities”.
- c. The Businesses feature class is loaded as “Incidents”.
- d. The Copy Traversed Source Feature tool is used to solve the Closest Facility Layer and generate a table of traversed edges.
- e. The resulting Routes feature class is spatially-joined (one-to-many) to the Weight-Restricted Bridges feature class based on intersecting features and a tolerance of 5 feet, creating a Route-Bridge feature class.

- f. A new feature class (referred to here as the “Bridge Table”) is created to store unique business-bridge combinations with the following fields:
 - BusinessID
 - BridgeNumber
 - BaseTime (total TimeCost of the route)
 - Bridge X_Coord
 - Bridge Y_Coord
- g. Routes with non-null bridge crossings are copied from the spatially-joined Route-Bridge feature class to the Bridge Table, including all of the attributes described above for each record.
- h. Business coordinates and Trucking Intensity (TI) attributes are table-joined from the Businesses feature class to the Bridge Table using the unique business identifier.
- i. The XY-to-Line tool generates a new feature class from the Bridge Table containing Euclidean distance calculations for all bridge-business pairs in the Bridge Table.
- j. The distance between each bridge-business pair is table-joined back to the Bridge Table and converted to miles if necessary.
- k. TI is divided by the number of directions (the number of Border Points feature classes in the Border Points dataset) and stored as the directional TI.
- l. A new field is added to the Bridge Table to calculate the unique distance-weighted trucking intensity value for each record by dividing the directional TI by the distance from Business to Bridges.

$$TI_{DW} = TI_{DIR} / \text{Dist}$$

Where:

TI_{DW} = Distance-weighted TI

TI_{DIR} = Directional TI

Dist = Business to Bridge distance (miles)

- m. The Frequency tool is used to generate a frequency table that collapses the Bridge Table by BridgeNumber and sums distance-weighted TI for each bridge.
- n. The distance-weighted TI from the frequency table is table-joined back to the Weight-Restricted Bridges feature class and store the Weighted Traversal value in a new field.

The process described in Steps a-n is repeated with the next set of Border Points. The Weighted Traversal values for each direction are then summed for each bridge, producing the total Weighted Traversal value for each bridge.

2. Detours

The following steps are run once for each feature class in the Border Points feature dataset (4 times in the default analysis described here):

- a. The Bridge Table generated in the Traversal Model is copied. This new table will be referred to as the “Detour Table”.
- b. A field for storing Barrier Time is added to the Detour Table.
- c. The Closest Facility Tool is run once for each record in the Detour Table to determine the Detour Time for each business-bridge pair. For each record, a feature layer is created from the Businesses feature class using the BusinessID in the Detour Table record, and another feature

- layer is created from the Weight-Restricted Bridges feature class using the BridgeNumber stored in the same Detour Table record.
- d. A Closest Facility Layer is created using the Network Dataset created in Section I. The Layer Properties for Network Locations are defined such that snapping is only permitted to the Shape of the Local Streets features. This ensures routes do not originate on Ramps or Limited-Access Highways. The Network Dataset uses the Hierarchy and PreferPrimary attributes by default and TimeCost as the default Impedance attribute.
 - e. The set of Border Points corresponding to the first Detour Table is loaded as “Facilities”.
 - f. The first Business feature layer is loaded as “Incidents”.
 - g. The first Weight-Restricted Bridge feature layer is loaded as a “Point Barrier”. This ensures the feature cannot be crossed by a route.
 - h. The Closest Facility Layer is solved.
 - i. The length (total TimeCost) of the resulting Route feature is copied to the Detour Table and stored as BarrierTime for the first record.
 - j. A new field is created to store the difference (referred to as the Detour Time) between the BarrierTime and the BaseTime.
 - k. The unique distance-weighted TI value for each business-bridge pair is used to calculate the weighted Detour Time with the following formula:

$$DT_{DW} = TI_{DW} \times DT$$

Where:

DT_{DW} = Distance-weighted Detour Time

TI_{DW} = Distance-weighted TI

DT = Detour Time (minutes)

- l. After all records in the table have been run, the Frequency tool is used to generate a frequency table that collapses the Detour Table by BridgeNumber and sums weighted Detour Times by bridge.
- m. The Weighted Detour Time from the frequency table is table-joined back to the Weight-Restricted Bridges feature class and stored as the Weighted Detour value in a new field.

The process described in Steps a-m is repeated with the next set of Border Points. The Weighted Detour value for each direction is summed for each bridge, producing the total Weighted Detour value for each bridge.

3. Calculation of Composite Score

- a. A new field is added to the Weight-Restricted Bridges feature class to store the Composite Score.
- b. The Composite Score for each bridge is calculated as the sum of the Weighted Traversal value and Weighted Detour value.