CNU XVI Networks Group 3 The Metrics of Networks (Performance Measures)

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Premise: We're victims of what's easy to measure (or model) rather than what's most important

TTI's Urban Mobility index is an example of this. It reports a congestion index (CI) that is essentially vehicle hours of delay and average speed.

Suggestion is to add the following measures and compare with the CI:

- Travel Time
- Lane miles per capita
- VMT per capita
- VMT categorized by Density

Norm Marshall will work on these for Charlotte Summit

Metrics for regional models:

Conventional	Enhanced Metrics		
Vehicle Hours of Delay	Mode share (walk, bike, transit, auto)		
Speed	Accessibility measures		
Volume/Capacity	Lane miles by functional class		
VMT	Connectivity indices (intersections/sq. mi.)		
Volumes of auto trips	Travel time		
Transit trips	Route Directness		
	Enhanced Model		
	More network detail (get credit for the		
	whole grid)		
	Realistic mode share (primary walk and		
	bike trips)		

Model enhancements

- Capture land use assumptions at the correct scale to capture walk/bike trip generation in addition to autos
- Capture more travel detail than just primary work trips

Network metrics

- issue of different scales and values
- what's important?

Measures	Auto	Transit	Bike	Walk
Current	Delay	How fast to destination		
	V/C			
	Speed			
Proposed	Predictability	Does it go where I	How connected	
	of trip travel	want to go (coverage)		
	time		What quality of the trip	
		How often (or how		
	Uniformity	long do I have to wait)	Perception of safety	
	of travel		_	
	(slow and	How safe is it?	Perception of delay (at crosswalks)	
	steady vs.		_	
	stop and go)			

Express auto metrics in terms that are relevant to other modes