Traffic Signal Identification Project Update December 2, 2020 Tim Colling, PhD., P.E., Director Michigan Technological University Center for Technology & Training



Project Goals

- Find the number of local agency signalized intersection
- Estimate cost per intersection
- Estimate total value of local agency signals in Michigan

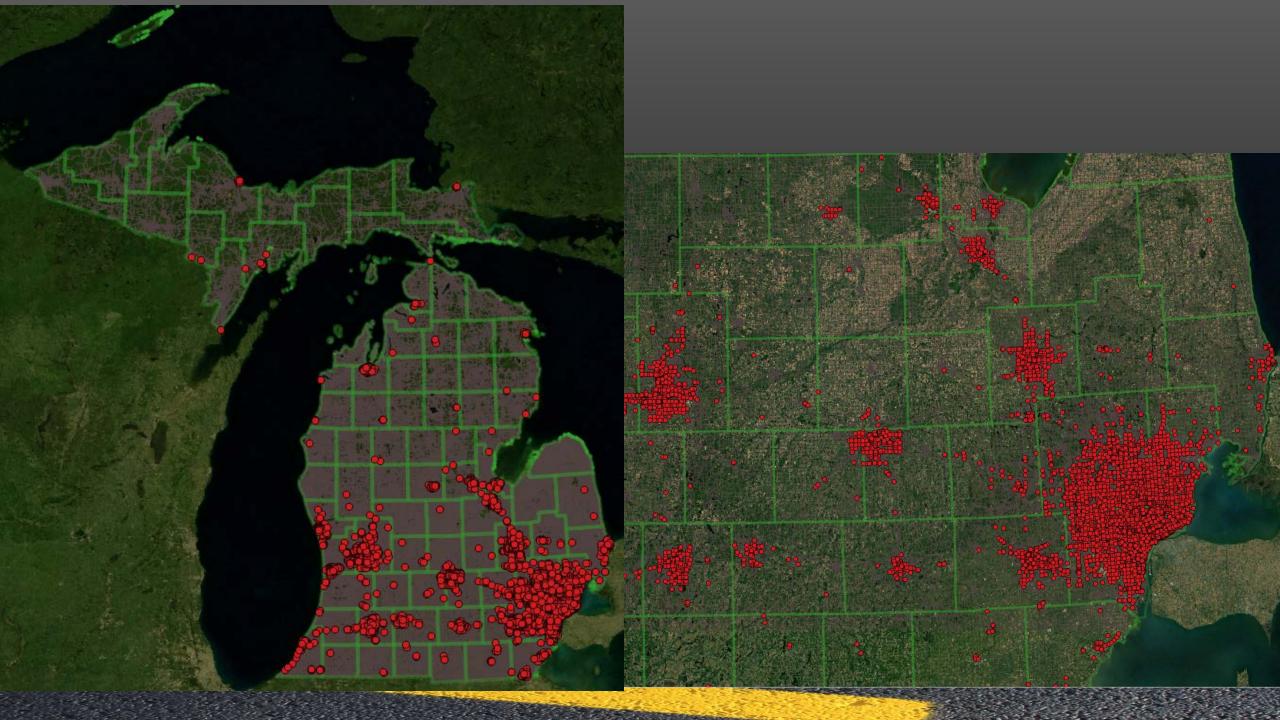
Why Not A Survey?

- Traffic signal vs flashing beacon
- Signalized intersection vs signal head vs signalized location under a controller
- Owned vs maintained
- Not easily repeatable

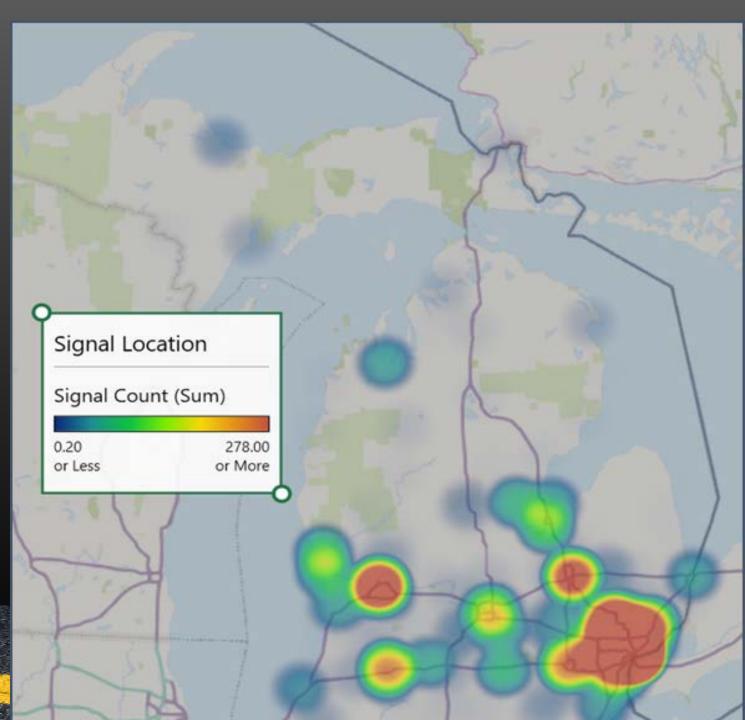
Crash Data

- Consensus of repeated measure of "traffic control" field
- Aggregated crashes at public road to road intersections
- Last 3 years of crash data
- 50' from an intersection
- Optimized for two metrics
 - Accuracy of population estimate (raw number of signals)
 - Location precision (how many ground truth signals were identified)

Ground Truth Testing		
Consensus Percentage	52	
Missed Signals	133	
False Positives	121	
Signals Detected	1249	
Ground Truth	1261	
Detection Accuracy	99.0%	
Location Precision	89.5%	



- 136 Signal North of Mason Huron (2%)
- Wayne, Oakland and Macomb 3,912 signals (58.5% of the state total)
- Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Genesee, Kent and Washtenaw 5091 signals
- (76% of the state total)



Cost Summary

Traffic Signal Cost Summary		
Average Number of		
heads	10.3	
Average Number of		
intersections		
	3.2	
Average Price per		
intersection		
	\$193,000	

Statewide Value

Statewide Traffic Sig		
Agency	Number of Intersections	Total Value in Billions
Local Agency	6690	\$1.29
MDOT	4050	\$0.78
	10740	\$2.07

