

Urban Mobility Report

Congestion & Some Ideas to Fix It

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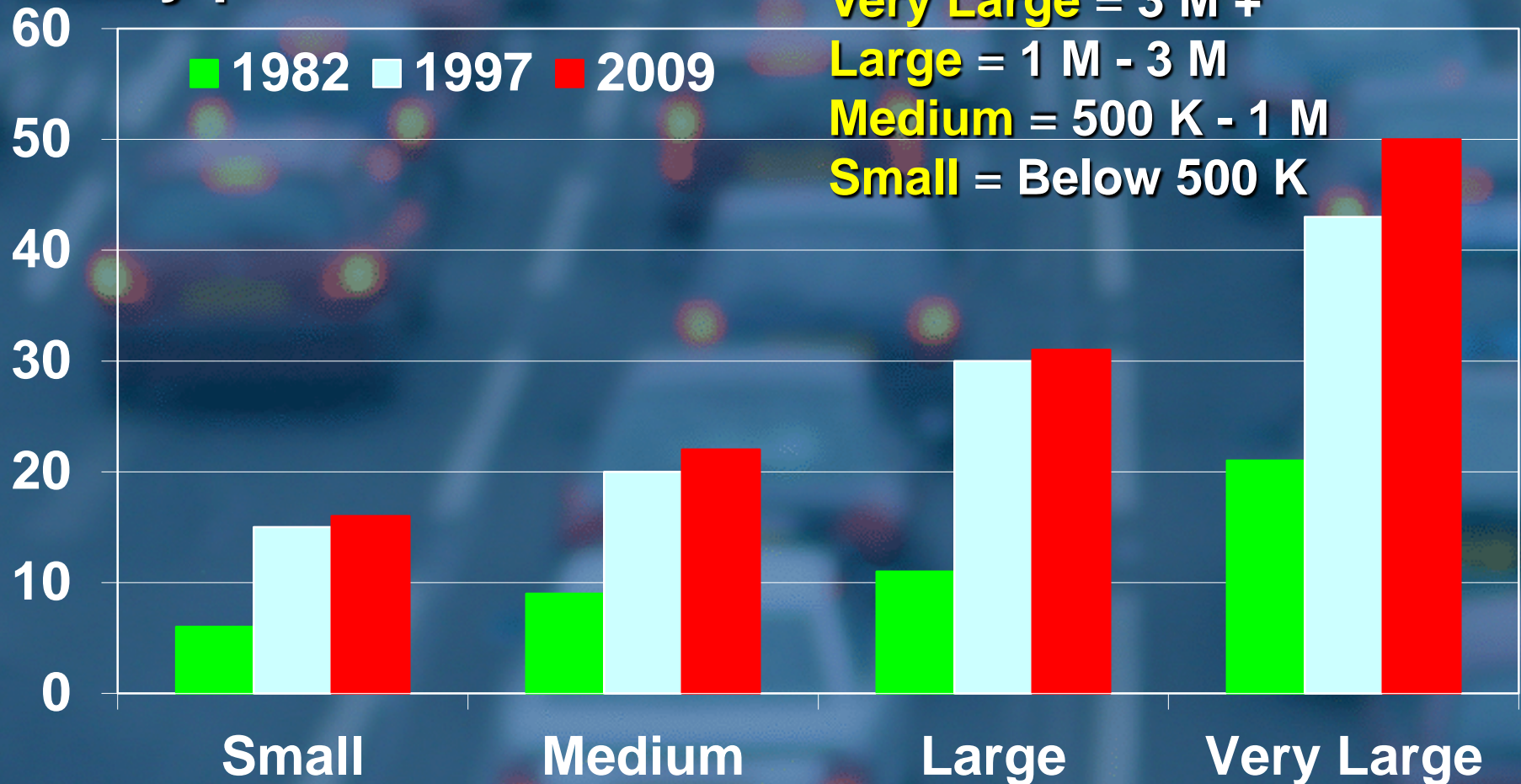
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Congestion Headlines

- Congestion has grown...
 - ...in cities of all sizes
- It has spread to more:
 - ..times of the day, roads, buses & trains
- The recession has reduced congestion
 - ..but is coming back with the recovery
- There are a lot of solutions,
 - ..but new decisions and processes are needed
 - ..and we need new data & messages to communicate with the public

Congestion is Worse in Cities of All Sizes – But the Recession Has Caused a “Reset”

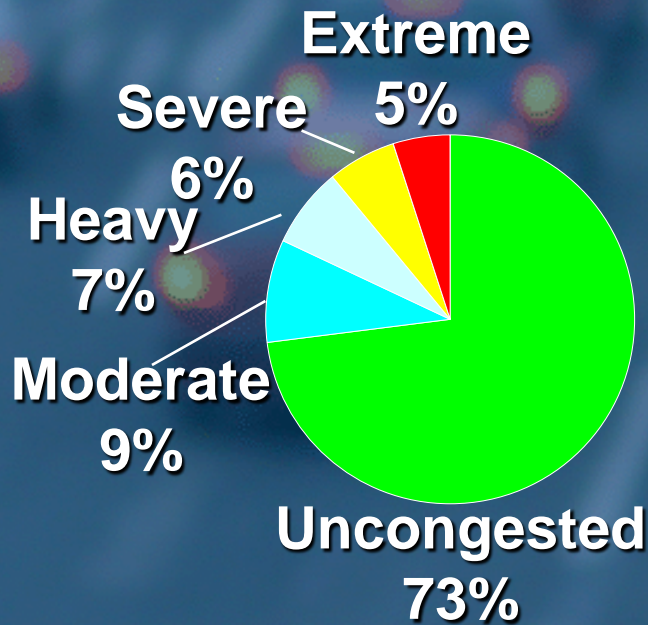
Delay per Commuter



Expanding Travel Delay & Shrinking Free-Flow Hours

1982

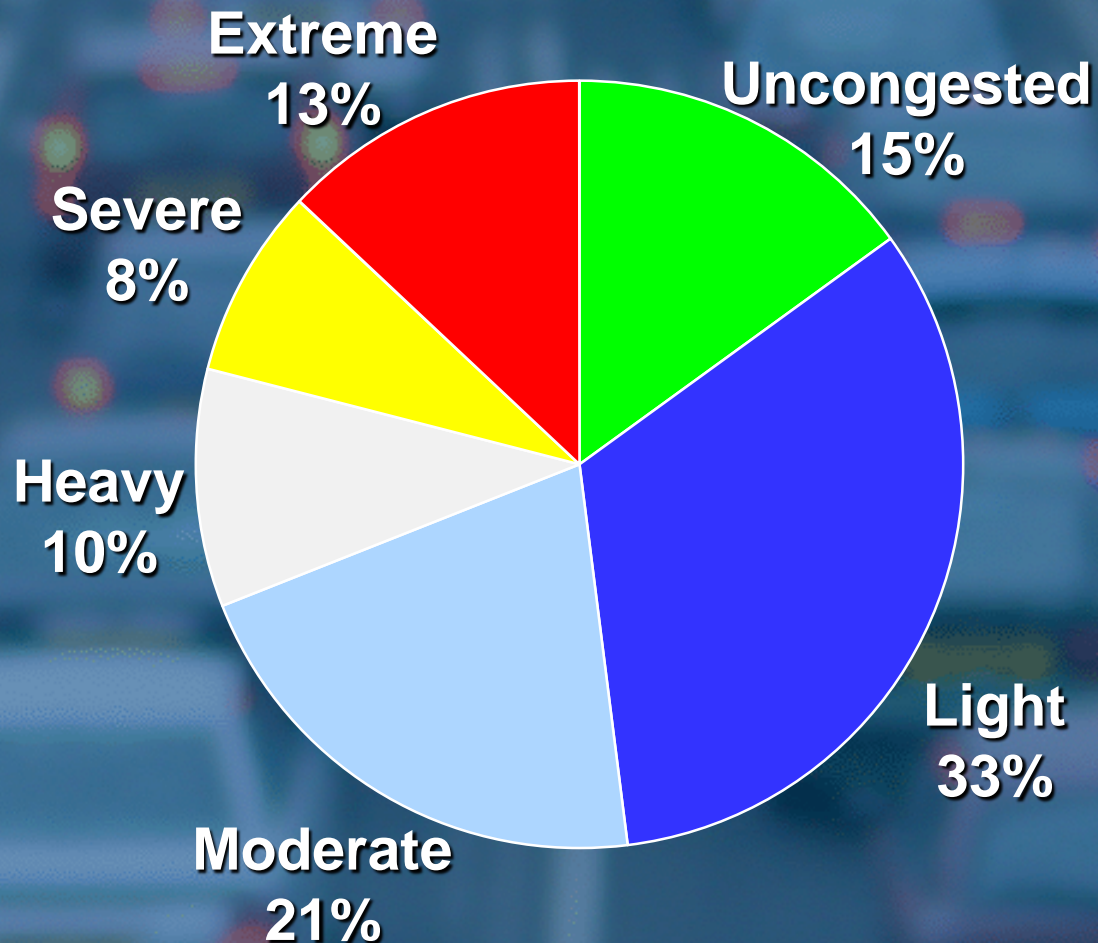
*Total Delay =
1.0 Billion Hours*



**Wasted Fuel
(Same Trend)
3.9 B Gallons in 2009**

2009

*Total Delay =
4.8 Billion Hours*



Congestion Trends in Baton Rouge

Measure	1982	1990	2000	2005	2009
Delay per	9	17	31	37	37
Commuter	34	35	32	28	18
Fuel per	8	15	28	34	30
Commuter	22	28	22	22	21
Cost per	\$180	\$410	\$970	\$1390	\$1030
Commuter	20	35	32	28	18

Congestion Trends in New Orleans

Measure	1982	1990	2000	2005	2009
Delay per	17	22	25	26	31
Commuter	10	22	48	54	31
Fuel per	8	15	28	34	30
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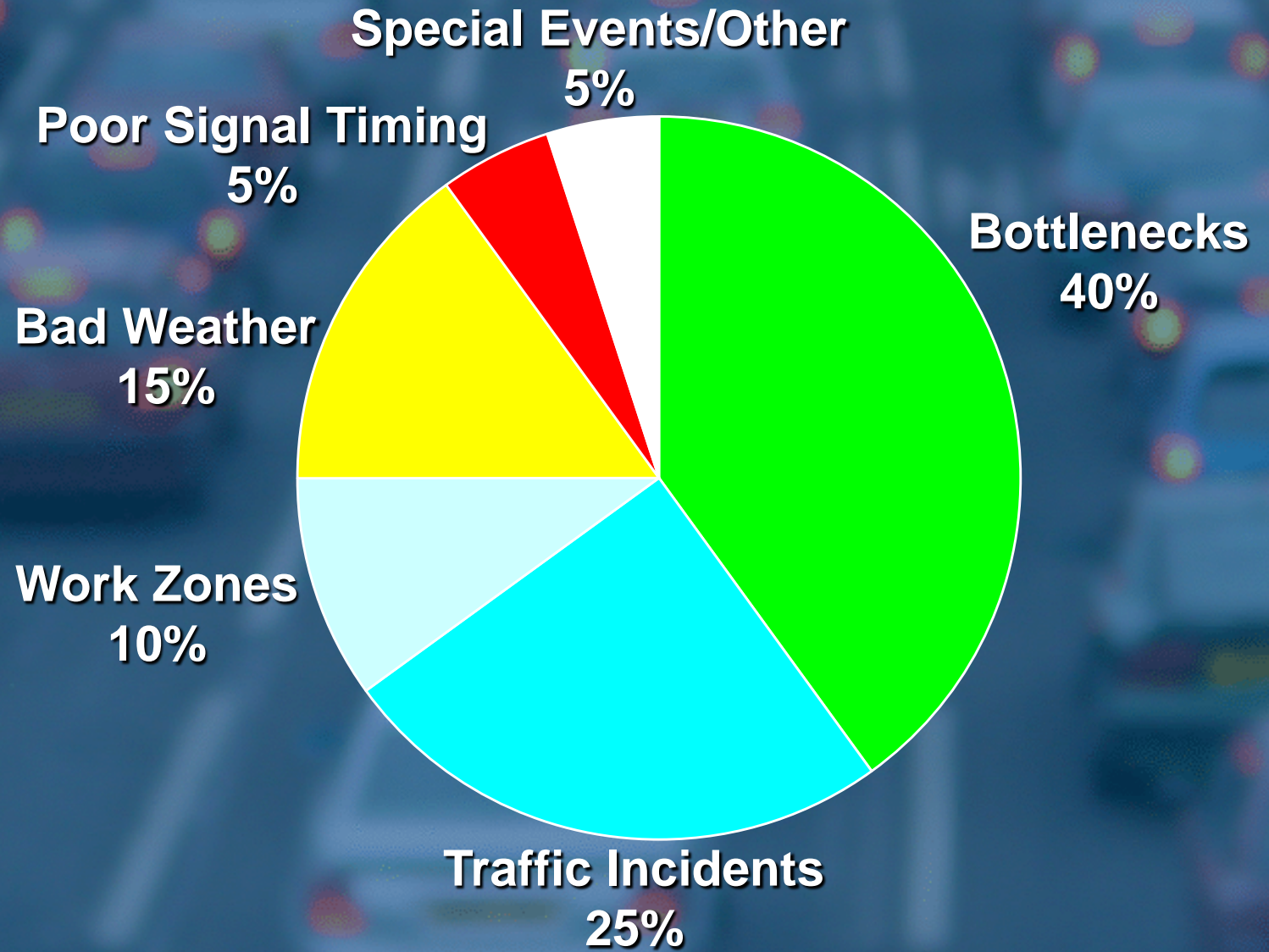
Freight Congestion

A Key Element of the 21st Century Economy

- U.S. urban truck delay
 - 315 million truck hours
 - \$33 billion
- In addition...
- Inventory costs
- Just-in-time operations
- Fleet productivity
- Distribution centers
- *Public & private sector decision structures*



Congestion Has Many Causes



...But No Single Solution

100%

% Varies for Each City

0%



Accept Some Congestion

Diversified Development Patterns

Less Construction Delay

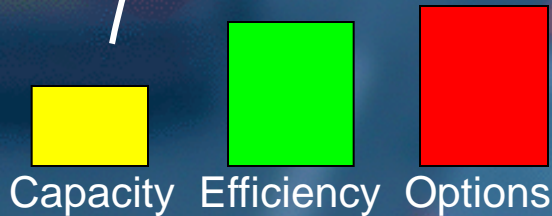
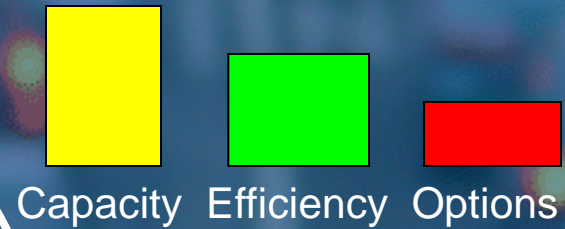
Commute & Travel Options

Improve System Efficiency

Build More Capacity

...And the Solution Mix Will Be Different Within Regions

Outer Loop

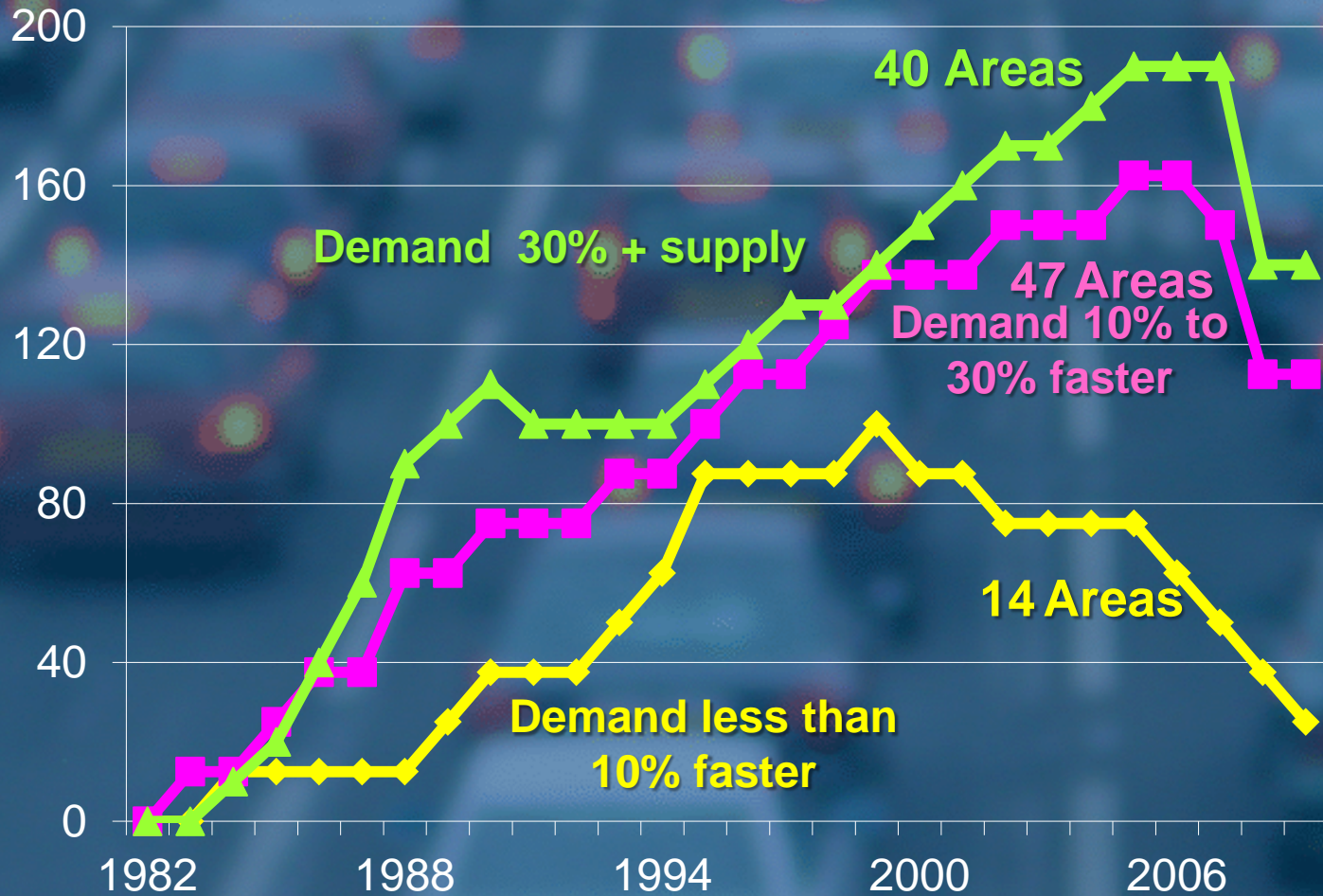


Inner Loop



Building Helps, But Can't Solve the Whole Problem

Percent Increase in Congestion



The Solution Picture

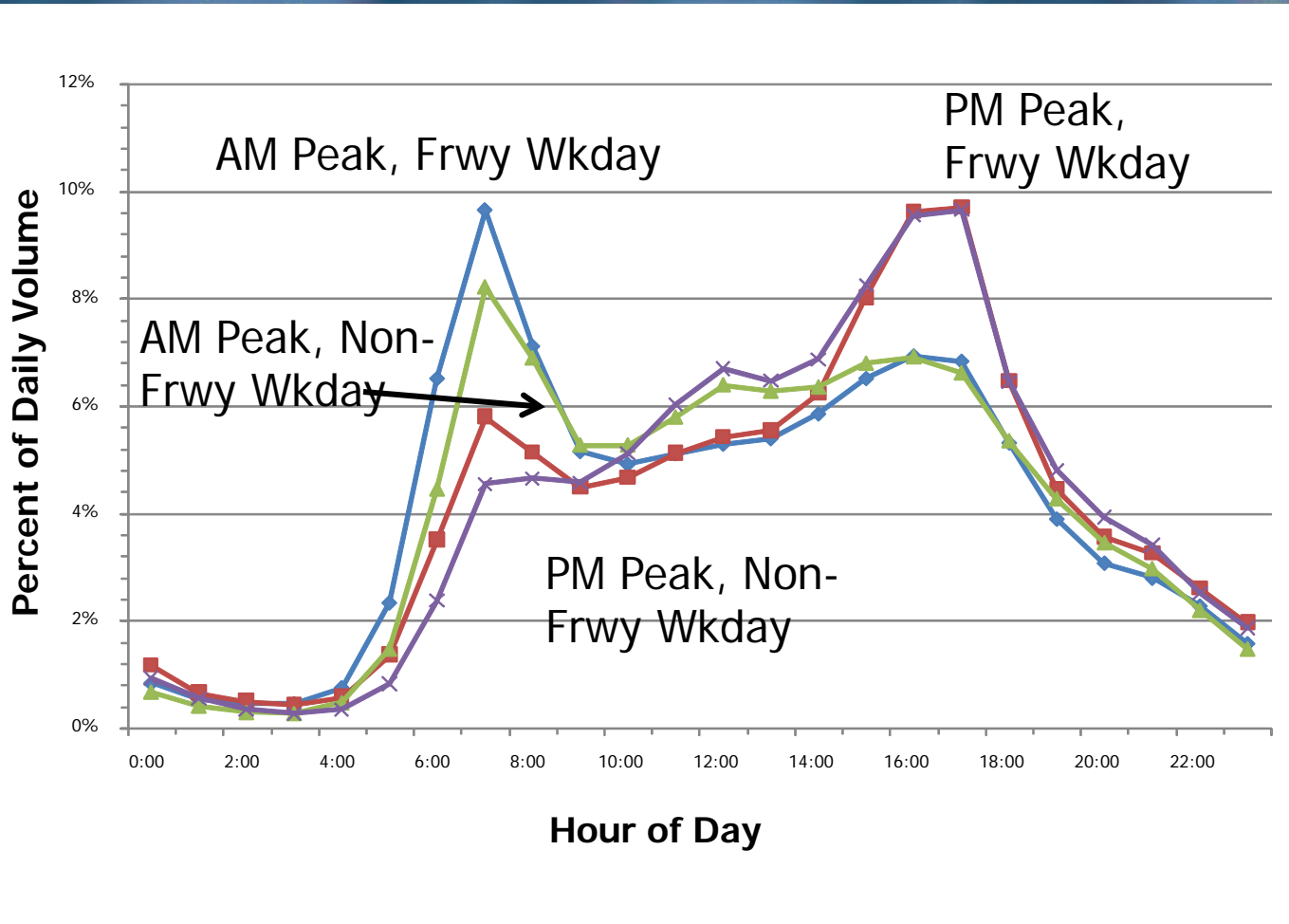
- There are solutions; need them all & need new ones
- Solutions involve agencies, businesses and travelers
- Addressing the problem can provide huge benefits
- Transportation has more support where:
 - Agencies doing a good job
 - Clear and understood objectives
 - Have a good plan
 - Accountable for spending and schedule

A Word About Detailed Data

- INRIX is Mobility Report speed data supplier
 - Fleet vehicles and crowd-sourced data
- Improved understanding of problems
- Locations defined - #18 bottleneck in the US
- Baton Rouge – I-12 Eastbound
 - Essen to O'Neal – 29 minutes for 5 mile trip
 - 5 to 6 p.m.
- Use data to identify problems, examine solutions and communicate with public

Still Need Volumes!

Even if You Have to Estimate Them



What's the Long-Term Strategy?

- Aggressively operate what you have
- Install better processes
 - operations, planning, design & construction
- Add capacity and service strategically
- Tell the public!
 - Performance reports & targets
 - Link deployment, events and actions
 - What can travelers & businesses do?
- Reliable operations and project delivery are part of the next funding request
- Everyone has a role in reducing congestion

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