Traffic Studies: TR 681

Fall 2002

This course focuses on the characteristics of traffic flow and their quantification and analysis through field studies of various sorts. Parametric measures – speed, flow, density, headway, spacing, etc. – will be defined and illustrated. Uninterrupted and Interrupted flow characteristics will be compared and discussed, including historic trends. Basic studies on traffic volumes, speeds, travel times, parking, and accidents will be treated. Statistical analysis of the data will be demonstrated.

Textbooks: Traffic Engineering by Roess, McShane, and Prassas Recommended: Schaum's Beginning Statistics

Week 1: Introduction Monday, September 9

## NO CLASSES MONDAY September 16<sup>th</sup>, School Closed.

Week 2: Components of the Traffic Stream Tuesday, September 17

Week 3: Volume Studies Monday, September 23

Week 4: Actual Data Collection Workshop and Monday, September

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Use of Spreadsheets for Data Analysis

Week 5: Speed Studies, Travel Time Studies, Tuesday, October 7

**Delay Studies** 

Week 6: Statistics Wednesday, October 16

1. Real randomness

2. Distributions

3. Histograms and distributions

4. Mean, Variance, standard deviations, etc.

5. confidence bounds, sample sizes

6. hypothesis testing

Week 7: Surveys/ Do actual survey Monday, October 21

Week 8: Midterm Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Week 9:Accident StudiesMonday, November 4Week 10:Parking StudiesMonday, November 11Week 11:Regression AnalysisMonday, November 18Week 12:SPSSMonday, November 25Week 13:ReviewMonday, December 2

Week 14: Final Exam Monday December 16