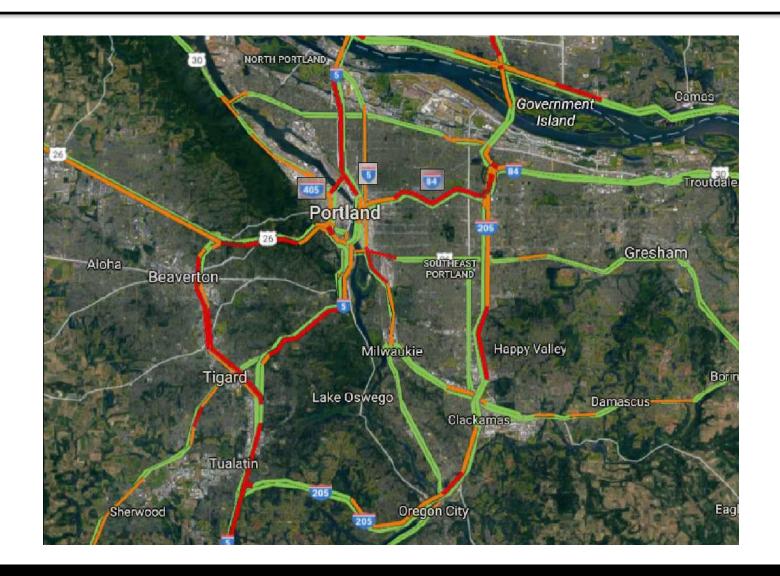
## **Congestion Management Solutions**





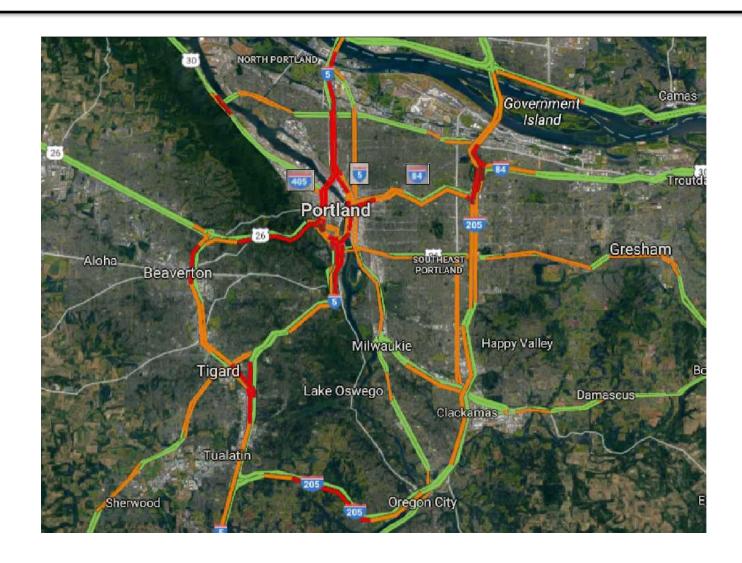


### Portland area morning congestion (AM)





## Portland area afternoon congestion (PM)





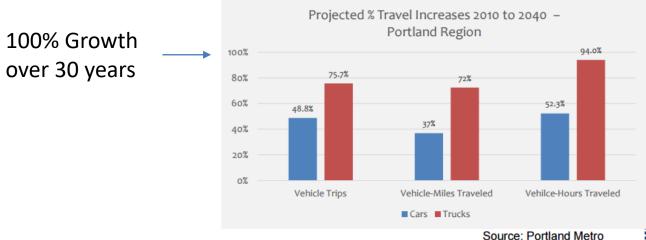
### 30 year planning - Portland Area

### Rapid Travel Growth

#### Traffic is Expected to Increase Due To:

- Population Growth
- Expanding Buyer/Supplier Markets
- Globalization

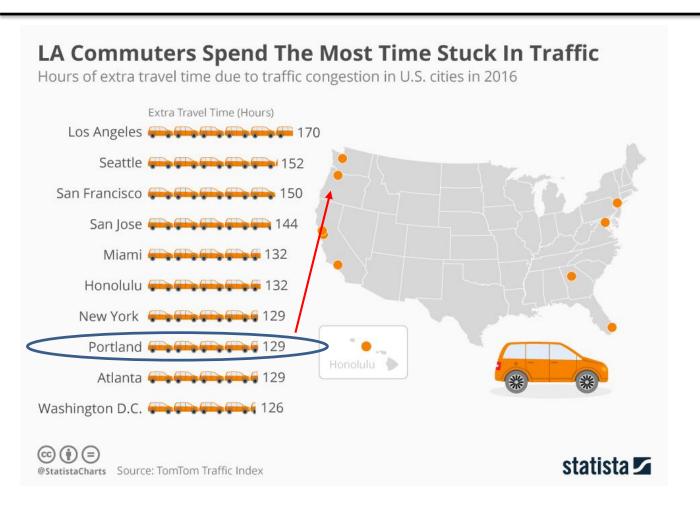
- · Overnight Deliveries
- Lack of Alternatives for Local Ground Transport



Development



### Movable Barrier technology is used in:

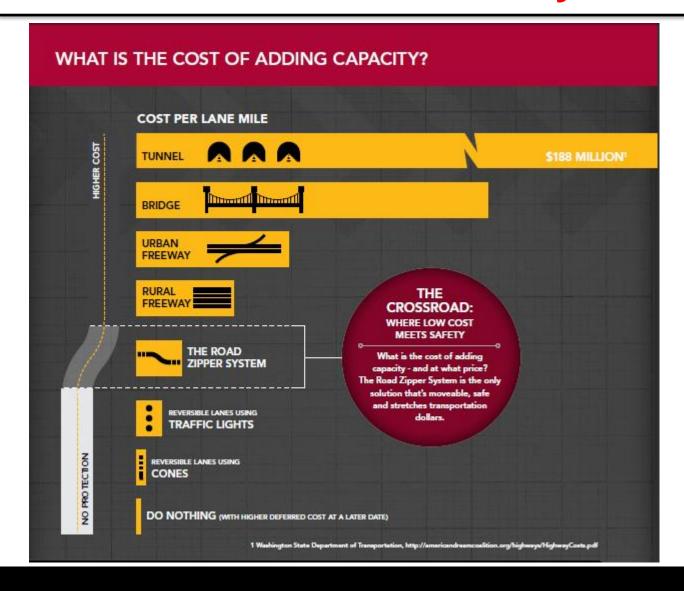


- Los Angeles
- San Francisco
- Honolulu
- New York
- Washington DC

Soon in Atlanta



### New construction is costly



- The dollar cost of various types of construction
- The time cost and delays of
  - Funding
  - Environmental approval delays



### **Solution – MANY TOOLS**

### Lots of alternatives some old and some new

- Smart Roads
  - Real time traveler information and updates
  - Message boards and improved incident management reporting
  - Traffic control centers
- Congestion pricing to maintain level of service
  - License plate restrictions
  - Downtown access fees (London)
- Direct Access ramps, improved merging and weaving.
- Ramp metering
- Synchronized signals
- Electronic Toll collection
- More Mass Transit including Bus rapid transit (BRT)
- Moveable barrier technology

### **Local Portland Area Traffic**



### **Portland Vancouver Area**

Tidal flow traffic



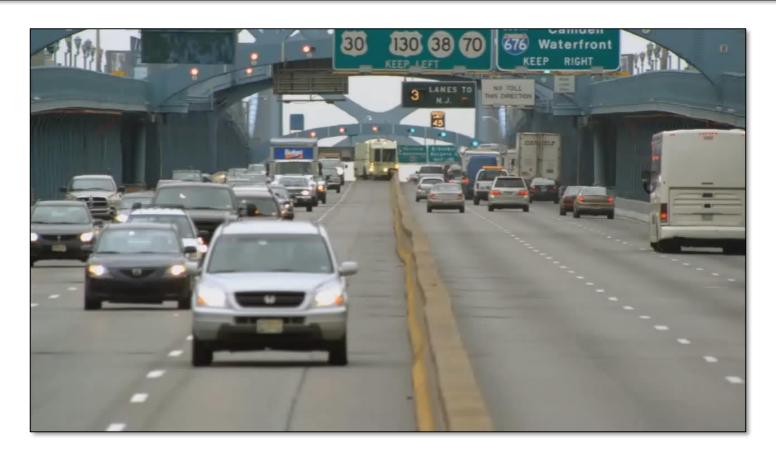
Unused capacity in the reverse direction

### Boston I 93 Case Study





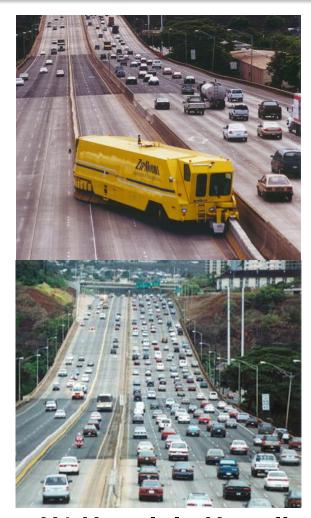
### Managed Lanes: Safety and Flexibility



Moveable barrier reconfigures the roadway in real time while providing positive barrier protection between opposing traffic lanes.



## Safety With Flexibility: Contraflow Lanes



H1 Honolulu Hawaii

- Reduces AM HOV commute by 25 minutes
- Increases average number of passengers per vehicle
- Greater than 10 to 1 Benefit to Cost ratio
- Increases Bus transit ridership by over 89%

**Hawaii DOT Publication** 



## **Common applications**



Workzones



Flexible HIghways







# Off-Peak Expanded Workspace Outside Shoulder Work

### **Off-Peak**



**More Workspace** 

#### **Peak -Transition**



**More Lanes** 

Lane shifts under traffic, positively protecting workers, motorists & haul lanes



## LIE, NY: Outside Shoulder Work





### St. Croix, WI. IH-94 Bridge Reconstruction

- Type Project: Bridge Reconst.
- Contractor: Lunda Construction 04/04
- Length of Project: 2 Miles ADT: 65,000+
- Innovative Strategies: Av speed 10 mph. MCB increased speeds to 50 mph+. enabled the contractor to effectively control traffic and reduce congestion on one structure while having unobstructed access to the other structure.
- Results: Completed in 1 versus 2
  seasons. No crossover accidents;
  Construction cost savings >\$1 Million;
  User delay cost savings >\$1.5 Million



# Sydney - Victoria lane before and after Roadzipper





 Roadzipper system provides 4/2 in peak with 1 dedicated BRT lane.

- Old layout was INFLEXIBLE with 3/3
- Unpredictable commutes





# Victoria Road, Sydney, Australia Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Lane

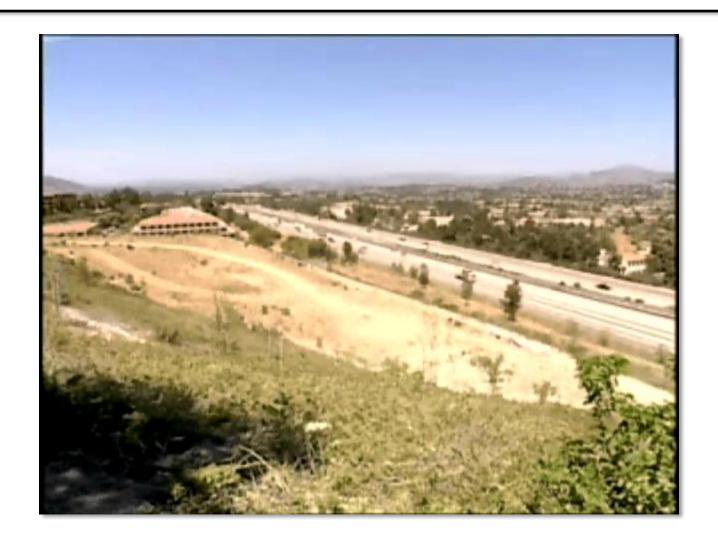


- "Bus Only" lane from 5:30 am to 9:45 am
- 6 lane road has 4 lanes for morning traffic
- Bus riders save 18 minutes per day\*
- 6,000 bus services per week

\*Road Transit Authority, Australia



## **Combining Strategies: Dynamic Highways**





## **Build vs Moveable Barrier options**

Table 1. Cost Comparison of moveable barrier and building additional capacity

Expense	COST COMPARISION OF MOVEABLE BARRIER AND BUILDING ADDITIONAL CAPACITY	
	Build Two Extra Lanes	Use Moveable Barrier for Two Lanes
Capital	~28 000 000 USD	~5 500 000 USD
20 year Operating Cost	N/A	~6 1 million USD
Roadway Maintenance	~4 3 million USD	N/A
Cost of Capital	~12 7 million USD at 4%	~2 4 million USD at 4%
Total 30 Year Cost	~45 million USD	~14 million USD
Total Annual Cost	~2 25 million USD	~0 7 million USD

- 2.4Km long bridge addition
- 0.7 Million per year with op costs
- 2.2 Million avg with higher upfront capital Costs

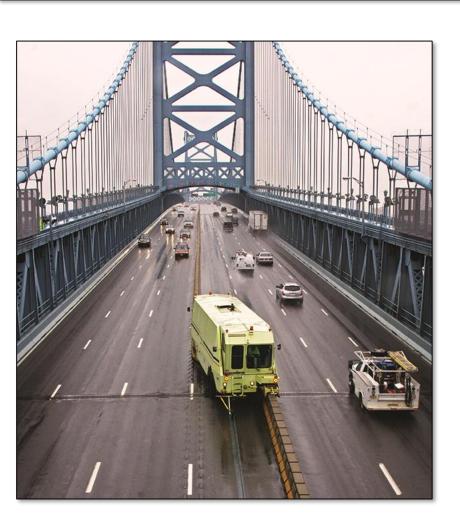


MOVEABLE BARRIER MANAGED LANE STRATEGIES

IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING
PLANNING
DYNAMIC HIGHWAY
REDUCED
CONGESTION



# Managed Lanes Benefits With Moveable Barrier



- Installed in 12-18 months vs 5-10 yrs
- Create flexibility for the future
- Mitigate traffic congestion
- Shorten Work Zone projects
- Provide positive barrier protection
- Meet regional mobility & safety goals
- Generate additional revenue
- Meet environmental and air quality goals
- Reusable Asset



### Oregon experience with Roadzipper

#### **Current Status**

- Initial purchase of 1 mile barrier and a machine in 1994
- State bought 2.8 miles more in 2004
- Used in Work Zones a number of times.

#### **Future**

- Suggest training webinars for Oregon designers and DOT
- More proactive use in congested Workzones in state
- Rental of machines as needed from Lindsay.



### **NEXT STEPS**

- Set up next meetings with
  - Senior DOT leaders
  - MPO'S and long term planners transportation planners
  - Designers that service this community
  - Other Civic leaders
- Lindsay can show how it can be used but it is local buy in and support that will make the system a useful tool to the community.
- Requires funding to operate the system over its life cycle.





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