

The Art and Science of Transportation Research in the AI Era

PowerBI

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Learning Goals



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#1 Understand what is an interactive dashboard

#2 Get familiar with Power BI

#3 Be able to create a simple dashboard in Power BI

Lecture Structure



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#1 Interactive Dashboards

#2 PowerBI 101

Interactive Dashboards

- **Dynamic tools** that visually represent data in a user-friendly, engaging format, allowing users to explore and analyze data interactively.

Why use them?

- **Interactive filtering or drill-down functionality**, which dynamically updates all related visualizations based on your selection.
- **ETL Processes:** Extract, Transform, Load (ETL) processes clean and transform raw data into a structured format suitable for visualization.
- **Real-Time Updates:** Some dashboards support live data updates, while others use periodic refreshes.

Examples:

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/hiba.karam/viz/CornellCarRentalAnalysis1/Dashboard>

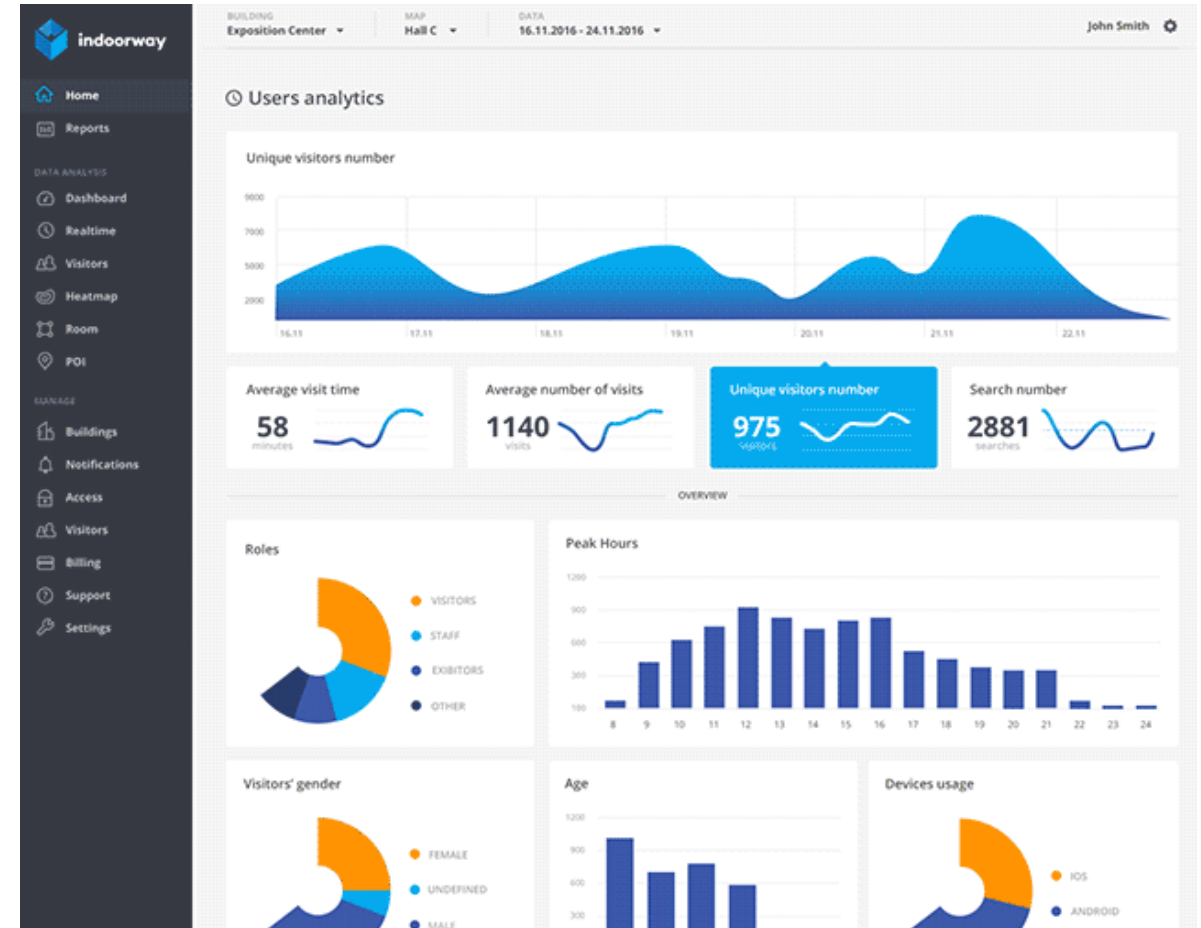
<https://www.novypro.com/project/normal>



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An Interactive Dashboard

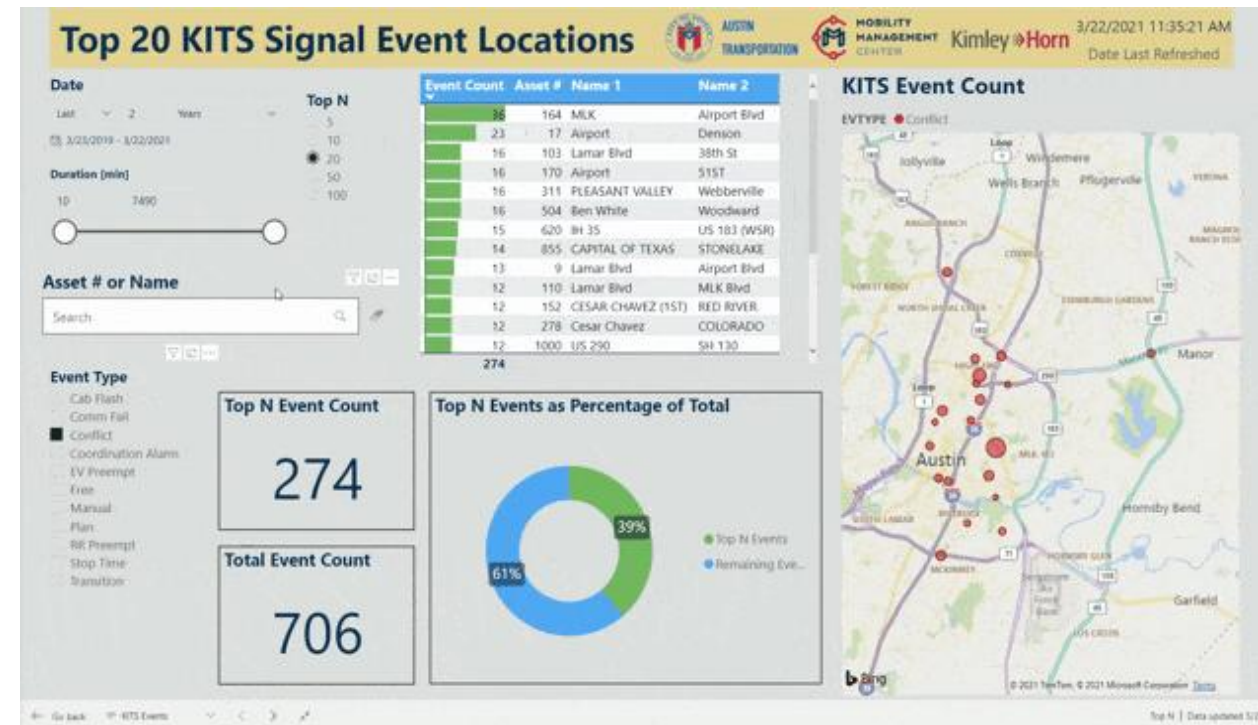
Power BI



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- Power BI is a **business intelligence (BI)** and **data visualization tool** developed by Microsoft that allows users to connect to various data sources, analyze data, and create interactive dashboards and reports.
- Visualize traffic volumes using line charts, heatmaps, or geographic maps.
- Monitor peak traffic hours and bottlenecks using dashboards.
- Track metrics like on-time performance, passenger counts, and route efficiency.
- Monitor warehouse-to-delivery route efficiency and identify cost-saving opportunities.
- Visualize accident hotspots on a map using geospatial data.



KITS Signal Events: A breakdown of signal events by categories (e.g., alarms, conflicts).
Traffic Engineer

Student Research

X0843 - Gespeichert

1 Article

General

General

Article

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Title

Overtaking Feasibility Prediction for Mixed Connected and Connectionless Vehicles

Reference

Zhao, Qian...

Application Area

AI to assist connected vehicles in lane-changing overtaking maneuvers

Date (Year)

2024

Country (Author)

China

Region (Author)

Asiatic Region

Classification

Mode

Road

Objective

Safety

Trend

Autonomous Veh...

Capabilities

Planning RL

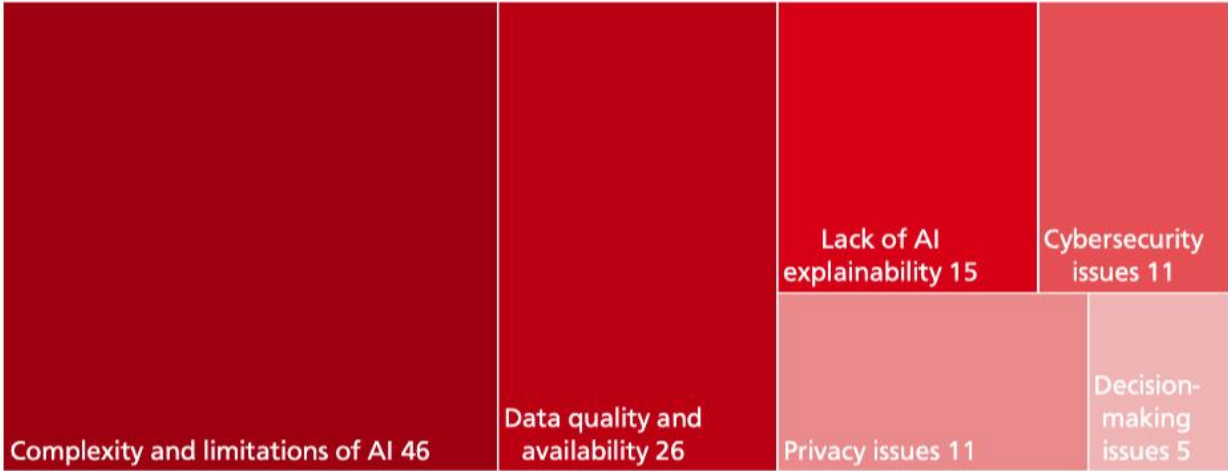
Barriers

Data quality and availability

Complexity and limitations of AI

Microsoft Power Apps

Integrating Artificial Intelligence in Transportation: Challenges, and Strategic Solution



Microsoft Power BI

Loading a Dataset



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The screenshot shows the Power BI Desktop application window. The title bar reads 'Untitled - Power BI Desktop'. The interface includes a left sidebar with 'Home' and 'Open' options. The main area displays a banner for 'FabCon Las Vegas' and a section titled 'Select a data source or start with a blank report'. Below this, there are icons for 'Blank report' (highlighted with a mouse cursor), 'OneLake data hub', 'Excel workbook', 'SQL Server', 'Learn with sample data', and 'Get data from other sources'. A 'Recommended' section follows, featuring a 'Getting started' card with a circular diagram of icons and an 'Intro—What is Power BI?' link. The bottom left sidebar contains 'Sign in', 'Options and settings', and 'About'.

Interface

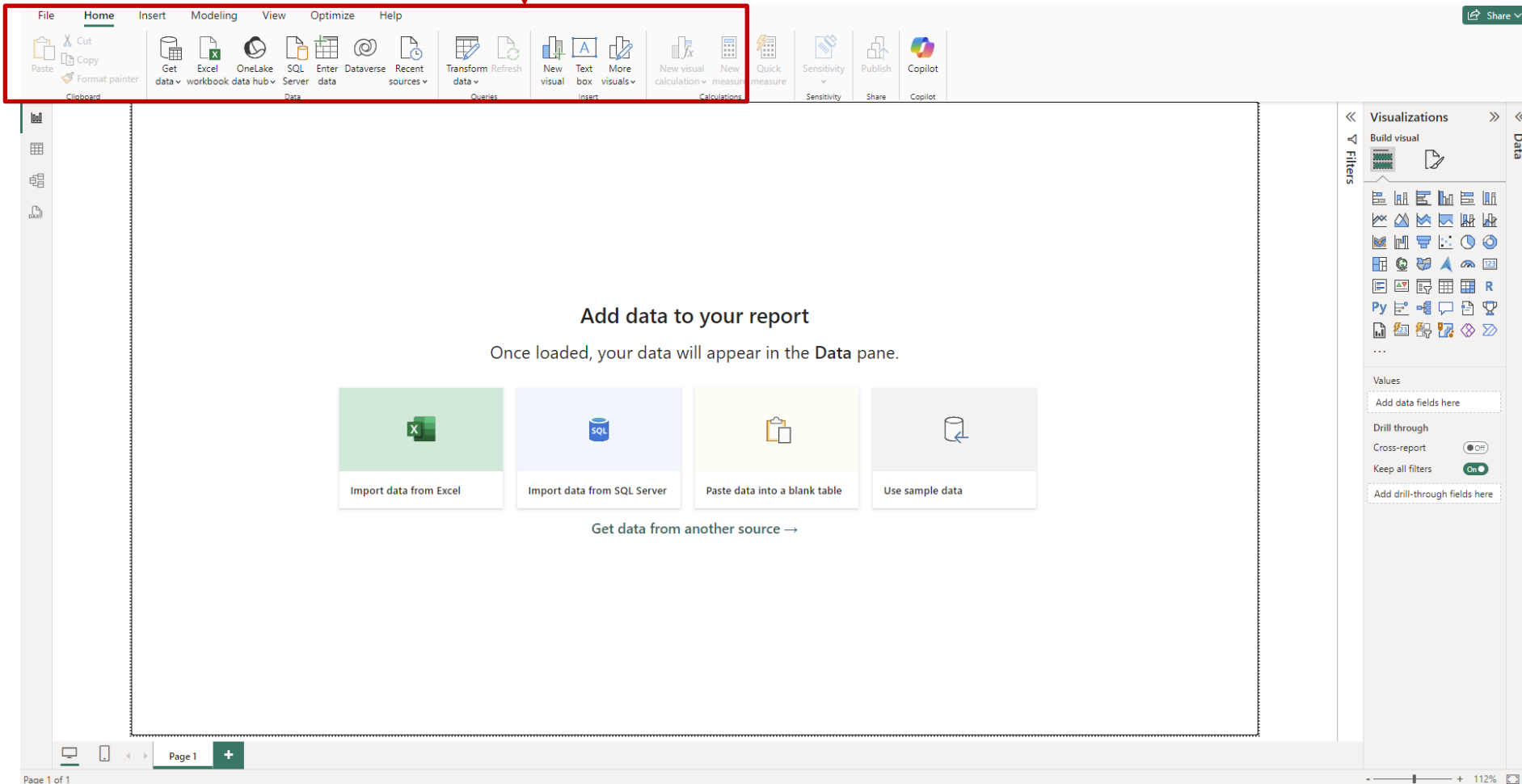


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Ribbon



Interface



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File Home Transform Add Column View Tools Help

Close & Apply New Source Recent Sources Enter Data Data source settings Manage Parameters Refresh Preview Manage Query Choose Columns Remove Columns Keep Rows Remove Rows Sort Split Column Group By Data Type: Text Use First Row as Headers Replace Values Merge Queries Append Queries Combine Files Text Analytics Vision Azure Machine Learning

Queries [1]

Traffic_Count

= Table.TransformColumnTypes("#Promoted Headers",{"Intersection_ID", type text}, {"Timestamp", type

	Intersection_ID	Timestamp	Vehicle_Count	Day_of_Week	Weather_Condition
1	I001	1/1/2024 10:00:00 AM	184	Friday	Sunny
2	I001	1/2/2024 4:00:00 AM	109	Friday	Foggy
3	I001	1/3/2024 6:00:00 AM	59	Friday	Rainy
4	I001	1/4/2024 6:00:00 AM	225	Friday	Snowy
5	I001	1/4/2024 5:00:00 PM	245	Friday	Cloudy
6	I002	1/2/2024 9:00:00 PM	233	Friday	Sunny
7	I002	1/4/2024 3:00:00 PM	80	Friday	Rainy
8	I003	1/1/2024 11:00:00 PM	135	Friday	Snowy
9	I004	1/1/2024 11:00:00 AM	94	Friday	Cloudy
10	I004	1/1/2024 1:00:00 PM	208	Friday	Foggy
11	I004	1/4/2024 12:00:00 AM	155	Friday	Cloudy
12	I004	1/4/2024 5:00:00 AM	179	Friday	Foggy
13	I005	1/1/2024 9:00:00 PM	236	Friday	Rainy
14	I005	1/3/2024 12:00:00 PM	81	Friday	Cloudy
15	I005	1/5/2024 3:00:00 AM	92	Friday	Rainy
16	I001	1/1/2024 8:00:00 AM	162	Monday	Snowy
17	I001	1/1/2024 10:00:00 PM	130	Monday	Cloudy
18	I001	1/2/2024 1:00:00 AM	85	Monday	Foggy
19	I001	1/4/2024 11:00:00 PM	160	Monday	Cloudy
20	I002	1/1/2024 7:00:00 AM	83	Monday	Snowy
21					

6 COLUMNS, 100 ROWS Column profiling based on top 1000 rows

PREVIEW DOWNLOADED AT 5:12 PM

Query Settings

PROPERTIES

Name

Traffic_Count

All Properties

APPLIED STEPS

Source

Promoted Headers

Changed Type

Interface



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You can expand and collapse the **Filters**, **Visualizations**, and **Data** panes by selecting the arrows at the tops of the panes. Collapsing the panes provides more space on the canvas.

The screenshot shows the Power BI interface with the following components:

- Ribbon:** File, Home, Insert, Modeling, View, Optimize, Help. The Home ribbon is active, showing options like Paste, Copy, Format painter, Get data, Excel, OneLake, SQL, Enter data, Dataverse, Recent sources, Transform data, Refresh data, New visual, Text box, More visuals, New visual calculation, New measure, Quick measure, Sensitivity, Publish, and Copilot.
- Data View:** Displays a table with columns: Intersection_ID, Count of Day_of_Week, and Total. The data is grouped by Day_of_Week.
- Filters Pane:** Contains a search bar and sections for 'Filters on this page' and 'Filters on all pages', each with an 'Add data fields here' button.
- Visualizations Pane:** Contains a 'Build visual' section with various visualization icons (bar, line, area, pie, etc.) and a 'Values' section with an 'Add data fields here' button.
- Data Pane:** Contains a search bar and a list of fields from the dataset, including 'Traffic_Count'. A red arrow points to the 'Traffic_Count' field.

Red arrows indicate the collapse arrows on the pane headers and the 'Traffic_Count' field in the Data pane.

Displays the fields (columns) from your dataset. You can drag and drop fields onto visualizations.

Helps you add visual to your dashboard and format it.

Interface



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Report View: is the default view

Data View: shows your data

Model View: Build relationships
in data

Dashboard Canvas
/ Workspace

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Power BI interface. The top ribbon includes tabs for File, Home, Insert, Modeling, View, Optimize, and Help. The Home tab is active, showing various icons for data sources, transformations, and visualizations. The main workspace is divided into three views: Report View (selected and highlighted with a red box), Data View, and Model View. The Report View shows a table of data with columns for Intersection_ID, Count of Day_of_Week, and Total. The Data View shows a table of data with columns for Day_of_Week, Intersection_ID, and Total. The Model View shows a diagram of data relationships. The Dashboard Canvas / Workspace is the main area for building reports. The pages tab area at the bottom is highlighted with a red box and labeled 'Page 1'.

Intersection_ID	Count of Day_of_Week	Total
I001	26	
I002	24	
I003	9	
I004	21	
I005	20	
Total	100	

Day_of_Week	I001	I002	I003	I004	I005	Total
Friday	822	313	135	636	409	2315
Monday	537	604	495	322	207	2165
Saturday	578	251		312	620	1761
Sunday	835	534	291	366	362	2388
Thursday	358	106	329	562	57	1412
Tuesday	175	475		920	811	2381
Wednesday	269	1140	151	147	509	2216
Total	3574	3423	1401	3265	2975	14638

The pages tab area at the bottom, which lets you select
or add report pages.

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File Home Insert Modeling View Optimize Help

Paste Cut Copy Format painter Clipboard

Get data Excel workbook OneLake data hub SQL Server Enter data Dataverse Recent sources Data

Transform data Refresh data Queries

New visual Text box More visuals Insert

New visual calculation New measure Quick measure Calculations

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Build visuals with your data

Select or drag fields from the Data pane onto the report canvas.

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Matrix



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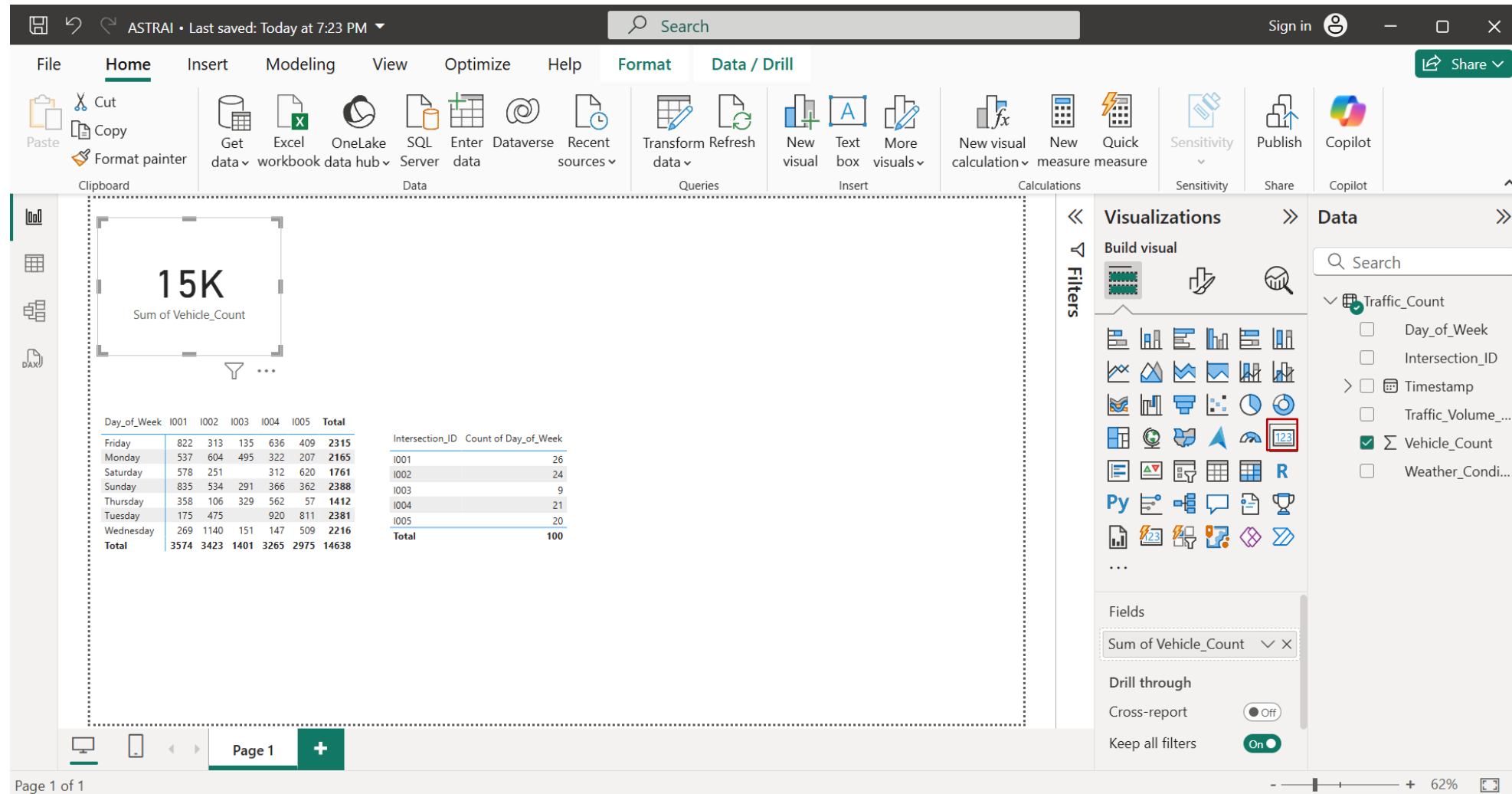
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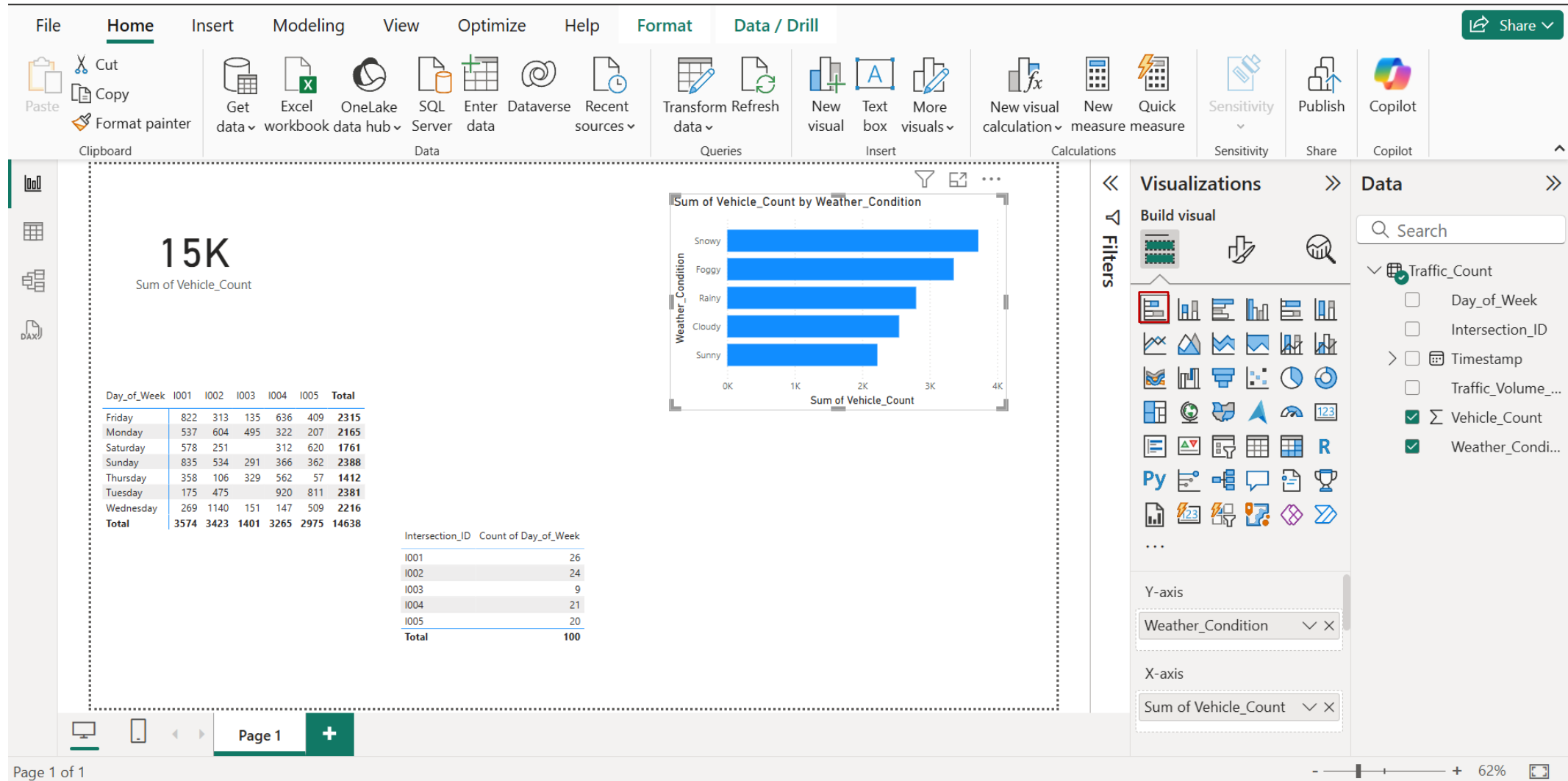
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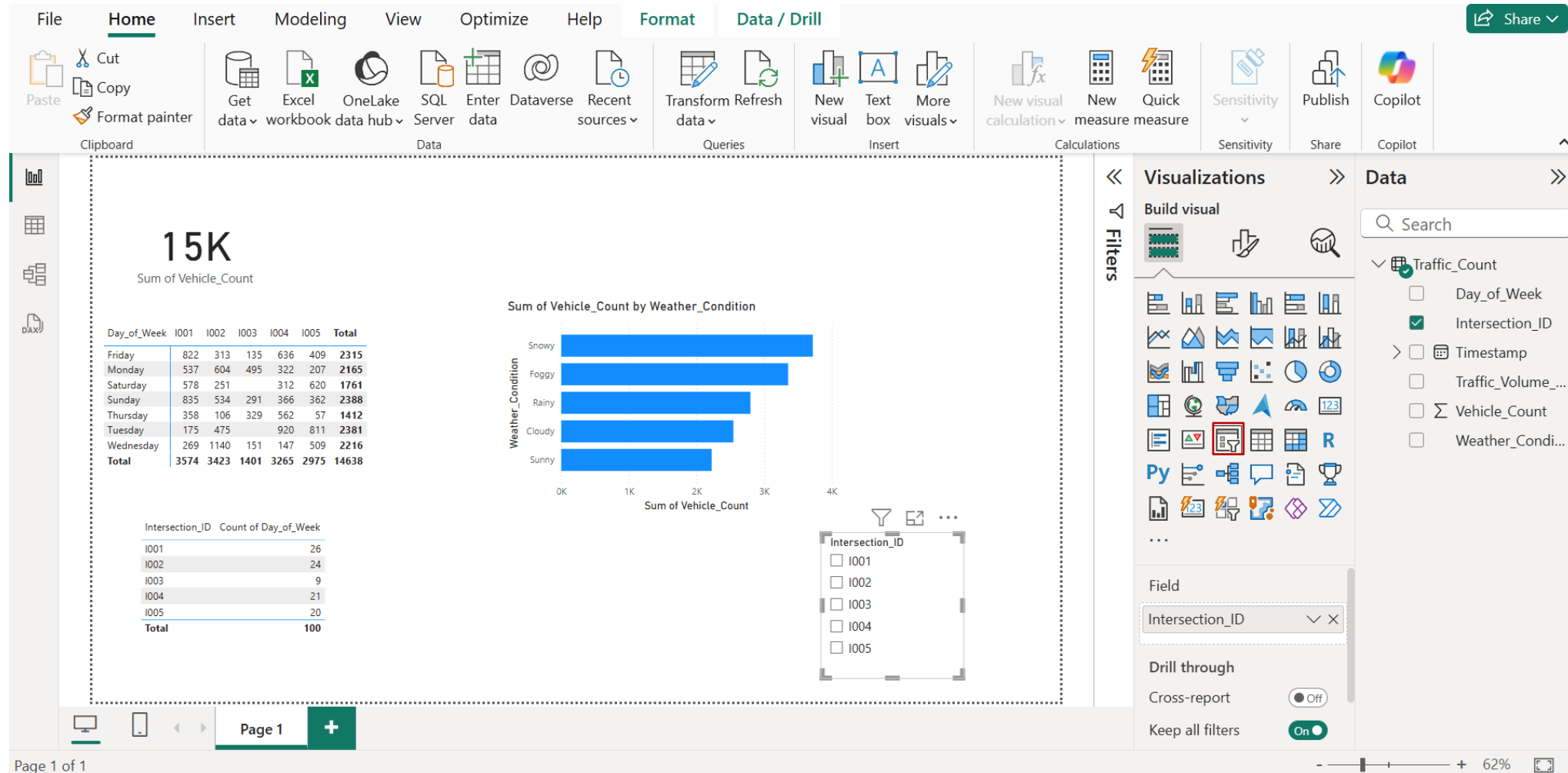
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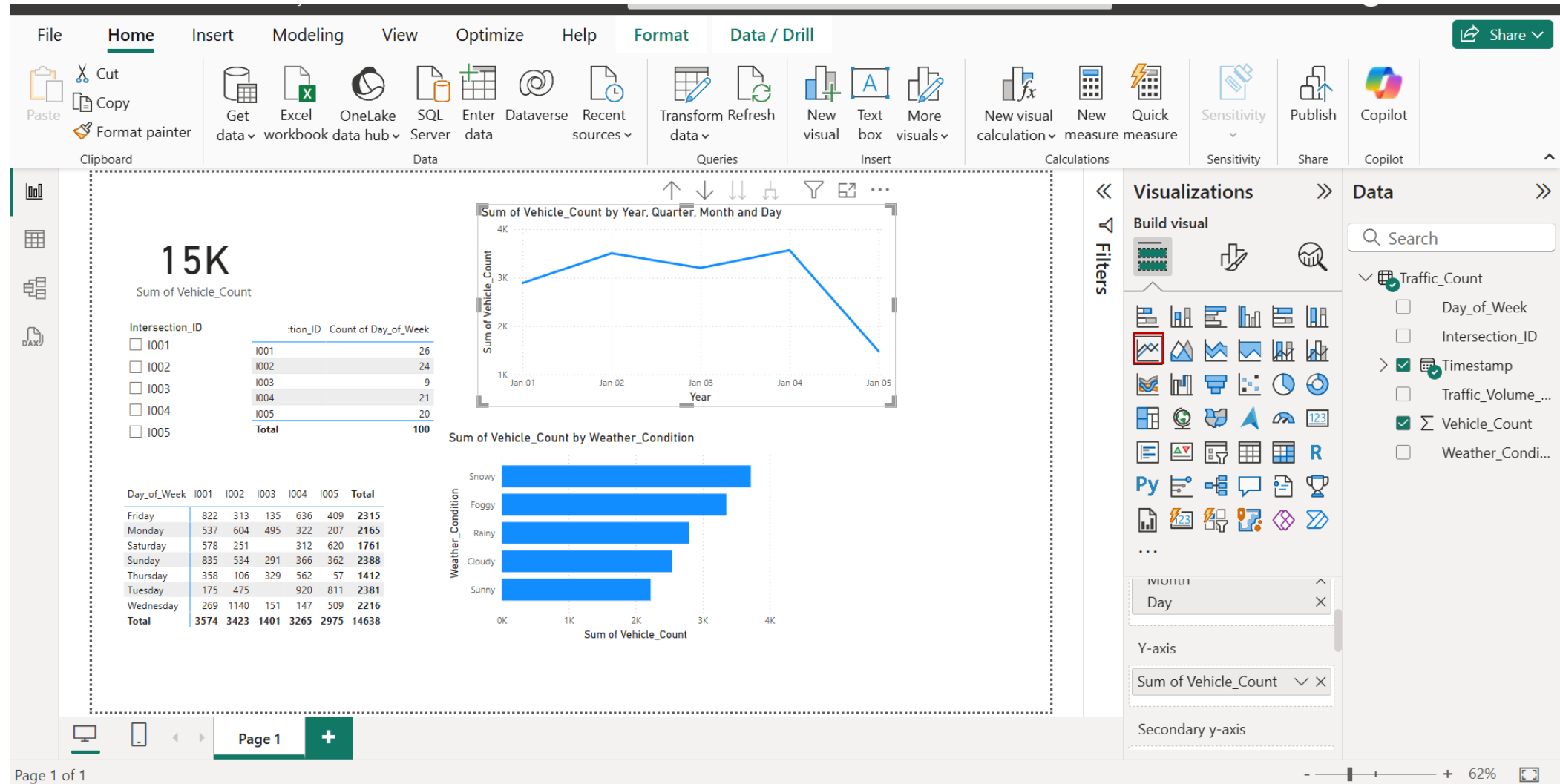
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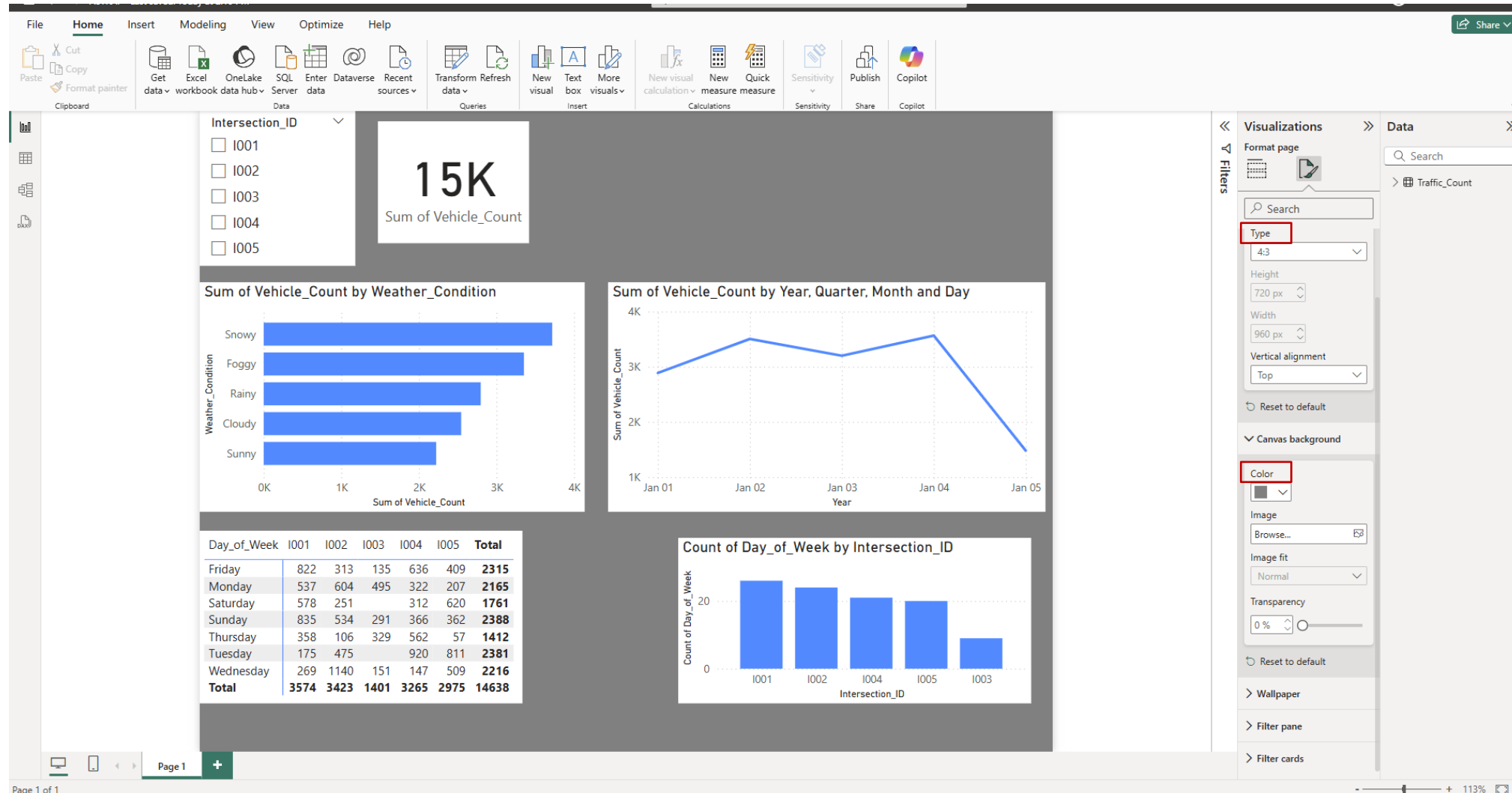
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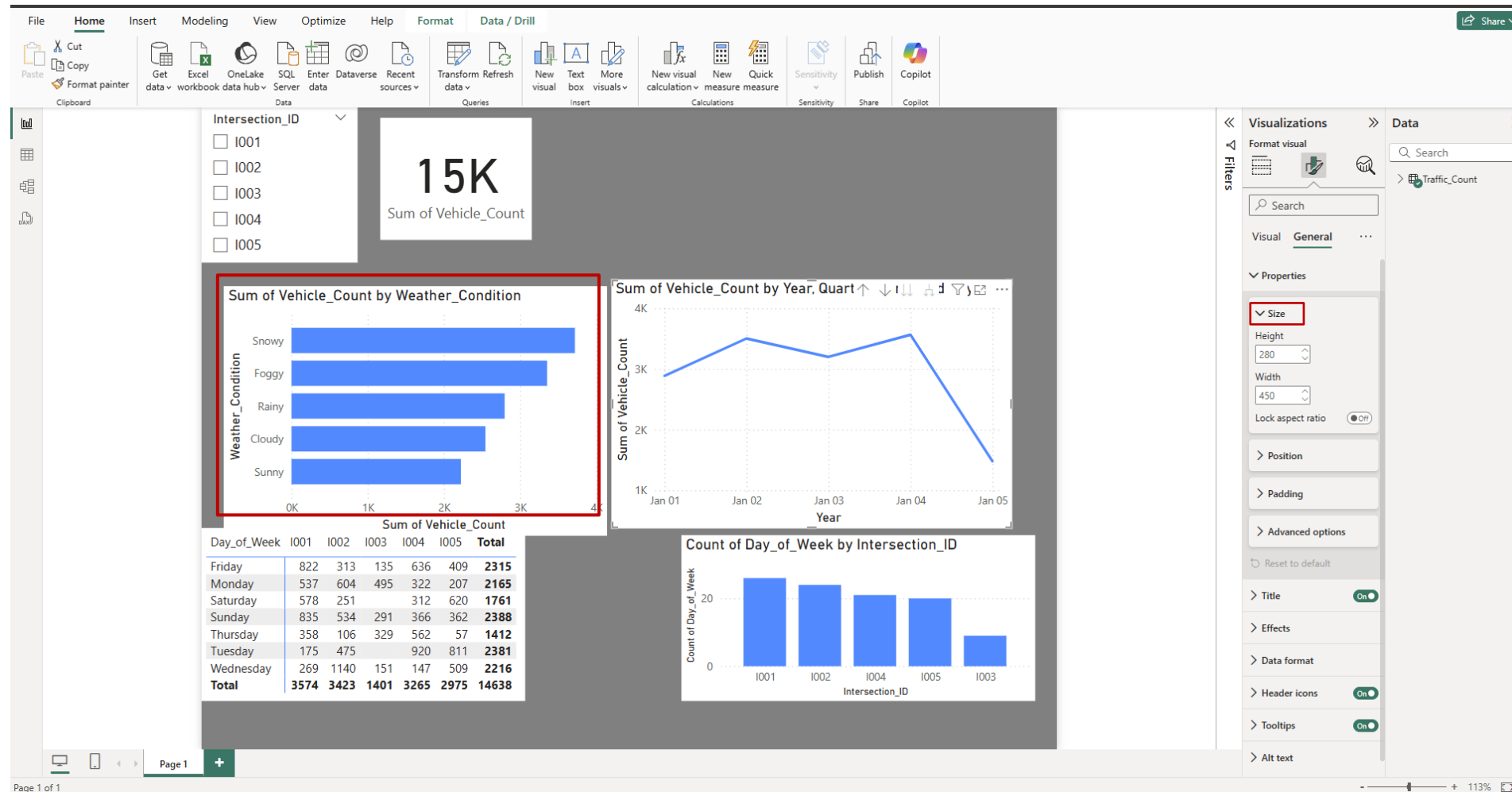
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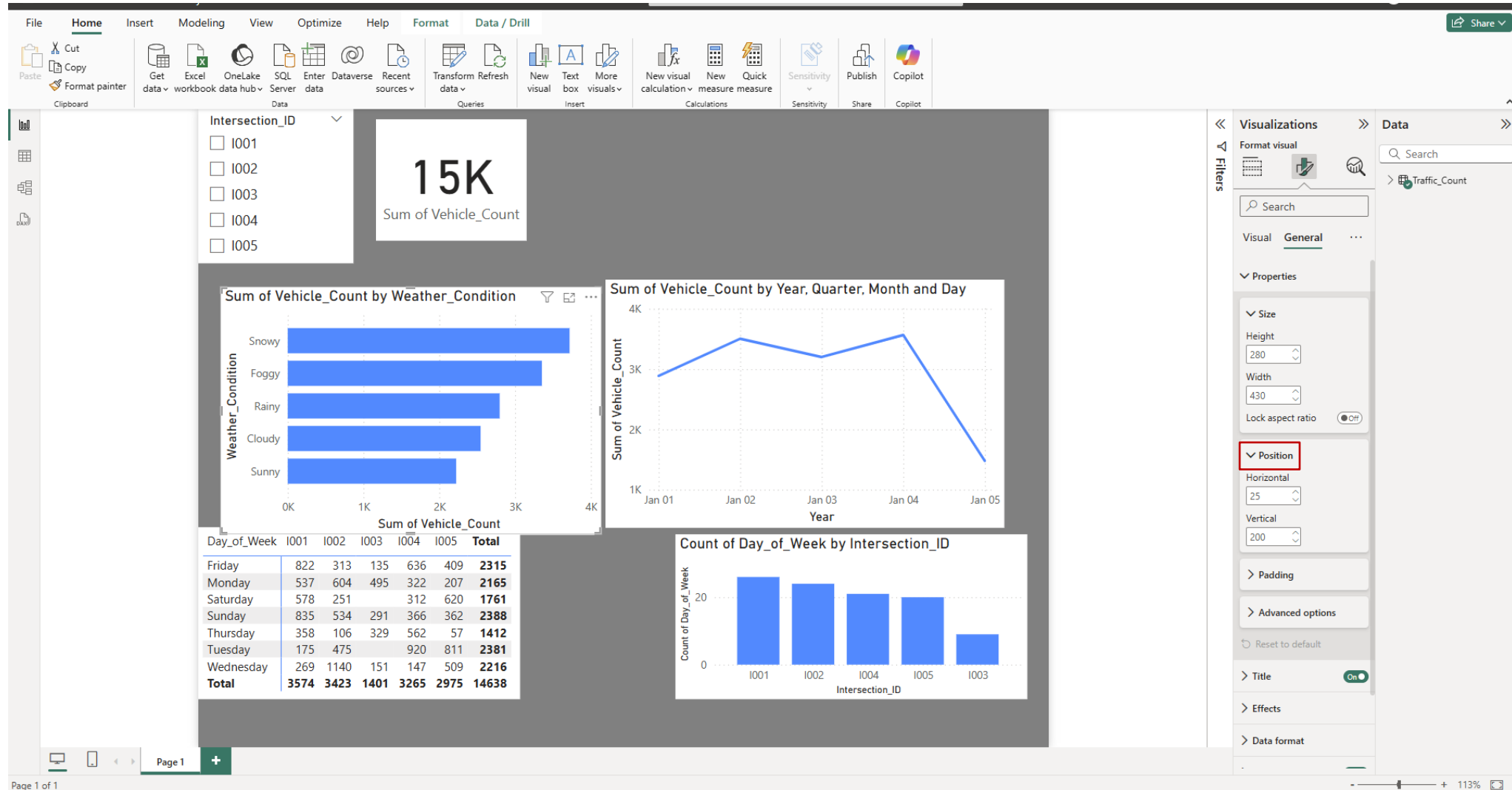
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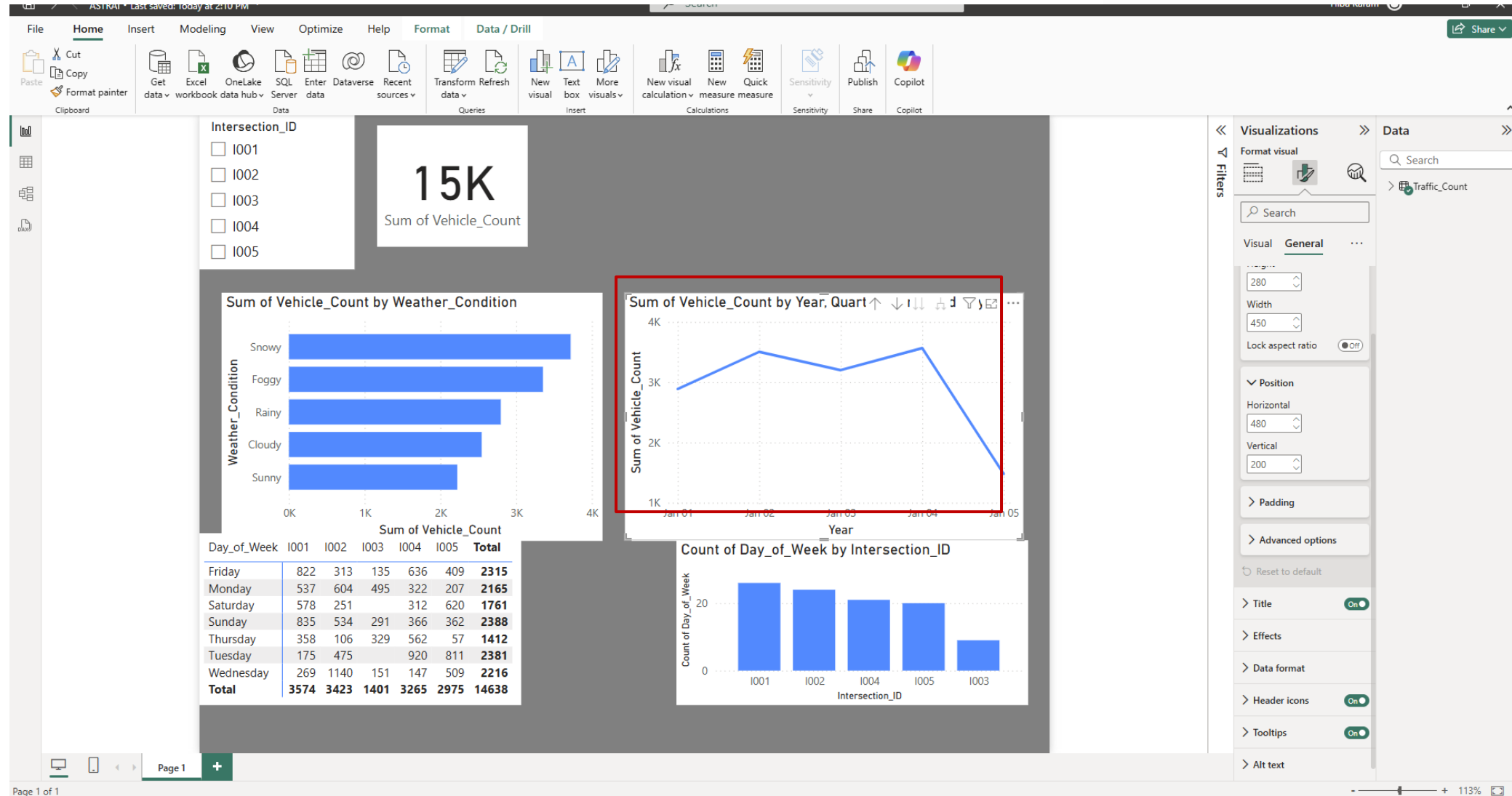
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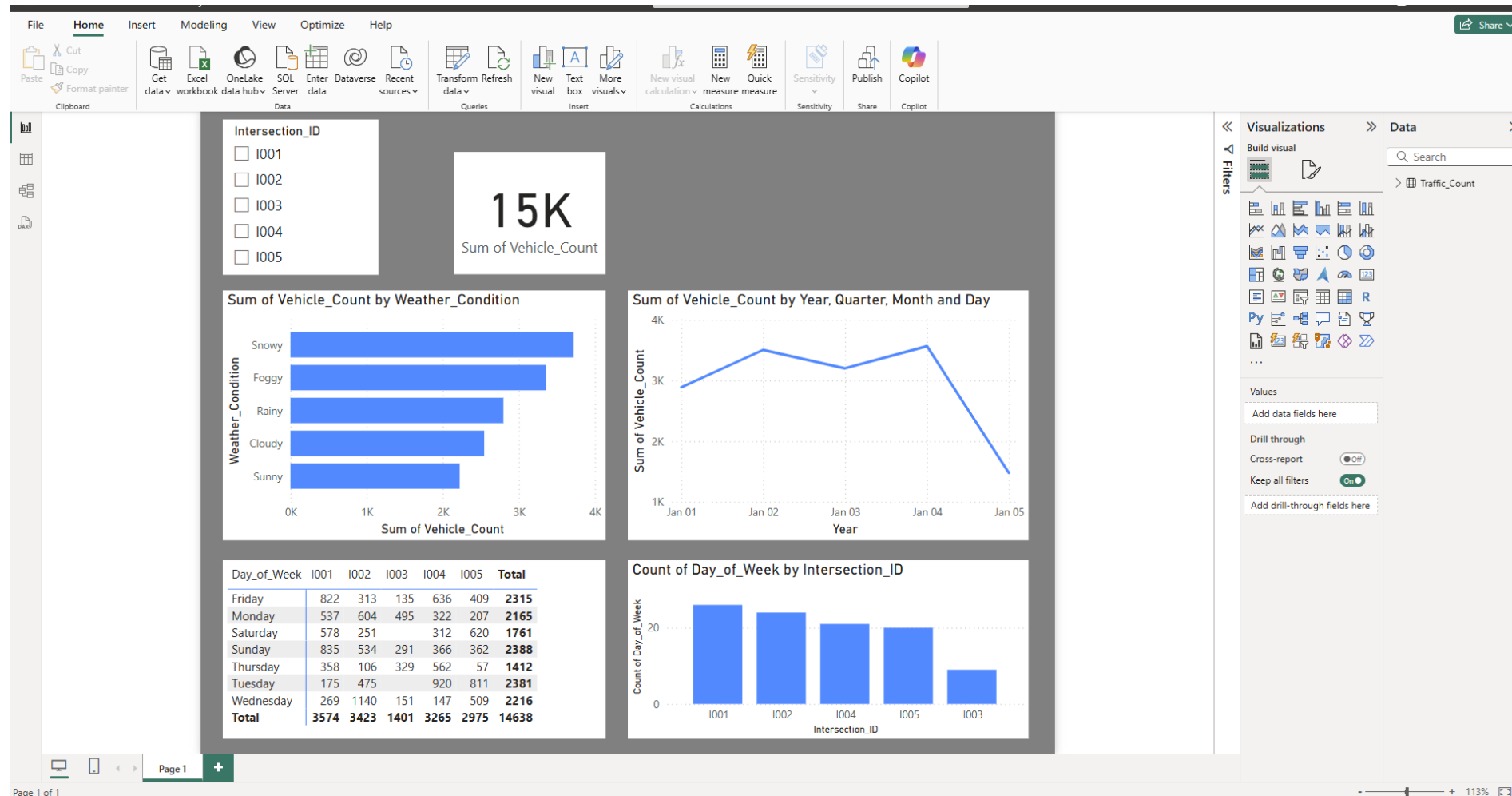
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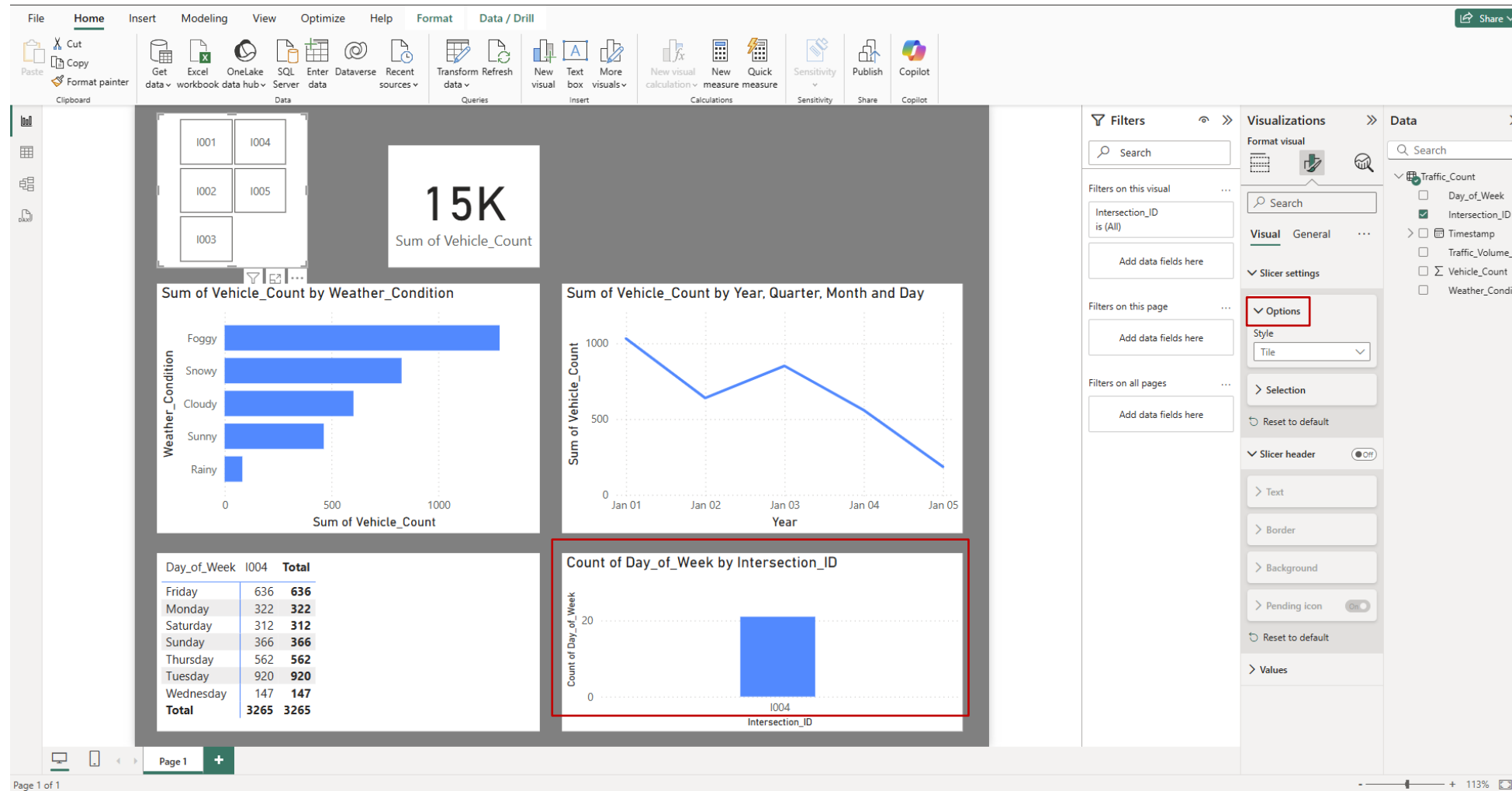
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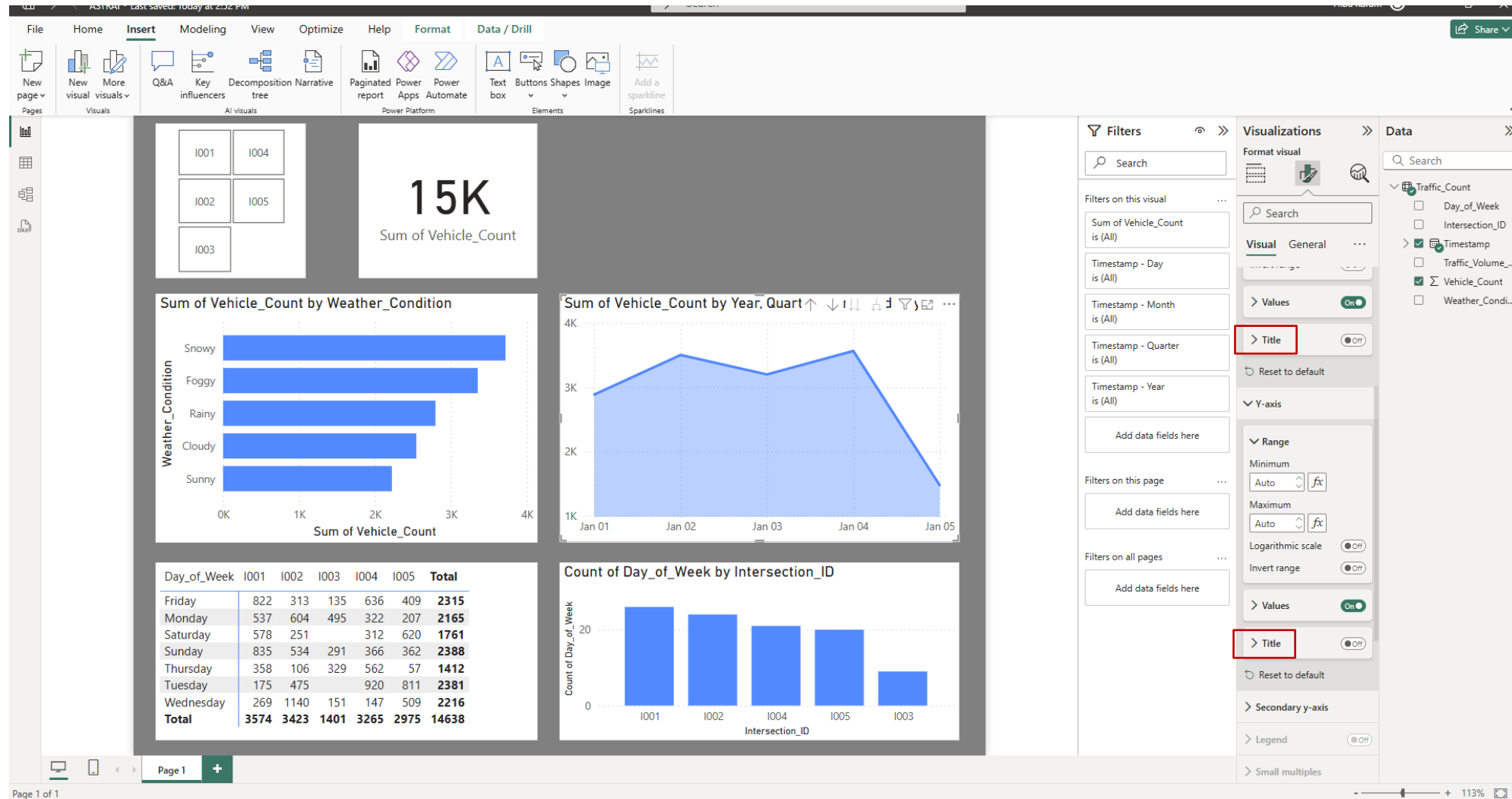
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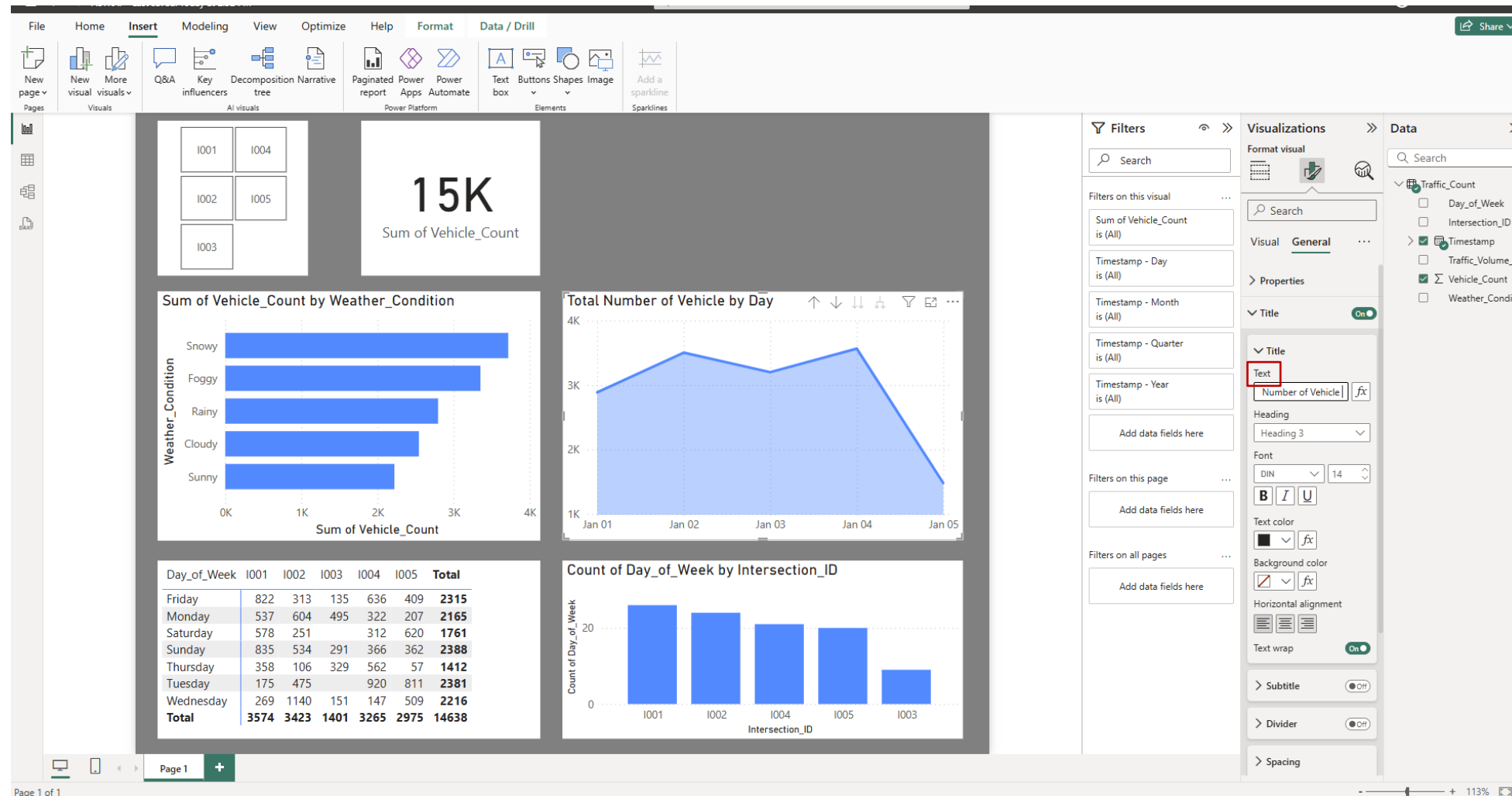
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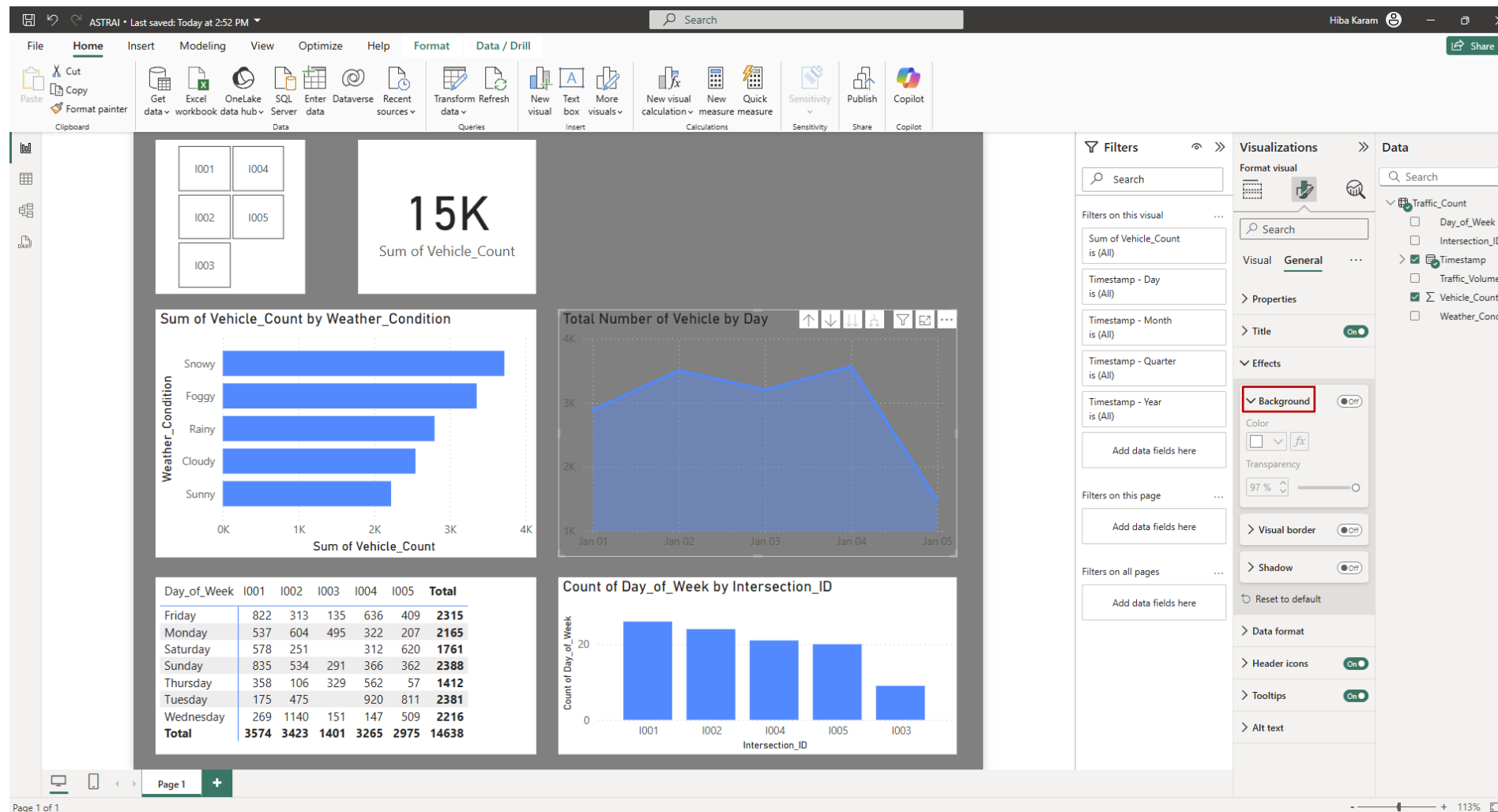
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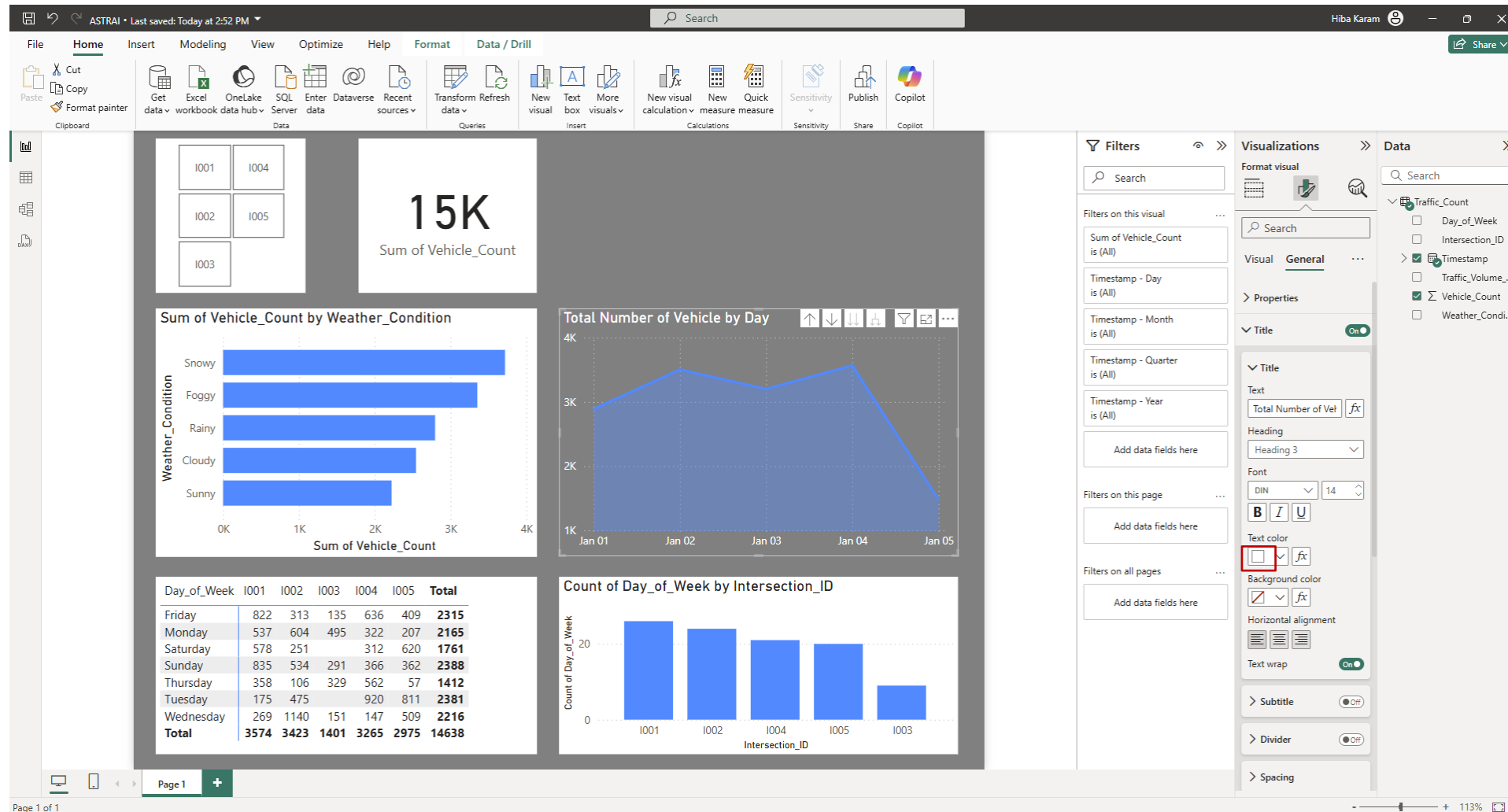
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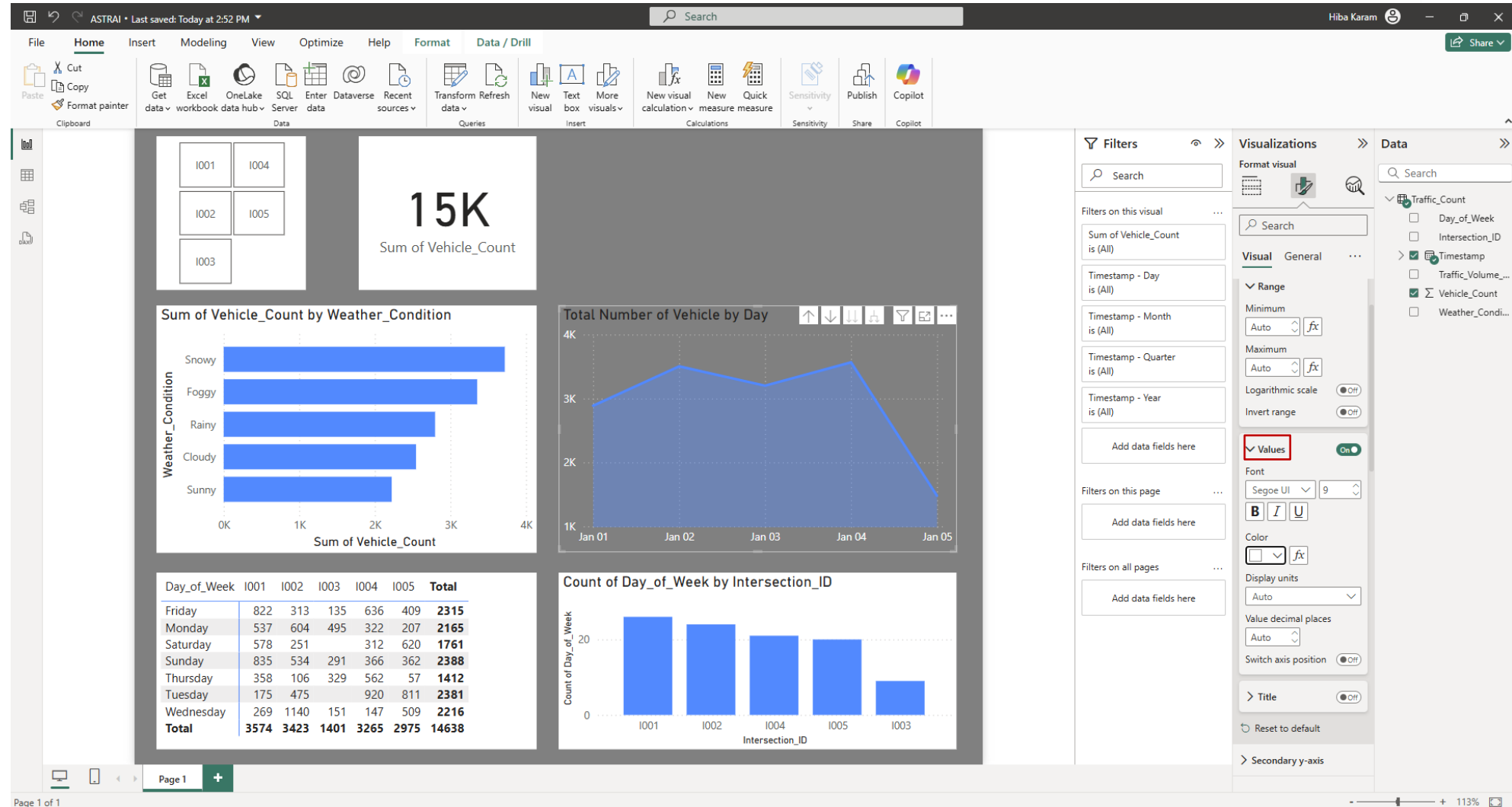
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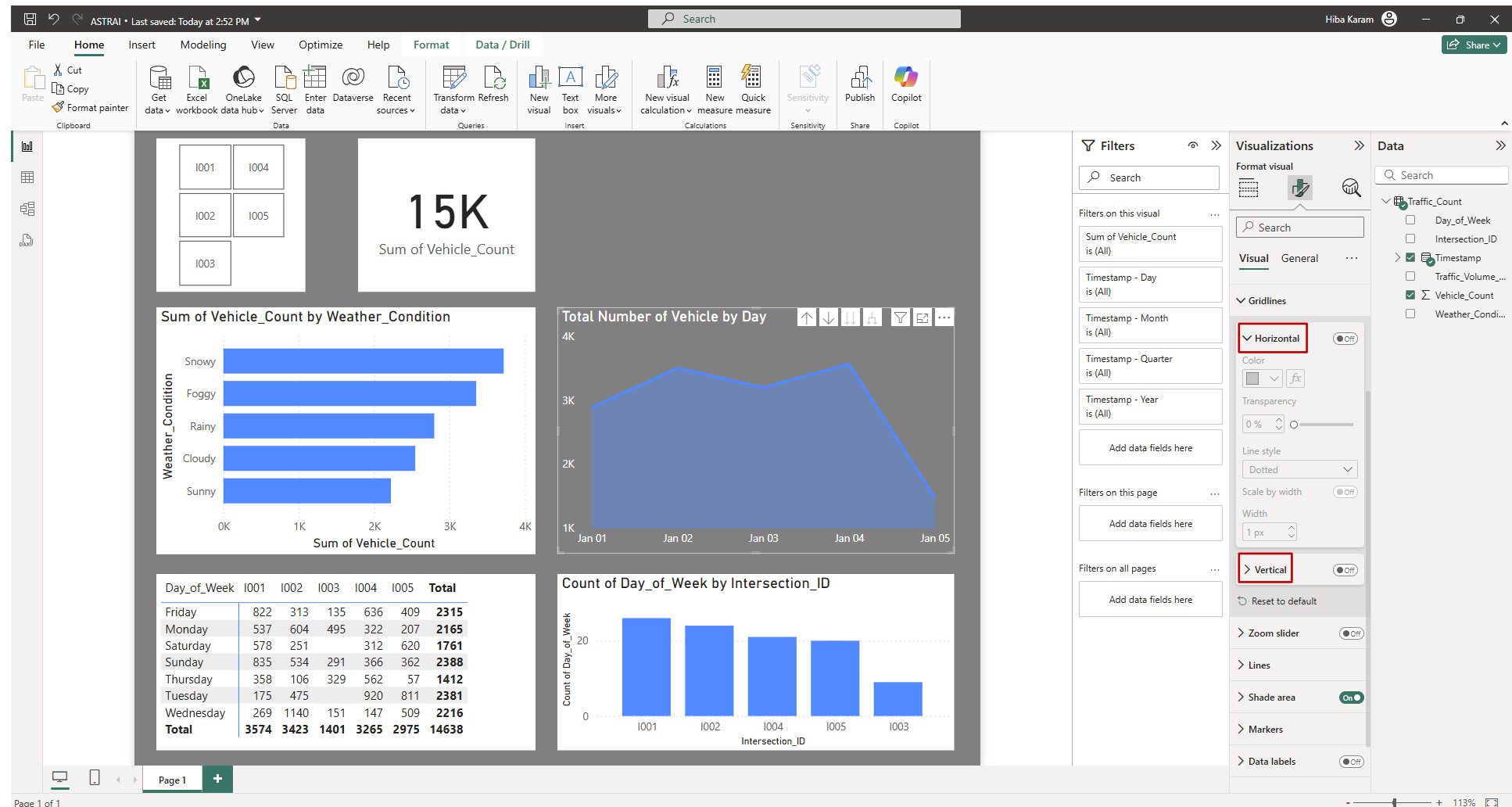
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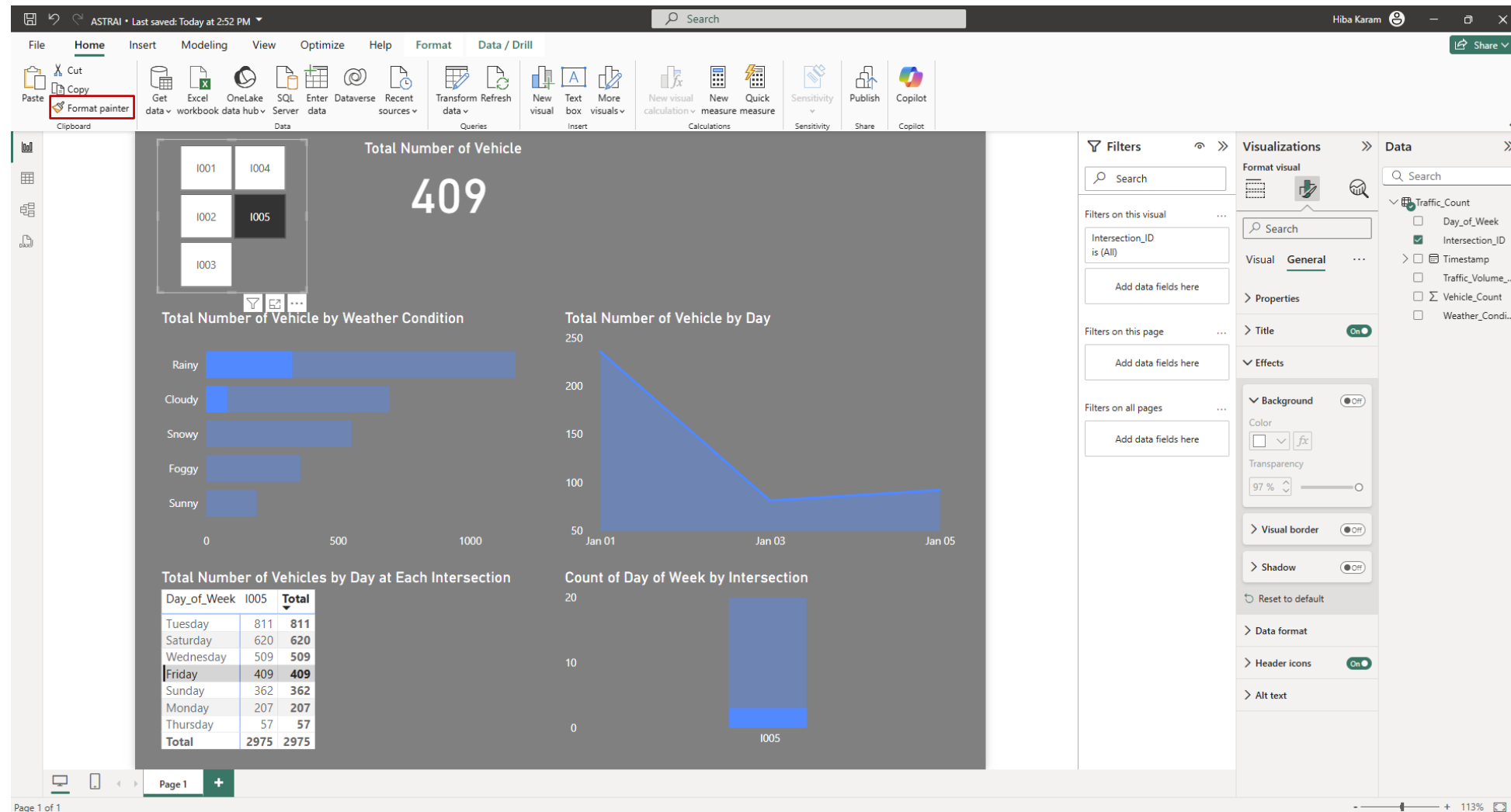
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Filters

Format text box

Data

Total Number of Vehicle

409

Total Number of Vehicle by Weather Condition

Rainy

Cloudy

Snowy

Foggy

Sunny

Total Number of Vehicles by Day at Each Intersection

Day_of_Week	I005	Total
Tuesday	811	811
Saturday	620	620
Wednesday	509	509
Friday	409	409
Sunday	362	362
Monday	207	207
Thursday	57	57
Total	2975	2975

Count of Day of Week by Intersection

I005

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