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a Logit-based Approach

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ABSTRACT

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In recent history, transportation network vulnerabilities have been increasingly scrutinized. Recent transportation disasters, such as the collapse of the I-35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the I-85 / Piedmont Road fire and bridge collapse in Atlanta, Georgia, have brought the need to identify network vulnerability to the forefront of the Utah Department of Transportation's planning efforts. Subsequently, this study sought to develop a trip-based choice model using the Utah State Transportation Model (USTM) network, combined with socioeconomic data from the Utah Household Travel Survey (UHTS) taken in 2017. Home-based Work (HBW), Home-based Other (HBO), and Non-home Based (NHB) trips were primarily considered in the development of what has been named the Resiliency Model. These trip purposes constitute the majority of trips which do not have fixed origins or destinations, such as freight trips. User mode choice, with options for automobile, non-motorized, and transit modes, was first found using a logsum calculation. These results were then used as the main input into a destination choice model which also uses a logsum calculation to determine a user's final destination choice. To determine the differences between the base model and alternative scenarios, a link was removed from the USTM network for each alternative, and then the results were compared against the base model. This comparison returns the overall change in logsum, which is a measure of the benefit or disbenefit experienced by a user in the model. The final logsum value returned was then adapted into a cost value which determines the overall cost experienced by users on the USTM network for each scenario. The model provides a more sensitive analysis estimate of the costs experienced by road users in the case of link loss than would a traditional model or non-choice based estimate. In this study, transit trips were held fixed, as they are outside the scope of the project.

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Problem Statement

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is responsible for maintaining a transportation system to promote public welfare and economic activity throughout the state of Utah. UDOT is also responsible to maintain key components of the national highway transportation system. Given the importance of this system, UDOT has sought a way to identify those facilities which are critical to smooth operation of the system.

In 2017, AEM (2017) completed a risk and resilience analysis report for the I-15 corridor on behalf of UDOT. This analysis quantified risk as the probability of threats (earthquakes, floods, fires, etc.) multiplied by the criticality of the asset to the overall system. The AEM analysis has two primary limitations. First, the methods are proprietary to AEM and UDOT cannot now apply the methods to study the criticality of other transportation corridors with regional and national significance (e.g. U.S. Route 6, Interstate 70, Interstate 80). But more importantly, the current index treats each UDOT asset – each bridge, highway segment, etc. – as an independent unit, when in fact UDOT operates a system of interrelated transportation facilities. The criticality of a single bridge to the overall system is not determined by the volume of traffic it supports directly, but by how inconvenient it would be for that traffic to find another path or destination were the bridge to fail. Resiliency must therefore be considered a function of network, mode, and destination alternatives which comprise systemic redundancy. Developing a model capable of accounting for the choices a user makes will help transportation planners to calculate sensitive estimates of the costs associated with link closure.

1.2 Objectives

The primary objective of this research is to develop a methodology and tool to evaluate the network redundancy of critical UDOT assets across the state. We base this tool on data collected for the Utah Statewide Travel Model (USTM), with certain improvements and additional model features to more accurately capture the economic costs associated with an impaired state highway network. In particular, we develop a method that explicitly considers the availability of alternative destinations, modes, and routes to individuals traveling on the impaired network. A secondary objective of this research is to apply the model to evaluate the criticality of specific highway links in Utah by comparison. This thesis presents the results of this evaluation applied on 41 individual highway links.

1.3 Scope

The purpose of this thesis is to provide a functional tool that can be used to evaluate the potential economic costs associated with highway link closure in Utah. USTM comprises the entire highway network, with roughly 8500 Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZ), with a population of about 3.2 million people. Developing a choice model (hereby named the Resiliency Model) can help to determine the effects of road closures or long term link loss for the entire State of Utah. Therefore, the Resiliency Model is based on the theory of logit choice modeling and shortest path finding in a network. The specific choice utility equations in the model represent a plausible utility outcome, but the focus of this research has not been on developing robust utility equations or calibrated volume-delay functions. This model is therefore not designed to forecast traffic volumes nor is it designed for any purpose other than providing a comparative estimate of the effects of link loss by man-made or natural causes.

1.4 Outline of Report

This thesis is organized as follows:

- Chapter 1. This introductory chapter.

- Chapter 2. This chapter presents a Literature Review, summarizing previous attempts to model network resiliency using the choices and accessibility of individuals on the impacted network.
- Chapter 3. This chapter presents a proposed model design and implementation of the model within the CUBE transportation planning software application. This chapter also describes model calibration efforts.
- Chapter 4. This chapter presents a method for identifying vulnerable and potentially critical highway links.
- Chapter 5. This chapter presents the Model Application, description and comparison of model results, from the model developed in Chapter 3, to the highway links identified in Chapter 4.
- Chapter 6. This chapter presents the conclusions, summarizes the findings of the research, and suggests next steps for this research.

CHAPTER 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Overview

The resilience and connectivity of transport networks are a long-studied topic within transportation engineering in both theoretical and practical contexts. Within this long history however, there is variability in how scholars define resiliency. There are three basic definitions that researchers have used:

- Resilience through Resistance: Resilient transportation networks have few and manageable vulnerabilities. This is typically addressed through robust facility-level engineering and risk management (Bradley, 2007; Peeta et al., 2010).
- Resilience through Recovery: Resilient transportation networks are able to be repaired and returned to normal service without inordinate delay. This is accomplished through effective resource allocation and incident management during both disaster or degraded operation (Zhang & Wang, 2016).
- Resilience through Operability in Crisis: Resilient transport networks are able to operate effectively with damaged or unusable links. It is this definition that is most relevant in the context of this study (Berdica, 2002; Ip & Wang, 2011).

These definitions are not entirely mutually exclusive, and many researchers apply more than one definition in their work. For example, knowing where systemically critical or vulnerable links are will help in allocating maintenance resources. At the same time, the approach to identifying critical facilities implied by one of these definitions is not always compatible with the other definitions, and making distinctions between them is important (Rogers et al., 2012). A bridge highly vulnerable to failure may be located on a little-traveled and systemically unimportant side street. The motivation of this research is to identify systemically critical facilities, and literature using the third definition is the primary consideration.

To begin, a basic understanding of what resiliency is – or is not – needs to be developed. Professionals, including those at UDOT, have adopted use of the Four R's as a means to predict some form of resilience on a highway network. The Four R's include: rapidity, redundancy, robustness, and resourcefulness. In the Four R's, rapidity is inversely related to the closure time and is heavily used to measure how quickly a road can recover from a setback such as a minor accident or temporary closure. Redundancy is measured by the additional time or distance a user has to travel when a route is broken. Ideally, a highly redundant system has many alternative routes built into itself such that a user could easily alter their route with little or no increased travel time or travel distance. Greater amounts of time or distance lower the overall redundancy. Robustness is the inverse of risk and represents the overall strength of the system as a whole. Resourcefulness, the last of the Four R's, is the ability to find quick solutions in a network.

We begin this review first by examining a study conducted by AEM on behalf of UDOT to identify vulnerable sections on the I-15 corridor. Next, we consider observations learned from systemic changes to networks and populations under real-life crisis events. We then consider previous attempts in the academic literature to evaluate the resiliency of real and fabricated transportation networks.

2.2 Identifying Critical Links on I-15

AEM worked with UDOT to develop an I-15 Corridor Risk and Resilience (R&R) Pilot (AEM, 2017). This project had a seven-step plan to understand the impact of physical threats to the Utah transportation network, specifically looking at two sections along I-15. These steps included:

- Asset characterization - A method to divide physical road assets into groupings with similar characteristics
- Threat characterization - A method to determine threat types each asset is exposed to or could be affected by
- Consequence analysis - An analysis determining the consequences of link loss, primarily estimating the cost of replacement should a link become damaged or broken

- Vulnerability assessment - An assessment of the amount of vulnerability each link is exposed to when single or multiple threat types are present
- Threat assessment - A method to determine the realized threat level present at each link examined
- Risk/Resilience assessment - A measure of the risk level and an attempt at a measure of the importance of each link to the roadway as a whole
- Risk/Resilience management - A summary of steps that should be taken to mitigate immediate risk, and reduce future risk while increasing the resilience level of individual road assets

From these different steps and assessments, AEM was able to provide a number of recommendations to UDOT that had the potential to improve resiliency along the evaluated corridors (mainly sections of I-15) based on the criticality rating (a combination measure of the information listed above) determined for each segment at risk.

It is easy to understand just how many natural or man-made threats exist to current infrastructure. Natural disasters such as earthquakes, wildfire, landslides and flashfloods cause billions of dollars of damage each year. Other threats such as terrorism affect important infrastructure as well. Thus, for the purpose of this thesis, it is important to understand which threats exist, and which threats AEM decided to analyze.

AEM identified a number of threats which should be considered in Utah, based on a number of different types of data which was available for use. AEM was also able to rule out certain types of threats based on the relevance of these threats in Utah. Ultimately, AEM considered nine physical threats which include: earthquake, flood (scour), flood (overtopping/debris), fire (wildland), railway-proximity, oil/gas/water pipeline-proximity, and water canal/ditch-proximity. Data comprising historical disaster occurrences or geographic location about these threat types exist and was assembled into threat layers which were intersected with physical assets (roadway, bridge, etc.).

Once these threat layers were determined and the location of the threat- asset pairs along I-15 were found, AEM was able to begin their analysis of how at-risk a link or road segment might be to the nine identified threat types. This process consisted of gathering characteristic data for

Table 2.1: AEM Criticality Score

Criteria	Very Low Impact	Low Impact	Moderate Impact	High Impact
AADT	$\leq 1,145$	1,146-3,275	3,276-8,285	8,286-17,455
Truck AADT	0	1-494	495-1,881	1,882-4,794
AASHTO Class	Minor Collector	Minor Collectors	Minor Arterials	Principal Arterials
Tourism Traffic (\$M)	< 19.89	19.90-39.66	39.67-101.13	101.14-505.32
Maintenance Distance (Miles)	< 70	71-84	85-102	103-124

each asset (length, width, depth, condition, etc.), determining a replacement cost for each asset, establishing an estimated service life for each asset, estimating (if not known) the design standard for each asset, establishing which magnitudes of each threat were to be analyzed, and gathering information on the likelihood of occurrence of each magnitude of each threat. These steps are further described in the published report.

The AEM R&R report provides a good template going forward for identifying links at risk, following the first definition of a resilient transportation network. The report also attempts to identify which links are most critical, assessing a “criticality” score to the network based on the five data elements and categories given in Table 2.1. A key observation made from the criticality scores is that they do not take alternate routes into account. AEM does not include a way for their developed risk analysis methodology to anticipate what a user would actually do if faced with a real disaster scenario. AEM does not answer simple questions such as how many valid alternative routes exist? What is the new travel time or travel distance? Identifying the systemic resiliency of highway facilities – as implied by the third definition of resiliency from above – requires considering these alternate routes (AEM, 2017).

2.3 Lessons Learned from Crisis Events

Two major crisis events in the last fifteen years have given researchers an important opportunity to study what happens to transportation networks and user behavior when critical links are suddenly disabled for an extended period of time. These events are the I-35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the I-85 / Piedmont Road fire and bridge collapse in Atlanta, Georgia.

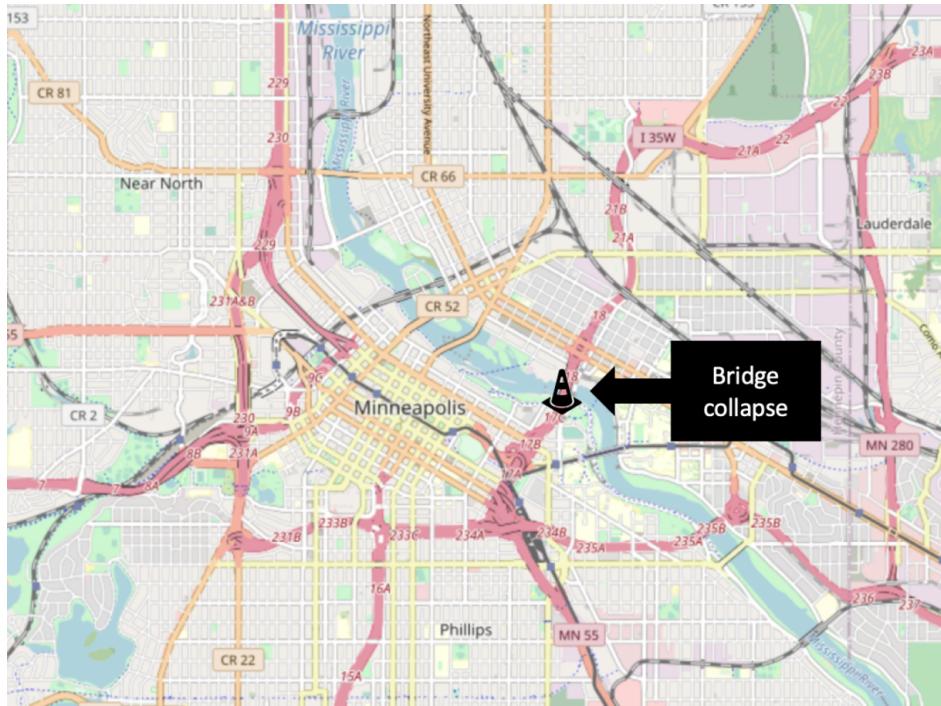


Figure 2.1: Approximate location of the I-35W bridge collapse.

2.3.1 I-35W Bridge Collapse

On August 1, 2007, the I-35 bridge over the Mississippi River in downtown Minneapolis collapsed during rush hour. The bridge, which was undergoing maintenance, had been rated as structurally deficient and fracture critical, meaning that failure of one member would cause structure failure (Schaper, 2017). The collapse occurred during rush hour traffic, and the bridge was additionally loaded with approximately 300 tons of maintenance equipment (Schaper, 2017). There were 13 fatalities, approximately 140 injuries, and abrupt disruption to roughly 140,000 average daily trips (ADT) over the bridge (Zhu et al., 2010b). The complicated nature of the demolition and repair meant this systemically critical link would be missing for approximately 14 months. The approximate location of the bridge, one of two major routes over the Mississippi River, can be seen in Figure 2.1.

Zhu et al. (2010b) conducts a travel survey to provide a more in-depth analysis of important data and traffic changes surrounding the I-35W bridge collapse in 2007. The article uses a methodology that attempts to identify mode-choice and other behavioral changes of survey respondents. The authors analyze data looking for variations in ADT, as well as Origin-Destination matrices.

Importantly, they analyze loop detector data, bus ridership statistics, and survey response data in their work. The authors conducted a regression analysis of the collected data, which indicates that drivers are reluctant to make mode choice changes, rarely doing so. This is likely due to reasons such as finances, time, or perceived difficulty of navigating a new mode of transport. At the same time, some drivers easily change destinations or even route when faced with increased travel times.

Zhu et al. (2010a) explore traffic behavior and changes in the wake of major network disruptions such as those that occurred in Minnesota. The authors identify unique behavior, post disaster, using GPS tracking data, survey data from the post disaster phase, and other aggregate data from surrounding freeways and traffic devices. The gathered data was analyzed to track changes in ADT over bridges and alternative routes in the area after the disaster as well as after mitigation was complete. The authors provide increased understanding about how a network's operability changes during a post-crisis environment.

Xie & Levinson (2011) attempt to determine economic costs in the form of increased travel time of the 2007 I-35W bridge collapse using a scaled-down travel demand model. The authors used a simplified version of the SONG 2.0 travel demand model that had been developed for the Twin Cities area to determine vehicle hours traveled (VHT) and vehicle kilometers traveled (VKT). They also calculated the accessibility for each zone, from jobs to workers, and from workers to jobs, of the network using employment, residency, and transportation cost data. Using this simplified gravity-based travel demand model, the authors estimated that the bridge collapse cost the Twin Cities approximately \$75,000 per day in increased travel times. Interestingly, they are able to show that accessibility between workers and jobs was heavily affected by the loss of the bridge. The ease with which road users can access locations experienced a dramatic decrease on the crippled network.

2.3.2 I-85/Piedmont Road Bridge Fire

In Atlanta, Georgia, a section of bridge along I-85 near Piedmont Road collapsed due to a massive fire under the bridge on March 30, 2017. The fire grew quickly because of improperly stored construction materials under the bridge. The approximate location of the bridge collapse caused by the fire can be seen in Figure 2.2; the damaged link is at a critical point downstream of

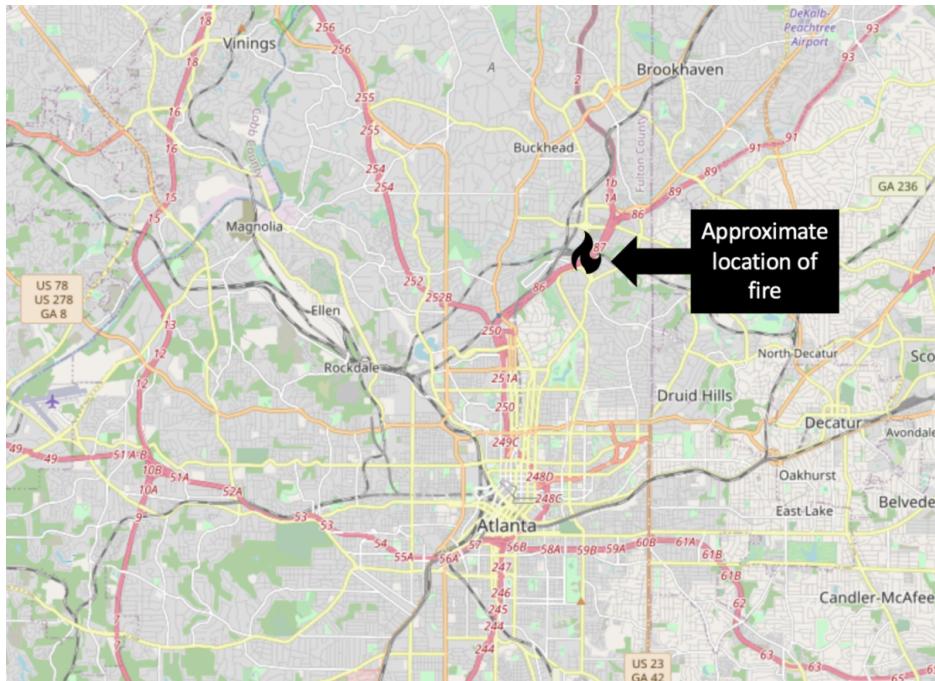


Figure 2.2: Approximate location of the I-85 / Piedmont Road bridge fire.

a merge point between two expressway facilities (GA-400 and I-85) bringing commuter traffic in from the suburbs of northern Fulton and Gwinnett Counties.

The section of I-85 that was closed impacted a large, upper income demographic in the greater Atlanta area who commuted across the bridge. As a result, the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) along with the Governor created a \$3.1 million incentive program to help motivate project completion ahead of schedule. The bridge was originally set to be closed for a period of 10 weeks, however, it re- opened after just 6 weeks, with construction being completed a month ahead of schedule. The accelerated finishing date was estimated to have saved approximately \$27 million in user and travel time costs (GDOT, 2017). GDOT's efforts to open the bridge quickly after its collapse aided in abating negative user costs due to significant travel time delays that surfaced due to changes in route choice and assignment.

As a result of the fire, the highway, which had an average daily traffic count (ADT) of 243,000, was closed in both directions for a period of about two months. This closure led to a 30% increase in traffic volumes across the entire downtown network, with increased congestion on side streets (Hamedi et al., 2018). Additionally, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) experienced a 20% increase in ridership, likely because many commuters made mode

choice and route changes. To mitigate this, headways between buses and trains were decreased to allow greater passenger volume. MARTA was able to extend service capacity by about 20 percent, adding 142,000 rail miles, 1,100 train hours, 8,202 bus miles, 512 bus hours, and 2,463 parking spaces in park and ride lots to help further mitigate the situation (MARTA, 2017, 2018). It is likely that MARTA's efforts to mitigate the rapid increase in passenger volumes greatly reduced any negative effects of the bridge fire on transit services, and helped alleviate other congestion generated by the disaster.

2.3.3 Attempts to Evaluate Systemic Resiliency

Real world events do occur, however, it is important for researchers to also base efforts on both theoretical scenarios, and on events that could happen on real networks. Thus, a number of researchers have conducted studies where they construct real or fabricated transportation networks, eliminate or degrade links in the network, and evaluate the changes the loss of these links introduced into some measure of network performance without an actual disaster occurring beforehand. Berdica (2002) attempts to identify, define and conceptualize vulnerability by envisioning analyses conducted with several vulnerability performance measures, including travel time, delay, congestion, serviceability and accessibility. Here, Berdica defines accessibility as the ability for users to travel between origins and destinations for any number of reasons. She then uses the performance measures to define vulnerability as the level of reduced accessibility due to unfavorable operating conditions on the network. In particular, Berdica identifies a need for further research toward developing a framework capable of investigating reliability of transportation networks.

In this section we will examine several attempts by numerous researchers to do precisely this, using different measures of network performance. A consolidation of this discussion is summarized in Table 2.2, namely the methods that different researchers have used in examining network performance under duress. The measures can be consolidated into three basic families:

- **Network connectivity:** How does damage to a network diminish the connectivity between network nodes?
- **Travel Time analysis:** How much do shortest path travel times between origins and destinations increase on a damaged network?

Table 2.2: Attempts to Evaluate Systemic Resiliency

Year	Author	Performance Metric
2004	Geurs and Van Wee	Accessibility (isochrone, gravity, logsum)
2006	Dong et al.	Accessibility
2006	Koppelman & Bhat	Accessibility (isochrone, gravity, logsum)
2007	Abdel-Rahim et al.	Network Connectivity
2007	Berdica & Mattson	Network Connectivity
2008	Taylor, M.	Accessibility (logsum)
2010	Peeta et al.	Travel time and cost
2010	Geurs et al.	Accessibility (logsum)
2010	Jenelius, E.	Network Connectivity
2010	Levinson and Zhu	Travel time and cost
2010	Zhu et al.	Travel time and cost
2011	Agarwal et al.	Network Connectivity
2011	Ip & Wang	Network Connectivity
2011	Serulle et al.	Travel time and cost
2011	Ibrahim et al.	Travel time and cost
2011	Xie and Levinson	Accessibility (isochrone)
2012	He and Liu	Travel time and cost
2012	Masiero & Maggi	Accessibility
2013	Omer et al.	Travel time and cost
2014	Osei-Asamoah & Lownes	Network connectivity
2014	Guze, S.	Network connectivity
2015	Zhang et al.	Network connectivity
2015	Jaller et al.	Travel time and cost
2015	Xu et al.	Network connectivity
2016	Nassir et al.	Accessibility
2016	Winkler, C.	Accessibility (gravity)
2017	Ganin et al.	Accessibility (gravity)
2019	Vodák et al.	Network connectivity
2019	Hackl and Adey	Network connectivity

- **Accessibility analysis:** How easily can the population using the damaged network complete their daily activities? This in turn can be evaluated in a number of ways as explained by Dong et al. (2006).

The following sections discuss relevant studies in each group; Table 2.2 consolidates these studies by year and labels them with an applicable group.

2.3.4 Network Connectivity

Graph theory is the mathematical study of networks of nodes connected by edges (links). Within this discipline are the related concepts of network vulnerability and connectivity that have been accessed by researchers. In these studies, researchers tend to define critical links as those that connect to many other nodes (directly or indirectly), or as links whose loss isolates a number of nodes from the rest of the network.

Guze (2014) conducts a review of the known uses of graph theory (a possible application of resiliency) before reviewing several other multi-criteria optimization methods. Graph theory is the study of pairwise objects, and is useful for identifying shortest path, network connectivity, and other methods of network optimization. Graph theory supports the idea of resilience through recovery as well as operability through crisis because of how it represents networks with links and nodes, and the theory's ability to identify next shortest paths in the case of disaster. Guze's methodology involves an analysis of the knapsack problem which is a combinatorial optimization problem. Specifically, Guze focuses on flow theory in transportation systems and identifying a method to find the best graph solution. Guze's greatest contribution to transportation research is a simplified method for determining shortest path route options on simple networks.

Abdel-Rahim et al. (2007) developed a multi-layered graph to examine the resiliency of the traffic signal control system in Boise, Idaho. The researchers determined which traffic signals would be isolated by a failure to a particular power substation, and consequentially the percent of travel paths that would experience diminished levels of service. The research highlights the degree to which interrelated infrastructure systems — power, telecommunications, and transportation — depend on each other, though the researchers did not attempt to look at the connective resiliency of the transportation network directly.

Agarwal et al. (2011) present a method to represent a transportation network as a hierarchical or cluster graph that can be analyzed more directly for vulnerabilities. Clusters are formed as groups of links and nodes become isolated from each other. Clusters of links and nodes are then grouped together more tightly by including nearby clusters, which creates a “zoomed out” model where small clusters begin to act as nodes or links. In the study, links in the system are damaged, and the resulting connectedness of the network is evaluated. One scenario of importance noted by the authors, however, is that a maximal failure consideration where a node is entirely isolated from

the network is unlikely in a real-world network with multiple paths of connectivity. The authors do discuss the importance of having damaged networks with high levels of functionality. Vodák et al. (2019) on the other hand, develop an approach to identify critical links in a network by searching for the shortest independent loops in the network. An independent loop is essentially a way to travel between an origin and a destination over any number of alternative routes. The algorithm progressively damages one or more links between iterations to determine if nodes become isolated, or cut off from the network. If a node becomes easily isolated or has a higher likelihood of becoming isolated, then there is a higher degree of vulnerability present in the network. This method can both identify critical links in individual networks, as well as provide a means to quantitatively compare networks.

Ip & Wang (2011) address this shortcoming through the concept of **friability**, or the reduction of capacity caused by removing a link or node, in order to determine criticality of individual links. The methodology relies on the ability to determine the weighted sum of the resilience of all nodes based on the weighted average of connectedness with other city nodes in the network. The authors determine that the recovery of transportability between two cities largely depends on redundant links between nodes. The authors also comment that most traffic managers are more concerned with the friability of single links rather than the friability of multiple links or an entire system. This suggests that planners and managers may not be considering the importance of understanding the impacts of widespread, all-inclusive disaster scenarios.

Osei-Asamoah & Lownes (2014) adopt a network analysis methodology that is able to analyze resilience using the mode of a transportation network. In this article, the authors evaluate resilience by comparing the biological network of a common mold with a rail network. The network for both the mold and the railway are complexly connected. Thus, the giant component, or ratio of connected links between the broken and unbroken networks, is used as a measurement of overall connectivity between nodes. Then, network efficiency is determined using the shortest path available. By combining both the ratio of link connections and network efficiency, the authors are able to draw comparisons between two complex networks. Ultimately, the authors conclude that a denser, highly interconnected network will perform better if a link is cut due to a larger giant component value.

Zhang et al. (2015) investigates the role of network topology, where network topology is the physical layout of the network in a geographic location. The authors provide several examples of network topology types including hub and spoke, grid, and ring networks. After computing resilience indexes, or general resilience levels of each type of network topology, the authors determine that metrics such as throughput, connectivity and average reciprocal distance increase with greater lineage, however they decrease as networks become more widespread. This is likely because larger networks have fewer, less dense node connections, and therefore are less redundant.

Each of the graph theoretical approaches discussed in this section tend to break down in efficiency or connectivity as networks become larger. Real-world networks are typical extremely large, with nodes and links numbering in the hundreds if not thousands. Thus, the connectivity of a node may be high, but that node's efficiency in the system becomes more critical as a network becomes larger.

2.3.5 Changes in Travel Time

Highway system network failures — in most imaginable cases — degrade the shortest or least cost path, but typically do not eliminate it entirely. The degree to which travel time increases when a particular link is damaged, or a node becomes isolated, could provide an estimate of the criticality of that link or node. If a link or node becomes completely isolated, the travel time to that node or link would increase indefinitely. Thus, ensuring total isolation of a node or link does not occur becomes highly important to network resiliency.

Peeta et al. (2010) construct a model to efficiently allocate highway maintenance and emergency response resources at locations throughout a network. Each link in the sample network was assigned a specific failure probability based on resource allocation; the model evaluated the increase in travel time resulting from a broken link. The authors applied a Monte Carlo simulation of multiple scenarios, which revealed resource allocation plans with the least network degradation, and thus which links were most critical to the network's operations.

Serulle et al. (2011) clarify variables related to resiliency of transportation networks including average delay and transport cost, adjusting interactions, and increasing metric transparency. The authors employ a methodology capable of quantifying resiliency using a fuzzy interference approach – an approach meant to use imprecise or vague data – that relates physical and perfor-

mance characteristics. The used approach is able to determine a resiliency index that supports comparative and sensitivity analyses. Accessibility data, including available road capacity, road density, alternate route proximity, average delay, transport cost, and average speed reduction, are analyzed for importance to the integrity of the network.

Berdica & Mattsson (2007) attempt to examine what the effects of road degradation on Stockholm's transportation network would be if one or more chokepoints were to become damaged or all-together inundated. The authors sought to determine how interruptions affect the system, and how overall system performance was affected. Users in this method were only given the choice of an alternate route, and the authors acknowledge that this is not entirely reasonable in a real world situation. This method purely attempts to quantify delay experienced by users compared to the original equilibrium state, but does make an attempt to determine a monetary value associated with closure or degradation.

Ibrahim et al. (2011) provide an approach for determining vulnerability of infrastructure by estimating the cost of single link failure based on the increase in shortest path travel time due to increased congestion levels. The authors propose a hybrid heuristic approach that calculates the traditional user-equilibrium assignment for finding the first set of costs, and then fixes those costs for all following iterations to determine the effects of failure on overall travel time of the system.

Omer et al. (2013) proposes a methodology for assessing the resiliency of physical infrastructure during disruptions. To do this, the authors use a network model to build an origin-destination matrix that allows initial network loading and analysis. Omer's model uses several metrics, but the main metric used to determine resiliency is the difference in travel time between a disturbed and undisturbed network. Omer's framework is applied to an actual network between New York City and Boston for analysis. Changes in demand, travel time, mode choice and route choice are tracked for analysis. Omer's framework supports operability of transportation networks due to the way it analyzes networks experiencing suboptimal circumstances. The author's work identifies key parameters that should be measured to assess resiliency during disruptive events.

Jaller et al. (2015) seeks to identify critical infrastructure based on increased travel time or reduced capacity due to disaster. The proposed methodology utilizes user- equilibrium to determine proper initial network loading. Then the shortest path between one origin and one destination can be identified. To implement damage to the network, a link is cut, and then the next shortest

path is found. This process is followed for all links in the system in order to determine a sense of the criticality of each link to network resiliency. The analysis is carried out for each O-D pair, and the nodes with greatest change in travel time are determined to be the most critical. Jaller's methodology allows traffic managers to identify critical paths for mitigation purposes before the occurrence of disaster through careful analysis.

Jenelius (2010) attempts to examine the importance of the link that becomes critical only after partial network degradation, or redundancy importance. This measure is primarily flow-based. In the presented context, flow-based measures aim to analyze and evaluate changes in the number of vehicles using a route given adverse circumstances on the network.

A primary limitation with increased travel time methodologies is that they ignore the other possible ways a population might adapt its travel to a damaged network. Some people may choose other modes or destinations, and it is possible that some previously occurring trips might be canceled entirely. It may also be prudent to consider how access changes, and evaluate changes in user choice based purely upon accessibility.

2.3.6 Changes in Accessibility

In a travel modeling context, **accessibility** refers to the ease with which individuals can reach the destinations that matter to them; this is an abstract idea but one that has been quantified in numerous ways. Dong et al. (2006) provide a helpful framework for understanding various quantitative definitions of accessibility that we will simplify here. The most elementary definition of accessibility is whether a destination is within an **isochrone**, or certain distance. This measure is often represented as a count, e.g., the number of jobs reachable from a particular location within thirty minutes travel time by a particular mode. Mathematically,

$$A_i = \sum_j X_j I_{ij}; I_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } d_{ij} \leq D \\ 0 & \text{if } d_{ij} > D \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where the accessibility A at point i is the sum of the all the destinations X at other points j . I_{ij} is an indicator function equal to zero if the distance between the points d_{ij} is less than some asserted

threshold (e.g., thirty minutes of travel time). By relaxing the assumption of a binary isochrone and instead using the distance directly, we can derive the so-called gravity model,

$$A_i = \sum_j X_j f(d_{ij}) \quad (2.2)$$

where the function $f(d_{ij})$ is often a negative exponential with a calibrated impedance coefficient. An extension of the gravity model is to use the logsum term of a multinomial logit destination choice model,

$$A_i = \ln \sum_j \beta_d(d_{ij}) + X_j \beta \quad (2.3)$$

where the parameters β are estimated from choice surveys or calibrated to observed data. The logsum term has numerous benefits outlined by Handy & Niemeier (1997) and Geurs & van Wee (2004); namely, the measure is based in actual choice theory, and can include multiple destination types and travel times by multiple different modes.

Geurs & van Wee (2004) provide a review of accessibility measures such as those above, up to 2004 in a literature review done at the time. Of the papers they reviewed, Vickerman (1974), Ben-Akiva and Lerman (1979), and Geurs and Ritsema van Eck (2001), used isochrone type methods. Stewart (1947), Hansen (1959), Ingram (1971), Vickerman (1971), and Anas (1983) used gravity style models, and Neuburger (1971), Leonardi (1987), Williams and Senior (1978), Koenig (1980), Anas (1983), Ben-Akiva and Lerman (1985), Sweet (1997), Niemier (1997), Handy and Niemier (1997), Levine (1998), and Miller (1999) used or suggested logsums. They highlight the importance of using person-based measures such as these in evaluating network vulnerability and resiliency.

Taylor (2008) applied logsum-derived accessibility analysis to evaluate the consequences of a tunnel failure in Adelaide, Australia. An accessibility framework capable of evaluating the change in accessibility for a multimodal urban network was designed. The designed framework is capable of determining the ability of an individual to access an activity rather than travel between an OD pair (i.e. an activity-based model). Taylor's framework captures five types of choice: activity, time period, trip-base, location, and mode choice, with key features being activity choice and trip-base (the origin point of a trip). Each of these choice models use typical multinomial logit models

(MNL), with the exception of the mode choice model, which uses a nested MNL model. The main choice considered in the framework is activity choice followed by trip-base. Taylor's proposed framework has been applied to an existing activity based choice model for the Adelaide region, however, the framework operates independently from the parent model.

Using the developed framework, Taylor calculates an “inclusive value” (IV) and “consumer surplus” (CS) values, which are similar to the utility values calculated in the resiliency model. Both the IV and CS and the utility values are vital in determining the benefit or disbenefit associated with the change experienced by users in the individual model scenarios.

Taylor's accessibility framework, applied as a separate or connected module to the Adelaide model, estimates the IV and CS values using a logsum. These values allow Taylor to show that more disruption occurs near the failed link than occurs farther away. Additionally, Taylor is able to show that a greater cost (nearly 40 times greater) is experienced by those who live in a TAZ near the link than by those who live in a TAZ located farther away from the failed link. Taylor's framework primarily investigates accessibility on a network for a large city, but could easily be applied on a larger scale.

In the Adelaide model, Taylor breaks one link and then calculates the difference in IV and CS values using:

$$E(CS) = (1/\alpha) \log\left(\sum_{j=1}^J \exp(I_j)\right) + \beta \quad (2.4)$$

The logsum equation employed by Taylor's accessibility framework is the exact same logsum calculation discussed in Chapter 3. Perhaps the most important feature of Taylor's framework is that the Adelaide model is an activity-based model. The significance here will be discussed later on in 3.

Taylor's research highlights the possibility for a comprehensive model capable of succinctly measuring the disbenefit caused by a degraded network. Taylor continues by stating that traffic network simulation models could be considered for future research. Some of the key needs for future research specifically highlighted at the conclusion of Taylor's article include:

- efficient algorithm development
- improved vulnerability metrics

- use of network vulnerability indicators in studies of critical infrastructure and the implications of network degradation
- improved techniques for identifying network weaknesses

Nassir et al. (2016) applies a nested logit model to examine a transit network in Australia. The main contribution in Nassir et al. (2016) is an improved methodology for calculating accessibility measures related to transit, accomplished by developing a method to account for diversity information. The authors do note, however, that this measure is best applied to models with complex transit systems that serve large portions of the community. One important observation, however, is that users do not always choose the fastest route, nor do they always choose the route with the highest utility. He & Liu (2012) take another look at the after effects of the I-35W bridge collapse previously discussed. A key contribution of He & Liu (2012) is that people often initially base route choice on what they assume will be best based on past experience. So, over time, users adjust their route choice to an altered network. The true implication here is that users do not automatically choose the best new route given an altered network, it takes users time to learn how the new network functions.

Masiero & Maggi (2012) use logit-based calculations to determine the Value of Time (VOT) associated with the closure of a road in terms of cost, time, and punctuality for freight transport. In order to properly determine the VOT of route closure, the authors also use a method provided in Koppelman & Bhat (2006) which uses model derived coefficients and values to determine the cost of an alternative. The authors implemented their model on a network consisting of a single travel corridor that has experienced long (1 week to 2 months or more) closures in the past.

Winkler (2016) proposes a travel demand model that is valid for all networks, especially those with more than one constraint. Winkler's methodology utilizes a model that uses production, distribution, and mode choice as inputs. The methodology shows that models can be used to help determine outputs for multi-constraint Multinomial Logit Models (MNL). Logsums like Winkler's also allow for consumer surplus calculations, or utility, to be estimated across the transportation network being modeled.

Ganin et al. (2017) attempt to investigate resiliency through a disruption of 5% of the roadways in 40 urban networks within the United States. The employed methodology determines that

Salt Lake City has the most resilient transportation network while Washington D.C. has the least resilient. This determination is based on a comparison of simple gravity models of the identified networks after links are damaged versus before. The authors work three factors into each model, which account for differences in car- truck ratios, average speed, and average vehicle length. Using a gravity model to determine commuting patterns, the authors were able to estimate the average annual delay per commuter. They used this to determine network efficiency. Ganin et al. (2017) noted that traffic delay times (or the travel time caused by a closure) increase significantly as road segments are broken.

2.4 Summary

The lessons learned from the events in Minneapolis and Atlanta demonstrate that when transportation networks are damaged or degraded by link failure, multiple changes result. Traffic diverts to other facilities and other modes, and some people make fundamental changes to their daily activity patterns, choosing new destinations or eliminating trips entirely. Numerous other researchers have identified methodologies to capture the effects, or at least have made quality attempts to capture the costs of these potential changes to accessibility in modeled crisis events. Some researchers have even applied logit-based models to small scale activity based models. From this extensive review of existing literature, we are able to see that no one has attempted to apply a logit-based choice model on a statewide level.

CHAPTER 3. MODEL DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Overview

The objective of this study is to evaluate the relative systemic criticality of highway links on a statewide network using a model sensitive to changes in route path, destination choice, and mode choice.

In this chapter, we describe the existing Utah Statewide Travel Model (USTM) and why it is not entirely suitable for this study. We then present a new model framework designed to evaluate resilience using a logit-based choice model on USTM's network and its implementation within the CUBE travel demand modeling software.

3.2 Utah Statewide Travel Model

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) manages an extensive highway network consisting of interstate highways (I-15, I-80, I-70, and I-84), intraurban expressways along the Wasatch Front, and rural highways throughout the state. The rugged mountain and canyon topography places severe constraints on possible redundant paths in the highway network. A landslide or rock fall in any single canyon may isolate a community or force a redirection of traffic that could be several hours longer than the preferred route; understanding which of these many possible choke points is most critical, is a key and ongoing objective of the agency.

USTM is developed and maintained by the Travel Demand Modeling group at UDOT, and focuses exclusively on long-distance trips. Within Utah, there are five travel demand models developed for urban centers under the purview of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). USTM incorporates these other models as inputs and covers the rural areas lying outside of the MPO model regions. In these regions, UDOT is responsible for transportation planning. Consequently, USTM covers the highway facilities across the entire state, and incorporates the MPO models de-

veloped by the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG), Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO), and the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMPO). Additionally, the Summit/Wasatch Travel Demand Model is incorporated into USTM (Utah Department of Transportation, 2021). USTM as currently constituted can be used for infrastructure planning purposes, but would be inadequate to evaluate the systemic resiliency of the highway network given the disparate methodologies of the MPO models incorporated. USTM can, however, provide the following data elements, which are also highlighted in the Resiliency Model framework:

- *Highway Network*: including free flow and congested travel speeds, link length, link capacity estimates, etc.
- *Zonal Productions* P_{ij} : available for all zones by purpose, including those in the MPO region areas.
- *Zonal Socioeconomic Data*: the destination choice model described in Equation (3.9) calculates attractions A_{jj} from the USTM zonal socioeconomic data based on the utility coefficients in Table 3.1.
- *Calibration Targets*: USTM base scenario estimates of mode split and trip length were used to calibrate the utility coefficients as described below.

Each of the local travel demand models and USTM employ a gravity-based trip distribution model. The gravity model assumes that trips between origin- destination (OD) pairs are proportional to total productions P and attractions A throughout the state. That is, all productions will be attracted to a location based on the size of a location (i.e. a location's attractiveness) and the impedance (or friction) factor between the OD pair. A mathematical representation of the gravity model is given by:

$$T_{ij} = P_i * (A_j F_{ij}) / \sum_{j \in J} (A_j F_{ij}) \quad (3.1)$$

Where:

- T_{ij} represents the trips made between an origin i and a destination j among all destinations J

- P_i represents the productions at origin i
- A_j represents the attractions and destination j
- And F_{ij} is the impedance factor between an *OD* pair

The friction factor (also known as the impedance, or resistance) between two zones can be represented in a number of ways, such as with a negative exponential function:

$$F_{ij} = \alpha \exp(-\beta * d_{ij}) \quad (3.2)$$

Where d_{ij} is the distance or cost between zones i and j and α and β are calibrated parameters. In the gravity model, as the distance between an OD pair increases, users become less likely to make trips between that OD pair. Destinations are fixed, and trips calculated using the gravity model must have a proportional number of users assigned to each destination based on its size or level of attraction (i.e. in ideal scenarios, if there are 100 productions, there should be 100 attractions).

A primary weakness of gravity-based distribution models is their inability to consider multimodal impedances or other attributes of a destination other than a destination's size (as represented by A_j in Equation 3.1). The impedance factor in Equation 3.2 asks an implicit question with its distance or cost variable d_{ij} : which mode is used for the trip? In almost all cases, automobile distances are asserted as the only option, but if a destination happens to be close by rail and far by highway, the gravity model will not be able to incorporate this.

Alternatively to gravity models, logit-based models are also used, and becoming increasingly more popular. Logit-based destination choice models improve model accuracy compared with gravity and four-step models, and are advantageous because they possess an increased ability to introduce additional variables and reflect other statistical assumptions into a model (Travel Forecasting Resource, 2021). A typical choice model is made up of a combination of the following equations shown below. Equation 3.3 shows how the utility is calculated:

$$U_{ij} = \alpha_i - \beta_{1ij}X_{1ij} - \beta_{2ij}X_{2ij} \quad (3.3)$$

The utility value can then be used to calculate the probability in Equation 3.4:

$$P_m = \frac{e^{u_{ij}}}{\sum_{j \in J} e^{u_k}} \quad (3.4)$$

Where P_m represents the probability of trips made between an origin i and a destination j among all destinations J . The probabilities calculated are then used to calculate the mode or destination choice probability, which allow trips by purpose and trips by mode to be calculated.

$$Trips_{ij} = Productions_i \times P_m \quad (3.5)$$

$$Trips_{ijk} = Trips_{ij} \times P_m \quad (3.6)$$

The ability to account for trips by purpose and by mode allows us to determine information about how well the model is calibrated, and the utility values can also be used to determine the logsum calculations, which are capable of accounting for more than one type of data.

$$Logsum = \ln \sum \exp(f(\beta_m, A_j m, \gamma_m, t_{ijk})) \quad (3.7)$$

The ability to incorporate multiple types of data and improved methods for determining trip distribution, mode choice, and destination choice all allow logit-based models to add an additional layer of sensitivity into estimations of trips between OD pairs on a road network. Consequently, logit-based travel demand models are better equipped to estimate the choice-based effects caused by major changes to a road network, such as link loss or major link degradation caused by adverse natural or man-made events.

Destination choice models explicitly consider multimodal accessibility, as seen in Equation 3.6, such as accessibility by automobile, non-motorized trip, or transit. The ability to consider accessibility from a multimodal perspective gives a user the ability to choose the location of their destination based on a variety of factors including mode accessibility (i.e. ease of access to a mode of transport). Other information, such as socioeconomic data, made available through the Utah Household Travel Survey (UHTS), allows additional aspects such as vehicle availability, income, and number of workers to be taken into account in model modules. The information derived from the socioeconomic data primarily comprises the size term, which is a measure of the appeal or

attractiveness of one destination when compared with another destination. The destination choice (DC) size term is discussed in further detail in Chapter 4.

A critical feature of logit-based choice models – described briefly in Chapter 2 – is that they are more versatile than traditional modeling methods, with the ability to incorporate different types of data — *and* account for user choice. Additionally, logit-based choice models are better able to measure the changes in accessibility of a destination due to network changes than other models because of their adaptive nature. As such, logit-based models are typically used in new or more advanced travel models.

Logit-based destination choice models are becoming increasingly common in four-step and other modern travel models. However, no logit-based destination choice models have been implemented within an MPO model in Utah or within USTM except for some home-based work trips in the WFRC/MAG model. As a result, the local MPO models, and therefore USTM, are not sufficient to analyze accessibility on their own as proposed by this thesis. Therefore, a new standalone model must be developed to examine choice-based resiliency in Utah.

3.3 Model Design

An initial model framework was developed to ensure a robust logit-based model could be created. The model framework used to create the Resiliency Model consists of the following steps:

- **Skim Network** - In this step, the model determines the shortest path by AM peak travel time on the USTM network between each origin and destination. The model also determines the distance of the shortest time path. Transit times are given by an external data source.
- **Mode Choice Logsum** - The mode choice logsum is a function of the travel impedances and serves as an accessibility term in the destination choice model. The mode choice logsum contains utility functions that determine the probability and logsum associated with travel between each OD pair. The mode choice model also contains constants and coefficients that can be used to calibrate and adjust the utility equations, determining the mode choice probabilities.
- **Destination Choice (DC) Logsum** - The destination choice logsum is a function of the travel impedances (represented by the mode choice logsum) and the attraction size term

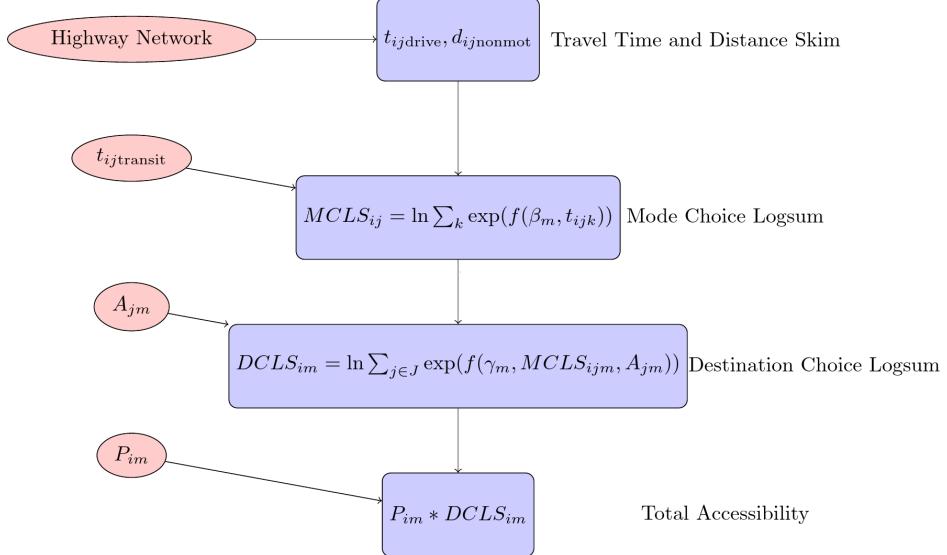


Figure 3.1: Resiliency Model framework.

of each destination zone. This is the key evaluation metric of the model because of the ability to incorporate multiple data types into the model structure. The attraction size term is determined using socioeconomic data for each destination zone given by USTM.

Instead of including a trip assignment module, calibration matrices are used to track trips by purpose and mode between OD pairs.

The model framework as used is presented in Figure 3.1, where inputs are denoted by red ovals, and functions are denoted with purple rectangles. The model framework is designed to capture the utility-based accessibility for a particular origin zone i and trip purpose m . The model begins with a travel time skim procedure, to determine the congested travel time from zone i to zone j by auto, as well as the shortest network distance for non motorized modes. The transit travel time skim is fixed, assuming that transit infrastructure would not be affected by changes to the highway network. Throughout this section, lower-cased index variables k belong to a set of all indices described by the corresponding capital letter K .

With the travel time t_{ijk} and distance for all modes $k \in K$, the model computes mode choice utility values. The multinomial logit mode choice model describes the probability of a person at origin i choosing mode k for a trip to destination j :

$$P_{ijm}(k) = \frac{\exp(f(\beta_m, t_{ijk}))}{\sum_K \exp(f(\beta_m, t_{ijk}))} \quad (3.8)$$

The log of the denominator of the this equation is called the mode choice logsum, $MCLS_{ijm}$ and is a measure of the travel cost by all modes, weighted by utility parameters β that may vary by trip purpose m . The parameter values are described in greater detail in Table 3.1.

The $MCLS$ is then used as a travel impedance term in the multinomial logit destination choice model, where the probability of a person at origin i choosing destination $j \in J$ is

$$P_{im}(j) = \frac{\exp(f(\gamma_m, MCLS_{ijm}, A_j))}{\sum_J \exp(f(\gamma_m, MCLS_{ijm}, A_j))} \quad (3.9)$$

where A_j is the attractiveness — represented in terms of socioeconomic activity — of zone j . As with mode choice, the log of the denominator of this model is the choice logsum, $DCLS_{im}$. This quantity represents the value of access to all destinations by all modes of travel, and varies by trip purpose.

The $DCLS_{im}$ measure is relative, but can be compared across scenarios. The difference between the measures of two scenarios,

$$\Delta_{im} = DCLS_{im}^{\text{Base}} - DCLS_{im}^{\text{Scenario}} \quad (3.10)$$

however, provides an estimate of the accessibility lost when $t_{ij\text{drive}}$ changes due to a damaged highway link. This accessibility change is *per trip*, meaning that the total lost accessibility is $P_{im} * \Delta_{im}$ where P is the number of trip productions at zone i for purpose m . This measure is given in units of dimensionless utility, but the mode choice cost coefficient β provides a conversion factor between utility and cost. The total financial cost of a damaged link for the entire region for all trip purposes is:

$$\text{Cost} = \sum_I \sum_M -1/\beta_{\text{cost},m} * P_{im} \Delta_{im} \quad (3.11)$$

For comparison to a simpler resilience method that only includes the increased travel time between origins and destinations, we compute the change in travel time, δt_{ij} , between two scenarios, and multiply the number of trips by this change and a value of time coefficient derived from

the cost and vehicle time coefficients of the mode choice model,

$$\text{Cost}' = \sum_I \sum_J \sum_M \frac{\beta_{\text{time},m}}{\beta_{\text{cost},m}} T_{ijm} t_{ijm} \quad (3.12)$$

Deriving a simpler way to calculate resilience was necessary due to the presence of trips that do not have flexible OD pairs, such as freight trips. There are other trip purposes included in USTM, such as recreation trips (REC), however, these trips make up a very small percentage of total trips, and also do not have easily changed origins or destinations due to the fixed location of most recreation destinations.

Transportation Networks

The Resiliency Model requires an understanding of the distance between zones by multiple modes, and how these distances change when a link in the network is damaged or destroyed. To measure the automobile, transit, and non-motorized trip times, initial data was needed for each trip mode.

The highway network is made up of both the urban and rural highway networks for the whole state of Utah. The highway network contains many link- and node-attribute data including street name, link distance, lanes, functional classification, transportation analysis zone number (TAZ ID), county name, as well as speed limits and travel time data for five different times of day. Of particular interest from the available information was the *AM_{TIME}* which contains the travel time in minutes for the AM time period along a link and the *DISTANCE*, which contained the linear distance between nodes along a link. The *AM_{TIME}* was used to determine the travel time between an origin and destination. The *DISTANCE* was used to measure the network distance between the shortest OD pair based on AM travel time.

The highway skim module creates an output matrix (or highway skim) of travel times and distances between origin destination (OD) pairs and must be created before automobile (*AUTO*) and non-motorized (*NMOT*) trips can be incorporated into the model. We used the *AM_{TIME}* and *DISTANCE* variables available in the highway network file to create a matrix of distances and shortest travel times between all OD pairs in the USTM network. The output matrix forms the

basis for further analysis by providing the needed automobile and non-motorized information for the other modules in the model.

Transit network resiliency is outside the scope of this project. Accordingly, the Resiliency Model assumes that transit services are fixed, meaning that changes to the network do not influence transit availability on the network. However, transit is an important mode to include in the Resiliency Model, and should be considered in future model development if applicable for more robust analysis.

Among MPO models in Utah, only the model jointly operated by the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC, Salt Lake area MPO) and the Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG, Provo area MPO) model include a substantive transit forecasting component. The transit travel time skim from the WFRC / MAG model was used for the mode choice model in Equation (3.8); the zonal travel time between the smaller WFRC / MAG model zones was averaged to the larger USTM zones using a crosswalk, or matrix transformation function, and the minimum time among the several modes available (commuter rail, light rail, bus rapid transit, local bus) was taken as the travel time for a single transit mode in this implementation.

Non-Motorized Paths

The NMOT trip distances are held fixed, similarly to transit distances. We determined that the longest distance a pedestrian would commute via a NMOT mode is 2.5 miles or less. Accordingly, the upper limit for NMOT trips in the NMOT utility equation was set at 2.5 miles. The decision to hold these trips constant was made for several reasons, mainly because pedestrians often cut through construction zones, or can find shorter detours on side streets that may not be viable for large amounts of traffic.

Trip Attraction and Socioeconomic Data

The Resiliency Model uses socioeconomic data to estimate the productions at each zone. The socioeconomic data from the Utah Household Travel Survey (UHTS) conducted in 2015 contains *TAZ* related information such as county name, total households, household population, total

employment, and a breakdown of employment by job category. This information is useful when determining the DC size term.

Trip attractions are calculated using the size term, which denotes the significance of a *TAZ* in attracting trips. The size term is built using various DC parameters and the socioeconomic data to determine the size or attractiveness of a zone. The size term equation was adapted from the Oregon Statewide Integration Model (SWIM).

3.3.1 Mode Choice Model

The mode choice (MC) module calculates the mode choice logsum (MCLS) between each OD pair in the network for each trip purpose. The trip purposes considered in the model are home-based work (HBW), home-based other (HBO) and non-home-based (NHB). The MC module includes the highway skim, the transit skim, and the MC coefficients and constants as inputs.

The MC constants and coefficients used in the Resiliency Model were extracted from USTM where , or adapted from SWIM. The Travel Time represented with TT_{ij} , Travel Cost represented as C_{Cost} , Walk Distance (less than 1 mile) represented as $D_{<1MILE}$, and Walk Distance (1 mile or more) representad as $D_{>1MILE}$ are the coefficients for the *HBW*, *HBO*,and *NHB* purposes. The MC coefficients were adapted from USTM and supplemented with coefficients from the Roanoke (Virginia) Valley Transportation Planning Organization (RVTPPO) travel model where USTM had gaps in the data. This model was selected as a source for these coefficients due to its simplicity and analogous data elements to the purpose of the proposed resilience model. The values for each of the coefficients are in Table 3.1. The alternative-specific constants in the model were calibrated to regional MC targets developed from the 2015 Utah Household Travel Survey (UHTS) using methods described by Koppelman & Bhat (2006). Mode constants typically represent the effects of all factors on MC, but are not limited to those values included in the utility equations (Koppelman & Bhat, 2006). The utility coefficients for the destination model are also presented in Table 3.1.

The following are sample utility equations for each of the modes considered in the Resiliency Model. Data included in these equations that are not constants or coefficients are in bold font. *AUTOCOST* is a constant term applied only to utility equations that consider automobile travel. Aditonally, *D* will denote the distance in the following equations.

Table 3.1: Choice Model Coefficients

Variable	HBW	HBO	NHB
Destination Choice			
Households	0.0000	1.0187	0.2077
Office Employment	0.4568	0.4032	0.2816
Other Employment	1.6827	0.4032	0.2816
Retail Employment	0.6087	3.8138	5.1186
Distance	-0.0801	-0.1728	-0.1157
Distance ²	0.0026	0.0034	0.0035
Distance ³	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
Mode Choice			
Shared	-1.1703	0.0164	-0.0336
Transit	-0.3903	-1.9811	-2.2714
Non-Motorized	-1.2258	-0.3834	-0.8655
Travel Time [minutes]	-0.0450	-0.0350	-0.0400
Travel Cost [dollars]	-0.0016	-0.0016	-0.0016
Walk Distance (less than 1 mile) [miles]	-0.0900	-0.0700	-0.0800
Walk Distance (1 mile or more) [miles]	-0.1350	-0.1050	-0.1200

$$U_{AUTO_{ij}} = C_{TT} * TT_{ij} + C_{COST} * AUTO COST * D_{ij} \quad (3.13)$$

$$U_{TRANSIT_{ij}} = K_{TRN} + C_{TT} * TRANSIT TIME_{ij} \quad (3.14)$$

$$U_{NMOT_{ij}} = K_{NMOT} + 20 * (C_{WALK1} * D_{<1MILE_{ij}} + C_{WALK2} * D_{>1MILE_{ij}}) \quad (3.15)$$

From the equations above, several aspects between the three MC utility equations are apparent. First, the transit and *NMOT* utility equations both have a constant, denoted by a *K*, included. The auto equation does not have a constant because auto serves as the reference variable in the Resiliency Model. Second, both the auto and *NMOT* equations account for distance, and last, each of the three utility equations account for travel time, either in the form of an in-vehicle travel time coefficient, or another modified factor. The *NMOT* utility equation is not calculated using a specific coefficient for time. Instead, the *NMOT* distances are multiplied by an assumed walking speed of 20 minutes per mile. This is common practice in other choice models for *NMOT* trips.

After the MC utilities were calculated, it was necessary to calculate the probability associated with each mode of travel for an OD pair, such that the total probability added up to 1. The equation used to accomplish this is shown:

$$Probability_i = \frac{\exp U_i}{\sum \exp U} \quad (3.16)$$

3.3.2 Destination Choice Model

The DC module includes the highway skim, MCLS output from the previous module, the socioeconomic data extracted from USTM, and DC parameters as inputs. The destination choice utility equation consists of three parts: a size term, a travel impedance term, and a calibration polynomial. Coefficients for the size term and travel impedance terms were adapted from the Oregon Statewide Integrated Model (SWIM) for all purposes except HBW. Instead, these coefficients were adapted from the RVTPO model. This was done because SWIM does not account for work trips in the same way as it does the other purposes. The distance polynomial coefficients were calibrated to targets developed from UHTS.

The DC equation, seen in Equation 3.17, is made up of the MCLS calculated in the previous module, the size term, and several distance and cubic polynomial coefficients and their corresponding values.

$$\begin{aligned} U_{ij} = & C_{LSUM} * MCLS_{ij} + \log(SIZETERM_i) + C_D * D_{ij} \\ & + C_{D^2} * D_{ij}^2 + C_{D^3} * D_{ij}^3 + C_{LOG(D)} * \log D_{ij} \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

The MCLS value is applied to the DC model utility equation as the impedance term, or a measure of a user's resistance to using the specified path or mode. This is like the impedance factor in the gravity model discussed in Chapter 2 . Feeding the MCLS value into the DC module is what allows users to choose a destination considering accessibility from all modes. In these equations, the log terms serve to create the logsum values needed to find the DC logsum values later on. The size term, which will be discussed in greater detail later in this chapter, helps to determine the attractiveness of a destination zone compared to another destination. The cubic polynomial terms

serve as a method to calibrate the DC module outputs and will also be discussed in greater detail later in this chapter.

The socioeconomic data is used in the DC model to compute the size term, or the attractiveness of a destination choice in the model. The size term is made up of statistical data about a zone. This data was published in 2015 as part of the UHTS and made available via UDOT. The size term equation can be seen below:

$$SIZETERM_i = C_1 * C_{1,i} + C_2 * C_{2,i} + C_3 * C_{3,i} \quad (3.18)$$

Where each C represents a different zonal statistic in the UHTS data.

The DC logsums are calculated by summing each row in the DC utility matrix, and then exponentiating that value. The process used to accomplish this can be seen in Equation 3.17. The purpose of taking the log of the entire row is to measure the logsum between a zone and all the other zones at the same time. By doing this, we can determine the overall change in accessibility between scenarios by TAZ, which is the measurement of interest. The logsum tells us the value of a zone based on a user's ability to choose a mode and destination.

3.4 Model Calibration and Validation

To ensure the Resiliency Model is accurately reflecting the distribution of trips and MC in the USTM model, it must be calibrated accordingly. To do this, target values were extracted from the USTM for each trip purpose.

3.4.1 Trips by Purpose and Mode

In order to calibrate the model, trip totals needed to be broken up by purpose (T_{IJ}) and by mode (T_{IJK}). To find the trips by purpose (T_{IJ}), the probability of a trip occurring between an OD pair needed to be determined. Likewise, to find the trips by purpose and mode (T_{IJK}), we multiplied the T_{IJ} by the MC probabilities calculated during the MC module. A mathematical representation of this can be seen in the equations below:

$$T_{ij} = P_i * DC PROBABILITY_{ij} \quad (3.19)$$

Where P_i is the productions at zone i, and,

$$TRIPS_{ijk} = TRIPS_{ij} * MCPROBABILITY_{ij} \quad (3.20)$$

3.4.2 Calibrating Choice Constants

It is now necessary to calibrate the model by iteratively adjusting the MC constants and DC parameters to ensure accurate output estimation. The nature of the Resiliency Model causes the MC and DC portions to interact. As such, the best method for calibration was to iteratively run the model, changing the MC constants and DC parameters after each new iteration was complete.

Mode Choice Calibration

To calibrate the MC constants, the alternative specific constants must be adjusted so that the mode split target extracted from USTM closely matches the Resiliency Model mode split values. A multinomial logit model will use alternative-specific constants to match a particular sample share. By adjusting these constants, it is possible to match a mode choice model to target values. Table 3.3 presents the original statewide mode split targets from the UHTS, and the final calibrated mode splits in the Resiliency Model. Figure 3.2 shows the change of the mode choice calibration constants (and the target shares for each purpose) over the five iterations; the first iterations moved the calibration the most, with some adjustment over the following iterations. Overall the fit is fairly good.

Destination Choice Calibration

The DC parameters were also calibrated, however this process differed slightly from the MC constant calibration process. A destination choice model is also a multinomial logit model, but this model cannot have alternative-specific constants because of the high numbers of alternatives (one alternative for every zone). Instead, the destination choice utility equation can include a calibration polynomial that adjusts the implied utility to match a trip length frequency distribution (TLFD) extracted from USTM. In this model, we include a cubic polynomial as the destination choice calibration term seen in the equation below:

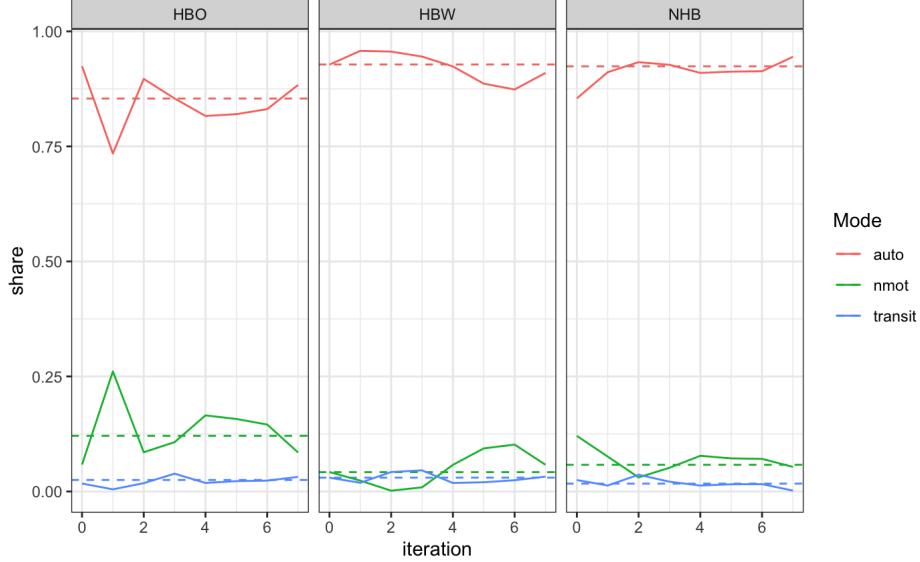


Figure 3.2: Mode choice splits by trip purpose.

Table 3.2: Final DC Parameters

	HBW	HBO	NHB
κ_1	-0.1956000	-0.16060	-0.210200
κ_2	0.0021000	0.00290	0.011200
κ_3	-0.0000061	-0.00001	-0.000012

$$f(d_{ij}) = \beta_1 D_{ij} + \beta_2 MCLS + \kappa_1(D) + \kappa_2(D)^2 + \kappa_3(D)^3 \quad (3.21)$$

with $\kappa_1, \kappa_2, \kappa_3$ calibrated to re-create best fit estimates of the difference between the model and target total. The target values for calibration are derived from USTM. The cubic polynomial in Equation 3.21, which is part of the DC utility in Equation 3.17), was applied and calibrated to match the target TLFD values from USTM.

3.4.3 Calibration Results

To ensure that calibration efforts were successful, it was necessary to compare the TLFD results from USTM and the Resiliency Model. We created a TLFD script that could divide trips into distance bins. Dividing the trips into distance bins allows for the breakdown of resiliency trip

Table 3.3: Trip Length Frequency Distribution Targets

Mode	HBW	HBO	NHB
Target Splits from USTM			
Auto	92.8%	85.4%	92.4%
NMOT	4.2%	12.1%	5.8%
Transit	3.0%	2.5%	1.7%
Model Splits after Calibration			
Auto	91.0%	88.4%	94.5%
NMOT	5.8%	8.5%	5.3%
Transit	3.2%	3.2%	0.2%

frequencies by destination, which can then be compared to the original USTM values. Initial target values for total trips by purpose were extracted from USTM so that we could ensure trips in the Resiliency Model were being conserved. Trip totals were compared using the TLFD outputs to ensure trips of similar lengths were being estimated, and to the total trips by purpose and mode to ensure trip conservation.

Final trip length distributions for each purpose are similar to the extracted USTM target values for both the TLFD comparison and the overall total value comparison. There is some variation between the two graphs below, however the TLFD targets have been matched to an acceptable margin of error between the target and the Resiliency Model for this purpose. The TLFD results for both the original USTM and the calibrated Resiliency Model can be seen in Table 3.3.

Additionally, Figure 3.3 shows the original versus the final TLFD for the USTM and resilience models. The fit for both is similar, though there is some variation present between each trip purpose considered.

3.5 Method to Calculate Costs for Non-model Purposes

Some trip purposes contained in USTM did not have enough available data to include in the logsum portion of the Resiliency Model or did not have significant impacts and were left out of the logit-based model calculation. This section will discuss other methods by which costs associated with each link could be calculated, especially for those purposes not primarily included in the Resiliency Model and for comparison purposes.

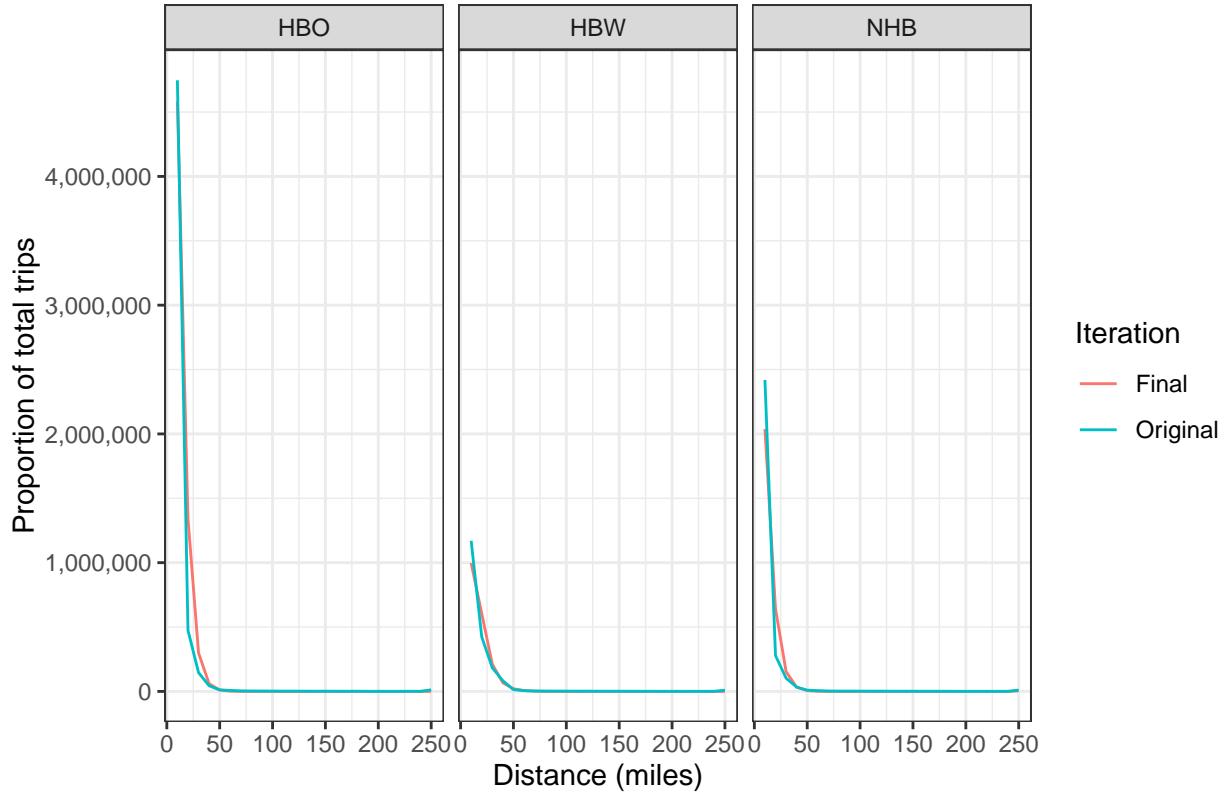


Figure 3.3: Original and final trip length frequency distribution.

Purposes including freight, recreation (*REC*), and home-based school (*HBSC*) trips were evaluating using overall travel time change. These purposes are either rigid in their origins and destinations, as is the case with most freight trips, or have much smaller frequencies than do the three main trip purposes (*HBW*, *HBO*, *NHB*) included in the Resiliency Model. We chose to simply compute the costs associated with these trip purposes based on the increase or change in travel time between the base scenario and an alternative scenario.

The travel time difference is calculated by comparing the change in travel time between the base scenario and any alternative scenario. The base scenario highway skim module chooses a route between an OD pair based on the shortest travel time, not the shortest distance. Thus, the difference in travel times always remained the same, or increased. The distances, however, could become shorter, as the shortest distance between an OD pair was not always the fastest by time. Equation 3.22 shows a representation of how differences in travel time were calculated:

Table 3.4: Values of Time for Time Difference Calculations

Freight	Auto	
94.04	17.67	\$/hr
156.73	29.45	cents/min

$$\Delta T = \text{ScenarioTime}_{ij} - \text{BaseTime}_{ij} \quad (3.22)$$

Finding the difference in travel time for each scenario allows for additional costs to be incorporated that are not included in the logsum calculation performed on the *HBW*, *HBO*, and *NHB* purposes.

Applying value of time (VOT) evaluation, the cost associated with link closure per day can be measured for each of the purposes not included in the main logsum analysis. Freight trips and auto trips have different values of time in USTM, thus the calculated travel time change was multiplied by different VOTs for each purpose. For passenger vehicle trips, a VOT of \$17.67 was used, while for freight trips, a VOT of \$94.04 per hour was used. These values were extracted from USTM and verified by Utah Department of Transportation (2020).

3.6 Summary

The creation of a logit-based model, which is sensitive to mode and destination choice, allows for more sensitive and robust estimations of accessibility. The model also accounts for modes that are not flexible in the case of link closure. The Resiliency Model is capable of analyzing the effects of road closure on mode and destination choice, and it can estimate overall disbenefit (in dollars) experienced by road users per day.

CHAPTER 4. MODEL APPLICATION

4.1 Overview

In this chapter, we apply the Resiliency Model to evaluate the effects of link loss or degradation on the USTM network. We do this by applying the model to scenarios where critical highway links have been removed from the USTM network. This chapter includes first, a detailed analysis of a single scenario, where I-80 between Salt Lake and Tooele Counties is severed. We then compare the model output to an alternative method that measures only the change in travel time and does not allow for mode or destination choice. The model was then applied to 41 individual scenarios, with 40 of those scenarios involving link closure scenarios throughout the state.

4.2 Vulnerable Link Identification

Two methodologies were developed to identify vulnerable network links in Utah. The first method resembles the process used by AEM to determine threat categories and threat proximity thresholds to highway links. The second method uses an online Risk Priority Analysis map created by UDOT to identify points of interest based on existing risk analysis data. Additional points of interest were identified by the research team or by UDOT officials, who have a familiar working knowledge of the USTM network. Using this second method, links were identified due to their location in relation to population centers, remote geographic location, proximity to other highway facilities, were known to be at risk due to geologic or geographic features, or because they were suspected choke points in the network.

After identifying locations of interest, we now apply the model to compare the results of 40 scenarios. In each scenario, an individual highway facility is removed from the model highway network. Each of these scenario locations is shown in Figure 4.1, and is identified in a report by AEM (2017) or the research team using the methodology described. A detailed analysis of the

results of a single scenario will be done, followed by a more general analysis for all 40 scenarios considered in the Resiliency Model.

4.3 Localized Scenario Analysis

This section outlines an in-depth, localized analysis that was conducted to ensure the Resiliency Model was accurately describing trips with OD pairs in the targeted area around a severed link. This analysis was done on a link between Tooele and Salt Lake City, Utah. This detailed analysis is useful because it provides a closer look at the way the Resiliency Model works, capturing trips between two population centers.

Scenario 50, which is located along I-80 between Tooele and Salt Lake Counties was examined here. The localized analysis shows that the majority of trips affected by damage to this link either originate or terminate in one of the two counties, as expected. These results can be seen in Table 4.1. Another method we used to compare results against is the travel time method, which serves to capture trips that have fixed OD pairs such as freight and recreational trips. This localized analysis also looks at this method.

Table 4.1 compares trips and the overall costs between the logsum and travel time methods, the specific cost for trips originating in Tooele County and ending in Salt Lake County. We can see that the logsum method captures about \$54,000 of expenses experienced by road users due to the closure of the link. Specifically, between Tooele and Salt Lake Counties, the logsum based analysis using the Resiliency Model captures \$21,000 of expense, which is approximately 38% of the total expense experienced statewide. A further breakdown of expenses experienced at the local level between Tooele and Salt Lake Counties can be seen Table 4.2.

The data supports the conclusion that the Resiliency Model is effectively capturing trips between Tooele and Salt Lake Counties based on the percent capture rates in Table 4.2. Additionally, when we look at the travel time method of analysis, we can see that the costs at both the local and statewide levels are much greater with about \$437,000 and \$407,000 respectively estimated as the costs due to just the increase in travel time, not using the logit-based model.

The logsum and travel time methods can be broken down into the overall costs and the comparable costs. The comparable costs are made up of those purposes which are included in both the Resiliency Model and in the travel time method for determining cost. HBW, HBO, and NHB

Table 4.1: Localized Analysis Results

Trip Purpose	Whole Network Cost (Dollars per Day)		Tooele - SLC Cost (Dollars per Day)		Base Trips	
	Logsum Method	Travel Time Method	Logsum Method	Travel Time Method	Tooele - SLC	Whole Network
HBW	\$15397.06	\$244275.72	\$12143.11	\$233373.56	7980	1684141
HBO	\$12882.89	\$108412.94	\$3577.62	\$98163.53	6665.86	4593248
NHB	\$25635.92	\$84712.36	\$5025.24	\$75361.98	1025	2611185
REC	\$398.72	\$398.72	\$40.73	\$40.73	3	2385
XXP	\$3690.26	\$55870.17	\$55870.17		0	22350
Freight	\$911254.89	\$10883835.01	\$111772.5	\$111772.5	515811	875183
Total Logsum	\$53897.87	\$437401.02	\$20745.97	\$406899.06	15672	8888574
Total	\$969241.74	\$437401.02	\$132559.20	\$406899.06	531486	9788493

Table 4.2: Localized Analysis Cost Capture Rates

	Logsum	Travel Time
HBW	0.7896	0.9554
HBO	0.2777	0.9055
NHB	0.1960	0.8896

trip purposes can be compared because all three trip purposes are represented by each method of cost estimation.

The travel time method measures the difference in travel time between the base scenario and any other scenario caused by link closure, and then multiplies that difference by the VOT for each trip purpose and the number of trips estimated for each trip purpose. For external trips, freight trips, and REC trips, these were all extracted directly from USTM. Attempting to include a calculation of the costs associated with increased travel time for freight trips, external trips, and REC trips allows a better estimation of the true cost experienced by all road users, not just those who are included in the Resiliency Model.

The HBW, HBO, and NHB purposes are estimated using the logsum portion of the Resiliency Model. Calculating the costs associated with the change in logsum provides estimations of the costs experienced by road users due to link loss that account for user choice of mode and destination. The logit-based model employed in the Resiliency Model ultimately provides lower

estimates of the total disbenefit, and therefore cost, experienced by road users due to link degradation or loss for the purposes included for analysis. However, the logsum calculation is only used for three purposes in the USTM model. A way to account for freight trips, REC trips, and trips that occur between external nodes must also be found. These trip purposes typically have fixed origins and destinations. As such, a way to account for all purposes must be developed. Thus, by combining elements from the travel time method and the Resiliency Model, an estimate can be made that represents all traffic on the USTM network.

The following sections will present the results of the 40 scenarios analyzed. First, Table 4.3 shows each of the scenarios we examined, labeled simply as “10” for scenario 10, and “11” for scenario 11, along with the change in accessibility, Δ Logsum, and the Cost Value in dollars per day associated with link closure. Other identifying information, such as route numbers or street names and geographic or other identifying descriptions about the locations where the link was cut, are also provided.

The logsum method results are as follows in Table 4.3. The results are ranked from the road with the largest (most positive cost) to the road with the smallest cost. We can see that scenario 27, which corresponds to I-84 between Ogden and Morgan, experiences the largest cost per day according to the Resiliency Model. Following scenario 27, scenarios 50, 37, 30, and 17 make up the five most important roads according to the cost estimation provided by the Resiliency Model. Each of the roads in these scenarios — with the exception of SR-18 in St. George — is an interstate or state highway facility in northern Utah, which is heavily populated. Some scenarios, such as scenario 10, scenario 11, or scenario 33, are roads that are located in remote parts of the state, and experience no measurable change to HBW, HBO, or NHB traffic. This is likely due to the remoteness of the geographic location of the highway link that was cut. A ranking is provided for all of the examined scenarios in Table 4.3.

Table 4.4 contains the ranking results from the travel time method. Here, we see that the first five roads differ from the results of the logsum model. Scenario, road 48 becomes the most important road due to costs experienced. Scenario 48 is a part of I-70 near Green River, Utah. The other four roads that make up the top five most important roads in the travel time method analysis are scenario 13, scenario 20, scenario 50, and scenario 49. Some of these scenarios appear in both the logsum and travel time method results. This is not unexpected, because each of these facilities

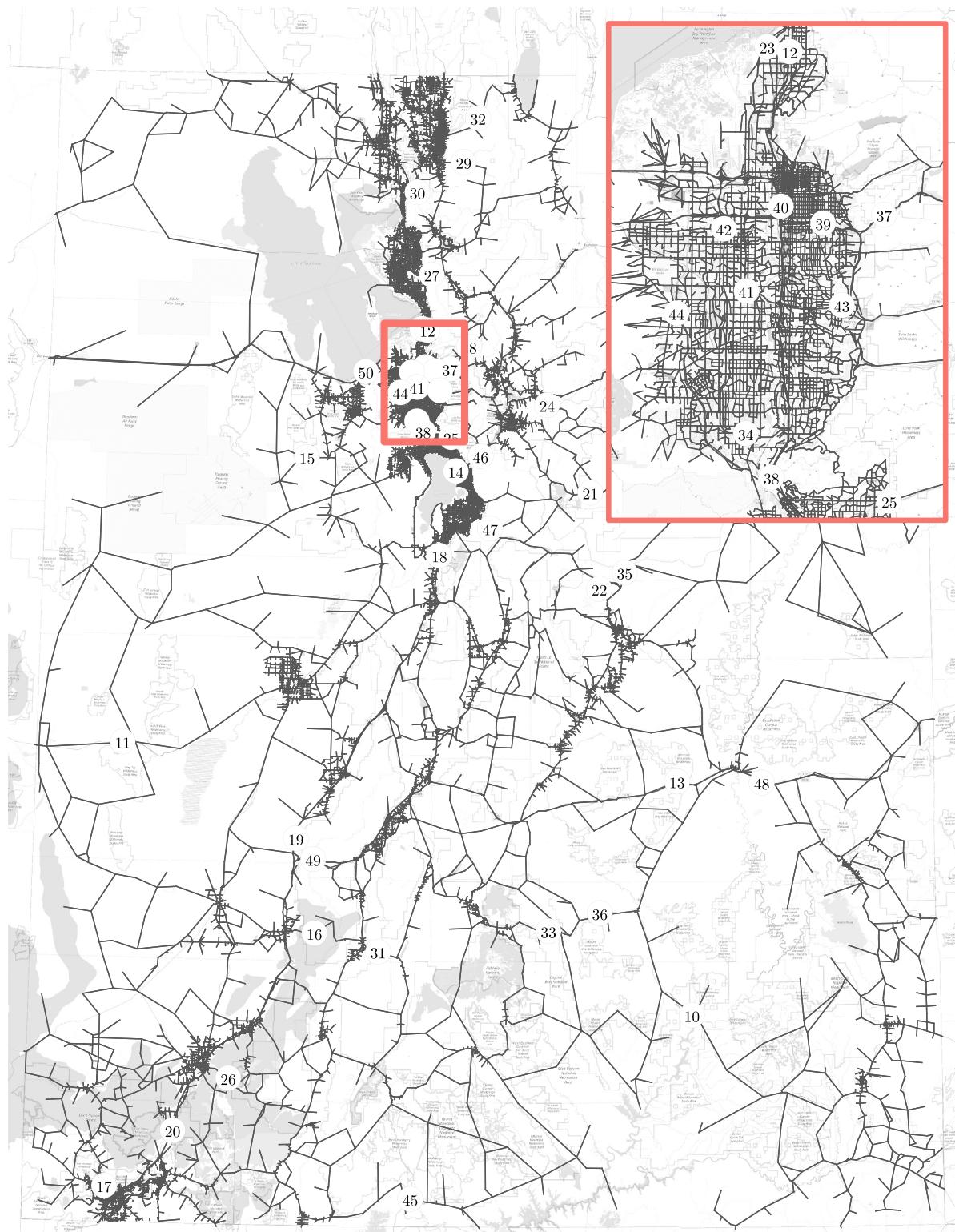


Figure 4.1: Links Identified for Analysis.

Table 4.3: Logsum Analysis Results

Scenario	Δ Logsum	Cost (Dollars per Day)	Route	Location
27	-23830.208	14893880.00	I-84	between Ogden and Morgan
50	-19686.788	12304242.50	I-80	between SLC and Tooele
37	-8932.691	5582931.88	I-80	in Parley's Canyon
30	-7511.948	4694967.50	US-91	between Brigham City & Mantua
17	-5243.828	3277392.50	SR-18	just North of St. George
46	-4911.457	3069660.63	SR-189	up Provo Canyon near Vivian Park
38	-4422.194	2763871.25	I-15	at the Point of the Mount
18	-3186.967	1991854.38	I-15	in Rocky Ridge (between Payson & Nephi)
42	-2657.614	1661008.75	Bangerter	near West Valley City
41	-1700.167	1062604.38	I-215	near Taylorsville
25	-1139.020	711887.50	Timp Hwy	at the mouth of AF Canyon
24	-387.467	242166.88	UT-35	outside of Francis
23	-297.882	186176.25	Legacy	near West Bountiful
20	-253.712	158570.00	I-15	near New Harmony
47	-142.671	89169.38	US-6	Spanish Fork Canyon at Diamond Fork Rd
26	-125.740	78587.50	SR-14	in Cedar Canyon
15	-67.634	42271.25	SR-199	near Rush Valley
32	-60.883	38051.88	US-89	between Logan and Bear Lake
14	-45.386	28366.25	I-15	in Orem between Univ. Ave & Center St
29	-41.595	25996.88	SR-101	East of Hyrum
31	-40.108	25067.50	SR-62	East of Kingston
22	-30.394	18996.25	US-6	in Carbon County North of Helper
49	-17.768	11105.00	I-70	near Richfield & Fillmore
45	-17.029	10643.13	US-89	near Arizona Border
21	-11.267	7041.88	US-40	East of Strawberry Reservoir
36	-10.170	6356.25	SR-24	near Steamboat Point
16	-9.724	6077.50	SR-153	between Beaver & Junction
48	-9.717	6073.13	I-70	near Green River (NW of Moab)
19	-7.623	4764.38	I-15	near I-70 & Fillmore
35	-3.762	2351.25	SR-191	between Helper & Duchesne
13	-0.135	84.38	I-70	at Dragon Point (W of Green River)
28	-0.103	64.38	SR-65	border of Salt Lake & Morgan Counties
10	0.000	0.00	SR-95	near Hite
11	0.000	0.00	US-6	near King Top
33	0.000	0.00	SR-24	in Capitol Reef National Park
12	894.999	-559374.38	I-15	in Bountiful
44	2149.291	-1343306.88	UT-85	West of West Jordan
43	4043.132	-2526957.50	I-215	near Cottonwood Heights
40	5576.276	-3485172.50	I-15	in SLC between 2100 S & 1300 S
39	7434.744	-4646715.00	I-80	in SLC near Sugar House and 1300 E
34	9362.283	-5851426.88	Bangerter	near Bluffdale

is a main arterial in the region where they are located, and are interstate highways carrying large amounts of private passenger vehicles and freight. Here again, several of the roads that are most important are located in Northern Utah. It is important to note that the main driving factor as to why a road was important or not in the travel time analysis was how much freight and external traffic it experienced along that route. Including the freight, even with the logsum results, changes the rankings drastically because of the significantly higher value of time associated with freight trips.

Some other interesting findings are that in the top 10 of each analysis method, four scenarios appear in both rankings. Scenario 50, which corresponds to I-80 between Tooele and SLC, Scenario 27 which corresponds to I- 84 in Weber Canyon, Scenario 37 which corresponds to I-80 in Parley's Canyon, and Scenario 27 which is I-84 between Ogden and Morgan, are included in the top 10 scenarios for both methods of analysis. This is likely due to the number of passenger trips along these routes, combined with the number of freight trips that occur along these routes as well. Several of these routes are the only way through mountain ranges in Utah.

4.3.1 Positive Benefit Scenarios

Five of the scenarios indicated a benefit resulting from highway link closure, which is an unintuitive result. A network should not experience a benefit due to degradation. As a result, these scenarios were examined more closely to determine what possible causes could exist behind these atypical and unexpected results. The affected links are all located in the Salt Lake Valley area at the following locations: Bangerter Highway near Bluffdale, I-80 near 1300 E, I-15 between 2100 S and 1300 S, I-215 near Cottonwood Heights, Mountain View Corridor near West Jordan and I-15 near Bountiful.

A discovery made while troubleshooting some calculations is that when a highway link is broken, the new shortest path by time is longer than in the base scenario with the broken link available. However, the new path may actually be shorter by distance. This causes an increase in the utility of accessing destinations by non- motorized modes, potentially overwhelming the decrease in automobile utility.

It was determined that a likely explanation for these atypical results is that the shortest path by time is not the shortest path by distance. The automobile accessibility is determined by the AM

Table 4.4: Travel Time Analysis Results (Δ Cost in Dollars per Day)

ROAD	IIF	XXF	IXF	HBW	HBO	NHB	REC	XXP	TIME(Δ hr)	Total Cost
48	990780	84546937	0	196	257	29	15448	417992	8629842	85971638
13	83991	25130678	0	0	3	0	211	95273	1273123	25310156
20	568558	18716735	175	2873	2640	1209	11372	234814	9060110	19538377
50	608787	10274995	54	244276	108413	84712	399	55870	2096105	11377505
49	307906	7810609	0	78	59	18	156	29827	1035612	8148653
18	3935367	1847822	1148	20436	21164	15363	13840	143890	15621368	5999030
27	185449	4359448	664	35891	20811	52515	208	9609	637589	4664596
19	2307693	1069414	104	67	70	13	6829	94820	7376204	3479012
37	1080281	978882	1128	46220	36178	37632	675	5669	854865	2186665
47	1411715	616355	8	1632	373	469	2600	14012	4031623	2047164
38	1341423	391182	153	75916	88791	84970	2486	17293	3582190	2002214
14	712060	238361	5	31899	35722	38115	1724	10900	2236074	1068785
30	909936	804	515	15379	12883	25636	624	3690	1917099	969467
39	168147	662430	298	15713	15091	19513	135	2821	135905	884148
22	421712	260885	8	4	28	17	1164	4843	1384531	688662
45	864	550941	146	184	233	79	13	40330	90793	592790
21	537843	0	0	26	90	39	423	3398	569867	541819
40	266206	104007	1	19183	19130	20512	267	3233	587396	432539
12	299330	78183	0	12586	9575	12508	251	3446	638924	415879
35	181287	0	0	17	70	1	355	2691	1087149	184421
46	80594	1041	100	15112	21010	12684	924	172	1316491	131637
41	15154	0	0	11092	17749	22621	44	0	21341	66660
34	19511	0	0	8203	11806	14453	57	0	51735	54031
32	47715	809	1	736	597	125	5	0	275279	49988
43	4898	0	32	6215	10070	13886	84	0	17690	35186
16	30533	0	0	35	1	31	118	0	6675	30719
42	4320	0	1	6624	3956	4712	1	0	1983	19613
17	2085	0	0	2384	3351	6416	1	0	45246	14238
44	3496	0	0	3578	1910	5214	2	0	4535	14200
11	7577	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	93374	7580
24	1884	0	0	847	276	1829	1	0	68330	4837
33	4089	0	0	3	5	0	24	0	44973	4121
25	56	0	0	516	273	1852	0	0	1116	2698
36	1920	0	0	13	34	13	18	0	30447	1997
26	733	0	0	261	215	189	18	0	16305	1417
31	260	0	0	325	483	158	1	0	36542	1225
10	346	0	0	0	0	0	780	0	79258	1126
15	210	0	0	221	258	67	4	0	19340	761
23	168	0	0	85	53	124	0	0	226	430
29	2	0	0	122	0	62	0	0	6222	187
28	6	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	925	19
Base	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

congested travel time in the Utah Statewide Travel Model (USTM). The travel distance – used to determine the accessibility of destinations by driving or walking – is the distance of that path, and not the actual shortest distance path. There is also the possibility that a new route with a longer travel time, but shorter distance could be found. This would cause both the cost and accessibility to change significantly in some scenarios. Additionally, it was found that the alternative route between Grouse Creek, Utah, and Salt Lake City, the alternative route was nearly twice as long in the case where I-80 was closed between Tooele and Salt Lake Counties. This discovery led us to understand that not all route choices become logical when made using only the model data. In reality, it is possible that a user would find a shorter route which consists of roads that are not all in the state highway system.

This occurrence is only observed in heavily urbanized regions for two reasons:

- The presence of high-speed expressways and parallel local roads means that alternate paths with shorter distances but longer vehicle times are more likely.
- The increased availability of destinations within the non-motorized distance threshold (2.5 miles) means that alternative destinations exist.

Overall, the results of the analysis indicate that the likely cause of a positive cost being estimated for these five scenarios is that there are easily accessible alternate routes in the area, or extremely different alternate routes along with competing TAZ of similar size in the DC size term equation.

4.4 Summary

The overall results show that the Resiliency Model is more sensitive to network changes than the travel time comparison. The ability for a user to choose both a mode and destination (or alternate destination) cause the logsum results to often estimate a smaller cost than the travel time results would. However, when the travel time results are factored in, the overall rankings of the 41 scenarios considered change dramatically. This is due to the large expenses experienced by freight traffic, which has a much higher VOT than other passenger trips do. In summary, Table 4.3 and Table 4.4 show the rankings for both the logsum and travel time analysis methods respectively. The logsum suggests that I-84 between Ogden and Morgan is the most important road, while the

travel time method, or total priority, indicates that I-70 near Green River is the most important road due to cost associated with closure.

CHAPTER 5. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Overview

This chapter summarizes the recommendations resulting from the resiliency model application, it also contains information about obtaining the model and outlines next steps.

5.2 Recommendations

The USTM model is a gravity-based travel demand model, while the Resiliency Model is logit-based. The logit-based nature of the Resiliency Model allows for greater sensitivity in user mode and destination choice, which causes the estimated costs associated with link closure to be lower yet more accurate for estimations made using the Resiliency Model. The Resiliency Model's incorporation of both the logsum for HBW, HBO, and NHB purposes, as well as the travel time calculation for the other purposes included in USTM provide important functionality towards estimating more realistic, conservative costs associated with long term highway closure.

Logit-based modeling returns more sensitive estimations of the value of a link in the network. This is a highly important adaptation to USTM because more accurate and efficient estimation allows UDOT to better understand the monetary importance of highway links throughout Utah. Additionally, the model's design allows for further analysis of additional link closure, eased identification of critical points on Utah's highway network, and even multi-link closure in the future.

5.3 Limitations and Next Steps

Implementation of a logit-based travel demand model is highly important for resource allocation moving into the future. Updating USTM to include a logit-based trip distribution model

instead of a gravity-based model would improve the flexibility of travel demand estimates moving forward.

The decision to not include a feedback loop introduces limitations on the ability of the model to accurately estimate the effects of link closure on travel time. This limits the ability of the model to estimate accurate changes in travel time because the increases in travel time due to congestion cannot be accurately measured after one iteration. The limitation has further negative impacts because the model cannot accurately estimate costs associated with link closure either. If a feedback loop had been included, the model would have been run several times for each scenario until the specifications of a convergence factor had been met, which would have allowed for more accurate estimation of increased travel times and more accurate route choices between OD pairs.

Adding a congestion feedback loop to the Resiliency Model would allow more accurate cost estimations to be made. A feedback loop would cause the travel time and logsum information to be fed back into the beginning of the model and rerun continuously until the specifications of a convergence parameter were met. The loop allows for better estimates of the true change in travel time due to both route change and increased congestion. The loop also allows for more accurate route choice, mode choice, and destination choice to be made when the true effects of congestions are accounted for. In June 2020, the UDOT Technical Advisory Committee decided to not include a feedback loop to save time on model development for this study. A feedback loop and sensitivity analysis will be included as part of future work.

It is not unreasonable to assume that in the event of an earthquake or similar widespread disaster event, that multiple links could become damaged. An important use of the Resiliency Model in future research would be to analyze the results of simultaneous multiple link loss. This will allow for greater understanding of the effects that adverse events can have on Utah's highway network, and help UDOT to better prepare for the development and maintenance needs of the future. Development of a transit oriented logit model would be highly advantageous to the Utah Transit Authority as well. Additionally, the development of logsum calculations for trips with fixed origins and destinations should also be considered. This model, however, would be very different than the Resiliency Model because freight trips do not typically have a mode or destination choice option, so it would be more prudent to be able to account for other choices such as travel time, distance or even elevation change on a given route.

5.4 Summary

The development of a logit-based travel demand model can improve the ability of UDOT to accurately estimate the costs per day of link loss that Utahns would experience. The Resiliency Model provides sensitive estimates that more accurately represent the costs associated with link closure than a travel time increase methodology by itself would be able to capture. Using the logsum, estimations sensitive to user choice were found, which can help professionals to better evaluate risk to Utah's infrastructure. User choice is highly important in modern modeling practices because user choice allows a model to estimate information more precisely while accounting for the ability of a user to choose. The information provided by the Resiliency Model should be used to prioritize link importance to the functionality of Utah's highway network. The Resiliency Model provides different estimates of costs experienced by Utahns due to link loss than traditional methods for determining costs do. There are several implications of this. First, purely using change in travel time or travel time delay as the main disbenefit may not be entirely accurate in most situations. Second, allowing users in the model to choose both a mode and destination, increases the resemblance of a real life decision making process, especially given adverse circumstance on Utah's highway network. It is evident that the Resiliency Model provides several modeling estimation advantages to the forefront, something which must be explored further in future research.

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