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# Clearing Roadblocks

Automating Washington Department of Transportation (WDOT) Travel Alerts with Data Engineering

The objective of this project is to use highway and travel information from the state of Washington to create a dashboard of highway alerts, weather information and travel times. This dashboard will connect to a mysql database. The mysql database connects to the Department of Transportation's information via rest API and can be used to help end users make travel plans in Washington State.

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#### **Assets**

Data Source:	https://wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/api/
Github:	https://github.com/junclemente/ads507-finalproject
Database:	ads507-finalproject.mysql.database.azure.com
Dashboard:	https://public.tableau.com/views/WeatherTrafficTravelWashingtonsRoadTrends_17402873591060/Dashboard4?:language=en-US&:
<b>Data Dictionary</b>	Data dictionary for tables within the API RAW database.
Architecture	See EER diagram & ELT. Additionally see <u>LucidChart</u> for ELT diagram.
Monitoring	All scripts for purposes of monitoring are available to the Monitoring tab. This monitors if API is successful as well as if transformations were successful.
Code Review	Log of all code reviews conducted in process to track quality assurance.

## **Future Considerations & System Gaps**

### **Dashboard Deployment:**

The current Tableau dashboard serves as a prototype. A production deployment would require either a Tableau Professional account or a custom-built web application for greater flexibility and control.

#### **Monitoring & Alerts:**

The system could benefit from automated email notifications during the ELT process. This would enable faster response times to failures and minimize dashboard downtime.

### **Pipeline Extensibility:**

The current pipeline is easily adaptable to new data sources without major modifications. However, structural changes to the existing API or new data fields would require minor adjustments at the transformation stage.

### **Security Considerations:**

A public read-only access account allows Tableau to extract data and provides controlled access to certain users. Write/modification access is secured via user authentication.

For large-scale deployment, SSL encryption and restricted IP access should be considered to enhance security.

# **Database Optimization:**

The current MySQL database is semi-relational, primarily linking data through shared road attributes. Future iterations could benefit from better normalization to strengthen relationships and improve query efficiency.

# Scalability & Storage Costs:

The pipeline is currently designed to handle increasing data volume, but storage costs must be evaluated as historical data grows. Future iterations may consider partitioning or archiving strategies to manage long-term data storage efficiently.

# **Access Public Database**

Access to the read-only database is available using the following credentials/information:							
URL/Host	ads507-finalproject.mysql.database.azure.com						
Port	06						
Database	ppi_fetch_raw						
Username	public						
Password	public						

# References

- Washington State Department of Transportation (n.d). Traveler Information API. Retrieved from https://wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/api/
- Microsoft (n.d.) Azure. Retrieved from https://azure.microsoft.com/en-us/
- Housley, M. (2022). Fundamentals of data engineering. O'Reilly Me
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#### Data Dictionary

This data dictionary provides you every table found in the api\_fetch\_raw database. You will find refresh frequencies, data sources, column names, data types and a general explanation for the column data.

	Table name		Table description [1]	Table owner	Data Source [2]	Refresh frequency [3]	Column name my_row_id	Column description [4] Key	Type bigint	Max Length Is N [5] [6]	Vullable Column Key [7] Primary	Notes auto_increment INVISIBI
							timestamp travel times response	Date and time when the API data was extracted HTTP status code received from the Travel Times	datetime	Y		
	api_fetch		This table contains the data of the latest API extraction results. It is updated during each successful extraction, ensuring consistency and usability in reporting and monitoring.	Jun Clemente	Python Script	Every 4 Hours		API during extraction  HTTP status code received from the Traffic Alerts API during extraction	bigint	Y		
			reporting and mornoring.				weather_alerts_response	HTTP status code received from the Weather Alerts API during extraction	bigint	Υ		
							status	Overall result of the API extraction process, indicating 'Success' or 'Failed' Key	text bigint	Y N	Primary	auto_increment
							timestamp travel_times_response	Date and time when the API data was extracted	datetime	Y Y		
	api_fetch_hist		This table contains historical API extraction results, capturing each extraction event for auditability and trend analysis. Each API extraction is appended to this table, ensuring a comprehensive record of past extractions.	Jun Clemente	Python Script	Every 4 Hours	traffic_alerts_response	API during extraction HTTP status code received from the Traffic Alerts API during extraction	bigint	Y		
							weather_alerts_response	HTTP status code received from the Weather Alerts API during extraction Overall result of the API extraction process,	Digiti	Υ		
							status	indicating 'Success' or 'Failed' Primary Key	varchar	20 Y	Primary	auto_increment
	application_log	38	This table contains structured logging data from the script. It records all logging actions, capturing timestamps, log levels, and messages for monitoring, debugging, and audit purposes.	Jun Clemente	Python Script	Every 4 Hours	log_timestamp log_level	Current time of logging action Level info: "INFO", "ERROR", "WARNING"	datetime varchar	20 Y		default generated
			This table long the status of data refresh processes tracking the last refresh				log_message id	Log message Primary Key (auto-incremented)	text	65535 Y N	Primary	auto_increment
	monitoring_mi	smatched_log	timestamp, success/failure status, and any errors encountered during the update process.	Amayrani		Manual	table_name mismatched_records	Name of the table being monitored Number of records with inconsistencies	varchar	50 N		
	monitoring_ref	kash las	This table logs discrepancies between expected and actual data values, such as differences in API responses, missing records, or inconsistencies	Amayrani		Manual	table_name last refresh	Primary Key (auto-incremented)  Name of the table being monitored  Timestamp of the last successful data refresh	in varchar datetime	50 N	Primary	auto_increment
	montonig	resiciog	between datasets.	Anayun		Walde	last_updated days_difference	Timestamp of the last detected update  Number of days since the last successful update	datetime	N N		
			Table is designed to be a crosswalk to standardize the way that road names annear across the film tables. Maintained and added to internally			N/A, manually	raw_road_name	Raw road name as it appears in the source data, including variations (e.g., '5', '005', '1-5'). This column		50 N	Primary	
	road_lookup		appear across the dim tables. Maintained and added to internally.	Sasha Libolt	Internally Maintained	maintained	road_key	captures all unique representations before standardization.	varchar	20 N		
							tt_id avg_time	sourced from _raw, 'traveltimeid' sourced from _raw, 'averagetime'	int	NO YES		
							cur_time distance	sourced from _raw, 'currenttime'' sourced form _raw 'distance'	int float	YES		
							end_lat end_long	latitude of where route ends longititude where route ends	float	YES		
			This dimension table contains cleaned, standardized, and enriched data				end_loc_key end_mp	hashcode of ending latitude and logitude mile marker of end point	varchar float	45 YES	S	
	time_travel_din	n	from the time_travel_raw table. It is structured for analytical use, ensuring consistency and usability in reporting and modeling.	Sasha Libolt	time_travel_raw	Every 4 Hrs	end_road_key end_direction	standardized name of ending road Cardinal direction of end point	varchar varchar	45 YES 45 YES	S	
							start_lat start_long	latitude of where route starts longititude where route starts	float float	YES		
							start_loc_key start_mp	hashcode of starting latitude and logitude mile marker of start point	varchar float	45 YES		
							start_road_key start_direction	standardized name of starting road Cardinal direction of start point	varchar varchar	45 YES 45 YES		
							alert_time updated	UTC timestamp when alert was created by WDOT UTC timestamp when the _raw table was refreshed	datetime datetime	YES		
							last_refresh my_row_id	Local (PST) timestamp when the _dim table was refreshed Key	datetime	YES N	S Primary	auto increment INVISII
							AverageTime	The average time in minutes that it takes to complete this route.	bigint	Y		
							CurrentTime Description	The current estimated time in minutes that it takes to complete this route.  A description for the route.	bigint text	65.535 Y		
	time_travel_his	st.	This table contains historical data extracted from the Travel Times API. Each API extraction appends new records to this table, ensuring a comprehensive log of travel time estimates for trend analysis and reporting.	Jun Clemente	Travel Times API	Every 4 Hours	Distance EndPoint	Total distance of this route in miles. The location where this route ends.	double text	65,535 Y		
			log of travel time estimates for trend analysis and reporting.				Name StartPoint	A friendly name for the route. The location where this route begins.	text	65,535 Y 65,535 Y		
							TimeUpdated	The last time that the data for this route was updated.	text	65,535 Y		
							TravelTimeID timestamp	Unique ID that is specific to a route.  Date and time when the API data was extracted	bigint datetime	Y		
							my_row_id AverageTime	Key  The average time in minutes that it takes to complete this route.	bigint	N Y	Primary	auto_increment INVISI
							CurrentTime	The current estimated time in minutes that it takes to complete this route.	bigint	Υ		
			This table contains the latest data extracted from the Travel Times API.				Description Distance	A description for the route.  Total distance of this route in miles.  The location where this route ends.	text double	65,535 Y Y		
	time_travel_rav	N	Each successful extraction replaces the existing data, ensuring the most up- to-date travel time estimates for real-time analysis and reporting.	Jun Clemente	Travel Times API	Every 4 Hours	EndPoint Name	A friendly name for the route.	text	65,535 Y 65,535 Y		
							StartPoint TimeUpdated	The location where this route begins.  The last time that the data for this route was updated.	text text	65,535 Y 65,535 Y		
							TravelTimeID timestamp	Unique ID that is specific to a route.  Date and time when the API data was extracted	bigint datetime	Y		
							alertid county	sourced from _raw, 'alertid' sourced from _raw, 'county'	int varchar	N 45 Y	Primary	auto_increment INVISI
							end_time end_direction	UTC timestamp when alert is estimated to end Cardinal direction of end point	datetime char	Y 1 Y		
							end_lat end_long	latitude of where route ends longitude of where road ends	decimal decimal	Y		
							end_loc_key end_mp	hashcode fo ending latitude and logitude endpoint mile marker	varchar decimal	45 Y Y		
			This dimension table contains cleaned, standardized, and enriched data				end_road_key start_time	standardized name of endpoint road UTC timestamp of when impact on traffic began	varchar varchar	45 Y 45 Y		
	traffic_alerts_d	traffic_alerts_dim	from the traffic_alerts_nav table. It is structured for analytical use, ensuring consistency and usability in reporting and modeling.	Sasha Libolt	traffic_alerts_raw	Every 4 Hrs	start_direction start_lat start_long	Cardinal direction of start point latitude of where route starts longitude of where road starts	char decimal decimal	1 Y		
							start_loc_key start_mp	hashcode fo starting latitude and logitude starting point mile marker	varchar decimal	45 Y		
							start_road_key event_cat	standardized name of startpoint road type of alert, ex "Collision", "Maintence"	varchar varchar	45 Y 255 Y		
							event_stat event_desc	status of alert, 'open' vs 'closed' additional information about the alert		45 Y 4294967295 Y		
							priority region	Expected impact on traffic (High, Medium, Low) sourced from _raw 'region'	varchar varchar datetime	45 Y 45 Y		
							updated last_refresh my_row_id	UTC timestamp when _raw was updated Local (PST) timestamp when _dim was updated Key	datetime datetime bigint	Y Y N	Primary	auto_increment INVISI
							AlertID	Unique Identifier for the alert. Used for countywide alerts, name of the affected	bigint	Υ	Primary	auto_increment invisi
							County EndRoadwayLocation	county.  End locaiton for thealert on the roadway.	text text	65535 Y 65535 Y		
			This table contains historical data extracted from the Highway Alerts API. Each API extraction appends new records to this table, preserving a detailed				EndTime EventCategory	Estimated end time for alert.  Categorization of alert, i.e. Collision, Maintenance, etc.	text text	65535 Y 65535 Y		
			Each API extraction appends new records to this table, preserving a detailed history of highway alerts for trend analysis and reporting.				EventStatus	Current status of alert, open, closed.  Optional - Additional information about the alert,	text	65535 Y		
	traffic_alerts_h	iist		Jun Clemente	Highway Alerts API	Every 4 Hours	ExtendedDescription	used for relatying useful extra information for an alert. Information about what the alert has been issued	text	65535 Y		
							HeadlineDescription LastUpdatedTime	for. When was alert was last changed.	text text	65535 Y 65535 Y		
							Priority	Expected impact on traffic highest, high, medium, low. WSDOT Region which entered the alert, valid values:	text	65535 Y		
							Region StartRoadwayLocation	EA - Eastern, NC - North Central, NW - Northwest, OL - Olympic, SC - South Central, SW - Southwest.  Start location for the alert on the roadway.		65535 Y 65535 Y		
							StartTime timestamp	When the impact on traffic began.  Date and time when the API data was extracted	text text datetime	65535 Y		
							my_row_id AlertID	Key Unique Identifier for the alert.	bigint bigint	N Y	Primary	auto_increment INVIS
							County	Used for countywide alerts, name of the affected county.	text	65535 Y		
			This table contains the latest data extracted from the Highway Alerts API.				EndRoadwayLocation EndTime	End locaiton for thealert on the roadway.  Estimated end time for alert.  Categorization of alert, i.e. Collision, Maintenance,	text	65535 Y 65535 Y		
			Each successful extraction replaces the existing data, ensuring the mo to-date highway alerts for real-time monitoring and analysis.		e Highway Alerta API	Every 4 Hours	EventCategory EventStatus	Categorization of alert, i.e. Collision, Maintenance, etc.  Current status of alert, open, closed.	text text	65535 Y 65535 Y		
	traffic_alerts_ra	aw		Jun Clemente			ExtendedDescription	Optional - Additional information about the alert, used for relatying useful extra information for an alert.	text	65535 Y		
				Jun Clemente			HeadlineDescription	Information about what the alert has been issued for.	text	65535 Y		
							LastUpdatedTime Priority	When was alert was last changed. Expected impact on traffic highest, high, medium, low.	text	65535 Y 65535 Y		
							Region	WSDOT Region which entered the alert, valid values: EA - Eastern, NC - North Central, NW - Northwest, OL - Olympic, SC - South Central, SW - Southwest.	text	65535 Y		
							StartRoadwayLocation StartTime	Start location for the alert on the roadway.  When the impact on traffic began.	text text	65535 Y 65535 Y		
							timestamp station_id	Date and time when the API data was extracted from _raw 'stationID'	datetime varchar	45 N	Primary	
							barometric_pressure latitude	from_raw 'barometricpressure' from_raw 'latitude'	float	Y		
							longitude loc_key percipitation	from_rawlongitude' geohash key for latitude and longitude Percipitation in inches, "UNKNOWN' if null	float varchar varchar	Y Y		
			This dimension table contains cleaned, standardized, and enriched data				reading_time humidity	UTC timestamp when weather reading occured _raw 'relativehumidity'	datetime float	Y Y		
	weather_alerts	dim	Inis dimension table contains cleaned, standardized, and enriched data from the weather_slerts_raw table. It is structured for analytical use, ensuring consistency and usability in reporting and modeling.	Sasha Liholt	weather_alerts_raw	Every 4 Hours	sky_coverage raw roadname	from _raw 'skycoverage' roadname extracted from _raw 'stationaname'	varchar varchar	45 Y 45 Y		
							road_key mp	before standardization standard roadname of weather alert mile marker of weather station	varchar varchar	45 Y 45 Y		
							temp visibility	temperature of weather alert visibility in miles	float	Y		
							wind_direction wind_gust_speed	Cardinal direction of wind wind gust speed in miles	varchar float	45 Y Y		
							avg_wind_speed updated last_refresh	average wind speed in miles UTC timestamp when _raw updated	float datetime dateime	Y		
							my_row_id	Current (PST) timestamp when _dim updated Key Atmospheric pressure at the weather station.	bigint	N N	Primary	auto_increment INVIS
							BarometricPressure Latitude	measured in millibars Geographic latitude of weather station	double double	Y		
							Longitude PrecipitationInInches	Geographic longitude of weather station Amount of precipitation measured at the weather station, measured in inches	double	65535 Y		
			This table contains historical data extracted from the Weather Info API. Each API extraction appends new records to this table, preserving a detailed				ReadingTime RelativeHumidity	Date and time when weather was recorded Percentage of moisture in the air when data was	text double	65535 Y		
			history of weather conditions for trend analysis and reporting.				SkyCoverage	recorded  Description of the extent of sky covered by clouds	text	65535 Y		
	weather_alerts	_hist		Jun Clemente	Weather Alerts API	Every 4 Hours	StationID StationName	Common name of the weather station	bigint text	65535 Y		
							TemperatureInFahrenheit Visibility	Air temperature at the station, measured in degrees Fahrenheit Distance one can see from the station, measured in protection.	double	Y		
							Visibility WindDirection	meters  Direction from which the wind is blowing, measured in degrees		Y		
							WindDirectionCardinal	Cardinal wind direction (N, NE, E, S) from which the wind is blowing		65535 Y		
							WindGustSpeedInMPH	Speed of wind gusts at the station, measured in MPH Sustained wind speed at the station, measured in	double	Y		
							WindSpeedInMPH timestamp	MPH Date and time when the API data was extracted	double datetime	Y		
							my_row_id BarometricPressure	Key  Atmospheric pressure at the weather station, measured in millibars	bigint double	N Y	Primary	auto_increment INVIS
							Latitude Longitude	measured in millibars Geographic latitude of weather station Geographic longitude of weather station	double double	Y		
							PrecipitationInInches	Amount of precipitation measured at the weather station, measured in inches	text	65535 Y		
			This table contains the latest data extracted from the Weather Info API. Each successful extraction replaces the existing data, ensuring the most up-to-date weather conditions for real-time monitoring and analysis.				ReadingTime RelativeHumidity	Date and time when weather was recorded Percentage of moisture in the air when data was recorded	text double	65535 Y Y		
							SkyCoverage StationID	Description of the extent of sky covered by clouds		65535 Y Y		
	weather_alerts	_raw		Jun Clemente	Weather Alerts API	Every 4 Hours		Common name of the weather station  Air temperature at the station, measured in degrees	text	65535 Y Y		
							TemperatureInFahrenheit Visibility	Fahrenheit  Distance one can see from the station, measured in meters		Y		
							WindDirection	Direction from which the wind is blowing, measured in degrees	double	Υ		
							WindDirectionCardinal	Cardinal wind direction (N, NE, E, S) from which the wind is blowing  Speed of wind gusts at the station, measured in		65535 Y		
							WindDirectionCardinal WindGustSpeedInMPH WindSpeedInMPH	Carrians wind affection (N, NE, E, S) from which the wind is blowing  Speed of wind gusts at the station, measured in MPH  Sustained wind speed at the station, measured in MPH	double double	65535 Y Y		



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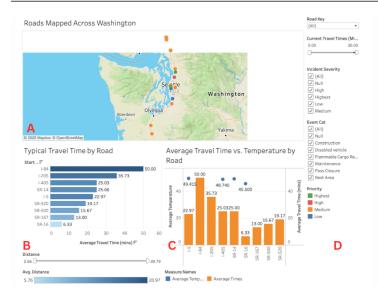
# Weather, Traffic & Travel: Washington's Road Trends

This dashboard provides real-time insights into Washington's traffic conditions, including accident reports, weather impact on road incidents, and travel times.

Dashboard Link	https://public.tableau.com/views/WeatherTrafficTravelWashingtonsRoadTrends_17402873591060/Dashboard4?:language=en-US&:sid=&:								
Refresh Schedule	Extracted Data								

Report Tabs	[8]
Traffic Incidents	Displays real-time accident locations & severity, with details on road closures and construction.
Travel Time Analysis	Shows average travel times for major highways, helping users compare congestion levels.
Filters & Comparisons	Allows users to filter data by road name, incident severity, travel time, and event type (e.g., construction, maintenance, disabled vehicles).
Average Travel Time ve	Compared traval time with temperature to identify how weather affects read congestion

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Label	bel Section Name Descriptions									
Α	Traffic Incidents Map	Displays real-time traffic incidents across Washington, color-coded by severity.								
В	Travel Time by Road	Shows average travel times for major highways, helping users compare road congestion.								
С	Travel Time vs. Temperature	Compares travel times with average temperature to see how weather impacts road conditions.								
D	Filters Panel	Allows users to filter data by road name, travel time, incident severity, and event type (e.g., construction, closures, disabled vehicles).								

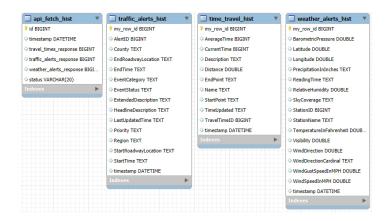


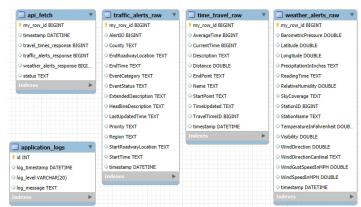
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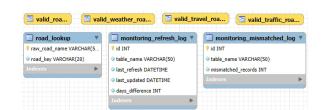
# Data Base Diagram

Export of an EER diagram from mySQL.









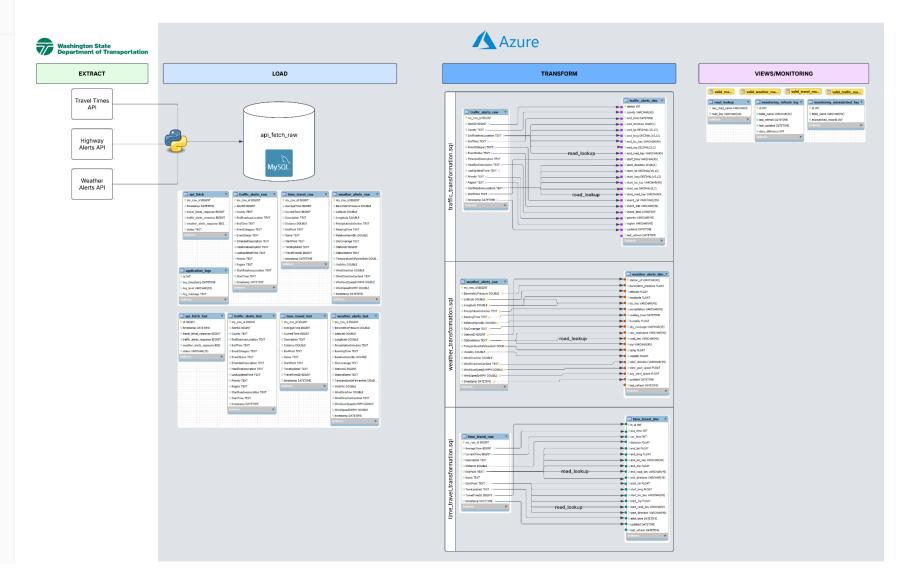


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## ELT

Data is extracted from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WDOT) via API using python. It is stored in an Azure server and loaded into a mySQL database. Transformations are applied using stored procedures in mySQL. These are automatically called when data is loaded into the database. Currently refreshes every 4 hours. You can also see a better visual of our ELT architecture via Lucid Chart. Found here:

https://lucid.app/lucidchart/0fcbe2aa-f9f8-4e69-bb6f-91f6d21c950f/edit?viewport\_loc=-1196%2C-190%2C3326%2C1724%2C0\_0&invitationId=inv\_fb0441ac-501a-46cca660-7cfd62fa7327







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# Monitoring Reports

Scripts and reports created to monitor the ELT process

Report Name	Report Description [10]	Report Owner	Report Audience	Report Output	Refresh frequency
application_logs	This table logs the execution of an ETL pipeline, capturing timestamps, log levels, and detailed messages related to data extraction, database operations, and transformation steps.	Jun	administration	The report provides a structured overview of the ETL process, confirming successful data fetches, database updates, and transformations, ensuring traceability and monitoring of pipeline execution.	Every 4 Hours
api_fetch_hist	This table logs API response statuses for travel times, traffic alerts, and weather alerts, capturing timestamps, HTTP response codes, and an overall success status for each request.	Jun	administration	The report provides a summary of API health, confirming successful data retrieval with HTTP 200 responses, allowing for monitoring of API reliability and potential failures.	Every 4 Hours
api_fetch	This table logs a single record of API response statuses for travel times, traffic alerts, and weather alerts, capturing the timestamp, HTTP response codes, and overall success status for the request.	Jun	administration	The report confirms that the most recent API call was successful, with all response codes returning 200, indicating that data was retrieved without errors.	Every 4 Hours
monitoring_refresh	This table logs the status of data refresh processes, tracking the last refresh timestamp, success/failure status, and any errors encountered during the update process.	Amayrani	administration	The report provides insights into the freshness of data, ensuring data pipelines are running as expected and highlighting any potential delays or failures in scheduled updates.	Manual
monitoring_mismatched	This table logs discrepancies between expected and actual data values, such as differences in API responses, missing records, or inconsistencies between datasets.	Amayrani	administration	The report highlights data inconsistencies, flagging mismatches that may require further investigation, reducing the risk of reporting errors due to inaccurate or incomplete data.	Manual



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# Code Review Log

Log of code reviews to take place.
- OWNER: who wrote original script.

- ACTION :
-- REVIEW: Kick back to original writer of code to review. Once addressed and discussed, Action changes to released.
-- RELEASE: OK for production, no additional action required.

- ADRESSED:
- YES, original owne reviewed comments and took action
- NO, not reviewed yet
- N/A, not required

File Name	Language [12]	Owner	Reviewed By	Review Date	Action	Addressed	Review Comments	Addressed Date	Addressed By	Addressed Comments	
valid_road_views.sql	SQL	Amayrani	Sasha	2/18/25	Release	Yes	There is both null or UNKNOWN to consider,	2/21/25	Amayrani	Fixed it so that views do not pull in both	
monitoring_refresh.sql	SQL	Amayrani	Sasha	2/18/25	Release	Yes	Jun Clemente already has the call transformations running so should not be part of the script. Additionally, please keep in mind that timestamp on the raw is in unix time. Updated in dim is in UTC, and last refresh is in local (PST) time. Output looks good.	2/21/25	Amayrani	Removed transformations and fixed timestamp mismatches	
monitorming_mismatch.sql	SQL	Amayrani	Sasha	2/18/25	Release	Yes	Jun Clemente already has the call transformatios running. I think this shouldn't be part of the monitoring script because it in theory would be looking to see that what Jun did was successful. Additionally, please keep in mind that timestamp on the raw is in unix time. Updated in dim is in UTC, and last refresh is in local (PST) time. Output looks good.	2/21/25	Amayrani	Removed transformations and fixed timestamp mismatches	
extract and load mysql.ipynb	SQL, Python		Sasha	2/18/25	Release	N/A	Tested and working				
timetravel_transformation.sql	SQL	Sasha		2/21/2025	Release	Yes	time_travel_dim table could result in empty table due to table truncation without checking if time_travel_raw table is populated.	2/22/25	Sasha	Addressed by adding if statement to clear only if there is already data.	
traffic_transformation.sql	SQL	Sasha		2/21/2025	Release	Yes	traffic_alerts_dim table could result in empty table due to table truncation without checking if traffic_alerts_raw table is populated	2/22/25	Sasha	Addressed by adding if statement to clear only if there is already data.	
weather_transformation.sql	SQL	Sasha		2/21/2025	Release	Yes	weather_alerts_dim could result in empty table due to table truncation without checking if weather_alerts_raw table is populated	2/22/25	Sasha	Addressed by adding if statement to clear only if there is already data.	