

Project Description

- When moving to a new city/neighborhood, it is difficult to know the flow of traffic in the area
 - Sites such as Zillow, Craigslist, etc., do not provide information about whether property is located near a busy street
- This information may help movers make a decision on whether or not to buy a house in a particular location
- We will create an interactive mapping tool that provides users with information about vehicle and foot traffic for neighborhoods in Seattle
 - Users will be able to filter by neighborhood to discover foot and vehicle traffic flow
 - Users will be able to view historical data about vehicle traffic flow

Datasets:

- https://data-seattlecitygis.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/seattle-streets
- https://data-seattlecitygis.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/2018-traffic-flow-counts
- https://data.opendatasoft.com/explore/dataset/zillow-neighborhoods%40public/map/?refine.city=Seattle&location=10,47.6094,-122.33963&basemap=jawg.sunny

Use Case 1

A user wants to view the vehicle traffic flow in a specific neighborhood

User: Select the neighborhood from drop-down menu

APP: Show all types of traffic flow in that neighborhood (e.g. bike, vehicle, foot)

User: Click the checkbox for only vehicle traffic flow

APP: Filter by vehicle traffic flow only

User: Zoom in to see the blocks or street the user cares about

APP: Show the traffic flow by width and/or color to indicate busy streets and blocks

Use Case 2

A user wants to view the annual average weekday traffic flow in a neighborhood

User: Select the neighborhood from drop-down menu

APP: Show all types of traffic flow in that neighborhood (e.g. bike, vehicle, foot)

User: Use slider on the top corner to choose a specific year

APP: Show the traffic flow for a specific year on map

User: Click the checkbox for Monday to Friday

APP: Show only the weekday traffic flow

User: Choose "view report" from the menu

APP: Show statistics for annual average weekday traffic flow by different years

Python Libraries

- Bokeh (<u>https://docs.bokeh.org/en/latest/</u>): Interactive visualizations
- Plotly (https://plot.ly/python/): Interactive visualizations
- Dash (https://plot.ly/dash/): Analytical web apps





Technology Comparison

Bokeh

- Pros
 - Lots of chart types, including maps
 - Good documentation, lots of examples
 - Can be used in dashboards (via Bokeh server), in websites (embed in html file), or in Jupyter notebooks
 - More interactions than Plotly
- Cons
 - Steeper learning curve than Plotly
 - Some interactions require JavaScript
 - Less integrated with Pandas than Plotly
 - Can be slowed down with large datasets

Plotly

- Pros
 - Over 40 chart types, including maps
 - Good documentation, lots of examples
 - Can be used in dashboards (via Dash), in websites (save as html file), or in Jupyter notebooks
 - Lots of out-of-the-box features
 - Easier to learn than Bokeh
- Cons
 - Can be slow with large datasets
 - Limited number of color palettes