

# TfC Tools Plugin

## User Guide

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## I. Introduction

**TfC Tools** is a QGIS plugin suite developed by **Transport for Cairo (TfC)** to streamline and standardize transport data processing workflows.

The suite provides user-friendly interfaces for common analytical tasks used in TfC's research and transport data management projects.

TfC Tools currently includes 3 main plugins:

1. RL2SDI (RouteLab to SDI Migration) - migrates field survey data from TfC's RouteLab database to a standardized PostGIS Spatial Data Infrastructure (SDI)
2. GIS2GTFS – converts GIS data into GTFS.
3. Vehicle and Passenger Flow – estimates vehicle flows and passenger flows on road segments based on GTFS data.

### I.1 Who this guide is for

This guide is intended for:

- Transport analysts and GIS specialists working with RouteLab, GTFS, or PostGIS data.
- Researchers and planners aiming to integrate transport data workflows into QGIS.
- Developers or contributors who wish to understand or extend the TfC Tools plugin.

You can use the plugins independently or as part of a workflow:

**RouteLab → RL2SDI → GIS2GTFS → Vehicle and Passenger Flow.**

### I.2 Tool requirements

The plugins are compatible with **QGIS 3.40 and later**.

## 2. TfC Tools

### 1.3 Installing the plugin

To install **TfC Tools**, you'll first need to download the plugin package and add it to QGIS.

#### 1.3.1 Option 1: Manual installation from ZIP

1. Download the latest plugin ZIP from [the GitHub repository](#)
2. Download and open [QGIS](#) (version 3.40 or higher)
3. From the menu bar, go to **Plugins → Manage and Install Plugins** (Figure 1)

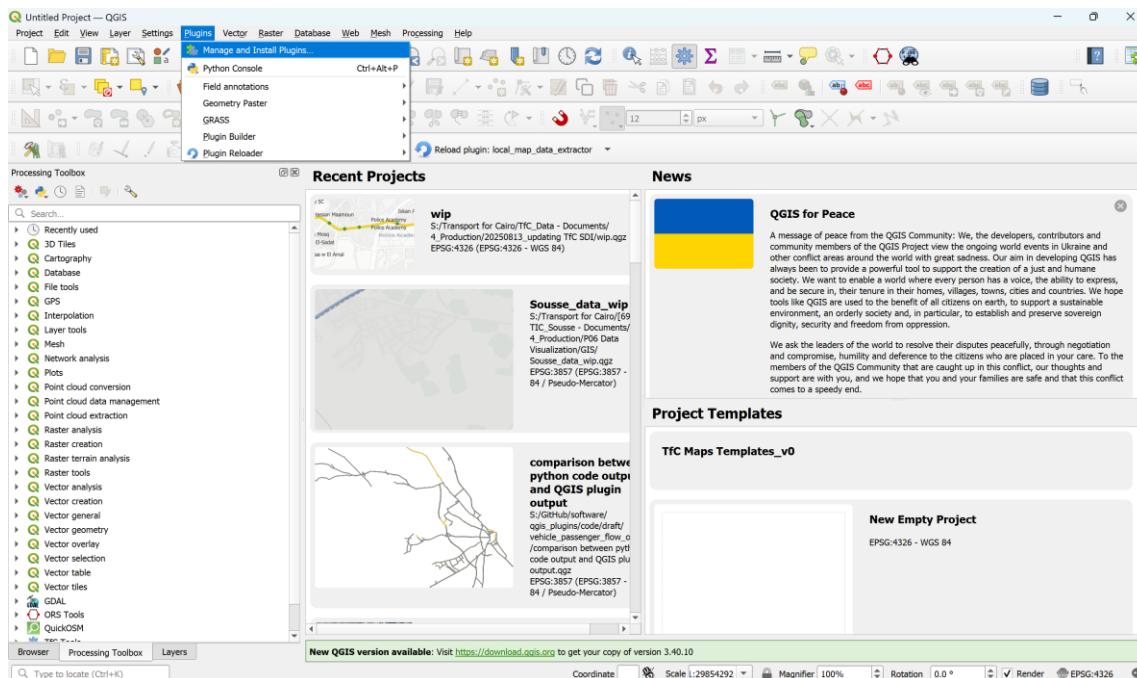


Figure 1 Installing the plugin – select the Plugin menu

4. In the dialog that appears, click the **Install from ZIP** → click **Browse** and select the downloaded ZIP file on your PC → click **Install Plugin** → click **Close** (Figure 2)

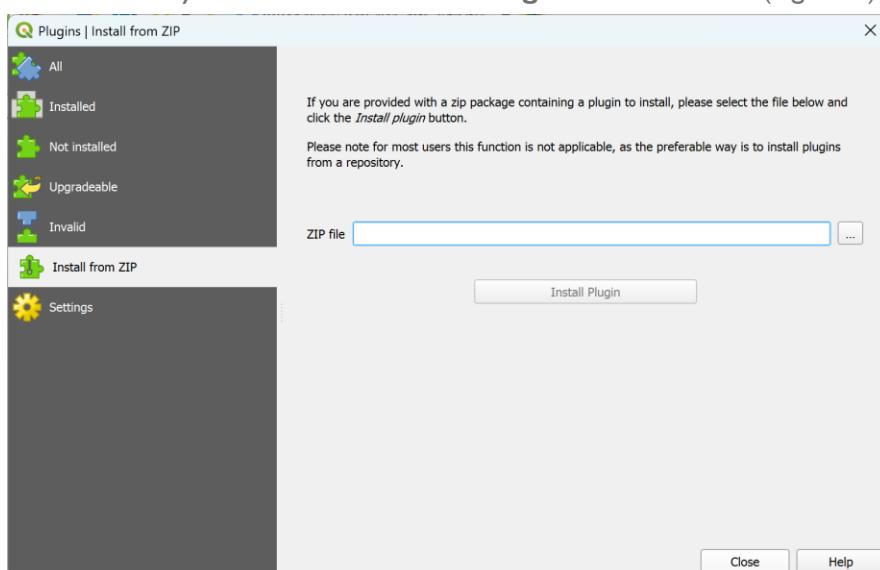


Figure 2 Installing the plugin - Insert from ZIP

### 1.3.2 Option 2: Install from QGIS Plugin Repository

TfC Tools are available directly through QGIS' Plugin Repository:

1. Open Plugins → Manage and Install Plugins...
2. Search for **TfC Tools**.
3. Click **Install Plugin**.

### 1.4 Where to find the plugin

After installation:

Open Plugins → **TfC Tools** and make sure it's checked to enable it as in Figure 3.

You can find TfC Tools under the **Processing Toolbox** panel as in Figure 4.

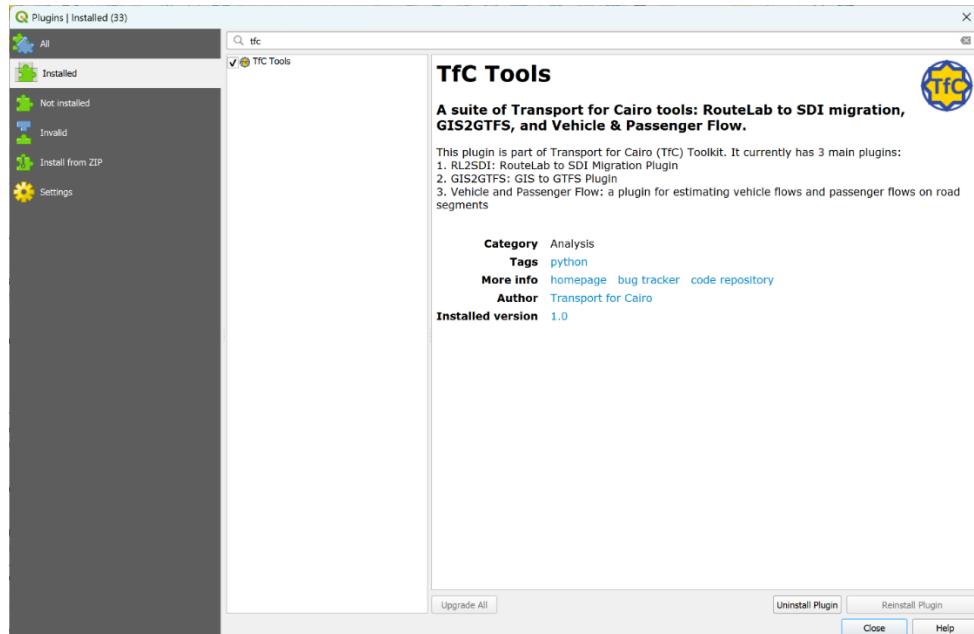


Figure 3 TfC Tools Plugin in the Plugins menu

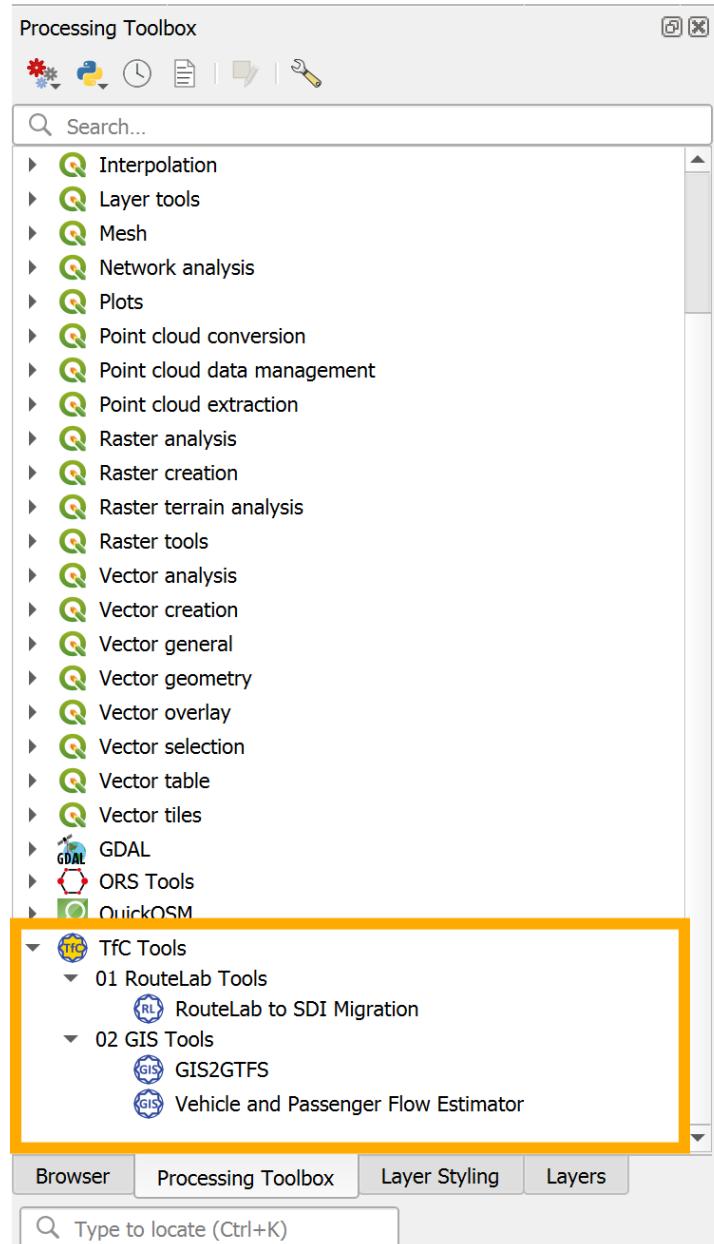


Figure 4 TfC Tools in the Processing Toolbox panel

### 3. RL2SDI Migration Plugin

#### 1.5 Purpose of the Tool

The plugin migrates field surveys data from the Transport for Cairo TfC's suite RouteLab database to a PostgreSQL database in a standard format that can later be used for analysis.

The plugin automates the migration of field survey data from **Transport for Cairo's (TfC) RouteLab** database into a **Postgres Database**, following a standardized schema that is suitable for analysis and interoperability, particularly with the other **TfC Tools** plugins, **GIS2GTFS** and **Vehicle and Passenger Flow**.

#### 1.6 How to use the Plugin

##### 1.6.1 Plugin User Interface

The plugin requires the following 3 inputs:

1. **RouteLab database connection** – The source database containing field survey data (Database credentials are provided by TfC)
2. **PostgreSQL database connection** – The target database where the data will be migrated and structured.
3. **Project ID** – A unique identifier assigned to each project within TfC's RouteLab.

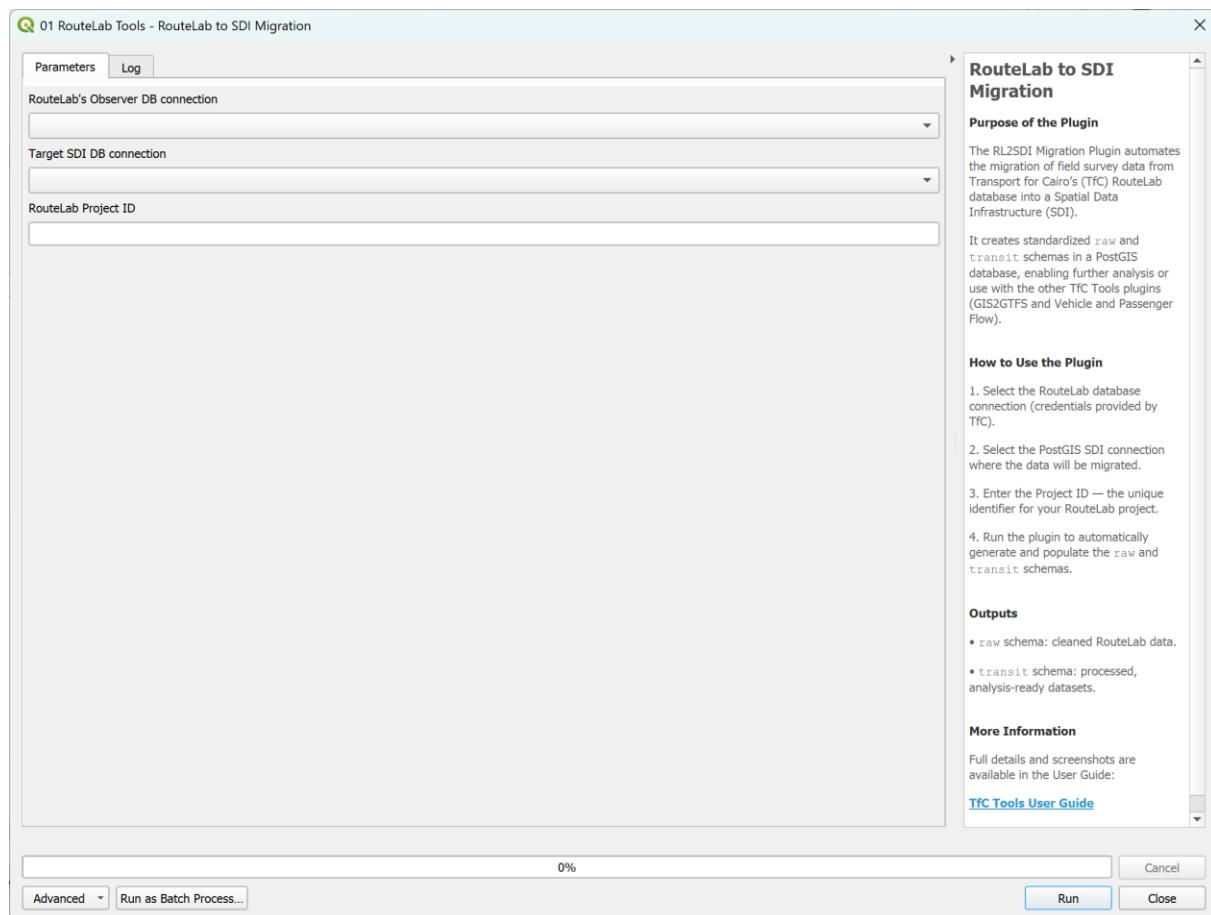


Figure 5 RL2SDI Plugin User Interface

## 1.6.2 Plugin output

Once the plugin completes its process, two new schemas will be created within your PostgreSQL database: **raw** and **transit**.

- **raw schema** – contains the cleaned data imported from the RouteLab field surveys.
- **transit schema** – contains the processed and analysis-ready datasets generated from the raw data.

A full description of the structure, including all tables, fields, and data types within these two schemas, is provided in Section 1.13 in the Appendix.

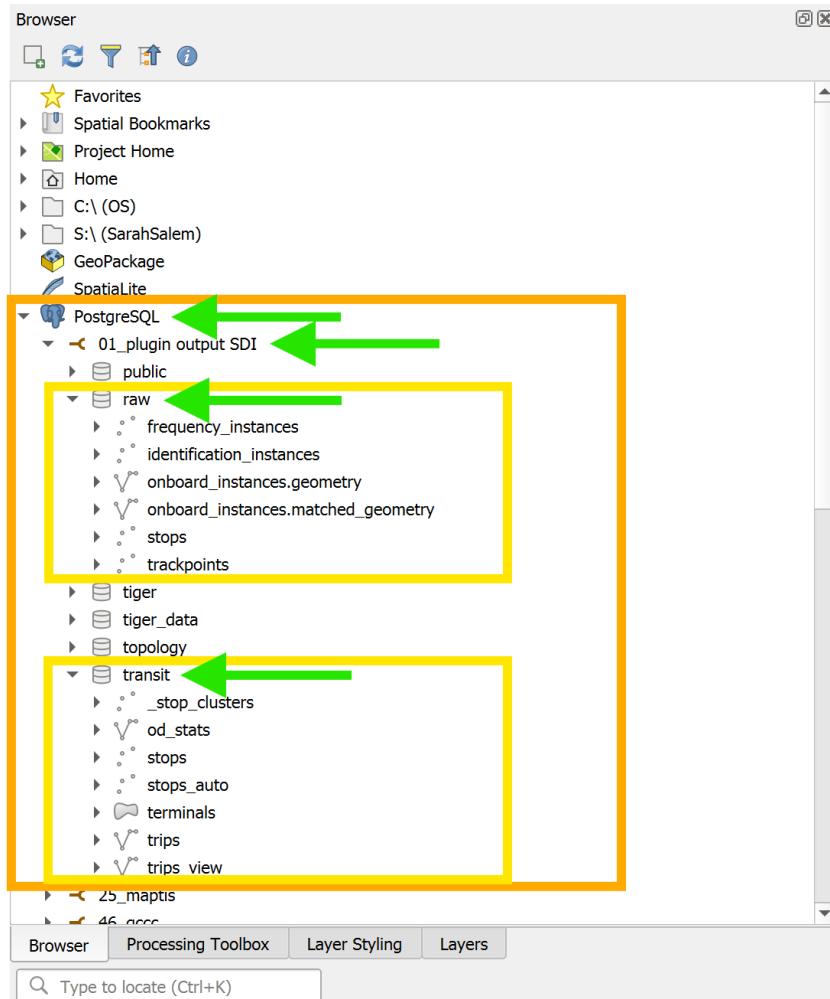


Figure 6 the plugin output PostgreSQL database

## 1.6.3 Next steps

Once the RouteLab-to-SDI migration is complete, the data can be used directly for analysis and visualization in QGIS or other GIS tools.

Alternatively, you can continue the workflow using the other **TfC Tools** plugins—**GIS2GTFS** and **Vehicle and Passenger Flow**—which rely on the same standardized PostgreSQL database schema generated by this plugin.

## 4. GIS2GTFS Plugin

### 1.7 Purpose of the Plugin

The plugin automates the creation of a **General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS)** dataset from existing transport data stored in a **PostgreSQL database**. It relies on the standardized PostgreSQL database schema used by **Transport for Cairo (TfC)**—the same schema generated by the **RL2SDI** plugin—ensuring full compatibility with other tools and workflows.

### 1.8 How to use the plugin

#### 1.8.1 Plugin User Interface

The plugin requires the following inputs:

1. **PostgreSQL database connection** – must follow TfC's standard schema, either by:
  - using the PostgreSQL database output from the **RL2SDI Migration Plugin**, or
  - Structuring your data according to the schema described in **Appendix Table 4**.
2. **Feed version** – e.g. 1.0
3. **Start date** – e.g. 20250101
4. **End date** – e.g. 20251231
5. **Service ID** – defines the service configuration for the GTFS feed.
6. **Use continuous drop-off/pick-up** – an optional GTFS parameter enabled by default; you may disable it if not applicable.
7. **Output folder 1** – temporary folder for intermediate raw files used by the plugin. (*These files are not needed after processing; an empty folder is recommended.*)
8. **Output folder 2** – destination folder for the final GTFS .txt files.

The Plugin interface is shown in Figure 5 below.

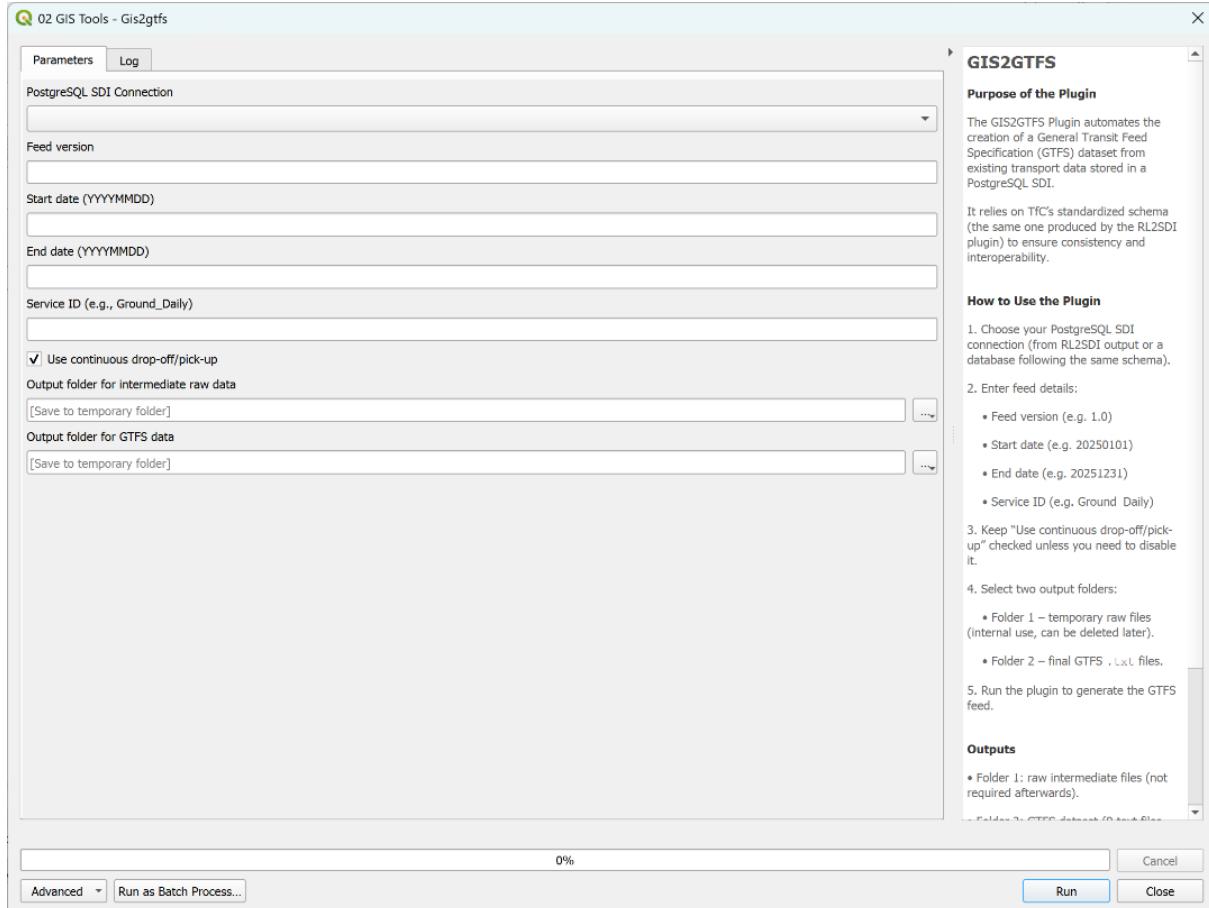


Figure 7 GIS2GTFS Plugin User Interface

### 1.8.2 Plugin output

Upon execution, the plugin generates two sets of outputs corresponding to the two folders selected in the UI:

- **Raw output (Folder 1)** – intermediate processing files not required after the GTFS is created (see Figure 8).
- **GTFS feed (Folder 2)** – the main output, consisting of **9 text files** that make up the GTFS dataset (see Figure 9).

agency.csv
frequencies.csv
intervals.csv
stops.geojson
terminals.geojson
travel_times_trackpoints.csv
travel_times_trackpoints_filled_na.csv
trip_stop_sequence.csv
trips.geojson
trips_with_intervals.csv

Figure 8 Raw output in Folder 1

agency.txt
calendar.txt
feed_info.txt
frequencies.txt
routes.txt
shapes.txt
stop_times.txt
stops.txt
trips.txt

Figure 9 Main GTFS output in Folder 2

### 1.8.3 GTFS validation

To ensure the GTFS feed meets specification standards, it is recommended to validate it using **MobilityData's GTFS Validator** by following these steps:

1. Compress the generated .txt files into a single .zip file
2. Download the open [MobilityData GTFS Validator](#)
3. Open the validator and select the location of the GTFS .zip file
4. Click **Validate** To run the checks. A webpage will open displaying the validation report.
5. Review the results:
  - **Errors** must be corrected before the GTFS feed can be considered valid.
  - **Warnings** are non-critical, and the GTFS will still function, but it's recommended to review and resolve them when possible.

## 5. Vehicle and Passenger Flow Plugin

### 1.9 Purpose of the Tool

The plugin estimates **vehicle** and **passenger flows** within a defined study area using **GTFS data**. It processes vehicle appearances and passenger load information, calculates flows for selected time intervals (e.g., morning and afternoon peaks), and outputs spatial layers ready for analysis and visualization in **QGIS**.

The tool can be used with **any valid GTFS feed**, whether produced by the **GIS2GTFS** plugin or obtained from another source. It is designed to integrate seamlessly with data structured under the standard PostgreSQL database schema generated by **RL2SDI**.

### 1.10 How to use the Plugin

#### 1.10.1 Plugin User Interface

The plugin requires the following 3 inputs:

1. **GTFS file (.zip)** – The input GTFS dataset, either created using the **GIS2GTFS** plugin or any valid GTFS feed.
2. **PostgreSQL database connection** – must follow TfC's standard schema, either by:
  - using the PostgreSQL database output from the **RL2SDI Migration Plugin**, or
  - Structuring your data according to the schema described in **Appendix Table 5**.
3. **Output folder path** – The location on your computer where the generated files will be saved.

The plugin interface is shown in Figure 10 below.

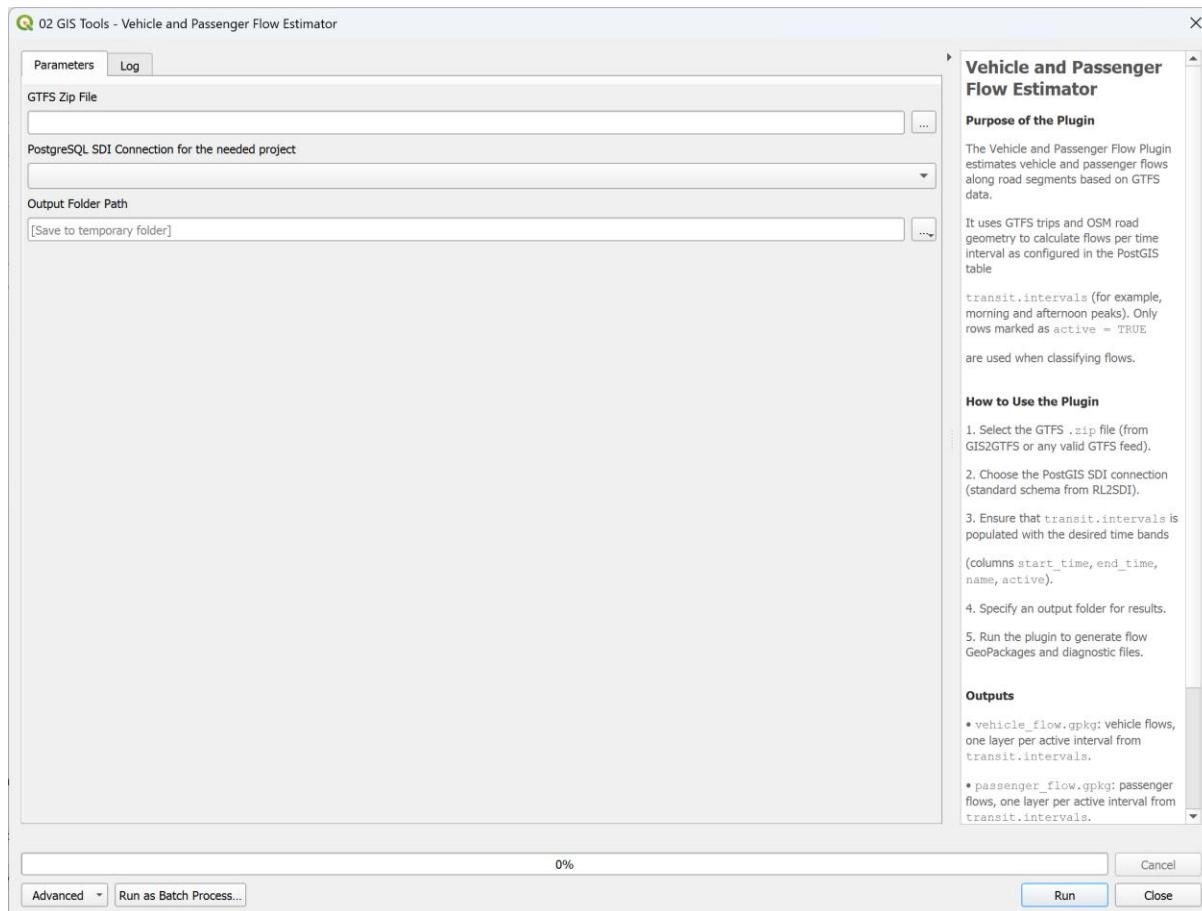


Figure 10 Vehicle and Passenger Flow Plugin User Interface

### I.10.2 Plugin output

The plugin produces **two GeoPackage (.gpkg)** files, each containing two layers—one for the **morning peak** and one for the **afternoon peak**:

- **vehicle\_flow.gpkg** – Vehicle flow data by road segment.
- **passenger\_flow.gpkg** – Passenger flow data by road segment.

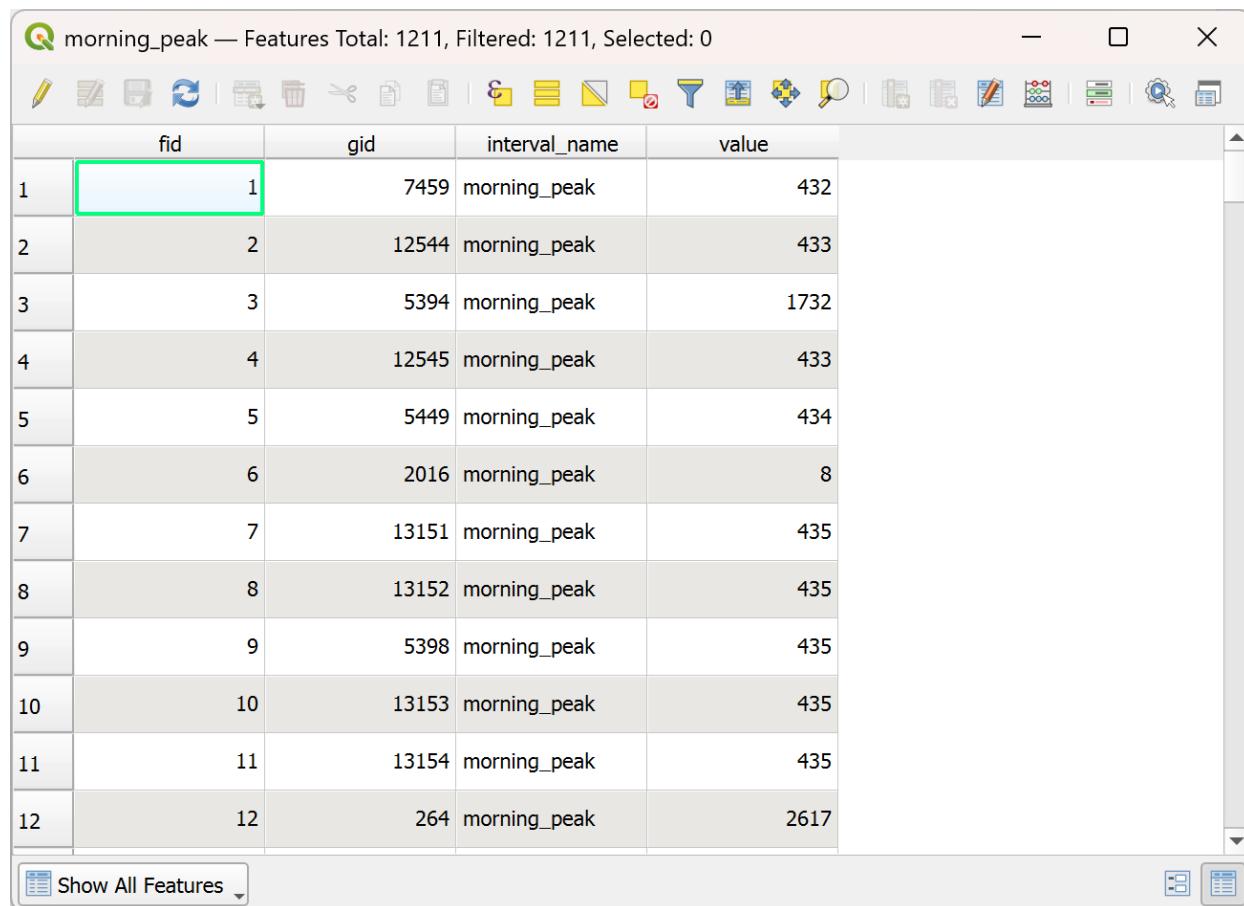
Each layer includes line geometries and associated flow attributes, ready for visualization and further analysis in QGIS.

Table I and Figure 11 illustrate sample outputs produced by the plugin.

Table I Main fields from the Vehicle and Passenger Flow plugin output

Field name	Description
interval_name	Interval name.
value	The main output of the plugin. This is the number of passengers or vehicles estimated on this road segment per time interval.

morning\_peak — Features Total: 1211, Filtered: 1211, Selected: 0



	fid	gid	interval_name	value
1	1	7459	morning_peak	432
2	2	12544	morning_peak	433
3	3	5394	morning_peak	1732
4	4	12545	morning_peak	433
5	5	5449	morning_peak	434
6	6	2016	morning_peak	8
7	7	13151	morning_peak	435
8	8	13152	morning_peak	435
9	9	5398	morning_peak	435
10	10	13153	morning_peak	435
11	11	13154	morning_peak	435
12	12	264	morning_peak	2617

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Figure 11 example for passenger flow output in a time interval (morning peak)

### I.1.1 What the Plugin Does

Here's a quick overview of what the plugin does once you run it:

1. **Reads the GTFS data** from the provided .zip file.
2. Defines the **study area** and extracts the **OSM road network** that covers all transit routes in the GTFS.
3. Matches **transit routes to road segments** using the *Fréchet distance* method to determine which roads each trip follows.
4. **Estimates and assigns vehicle and passenger flows** to each road segment for defined time periods (including morning and afternoon peaks).
5. **Saves the results** as GeoPackage (.gpkg) files.
6. Performs **data quality and consistency checks**, validating geometries and attributes, and handling missing or incomplete data using fallback methods.

## 6. Appendix

### 1.12 Setting up a PostgreSQL Database Connection on QGIS

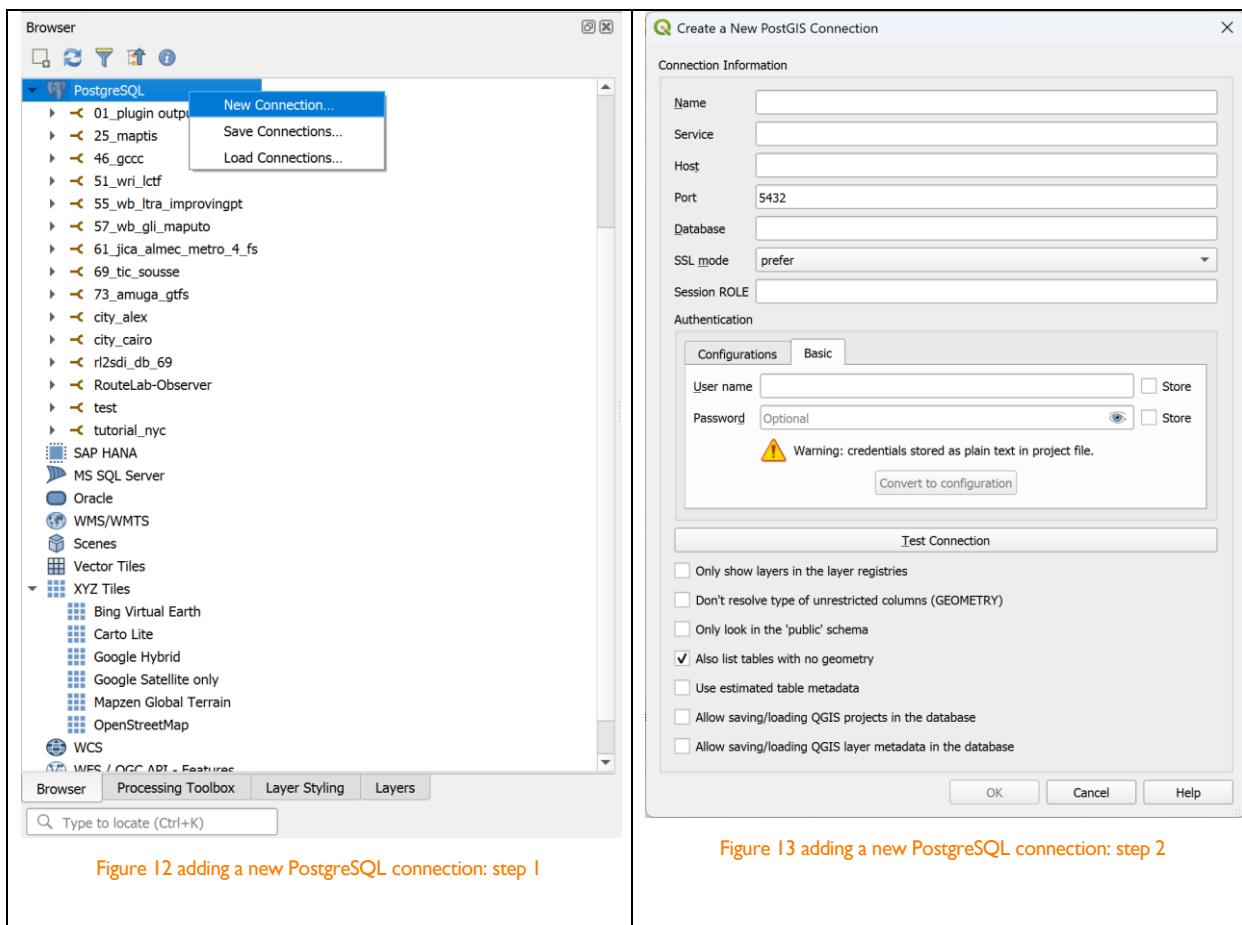
For the TfC Tools plugin to function properly, a **PostgreSQL database connection** with **saved credentials** is required.

This section explains how to create the connection and ensure that the credentials are correctly stored.

**Note:** This setup only needs to be done once on each computer.

#### 1.12.1 Create a new connection

1. Open the **Browser** panel. If you can't find it go to **View → Panels → check Browser**
2. Right click on **PostgreSQL** and choose **New Connection**
3. In the dialog, fill in the required fields — **Name**, **Host**, **Port**, and **Database**.
4. Under the **Basic** tab, enter your **User name** and **Password**, check **Store**, then click **OK**.
5. Check **Also list tables with no geometry** to be able to see them in the Brower menu



#### 1.12.2 Verify that credentials are saved

Sometimes QGIS allows a PostgreSQL connection with unsaved credentials. Follow these steps to confirm that your credentials are stored correctly:

1. Open the **Browser** panel
2. Right-click the PostgreSQL database connection you're going to use, and select **Edit Connection**

3. Open the **Basic** tab and verify that your **User name** and **Password** are entered and that **Store** is checked.
4. If the fields are empty, re-enter your credentials, check **Store**, and click **OK**.
5. To confirm that the credentials are saved, close and reopen the **Edit Connection** dialog. If the fields are blank again, repeat the process until the credentials appear after reopening.

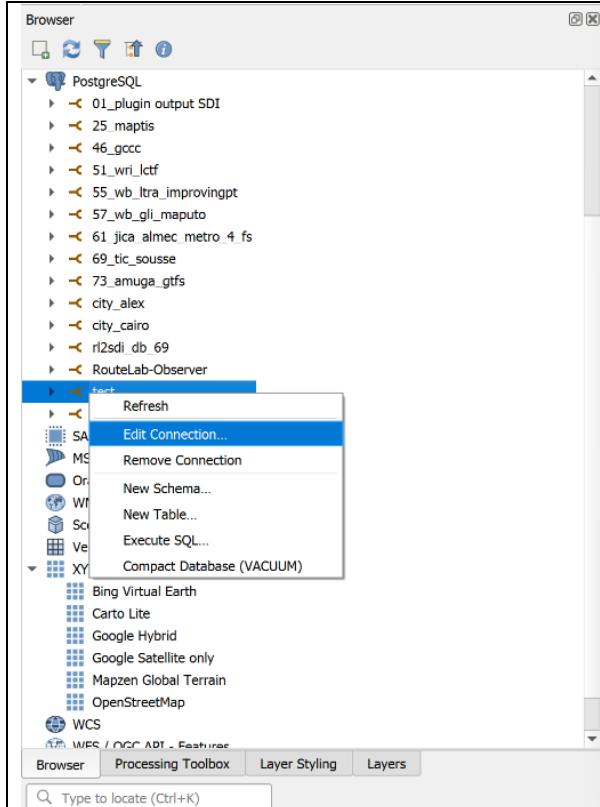


Figure 14 editing an existing PostgreSQL connection: step 1

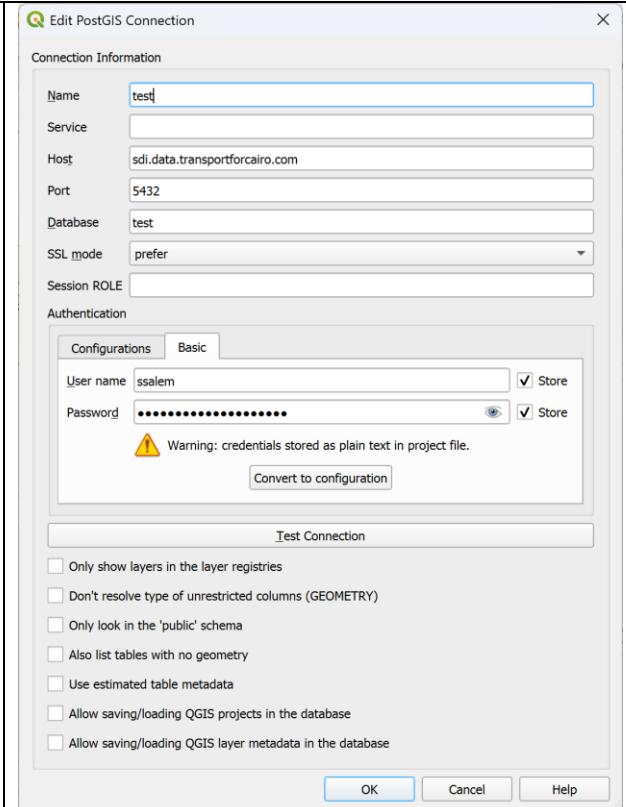


Figure 15 editing an existing PostgreSQL connection: step 2

## 1.13 RL2SDI Plugin – Generated PostgreSQL Database Schema

The RL2SDI plugin automatically creates two database schemas — **raw** and **transit** — as part of the data migration and standardization process.

Each schema contains a set of structured tables (and, in some cases, materialized views) that store survey, stop, trip, and route data in a format compatible with TfC's PostgreSQL database structure.

The following tables summarize the output schema of the RL2SDI plugin, including the **database name**, **schema name**, **table/view name**, **field name**, **data type**, and **object type**.

### 1.13.1 Schema: raw

Table 2 Raw schema outputs generated by the RL2SDI plugin

Table name	Field name	Data type	Object type
frequency_instances	agency	text	TABLE
	assignment_id	text	TABLE
	avg_headway_sec	double precision	TABLE
	canceled_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	created_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	deleted_at	text	TABLE
	destination	text	TABLE
	finished_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	fr_code	text	TABLE
	fr_id	text	TABLE
	fr_name	text	TABLE
	geometry	geometry(Point,4326)	TABLE
	geometry_properties	text	TABLE
	gid	integer	TABLE
	id	text	TABLE
	interval	text	TABLE
	interval_end	text	TABLE
	interval_id	text	TABLE
	interval_start	text	TABLE
	notes	text	TABLE
	observation_duration	bigint	TABLE
	observations_count	bigint	TABLE
	origin	text	TABLE
	project_id	text	TABLE

	setting_id	text	TABLE
	status	text	TABLE
	survey	text	TABLE
	trip_id	text	TABLE
	updated_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
identification_instances	accepted_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	accepted_by	text	TABLE
	agency	text	TABLE
	agency_id	text	TABLE
	bus_number	text	TABLE
	created_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	deleted_at	text	TABLE
	destination	text	TABLE
	destination_name	text	TABLE
	destination_name_local	text	TABLE
	fr_code	text	TABLE
	fr_id	text	TABLE
	fr_name	text	TABLE
	geometry	geometry(Point,4326)	TABLE
	geometry_properties	text	TABLE
	gid	integer	TABLE
	id	text	TABLE
	logs	text	TABLE
	m_destination_name	text	TABLE
	m_destination_name_local	text	TABLE
	m_origin_name	text	TABLE
	m_origin_name_local	text	TABLE
	metadata	text	TABLE
	notes	text	TABLE
	op_from	text	TABLE
	op_to	text	TABLE
	origin	text	TABLE
	origin_name	text	TABLE

	origin_name_local	text	TABLE
	project_id	text	TABLE
	route_id	text	TABLE
	setting_id	text	TABLE
	status	text	TABLE
	trip_id	text	TABLE
	updated_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	user_id	text	TABLE
onboard_instances	agency	text	TABLE
	arrived_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	assignment_id	text	TABLE
	canceled_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	created_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	deleted_at	text	TABLE
	departed_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	destination	text	TABLE
	finished_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	fr_code	text	TABLE
	fr_id	text	TABLE
	fr_name	text	TABLE
	geometry	geometry(LineString,4326)	TABLE
	geometry_properties	text	TABLE
	gid	integer	TABLE
	id	text	TABLE
	interval	text	TABLE
	interval_end	text	TABLE
	interval_id	text	TABLE
	interval_start	text	TABLE
	matched_geometry	geometry(LineString,4326)	TABLE
	notes	text	TABLE
	onboarding_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	origin	text	TABLE
	project_id	text	TABLE

	status	text	TABLE
	status_updated_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	survey	text	TABLE
	trip_id	text	TABLE
	updated_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	valid	boolean	TABLE
	validated_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
	validated_by	text	TABLE
	vehicle_id	bigint	TABLE
stops	alight	integer	TABLE
	alight_female	integer	TABLE
	alight_male	integer	TABLE
	board	integer	TABLE
	board_female	integer	TABLE
	board_male	integer	TABLE
	geom	geometry(Geometry,4326)	TABLE
	gid	serial/int	TABLE
	h3_index	text	TABLE
	name	text	TABLE
	observer_id	text	TABLE
	onboard_instance_observer_id	text	TABLE
	parent_onboard_instance_status	text	TABLE
stops_created_at	parent_onboard_instance_valid	boolean	TABLE
	created_at	timestamp with time zone	TABLE
trackpoints	observer_id	text	TABLE
	geom	geometry(Geometry,4326)	TABLE
	gid	serial/int	TABLE
	onboard_instance_id	text	TABLE
	onboard_instance_status	text	TABLE
	onboard_instance_valid	boolean	TABLE

	<b>timestamp</b>	<b>timestamp(0) with time zone</b>	<b>TABLE</b>
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### I.I3.2 Schema: transit

Table 3 Transit schema outputs generated by the RL2SDI plugin

Table name	Field name	Data type	Object type
_stop_clusters	centroid	geometry	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	cluster_id	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	mode_name	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	n_points	bigint	MATERIALIZED VIEW
agencies	agency_id	text	TABLE
	agency_name	text	TABLE
	agency_timezone	text	TABLE
	agency_url	text	TABLE
	common_name	text	TABLE
	gid	serial/int	TABLE
	has_serial	boolean	TABLE
	vehicle_id	integer	TABLE
intervals	active	boolean	TABLE
	end_time	time without time zone	TABLE
	gid	serial/int	TABLE
	name	character varying	TABLE
	observer_id	text	TABLE
	start_time	time without time zone	TABLE
od_stats	d_id	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	dist	double precision	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	duration	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	geom	geometry(LineString,4326)	MATERIALIZED VIEW

	gid	bigint	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	interval_id	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	interval_start	time without time zone	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	o_id	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	speed	double precision	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	vehicle_name	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
stops	double	integer	TABLE
	geom	geometry(Point,4326)	TABLE
	gid	serial/int	TABLE
	location_type	integer	TABLE
	stop_desc	text	TABLE
	stop_id	text	TABLE
	stop_lat	double precision	TABLE
	stop_lon	double precision	TABLE
	stop_name	text	TABLE
stops_auto	cluster_id	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	double	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	geom	geometry	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	location_type	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	stop_desc	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	stop_lat	double precision	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	stop_lon	double precision	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	stop_name	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW

	stop_type	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
terminals	geom	geometry(Geometry,4326)	TABLE
	gid	serial/int	TABLE
	name	text	TABLE
	name_ar	text	TABLE
	observer_id	text	TABLE
trip_stops_sequence	distance	double precision	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	distance_frac	double precision	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	distance_from_prev	double precision	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	gid	bigint	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	observer_trip_id	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	stop_id	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	stop_name	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	stop_sequence	bigint	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	t_id	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	vehicle_name	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
trips	agency_id	integer	TABLE
	agency_serial	text	TABLE
	d_id	integer	TABLE
	direction_id	integer	TABLE
	fare	real	TABLE
	geom	geometry(LineString,4326)	TABLE
	gid	serial/int	TABLE
	o_id	integer	TABLE

	observer_id	text	TABLE
	observer_route_id	text	TABLE
	route_type	integer	TABLE
	service_id	text	TABLE
trips_intervals	gid	serial/int	TABLE
	headway_estimation_method	text	TABLE
	headway_secs	integer	TABLE
	interval_id	integer	TABLE
	trip_id	integer	TABLE
trips_view	agency_id	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	d_id	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	destination	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	direction_id	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	fare	real	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	geom	geometry(LineString,4326)	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	gid	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	len_km	double precision	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	o_id	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	observer_id	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	origin	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	passenger_capacity	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	route_id	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	route_long	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW

	route_short	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	route_type	integer	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	service_id	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	trip_short	text	MATERIALIZED VIEW
	vehicle_name	character varying	MATERIALIZED VIEW
vehicles	gid	serial/int	TABLE
	name	character varying	TABLE
	passenger_capacity	integer	TABLE

## I.14 GIS2GTFS Plugin – Required PostgreSQL Database Schema

The following table lists everything the GIS2GTFS plugin expects under the schema “transit”: which tables/views must exist, what columns they need, and why. Use it as a checklist to prepare your database before running the plugin.

Table 4 GIS2GTFS Plugin's PostgreSQL database schema requirements

Table Name	Table Description	Column	Type	Notes / Description
transit.agencies	Operator/agency definitions; joined with vehicles and used to set pickup/dropoff behavior.	agency_id	text	Unique agency key; joins from trips_view.agency_id.
		agency_name	text	GTFS agency_name.
		agency_url	text (http/https)	GTFS agency_url.
		agency_timezone	text (IANA TZ)	GTFS agency_timezone (e.g., Africa/Cairo).
		vehicle_id	integer (FK)	FK → transit.vehicles.id.
transit.vehicles	Vehicle types/properties referenced by agencies.	gid	serial / integer (PK)	Primary key; referenced by agencies.vehicle_id.
		name	text	Exported as vehicle_name; used in downstream joins.
transit.stops	Public transport stops with stable IDs and map locations (for stops.txt).	gid	serial / integer (PK)	Stable stop identifier.
		stop_name	text	Human-readable name.
		geom	geometry(Point, 4326)	Source for stop_lat/stop_lon; must be valid points in WGS84.
transit.trips_view	Trips view used for routes, trips, and shapes. Geometry must	gid	serial / integer (unique)	Stable numeric key; used by frequencies.trip_id.

	be non-null for exported rows.	observer_id	text	
		route_id	text	GTFS route reference.
		service_id	text	GTFS service reference.
		direction_id	smallint (0/1)	GTFS direction flag.
		destination	text	Mapped to GTFS trip_headsign.
		route_short	text	Mapped to GTFS route_short_name.
		route_long	text	Mapped to GTFS route_long_name.
		route_type	integer	GTFS route_type.
		agency_id	text (FK)	Joins to agencies.agency_id.
		geom	geometry(LineString, 4326)	Used to generate shapes.txt (point sequences).
transit.intervals	Time windows used across stop_times and frequencies (e.g., morning peak).	gid	serial / integer (PK)	Primary key; joins from frequencies and od_stats.
		start_time	Time (HH:MM:SS)	Interval start (time of day).
		end_time	Time (HH:MM:SS)	Interval end (time of day).
transit.trip_stops_sequence	Ordered stop lists per trip; backbone of stop_times.txt.	gid	serial / integer	Ignored by builder if present.
		Observer_trip_id	text	
		stop_id	text (FK)	FK → stops.stop_id.
		stop_sequence	integer (1-based)	Visit order of stops along the trip.
transit.od_stats	Observed/estimated travel times between stop pairs per interval (used to compute arrival/departure).	o_id	text (FK)	Origin stop_id; must exist in transit.stops.
		d_id	text (FK)	Destination stop_id; must exist in transit.stops.
		interval_id	integer (FK)	FK → intervals.gid.
		interval_start	time or timestamp	Start time associated with the

				measurement window.
		duration	integer (seconds) or numeric	Travel time from o_id to d_id.
		vehicle_name	text	Joined from vehicles via agencies.
transit.trips_intervals	Headway values for trips at given time intervals (e.g. trip from x to y departs every 300 seconds during the morning peak interval)	trip_id	integer	Trip reference aligns with trips_view.gid
		interval_id	integer (FK)	FK → intervals.gid.
		headway_secs	integer	Freeform; usage varies.

## I.15 Vehicle and Passenger Flow Plugin – Required PostgreSQL Database Schema

Table 5 Vehicle and Passenger Flow Plugin's PostgreSQL database schema requirements

schema	table	field	type	notes
raw	onboard_instances	id	text	Primary identifier of onboard survey instance.
		trip_id	text	Survey 'trip' grouping; used to relate stops to an instance.
		status	text	Expected values like 'finished' used to filter valid runs.
		valid	boolean	Used to exclude invalid runs.
		departed_at	timestamptz	Start timestamp for time-binning and headway logic.
		geometry	geometry(LineString,4326)	GPS path of the onboard run (WGS84).
	matched_geometry	geometry(LineString,4326)		Path matched to network if available.
stops	stops	board	integer	Boardings counted at this observed stop.
		alight	integer	Alightings counted at this observed stop.
		observer_id	text	Join key to stops_created_at for timestamp.
		geom	geometry(Geometry,4326)	Observed stop location (WGS84).
	stops_created_at	observer_id	text	Join to raw.stops.observer_id.
	created_at	created_at	timestamptz	Timestamp of stop record creation.