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outcomes produced by the different eligibility certification models and offers information about their overall effectiveness. A comprehensive guide for college-bound teens and their parents shares step-by-step coverage of today's competitive admissions processes based on expert advice by 50 admissions deans from ivy-league universities, in a reference that outlines recommendations for the sophomore, junior and senior grades of high school. Original."This report completes and updates the first edition of NCHRP Report 600: Human Factors Guidelines for Road Systems (HFG), which was published previously in three collections. The HFG contains guidelines that provide human factors principles and findings for consideration by, and is a resource document for, highway designers, traffic engineers, and other safety practitioners."--Foreword. The publication delivers numerous valuable guidelines, particularly useful when making decisions related in the subject matter to road and rail nodes located in dense transport networks. The know-how displayed while discussing practical examples as well as the decision making support systems described in the publication will certainly attract the interest of those who daily face the challenge of seeking solutions to the operational and functional problems of transport nodes in contemporary transport networks and systems. This publication is dedicated to local authorities involved in planning and preparation of development strategies for specific transport-related issues (in both urban and regional areas) as well as to representatives of business and industry, being those who participate directly in the implementation of traffic engineering solutions. The guidelines provided in individual chapters of the publication will make it possible to address the given problem in an advanced manner and simplify the choice of appropriate strategies (including those related to synchronisation of road traffic streams, improving the capacity, road traffic safety analysis, evaluation of changes in drivers' behaviour on account of introducing countdown timers at signal-controlled intersections using UAV data, the influence of the type of traffic organisation on the behaviour of pedestrians at tram line crossings). On the other hand, since the publication also concerns the new approach to theoretical models (including potential places of integration of public transport with the railway network or the speed adviser for pedestrians enabling them to choose the optimal path at signal-controlled intersections), it should also attract the attention of researchers and scientists studying this body of problems. The publication entitled "Nodes in transport networks - research, data analysis and modelling" contains selected papers submitted to and presented at the 16th "Transport Systems. Theory and Practice" Scientific and Technical Conference organized by the Department of Transport Systems and Traffic Engineering at the Faculty of Transport of the Silesian University of Technology. The conference was held on 16-18 September 2019 in Katowice (Poland). Gap acceptance behavior is critical to the safety and operational performance of unsignalized intersections. The complex nature of the human behavior and its dependence on various socioeconomic and environmental parameters makes it challenging for transportation professionals to assess the performance of such intersections. To investigate the behavioral patterns of drivers at unsignalized intersections, a novel procedure was developed and validated for the accurate observation of naturalistic gap acceptance behavior. Specifically, the authors examined two-way
stop-controlled (TWSC) intersections with a two way left turn lane (TWLTL) on the major road. After examining the critical gap and identifying behavioral changes caused by waiting time, time of day, presence of passengers, and presence of queue, the authors further investigated the relationship between waiting time and gap acceptance and analyzed the variations in waiting time for right and left turn maneuvers. The results of this study reinforce the notion that driver behavior is affected by external factors such as waiting time, time of day, presence of passengers, presence of queue, etc. and should continue to be investigated in localities across the country.

Effect of stop and yield signs on traffic flow and safety, based on studies conducted in the Chicago area. This report presents the study of minor street drivers' gap and lag acceptance and rejection at a non-standard stop-controlled T-intersection. In this context, non-standard stop-controlled intersections are those at which priority right-of-way is given to a left-turning traffic stream. The arrival and departure times of all vehicles entering the intersection were collected with a traffic classifier and video camera. Lag/gap acceptance and rejection values were found for several specific movement combinations. The resulting critical lag and gap values varied over a wide range, depending upon the method used to derive them and the particular movement pattern being considered. Values ranged from 1.8 to 9.0 seconds, with the majority of the critical gap values higher than the critical lag values for the same movement. The lower lag/gap values were from a movement pair associated with non-standard control: drivers stopped to wait on the oncoming traffic stream having the right-of-way often choose to proceed when oncoming vehicles are close, assuming that if an oncoming vehicle has not reduced its speed by the time it is close to the intersection, it will probably proceed through and not turn left. At the intersection studied, this non-standard stop-controlled pattern sometimes caused confusion among drivers and excessive delay on minor street approaches during high traffic volume periods.

The “reality slap” takes many different forms. Sometimes, it’s more like a punch: the death of a loved one, a serious illness, a divorce, the loss of a job, a freak accident, or a shocking betrayal. Sometimes it’s a little gentler. Envy, loneliness, resentment, failure, disappointment, and rejection can sting just as much. But whatever form your reality slap takes, one thing’s for sure—it hurts! And most of us don’t deal with the pain very well. The Reality Slap offers a four-part path for healing from crises based on acceptance and commitment therapy.

In these pages, you will learn how to: ● Find peace in the midst of your pain ● Rediscover calm in the midst of chaos ● Turn difficult emotions into wisdom and compassion ● Find fulfillment, even when you can’t get what you want ● Heal your wounds and emerge stronger than before Unlike some self-help books that claim you can have everything you ever wanted in life, if you only put your mind to it, this book claims that you can't have everything in life. The hard truth of this world is that we are all going to experience disappointment, frustration, failure, loss, rejection, illness, injury, aging, and death at some point. However, in spite of all this, you can still lead a rich and rewarding life. Let this book be your guide. In March 1988, an international workshop on intersections without traffic signals was held at the Ruhr-University in Bochum, Germany. The proceedings of this workshop were published by Springer 1). The workshop was performed in a very harmonious atmosphere, which stimulated the experts from
different countries to communicate and exchange their ideas and experiences. The presentations and the written contributions documented the present state of technical solutions for design and engineering of unsignalized intersections both regarding scientific research and practical applications. Moreover, numerous unsolved problems were identified. Thus, the 1988 workshop stimulated new developments in the field of unsignalized intersections in several countries. In the meantime, these investigations have lead to a remarkable progress. For example in Germany a new guideline for unsignalized cross intersections and T-junctions has been finished and is going to be introduced in 1991. New results on roundabout capacity have been worked out as well. Many particularly important developments were made in foreign countries. Especially in the United States, an increasing interest in this subject can be observed. In the annual meetings of the TRB, this item received great attention. Many research institutes in North America have concentrated their activities on that point. A new TRB-circular concerning unsignalized intersections is going to be published. It will contain a new procedure for four-way-stop-control intersections, which seems to be a special feature of North American traffic engineering. However, new results from the US for two-way-stop control intersections are available as well. This book collects into a single, edited volume the accumulating body of thinking and research on driver and operator acceptance of new technology. Bringing together contributions from international experts from around the world, the editors have shaped a book that covers the theory behind acceptance, how it can be measured and how it can be improved. Case studies are presented that provide data on driver acceptance of a wide range of new and emerging vehicle technology. This text provides a comprehensive and concise treatment of the topic of traffic flow theory and includes several topics relevant to today’s highway transportation system. It provides the fundamental principles of traffic flow theory as well as applications of those principles for evaluating specific types of facilities (freeways, intersections, etc.). Newer concepts of Intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and their potential impact on traffic flow are discussed. State-of-the-art in traffic flow research and microscopic traffic analysis and traffic simulation have significantly advanced and are also discussed in this text. Real world examples and useful problem sets complement each chapter. This textbook is meant for use in advanced undergraduate/graduate level courses in traffic flow theory with prerequisites including two semesters of calculus, statistics, and an introductory course in transportation. The text would also be of interest to transportation professionals as a refresher in traffic flow theory, or as a reference. Students and engineers of diverse backgrounds will find this text accessible and applicable to today’s traffic issues. At a time when lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals--often referred to under the umbrella acronym LGBT--are becoming more visible in society and more socially acknowledged, clinicians and researchers are faced with incomplete information about their health status. While LGBT populations often are combined as a single entity for research and advocacy purposes, each is a distinct population group with its own specific health needs. Furthermore, the experiences of LGBT individuals are not uniform and are shaped by factors of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographical location, and age, any of which can have an effect on health-related concerns and
needs. The Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People assesses the state of science on the health status of LGBT populations, identifies research gaps and opportunities, and outlines a research agenda for the National Institute of Health. The report examines the health status of these populations in three life stages: childhood and adolescence, early/middle adulthood, and later adulthood. At each life stage, the committee studied mental health, physical health, risks and protective factors, health services, and contextual influences. To advance understanding of the health needs of all LGBT individuals, the report finds that researchers need more data about the demographics of these populations, improved methods for collecting and analyzing data, and an increased participation of sexual and gender minorities in research. The Health of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People is a valuable resource for policymakers, federal agencies including the National Institute of Health (NIH), LGBT advocacy groups, clinicians, and service providers.

Driving Simulators have become invaluable tools for researchers through technological advancements of the twenty-first century. With increasing availability and affordability of these systems, this dissertation focuses on three research projects utilizing the University of Tennessee’s high fidelity driving simulator. Chapter I discusses how previous research efforts reveal inconsistencies in acclimating test participants to driving simulators. Through proper warm-up time periods, researchers can be confident that the test subjects are comfortable with the handling of the simulator vehicle. This will create reliable test results for the researcher's analysis. The warm-up acclimation study found that approximately 65% - 85% of the sample group acclimated to the handling of the vehicle in 6 minutes. The rural teen driving population has been identified as a critical population in terms of high fatality rates. The second driving simulator study analyzed vehicular input controls and revealed distracted drivers significantly increase lateral vehicle velocity, thus escalating the probability of crashes. Multitasking, such as talking on the phone, reduced the teen driver's abilities to maintain their normal operating speed. The final driving simulator study aimed to improve the current intersection sight distance design standards. Gap acceptance behavior was analyzed through multiple series of intersections. The current American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials gap acceptance design values were found to be less than comfortably accepted in the driving simulator. Nearly 50% of the sample group accepted gaps in the traffic stream of 7.5 seconds when turning left. Only 10% of the participants accepted a 6.5 second gap when proceeding straight or turning right at the intersection. Gaps accepted throughout the testing were found to decrease as the testing progressed.

Traffic Engineering Handbook, Seventh Edition is a newly revised text that builds upon the reputation as the go-to source of essential traffic engineering solutions that this book has maintained for the past 70 years. The updated content reflects changes in key industry standards, and shines a spotlight on the needs of all users, the design of context-sensitive roadways, and the development of more sustainable transportation solutions. Additionally, this resource features a new organizational structure that promotes a more functionally-driven, multimodal approach to planning, designing, and implementing transportation solutions. A branch of civil engineering, traffic engineering
concerns the safe and efficient movement of people and goods along roadways. Traffic flow, road geometry, sidewalks, crosswalks, cycle facilities, shared lane markings, traffic signs, traffic lights, and more—all of these elements must be considered when designing public and private sector transportation solutions. Explore the fundamental concepts of traffic engineering as they relate to operation, design, and management. Access updated content that reflects changes in key industry-leading resources, such as the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM), Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), AASHTO Policy on Geometric Design, Highway Safety Manual (HSM), and Americans with Disabilities Act. Understand the current state of the traffic engineering field and leverage revised information that homes in on the key topics most relevant to traffic engineering in today's world, such as context-sensitive roadways and sustainable transportation solutions.

Traffic Engineering Handbook, Seventh Edition is an essential text for public and private sector transportation practitioners, transportation decision makers, public officials, and even upper-level undergraduate and graduate students who are studying transportation engineering. Discrete Choice Analysis presents these results in such a way that they are fully accessible to the range of students and professionals who are involved in modelling demand and consumer behavior in general or specifically in transportation—whether from the point of view of the design of transit systems, urban and transport economics, public policy, operations research, or systems management and planning. The methods of discrete choice analysis and their applications in the modelling of transportation systems constitute a comparatively new field that has largely evolved over the past 15 years. Since its inception, however, the field has developed rapidly, and this is the first text and reference work to cover the material systematically, bringing together the scattered and often inaccessible results for graduate students and professionals. Discrete Choice Analysis presents these results in such a way that they are fully accessible to the range of students and professionals who are involved in modelling demand and consumer behavior in general or specifically in transportation—whether from the point of view of the design of transit systems, urban and transport economics, public policy, operations research, or systems management and planning. The introductory chapter presents the background of discrete choice analysis and context of transportation demand forecasting. Subsequent chapters cover, among other topics, the theories of individual choice behavior, binary and multinomial choice models, aggregate forecasting techniques, estimation methods, tests used in the process of model development, sampling theory, the nested-logit model, and systems of models. Discrete Choice Analysis is ninth in the MIT Press Series in Transportation Studies, edited by Marvin Manheim. Starting off a new series on Transport Systems and Traffic Engineering the book aims to help bridge the gap between research and practice, encouraging a critical dialogue in different, specific, subjects spanning innovation, development and technology transfer. Those who offer innovation often do not meet the immediate needs of practitioners, especially in the traditional field of civil engineering. Still, the adequate diffusion of research results and wisdom derived from practical experience are crucial to both theoretical underpinnings and technical applications. The papers forming this book are devoted to intersection control and safety.
and have been selected bearing in mind the criteria stated above. That is, these papers provide both scholarly contribution as well as vision for application. As a general rule, about one-third of all highway crashes happen at intersections. This rule holds for many different countries. Intersection crashes also represent a significant portion of serious injury crashes, and by right are receiving considerable attention from researchers and practitioners alike. This book is therefore devoted to relevant safety aspects of road intersections and innovative features in design and operations that may address the intersection crash problem. The thirteen papers are more or less equally devoted to roundabouts and signals. These papers cover many of the most recent and emerging issues related to intersection control and safety. Topics range from design details to driver perception, from pedestrians behaviour to signal timing, and from capacity models to red-light running. The book will be useful for those wishing to expand their knowledge of this ever important subject area. This book presents selected papers from the 4th Conference of the Transportation Research Group of India. It provides a comprehensive analysis of themes spanning the field of transportation encompassing economics, financial management, social equity, green technologies, operations research, big data analysis, econometrics and structural mechanics. This volume will be of interest to researchers, educators, practitioners, managers, and policy-makers worldwide."

This study analyzed the driver gap acceptance and rejection behavior during mandatory lane changes on a multilane freeway in congested and uncongested traffic conditions. During a lane change, drivers were more receptive to either the leading or the trailing gaps with vehicles in the target lane which governed the drivers' lane change and is termed as the governing gap. Drivers maneuvered till the governing gap was greater than the critical gap, accepted the gap and made a lane change. In this process, drivers reduced the non-governing gap to increase the length of the governing gap. The drivers as a result were found to be consistent with respect to the governing gap and inconsistent with respect to the non-governing gap. The governing gap, therefore, addresses the consistent driver behavior and avoids categorization of drivers as inconsistent. Critical gaps were estimated based on the consistent driver behavior using accepted and LRLA gaps, firstly, by categorizing the drivers based on the governing gap and the type of maneuver, and secondly, by categorizing the drivers based on the relative speeds. For a simple lane change model, categorization by governing gap and type of maneuver will be sufficient with a critical gap value distribution defined by empirical data for congested and uncongested traffic conditions. For a sophisticated lane change model, in addition to maneuver types, critical gaps estimated based on difference in relative speeds will help better replicate the realistic lane change behavior of drivers in case of congested traffic conditions"--Abstract, leaf iv. This project monitored an urban arterial highway to characterize recurring congestion. There were two major initiatives in the project. The first one focused on observed variations in gap acceptance and lane changing in relation to traffic flow rates on signalized urban arterials. The second one was a sensitivity analysis of observed lane change parameters compared to embedded parameters in current microscopic traffic simulation models. Despite the robustness and wide spread use of microsimulation models for this type of analysis, gaps and limitations exist that can
affect the accuracy of the results. Also, changes in driver behavior such as lane changing and gap acceptance under different traffic conditions are not well understood. One of the aims of this research was to offer enhancements to lane changing and gap acceptance models to improve the accuracy of microscopic simulation, particularly while simulating saturated traffic conditions. Several general findings were produced during the study: traffic flows at signals approaching saturation are still complex to analyze; interactions between traffic parameters are not well understood; drivers take higher risks when flow on a signalized arterial approaches saturation (accept smaller gaps); statistical distributions obtained for gap acceptance and lane changes confirmed what is suspected intuitively, when the traffic flow is heavy the probabilities of drivers accepting smaller gaps and changing lanes rapidly are higher than during moderate flow; existing microscopic traffic simulation tools simplify some of the traffic parameters in simulation models, which may be recoded or recalibrated for better accuracy of simulation results. In addition to these general findings, multiple specific findings and recommendations were recorded for lane changing, gap acceptance, and simulation model parameters. Given that "driver error" is cited as a contributing factor in 93 percent of all crashes, understanding driver behavior is an essential element in mitigating the crash problem. Among the more dangerous roadway elements are unsignalized intersections where drivers' gap acceptance behavior is strongly correlated to the operational and safety performance of the intersection. While a basic understanding of drivers' gap acceptance behavior exists, several unanswered questions remain. Previous work has attempted to address some of these questions, however to date the research has been somewhat limited in scope and scale due to the challenges of collecting high fidelity gap acceptance data in the field. This research initiative utilized software newly developed for this project to collect gap acceptance data on 2,767 drivers at 60 sites, totaling 10,419 driver decisions and 22,639 gaps in traffic. This large-scale data collection effort allowed many of these remaining questions to be answered with an improved degree of certainty. This research initiative showed that naturalistic driver gap acceptance behavior can realistically be observed and accurately recorded in the field in real time using a newly developed software tool. This software tool and study methodology was validated using high fidelity video reduction techniques. This research compared different methods of analyzing gap acceptance data, in particular determining critical gap, seeing that the method used significantly affects the results. Conclusions were drawn about the merits of each of the ten analysis methods considered. Through the analysis of the large data set collected, the research determined that there exist appreciable and identifiable differences in gap acceptance behavior across drivers under varied conditions. The greatest differences were seen in relationship to wait time and queue presence. If a driver has queued vehicles waiting behind them and/or has been waiting to turn for a long period of time, they will be more likely to accept a smaller gap in traffic. Additionally, an analysis of gap acceptance as it relates to crash experience identified critical situations where a driver's gap acceptance behavior contributes to the occurrence of a crash. Characteristics of the driver such as gender and approximate age associated with specific crashes were examined. Teen drivers were identified as...
exhibiting aggressive gap acceptance behavior and were found to be overrepresented in gap acceptance related crashes. Ultimately, a better understanding of the driver and environmental factors that significantly contribute to increased crash risk will help guide the way to targeted design solutions.

Chronic homelessness is a highly complex social problem of national importance. The problem has elicited a variety of societal and public policy responses over the years, concomitant with fluctuations in the economy and changes in the demographics of and attitudes toward poor and disenfranchised citizens. In recent decades, federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the philanthropic community have worked hard to develop and implement programs to solve the challenges of homelessness, and progress has been made. However, much more remains to be done. Importantly, the results of various efforts, and especially the efforts to reduce homelessness among veterans in recent years, have shown that the problem of homelessness can be successfully addressed. Although a number of programs have been developed to meet the needs of persons experiencing homelessness, this report focuses on one particular type of intervention: permanent supportive housing (PSH).

Permanent Supportive Housing focuses on the impact of PSH on health care outcomes and its cost-effectiveness. The report also addresses policy and program barriers that affect the ability to bring the PSH and other housing models to scale to address housing and health care needs. This report presents new procedures for analyzing and designing weaving sections by the use of both analytic and homographic solutions. The new procedures were developed, after a careful review was made of the techniques given in the Highway Capacity Manual, on the basis of extensive field work and analysis of data on traffic performance. The report also contains information derived from a survey of current practices and other insights acquired in the course of the research.

Rural intersections account for 30% of crashes in rural areas and 6% of all fatal crashes, representing a significant but poorly understood safety problem. Transportation agencies have traditionally implemented countermeasures to address rural intersection crashes but frequently do not understand the dynamic interaction between the driver and roadway and the driver factors leading to these types of crashes. The Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) conducted a large-scale naturalistic driving study (NDS) using instrumented vehicles. The study has provided a significant amount of on-road driving data for a range of drivers. The present study utilizes the SHRP 2 NDS data as well as SHRP 2 Roadway Information Database (RID) data to observe driver behavior at rural intersections first hand using video, vehicle kinematics, and roadway data to determine how roadway, driver, environmental, and vehicle factors interact to affect driver safety at rural intersections. A model of driver braking behavior was developed using a dataset of vehicle activity traces for several rural stop-controlled intersections. The model was developed using the point at which a driver reacts to the upcoming intersection by initiating braking as its dependent variable, with the driver age, type and direction of turning movement, and countermeasure presence as independent variables. Countermeasures such as on-pavement signing and overhead flashing beacons were found to increase the braking point distance, a finding that provides insight into the countermeasures effect on safety at rural intersections. The results of this model can lead to better roadway design, more
informed selection of traffic control and countermeasures, and targeted information that can inform policy decisions. Additionally, a model of gap acceptance was attempted but was ultimately not developed due to the small size of the dataset. However, a protocol for data reduction for a gap acceptance model was determined. This protocol can be utilized in future studies to develop a gap acceptance model that would provide additional insight into the roadway, vehicle, environmental, and driver factors that play a role in whether a driver accepts or rejects a gap.

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