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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Polaris Project is to define an Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) architecture for the state of Minnesota. An architecture is a framework that defines a complex system, in terms of a set of smaller, more manageable systems which are fully defined in terms of their individual boundaries, functions, physical components, and interfaces. They illustrate how each of the systems interrelate and contribute to the overall ITS objectives and requirements.

A well defined architecture provides many benefits for a complex system. It defines and optimizes the location of system functions. It identifies critical interfaces, and illustrates how associated systems can be integrated to share resources and information. It establishes standards for communications and physical components so that inter-operability can be maintained as the system evolves to incorporate new capabilities and technologies.

The Minnesota Statewide ITS Architecture is a tailored version of the National ITS Architecture. Tailoring incorporates the prioritized wants and needs of the state's transportation users and stakeholders, as well as its existing ITS infrastructure. The functional architecture, physical architecture, system requirements and implementation plan are fully documented in the following project deliverables:

ITS Traveler Wants/ Needs - Information obtained from Minnesota residents in ten end user sessions held across the state. Used to establish and prioritize end-user requirements.

ITS Transportation Wants/ Needs - Information obtained from ITS stakeholder institutions. Used to establish and prioritize ITS service provider requirements.

ITS Wants/Needs Analysis - Final results and recommendations of the wants and needs research.

Statewide ITS As-Is Agency Reports for Minnesota - Information about existing transportation systems that establish the starting point for the Architecture Implementation Plan.

ITS System Specification - Incorporates the results of the functional and physical architectures into specification format. The specification will clearly identify ITS system level requirements for the identified Minnesota ITS services.

ITS Component Specification - Incorporates the results of the functional to physical allocation in specification format. The specification will clearly identify the Minnesota ITS component systems requirements.

ITS Architecture Implementation Plan - A recommended ITS deployment strategy for future state initiatives.

2. SCOPE

This document, *Statewide ITS As-Is Agency Reports for Minnesota*, consists of a collection of individual system survey reports related to transportation systems. The Polaris Project will use the survey information collected to derive the existing architectural framework. After the existing architectural framework is derived, this information will be used as the baseline for developing the Minnesota Statewide ITS Architecture.

Agencies identified and contributed to this document were:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation Office of Advanced Transportation Systems
- Minnesota Department of Transportation Traffic Management Center
- Minnesota Department of Transportation Metropolitan Division
- Minnesota Department of Transportation Electrical Services Section
- St. Paul Department of Public Works
- Minneapolis Department of Public Works
- Hennepin County Department of Public Works
- Ramsey County Department of Public Works
- Minnesota State Patrol
- Hennepin County Medical Center
- Metropolitan Council Transit Operations
- Metropolitan Airports Commission
- Gopher State One Call
- Minnesota Office of Tourism

2.1 Document Overview

This document presents the methods, assumptions and procedures used to collect the baseline information. The documentation of systems that were inventoried is presented in Section 3.

2.2 Methods, Assumptions, and Procedures

2.2.1 System Identification

Agency and system candidates were based upon several factors prior to survey. Through market research, the highest wants and needs priorities for traveler and transportation related agencies identified the functional areas to be improved (i.e. Travel Conditions). The Polaris Project took the functional wants and needs and associated the wants and needs functions to current Minnesota Agencies. Another factor that contributed to identifying the candidate agencies was the presence of existing Intelligent Transportation Systems infrastructure that has been deployed to support integrating open systems for travelers, inter-agency and intra-agency needs.

One hundred twenty one pre-survey candidate systems identified by the process described previously, are listed in Appendix A. The pre-survey candidate list represents systems that were known by members of the Polaris Architecture working team, Mn/DOT Guidestar, and SRF

Consulting Group, Inc. Of the 121 candidate systems, 38 system surveys were performed and included in this document. The 38 systems were selected as “best representatives” of the 121 pre-survey candidates and provided a diverse base of information to use for developing the Minnesota Statewide ITS Architecture.

2.2.2 Data Collection Guide

The survey of systems required that a standard data collection approach be applied for the *Statewide ITS As-Is Agency Reports for Minnesota*. A data collection guide was prepared to help this effort.

The data collection guide was developed to provide interviewers with ‘an overview of relevant information that needed to be collected during the survey for each system. The data collection effort focused on the following:

- A block diagram of the system and interfaces to external users and systems.
- All hardware elements that are interconnected to form the bounds of the system.
- All software components used by the hardware elements.
- All system interfaces that connect hardware components together and external systems to the system.
- All personnel using the system.

The Data Collection Guide is presented in Appendix B.

2.2.3 Field Data Collection

The survey collection activities were completed by two teams of interviewers. Prior to an on-site interview, an agency or system contact person was briefed as to the nature of the survey. In some cases, generally where agencies knew little of the Polaris project, a follow-up letter was sent to further outline the desired level of information.

The on-site interview was generally a free format discussion of the specific system elements. The data collection guide was only used to ensure all components were discussed. The interviewers recorded the audio portion of the interview in order to help with the documentation of the system. Where possible, the actual system components were also recorded on videotape, again, to help with the system documentation. In some cases, written documentation from the agency was reviewed to help describe the system.

A report of the surveyed system followed a standard format and consisted of two basic parts: 1) a system block diagram and 2) a data collection template. The block diagram is intended to depict the system components and interfaces while the template thoroughly describes the system configuration. The template is organized to step through the system related personnel, hardware, software and interfaces. All systems documented for the project used this standardized approach. The system documentation was separated by agencies into eight volumes.

The system reports contained in this volume follow in Section 3.

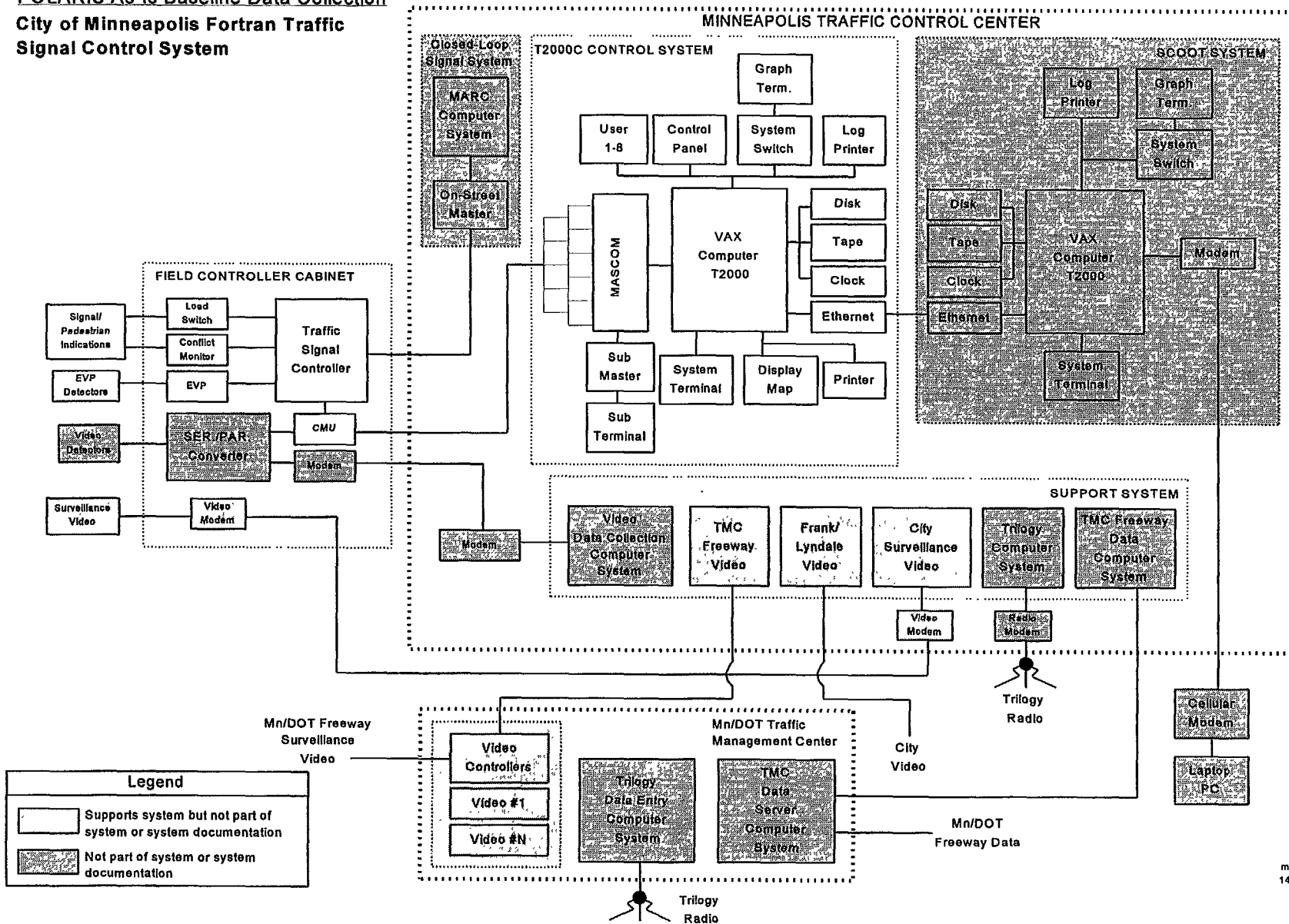
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3.5.1 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS FORTRAN TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL SYSTEM

POLARIS As-Is Baseline Data Collection
City of Minneapolis Fortran Traffic
Signal Control System



AS-IS DATA COLLECTION TEMPLATE

1.0 AGENCY "CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS"

- Agency Type Department of Public Works/Transportation Division
- Agency Functions Manage Traffic Operations and Data
- Agency Location(s) Border Avenue Facility
300 Border Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55405-1528
- Contacts Michael J. Monahan
Director of Transportation and Special Projects
City of Minneapolis
233 City Hall
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1318
(612) 673-5750 (voice) - (612) 348-7383 (fax)

2.0 SYSTEM "FORTRAN TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL SYSTEM"

- Date of As-Is Data Collection 2/28/96
 - Purpose Provide central management of traffic signal control systems in the City of Minneapolis.
 - Hours of Operation 7 days a week, 24 hours per day
 - Geographic Coverage City of Minneapolis
Approximately 725 of the 780 of the city traffic signal control systems are controlled by the Fortran system. There are 170 signal systems located in the Minneapolis Central Business District (CBD). The rest of the signal systems are located within the city limits. There are approximately 55 signal systems that are not connected to the Fortran system. These signal systems are generally located on the periphery of the city. The city is bounded by approximately:
NORTH - 37th Avenue N.E. east of Mississippi River and 53rd Avenue North west of the river
WEST - Xerxes Ave North to the north of I-394 and France Avenue South to the south of I-394
SOUTH - TH 62
EAST - Mississippi River and TH 280
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POLARIS As-Is Data Collection
City of Minneapolis Fortran Traffic Signal Control System

- Contacts Dallas W. Hildebrand, P.E.
Planning, Programming & Design Engineer
City of Minneapolis
Department of Public Works-Traffic Division
300 Border Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55405-1528
 - Status Existing
 - Constraints Some software functions were not purchased due to financial constraints.
 - Issues The City of Minneapolis does not have the budget or manpower to keep up with maintenance of the traffic signal control systems.
 - Recommended Improvements The city upgraded the original 1970 version of the Fortran computer system in 1995. There is a plan to upgrade the existing electro-mechanical local traffic signal controllers to NEMA controllers. The city is also re-establishing a maintenance plan for system detectors.
 - Block Diagram See attached
 - Typical Operational Scenario
 - (1) System communicates with the traffic signal controllers to indicate when to hold or force-off signal timing on a particular phase.
 - (2) System monitors intersections for communication failures, controller failures and system coordination errors. Operator can update/monitor intersection status from traffic control center.
 - (3) System operator monitors Mn/DOT Traffic Management Center video and city video cameras.
 - (4) System stores a library of timing plans used for operation of the system.
 - (5) System allows the traffic signal systems engineer to create and store timing plans in the system.
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- Other
 - 1) System can operate in time of day, traffic responsive mode or without timing plan (free). Most of the system is running time of day operation. Approximately five (5) percent of the system is currently running traffic responsive mode. In the past, approximately one third of the system was running traffic responsive, but as system detectors failed and were not replaced due to budget constraints, these systems were operated by time of day.
 - 2) The system also includes approximately 400 system vehicle detectors mostly located on arterial streets. Some of the system vehicle detectors are currently not operating. The system also monitors over 1,000 vehicle detectors at the intersections used for actuated control of the signal systems.
 - 3) The city also operates a closed-loop signal system on an arterial street with the master controller located in the traffic control center. The city would like to control more arterial streets as closed-loop systems.

2.1 PERSONNEL “PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND DESIGN ENGINEER”

- Personnel Function: Oversee traffic operations, planning, design and operational tests.
- Quantity: 1
- Location: City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works - Transportation Division
- Workload: 40 hours/week - Does not work directly with day to day operation of the Fortran system.
- Working hours: Normal business hours
- Status: Existing
- Contact: Dallas W. Hildebrand, P.E.

2.2 PERSONNEL “TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS ENGINEER”

- Personnel Function: Oversee day to day Fortran system operation, develop timing plans and oversee staff.
 - Quantity: 1
 - Location: City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works - Transportation Division
 - Workload: 40 hours/week
 - Working hours: Normal business hours
 - Status: Existing
 - Contact: Roger Plum
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2.3 PERSONNEL “TRAFFIC SYSTEM OPERATORS”

- Personnel Function Monitor system operation and implement timing plans in addition to other administrative duties.
- Quantity 2
- Location City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works - Transportation Division
- Workload 75 percent of time on Fortran system
- Working hours 6:00 am - 7:00 pm, Monday - Friday
The operator shifts overlap from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.
The city does staff the control center during some special events that do occur during their normal working hours.
- Status Existing

2.4 PERSONNEL “TRAFFIC SYSTEM ANALYST”

- Personnel Function Works on Fortran system database.
- Quantity 1
- Location City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works - Transportation Division
- Workload 25 to 50 percent of time on Fortran system
- Working hours Normal business hours
- Status Existing

2.5 PERSONNEL “ELECTRICIAN”

- Personnel Function Maintain traffic signal control systems and lighting systems.
 - Quantity 23 Total
5 Foreman
2 Signal service personnel
1 Technician
15 Electricians
 - Location City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works - Transportation Division
 - Workload Normal work week
 - Working hours Normal business hours
 - Status Existing
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3.1 HARDWARE “DEC VAX COMPUTER”

- Hardware Type Computer
- Functions Runs Fortran traffic signal control software application.
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents
 - 1) Process data
 - 2) Signal timing data
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other Digital Equipment Corporation VAX computer

3.1.1 SOFTWARE “FORTRAN T200OC”

- Software Type Transportation software application
 - Software Standards Similar to Urban Traffic Control System (UTCS). It was modified to be able to control more intersections
 - Functions
 - (1) Commands intersection controllers to operate timing plans by time of day, traffic responsive or operate as isolated intersections.
 - (2) Collects and stores traffic count data from the system vehicle detectors.
 - (3) Monitors traffic controller status for failures, green time on the coordinated phase and communications.
 - (4) Prints and displays reports.
 - (5) Allows traffic engineer to create and store library of timing plans.
 - Application Language Mostly C, approximately 10 to 15 percent still in assembly language.
 - Status Existing
 - Issues Proprietary software.
 - Contacts Fortran Traffic Systems Limited
470 Midwest Road
Scarborough, Ont.
M1P 4Y5, Canada
(416) 288-1320 (voice)
(416) 288-9914 (fax)
1-800-265- 1197 (toll free USA)
Possible contacts:
Peter Lengyel, Peter Ragsdale or Mike Bowie
 - Other Existing system allows central computer to monitor both coordinated phase green time as well as cross street green. In the previous version of the software this was not available, therefore, most of the intersection controller cabinets are not wired for this operation. The city is in the process of upgrading the cabinets for this new feature.
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3.1.2 SOFTWARE “VMS OPERATING SYSTEM”

- Software Type Operating system
- Software Standards Other
- Functions Control VAX CPU
 - 1) Run software application, manages disk space and memory.
 - 2) Perform data backups.
 - 3) Control hardware resources, printers, displays and controllers.
- Status Existing
- Policies None

3.2 HARDWARE “MASTER COMMUNICATIONS UNIT (MASCUM)”

- Hardware Type Line drivers - specialized modem (bipolar DC communications)
- Functions Sends and receives data from intersection communication management units (CMU).
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents Timing coordination phase hold and force offs, traffic counts and controller status.
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Constraints Each line driver can communicate with 14 intersections (1792 intersection capacity for entire communication system)
- Other There are 128 line drivers.

3.3 HARDWARE “CLOCK”

- Hardware Type Clock
- Functions Send time data to CPU.
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents Time
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

3.4 HARDWARE “GRAPHICAL TERMINAL”

- Hardware Type Terminal/Workstation
- Functions
 - 1) Displays system information.
 - 2) Reports system events
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents System information
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

3.5 HARDWARE “SYSTEM SWITCH”

- Hardware Type Switch
- Functions Enable system
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents None
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

3.6 HARDWARE “CONTROL PANEL“

- Hardware Type System control device
- Functions Allows system operators manual control of timing functions.
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Status Existing

3.7 HARDWARE “USER TERMINAL”

- Hardware Type Terminal/Workstation
- Functions
 - 1) Displays collected count and event information.
 - 2) Displays current timing plans.
 - 3) Receives input for creating timing plans.
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents System information (existing timing plans, event logs, traffic counts)
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other System allows up to eight user terminals.
The city has the ability to dial up the system remotely using a modem.

3.8 HARDWARE “SYSTEM TERMINAL”

- Hardware Type Terminal/Workstation
 - Functions
 - 1) Displays collected count and event information.
 - 2) Displays current timing plans.
 - 3) Receives input for creating timing plans.
 - 4) Used to control Fortran and VAX operating system.
 - Location Minneapolis traffic control center
 - Data Name/Contents System and computer information
 - Data Type Data
 - Status Existing
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3.9 HARDWARE “DISPLAY MAP”

- Hardware Type Wall map - approximately 6 feet high and 18 feet wide.
- Functions Shows all intersections on the system. Graphically displays real time intersection green status, communication status and type of control at intersection (time of day, traffic responsive or free)
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents Real time intersection status:
 - 1) Green status
 - 2) Communication status
 - 3) Coordination status
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

3.10 HARDWARE “PRINTER”

- Hardware Type Printer
- Functions Prints operator requested data
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents Timing plan and traffic count data
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

3.11 HARDWARE “LOG PRINTER”

- Hardware Type Printer
- Functions Prints data
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents System event/error data which include:
 - 1) Communication errors
 - 2) Controller errors
 - 3) Coordination errors
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

3.12 HARDWARE "SUB MASTER

- Hardware Type Controller
 - Functions Fortran system backup computer
 - Location Minneapolis traffic control center
 - Data Type Data
 - Status Existing
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3.13 HARDWARE “SUB TERMINAL”

- Hardware Type Terminal
- Functions Allows system operator access to sub master controls.
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

3.14 HARDWARE “PC COMPUTER”

- Hardware Type PC computer
- Functions Allows display of wall map information graphically on a personal computer.
- Location Minneapolis traffic control center
- Data Name/Contents System operation/status data
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other This system uses one of the user interfaces to the Fortran system. The software that communicates with the VAX computer is DOS based and is custom written by Fortran Traffic Systems Limited.
Fortran is currently working on a Windows based version of the software.

3.15 HARDWARE “COMMUNICATION MODIFICATION UNIT (CM-U)”

- Hardware Type Communication unit
 - Functions Special device used with the electro-mechanical and NEMA controllers that holds local controller dwell time on a specific interval and waits for a signal from the Fortran system to start timing again.
 - Location Field controller cabinet
 - Data Type Data
 - Status Existing
 - Other Approximately 50 percent of the traffic controllers in the city are electro-mechanical controllers.
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3.16 HARDWARE "TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER"

- Hardware Type Traffic signal controller - City has a variety of intersection controllers: including NEMA and electro-mechanical.
- Functions Operate traffic signal control system
- Location Field controller cabinet
- Data Name/Contents Timing information, traffic counts and controller status.
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other Approximately 50 percent of the traffic controllers in the city are electro-mechanical controllers.

4.1 INTERFACE

- Connects to . . . VAX computer
- Interface location Master Communication Unit (MASCOM)
- Interface Type Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Direction Data
- Interface Component Both
- Information Type/Content Specialized modem - DMA connection to line driver
- Information Direction Timing coordination phase hold and force offs, traffic counts and controller status.
- Information Frequency Both
- Information Standards Once per second
- Other Proprietary
- Information Type/Content 128 line driver, with capability of communication with 14 intersections. Frequency with build in CRC and address.

4.2 INTERFACE

- Connects to . . . VAX computer
- Interface location Clock
- Interface Type Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Direction Data
- Interface Component Both
- Information Type/Content RS-232
- Information Direction Time
- Information Type/Content Input

4.3	INTERFACE	VAX computer
- Connects to . . .		Graph terminal
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		Timing coordination status, traffic counts and controller status.
- Information Direction		output
- Information Frequency		Continuous
- Information Standards		Proprietary
4.4	INTERFACE	VAX computer
- Connects to . . .		System switch
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		Database of timing plans and traffic counts
- Information Direction		Input
- Information Frequency		As needed
- Information Standards		Proprietary
4.5	INTERFACE	VAX computer
- Connects to . . .		Control panel
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Direction		output

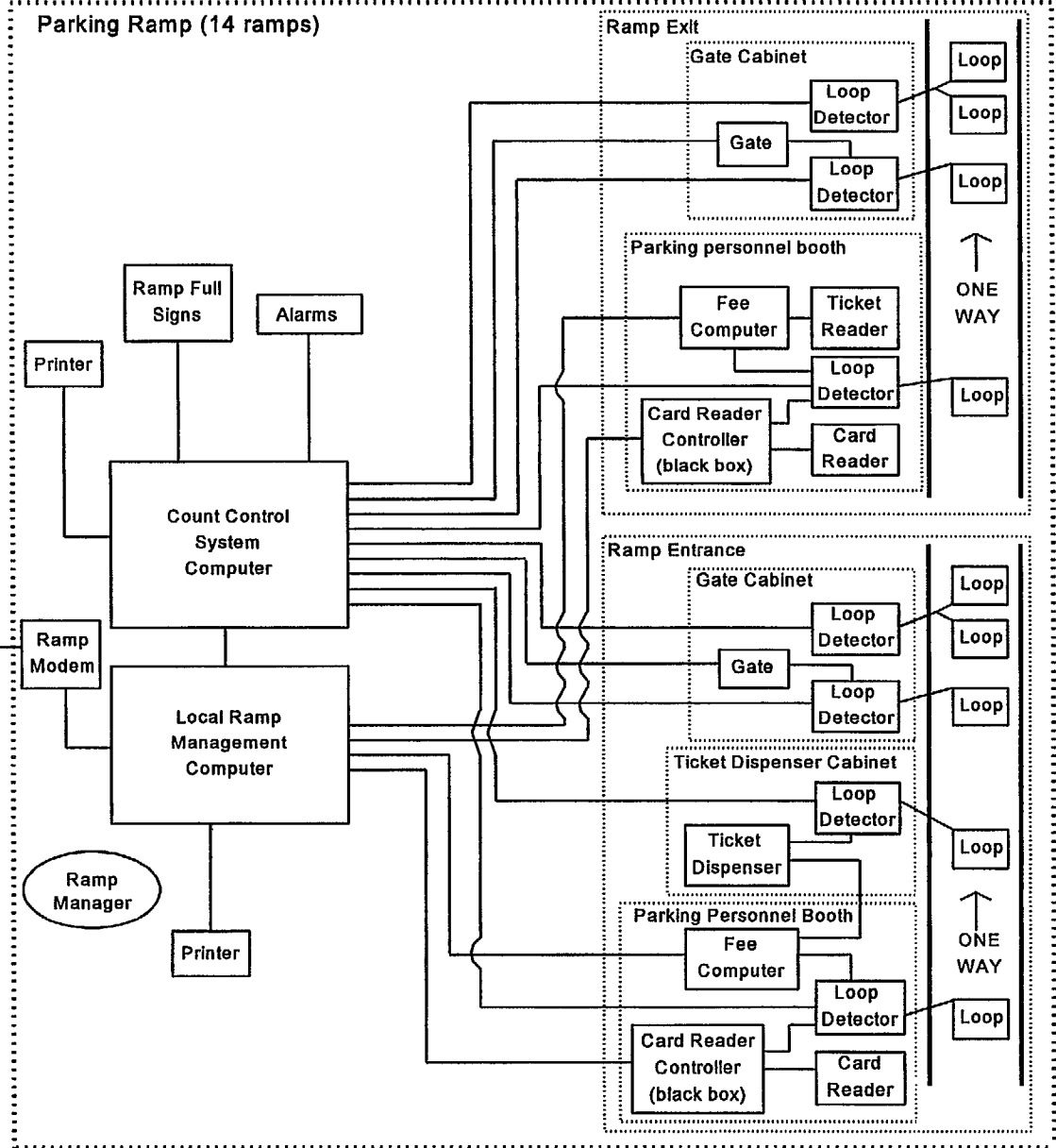
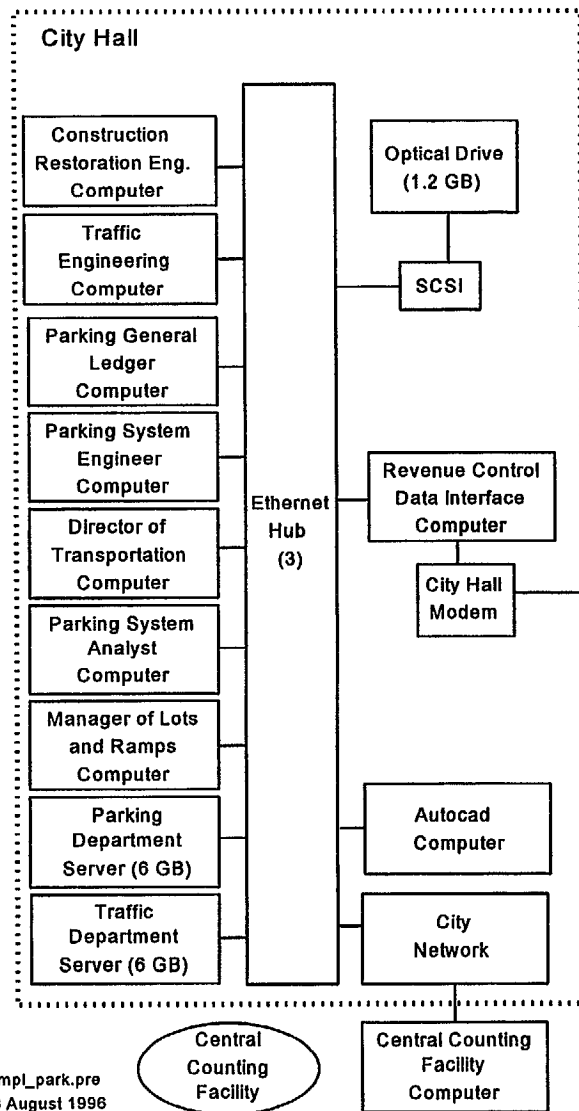
4.6	INTERFACE	VAX computer
- Connects to . . .		User terminal - Up to 8 terminals
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		1) Displays collected count and event information. 2) Displays current timing plans. 3) Receives input for creating timing plans.
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		As needed
4.7	INTERFACE	VAX computer
- Connects to . . .		Log printer
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		System errors
- Information Direction		output
- Information Frequency		Continuous
4.8	INTERFACE	VAX computer
- Connects to . . .		System terminal
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		1) Displays collected count and event information. 2) Displays current timing plans. 3) Receives input for creating timing plans. 4) Used to control Fortran and VAX operating system.
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		As needed
- Information Standards		Proprietary

4.9	INTERFACE	VAX computer
- Connects to ...		Display map
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Protocol/Standard		Proprietary
- Information Type/Content		Signal status, coordination status and communication status
- Information Direction		output
- Information Frequency		Once per second
- Information Standards		Proprietary
4.10	INTERFACE	VAX computer
- Connects to . . .		Printer
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		System information, count reports and timing information
- Information Direction		output
- Information Frequency		As requested
4.11	INTERFACE	Master communication unit (MASCOM)
- Connects to . . .		Sub master
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		Provides backup system coordination information.
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		As needed

4.12	INTERFACE	Sub master
- Connects to . . .		Sub master terminal
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232 Serial
- Information Type/Content		Allows access to back up system parameters.
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		As needed
4.13	INTERFACE	Master communication unit (MASCOM)
- Connects to . . .		Communication management unit (CMU)
- Interface location		Minneapolis traffic control center and field controller cabinet
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		Twisted pair cable
- Protocol/Standard		Proprietary
- Information Type/Content		Signal coordination parameters, traffic count data and system status information.
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		Once per second
- Other		The city has six 50 pair trunk lines (300 pair total) running into the traffic control center, The city is currently using 70 pair for the system.
4.14	INTERFACE	Communication management unit (CMU)
- Connects to . . .		Traffic signal controller
- Interface location		Field controller cabinet
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		Wire
- Information Type/Content		Signal coordination parameters, traffic count data and system status information.
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		Once per second

3.5.2 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS PARKING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

POLARIS As-Is Baseline Data Collection
City of Minneapolis Parking Management System



AS-IS DATA COLLECTION TEMPLATE

1.0 AGENCY “CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS”

- Agency Type Department of Public Works - Traffic Division
- Agency Functions Manage and administer city parking facilities, traffic signals and signing
- Agency Location(s) 350 South 5th Street
Room 233 City Hall
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1314
- Contacts Gregory A. Finstad, Transit & Parking Skyway Systems
Engineer; City of Minneapolis
(612) 637-2411 (voice)

2.0 SYSTEM “PARKING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM”

- Date of As-Is Data Collection 11/3/96
 - Purpose Gather occupancy, usage and fee collection data for overall management and financial planning purposes. Data is also used for monitoring both monthly contract and transient parking. Information gathered is used to analyze parking needs and for overall planning purposes.
 - Hours of Operation 24 hours per day
 - Geographic Coverage City of Minneapolis Central Business District (CBD) The area of the CBD is bounded by 3rd Avenue North, Mississippi River, I-35W and I-94. The city also maintains and operates a ramp in the St. Anthony/Riverplace area located at University Avenue and 3rd Avenue S.E. About 20,000 parking spaces are controlled and managed by the City of Minneapolis (14 ramp structures and some surface lots). There are approximately 60,000 total parking spaces in Minneapolis CBD.
 - Contacts Timothy A. Blazina, Manager Lots and Ramps, City of Minneapolis
(612) 673-2411 (voice)
(612) 673-2149 (fax)
(612) 622-2185 (pager)
 - Status Existing - System is fourth generation of parking management system for the city.
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- Policies
 - 1) The city of Minneapolis is trying to develop a “public” open standard for system inter-operation. Desired outcome is compatibility of all parking systems in the metropolitan area. Twin Cities Metropolitan Airport Parking System has similar hardware and software components to the City of Minneapolis system.
 - 2) Security is a high priority. The current policy is to have security personnel observe each parking stall every 30 minutes. Closed circuit TV (CCTV) is used to monitor stairwell and entry/exit locations.
 - 3) The City is experimenting with CCTV to satisfy the above stated safety policy.
 - 4) Revenues are sent directly to Central Counting Facility. Ramp managers do not know actual amount of revenues collected.
- Issues
 - 1) The City of Minneapolis is considering the integration of on-street parking and the impound lot with the parking management system because they are all revenue generating facilities and have similar systems with regard to revenue control.
 - 2) Working with Mn/DOT for better freeway signage to parking facilities (Variable Message Signs & Changeable Message Signs) and connection to Mn/DOT Traffic Management Center.
- Recommended Improvements
 - 1) Proximity card readers with longer (8-10 feet) detection range are desired for freeway parking facility access points. This would allow higher speed entries to the parking facility directly from the freeway.
 - 2) Currently approximately 20 % of monthly parkers do not use the ramp on any given day. The city and software company are developing software that will look at historical data of monthly patrons use, and determine on any given day and time, how many of these parking spaces that could be resold to transient vehicles.
 - 3) The city would also like to explore integration of parking facility entrances and exits with traffic control signal systems. This would allow control of traffic signal timing to provide better egress from parking structures and the CBD.
- Block Diagram

See attached

- Other

1) The city of Minneapolis would like to publish information/data from the system but they have so much data that it is hard to determine what would be important/useful. They don't want put out data just because they have it. It should be something that is important/useful to people. All data that is collected is public after revenue control is completed.

2) City-owned parking structures are also used as major transit hubs in Minneapolis CBD. They also house the fleet of City Traffic Control Agents (meter maid vehicles)

3) Fiber optic cable is installed in two of the 14 parking ramps but it has not yet been connected to City Hall. The city would like fiber connection to all ramps in the system but money is not currently available. Staff is trying to combine this activity with other construction projects to keep cost lower. Direct connection to all ramps would enable the city to:

a) Obtain real-time parking data for quicker revenue control analysis

b) Communicate with changeable message signs that will allow notification of motorists (real-time) of parking space availability at a particular ramp.

4) All entrance and exits lanes are equipped to handle both monthly and transient parking vehicles. Each ticket dispenser/card reader is equipped with an intercom so that a parking vehicle can communicate with the ramp office if a problem occurs. The intercom system is also used for security purposes throughout the ramp structure.

- Typical Operational Scenario

Scenario A - Monthly parker

- 1) As a monthly parker pulls into/out of ramp, a single loop senses the vehicle and the loop detector activates the card reader to look for card.
 - 2) As the driver passes an access card within 10-12" of the proximity card reader, the reader controller records the card number, time, and date and then opens the gate.
 - 3) A pavement loop senses when the car is passed the loop detector sends a signal to gate to close.
 - 4) Two additional loops count the car directionally.
 - 5) Vehicle count and card information is sent to the local ramp computer and the count control system computer.
- NOTE: A car must be present for activation of the ticket dispensers, card readers and fee computers. This ensures that cards can not be reused if the vehicle is still in the ramp.

Scenario B - Transient In

- 1) When a transient parker pulls into the ramp, loop senses the vehicle and the loop detector activates the ticket dispenser.
- 2) Driver takes a hole punch ticket with time, date, and location information.
- 3) The ticket dispenser opens the gate and the a pavement loop senses when the car has passed the gate and sends a signal to the gate to close.
- 4) Two additional loops count car directionally.
- 5) Vehicle count information and ticket information is sent to the local ramp computer and the count control system computer.

Scenario C - Transient Out

- 1) As a transient parker leaves the ramp a single loop activates fee computer and ticket reader.
- 2) The operator inputs the hole punch ticket into the ticket reader.
- 3) The fee computer logs ticket and calculates fee. The cashier handles revenue transaction and this information is sent to the local ramp computer.
- 4) The fee computer opens the gate and a single loop senses when the car has passed the gate and the loop detector closes the gate.
- 5) Two additional loops count the vehicle directionally exiting the ramp.
- 6) Fee and vehicle count information is sent to the local ramp computer and the count control system computer.

- Operational Scenario Cont.

Scenario D - System Management

- 1) The count control system monitors gates, loops and ramp occupancy. It reports through a printer all gate/loop failures and displays "full sign" if applicable.
- 2) Information from the count control system is sent to local ramp management computer.
- 3) The local ramp management computer controls which entry/exit lanes are open as well as the open/closed signs.
- 4) The local ramp management computer also maintains monthly parker card data base and logs all transactions from the fee computers.
- 5) The ramp manager reviews all summary reports and responds to any failures..
- 6) The City Hall revenue control data interface computer uses a dial-up polling procedure to gather data from each ramp on a daily basis.
- 7) The revenue control system produces summary information that is reviewed by the parking system analyst and forwarded to the ramp manager.
- 8) The ramp manager compares data from the local ramp management system to financial data received from the central counting facility (Bank).
- 9) The revenue and parking data is archived on optical disk for audit use.
- 10) The parking ramp management system is also used for special event parking.

2.1 PERSONNEL "TRANSIT AND PARKING SKYWAY ENGINEER

- Personnel Function System Coordinator - Oversees system operation and approves financial data for distribution
 - Quantity 1
 - Location Minneapolis City Hall
 - Status Existing
 - Contact Gregory A. Finstad, P.E.
Transit & Parking Skyway Systems Engineer - Traffic Engineering Division
233 City Hall
Voice (612)-673-2411
 - Other Although there are only 9 people working within City Hall on the parking management system, there are approximately 400 people required to operate the entire parking system. Other workers include : ramp mangers, cashiers, security officers, and maintenance personnel.
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2.2 PERSONNEL “MANAGER-LOTS AND RAMPS”

- Personnel Function Has direct responsibility for operation and administration of the parking management and revenue control system.
- Quantity 1
- Location Minneapolis City Hall
- Status Existing
- Contact Timothy A. Blazina
Manager - Lots and Ramps

2.3 PERSONNEL “ENGINEER”

- Personnel Function Parking systems engineer - Responsible for construction and maintenance of parking lots and ramps.
- Quantity 2
- Location Minneapolis City Hall
- Workload 40 hours/week
- Working hours Regular working day
- Status Existing
- Contact Timothy A. Blazina

2.4 PERSONNEL “PARKING SYSTEMS ANALYST”

- Personnel Function Review parking management reports and investigate discrepancies
- Quantity 2
- Location Minneapolis City Hall
- Workload 40 hours/week
- Working hours Regular working day
- status Existing
- Contact Timothy A. Blazina

2.5 PERSONNEL “ACCOUNTANT I”

- Personnel Function Review revenue control reports prior to forwarding to management
 - Quantity 1
 - Location Minneapolis City Hall
 - Workload 40 hours/week
 - Working hours Regular working day
 - Status Existing
 - Contact Timothy A. Blazina
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2.6 PERSONNEL “ACCOUNTANT II”

- Personnel Function Review revenue control reports prior to forwarding to management
- Quantity 1
- Location Minneapolis City Hall
- Workload 40 hours/week
- Working hours Regular working day
- Status Existing
- Contact Timothy A. Blazina

2.7 PERSONNEL “ACCOUNTANT ASSISTANT”

- Personnel Function Assist in review of revenue control reports
- Quantity 1
- Location Minneapolis City Hall
- Workload 40 hours/week
- Working hours Regular working day
- Status Existing
- Contact Timothy A. Blazina

2.8 PERSONNEL “CLERICAL ASSISTANT

- Personnel Function Clerical duties for parking system management personnel
- Quantity 1
- Location Minneapolis City Hall
- Workload 40 hours/week
- Working hours Regular working day
- Status Existing
- Contact Timothy A. Blazina

2.9 PERSONNEL "PARKING SYSTEMS CONSULTANT"

- Personnel Function Assist city in system development and implementation - supplier of some hardware and software components. Company also provides maintenance service to city
- Quantity Not applicable
- Location Don Harstad Co.
7103 NE Highway 65
Fridley, MN 55432
- Workload As needed
- Working hours Not applicable
- Status Existing
- Contact Curt Sorenson
Voice (612)-571-5660
- Other Don Harstad Company also has a maintenance contract for equipment in city of Minneapolis parking garages.

3.1 HARDWARE "LOCAL RAMP MANAGEMENT COMPUTER"

- Hardware Type Computer PC
- Functions
 - 1) Runs Dyna-Park Software (Applied Management Corporation)
 - 2) Collects and stores data from peripheral devices
 - 3) Gathers data for transferring to City Hall's revenue control data interface.
- Location 14 parking ramp offices throughout Minneapolis CBD.
- Data Name/Contents Parking system information and status of components including card readers, fee computers, ticket dispensers and count control system
 - (1) Log file - monthly parking, transient parking
 - (2) Event log file - gates, tickets, loops, full
 - (3) Lot file - 15 min. traffic count data
 - (4) Monthly parking database - backup of hard core data
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other Intel Pentium 100 (4MB mem, 1GB HD) -Concurrent
Dos w/ RNET Smart Card Bus

3.1.1 SOFTWARE “DYNA-PARK”

- Software Type Parking management software application
- Software Standards Proprietary - written by Applied Management Corporation, Helena, MT
- Functions Collects information from system components(gates, ticket dispensers, Dyna-Count computer, expected revenue information) and produces reports for ramp manager review
- Status Existing
- Recommended Improvements The city and software company are developing software that will look at historical data of monthly patrons use and determine on any given day and time how many of these parking spaces could be resold to transient vehicles.
- Contact Applied Management Corporation

3.1.2 SOFTWARE “CONCURRENT DOS”

- Software Type Operating System
- Software Standards Other
- Functions Control PC hardware resources and peripherals
- status Existing
- Issues Concurrent Dos used because of multi-tasking capabilities. Several different data sources are connected - count control system, card reader controller, ticket dispensers, etc.

3.1.3 SOFTWARE “PROCOMM”

- Software Type Communications software
- Functions Used to download data from Local Ramp Management computer to Revenue Control Data Interface computer.
- Status Existing

3.1.4 SOFTWARE “PKZIP”

- Software Type File compression utility software
- Functions Compress data to be sent to Revenue Control Data Interface
- Status Existing

3.2 HARDWARE “CARD READER CONTROLLER”

- Hardware Type Controller by Westinghouse - (Westinghouse bought “Shlage”)
- Functions
 - 1) Stores identification numbers for driver held monthly pass card.
 - 2) Does not store any real time information.
- Location Parking ramp office
- Data Name/Contents Card number, ENTRANCE/EXIT date/time, ENTRANCE/EXIT location
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other Multi-switch monitor allows multiplexing on coaxial cable to monitor loop/gate status

3.3 HARDWARE “CARD READER”

- Hardware Type Proximity Radio Frequency card reader
 - Functions Reads monthly parking user card number and sends information to card reader controller
 - Location Park ramp access points
 - Data Name/Contents Card number is a 10 digit unique number to Westinghouse system
 - Data Type Data
 - Status Existing
 - Recommended Improvements Plan to upgrade freeway access entrances to a longer range card reader (8’ to 12’) as system become cost effective.
 - Other System utilizes individual ID cards and card readers at city-owned ramps and surface lots to facilitate monthly contract parking.
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3.4 HARDWARE "FEE COMPUTERS AND TICKET READER"

- Hardware Type Computer
- Functions Reads transient parker hole punch ticket, computes fee, logs transactions, validates tickets, allows for multiple rates and sends information back to local ramp computer.
- Location Parking ramp egress points
- Data Name/Contents Transaction number, fee collected, time
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Issues No standards for ticket reader and fee computer therefore must be from same manufacturer to be compatible.
- Recommended Improvements Processor interrupts while making transaction - needs larger buffer to hold information.
- Other Amano -Amano/Cincinnati Incorporated - special design for use in parking applications- uses an 8 bit processor with interrupts, proprietary protocol

3.5 HARDWARE "TICKET DISPENSER"

- Hardware Type Peripherals - parking management system
- Functions Records time/date/ticket number and puts information on hole punch ticket for incoming transient parkers
- Location Parking entrance locations
- Data Name/Contents Hole punch card
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other Can also use magnetic read tickets, some compatibility problems exist with ticket readers and fee computers, must be from the same manufacturer. Two ramps currently have magnetic stripe read cards. These cards can contain more information.

3.6 HARDWARE "COUNT CONTROL SYSTEM COMPUTER"

- Hardware Type Computer
 - Functions Runs Dyna-Count Software (Applied Management Corporation)
 - Location Parking ramp offices (14 ramps)
 - Data Name/Contents Monitors parking system count information and system components status : gates, loops, full signs, alarms(low tickets, ticket in chute, gate open too long, loop detector on too long, back outs)
 - Data Type Data
 - Status Existing
 - Other Intel 386/486 computer-Latest Dos version w/Windows
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3.6.1 SOFTWARE “DYNA-COUNT”

- Software Type Count management software application
- Software Standards Proprietary - Windows-based by Applied Management Corporation, Helena, MT
- Functions Collects, controls, monitors and processes information from system components(gates, loops), activates full sign when appropriate, logs system events and produces reports for ramp manager review.
- Status Existing
- Contact Applied Management Corporation

3.6.2 SOFTWARE “DOS-LATEST VERSION”

- Software Type Operating System
- Software Standards Dos
- Functions
 - 1) Control, PC hardware resources
 - 2) Executes software applications
- Status Existing

3.6.3 SOFTWARE “WINDOWS-LATEST VERSION”

- Software Type Operating System
- Software Standards Windows
- Functions
 - 1) Run applications
 - 2) Provides graphical interface.
 - 3) Controls operating system.
- Status Existing

3.7 HARDWARE “COUNT CONTROL SYSTEM PRINTER”

- Hardware Type Printer
- Functions Print reports
- Location Parking ramp office
- Data Name/Contents Parking count information, event log (loop status, gate status, low tickets)
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other Microline 320

3.8 HARDWARE “GATES”

- Hardware Type Traffic control gate
- Functions Physical barrier to ingress and egress locations. Controlled by card reader controller, ticket dispensers, fee computers and count control system. Can be manually operated.
- Location Parking garage ingress and egress locations
- Data Name/Contents On/off relay
- Data Type N/A
- Status Existing
- Other Approximately six (6) different brands(manufactures) that do same basic function

3.9 HARDWARE “VEHICLE COUNT LOOPS AND DETECTORS”

- Hardware Type Vehicle detectors
- Functions Count vehicles entering and exiting parking structures, activate ticket dispensers, card readers and close gates. Very similar to loops found at signalized intersections. Currently using a four loop system, (1) loop activates card reader, (2) activates ticket dispenser, (3) & (4) used to count traffic directionally and to close gate when detector senses that car is passed gate.
- Location Parking garage ingress and egress locations
- Data Name/Contents On/off
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

3.10 HARDWARE “RAMP FULL SIGNS”

- Hardware Type Message sign
 - Functions Displays “FULL” when ramp does not contain any more spaces.
 - Location Parking ramp entrance locations
 - Data Name/Contents On/off message
 - Data Type Data
 - Status Existing
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3.11 HARDWARE “LOCAL RAMP CONTROL PRINTER”

- Hardware Type Printer
- Functions Print reports
- Location Parking ramp office
- Data Name/Contents Parking count information, event log (loop status, gate status, low tickets)
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other Microline 320

3.12 HARDWARE “RAMP MODEM”

- Hardware Type Modem - v.34-28,800 BPS
- Functions Enables data communication over telephone lines to Revenue Control Data Interface computer in City Hall
- Location Parking ramp office (14 ramps)
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

3.13 HARDWARE “CITY HALL MODEM”

- Hardware Type Modem - v.34-28,800 BPS
- Functions Enables communication from Revenue Control Data Interface in City Hall to local ramp computer for batch polling of each local ramp computer.
- Location City Hall
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Recommended Improvements Direct connection to all ramps and surface lots, fiber installed to two ramps but not yet connected to City Hall
- Other Batch polling is started daily at 4:00am, data is received from all ramps by 6:40am

3.14 HARDWARE ‘REVENUE CONTROL SYSTEM DATA INTERFACE’

- Hardware Type Computer
- Functions
 - 1) Runs PRRS - Parking Revenue Report System
 - 2) Runs communications software
 - 3) Other office functions.
- Location City Hall
- Data Name/Contents
 - 1) Expected parking revenue information
 - 2) Ramp usage and capacity

This computer uploads hourly summary information from all local ramp computers.
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing
- Other PC computer-Dos based.

3.14.1 SOFTWARE ‘PARKING REVENUE REPORTING SYSTEM (PRRS)’

- Software Type Parking revenue software application
- Software Standards Proprietary
- Functions
 - 1) Processes information from local ramps
 - 2) Produces management reports
- Status Existing
- Policy Access to raw financial information from local ramp computers is limited to two (2) people. (Transit and Parking Skyway Engineer and Manager - Lots and Ramps)
- Contact Applied Management Corporation

3.14.2 SOFTWARE ‘MS DOS’

- Software Type Operating System
- Software Standards Dos
- Functions
 - 1) Control PC resources
 - 2) Execute software applications
- Status Existing

3.14.3 SOFTWARE ‘PROCOMM’

- Software Type Communications software
 - Functions Used to download data from local ramp computer to revenue control data interface computer.
 - Status Existing
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3.14.4 SOFTWARE "AUTO-MAX"

- Software Type Communication scheduling software
- Functions
 - 1) Selects which telephone number or communication profile to dial.
 - 2) Invokes communications software
 - 3) Executes file transfer
- Status Existing

3.14.5 SOFTWARE "PKZIP"

- Software Type File compression utility software
- Functions Used to decompress incoming data from local ramp computers
- Status Existing

3.14.6 SOFTWARE "WINDOWS-LATEST VERSION"

- Software Type Operating System
- Software Standards Windows
- Functions Run applications
- Status Existing

3.14.7 SOFTWARE "NOVELL NETWARE"

- Software Type Communications protocol
- Software Standards IPX/SPX
- Functions Network interface
- status Existing

3.15 HARDWARE "SCSI CONTROLLER"

- Hardware Type Peripheral controller
 - Functions Controls device that read/writes data and communicates with central processing unit.
 - Location City Hall
 - Data Name/Contents See HW 2.16
 - Status Existing
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3.16 HARDWARE “OPTICAL DRIVE”

- Hardware Type 1.2 GB optical drive
- Functions Stores monthly parking/revenue data for audit purposes and future analysis.
- Location City Hall
- Data Name/Contents All pertinent data concerning parking ramp operations: counts, monthly and transient parking, revenue information
- Data Type Data
- Status Existing

4.1 INTERFACE

Card Reader Controller

- Connects to . . . Card reader
- Interface location 14 Parking ramps
- Interface Type Data
- Interface Direction Both
- Interface Component 75 Ohm coaxial cable
- Protocol/Standard “WEGIN” interface-defacto standard (most popular)
- Information Type/Content Card number, time/date, reader malfunction
- Information Direction Both
- Information Frequency Continuous

4.2 INTERFACE

Card Reader Controller

- Connects to . . . Local ramp management computer
 - Interface location Parking ramp
 - Interface Type Data
 - Interface Direction Both
 - Interface Component RS-232
 - Information Type/Content Card number, time/date, reader malfunction
 - Information Direction Both
 - Information Frequency Continuous
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4.3	INTERFACE	Fee Computer
- Connects to . . .		Ticket Dispenser
- Interface location		Parking ramp
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		Serial number of ticket, time/date, lane number
- Information Direction		Output
- Information Frequency		As needed
4.4	INTERFACE	Local Ramp Management Computer
- Connects to . . .		Fee computers
- Interface location		Parking ramp
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232/RS-422
- Protocol/Standard		Proprietary
- Information Type/Content		Logs transactions, validates ticket, calculates multiple rates and sends data to local ramp computer.
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		Continuous
- Information Standards		Special design for parking
4.5	INTERFACE	Local Ramp Management Computer
- Connects to . . .		Count Control System Computer
- Interface location		Parking ramp
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Protocol/Standard		Proprietary
- Information Type/Content		Loop status, gate status, low tickets, event messages
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		Continuous
- Information Standards		Special design for parking

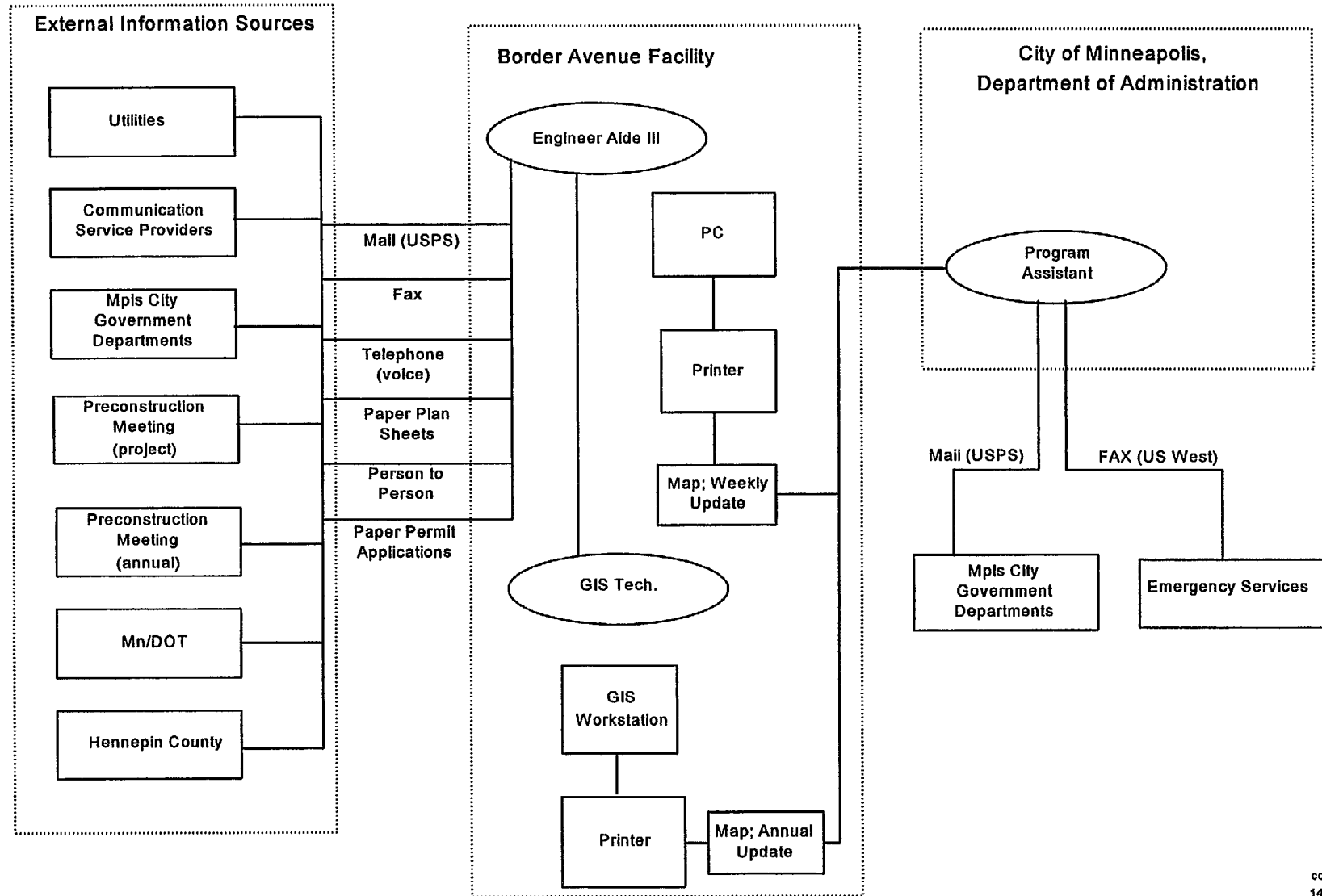
4.6	INTERFACE	Count Control System Computer
- Connects to . . .		Printer
- Interface location		Parking ramp
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Output
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		Traffic count information, event reports, system errors
- Information Direction		Output
- Information Frequency		User request
- Other		Microline 320
4.7	INTERFACE	Local Ramp Management Computer
- Connects to . . .		Printer
- Interface location		Parking ramp
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Output
- Interface Component		RS-232
- Information Type/Content		Financial reports, traffic count information, event reports, system errors
- Information Direction		Output
- Information Frequency		User request
- Other		Microline 320
4.8	INTERFACE	Controllers/Computers
- Connects to . . .		Gates, loop controllers, full signs, lane open/closed signs.
- Interface location		Parking ramp
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		Wire relay
- Information Type/Content		On/off message
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		Continuous

4.9	INTERFACE	Revenue Control Data Interface Computer
- Connects to . . .		Local Ramp Management Computer
- Interface location		City Hall/parking ramp
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		Service provider (US West)
- Protocol/Standard		Public
- Information Type/Content		Parking system data to City Hall
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		1 time per day
- Constraints		No direct connections to Local ramp intersection i.e. no real time data

4.10	INTERFACE	Loop controller
- Connects to . . .		Count Control System Computer, Gates
- Interface location		Parking ramp
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		Wire relay
- Information Type/Content		On/off message
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		Continuous

3.5.3 CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION SYSTEM

POLARIS As-Is Baseline Data Collection
City of Minneapolis Construction Information System



AS-IS DATA COLLECTION TEMPLATE

1.0 AGENCY "CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS"

- Agency Type City Government Department of Public Works, Traffic Engineering
- Agency Functions Manage traffic operations and data, including:
 1. Signal system installation/ programming/ maintenance
 2. Road maintenance/ repair.
- Agency Location(s) 300 Border Av. S, Minneapolis.

2.0 SYSTEM "CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION SYSTEM"

- Date of As-Is Data Collection 1/29/96
 - Purpose Collect and distribute timely construction information. This system is basically manually operated. Mapping is done by system personnel from hard copy data provided to them in a variety of formats. Generally, two types of maps are produced, an annual map and weekly update. These maps are also distributed manually. Preconstruction meetings for each project prior to commencing work - attendees include contractors, utilities in area, County, and Mn/DOT . An annual preconstruction meeting is held in spring where utility companies and other government agencies doing work in Minneapolis share the upcoming season's construction plans.
 - Hours of Operation System updated/used during working hours (7:00 - 4:00).
 - Geographic Coverage Weekly updates: Minneapolis Central Business District (CBD)
Annual updates: City of Minneapolis, city limits
 - Contacts Harvey W. Fleitman, Engineering Aide III, City of Minneapolis
 - Status Existing
 - Policies No policy on format of construction information coming into system from external information sources (see block diagram).
 - Constraints Construction information for area outside of downtown Minneapolis is collected throughout the year. This information is put on a map in the spring of the year and disseminated at that time. It is not disseminated after this point.
No real time collection of data.
 - Issues System has developed and become more formalized over last few years since Harvey Fleitman has been collecting/disseminating information.
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- Recommended Improvements Would like more uniform reporting of construction information so that it will be in a standard format coming from each of the external information sources. External information sources include utility companies such as Northern States Power, Minnegasco, Minneapolis Energy Center, Paragon Cable, communication service providers such as U.S. West and MCI, and City Government Departments (12).
- Block Diagram See attached
- Typical Operational Scenario Data will be collected through meetings and inter-departmental communications. Construction information is then distributed to various city departments.

2.1 PERSONNEL “ENGINEERING AIDE”

- Personnel Function Accumulate construction information, generate maps to be forwarded.
- Quantity 1
- Location Border Av.
- Working hours Normal work day approx. 7:00 - 4:00
- Contact Harvey W. Fleitman

2.2 PERSONNEL “DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS”

- Personnel Function Oversee traffic operations
- Quantity 1
- Location City Hall
- Contact Michael J. Monahan

2.3 PERSONNEL “TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS ENGINEER”

- Personnel Function Accumulate construction information, generate maps to be forwarded.
- Quantity 1
- Location Border Av.

2.4 PERSONNEL “PROGRAM ASSISTANT”

- Personnel Function Accumulate construction information and maps and then forward to appropriate entities.
- Quantity 1
- Location Minneapolis City Hall.

3.1 HARDWARE “PC”

- Hardware Type IBM Compatible PC
- Functions Used to create weekly update maps
- Location Border Av.
- Data Name/Contents The map has the following information if provided by an external information source - Project type: pavement, sewer, street, utility(includes streamline projects) ,signal and any other projects affecting traffic operations in the CBD.
Project construction limits and location.
No information concerning exact date or duration of any given construction project is available.
Incoming information from external sources is variable and contains differing levels of detail.
- Data Type Map showing location and type of construction project.
- status Existing
- Contact Harvey Fleitman

3.1.1 SOFTWARE “MS-DOS”

- Software Type Operating System

3.1.2 SOFTWARE “AUTOCADLITE”

- Software Type CAD
- Software Standards Vector graphics (Autocad .DXF format)
- Functions Record and display location construction project information.
- Status Existing

3.2 HARDWARE “ULTIMAP GIS WORKSTATION”

- Issues Parent company of Ultimap has ceased creating updates to software for last 3 years.
- Other Additional information about this hardware was requested subsequent to the interview, however, none was provided.

3.2.1 SOFTWARE

- Software Type Operating System
 - Other Additional information about this software was requested subsequent to the interview, however, none was provided.
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3.2.2 SOFTWARE “ULTIMAP”

- Software Type GIS
- Other Additional information about this hardware was requested subsequent to the interview, however, none was provided.

4.1 INTERFACE ENGINEER AIDE III

- Connects to . . . External information sources
- Interface location Border Av.
- Interface Type Paper
- Interface Direction Both
- Interface Component U.S. Postal System
- Protocol/Standard N/A
- Information Type/Content Locations, times, and dates of construction projects
- Information Direction Both
- Information Frequency Daily

4.2 INTERFACE ENGINEER AIDE III

- Connects to . . . External information sources
- Interface location Border Av.
- Interface Type Data/Paper
- Interface Direction Both
- Interface Component Facsimile Machine with a dedicated US West voice grade telephone line
- Protocol/Standard FAX Protocol (group unknown)
- Information Type/Content Locations, times, and dates of construction projects
- Information Direction Both
- Information Frequency Sporadic
- Information Standards None

4.3 INTERFACE ENGINEER AIDE III

- Connects to . . . External information sources
- Interface location Border Av.
- Interface Type Voice
- Interface Direction Both
- Interface Component US West voice grade line
- Information Type/Content Locations, times, and dates of construction projects
- Information Direction Both
- Information Frequency Sporadic, generally immediately prior to beginning a construction project
- Information Standards None

<p>4.4 INTERFACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connects to . . . - Interface location - Interface Type - Interface Direction - Interface Component - Information Type/Content - Information Direction - Information Frequency - Information Standards 	<p>ENGINEER AIDE III</p> <p>External information sources</p> <p>Border Av.</p> <p>Paper</p> <p>Both</p> <p>U.S. Postal System</p> <p>Permit applications</p> <p>Both</p> <p>Daily</p> <p>None</p>
<p>4.5 INTERFACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connects to . . . - Interface location - Interface Type - Interface Direction - Interface Component - Information Type/Content - Information Direction - Information Frequency - Information Standards 	<p>ENGINEER AIDE III</p> <p>External information sources</p> <p>Border Av.</p> <p>Paper</p> <p>Both</p> <p>U.S. Postal System</p> <p>Construction plan sheets for review of traffic control issues (signal revisions, lane closures, detours). Plan sheets include all information required to build project : (location map, project limits, general layout, construction plans, typical sections)</p> <p>Both</p> <p>Daily</p> <p>None</p>
<p>4.6 INTERFACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connects to . . . - Interface location - Interface Type - Interface Direction - Interface Component - Information Type/Content - Information Direction - Information Frequency - Information Standards 	<p>ENGINEER AIDE III</p> <p>External information sources</p> <p>Border Av.</p> <p>Voice</p> <p>Both</p> <p>Person to person communications</p> <p>Locations, times, and dates of construction projects</p> <p>Both</p> <p>Daily</p> <p>None</p>

4.7	INTERFACE	ENGINEER AIDE III
- Connects to . . .		GIS Technician
- Interface location		Border Av.
- Interface Type		Voice
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		Person to person communications
- Information Type/Content		Locations, times, and dates of construction projects for annual map
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		Daily
- Information Standards		None
4.8	INTERFACE	Autocad PC
- Connects to . . .		Printer
- Interface location		Border Av.
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Output
- Interface Component		Parallel Cable
- Information Type/Content		Weekly map to be printed
- Information Direction		Output
- Information Frequency		As needed
- Information Standards		None
4.9	INTERFACE	GIS Workstation
- Connects to . . .		Printer
- Interface location		Border Av.
- Interface Type		Data
- Interface Direction		Output
- Information Type/Content		Annual map to be printed
- Information Direction		Output
- Information Frequency		As needed
- Information Standards		None

4.10	INTERFACE	Border Avenue Facility
- Connects to . . .		Minneapolis City Hall
- Interface location		N/A
- Interface Type		Paper
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		Interoffice mail
- Information Type/Content		Annual and weekly maps for distribution
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		Daily
- Information Standards		None
4.11	INTERFACE	Minneapolis City Hall; Program Assistant
- Connects to . . .		Minneapolis City Government Departments
- Interface location		Minneapolis City Hall
- Interface Type		Paper
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		Interoffice mail
- Information Type/Content		Annual and weekly maps
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		Daily
- Information Standards		None
4.12	INTERFACE	Minneapolis City Hall; Program Assistant
- Connects to . . .		Emergency Service Providers
- Interface location		Minneapolis City Hall
- Interface Type		Paper/Data
- Interface Direction		Both
- Interface Component		Facsimile Machine with a dedicated US West voice grade telephone line
- Information Type/Content		Weekly maps
- Information Direction		Both
- Information Frequency		As needed
- Information Standards		None

APPENDIX A

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Pre-Survey Candidate Systems List

PRE-SURVEY CANDIDATE SYSTEMS

Traffic Signal Control Systems

- City of St. Paul Computran traffic signal control system
- City of St. Paul traffic signal intersection hardware (field equipment)
- City of Minneapolis Fortran traffic signal control system
- Mn/DOT Metro Division/District traffic office closed loop traffic signal system(s)
- County closed loop traffic signal systems (Hennepin, Ramsey, etc.)
- City closed loop traffic signal systems
- Video detection/control of signal system (T.H. 65 & 53rd, Lyndale and Franklin Ave)
- Pre-emption of traffic signals for emergency vehicles (EVP)
- Pre-emption of traffic signal at fire stations
- Pre-emption of traffic signals at railroad crossings (20 locations in Metro area)
- Minneapolis AUSCI operational test

Freeway Management System

- Mn/DOT TMC ramp meter system
- Mn/DOT TMC video surveillance system
- Mn/DOT TMC CMS control system
- KBEM radio broadcast system
- Mn/DOT TMC cable TV information system - (Triple Vision system)
- MnDOT Metro Division/District portable changeable message signs
- TMC traffic history database (volume and occupancy data)
- TMC incident log database
- U of M Autoscope incident detection system
- Genesis operational test
- Trilogy operational test
- Mn/DOT workzone traffic management system operational test

Transit Management Systems

- MCTO "Trapeze" scheduling/planning system (creates bus/driver schedules)
- MCTO "radio" system (computer assisted radio system, 7 channels)
- MCTO automatic passenger counters (on some buses)
- MCTO electronic fare collection boxes (on all buses)
- MCTO TIC BusLine system (voice responses system, customer service system)
- MCTO customer service system for route/schedule planning (live telephone operators)
- MCTO transportation section (provides construction information to MCTO)
- MCTO bus stop database (contains the attributes of each bus stop)
- MCTO Police crime/incident tracking system
- MCTO Opticom emitters (EVP on 80 buses)
- MCTO speed light system (ramp meter pre-emption on selected ramps)
- MCTO Route-0-Matic system - vectors around incidents and congestion
- Metropolitan Council Rideshare system (Mn dial-a-ride)
- MCTO funded paratransit systems
- Metropolitan Council Metro Mobility passenger registration system
- Metropolitan Council Metro Mobility passenger reservation system
- U of M transit management
- Southwest Transit
- Minnesota Valley Transit
- Plymouth Metrolink
- School bus dispatch systems

Incident Management Program

- Mn/DOT TMC Highway Helper program (including AVL system)
- Private tow contracts
- U of M police incident management
- St. Paul DIVERT operational test

Electronic Fare Payment Systems

- City of Minneapolis Parking fare collection (smart card)
- City of Minneapolis electronic parking meter maid system
- Smart Darts operational test

PRE-SURVEY CANDIDATE SYSTEMS (CONTINUED)

Electronic Toll Collection Systems

- Toll road proposals (5 proposals in MN)
- Congestion Pricing Study
- Mileage based tax study

Multi modal Traveler Information Systems

- Travlink operational test

Administrative Systems

- MnDOT Electrical Services maintenance management system
- MnDOT Electrical Service gopher state one-call access system
- MnDOT TIS
- MnDOT automatic traffic recorder system
- MnDOT ISTEAM management systems
- MnDOT CVO administrative systems
- DPS CVO administrative systems
- City of Minneapolis sign database

Other Information Systems

- Airline flight arrival/departure information – NW
- Airport rental car kiosk – Hertz
- MN Office of Tourism travel information center kiosks
- Mn/DOT TMC road weather information system access
- Mn/DOT Metro Division weather information access
- Mn/DOT Aeronautics weather information system
- Mn/DOT statewide road weather information telephone information
- Mn/DOT Pavement Condition and Weather Reporting System – future
- Internal distribution system Distribution of TMC loop data via the Internet
- RWIS – Mn/DOT future Road/Weather Information System

Emergency Response Systems

- Motorist call box system
- Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) in all State Patrol cars
- Laptop PC's in State Patrol cars to replace MDT's – pilot project in 1996
- Emergency 911 log system at State Patrol
- State Patrol information desk
- State Patrol South St. Paul information desk
- State Patrol access to drivers license information. via 911 center
- Mn/DOT Mayday operational test
- Demand response dispatch systems – numerous standalone systems

Parking Management Systems

- Metropolitan airports commission parking management
- City of Minneapolis parking management systems
- U of M parking management
- St. Paul Advanced Parking Information System operational test

Miscellaneous

- Mn/DOT portable traffic management system
- City of Minneapolis police special event management
- City of St. Paul special event management
- U of M parking management
- St. Paul Advanced Parking Information System operational test

Miscellaneous

- Mn/DOT portable traffic management system
- City of Minneapolis police special event management
- City of St. Paul special event management
- Mn/DOT pilot differential GPS broadcast base station
- Mn/DOT maintenance vehicle AVL
- Mn/DOT Metro Division/District maintenance dispatch
- Hennepin County Medical Center emergency vehicle dispatch
- MN Pollution Control Agency air quality monitoring sites
- Met. Council Forecasting models – uses data from Mn/DOT TIS database
- U of M traffic management system proposal

Interagency Systems

- ICTM – Integrated Corridor Traffic Management System operational test
(includes Autoscope)
- ARCTIC – operational test in Virginia, MN

PRE-SURVEY CANDIDATE SYSTEMS (CONTINUED)

CVO Systems

- List of systems from MN Guidestar
- CVO call-in number
- State Patrol toll free Information number

Construction Information/Notification Systems

- Gopher State One Call system for utility locations
- Mn/DOT construction information dissemination
- Counties' systems (Hennepin County)
- Counties' systems (Ramsey County)
- City system (Minneapolis)
- City system (St. Paul)
- Utilities' systems

Communications Systems

- Mn/DOT TMC Fiber optic data communications system
- Mn/DOT Microwave Communication System
- Mn/DOT T1 system
- Mn/DOT Wide Area Network
- MNET (STARS)
- Voice radio - State Patrol, Mn/DOT Maintenance, DNR
- 800 MHZ Trunked Radid system (Metro area)
- Internet Communications
- Traffic Signal Interconnect systems
- RBDS - Radio Broadcast Data Systems
- Mn/DOT Video Conferencing

APPENDIX B

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Minnesota Guidestar

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LORAL
Federal Systems-Owego

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide information about the Polaris As-Is Transportation Systems Inventory Template. Information provided by this guide is representative but not inclusive as to the amount or all the types of information that may be found during a Polaris survey.

ORGANIZATION

Organization of this document is based on the Polaris As-Is Transportation Svstems Inventory Template. For each template page in the Polaris As-Is Transportation Systems Inventory Template, a section in this document, will fist the types of information to be collected, a description of how the data will be collected, recommended answers for known entities, and miscellaneous note area for unstructured items, The following list contains this documents sections:

- 1.0 Systems
- 1.1 Hardware Components
- 1.2 Software Components
- 1.3 Software Interfaces
- 1.4 System Personnel
- 2.0 Agency
- 2.4 Agency Interfaces
- 2.2 Agency Systems

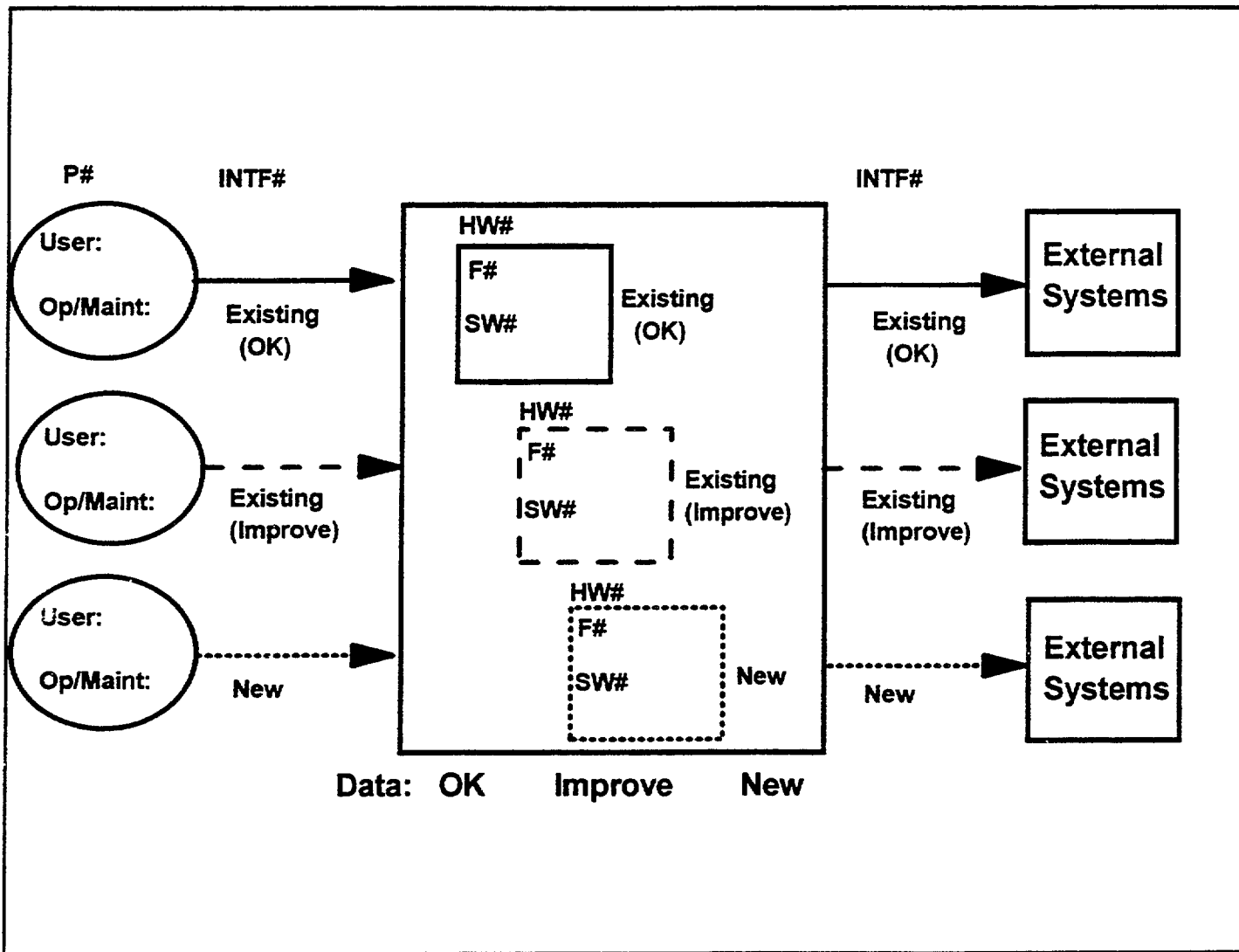
About the Template Document

The Polaris As-Is Transportation Systems Inventory Template is a document intended to assist the data collector in the field perform their task more expediently. The document is a collection of 8 sections that are identical to the sections in this document. Seven of sections are on one sheet of paper. One section expanded to two sheets of paper. The theory of the document structure was to duplicate each document section numerous until the entire system, or what ever thing you are collecting data on is captured on the templates.

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1.0 Systems

In order to understand the system being surveyed, the surveyor shall draw the system in block diagram format. The block format shall conform to the following example. Template Page #1 is where the system block diagram shall be drawn.



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1.1 Hardware Components

The purpose of Hardware Components, Template Page #1, is to list all the various hardware elements that are interconnected to form the bounds of the system to be described. For each hardware element, an identifier, HW#, shall be created and associated with hardware element graphic drawn in the System Block Diagram, Template Page #1 .

Template Page #1 contains the following columns to be completed during the survey process. Definitions for each column is provided to assist in providing consistency in collecting data. Where possible, suggested recommendations for collecting data is provided.

HW#	Identifier for each component on the System Block Diagram (drawing). Each identifier used with the System Block drawing shall be unique for each System Block Diagram.
Hardware Name	A generic name for identification purposes within the user community. If no name is provided, then the Manufacturer and Model number is acceptable.
Hardware Type	Classifies the identifier, HW#, into a generic group. If the type of component is not known, then Make and Model will be required. Recommended choices for this column may be selected from the following list: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Computer Processors2. Workstations3. Telecommunication Devices<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Hubsb. Routersc. Transmittersd. Receiverse. Modemsf. Decoders/Encoders4. Peripherals<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Printersb. Displays

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- c. Barcode Readers
- d. Magnetic Stripe Readers
- e. Punch Cards
- f. Magnetic Tape
- g. Diskette
- h. CD ROM
- i. Cartridge Tape
- 5. Telephones
 - a. Wire Based
 - b. Wireless
- 6. Two way Radio Transmitters/ Receivers
- 7. Radio Receivers
- 8. Traffic Signals
- 9. Video Cameras
- 10. Loop Detectors
- 11. Message Signs
- 12. Temperature Sensors
- 13. Optical Transmitters / Receivers
- 14. Microwave

Functions - (F#)

Describes the major functions of the system. For each major function, a new entry lines shall be used for writing the description. For each function, the F# is associated to the respective HW# on the System Block Diagram, Template Page #1. The following list contains some recommended functions that may be used to describe a component.

- 1. Process
- 2. Control
- 3. Store
- 4. Communicate
- 5. Signal
- 6. Log
- 7. Record
- 8. Speak
- 9. Write
- 10. Print
- 11. Messaging
- 12. Locate
- 13. Search

Location

States where geographically the HW# is located.

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Considerations should be given for : Multiple buildings within one community, multiple cities, multiple states, countries and other Agencies or private sector. Try to limit the information to Building Name and relevant geographic location versus room number or address. Detailed information is not required unless there is multi-jurisdictional or multi-organizations within one building.

Data Name / Content	<p>A brief description of the data or information is processed and stored by the HW#. Some examples are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Database of System Users2. Database of construction projects3. Collect incident information and reformat the data
Data Type	<p>Classifies the data into a generic group. Choices for this group are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Voice2. Data3. Video4. Paper5. Other (specify) _____
Status	<p>An indicator about the existence, transition, or non-existence of the HW#:</p> <p>E=Existing (Currently in place, No modifications planned) D=Deleted (An agency has plans to delete this element in the future, but at the time of survey the element existed.) I=Improve (Currently in place, but requires modification due to element not meeting user needs, or system needs) N=NEW (New system planned for future deployment, but at the time of survey is not currently deployed.)</p>
Policies	<p>List agency policies that are practiced with respect to the Hardware components. Listed below are a couple of examples of what would belong in this topic.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Maintenance of the radio equipment .2. Agency X requires all PC's to be hardware locked and anchored to a non-removable building structure.
Constraints / Restrictions	<p>List agency constrained and/or restrictions with respect to</p>

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Hardware Components

1. The hardware is outdated and can no longer be upgraded.
2. Hardware maintenance is not available for the equipment because it is too old.

Issues

List any issues that are related to this specific component. If the issue is global to the system, then it only needs to be stated once.

Recommended Improvements / Planned Changes

List any system or component recommended improvement that the contact person discusses. State whether the improvement is planned or a "wish" and explain why the system and component is being improved. If the improvement is global to the system, then it only needs to be stated once.

Contacts / Phone Numbers

List the contact person from which you received this information and their phone number.

Other

List anything else that may be relevant about the system, but does not fit in the above columns.

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1.2 Software Components

SW#	[Same description as HW# in Section 1.1]
Software Name	[Same description as Hardware Name # in Section 1.1]
Software Type	Classifies the identifier, SW#, into generic groups <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Transportation Software Applications2. Operating Systems3. Communication Protocols4. Database5. Data Interchange6. User Interface7. System Management8. Office Applications9. Controller Programs10. Firmware
Software Standards	Specify for each software type the associated product or standard. The following list is organized with the standards listed within software type. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Transportation System Applications<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Urban Traffic Control Software (UTCS)b. Sindney Control Adaptive Device Software (SCADS)c. SCOOTsd. 170 Software -WAPITIe. National Electrical Materials Association (NEMA) Softwaref. TRAPEZEg. AVL2. Operating System<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. DOSb. WINDOWSc. WINDOWS FOR WORKGROUPSd. WINDOWS95e. UNIX

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- f. OS/2
 - g. WINDOWS NT
 - h. Macintosh / System 7
 - i. OS/400
 - j. MVS
 - k. VM
 - l. VSE
 - m. VMS/VSE
 - n. Other
3. Communication Protocols
- a. TCP/IP (UNIX, IBM, Microsoft, Beamon Whiteside, Exceed, FTP)
 - b. SNA (IBM)
 - c. IPX/SPX (Novell)
 - d. OSI
 - e. DECnet (Digital Equipment)
 - f. BISYNC
 - g. Frame Relay
 - h. X.25
 - i. FDDI
 - j. ATM
 - k. NetBios (IBM, Microsoft)
 - l. Other
4. Database
- a. Oracle
 - b. Sybase
 - c. Informix
 - d. Database 2
 - e. FoxPro
 - f. Microsoft Access
 - g. Other
5. Data Interchange
- a. GIS
 - b. Image
 - c. Vector
 - d. Vector Graphics
 - e. Images
 - f. Printing (PostScript, PCL, AFP)
 - g. Computer Aided Logistics (CALs)
 - h. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
 - i. Electronic Mail (Email)
 - j. Electronic Documents

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- k. Traffic Messaging
- l. Weather Messaging
- m. Location Messaging
- n. Construction Messaging
- o. Other
- 6. User Interface
 - a. Windows (Microsoft)
 - b. Windows for WorkGroups (Microsoft)
 - c. X-windows (UNIX)
 - d. Presentation Manager (IBM OS/2)
 - e. Character Based
 - f. Other
- 7. System Management
 - a. Network
 - b. Computer Devices
 - c. Data
 - d. Other
- 8. Office Applications
 - a. Word Processors (WordPerfect, MS Word, DisplayWrite)
 - b. Spreadsheets (123, Excel, Quattro Pro)
Graphics (Corel Draw, MS PowerPoint, Freelance)
 - d. Multimedia (Video Conferencing)
Project Scheduling (Microsoft Project, Primavera)
 - f. Other

Function [Same description as Function in Section1.1]

Application Language This field is only applicable for Software Types of Transportation Software Applications when there is a software application that has been custom designed and coded for a specific need or requirements. (ie. There is only one or few software applications in existence) Then the programming language of the software application should be determined. The following list provides some of programming languages that may have been used:

- 1. C++
- 2. Visual C++
- 3. C
- 4. Visual C
- 5. Basic
- 6. Visual Basic

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7. Pascal
8. COBOL
9. FORTRAN
10. Assembler
11. Ada
12. Other

Status [Same description as Status in Section 1.1]

Policies List agency policies that are practiced with respect to Software Components. Listed below are a couple of examples of what would belong in this topic.

1. Agency X does not permit any non-business related software to be installed on PC's .
2. Agency X requires all PC's Operating Systems to have password protection to prevent unauthorized system access to the networks.

Constraints / Restrictions List agency constrained and/or restrictions with respect to Software Components

1. The software is outdated and can no longer be upgraded.
2. Software maintenance is not available for the equipment because it is too old.

Issues List any issues that are related to this specific component. If the issue is global to the system, then is only needs to be stated once.

Recommended Improvements / Planned Changes

List any system or component recommended improvement that the contact person discusses. State whether the improvement is planned or a "wish" and explain why they system and component is being improved. If the improvement is global to the system, then is only needs to be stated once.

Contacts / Phone Numbers

List the contact person from which you recieved this information

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and their phone number.

Other

List anything else that may be relevant about the system, but does not fit in the above columns.

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1.3 System Interfaces

The purpose of System Interfaces, Template Pages #5-7, is to list all the various interfaces that connect the Hardware Components together and External Systems to the system being surveyed. For each Hardware Component, HW#, listed, the interface, INTF#, between the two components shall be listed individually until all the interfaces between Hardware Components are covered. For Systems outside the boundary of the system being surveyed, their respective interfaces shall be listed.

INTF#	[Same description as HW# in Section 1.1]
External System Name	[Same description as Hardware Name in Section 1.1]
Interface Locations	States which locations the interfaces are located. If the interface is co-located in the same location, then only one location is required.
Interface Type	Classifies the interface into a generic group. Choices for this group are: 1. Audio 2. Data 3. Video 4. Paper 5. Other (specify) _____
Interface Direction	Three choices are available for this item. Circle the applicable item. input Flow of information is coming in to the surveyed system or component being described output Flow of information is going towards another component or external system. Both Flow of information is going both directions.
Interface Component	A name of the physical entity in which the interface is established. The following list contains some more popular types of Interface Components:

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1. Wire Based
 - a. Token Ring
 - b. Ethernet
 - c. FDDI
 - d. SONET
 - e. Arcnet
 - f. Appletnet
 - g. ATM
 - h. ISDN
 - i. RS-232
 - j. RS-422
 - k. SDLC
 - l. Modems (Bell 202, 212, 213, V.24, V.32 V.34)
 - m. Other _____

2. Wire Based Media (cabling), if there is an external network geographically located.

For wire based media (cabling), the wire/fiber count should be captured to

- a. Level 3 Unshielded Twisted Pair (UTP), (Telephone Voice / Data 2 MB)
 - b. Level 4 Unshielded Twisted Pair,(UTP) [Data 10 MB]
 - c. Level 5 Unshielded Twisted Pair,(UTP) [Data 100 MB]
 - d. Shielded Twisted Pair (STP) [Data rate at 10 MB]
Shielded Twisted Pair (STP) [Data rate at 100 MB]
 - f. Multimode Fiber
 - g. Single Mode Fiber
 - h. Service Provider (ie. US West)
 - i. Other _____
3. Wireless Based
 - a. FM (ie. Two way / Broadcast)
 - b. AM (ie. Broadcast)
 - c. CDPD (ie. Digital Cellular Data Network)
 - d. Ardis (ie. Digital Cellular, Two way paging)
 - e. AMP (ie. Cellular Telephone)
 - f. Microwave
 - g. Other

Protocol / Standard

The interface should have a protocol or other standard

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associated with how it operates. In some instances there will be multiple protocols and standards associated with the interface. All protocols and standards shall be listed. The following list identifies some of the protocols / standards that may be found.

- a. TCP/IP (UNIX, IBM, Microsoft, Beamon Whiteside, Exceed)
- b. SNA (IBM)
- c. IPX/SPX (Novell)
- d. OSI
- e. DECnet (Digital Equipment)
- f. BISYNC
- g. Frame Relay
- h. X.25
- i. FDDI
- j. ATM
- k. NetBios (IBM, Microsoft)
- l. Video (ie. Manchester Code Based)
- m. Other

Information Type / Content A description of the information that is being passed through the interface. (ie. road conditions, Traffic congestion, road construction information)

Information Direction Three choices are available for this item. Circle the applicable item.

Input Flow of information is coming in to the surveyed system or component being described

output Flow of information is going towards another component or external system.

Both Flow of information is going both directions.

Information Frequency Specify what rate the data is exchanged between components

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- Information Standards List any standards that are identified with the information being processed. Some areas where standards may be present presented listed in the following list:
1. If location information is provided, what is the units or other location attributes provided?
 - a. Street Names of the nearest intersections
 - b. Mile Markers
 - c. Latitude / Longitude
 - d. Addresses
 - e. Internal Travel Interchange Standard
 - f. State / Plane Coordinate
 - g. Links / Nodes
 - h. Other
 2. Traffic Messaging
 3. Weather Messaging
 4. Location Messaging
 5. Construction Messaging
 6. Mapping Standards (GIS)
 - a. Image
 - b. Vector
 7. Electronic Mail (Email)
 8. Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
 9. Computer Aided Logistics (CALs)
- Policies List agency policies that are practiced with respect to System Interfaces. Listed below are a couple of examples of what would belong in this topic.
1. Agency X only operates the interface with System A Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM.
 2. Agency Y requires authorization to use Agency X interfaces to their systems.
- Constraints / Restrictions List agency constraints and/or restrictions with respect to System Interfaces:
1. The interface hardware is outdated and can no longer be upgraded.
 2. The maintenance of the interface is only supported by a vendor specializing in RF transmitters.
- Issues List any issues that are related to this specific componenet. If

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the issue is global to the system, then it only needs to be stated once.

Recommended Improvements / Planned Changes

List any system or component recommended improvement that the contact person discusses. State whether the improvement is planned or a "wish" and explain why the system and component is being improved. If the improvement is global to the system, then it only needs to be stated once.

Contacts / Phone Numbers

List the contact person from which you received this information and their phone number.

Other

List anything else that may be relevant about the system, but does not fit in the above columns.

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1.4 System Personnel

The purpose of System Personnel, Template Page #9, is to capture the interaction a human being with the system being sun/eyed. For each type of personnel using the system, a P# shall be created on the System Block Diagram to identify the personnel and where they interface with the system.

P#	[Same description as HW# in Section 1.1]
Personnel Role	A description of the personnel interfacing with the system. Some examples of a role are: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. System Maintainer2. Data Input3. Data Analysis4. Data Collector5. User6. Other
Quantity	Approximate quantity of personnel who perform this particular role. A individual may have more that one personnel role in working with the system, therefore may be counted more that once.
Location	[Same description as HW# in Section 1.1]
Workload	Approximate amount of time per week the personnel spends interfacing with the system. The amount should be estimated on the total quantity of personnel for each role. Circle the appropriate designator on the template. Each designator is described in the following list. E Extensive Use = 90-100% Utilization H High - average hours are >70 - 120 per week M Medium - average hours are 30 -60 per week L Low - average hours are <20 per week
Status	[Same description as Status in Section 1.1].
Policies	List agency policies that are practiced with respect to System

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Personnel. Listed below are a couple of examples that may be found in this topic.

1. Agency X only operates the System A with the System Administrator, Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM.
2. Educational requirements to operate System B is experience with UNIX.

Constraints / Restrictions List agency constraints and/or restrictions with respect to Systems Personnel.

1. The personnel do not have the skills to maintain the system.

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Recommended Improvements / Planned Changes

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Contacts / Phone Numbers

List the contact person from which you received this information and their phone number.

Other

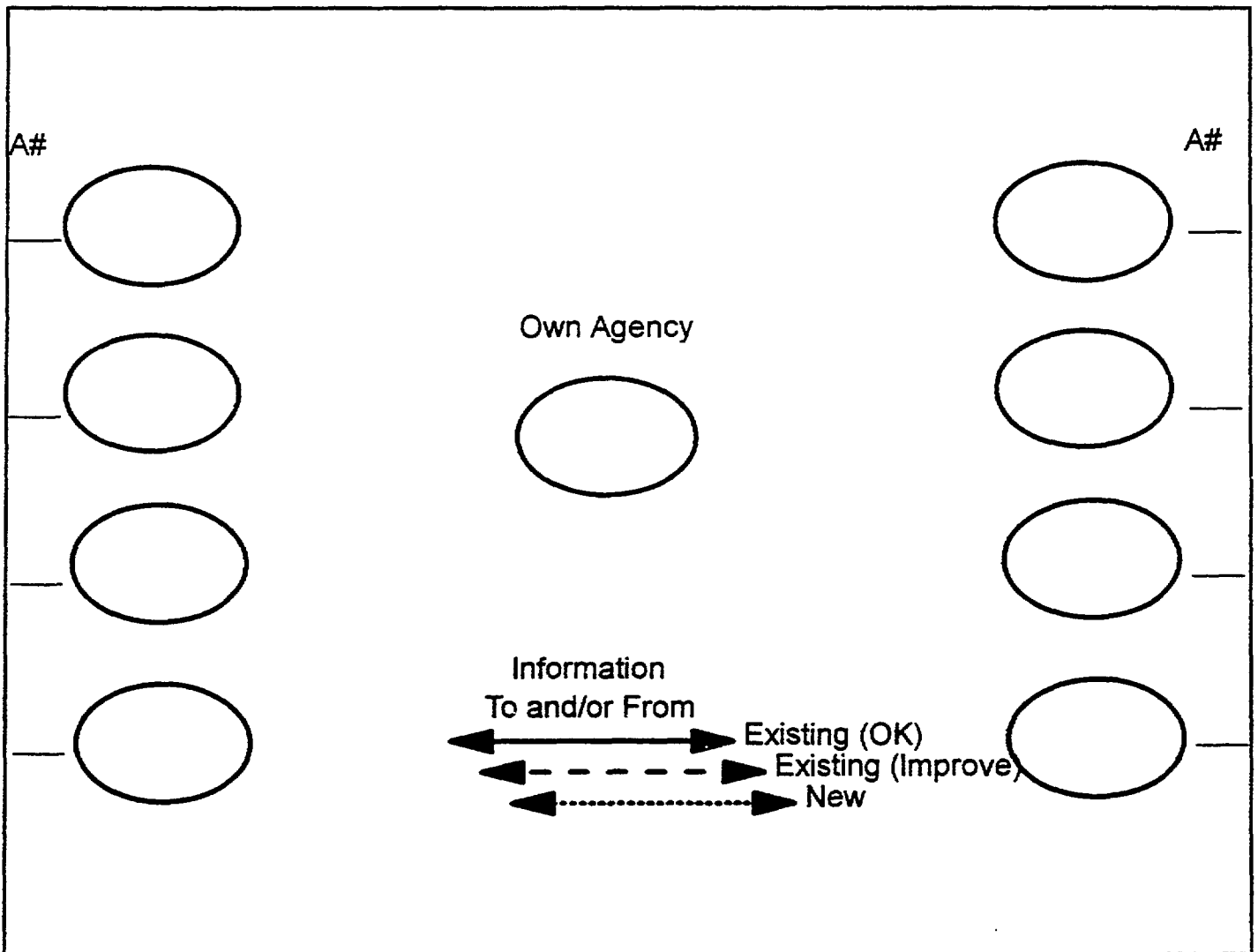
List anything else that may be relevant about the system, but does not fit in the above columns.

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2.0 Agency

Information about the organization which contains the system being surveyed is collected in this section. The purpose of this section is to identify any other systems or interfaces that an agency has an established method for communicating.

Template Page #9 is a graphical view of who agencies have relationships with other agencies. For each agency surveyed, identify the external agencies by assigning an A# identifier, and placing the name of the external agency inside the oval. Indicate the type of interface between the agencies, by the legend in Template Page #7.



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2.1 Agency Interfaces (Internal / External)

The purpose of Agency Interface, Template Page #11, is to further understand the type of relationship that is established with an external organization.

A#	[Same description as HW# in Section 1.1]
Location	[Same description as Location in Section 1.1]
Information Content	This column is a summary of the information exchanged between the agencies. An few examples of the how to complete this item would be: Road Weather Information, Road Construction, and Incident Reporting
Interface Method	How is the information being exchanged today? Some recommended methods are presented in the following list: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Telephone2. Fax3. Mail4. Computer Information Network<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Internetb. America Onlinec. Compuserved. Prodigye. Bulletin Board Servicef. Otherg. Two Way Radioh. Television5. Radio Broadcast6. Visual7. Newspaper8. Hardcopy Handouts (ie. Flyers, pamphlets)
Frequency	The frequency of information exchange shall be expressed in some type of units over a time period. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. One time / minute2. One time / hour3. One time / day

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4. One time /week
5. One time / month
6. One time / year
7. As needed
8. Post unplanned event (ie. traffic accident)
9. Other

Status [Same description as Status in Section 1.1]

Policies List agency policies that are practiced with respect to the environment. Listed below are a couple of examples that may be found in this topic.

1. Agency X only operates the System A with the System Administrator, Monday - Friday, 8AM - 5PM.
2. Educational requirements to operate System B is experience with UNIX.

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2.2 Agency Systems and Programs

Template Page #13 is collecting all the systems that an agency being surveyed is using. It is intended that for each system listed, a set of templates in Section 1 is completed.