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#### Abstract:

This report describes work done on a roundabout animation program during 1997. The roundabout animation program began as an undergraduate class project and has evolved to its current state. The program is based on the principle of an autonomous agent. The cars are programmed to speed up, to slow down, and to enter the roundabout based on an acceptable gap length. That is, the gap between themselves and the cars around them. The actual gap is compared to an allowed gap that is based on vehicle speed and assumed driver response time. If necessary, the vehicle speed is adjusted. The cars travel through the roundabout following a randomly assigned path. Traffic flow values may be input into the program manually during initialization. During simulation, the cars enter and exit randomly based on these values. After the simulation, traffic count data and average delay data may be displayed.

### **Preface:**

About two years ago, the students of CIE 115, a course in programming for first year students in civil engineering at the University of Maine, set about the task of writing code that would simulate the motion of traffic in a roundabout. The program was to be based on the theory of an autonomous agent. That is, the cars would be modeled as if they had drivers inside them controlling the actions of the car. The class was split up into groups so the students could better devise a plan of attack. My group created a program with some nice features, but it was far from perfect. It occasionally drew lines where it was not supposed to draw lines, and cars frequently crashed into one another. That fall I was a little amazed to be asked to write a report about the project we had done the previous semester. Unfortunately, at the time I was so involved in other activities that I could not accept the job. During the spring, Bryan Pearce, the professor of CIE 115, wondered if I might become the student assistant for the course. This time I could and did accept. For a semester, I helped the other students with their programming and eventually with their own versions of simulated traffic circles.

When I was looking for a summer job, I asked Professor Pearce if he knew of anyone who might be willing to hire me. He said, yes. He said that he and Professor Per Garder would employ me to continue the traffic circle project over the summer. So here I am; finally working on that report, and hopefully taking the circle a few steps further than when I last left it.

#### John Larson

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#### Introduction:

When traffic volumes at an intersection increase to a point where the travel time through it becomes long, or they increase to a point where the intersection becomes unsafe, something should be done. Usually in the United States, the solution is to use a traffic light. However, this does not always solve the delay problem. If done right, the traffic circle can be a more efficient and safer solution.<sup>1234</sup>

Our program simulates cars travelling through a traffic circle. Since actual traffic data changes from day to day, and from rush hour to nighttime, we have designed the program so the user can edit the traffic flow data. The program simulates the traffic flow by calculating the movement in time steps using a computer object called a Timer. This device repeats the code written within it until the timer is turned off. With each repetition, or timestep, a certain amount of "model time" passes. The variable deltaT holds the value of this time step, for example 0.5 seconds. The total model time that the program runs can be changed as well as the time that data starts recording. The traffic simulator will show the cars moving along their appropriate paths with relatively few "crashes". The user can also view the "traffic counts" generated by the program, these can be converted to vehicles per hour (when the simulation is complete), and the average time that the cars are moving along, and to have the timer operate one step at a time.

The program development started with the traffic circle as an octagon, centered in the window. From there, it has progressed to a circle with entrances and exits. We have now simulated the recently constructed Gorham Traffic Circle. (Figure 1.) The setup for the Gorham Circle was cumbersome and we hope that in the future the setup can be simplified so any circle can be easily simulated.

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Figure 1 – The Main Form

As in the beginning, we still employ the concept of autonomous agents to run the cars. When the program is initially set up, each car (the agent) is assigned a set of characteristics that help to define how it should act as it travels through the traffic circle. The car then follows the traffic laws, or the computer code, according to those characteristics.

#### **House Rules:**

Prior to writing the program, we defined a set of rules that would describe how the cars behave. First, how could we keep the cars from crashing into one another? How is it done in real life situations? Drivers adjust their speed to match that of the car in front of them. Therefore, they will decelerate as soon as they feel they are in danger of hitting that car. Different drivers will do this at different times, depending on how fast they are going.

We developed a system such that if a car follows another too closely, then the car in back, or the backcar, will slow.

Next, we needed to decide how the cars would enter the simulation, and where they would enter the simulation. Based on traffic volumes the cars are randomly entered into the simulation. This also depends on the physical space available, that is, a car may not occupy



Figure 2- The Coordinate System the round circle that was centered in the middle of the screen. However, the conversion to the Gorham traffic circle, dictated that we revert to the more general Cartesian system.

#### Setup:

With the polar coordinate version, setting up the traffic circle was fairly easy. Write the code to draw a bunch of segments and/or arcs a certain way, then set their properties, such as an already occupied space. Once the cars enter, how do they know where to go? In real life, a driver usually knows his or her destination, we randomly assign each car a specific exit, based on traffic volume. This will be explained further in AddCars.

#### **Coordinate System:**

The coordinate system used is standard Cartesian, ranging from -200 to 200 feet in both directions (see Figure 2). We previously used a modified polar coordinate system with



Figure 3 – Set Up of Segments

the end points. When these segments have to be projected on top of an image of an existing traffic circle, the task is not as simple. To work around this problem, a separate program was created (see Appendix A). The program allows one to click on the places where the segments' endpoints are desired. The program then prints out the x-y coordinates for those points (Figure 3). From there, we had to "hardwire everything" so the traffic circle would run properly. That is, we had to manually write all the code that set the properties. Unfortunately, this is not the ideal set up solution; one goal of future versions will be to overcome this problem.

#### Code – The House Rules in Depth:

General Declarations –

Before we get too involved in the explanation of the code, we should describe what variables are being used and why. Green annotation is original to the code; blue annotation has been added for clarification.

Private Type Point 'this is a variable type defined by us to hold the x and y coordinates of the endpoints of the segments

x As Single 'the x coordinate

y As Single 'the y coordinate

End Type

Private Type segment 'another variable type we made up this defines the paths

carsIn(20) As Integer 'list of cars in each segment – last car first

totCars As Integer 'number of cars in a segment

endPt As Integer 'index of segment ending point

leftSegs(2) As Integer 'when entering the circle look for cars on the two segments to the left

nextSegL As Integer 'index of next segment continuing in circle - "0" if none nextSegR As Integer 'index of next segment leaving circle - "0" if none startPt As Integer 'index of beginning point of segment

slope As Single 'the slope of the segment

End Type

Private Type Car 'this type defines the properties of the cars

active As Boolean 'if a car is being used or not

color As Long 'the car's color

deSpeed As Single 'desired speed or how fast the car "wants" to go

length As Single 'the car's length

width As Single 'the car's width

location As Single 'location in the segment, ratio of position to length, it has a value between zero and one, with zero being the beginning of the segment

new As Boolean 'if this is true the program will know not to "erase" the car after the first time step

nextseg As Integer 'next segment car is headed for, "-1" for an exit segment and "0" if not assigned yet

segment As Integer 'number of the segment

speed As Single 'actual speed

exit As Integer 'assigned exit segment

begintime As Single 'time the car enters

entrance As Integer 'segment the car enters on

End Type

Private myPts(50) As Point 'array of points

Private mySegs(50) As segment 'array of segments

Private myCars(100) As Car 'array of cars

Private oldFront(100) As Point, oldBack(100) As Point 'these hold the old positions of the cars

Private numCars As Integer 'number of cars

Private numSegs As Integer 'number of segments

Private deltaT As Single, yieldPt As Single 'the time that passes each timestep, the

point where the cars "look" to enter the circle

Private black As Long 'the color black

Private carFront As Point, carBack As Point 'endpoints of the cars

Dim TimeSteps As Long 'number of timesteps

Dim Leftt(13 To 16) As Single 'these determine where cars exit

Dim Straight(13 To 16) As Single

Dim Right(13 To 16) As Single

Dim PutCarInNow(13 To 16) As Single 'the probability that a car will enter

Dim counter(4, 4) As Integer 'keeps track of the mean delay time

Dim frontcar As Integer, backcar As Integer 'these six variables are used to control speed, the car in front, the car in question

Dim thisseg As Integer, nextseg As Integer 'the segment backcar is on, the segment it is going to

Dim gap As Single, allowedGap As Single 'the gap between the two cars, and minimum gap allowed between them



Figure 4 - frmInput

These of course are not all of the variables used. They are, however, the major ones. The others shall be described as needed.

Initial Code –

When the program first starts up, only one button is active. That is the Input Data button on the main form (see Figure 1.). When this button is clicked a separate form



Figure 5 – The Segments

comes up that allows the controlling data for the program to be edited. This new form, frmInput (see Figure 4), is set up with an MSFlexGrid control, and holds the vehicles per hour data for each path. A method for editing this data, and a way to change the time for which the program will run, or runtime, and the time at which the output data starts recording are also included on this form. The default data is entered under the form\_load event, that is, when the form loads into memory.

Once this is finished, the Setup button becomes active (Figure 1.). The code under (or associated with) this button is straightforward. It initializes variables and properties to be used later, and it calls procedures that setup the cars, points, and segments.

CarSetup loops through all the cars in the myCars array and makes sure that the active property is set to false. It also sets the dimensions, color and desired speed for each car. The New property is set to true so the program knows that this is the first time each car will be drawn.

In PointSetup the program opens the file point.txt and reads in the x and y coordinates for each of the points. Editing point.txt in Notepad, or Wordpad, can change the points' coordinates. EndPointSetup "hardwires" the indexes of the points that define each segment. SegSetup sets the length and slope properties of each segment, and sets the leftSegs, nextSegL and nextSegR properties. These last two variables help set up the direction in which the traffic will move. They are set up according to the direction of movement. NextSegR will be the segment on the right, if there is a choice. If there is no choice, then nextSegR will have the value of zero and nextSegL will be the next segment. LeftSegs are used to see if there is no to enter the actual circle. If there is a car approaching the circle and there is no room to enter and the first car must wait. SegSetup will also draw the segments and points over the background if the checkbox on the main form tells it to do so (see Figure 5).

#### PathCalculations -

The Setup button also calls the procedure PathCalculations. This procedure implements the logic that will decide where the cars will enter the circle, when they will enter the circle, and where they will go once they do. PathCalculations reads the data from the MSFlexGrid on frmInput (Figure 4), and for each entrance, it calculates the probability that a

car would turn left or right, go straight, or make a U-turn. It will also calculate the probability of cars entering each entrance each timestep.

In computing the probabilities, PathCalculations gives values to three variables for each entrance: Leftt, Straight, and Right. Right is always calculated first. Its value is the simple probability that a car will turn right if it starts on the appropriate entrance. Next, the value for Straight is set. This is the sum of the simple probability of straight going cars and the value of Right. Last, the simple probability of left turning cars is added to Straight to get the value for Leftt. (Leftt is spelled with two *t's* to avoid internal conflicts within Visual Basic.) I will explain why their values are found this way when I explain AddCars. The last thing done in PathCalculations is to originate the PutCarInNow variable for each entrance. The value for these variables is the probability that a car would enter on the appropriate entrance in any timestep.

#### Timer -

Once the code for the Setup button is finished, the Run button becomes active. Clicking this button enables the Timer, enables the Stop button, and disables itself. The Stop button simply does the opposite of the Run button. However, the Timer becomes the central nervous system of the whole program (see Figure 6). It calls



Figure 6 - Flowchart for the Timer

the two major components of the animation control, AddCars and MoveCars. If the Single Step checkbox is checked then the Timer will turn itself off and turn the Run button back on. This will continue until the box is unchecked. In addition, the Timer calls the procedure CheckTime. This checks to see if it is time to stop the animation and relevant computations, and will do so if it is.



AddCars -

AddCars searches all the cars being used until it finds the first four that are inactive (see Figure 7). Each car is given a chance to enter one of the four entrances. CheckProbability determines if a car will enter or not (Figure 8). It does this by first returning a random number.

If this number is less than the appropriate PutCarInNow variable, then CheckProbability will let the car enter and the procedure EnterNow will be called.

Before it does anything else EnterNow checks to see if there is the "physical" space on the entrance segment to add a car. In other words, if there is no car on the entrance segment or the car that is there is beyond a certain distance, then a car can be added. Otherwise, no car will enter this segment on this timestep.

When the car is allowed on, EnterNow makes the car active and sets its location to the beginning of the entrance segment. Next, the car's destination is made known using the FindExit procedure. This is where the other variables defined in PathCalculations come into play.

FindExit is based on the logic that the sum of all the probabilities of a car



Figure 8 - Flowchart for CheckProbability

taking one of the possible paths is one. Remember when finding the values for Right, Straight, and Leftt we kept adding the previous variable to the correct probability to get the next. Here is why. If we use a random number generator to get a number between zero and one, we can use these variables to determine which direction the car will turn. Here's a section of the code with an example.

segin = myCars(i).segment 'the entrance the car is on.

x = Rnd 'a random number between 0 and almost 1, let's say 0.754832

If x < Right(segin) 'defaulted to 0.3333... - hmm, not less then this

Then direction = "right"

ElseIf x <Straight(segin) 'defaulted to 0.666... - or this either

Then direction = "straight"

ElseIf x < Leftt(segin) 'defaulted to 1.00 - ah here we are

Then direction = "left"

Else 'with the default data there are no u-turns

direction = "back"

End If

The sample car will be turning left. This part has been set up so the exits will be randomly picked, but also they will depend on the vehicles per hour that should follow the paths. x is found using the Rnd function, a random number generator. If it is less than Right the car will turn right; less than Straight, straight; less than Leftt, left. If, however, the random number is greater than Leftt the car will make a u-turn through the circle.

Once the direction is found, the index of the exit segment needs to be assigned to the car's exit property. (See Figure 9 for indexes of the Segments.) "*Case* statements" that are based on the entrance on which the car is, that are nested within "*case* statements" that are based on the direction of the car, can do this. This method may seem a bit cumbersome and unwieldy; however, it was the simplest and the most straightforward way to be done. Nested *case* statements are used quite often throughout the program, because of the decisions that need to be made that rely on two variables.

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EnterNow calls the FindNextSegment procedure after executing FindExit. This procedure goes through several *if* statements in a series, sometimes referred to as a *block If* statement. First, we check to see if there are any segments beyond the segment that the car in

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question is on. In this case, there has to be at least one, since a car just entered the circle, but if there are no segments then the car's nextseg property is set to negative one. That way the program will know what to do and remove the the from car simulation. Next, we want to know if there is a choice of going

left or right. If not, the segment's nextSegL property will become the car's nextseg property. However, if there is a choice, we need to know if this is where the car will turn. If the car exits here then nextseg becomes the nextSegR property; otherwise, it is nextSegL. Interested readers may want to look at the code:

segin = myCars(i).segment 'segment the car, i, is in Let's say we're on entrance 14
(see Figure 8)

If mySegs(segin).nextSegL = 0 Then 'we are on the exit ramp But we're not, we're on segment 14

myCars(i).nextseg = -1

ElseIf mySegs(segin).nextSegR = 0 Then 'we turn left here

myCars(i).nextseg = mySegs(segin).nextSegL

ElseIf myCars(i).exit = mySegs(segin).nextSegR Then 'but we said we wanted to go left (Page 12) through the circle, this is not our exit.

myCars(i).nextseg = mySegs(segin).nextSegR

Else 'so nextseg becomes segment 25 (Figure 9)

myCars(i).nextseg = mySegs(segin).nextSegL

#### End If

This procedure has worked very well, and has been only slightly modified since the spring course in 1996. The most important of these was in changing how the cars decided to turn off the circle. In the original homework program, the decision was made by probability within FindNextSegment. Now the exit is already known, a priori, all we need to do is compare nextSegR with the exit.

Once we have found the next segment for which we are heading, we need to fix the carsIn array and the totCars property for the entrance segment. When updating the array, we move all of the cars in the array to the next highest slot in the array and put our car in slot

one. After this, we must increase the totCars, or total cars, property by one.

Now that we know where the car has entered and where it will

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Figure 10 - frmVPH

exit, we can update the grid on frmVPH (see Figure 10). EnterNow calls the procedure UpdateOutput to accomplish this task. Of course, UpdateOutput will do nothing unless the elapsed time has reached the time at which data starts recording. When it is time to record data, the procedure enters another nested case statement (this one relies on the car's entrance and exit) to determine which cell in the grid to increment by one.

Before the car moves, we must adjust the car's speed so it will not be likely to crash into the car in front of it. To do this, we must call the procedure AdjustSpeeds twice. This

may seem like the car will be over-accelerating; however, it really is not. By calling AdjustSpeeds twice, we are, in actuality, adjusting the speed of the car along the long approach to the circle, the approach that would normally be beyond what is represented in the simulation.

The last two steps EnterNow performs are to set the car's begintime property and the car's entrance property. These will be used later in the procedure FindDelayTime.

#### AdjustSpeeds -

First, we need to find the values for the variables we will be using. In AdjustSpeeds, we set values to the variables: accel, taken from the acceleration text box on frmMain; backcar, the car being controlled (conceptually the car in which we are riding); thisseg, the segment backcar is on; and nextseg, the segment to where backcar is heading. At this point, AdjustSpeeds enters a Do loop in order to find a value for j. This is the index of the backcar's place in the carsIn array for thisseg. j becomes useful when trying to find the value of frontcar, the car in front of backcar. Here we set the values of lookLeftSeg and lookLeftCar. They are used if the car is approaching an intersection. What happens then will be explained later.

Next, the Boolean variable flag is set to false. This variable will let the program know if we had to slow backcar because it was getting to close to frontcar. Now, we find the value of allowedGap, using the equation: allowedGap =  $CSng(txtGap.Text) * myCars(backcar).speed ^ 1.5 + 2 * myCars(backcar).length. The CSng(txtGap.Text) is the value taken from the text box on frmMain. MyCars(backcar).speed is backcar's speed. It is taken to the power of 1.5 to make allowedGap small when the speed is low and large when to speed is high. The length of backcar is entered into the equation to account for the fact the gaps are measured from the centers of the cars. This length is multiplied by two as a safety factor.$ 



Once these variables are defined, we can find the value for frontcar. First, we check thisseg. Because of the way the carsIn array is set up, we can see if frontcar is on thisseg by adding one to j and then checking that spot in the array for a number other than zero. If we get a number then that will be frontcar, and Gap's value will be the difference of frontcar's and backcar's location multiplied by thisseg's length. If there is no car in front of backcar on thisseg, we look to see if nextseg is negative one, meaning that the car will be leaving the simulation. If this is the case nothing need be done and we can move on. However, if this is not the case, we need to find out how far ahead the next car is. We do this by calling the aptly named procedure FindFrontCar.

FindFrontCar uses the same variables we have already defined in AdjustSpeeds. It first initializes the Gap variable with the length of thisseg that backcar has not yet traveled. Then it uses a Do loop to find frontcar. Let us look at the code:

gap = (1 - myCars(backcar).location) \* mySegs(thisseg).length 'the remaining length of thisseg

Do 'the program will loop back to here

frontcar = mySegs(nextseg).carsIn(1) 'the last car on nextseg

If frontcar > 0 Then 'is there a car on nextseg?

gap = gap + myCars(frontcar).location \* mySegs(nextseg).length 'add the length of nextseg traveled by frontcar if there is.

Exit Do

Else

gap = gap + mySegs(nextseg).length 'add the entire length of nextseg if there is not.

End If

thisseg = nextseg 'if frontcar wasn't found we need to find the next nextseg

If mySegs(thisseg).nextSegR = 0 Then 'this part is just like FindNextSegment nextseg = mySegs(thisseg).nextSegL

ElseIf myCars(backcar).exit = mySegs(thisseg).nextSegR Then

nextseg = mySegs(thisseg).nextSegR

Else

nextseg = mySegs(thisseg).nextSegL

End If

If nextseg = 0 Then gap = allowedGap + gap 'just to make sure

Loop Until gap  $\geq$  allowedGap Or thisseg  $\geq$  39 'keep looking until it doesn't

matter

The second to last line was added because the cars were slowing prematurely and just before they got on the last segment before leaving the simulation. As they grew close to the beginning of the last segment, the gap would only be a small amount plus the length of the last segment. Thus, Gap would be smaller than allowedGap, and the car would slow.

FindFrontCar was created to find an accurate value for Gap. With this value, we can now adjust backcar's speed if need be. If Gap is less than the allowedGap, we need to slow backcar. So, to do this we subtract the product of accel, the acceleration in g's; 32.2 ft/sec<sup>2</sup>, g; and the time that has passed since last we checked, deltaT from backcar's speed. Then, we set flag to true. Next, we check backcar's speed against the rest of our initial rules. If flag were false at this point and backcar were going slower than its desired speed, or deSpeed, then it should speed up. In this case, we add the aforementioned product to backcar's speed. However in any case, if backcar should be going faster than its deSpeed, then, since it should not be going that much faster, we set its speed equal to its deSpeed. Next, if the car is approaching an intersection (i.e. the main traffic circle and one of its entrances), it needs to look left and see if there is a car coming. In the code it does this by first checking the value of lookLeftCar. If that is not zero, then it checks to see if lookLeftCar's location is high enough that it will be in the way of entering (or close enough to crash into). If so, then backcar will slow the same way it did before. The last thing AdjustSpeeds checks for is to see if backcar has slowed so much that it has started going backwards. In other words, has backcar's speed gone below zero? If it has then its speed is set to zero, as if it were waiting in a queue.

#### MoveCars-

MoveCars has been split into two procedures: SwitchSegments, which moves the cars along, calls adjust speeds and switches the segments the cars are on when necessary; and DrawCars, which draws and erases the cars as they move around the traffic circle.

SwitchSegments loops through all the "active" cars, the cars with their



active property set to true. It calls AdjustSpeeds for every one, and advances the cars along the segments. It does the latter using the equation: myCars(i).location = myCars(i).location + myCars(i).speed \* deltaT / segLength. The location increment is the distance the car would have traveled in one timestep. The car's location has a value between zero and one, no matter how long the segment is. It is merely a ratio of how far the car has gone to how far it could go. (see Figure 12) Therefore, when we multiply the car's speed with the elapsed time we get the distance the car has actually gone. To relate that to the cars location value we need to divide by the length of thisseg, segLength. (Thisseg and nextseg are used here as well.) If the car's location becomes larger than one, then the car has moved onto the next segment, and it must be treated accordingly. First the carsIn array and the totCars property for thisseg must be updated. When that is done, we check to see if the car is leaving the simulation, in which case nextseg equals negative one. If it is, then make the car inactive, set

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erase it so it does not leave a "blip" on the screen. We also call the procedure FindDelayTime at this point. This uses a nested case statement to find the proper cell in the MSFlexGrid control. Once found, it will update the average delay (see Figure 13). If the car is not leaving

its new property to true, and

Figure 13 - frmDelayTime

the simulation, then we must update the carsIn array and the totCars property of nextseg. Then, we call FindNextSegment to find the new nextseg, and correct the car's location so it will fit its new segment.

The animation is the apparent motion of our drawings. In actuality the drawings are not moving. In the traffic circle program, the cars, are being drawn and erased and drawn again in a different place, creating the illusion of motion. Initially, the cars were just round dots. When we extended them into lines, we had trouble orientating them. We came up with the following rules for orienting the "cars." When on the round circle, to find the angle of the car, add 90 degrees to the angle of the car's location on the circle. When on a straight line, or a curved line for that matter, the angle of the car is the arctangent of the slope of the line at the point where the car is. The endpoints of the car could then be found using trigonometry.

DrawCars loops through all the "active cars", and will find their new x and y coordinates, measured at the center of the car. It does this by finding the endpoints of the segment the car is on and interpolating the car's coordinates using the coordinates of the endpoints and the car's location. It will then find the angle of the car, CarAngle, and the car's endpoints as described above. After setting the drawwidth to the width of the car, it will draw the car using Visual Basic's line command. If the car's new property is not set to

true then DrawCars will erase the old drawing of the car at its old position. If it were set to true then DrawCars would do nothing except set the new property to false, because there is no old drawing to erase. Lastly, DrawCars will store the coordinates of the car's endpoints so it can erase it during the next time step.

#### **Conclusion:**

The simulation/animation program presented here is based on a homework problem assigned to civil engineering students in an introductory computer class at University of Maine. The initial model development was partially funded by a grant from the New England UTC program through the project "Visual Aids in the Public Participation Process." The program is based on the principle of an autonomous agent the motor vehicle—programmed to speed up or slow down in order to keep its desired velocity—which is randomly chosen at or below the maximum permissible speed—and keep a minimum gap to the preceding vehicle. The autonomous vehicle doesn't enter the circulating lane unless an acceptable gap is provided. Vehicles are assigned paths through the roundabout based on quarter-hour volumes for each possible path. Travel times—and delays—are calculated for each vehicle and then averaged over paths and time periods. Vehicle positions are continuously shown on the screen in real time or in scaled time. Build-ups of queues for varying degrees of saturation are directly illustrated on the screen. This animation can be a valuable help when comparing different design proposals.

The modifications made within this project have added a sense of realism to the simulation. This is exemplified with superimposing the movements on the geometric outline of the recently constructed roundabout in Gorham, Maine, rather than on a 'perfect' circle with four spokes in orthogonal positions as in the original homework. Also, a method of inputting traffic flow data was added and new output modules were developed. The output now includes average simulated travel time through the roundabout. However, the program has not yet been validated against its real life counterpart. Therefore, simulated travel times and delays may differ significantly from those actually experienced at the Gorham roundabout.

The simulation/animation model can be modified to any geometric design with respect to number of approach legs, approach angles, circle diameter, skews, etc., but only one-lane approaches and one-lane circulating roadways can be simulated at this time. And changing the geometric layout takes, at present, many hours. The model could be automated with respect to geometric set-up, potentially making it more attractive to clients. A strength of the present program is the simplicity of its execution once it is set up, and that simplicity should be guarded. Many existing animation programs—such as NetSim—lack user-friendliness.

The program can be improved with respect to numerous aspects. And before it is used in any commercial way, it needs to be calibrated and validated against real data. A thorough quality control with respect to reliability is needed prior to this, ensuring that the model actually follows all specified rules. Once the model is proven reliable and validated it will be a valuable tool in illustrating the effect of choice of junction type as well as how detailed geometric layout influences queue lengths and travel times.

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# **Appendix A:**

Dim numPoints As Integer Dim saveX(1000) As Single Dim saveY(1000) As Single Dim numLines As Integer Dim lineStart(500) As Integer Dim lineEnd(500) As Integer Dim lineThickness(500) As Integer

Private Sub Command1 Click() Printer.EndDoc End Sub

Private Sub Form Load() Picture1.Scale (-200, 200)-(200, -200) numPoints = 0numLines = 1End Sub

Private Sub Picture1 MouseDown(Button As Integer, Shift As Integer, X As Single, Y As Single) If Button = 1 Then

Picture1.Circle (X, Y), 3 numPoints = numPoints + 1saveX(numPoints) = XsaveY(numPoints) = YlineStart(numLines) = numPoints Else

Picture1.Line -(X, Y) Picture1.Circle (X, Y), 3 numPoints = numPoints + 1saveX(numPoints) = XsaveY(numPoints) = YlineEnd(numLines) = numPoints numLines = numLines + 1lineStart(numLines) = numPoints End If Debug.Print X, Y, numPoints Printer.Print X, Y, numPoints End Sub

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Private Sub Picture1 Paint()
Dim i As Integer
For i = 1 To numLines - 1
  Picture1.Circle (saveX(lineStart(i)), saveY(lineStart(i))), 3
  Picture1.Line -(saveX(lineEnd(i)), saveY(lineEnd(i)))
  Picture1.Circle (saveX(lineEnd(numLines - 1)), saveY(lineEnd(numLines - 1))), 3
Next i
End Sub
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## **Appendix B:**

frmMain Option Explicit Private Type Point x As Single y As Single End Type

Private Type segment

carsIn(20) As Integer 'list of cars in the segment totCars As Integer 'number of cars in segment endPt As Integer 'index of ending point length As Single 'length of segment in feet leftSegs(2) As Integer 'when entering the circle look for cars nextSegL As Integer 'index of next segment continuing in circle - "0" if none nextSegR As Integer 'index of next segment leaving circle - "0" if none startPt As Integer 'index of beginning point slope As Single End Type

Private Type Car active As Boolean 'if a car is being used or not color As Long deSpeed As Single 'desired speed length As Single width As Single location As Single 'location in the segment new As Boolean nextseg As Integer 'next segment car is headed for "-1" for an exit segment and "0" if not assigned yet segment As Integer 'number of the segment speed As Single 'actual speed exit As Integer 'assigned exit segment begintime As Single 'time enters entrance As Integer 'segment enters on End Type

Private myPts(50) As Point 'array of points Private mySegs(50) As segment 'array of segments Private myCars(100) As Car 'array of cars Private oldFront(100) As Point, oldBack(100) As Point Private numCars As Integer 'number of cars Private numSegs As Integer 'number of segments Private deltaT As Single, yieldPt As Single Private black As Long Private carFront As Point, carBack As Point 'endpoints of the cars Dim TimeSteps As Long 'number of timesteps Dim Leftt(13 To 16) As Single 'these determine where cars exit Dim Straight(13 To 16) As Single Dim Right(13 To 16) As Single Dim PutCarInNow(13 To 16) As Single 'the probability that a car will enter Dim counter(4, 4) As Integer 'keeps track of the mean delay time Dim frontcar As Integer, backcar As Integer 'these six variables are used to control speed Dim thisseg As Integer, nextseg As Integer Dim gap As Single, allowedGap As Single

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Private Sub cmdClear_Click()

Dim i As Integer, j As Integer

pctPix.Cls

For i = 1 To 4

frmVPH.grdVPH.Row = i

For j = 1 To 5

frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = j

frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(0)

Next j

Next i
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For i = 1 To 4
For j = 1 To 4
counter(i, j) = 1
Next j
Next i
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For i = 1 To 4
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row = i
For j = 1 To 4
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = j
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = CStr(0)
Next j
Next i
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frmVPH.cmdVPH.Enabled = False End Sub

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Private Sub cmdDelay_Click()
frmDelayTime.Show
End Sub
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Private Sub cmdInput\_Click() cmdSetUp.Enabled = True frmInput.Show End Sub

Private Sub cmdOutput\_Click() frmVPH.Show End Sub

Private Sub cmdQuit\_Click() End End Sub

Private Sub cmdRun\_Click() Timer1.Enabled = True cmdStop.Enabled = True cmdRun.Enabled = False End Sub

Private Sub cmdSetUp\_Click() Dim x As Single, i As Integer, j As Integer, k As Integer cmdRun.Enabled = True

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Public Sub AdjustSpeeds(i As Integer) Dim j As Integer, k As Integer Dim accel As Single, flag As Boolean

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Dim lookLeftSeg As Integer, lookLeftCar As Integer accel = CSng(txtAcceleration.Text)backcar = i car we are inthisseg = myCars(backcar).segment nextseg = myCars(backcar).nextseg i = 0 $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$ Do Until k = ii = i + 1k = mySegs(thisseg).carsIn(j)Loop lookLeftSeg = mySegs(thisseg).leftSegs(1) lookLeftCar = mySegs(lookLeftSeg).carsIn(mySegs(lookLeftSeg).totCars) flag = FalseallowedGap =  $CSng(txtGap.Text) * myCars(backcar).speed ^ 1.5$ + 2\* myCars(backcar).length If mySegs(thisseg).carsIn $(j + 1) \Leftrightarrow 0$  Then 'there is a car in front on this segment frontcar = mySegs(thisseg).carsIn(j + 1)gap = (myCars(frontcar).location - myCars(backcar).location)mySegs(myCars(thisseg).segment).length ElseIf nextseg = -1 Then 'Do nothing since car is on its way out Else FindFrontCar (i) 'need to find out many segments ahead the next car is End If If gap < allowedGap Then myCars(backcar).speed = myCars(backcar).speed - accel \* 32.2 \* deltaT flag = TrueEnd If If (flag = False) And (myCars(backcar).speed < myCars(backcar).deSpeed) Then 'speed up myCars(backcar).speed = myCars(backcar).speed + accel \* 32.2 \* deltaTEnd If If (myCars(backcar).speed > myCars(backcar).deSpeed) Then 'slow down myCars(backcar).speed = myCars(backcar).deSpeed End If If lookLeftCar > 0 Then If (myCars(lookLeftCar).location > ((mySegs(myCars(lookLeftCar).segment).length -21.3) / mySegs(myCars(lookLeftCar).segment).length)) And (myCars(backcar).location > yieldPt) Then myCars(backcar).speed = myCars(backcar).speed - accel \* 32.2 \* deltaT End If End If If myCars(backcar).speed < 0 Then myCars(backcar).speed = 0End Sub Public Sub FindNextSegment(i As Integer) 'If you are in this subroutine then you are trying to figure out 'where the car i is going next. Dim segin As Integer segin = myCars(i).segment 'segment car i is in If mySegs(segin).nextSegL = 0 Then 'we are on the exit ramp myCars(i).nextseg = -1ElseIf mySegs(segin).nextSegR = 0 Then myCars(i).nextseg = mySegs(segin).nextSegL ElseIf myCars(i).exit = mySegs(segin).nextSegR Then

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myCars(i).nextseg = mySegs(segin).nextSegR
   Else
     myCars(i).nextseg = mySegs(segin).nextSegL
   End If
End Sub
Public Sub AddCars()
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer
i = 12
For i = 1 To numCars
   If myCars(i).active = False Then 'we can add it somwhere
     i = i + 1
     Call CheckProbability(i, j) 'to see if its time to enter a car
     If i = 16 Then Exit For
   End If
Next i
End Sub
Public Sub FindExit(i As Integer)
Dim segin As Integer
Dim x As Single
Dim direction As String 'where going?
segin = myCars(i).segment
\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Rnd}
If x < Right(segin) Then
  direction = "right"
ElseIf x < Straight(segin) Then
  direction = "straight"
ElseIf x < Leftt(segin) Then
  direction = "left"
Else
  direction = "back"
End If
Select Case direction
  Case "left"
     Select Case segin
       Case 13
          myCars(i).exit = 20
       Case 14
          myCars(i).exit = 17
       Case 15
          myCars(i).exit = 18
       Case 16
       myCars(i).exit = 19
     End Select
  Case "straight"
     Select Case segin
       Case 13
          myCars(i).exit = 19
       Case 14
         myCars(i).exit = 20
       Case 15
         myCars(i).exit = 17
       Case 16
         myCars(i).exit = 18
     End Select
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Case "right"
     Select Case segin
       Case 13
         myCars(i).exit = 18
       Case 14
         myCars(i).exit = 22
       Case 15
         myCars(i).exit = 20
       Case 16
         myCars(i).exit = 21
    End Select
  Case "back"
    Select Case segin
       Case 13
         myCars(i).exit = 17
       Case 14
         myCars(i).exit = 18
       Case 15
         myCars(i).exit = 19
       Case 16
         myCars(i).exit = 20
    End Select
End Select
End Sub
Public Sub UpdateOutput(i As Integer)
Dim segin As Integer, cExit As Integer, j As Integer, k As Integer, esum As Integer, exsum
As Integer
If (deltaT * TimeSteps) >= (frmInput.txtETime.Text * 60) Then
  segin = myCars(i).segment
  cExit = myCars(i).exit
  Select Case segin
    Case 14
      frmVPH.grdVPH.Row = 1
      Select Case cExit
         Case 18
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 4
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
        Case 22
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 3
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 20
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 2
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 17
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 1
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
      End Select
    Case 15
      frmVPH.grdVPH.Row = 2
      Select Case cExit
         Case 18
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 1
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 19
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frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 4
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 20
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 3
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 17
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 2
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
       End Select
     Case 16
       frmVPH.grdVPH.Row = 3
       Select Case cExit
         Case 18
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 2
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 19
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 1
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 20
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 4
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 21
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 3
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
      End Select
    Case 13
      frmVPH.grdVPH.Row = 4
      Select Case cExit
         Case 18
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 3
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 19
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 2
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 20
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 1
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
         Case 17
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 4
           frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = CStr(CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text) + 1)
      End Select
  End Select
  For k = 1 To 4
    esum = 0
    frmVPH.grdVPH.Row = k
    For i = 1 To 4
      frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = j
      esum = esum + CInt(frmVPH.grdVPH.Text)
    Next j
    frmVPH.grdVPH.Col = 5
    frmVPH.grdVPH.Text = esum
  Next k
End If
End Sub
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Public Sub PathCalculations() Dim i As Integer Dim sum(13 To 16) As Single 'traffic from segment 14 sum(14) = 0frmInput.grdInput.Row = 1 For i = 1 To 4 frmInput.grdInput.Col = i sum(14) = sum(14) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text)Next i frmInput.grdInput.Col = 3Right(14) = CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(14)frmInput.grdInput.Col = 2 Straight(14) = Right(14) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(14)frmInput.grdInput.Col = 1 Leftt(14) = Straight(14) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(14)'traffic from segment 15 sum(15) = 0frmInput.grdInput.Row = 2 For i = 1 To 4 frmInput.grdInput.Col = i sum(15) = sum(15) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text)Next i frmInput.grdInput.Col = 3 Right(15) = CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(15)frmInput.grdInput.Col = 2 Straight(15) = Right(15) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(15)frmInput.grdInput.Col = 1 Leftt(15) = Straight(15) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(15)'traffic from segment 16 sum(16) = 0frmInput.grdInput.Row = 3 For i = 1 To 4 frmInput.grdInput.Col = i sum(16) = sum(16) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text)Next i frmInput.grdInput.Col = 3Right(16) = CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(16)frmInput.grdInput.Col = 2  $Straight(16) = \hat{R}ight(16) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(16)$ frmInput.grdInput.Col = 1 Leftt(16) = Straight(16) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(16)'traffic from segment 13 sum(13) = 0frmInput.grdInput.Row = 4 For i = 1 To 4 frmInput.grdInput.Col = i sum(13) = sum(13) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text)Next i frmInput.grdInput.Col = 3 Right(13) = CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(13)frmInput.grdInput.Col = 2 Straight(13) = Right(13) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(13)frmInput.grdInput.Col = 1 Leftt(13) = Straight(13) + CSng(frmInput.grdInput.Text) / sum(13)

'entrance data

'the following code is trying to make the data more accurately reflect the input data For i = 13 To 16 PutCarInNow(i) = (sum(i) / 3600) \* deltaT'seconds per timestep \* cars per hour / seconds per hour = cars per timestep Next i End Sub Public Sub FindDelayTime(i As Integer) Dim ave As Single, t As Single, sum As Single If (deltaT \* TimeSteps) >= (60 \* CSng(frmInput.txtETime.Text)) Then t = (TimeSteps \* deltaT) - myCars(i).begintimeSelect Case mvCars(i).entrance Case 14 frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row = 1 Select Case myCars(i).exit Case 18 frmDelavTime.grdDelavs.Col = 4sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) \* counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) sum = sum + tcounter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) = counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1 ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0") Case 22 frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 3 sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) \* counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) sum = sum + tcounter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) = counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1 ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0") Case 20 frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 2 sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) \* counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) sum = sum + tcounter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) = counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1 ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0") Case 17 frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 1sum = CSng(frmDelavTime.grdDelavs.Text) \* counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) sum = sum + tcounter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) = counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1 ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")

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End Select
     Case 15
       frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row = 2
       Select Case myCars(i).exit
         Case 18
            frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 1
            sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
            counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
           ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
         Case 19
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 4
           sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
           counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
           ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
         Case 20
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 3
           sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
           counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
           ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
         Case 17
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 2
           sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
           counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
           ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
      End Select
    Case 16
      frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row = 3
      Select Case myCars(i).exit
         Case 18
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 2
           sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
           counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
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ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelavTime.grdDelavs.Col)
            frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
         Case 19
            frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 1
           sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
           counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
           ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelavTime.grdDelavs.Col)
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
         Case 20
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 4
           sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
           counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
           ave = sum / counter(frmDelavTime.grdDelavs.Row.
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
         Case 21
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 3
           sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
           counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
           ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
      End Select
    Case 13
      frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row = 4
      Select Case myCars(i).exit
         Case 18
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 3
           sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
           counter(frmDelavTime.grdDelavs.Row, frmDelavTime.grdDelavs.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
           ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
         Case 19
           frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 2
           sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
           sum = sum + t
           counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
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ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
            frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
          Case 20
            frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 1
            sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
            sum = sum + t
            counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
            ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
            frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
         Case 17
            frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col = 4
            sum = CSng(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text) *
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
            sum = sum + t
            counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) =
counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row, frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col) + 1
            ave = sum / counter(frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Row,
frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Col)
            frmDelayTime.grdDelays.Text = Format(ave, "##.0")
       End Select
  End Select
End If
End Sub
Public Sub CheckTime()
If (deltaT * TimeSteps) >= (frmInput.txtRTime.Text * 60) Then
  Timer1.Enabled = False
  cmdStop.Enabled = False
  cmdRun.Enabled = True
  frmVPH.cmdVPH.Enabled = True
End If
End Sub
Public Sub SegSetup()
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer, numpoints As Integer
numSegs = 42
numpoints = 40
For i = 1 To numSegs
  If cbxShowSegs.Value = 1 Then
    pctPix.Line (myPts(mySegs(i).startPt).x, myPts(mySegs(i).startPt).y)-
(myPts(mySegs(i).endPt).x, myPts(mySegs(i).endPt).y), black 'draw lines
  End If
  With mySegs(i)
    .length = ((mvPts(mvSegs(i).startPt).x - mvPts(mvSegs(i).endPt).x)^2 +
(myPts(mySegs(i).startPt).y - myPts(mySegs(i).endPt).y) ^ 2) ^ 0.5
    .slope = (myPts(mySegs(i).startPt).y - myPts(mySegs(i).endPt).y) /
(mvPts(mySegs(i).startPt).x - mvPts(mvSegs(i).endPt).x)
  End With
Next i
If cbxShowSegs.Value = 1 Then
  For i = 1 To numpoints
    pctPix.Circle (myPts(i).x, myPts(i).y), 3
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Next i End If For i = 1 To 12 j = i + 1: If i = 12 Then j = 1mySegs(i).nextSegL = jNext i mySegs(2).nextSegR = 18mySegs(4).nextSegR = 19mySegs(8).nextSegR = 20mySegs(10).nextSegR = 17With mySegs(13) .nextSegL = 23.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(14) .nextSegL = 25.nextSegR = 22.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(15).nextSeg $\tilde{L} = 27$ .nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(16) .nextSegL = 29.nextSegR = 21.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(17) .nextSegL = 37.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(18) .nextSegL = 38.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(19) .nextŠeg $\tilde{L} = 41$ .nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(20) .nextSegL = 42.nextSegR = 0

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.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(21) .nextŠeg $\tilde{L} = 32$ .nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(22).nextSegL = 35 .nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(23) .nextSeg $\tilde{L} = 24$ .nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 12.leftSegs(2) = 11End With With mySegs(24) .nextSegL = 1.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 12.leftSegs(2) = 11End With With mySegs(25) .nextSegL = 26.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 4.leftSegs(2) = 3End With With mySegs(26) .nextSegL = 5.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 4.leftSegs(2) = 3End With With mySegs(27) .nextSegL = 28.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 6.leftSegs(2) = 5End With With mySegs(28) .nextSegL = 7.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 6.leftSegs(2) = 5End With With mySegs(29) .nextSegL = 30.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0



.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(30) .nextSegL = 31.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 10.leftSegs(2) = 9End With With mySegs(31) .nextSegL = 11.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 10.leftSegs(2) = 9End With With mySegs(32) .nextSegL = 33.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(33) .nextSegL = 34 .nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 37.leftSegs(2) = 17End With With mySegs(34) .nextSegL = 39.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 37.leftSegs(2) = 17End With With mySegs(35) .nextSegL = 36.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 19.leftSegs(2) = 4End With With mySegs(36) .nextSegL = 41.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 19.leftSegs(2) = 4End With With mySegs(37) .nextSegL = 39.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(38) .nextSegL = 40.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0

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End With With mySegs(39) .nextSegL = 0.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(40) .nextSegL = 0.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(41) .nextSegL = 0.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With With mySegs(42) .nextSegL = 0.nextSegR = 0.leftSegs(1) = 0.leftSegs(2) = 0End With End Sub Public Sub CarSetup() Dim i As Integer For i = 1 To 100 With myCars(i) .active = False.length = 10# + 2 \* Rnd.color = RGB(255 \* Rnd, 255 \* Rnd, 255 \* Rnd) .speed = 25 + 20 \* Rnd.deSpeed = 15 + 20 \* Rnd.new = True .width = 5 + RndEnd With Next i End Sub Public Sub EnterNow(i As Integer) Dim y As Single, j As Integer, segin As Integer, lastCar As Integer segin = myCars(i).segment lastCar = mySegs(segin).carsIn(1)'Find location of last car on segment If lastCar = 0 Or myCars(lastCar).location  $\geq (30.7 / mySegs(segin).length)$  Then myCars(i).active = True myCars(i).location = 0.1 FindExit (i) FindNextSegment (i) For i = 19 To 2 Step -1 mySegs(segin).carsIn(j) = mySegs(segin).carsIn(j - 1)Next i mySegs(segin).carsIn(1) = i

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mySegs(segin).totCars = mySegs(segin).totCars + 1
  UpdateOutput (i)
  AdjustSpeeds (i)
  AdjustSpeeds (i)
  myCars(i).begintime = deltaT * TimeSteps
  myCars(i).entrance = segin
End If
End Sub
Public Sub DrawCars()
Dim begx As Single, begy As Single, endx As Single, endy As Single
Dim i As Integer, news As Single, newy As Single
Dim seg As Integer, CarAngle As SingleFor i = 1 To numCars
  If myCars(i).active = True Then
     seg = myCars(i).segment
     begx = myPts(mySegs(seg).startPt).x
     begy = myPts(mySegs(seg).startPt).y
     endx = myPts(mySegs(seg).endPt).x
     endy = myPts(mySegs(seg).endPt).y
    newx = begx + (endx - begx) * myCars(i).location
    newy = begy + (endy - begy) * myCars(i).location
     CarAngle = Atn(mySegs(seg).slope)
    carFront.x = newx + (myCars(i).length / 2) * Cos(CarAngle)
    carFront.y = newy + (myCars(i).length / 2) * Sin(CarAngle)
    carBack.x = newx - (myCars(i).length / 2) * Cos(CarAngle)
    carBack.y = newy - (myCars(i).length / 2) * Sin(CarAngle)
    pctPix.DrawWidth = myCars(i).width
    If myCars(i).new = False Then
       pctPix.Line (oldFront(i).x, oldFront(i).y)-(oldBack(i).x, oldBack(i).y),
myCars(i).color 'Erase old cars
    Else
       myCars(i).new = False
    End If
    pctPix.Line (carFront.x, carFront.y)-(carBack.x, carBack.y), myCars(i).color 'Draw
new ones
    oldFront(i).x = carFront.x 'remember location to erase on next time step
    oldFront(i).y = carFront.y
    oldBack(i).x = carBack.x
    oldBack(i).y = carBack.y
  End If
Next i
End Sub
Public Sub SwitchSegments()
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer, segLength As Single
Dim thisSegg As Integer, nextSegg As Integer
For i = 1 To numCars
If myCars(i).active = True Then
  'move car -- distance = rate * time
  AdjustSpeeds (i)
  thisSegg = myCars(i).segment
  nextSegg = myCars(i).nextseg
  segLength = mySegs(thisSegg).length
  myCars(i).location = myCars(i).location + myCars(i).speed * deltaT / segLength
  If mvCars(i).location > 1 Then ' exit or move car into the next segment
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mySegs(thisSegg).carsIn(mySegs(thisSegg).totCars) = 0
     mySegs(thisSegg).totCars = mySegs(thisSegg).totCars - 1
     If nextSegg \diamond -1 Then
        mySegs(nextSegg).totCars = mySegs(nextSegg).totCars + 1
        For j = 19 To 2 Step -1
          mySegs(nextSegg).carsIn(j) = mySegs(nextSegg).carsIn(j - 1)
        Next j 'make space in carsIn of the next segment for the car
        mySegs(nextSegg).carsIn(1) = i 'shift current car into nextSegg
        myCars(i).segment = myCars(i).nextseg
        FindNextSegment (i) 'i is the index of the current car
        'set location in next segment
        myCars(i).location = (myCars(i).location - 1#) * mySegs(thisSegg).length /
mySegs(nextSegg).length
     Else
        myCars(i).active = False 'turn car off.
        myCars(i).new = True
        pctPix.FillColor = myCars(i).color 'set car color
       pctPix.DrawWidth = myCars(i).width
       pctPix.Line (oldFront(i).x, oldFront(i).y)-(oldBack(i).x, oldBack(i).y),
myCars(i).color 'erase for last time
       FindDelayTime (i)
     End If
  End If
End If
Next i
End Sub
Public Sub FindFrontCar(i As Integer)
backcar = i
thisseg = myCars(backcar).segment
nextseg = myCars(backcar).nextseg
gap = (1 - myCars(backcar).location) * mySegs(thisseg).length
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  frontcar = mySegs(nextseg).carsIn(1)
  If frontcar \diamond 0 Then
     gap = gap + myCars(frontcar).location * mySegs(nextseg).length
     Exit Do
  Else
     gap = gap + mySegs(nextseg).length
  End If
  thisseg = nextseg
  If mySegs(thisseg).nextSegR = 0 Then
     nextseg = mySegs(thisseg).nextSegL
  ElseIf myCars(backcar).exit = mySegs(thisseg).nextSegR Then
     nextseg = mySegs(thisseg).nextSegR
  Else
     nextseg = mySegs(thisseg).nextSegL
  End If
  If nextseg = 0 Then gap = allowedGap + gap
Loop Until gap \geq allowedGap Or thisseg \geq 39
End Sub
Public Sub PointSetup()
Dim i As Integer
\mathbf{i} = 0
Open "c:\stuff\gorham circle\point.txt" For Input As #1
Do While Not EOF(1)
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i = i + 1
  Input #1, myPts(i).x, myPts(i).y
Loop
Close #1
End Sub
Public Sub EndPointSetup()
Dim i As Integer, j As Integer
For i = 1 To 1\overline{2}
  i = i + 1: If i = 12 Then j = 1
  mySegs(i).startPt = i
  mySegs(i).endPt = j
Next i
With mySegs(13)
  .startPt = 25
  .endPt = 24
End With
With mySegs(14)
  .startPt = 14
  .endPt = 13
End With
With mySegs(15)
  .startPt = 23
  .endPt = 22
End With
With mySegs(16)
  .startPt = 34
  .endPt = 33
End With
With mySegs(17)
  .startPt = 11
  .endPt = 35
End With
With mySegs(18)
  .startPt = 3
  .endPt = 28
End With
With mySegs(19)
  .startPt = 5
  .endPt = 17
End With
With mySegs(20)
  .startPt = 9
  .endPt = 26
End With
With mySegs(21)
  .startPt = 33
  .endPt = 38
End With
With mySegs(22)
  .startPt = 13
  .endPt = 15
End With
With mySegs(23)
  .startPt = 24
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.endPt = 20End With With mySegs(24) .startPt = 20.endPt = 1End With With mySegs(25) .startPt = 13.endPt = 19End With With mySegs(26) .startPt = 19.endPt = 5End With With mySegs(27) .startPt = 22.endPt = 21End With With mySegs(28) .startPt = 21.endPt = 7End With With mySegs(29) .startPt = 33.endPt = 32End With With mySegs(30) .startPt = 32.endPt = 31End With With mySegs(31) .startPt = 31.endPt = 11End With With mySegs(32) .startPt = 38.endPt = 39End With With mySegs(33) .startPt = 39.endPt = 40End With With mySegs(34) .startPt = 40.endPt = 36End With With mySegs(35) .startPt = 15.endPt = 16End With With mySegs(36) .startPt = 16.endPt = 17End With With mySegs(37)

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Public Sub CheckProbability(i As Integer, j As Integer) Dim x As Single x = Rnd 'randomly decide when to enter If x <= PutCarInNow(j) Then 'it's time to put a car in myCars(i).segment = j EnterNow (i) End If End Sub Private Sub cmdOK_Click() frmInput.Hide End Sub Private Sub cmdUpdate_Click() grdInput.Row = CInt(txtRow.Text) grdInput.Col = CInt(txtCol.Text) grdInput.Text = txtData.Text End Sub	
frmInput Private Sub Form_Load() Dim i As Integer, x As Integer grdInput.Row = 0 grdInput.Col = 1 grdInput.Text = "Left" grdInput.Col = 2 grdInput.Col = 2 grdInput.Col = 3 grdInput.Col = 3 grdInput.Text = "Right" grdInput.Col = 4 grdInput.Col = 0	

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grdInput.ColWidth(0) = grdInput.ColWidth(0) \* 1.1 grdInput.Row = 1grdInput.Text = "South Bound" 'segment 14 grdInput.Row = 2grdInput.Text = "East Bound" 'segment 15 grdInput.Row = 3grdInput.Text = "North Bound" 'segment 16 grdInput.Row = 4grdInput.Text = "West Bound" 'segment 13 For i = 1 To 4 grdInput.Row = iFor x = 1 To 4 grdInput.Col = xIf x = 4 Then grdInput.Text = 0Else grdInput.Text = 60End If Next x Next i End Sub FrmVPH Private Sub cmdhide Click() frmVPH.Hide End Sub Private Sub cmdVPH Click() Dim i As Integer, j As Integer Label10.Caption = "Vehicles per Hour" For i = 1 To 4 grdVPH.Row = iFor j = 1 To 5 grdVPH.Col = jIf i = 5 And j = 5 Then Exit For grdVPH.Text = Format((CSng(grdVPH.Text) \* 60) / (CSng(frmInput.txtRTime.Text)) - CSng(frmInput.txtETime.Text)), "###.0") Next i Next i cmdVPH.Enabled = False End Sub Private Sub Form Load() Dim i As Integer, x As Integer grdVPH.Row = 0grdVPH.Col = 1grdVPH.Text = "Left" grdVPH.Col = 2grdVPH.Text = "Straight" grdVPH.Col = 3grdVPH.Text = "Right" grdVPH.Col = 4grdVPH.Text = "U-turn" grdVPH.Col = grdVPH.Col + 1grdVPH.Text = "Entr. Sum"

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