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For planning purposes it should be assumed that at least one-third of the vehicles will be semitrailers. A minimum of one dock space should be provided for each vehicle, with 1 of 3 dock spaces designed for semitrailers in larger facilities. The survey also suggests the following planning guidelines for federal warehouse facilities:

1. 0.15 truck trips/day per 1000 ft²
2. 25 percent peak-hour factor, and
3. 80-min duration.

The same qualifications in regard to the application of these data to facility planning as were mentioned for office facilities should be recognized. At least one-half of the dock spaces should be designed for semitrailers.

The guidelines above relate to design of the facility. Impact of truck traffic on adjacent streets is a function of the number of trips that occur during the peak hour of on-street traffic. As noted, truck activity prior to 8:00 a.m. is quite low.

However, for certain locations pick-up and delivery activity between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. may conflict with adjacent street traffic. The guidelines for these analyses are 12.5 percent for 8:00-9:00 a.m. deliveries and 0.8 vehicles/1000 employees for office and 0.025 vehicles/1000 ft² for warehouse-type facilities.

Direct and Indirect Energy Consumption by Chicago’s Urban Trucking Industry


A procedure for establishing a set of urban truck movement energy accounts is described. Direct energy consumption, in the form of truck fuel consumption, and indirect energy consumption on terminal, vehicle, roadway and fuel operation, maintenance, and construction are discussed. Another form of indirect energy consumption is the passenger vehicle fuel consumed due to truck-induced traffic congestion. The procedures are applied to an empirical study of the urban trucking industry in Chicago. Estimates are provided for the total direct and indirect energy consumed on an annual basis. By using a marginal approach to indirect energy accounting, both direct and indirect energy can be specified on a vehicle-kilometer or ton-freight kilometer of travel basis. Direct fuel energy consumption rates are compared across truck types, fuel, carrier and commodity types, time of day, and by base terminal district. Emphasis is given to the effects of truck route circuity on fuel consumption.

To date, very little work has been done to quantify the energy consumed by urban goods movement systems, despite the findings of the few studies available that indicate the potential for considerable energy savings in the urban trucking industry. In this paper we present an accounting framework for estimating such energy consumption and present the results from an application of the accounting procedure to the urban trucking industry in Chicago. The data used is taken from a study by Southworth and others (1) for the Illlinois Institute of Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS). Since trucks move some 90 percent of all urban freight within our cities, we concentrated our analysis on this single mode.

Figure 1 shows the major data inputs required by our energy accounting procedures. The accounts pay particular attention to the distinction between "direct" fuel consumption energy and the "indirect" energy requested for system construction, operation, and maintenance. The indirect energy analysis is itself divided into three sections:

1. Infrastructure energy consumption (the energy required to operate, maintain, and renew vehicles, terminal facilities, and roads);
2. Fuel production energy consumption (the energy used in producing gasoline and diesel fuel for urban trucking), and
3. Congestion energy consumption (the additional fuel energy used by personal travel vehicles due to interaction with trucks in the same traffic stream).

On the transportation supply side we are concerned with the available terminal, roadway, vehicle, and fuel resources. On the demand side we are dealing with the interindustry demand for urban freight pickups, deliveries, and services. The manner in which carriers respond to this demand through investment in, and use of, their resources will determine the resulting pattern of truck movements at any given time. This pattern of pickups, deliveries,
and service calls in turn determines the energy consumed by urban truck freight movements.

DIRECT ENERGY ACCOUNTS

Truck Travel Data

The data base used was the CATS internal commodities and commercial vehicles survey (2). This survey sampled some 5000 trucks that operate local and Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) regulated contract and common carriage within the 800-km² Chicago standard consolidated statistical area (SCSA). The data constitute a 1.8 percent sample of trucks less than 8181-kg unloaded weight, rising to a 7.1 percent sample of heavy-truck trailers more than 16 363 kg. The complete survey provided 25 831 separate truck trip records, each factored for aggregate predictions by expansion factors based on the number of registered vehicles in the Chicago SCSA. The travel time and resulting average operating speed were identified for each trip in turn and the appropriate energy coefficient (in megajoules per kilometer) multiplied by the kilometers traveled between stops. This result was then stored for subsequent aggregation by the truck weight and fuel category, by commodity type, and by truck base terminal district.

In addition to this mobile vehicle direct energy consumption, a probably conservative 2-min idling energy cost was assigned to each trip. Truck trip distances were based on a set of x, y coordinates that point locate each terminal and pickup, delivery, and service location. These straight-line distances were factored by 1.2 to approximate over-the-road distances. Truck trip travel speeds were based on truck driver estimates of the time taken to travel between stops.

Direct Energy Consumption Coefficients

The second data input is a set of direct energy coefficients cross-classified by truck operating speeds, loaded truck weight, and fuel type used (gasoline or diesel). A review of the recent literature (3-9) indicates that distance traveled is the major determinant of direct fuel energy consumed, and the factors that affect the rate of energy consumption are as follows: (a) operating speed, (b) loaded vehicle weight, (c) fuel type (gasoline or diesel), (d) idling time, (e) truck body type (panel, pickup, semitrailer), (f) roadway conditions (lane number and width, grade, surface, curves), (g) traffic conditions (notably number of stops and starts due to congestion), (h) truck age, and (i) ambient air temperature. The approach adopted for computation of the direct energy consumption coefficients is based on the explicit interaction of factors a to c, plus factor d as an additional component, based on information in Winfrey (8, pp.

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Figure 1. Urban freight energy accounts.

Figure 2. Direct energy consumption rates by speed and truck weight and fuel type.
Table 1. Daily weekday direct energy consumption statistics by commodity class.

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<th>Commodity Class</th>
<th>Megajoules (000s)</th>
<th>Megajoules per VKT</th>
<th>Megajoules per Ton Kilometer of Travel</th>
<th>Avg Trip Distance (between stops)</th>
<th>Truck Route Circuit Factor</th>
<th>Route Stem/Total VKT Ratio</th>
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<td>Empty</td>
<td>40 259</td>
<td>13.32</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Farm, tobacco, fresh fish, and marine</td>
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<td>10.97</td>
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Figure 2. Transportation Research Record 834

Notes: ------- = actual route
           = hypothetical all-stem distance
           = coincidence of actual and hypothetical stem distance
           = a truck pickup, delivery, or service stop
           (3) = a trip distance (i.e. between consecutive stops)

Actual route distance = (2) + (3) + (1) + (3) + (2) + (1) + (5) = 20 km.
All-stem basis = [(3) + (6) + (7) + (7) + (7) + (6) + (5)] x 2 = 80 km.
TRC factor = 20/80 = 0.25.

705-723 and the road tests reported by Claffey (2). (No more recent, and equally comprehensive, set of figures on truck energy consumption could be obtained.)

Categorization of Direct Energy Accounts

Our direct energy consumption accounts are built around the important planning variables relevant to urban goods movement. These variables were identified as (a) truck type, (b) fuel type, (c) commodity type, (d) type of terminal operations, (e) truck route, (f) carrier type, and (g) time of day of operation. Noting that it is through the combined effects of these variables that the total direct energy account of the region is determined, we will now consider briefly the main energy consumption impacts of each variable in turn.

The effects of both truck loaded vehicle weight (LVW) and fuel type are shown in Figure 2. The breakdown of all truck categories by LVW and fuel type is as follows: light (1) gasoline (L1G) = 2272 kg, light (2) gasoline (L2G) = 5454 kg, medium gasoline (MG) = 11 818 kg, heavy gasoline (HG) = 18 181 kg, medium diesel (MD) = 11 181 kg, and heavy diesel (HD) = 22 727 kg. For subsequent accounting, trucks were assigned to the following LVW and fuel categories by using the appropriate curves shown in Figure 2: (a) 3636-kg gasoline, (b) 3636- to 7272-kg gasoline, (c) 7272- to 16 363-kg gasoline, and (d) 16 363-kg diesel.

The type of commodity being moved affects energy consumption through both its physical attributes (notably volume-to-weight ratio and perishability) and the type of delivery schedule it requires. In our present study the sampling allowed only the relatively crude 11 commodity-type breakdown shown in Table 1. This table lists, by commodity type, the megajoules, average megajoules per vehicle kilometer of travel (VKT), and average megajoules per ton kilometer of travel, based on all truck movements in the Chicago BCSA. The megajoules per VKT figure of 12.90, averaged over all 11 commodity groups, implies an average fuel consumption of 2.7 VMT/t.

These regionwide figures also indicate that 37.7 percent of all direct energy is consumed daily by empty truck trips. Although much of this empty truck travel may be avoidable (particularly in the high stem percentage routes), it is likely that many empty VMTs could be saved by better carrier routing procedures (10).

Not only do different commodities require different sizes of vehicles for their movements, they may also require quite different truck routing procedures. Unlike the single daily assignments performed by intercity trucks, most urban (intracity) trucks make a large number of pickups, deliveries, and/or service calls during a single working day. Typically, the unit of work that a truck and its driver are assigned is a day's activity referred to as a route. Each truck route is composed of the following activities, irrespective of the specific service provided:

1. Terminal activities, which include loading and unloading;
2. Stem driving, defined as driving from the truck's base terminal to the first pickup, delivery, or service point (the stem-out) and from the last pickup, delivery, or service point back to the terminal (the stem-in);
3. Zone driving, defined as driving between the first and last pickup, delivery, and service points in the journey; and
4. Stop or dwell time activities for pickup, delivery, and service functions.

The resulting physical distribution characteristics of such routes, based on time schedules and/or stop parameters, vary considerably by commodity type.
and carrier type involved. A relatively simple but quite effective way to gauge the impacts of different truck routing practices on commodity types is to define a truck route circuity (TRC) factor in conjunction with the average ratio of stem and total (zone plus stem) driving distance per commodity type. Figure 3 gives an example of the TRC factor calculation for a hypothetical daily truck route. The TRC factor is a ratio of the actual route distance traveled to the hypothetical all-stem route distance that would result if the truck made a round-trip journey from its terminal base to each pickup and delivery point on its schedule. (The maximum value of such TRC factors ought to be 1.0 in most cases.) For a large number of trucks (T), operating routes out of terminals in district i, commodity type g, and truck size (weight) l, we calculate the average TRC factor \( F \) by district \( i \), commodity type \( g \), and truck size (weight) \( l \) as follows:

\[
F_{i(gl)} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t(Ti(gl))} \left( \frac{r_{tgil}}{S_{tgil} + S_{jgil}} \right) / T
\]

where \( r_{tgil} \) is the actual route distance by truck \( t \), and \( S_{tgil} \), \( S_{jgil} \) are the stem-out and stem-in distances, respectively, to shipper demand point \( j \) by the least-expensive route for trucks of size \( l \). The summation \( t(Ti(gl)) \) refers here to all trucks \( t \) in the relevant terminal district, commodity, and truck loaded weight categories. Such commodity-specific TRC factors, averaged over all i terminal districts in the Chicago SCSA, are given in Table 1.

These TRC factors, when considered in conjunction with a ratio of the commodity's average stem and total VKT, offer useful insight into the differences in truck routing across commodity types. (The factors here measure the average ratio of real and all-stem VKT per commodity class, which includes the empty as well as loaded truck VKT associated with a commodity movement.) For example, note that both fabricated metals and forest products, two of the three commodity classes that display very low TRC factors, also display two of the three highest ratios of stem and total VKT, which reflects the relatively long stem journeys by these trucks, at the end of which are a number of relatively short, closely grouped pickup and delivery stops.

Terminal locations can have significant impacts on fuel energy consumed through (a) the number of stem kilometers required to serve the daily scheduled shipper demand points and (b) the energy lost through traffic congestion at or near the terminal. Since most urban trucks return to their base of terminal operations at least once each day, we have chosen the location of such terminals as the major spatial component of our energy accounts. The Chicago region's terminal location pattern is heavily concentrated around the central area as a result of shipper demand locations and the constraining influence of the Chicago motor vehicle commercial zone (11). Figure 4 shows the district-specific megajoules per VKT statistics, aggregated over all vehicle sizes, carrier, time of day, and cargo types. The patterns that result are due to the combined effects of each of these planning factors on each district's operating characteristics.

Time of day can have a significant effect on fuel consumption rate for vehicles that move within the Chicago SCSA. The lower average speeds, increased number of stops and starts, and the longer idling times experienced in morning and evening traffic peaks account for significant increases in the
transportation energy consumption in the SCSA. Some 27 percent of all trips (passenger and freight) begin between either 7:00-9:00 a.m. or between 4:00-6:00 p.m. each weekday. Trucks that operate during these peak traffic periods are much less energy efficient than trucks that operate during the rest of the day. The 13.6 percent of trucks that start trips during morning or evening peaks account for 22.9 percent of all direct urban trucking energy consumed in the SCSA. Peak consumption rates were found to be particularly high for trucks based in terminals along the Stevenson Expressway, just to the southwest of the Chicago central business district (CBD). This sectional trend occurs in conjunction with a radial trend toward higher consumption rates associated with proximity to the CBD (where total traffic congestion is at its worst). Table 1 also shows that some significant differences exist across commodity classes with respect to the time of day of travel. Over one-fifth of all mixed-commodity shipments in the region are on the road during either the morning or evening peak starting times. In contrast, farm and marine, food, nonmetallic minerals, energy, and retail and wholesale goods movements are concentrated more in the midday and to some extent early morning and mid-evening hours.

As a final variable in our direct energy accounts we included carrier type. Table 2 gives the megajoules consumed per carrier type and truck weight and fuel type categories. The results indicate very similar megajoules per VKT averages across carrier types within any single loaded truck weight and fuel category, with the highest consumption rates by heavy (>7272-kg) gasoline trucks. If we look at megajoules per truck, however, the common carriers show considerably higher figures across all truck weights due to the much higher mileages covered per day by these for-hire vehicles. Both the common and contract carriers surveyed used more heavy-diesel trucks than any other type of vehicle. In contrast, the region's many private carriers used only a very small percentage of trucks more than 3636-kg LWV. Finally, Table 2 also shows the significant difference between private and for-hire carriers with respect to time of trip departures; for-hire trucks tend to operate more in the peak traffic periods than do private carriers.

INDIRECT ENERGY ACCOUNT

Methodology

In this section we describe the empirical derivation of a set of indirect energy accounts for Chicago's urban trucking industry for both 1970 and 1980. This is a potentially very large, complex task, and our objective was not to seek decimal-point accuracy but to yield estimates that have the proper orders of magnitude.

Although direct energy is used in the form of fuel to operate VKT, indirect energy is consumed by all the preceding stages of production that make this vehicle operation possible (12). The indirect energy required to keep trucks on the road is composed of the following:

1. Truck construction and maintenance energy;
2. Terminal construction, operation, and maintenance energy;
3. Roadway construction, operation, and maintenance energy;
4. Fuel production energy; and
5. The effects of truck traffic on the direct energy consumption of passenger vehicles on the same transportation system.

A marginal approach to estimating indirect energy requirements was used. This means that we estimated the energy required to maintain and operate the existing system and to construct and maintain whatever infrastructure is required for future system development. The estimation procedure used is due to Bullard and others (12). By using our marginal approach, the resulting indirect energy consumption estimates may be divided by the annual truck VKT of the region to give indirect energy in megajoules per VKT for comparison with the direct energy results derived in the preceding section.

All of the industrial sectors that make significant inputs to urban transportation have had their primary energy intensities derived by Bullard and others (12). These energy intensities are based on the estimation of the average energy embodied in a dollar of input from one or more of the primary energy sectors of the coal, crude petroleum and gas, and hydro and nuclear electricity production industries into the sectors listed. This transfer of energy takes place in some instances through a series of intermediate industrial sectors, with the principle of "conversation" of energy that ensures that we can trace all energy consumed back to one of the primary energy sectors. The flows between 357 industrial sectors in the U.S. national economy was provided, on a dollar basis, by a 1967 input-output (I-O) analysis (12). By using the indirect energy coefficients provided, data on the dollar costs of trucking infrastructure are then necessary to obtain the total indirect energy consumed per year.

Indirect Infrastructure Energy Components

Table 3 contains a summary of our estimates of the construction energy per vehicle, maintenance, and operation energy per vehicle kilometer, and the construction and maintenance and operation energies per trucking terminal and per highway kilometer, respectively. For detailed breakdowns and all data sources, the reader should see Southworth and others (1).

Item A in Table 3 gives the total manufacturing energy costs for light, medium, and heavy trucks. The 1970 and 1980 truck prices were obtained through truck dealers in Illinois, which include Dodge, Ford, and International trucks. The 1967 cost figures are derived via I-O sector-specific price indices that discount 1970 and 1980 dollars to their respective 1967 equivalents. The last two columns in this table are our estimates of megajoules consumed per unit of infrastructure. Based on an estimated annual vehicle fleet renewal rate of 6 percent of the light-duty truck fleet and 4 percent renewal of medium- and heavy-truck fleets for both 1970 and 1980 (13), we estimate a marginal truck fleet renewal energy cost of 4.59 and 9.76 million MJ per year in 1970 and 1980, respectively.

Item B gives the annual maintenance and operation energy consumption per truck for the four truck size categories. Multiplying these results by the Chicago SCSA truck fleets yields annual energy consumption estimates of 1443 million MJ and 3736 million MJ for 1970 and 1980, respectively.

In item C we present the construction and maintenance energy per terminal, based on the average leasing costs and size of terminals in operation in 1970 and 1980, respectively. A terminal door refers to a loading-unloading bay that is used by one truck at a time. In 1980 a smaller 35-door satellite terminal is considered to be the most appropriate level of operation and as such was the only sort of terminal to be constructed in the Chicago SCSA in the late 1970s. Such terminals are, in part, a
response to the industry's recognition that diseconomies of scale may manifest themselves with increased terminal size.

A cost breakdown for a typical local trucking industry is estimated in Wilson (14). This breakdown gives the terminal maintenance cost (rent plus upkeep costs) as 5.5 percent of the total cost, while administration costs and insurance costs of freight and equipment are 7.5 percent and 4 percent of the total budget, respectively. Combining these figures with the $84,000 maintenance cost assigned to sector 73.01 (miscellaneous business services) and $61,000 as the annual insurance cost (sector 70.06), for 1980 these administrative and insurance costs are calculated to be $148,910 and $79,418, respectively. By multiplying our findings by the 297 terminals in the Chicago SCSA in 1970, we get an estimate that trucks and buses account for 50 percent of the region's annual roadway (expressways plus arterials) maintenance costs and 38.4 percent of new roadway construction costs. The rest is attributable to automobile traffic. Reducing the mega-joules per lane-kilometer figures in item D by one-half and multiplying by the number of lane-kilometers in the SCSA gives the annual roadway maintenance.

Table 2. Direct energy consumption statistics by carrier, truck weight, and fuel types.

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<th>Private</th>
<th>For-Hire</th>
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<td>Light (L1G)</td>
<td>21877</td>
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<tr>
<td>Medium (L2G)</td>
<td>1887</td>
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<td>HD</td>
<td>297</td>
<td>3818</td>
<td>4800</td>
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Note: Percentage of VKT in peak hours: 16.2, private; 17.2, common; and 16.1 contract.

Table 3. Summary of infrastructure energy consumption.

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<th>1980</th>
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<td>A Vehicle construction energy (MJ/000s)</td>
<td>569</td>
<td>662</td>
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<tr>
<td>B Vehicle maintenance and operation energy (MJ/vehicle-km)</td>
<td>2.72</td>
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<td>C Terminal construction and maintenance and operation energy per typical terminal (MJ/000s)</td>
<td>26,653</td>
<td>16,524</td>
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<tr>
<td>D Highway construction and maintenance energy per lane-kilometer (MJ/000s/km)</td>
<td>66,006</td>
<td>99,440</td>
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The typical approach to highway traffic pricing (15, pp. 461-473) is to calculate the cost of constructing and maintaining an automobile-only road for an assumed known level of traffic, and to set a rate for operating such vehicles (through the road fund tax on fuel, for example). The additional expense of upgrading the road to take a certain volume of heavier (truck and bus) traffic may then be calculated—-for the same assumed road life and level of maintenance as the automobile-only road. By applying the same rationale to energy consumption, we obtained figures for the construction and maintenance of a typical lane-kilometer of urban highway in Chicago from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Highways Division. The results in Table 3, item D, used these 1970 and 1980 prices as discounted to their 1967 equivalents (15,17). Only urban expressways and primary and secondary arterial roads are included in the analysis. Local road construction and maintenance energy are assumed to be attributable entirely to Chicago's passenger transportation modes.

Boyce and others (18), in a study of passenger transportation energy consumption within the Chicago SCSA, estimate that trucks and buses account for 50 percent of the region's annual roadway (expressways plus arterials) maintenance costs and 38.4 percent of new roadway construction costs. The rest is attributable to automobile traffic. Reducing the mega-joules per lane-kilometer figures in item D by one-half and multiplying by the number of lane-kilometers in the SCSA give the annual roadway mainte-
nance figures shown (in megajoules). Combining expressway and arterial results gives an annual roadway maintenance energy consumption total of 928.75 million MJ for 1970, which is attributable to truck traffic. Prorating this maintenance cost on a truck kilometer basis and recalling that 77 percent of all SCSA truck VKT in 1970 was due to urban trucking gives us an urban trucking energy consumption estimate of 715.13 million MJ. Assuming the same ratio of urban and interurban truck VKT, the 1980 figure is estimated to be lower, at 565.24 million MJ (77 percent of 734.07 million MJ for all 1980 truck movements in the SCSA).

Construction costs for highway lane-kilometers are not included in our marginal accounts, although forecasts of energy consumption per planned lane-kilometer can easily be derived by using the information in item D and remembering to multiply by the appropriate automobile and regional truck percentages.

Indirect Fuel Production Energy for Chicago SCSA

The operation of a truck consumes gasoline that contains 131.89 MJ of combustible energy per U.S. gallon. This is direct energy consumption. However, the industry that produces refined petroleum products itself consumes, on average, an additional 0.227 MJ for each megajoule of gasoline used in direct energy consumption (\(x_2\)). This equals 29.94 MJ of indirect energy consumption per U.S. gallon of gasoline fuel, if we assume that gasoline represents an average product of the oil-refining industry. In addition, energy is required to transport gasoline and diesel from refineries to highway filling stations. Thus, energy consumed by wholesale and retail transactions equals approximately 4.87 MJ/U.S. gal. Recognizing that most of this last figure is consumed on intercity transportation (plus use of pumping machinery), we include it here to be added to our accounts.

Congestion Analysis

For estimation of the energy cost due to truck-induced traffic congestion, we used the approach developed by A.T. Kearney, Inc. (\(A\)), Appendix D), but instead used Chicago-specific VKT figures. Briefly, the analysis consists of the following steps:

1. Calculate automobile-equivalent daily VKT by (a) peak, midday, and night; (b) central area and noncentral area; (c) expressway and arterial cross-classifications (a truck was set equal to 2.0 automobiles and a bus to 1.6 automobiles based on American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials passenger car equivalents).

2. By using information provided by the then Highway Research Board (\(B\)) and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (\(C\)) on the relation between vehicle speeds and roadway volume/capacity \((V/C)\) ratios, calculate an average speed for each trip-of-day, area, and roadway classification for all traffic.

3. Based on the percentage reduction in \(V/C\) ratios caused by removing the daily automobile-equivalent \((x_2)\) truck VKT from each area, roadway, and time-of-day category, calculate the new average traffic speeds.

4. Multiply the total nontruck VKT by the appropriately determined average speed and automobile direct energy consumption coefficients (\(g\)) to obtain the additional fuel energy lost because of truck-induced traffic congestion by time-of-day, area, and roadway category.

5. Sum all categories and multiply by 312 to obtain the annual congestion energy losses due to trucks (for an assumed 6-day week).

The results of this analysis for the Chicago SCSA in 1970 suggest an additional automobile fuel consumption of 1630 million MJ/year. This represents 12.3 percent of the total annual indirect energy consumption of the region.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Table 4 contains a summary of the estimated total annual regional energy consumption for 1970 and 1980. The 83.8 percent increase over the decade is attributable to an estimated 89.3 percent increase in truck VKT, based on national projections (21-23).

The results of our direct energy analysis suggest that more research should look into the combined effects of truck size and fuel type, its base of terminal operations, and the type of firm (private and for-hire) operating it. Such investigations must be commodity-specific (with far more detailed breakdowns than our 11 commodity groups). A potentially fruitful line of research would be to seek to incorporate such truck-routing statistics as average trip lengths, \(T/H\), and ratios of stem to total driving distance within terminal- and commodity-specific equations of average fuel consumption rates. This means extending the sort of speed and vehicle fuel and weight equations derivable from Winfrey and Claffey (8) and Morral and others (24) to incorporate such spatial factors. We also note here that extensive work is needed into the effects of truck age and ambient air temperature on the fuel consumption rates of different size trucks (in addition to the limited evidence in Morral and others (24) and the multi-State Transportation Commission (25), for example).

Finally, scrutiny of our individual truck trip records suggests that further research should investigate the impacts of carrier type on average fuel consumption rates, paying particular attention to the frequency of mismatches between truck and cargo size and to the opportunities for savings through more mixed commodity carriage. Certainly, where sample size precludes extensive and detailed

Table 4. Energy consumption due to urban trucking in Chicago SCSA (major components).

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Equivalent U.S. Gallons of Gasoline (000 000s)</th>
<th>1970</th>
<th>Total (%)</th>
<th>Equivalent U.S. Gallons of Gasoline (000 000s)</th>
<th>1980</th>
<th>Total (%)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Direct energy</td>
<td>231.0</td>
<td>30 485.1</td>
<td>62.3</td>
<td>437.2</td>
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<td>Indirect energy</td>
<td>66.4</td>
<td>8 771.3</td>
<td>17.9</td>
<td>105.4</td>
<td>13 910.7</td>
<td>15.5</td>
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<td>Fuel production</td>
<td>61.0</td>
<td>8 048.1</td>
<td>16.5</td>
<td>115.4</td>
<td>15 235.2</td>
<td>16.9</td>
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<td>Congestion</td>
<td>12.3</td>
<td>1 629.9</td>
<td>3.4</td>
<td>23.3</td>
<td>3 071.1</td>
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<td>Subtotal</td>
<td>139.7</td>
<td>18 443.3</td>
<td>37.7</td>
<td>244.0</td>
<td>32 217.0</td>
<td>35.8</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>370.7</td>
<td>48 292.4</td>
<td>68.1</td>
<td>681.2</td>
<td>89 926.2</td>
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*Based on estimated increases in truck VKT derived from Kooren and Miller (21).
commodity-type breakdowns, average energy consumption rates by carrier type provide a useful surrogate measure (as in Table 2).

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