National Speed Data Workshop
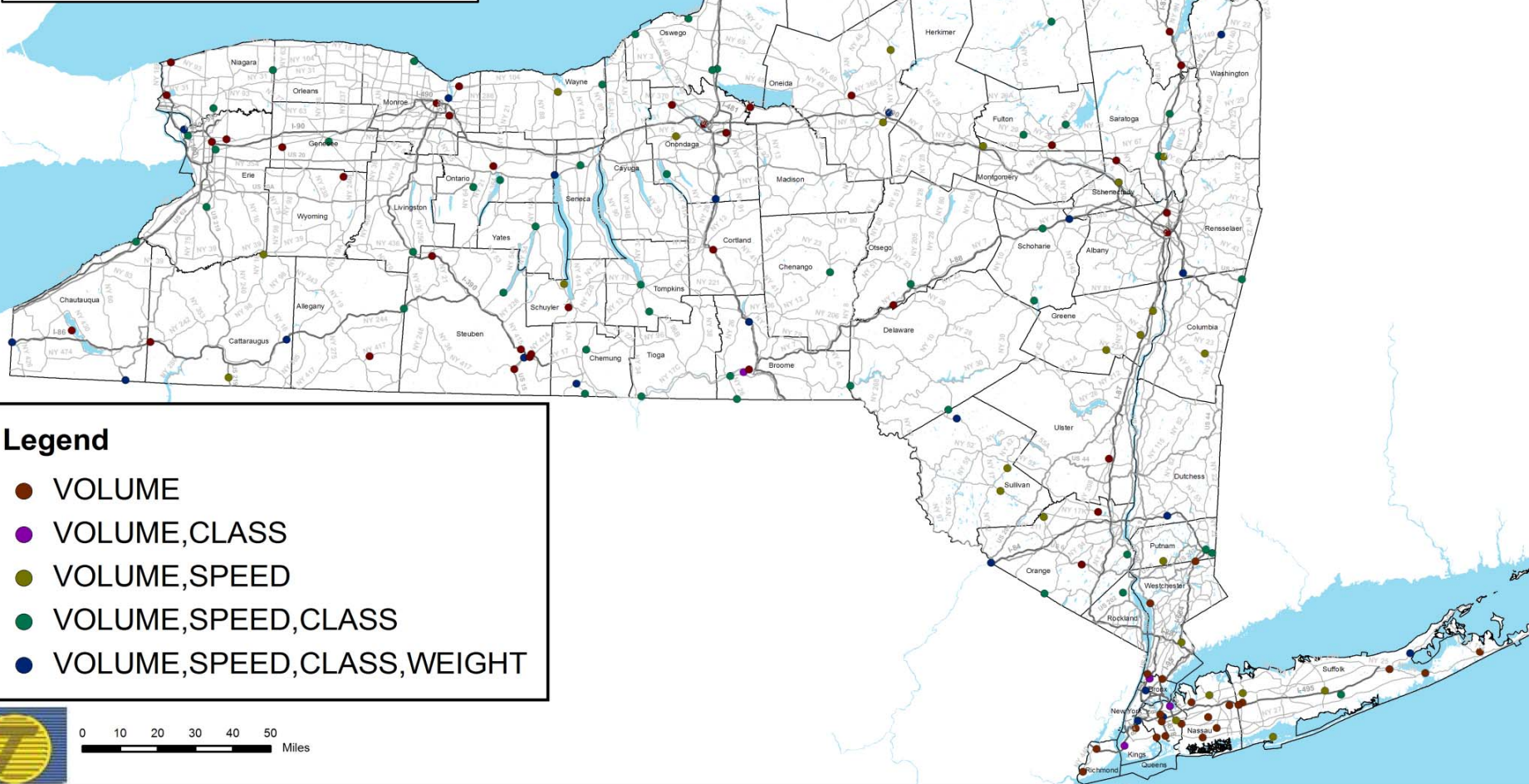
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Overview –
NY's Continuous Count System
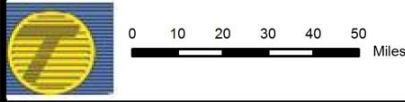
Continuous Count System

Permanent Sites- 176
Volume- 50
Volume,Class- 10
Volume,Speed- 40
Volume,Class,Speed- 54
WIM- 22

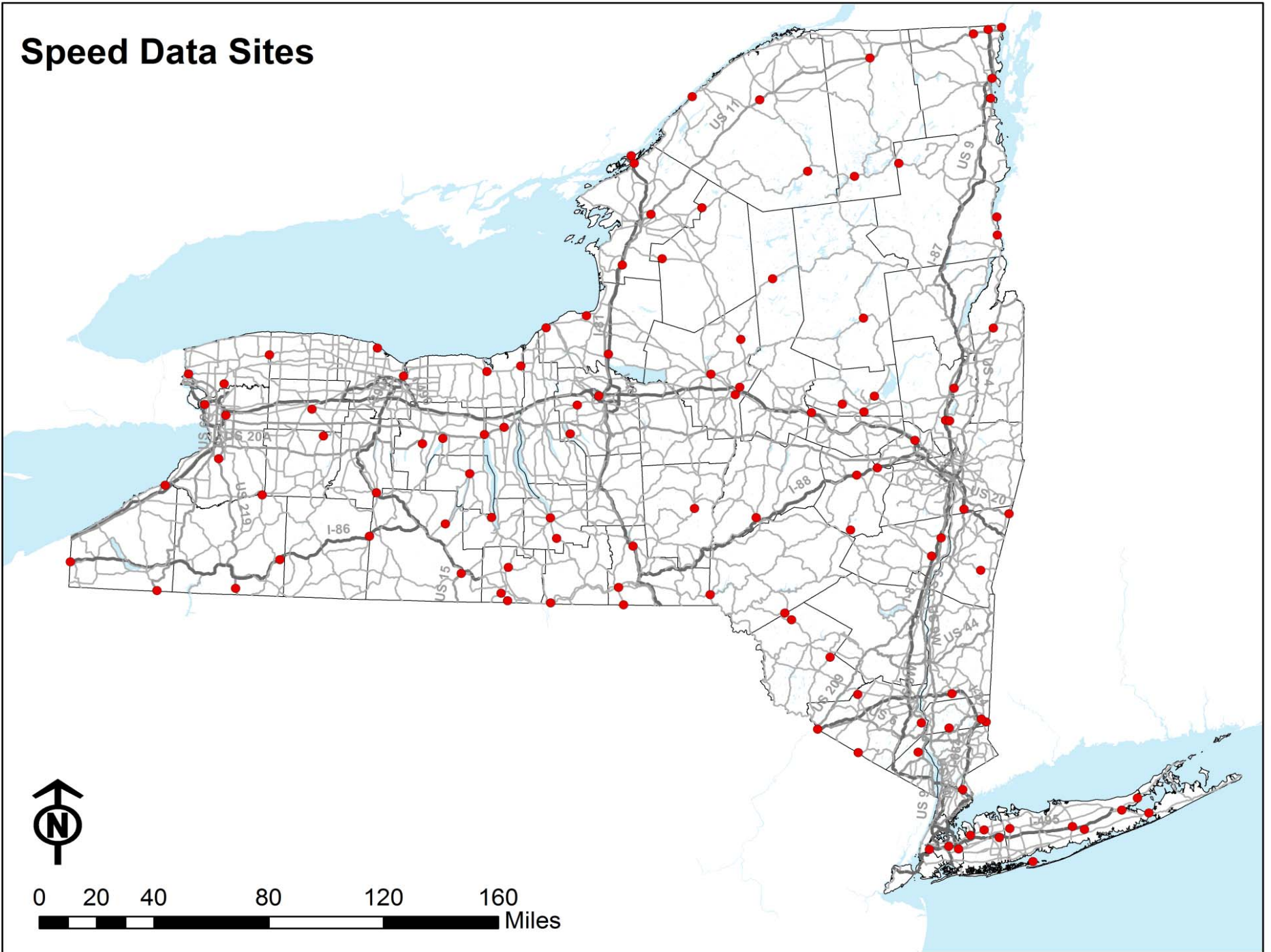## Legend

- **VOLUME**
- **VOLUME,CLASS**
- **VOLUME,SPEED**
- **VOLUME,SPEED,CLASS**
- **VOLUME,SPEED,CLASS,WEIGHT**

0 10 20 30 40 50
Miles

Speed Data Sites

WIM site on Cross Bronx Expy near Bronx River Pkwy
160,000 AADT with 12,000 trucks

New Speed Binning Scheme

New York implemented FHWA's recommendations following the Speed Data Summit in Tampa

FHWA's Speed Bin Scheme

- CC speed sites have been set up to collect data using 15 bins
  - 0.0– 20.0,
  - 20.1–25.0 ….
  - 80.1–85.0,
  - 85.1–115.0
- Why 15 Speed Bins?
  - Peek–241 Counters limited to 15 speed bins
  - Scheme works for all our SC Contractor's ATRs
  - Desire same bin scheme for SC and CC data
  - SC Contractors changing over to 15 bin scheme

Other Sources of Traffic Data

>> Where else does New York get Traffic Data?

Collecting Data from Counties – County Counter Program

- Partnership between the DOT and counties
- DOT provides counters and training
- Counties coordinate count schedule w/ RTCC who provides schedule to DOT
- Counts are taken by the counties
- Raw count data processed by counties using TCE software provided by DOT
- Processed count data submitted to the RTCC who performs QC on the traffic count data and submits to DOT for entry into HDMS

Collecting Data from MPO's

- MPO's coordinate count schedule w/ RTCC who provides schedule to DOT
- Counts are taken by count contractors
- Raw count data processed by MPO's using TCE software provided by DOT
- Processed count data submitted to the RTCC who performs QC on the traffic count data and submits to DOT for entry into HDMS

2009 Short Count Summary

- Processed 12,000 traffic count stations
- 4,000 stations include speed and class
- County Program–
  - 1,700 volume counts/stations
  - 850 stations include speed and class
- MPO Program–
  - 700 volume counts/stations
  - 350 stations include speed and class

NYSDOT Speed QC Checks

▸ General Speed QC Checks—TCE Flags:
  ◦ Placement/number of vehicles within bins is not reasonable for the speed limit
  ◦ Directional split is not reasonable
  ◦ Array of vehicles does not agree with the volume counts
  ◦ Typically, if volume and class are good, speed is also good
  ◦ If speed is not acceptable, typically confirms a questionable volume/class count is also bad

Storing Speed Data

- NY Method of Data Storage
  - Limitations within our current HDMS database
    - Processing software merges 15 bin counts into the appropriate 13 bins
    - Raw data collected and stored using 15 bins
    - Once TRADAS is implemented data will be reprocessed and stored using15 bins

Reporting Speed Data

- NY Method of Data Reporting
  - Collect CC and SC data by lane
    - Typically report summary data by direction
    - Current reports summarize into 13 bins
  - NY has the option to report data by lane
    - Standard speed reports out of TCE
    - TRADAS speed reports - including custom reports

Speed Data Requests

- Recently received a request for speed data at VMS sites
  - perception that people slow down to read VMS
  - Will require *special* counts

Discussion

- No problem collecting, processing, storing, or reporting speed data using current system
  - Collecting – Contractors paid for "good" counts
  - Processing – TCE
  - Storing and reporting – implementing TRADAS
- Providing speed data to FHWA
  - TMAS

Questions?

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