# HAZMAT ROUTING SAFETY & SECURITY RISK ANALYSIS





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# Concerns About Hazmat Routing

- Motor Carriers Want Safe, Direct Routes
- States Need to provide Public Safety/Security
- All Need a reliable, objective way to determine safety/security of routes

### **U.S. Routing Requirements**

- Safety Must Consider
  - Population Density
  - Types of Highways
  - Type/Quantity of Hazmat
  - Emergency Response Capabilities
  - Continuity of Routes
  - Stakeholder Input

Security – No Requirement

### **Security Considerations**

- Is there a credible terrorist threat?
  - Population Centers
  - Iconic Structures
  - Critical Infrastructure
- Are measures in place to protect potential targets?
  - Barriers
  - Proximity of police

### Selecting Routes Based on Security Considerations

- Minimize Travel Through Population Centers (+3,000 per mi<sup>2</sup>)
- Proximity to iconic targets
  - Weighted
    - x3 for National
    - x2 for Regional
    - x1 for Local
- Proximity to Critical Infrastructure



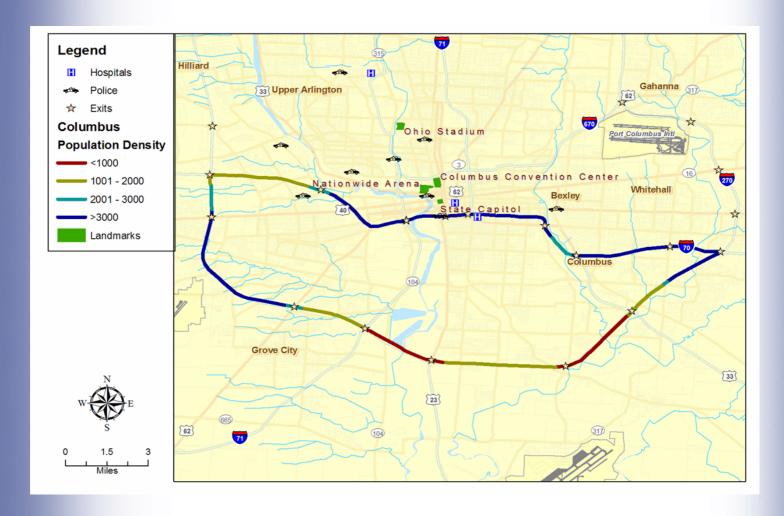
### Web- Based Routing Tool

- Placed on a GIS Platform with
  - Routes
  - Population Density
  - Location of iconic structures
  - Location of critical infrastructure
  - Crash Information (Required input)
- Performs Safety Comparisons
  - Crashes/mile, Population, Distance
- Performs Security Comparisons
  - Population Density
  - Iconic Structures





### **Example - Columbus Ohio**







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### **Accident Rate Comparison**

Route	AADTT	Distance	Serious Truck Crashes (4 years)	Truck Crash Rate/ million miles
I-270	12,334	20	37	0.103
I-70	14,498	15	104	0.328



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### **Safety Comparison**

Route	Truck Crash Rate/ million miles	Distance	Adjacent Population	Safety Risk
I-270	0.103	20	34,301	0.071
I-70	0.328	15	45,935	0.226

Ratio = 0.226/0.071 = 3.2 > 1.5

### Safety Comparison Screen Shot







## Columbus, OH Security Comparison

### **Population Density**

Route	Urban Miles	Total Miles	Secu B/A	urity C/D
I-270	A=3	C=20	3.0	1.33
I-70	B=9	D=15		

B/A > 1.5 - Use Alternate Route



1.0 < B/A < 1.5 – Use Distance factor

C/D < 1.25 - Use Alternative Route unless

C-D > 25 Miles

B/A < 1.0 – Use Direct Route

## Urban Route Security Comparison Screen Shot



### Columbus, OH **Security Comparison**

#### **Iconic Structures**

Name	Significance	Distance from Route	Response Distance
State Capital	Regional	0.8	0.5
Convention Center	Local	1.2	1.2
Nationwide Arena	Regional	0.7	0.7

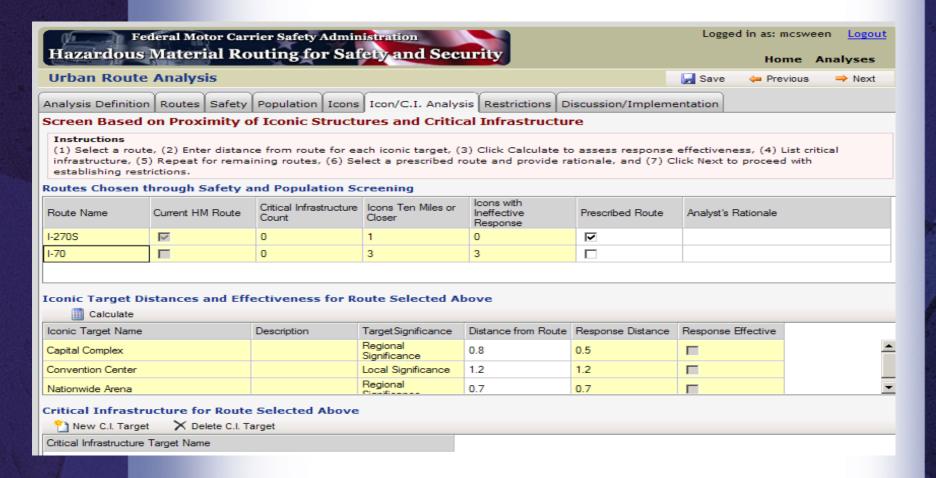
State Capital 0.8/2 = 0.4 < 0.5



Convention Center 0.7/1 = 0.7 = 0.7



### Iconic Structures Comparison Screen Shot







### Baltimore, MD Critical Infrastructure

#### **Baltimore**



### Summary

- Safety of routing options can be compared using safety data
- Security of routing options can be compared looking at population, iconic structures, and critical infrastructure
- A web-based GIS routing tool can provide safety and security analysis of routes being considered for transportation of radioactive materials.

### QUESTIONS???

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