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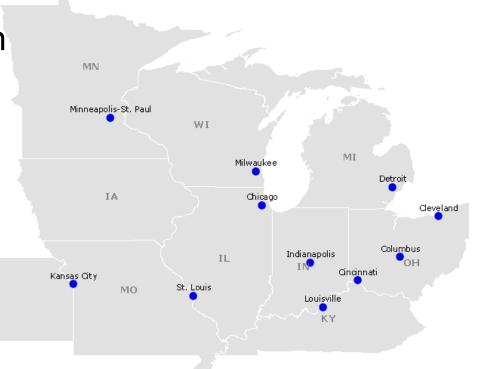
#### **OUTLINE**

- Problem Statement
- Research Objective and Scope
- Survey Data
- Visualization Tool Demo
- Results Analysis
- Conclusions
- Future Applications



#### **PROBLEM STATEMENT**

- 10-state Mississippi Valley (MV)region has about 20% of nation's metro regions and metro population
- 11 metro areas in MV region with population greater than 1 million
- Chicago and Detroit –
   Bigger than the
   average size of 50
   largest metro areas in the US





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#### PROBLEM STATEMENT

- Metro areas serve as freight hubs connecting MV region to rest of the country
- This region is at the crossroads of the continental US and bridges E-W and N-S cross-country freight routes
- □ Freight mobility in MV region has been facing several critical issues. One of theses issues is related to:
  - □ Lack of adequate truck parking facilities
  - Mismatch between available facilities and truckers need with regard to location, amenities and functional characteristics



#### RESEARCH OBJECTIVE

- Engage transportation stakeholders in improving truck parking planning and operations by the use of web-based GIS
  - Identifying spatial locations where current truck parking problems occur
  - Identifying the attendant circumstances driving the need for additional parking
  - Proposing low-cost solutions to address the truck parking issue



#### RESEARCH SCOPE

Area under consideration: 10-state Mississippi Valley region

Truck parking facilities along interstate highways in the region

Truck parking facilities along state highways in Wisconsin

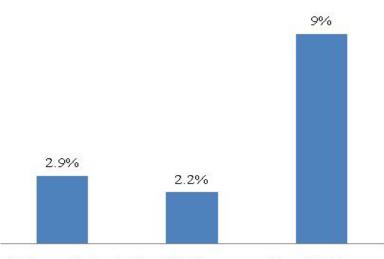


#### **DISTRIBUTION OF SURVEY RESPONSES**

Respondents Group	No. of Responses	No. of Locations Marked	No. of Valid Markers	No. of Invalid Markers
Highway Patrol	25	31	30	1
Freight Planners	34	83	80	3
Truck Drivers	258	283	250	33
Total	317	397	360	37

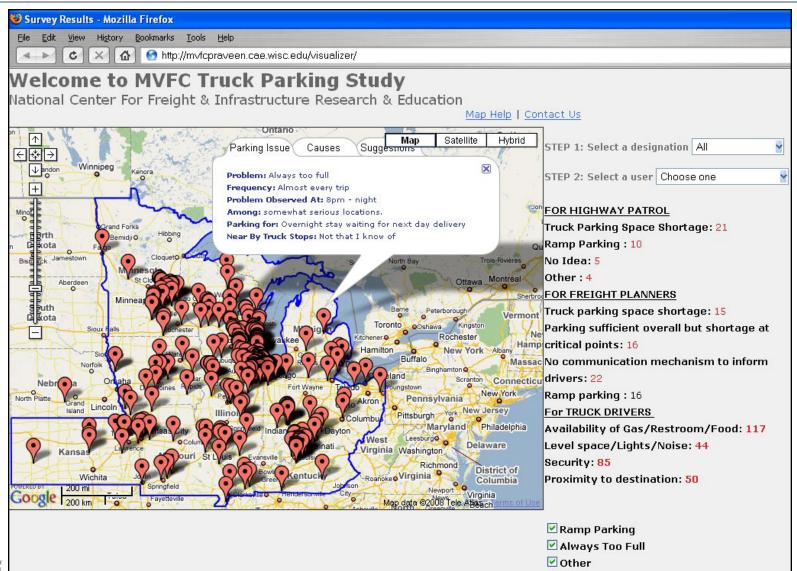
# Distribution of Survey Responses 8% 21% State Patrol Freight Planners Truck Drivers

#### **Invalid Markers**

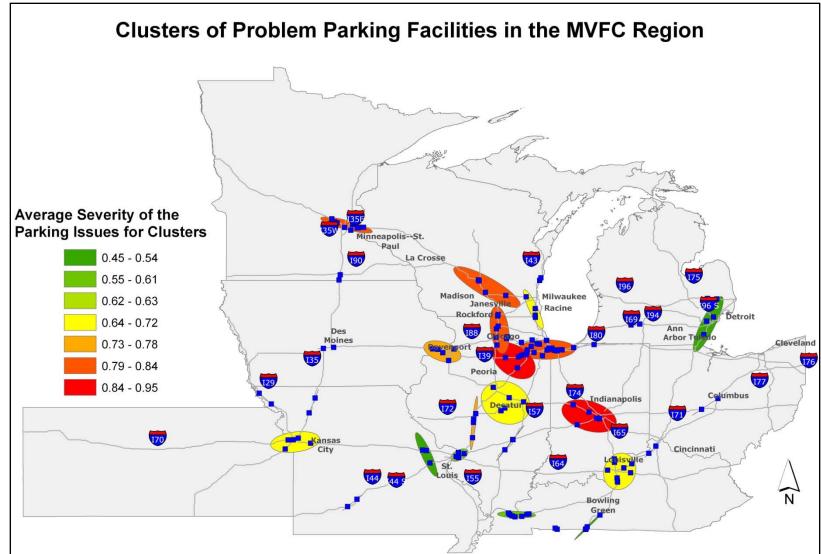


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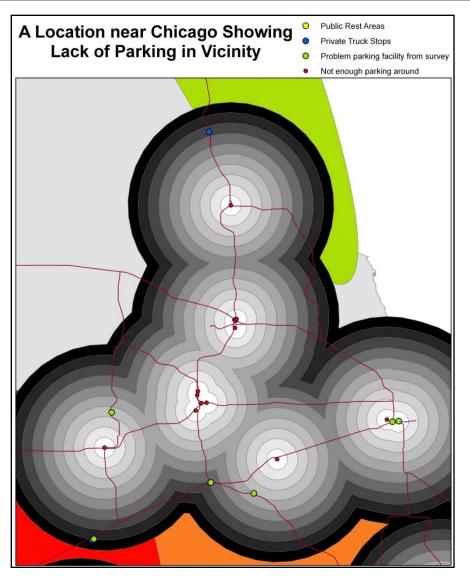
#### SURVEY DATA VISUALIZATION TOOL



### **CLUSTERS OF PARKING FACILITIES**



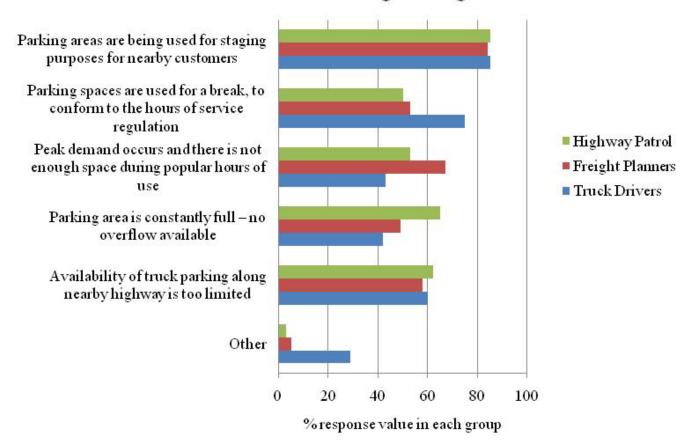
#### LOCATIONS WITH INSUFFICIENT PARKING





# Possible Reasons for Parking Problems

#### **Possible Reasons Causing Parking Issues**





#### CONCLUSIONS

- Web-based technologies and open source GIS make it possible to enhance the stakeholders participation in transportation research
- Web-based GIS developed in this research offers a platform
  - To collect freight related geo-spatial data
  - To visualize the problem truck parking locations
  - To enhance public and private stakeholders communication
- Most common parking problem is related to capacity
- Major causes for truck parking
  - Parking areas being used for staging purposes
  - Break to conform to the hours of service regulation
  - Not enough parking spaces to meet the peak demand
  - Lack of communication systems informing truckers about available parking spaces nearby



Solutions should be considered in the context of freight logistics and operations

## **FUTURE APPLICATIONS**

- Establishment of a national or regional registering system for truck drivers to log their experienced problems regarding parking or congestions
- Correlation analysis of density of parking spaces and density of highway freight traffic
- Additional customized tools to facilitate users drawing lines and polygons on the map to show a corridor and region

Implementation of other search methods such as intersection of highways and interchanges

