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MMC traffic information & trip distribution - need for meeting Thursday?

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Thanks Nell.

I do have one significant question. The employee residence data is good, and the GENERAL assumptions about travelshed locations seem to make sense. However, were any of those assumptions calibrated with employee travel surveys? It sounds like this is the case, but not sure to the extent of it.

I ask because my specific travel route to work does not synchronize with the assumptions. I live in Auburn, in the I-95 North travel shed, but commute to downtown Portland using the I-295 North travel shed, as do a number of folks particularly on the southeast side of Auburn and downtown Lewiston.

The actual percentages for trip assignment based on the travel sheds would appear to generally make sense to me, although they are likely somewhat conservative for the major in-town routes, as travelers will use any number of methods to accomplish what they feel is an optimal travel pattern.

Thanks,
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