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UTC Project Information – CAMMSE @ UNC Charlotte	
Project Title	Optimization of Long-Term Highway Work Zone Scheduling
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Brief Description of	With the rapid development of the transportation system, an
Research Project	increasing number of work zone projects comes with the needs of
	new construction and regular maintenance related investments in
	transportation. However, the negative impacts of such work zone
	projects on the traffic in the transportation network may be
	inevitable and can cause many issues socially, economically and
	environmentally. As such, work zone projects that aim at relieving
	congestion while expanding capacity of the network is becoming
	more important. In 2017, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
	issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for performance-
	based planning and programming. It requires state departments of
	transportation and metropolitan planning organizations to measure



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	and report the performance of infrastructures in the National
	Highway System within their jurisdictions. A series of enhanced
	performance measures have been developed and included in this
	new rule. However, it is still lacking in performance measures for
	assessing congestion under special events including the presence
	of work zones. Despite such absence of metrics which can be used
	for evaluation, attention should also be paid to minimize the
	impacts of relevant work zone activities. The main goal of this
	research project is to develop, use and recommend a macroscopic
	optimization model to evaluate the mobility impacts of long-term
	work zone events and optimizing the scheduling of starting dates of
	such work zone projects.
Describe Implementation	
of Research Outcomes	
(or why not	
implemented)	
Place Any Photos Here	
Impacts/Benefits of	
Implementation (actual,	
not anticipated)	
Web Links	https://cammse.uncc.edu/sites/cammse.uncc.edu/files/media/CA
Reports	MMSE-UNCC-2020-UTC-Project-Information-02-Fan.pdf
Project website	https://cammse.uncc.edu/sites/cammse.uncc.edu/files/media/CA MMSE-UNCC-2020-UTC-Project-Report-02-Fan-Final.pdf