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1.0 Introduction

Novus Environmental Inc. (Novus) was retained by CIMA+ to conduct an air quality assessment for the Burnhamthorpe Road East Class EA between Ninth Line and Loyalist Drive in the City of Mississauga. The project includes widening the roadway to four lanes throughout the study area. This report assesses the impacts of the roadway widening at nearby sensitive receptors. The study area is approximately 1.6 km in length and is shown in orange in **Figure 1**.

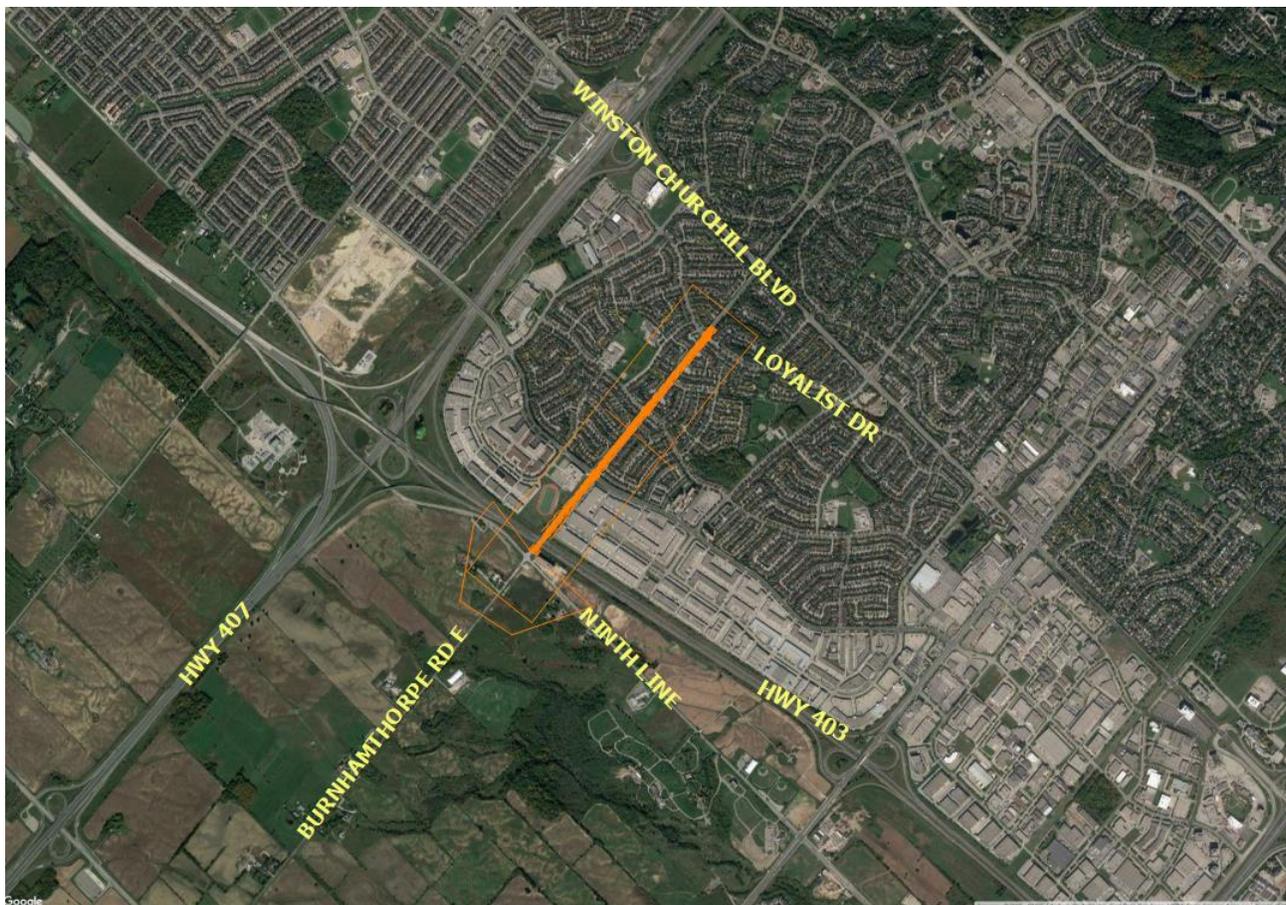


Figure 1: Study Area Showing the Proposed Roadway Widening (In Orange)

1.1 Study Objectives

The main objective of the study was to assess the local air quality impacts due to the proposed widening of Burnhamthorpe Road to four lanes between Ninth Line and Loyalist Drive. The study also included an assessment of total greenhouse (GHG) emissions due to the project, and an overview of construction impacts. To meet these objectives, the following scenarios were considered:

- **2017 Existing** – Assess the existing air quality conditions at representative receptors. Predicted contaminant concentrations from the existing roadway were combined with hourly measured ambient concentrations to determine the combined impact.
- **2041 Future Build** – Assess the future air quality conditions for the proposed roadway improvements. Predicted contaminant concentrations from the proposed roadway improvements were combined with hourly measured ambient concentrations to determine the combined impact.

1.2 Contaminants of Interest

The contaminants of interest for this study have been chosen based on the regularly assessed contaminants of interest for transportation assessments in Ontario, as determined by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO) and Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC). Motor vehicle emissions have largely been determined by scientists and engineers with United States and Canadian government agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the MOECC, Environment Canada (EC), Health Canada (HC), and the MTO. These contaminants are emitted due to fuel combustion, brake wear, tire wear, the breakdown of dust on the roadway, fuel leaks, evaporation and permeation, and refuelling leaks and spills as illustrated in **Figure 2**. Note that emissions related to refuelling leaks and spills are not applicable to motor vehicle emissions from roadway travel. Instead, these emissions contribute to the overall background levels of the applicable contaminants. All of the selected contaminants are emitted during fuel combustion, while emissions from brake wear, tire wear, and breakdown of road dust include only the particulates. A summary of these contaminants is provided in **Table 1**.

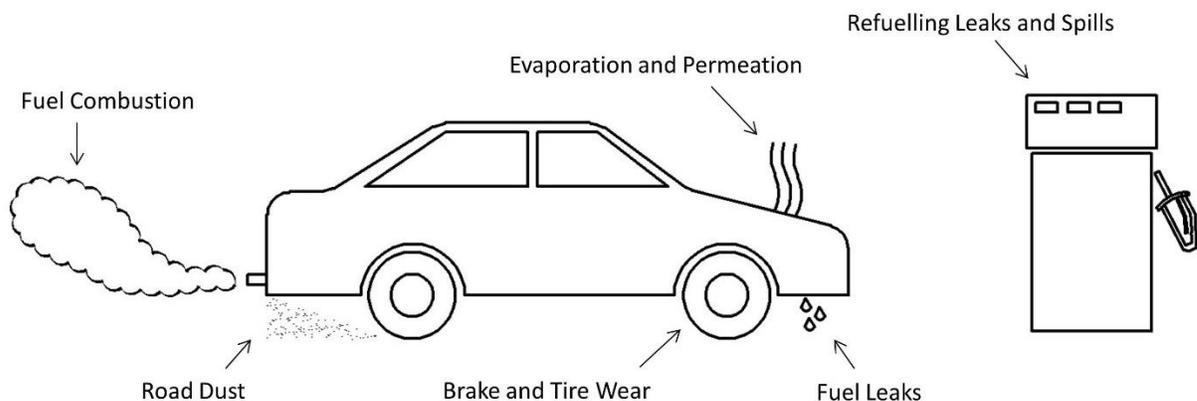


Figure 2: Motor Vehicle Emission Sources

Table 1: Contaminants of Interest

Contaminants		Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)	
Name	Symbol	Name	Symbol
Nitrogen Dioxide	NO ₂	Acetaldehyde	C ₂ H ₄ O
Carbon Monoxide	CO	Acrolein	C ₃ H ₄ O
Fine Particulate Matter (<2.5 microns in diameter)	PM _{2.5}	Benzene	C ₆ H ₆
Coarse Particulate Matter (<10 microns in diameter)	PM ₁₀	1,3-Butadiene	C ₄ H ₆
Total Suspended Particulate Matter (<44 microns in diameter)	TSP	Formaldehyde	CH ₂ O

1.3 Applicable Guidelines

In order to assess the impact of the project, the predicted effects at sensitive receptors were compared to guidelines established by government agencies and organizations. Relevant agencies and organizations in Canada and their applicable contaminant guidelines are:

- MOECC Ambient Air Quality Criteria (AAQC);
- Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS).

Within the guidelines, the threshold value for each contaminant and its applicable averaging period were used to assess the maximum predicted impact at sensitive receptors derived from computer simulations. The contaminants of interest are compared against 1-hour, 8-hour, 24-hour, and annual averaging periods. The threshold values and averaging periods used in this assessment are presented in **Table 2**. It should be noted that the CAAQS for PM_{2.5} is not based on the maximum 24-hour concentration value; PM_{2.5} is assessed based on the annual 98th percentile value, averaged over 3 consecutive years.

Table 2: Applicable Contaminant Guidelines

Contaminant	Averaging Period (hrs)	Threshold Value ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Source
NO ₂	1	400	AAQC
	24	200	AAQC
	1	83 (42 ppb) ^[1]	CAAQS (standard is to be phased-in in 2025)
	Annual	24 (12 ppb) ^[2]	CAAQS (standard is to be phased-in in 2025)
CO	1	36,200	AAQC
	8	15,700	AAQC
PM _{2.5}	24	27 ^[3]	CAAQS (standard is to be phased-in in 2020)
	Annual	8.8 ^[4]	CAAQS
PM ₁₀	24	50	Interim AAQC
TSP	24	120	AAQC
Acetaldehyde	24	500	AAQC
Acrolein	24	0.4	AAQC
	1	4.5	AAQC
Benzene	Annual	0.45	AAQC
	24	2.3	AAQC
1,3-Butadiene	24	10	AAQC
	Annual	2	AAQC
Formaldehyde	24	65	AAQC

[1] The 1-hour NO₂ CAAQS is based on the 3-year average of the annual 98th percentile of the NO₂ daily-maximum 1-hour average concentrations

[2] The annual CAAQS is based on the average over a single calendar year of all the 1-hour average NO₂ concentrations

[3]The 24-hr PM_{2.5} CAAQS is based on the 3-year average of the annual 98th percentile of the 24-hr average concentrations

[4] The annual PM_{2.5} CAAQS is based on the average of the three highest annual average values over the study period

1.4 General Assessment Methodology

The worst-case contaminant concentrations due to motor vehicle emissions from the roadways were predicted at nearby receptors using dispersion modelling software on an hourly basis for a five-year period. 2012-2016 historical meteorological data from Toronto Pearson Airport was used. Five years were modelled in order to capture the worst-case meteorological conditions. Two emissions scenarios were assessed: 2017 Existing, and 2041 Future Build.

Combined concentrations were determined by adding modelled and background (i.e., ambient data) concentrations together on an hourly basis. Background concentrations for all available contaminants were determined from MOECC and NAPS (National Air Pollution Surveillance) stations nearest to the study area with applicable datasets.

Maximum 1-hour, 8-hour, 24-hour, and annual predicted combined concentrations were determined for comparison with the applicable guidelines using emission and dispersion

models published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The worst-case predicted impacts are presented in this report, however, it is important to note that the worst-case impacts may occur infrequently and at only one receptor location.

Local background concentrations are presented in **Section 2.0**. Impacts due to the roadway for 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build scenarios are presented in **Section 3.8**.

2.0 Background Ambient Data

2.1 Overview

Background (ambient) conditions are measured contaminant concentrations that are independent of emissions from the proposed project infrastructure. These concentrations consist of trans-boundary (macro-scale), regional (meso-scale), and local (micro-scale) emission sources and result from both primary and secondary formation. Primary contaminants are emitted directly by the source and secondary contaminants are formed by complex chemical reactions in the atmosphere. Secondary pollution is generally formed over great distances in the presence of sunlight and heat and most noticeably results in the formation of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and ground-level ozone (O₃), also considered smog.

In Ontario, a significant amount of smog originates from emission sources in the United States which is the major contributor during smog events which usually occur in the summer season (MOECC, 2005). During smog episodes, the U.S. contribution to PM_{2.5} can be as much as 90 percent near the southwest Ontario-U.S. border. The effects of U.S. air pollution in Ontario on a high PM_{2.5} day and on an average PM_{2.5} spring/summer day are illustrated in **Figure 3**.

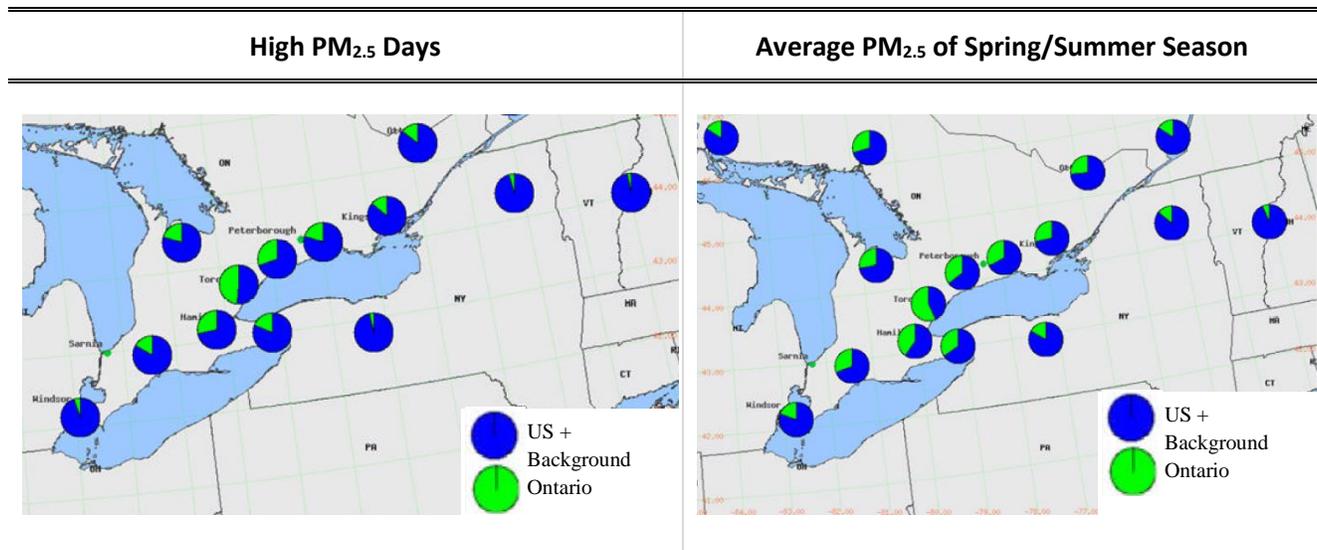


Figure 3: Effect of Trans-Boundary Air Pollution (MOECC, 2005)

Air pollution is strongly influenced by weather systems (i.e., meteorology) that commonly move out of central Canada into the mid-west of the U.S. then eastward to the Atlantic coast. This weather system generally produces winds blowing from the southwest that can travel over major emission sources in the U.S. and result in the transport of pollution into Ontario. This phenomenon is demonstrated in the following figure and is based on a computer simulation from the Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) Model.

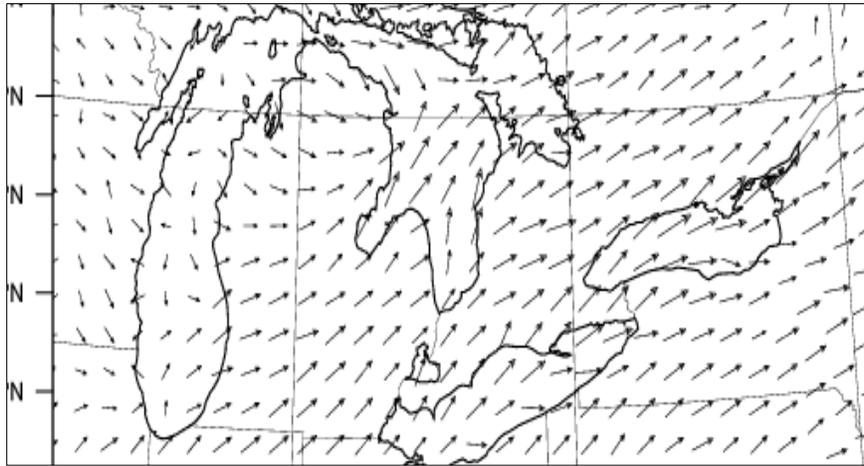


Figure 4: Typical Wind Direction during an Ontario Smog Episode

As discussed, understanding the composition of background air pollution and its influences are important in determining potential impacts of a project, considering that the majority of the combined concentrations are typically due to existing ambient background levels. In this assessment, background conditions were characterized utilizing existing ambient monitoring data from MOECC and NAPS Network stations and added to the modelled predictions in order to conservatively estimate combined concentrations.

2.2 Selection of Relevant Ambient Monitoring Stations

A review of MOECC and NAPS ambient monitoring stations in Ontario was undertaken to identify the monitoring stations that are in relative proximity to the study area and that would be representative of background contaminant concentrations in the study area. Five MOECC (Mississauga, Oakville, Burlington, Brampton and Toronto West) and four NAPS (Etobicoke South, Etobicoke North, Brampton and Windsor) stations were selected for the analysis. Note that CO is only monitored at the Toronto West Station, therefore this station was used only to assess background CO concentrations. Also note that Windsor is the only station in Ontario at which background Acrolein, Formaldehyde, and Acetaldehyde are measured in recent years. Only these contaminants were considered from the Windsor station; the remaining contaminants from the Windsor station were not considered given the stations' distance from the study area. The locations of the relevant ambient monitoring stations in relation to the study area are shown in **Figure 5**. Station information is presented in **Table 3**.

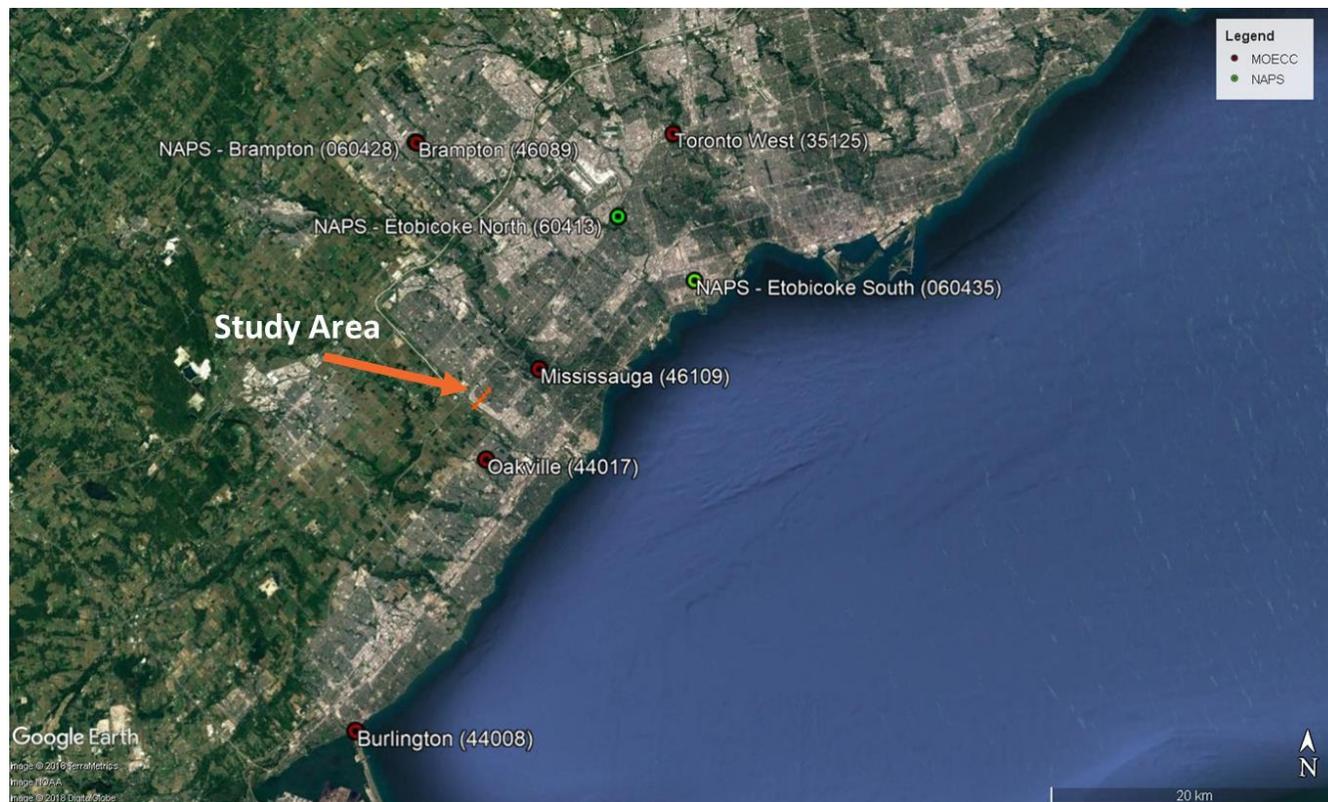


Figure 5: Relevant MOECC (shown in red) and NAPS (shown in green) Monitoring Stations; Windsor NAPS Station Not Shown; Study Area in Orange

Table 3: Relevant MOECC and NAPS Station Information

City/Town	Station ID	Location	Operator	Contaminants
Brampton	46089	525 Main St N	MOECC	NO ₂ PM _{2.5}
Burlington	44008	North Shore Blvd E./Lakeshore Rd	MOECC	NO ₂ PM _{2.5}
Mississauga	46109	3359 Mississauga Rd. N.	MOECC	NO ₂ PM _{2.5}
Oakville	44017	Eight Line/Glenashton Dr.	MOECC	NO ₂ PM _{2.5}
Toronto West	35125	125 Resources Rd	MOECC	CO
Brampton	60428	525 Main St	NAPS	1,3-Butadiene Benzene
Etobicoke North	60413	Elmcrest Road	NAPS	1,3-Butadiene Benzene
Etobicoke South	60435	461 Kipling Ave		1,3-Butadiene Benzene
Windsor	60211	College St/Prince St	NAPS	Formaldehyde Acetaldehyde Acrolein

Since there are several monitoring stations which could be used to represent the study area, a comparison was performed for the available data on a contaminant basis, to determine the worst-case representative background concentration (see **Section 2.3**). Selecting the worst-case ambient data will result in a conservative combined assessment.

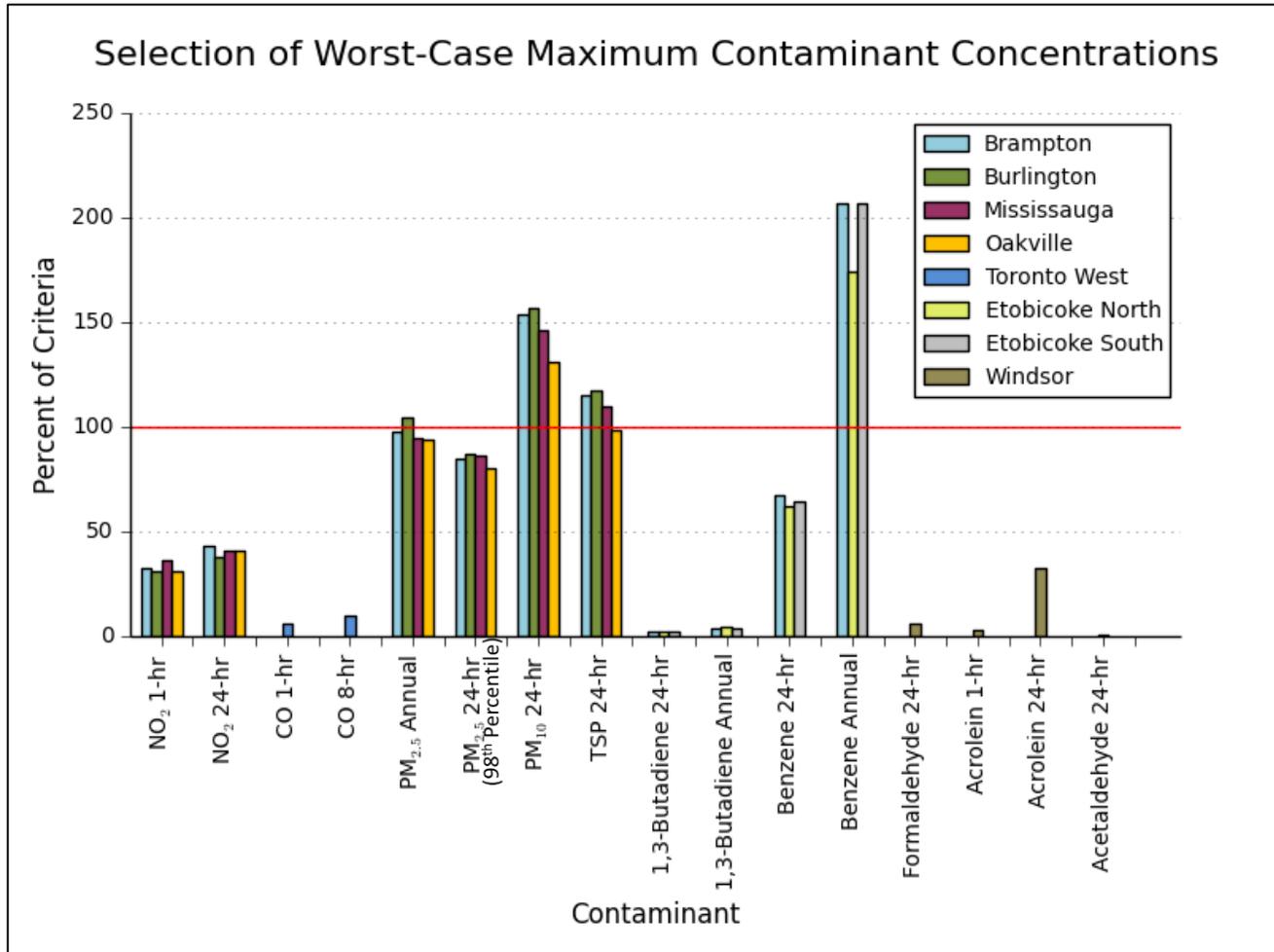
2.3 Selection of Worst-Case Monitoring Stations

Year 2012 to 2016 hourly ambient monitoring data from the selected stations were statistically summarized for the desired averaging periods: 1-hour, 8-hour, 24-hour, and annual. Note that at the Etobicoke North and Brampton NAPS stations, minimal data was available in 2016, therefore, 2011-2015 data was used for these stations. Formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and acrolein are only recently measured at the Windsor station, and were not measured after 2013. Therefore 2009-2013 data was used for these VOCs. For consistency with the combined effects analysis (using 2012-2016 meteorological data to predict roadway concentrations), the actual date of measured VOC data within dataset was used when possible.

The station with the highest maximum value over the five-year period for each contaminant and averaging period was selected to represent background concentrations in the study area. The maximum concentration represents an absolute worst-case background scenario. Note that PM_{10} and TSP are not measured in Ontario; therefore, background concentrations were estimated by applying a $PM_{2.5}/PM_{10}$ ratio of 0.54 and a $PM_{2.5}/TSP$ ratio of 0.3 (Lall et al., 2004). Ambient VOC data is not monitored hourly, but is typically measured every six days. To combine this dataset with the hourly modelled concentrations, each measured six-day value was applied to all hours between measurement dates, when there were 6 days between measurements. When there was greater than 6 days between measurements, the 90th percentile measured value for the year in question was applied for those days in order to determine combined concentrations. This method is conservative as it applies a concentration that is higher than 90% of the measured concentrations whenever data was not available.

Following the above methodology, the worst-case concentrations for each contaminant and averaging period were summarized for each of the selected monitoring stations. The station with the highest concentration, for each contaminant and averaging period, was selected for the analysis. **Table 4** shows a comparison of the contaminant concentrations from each station and the selection of the worst-case station.

Table 4: Comparison and Selection of Background Concentrations



Note: PM₁₀ and TSP are not measured in Ontario; therefore, background concentrations were estimated from PM_{2.5} concentrations

Contaminant	Worst-Case Station	Contaminant	Worst-Case Station
NO ₂ (1-Hr)	Mississauga	1,3-Butadiene (24-hr)	Etobicoke North
NO ₂ (24-Hr)	Brampton	1,3-Butadiene (ann)	Etobicoke North
CO (1-Hr)	Toronto West	Benzene (24-hr)	Brampton
CO (8-hr)	Toronto West	Benzene (ann)	Brampton
PM _{2.5} (24-hr)	Burlington	Formaldehyde	Windsor
PM _{2.5} (ann)	Burlington	Acrolein	Windsor
Pm ₁₀	Burlington	Acetaldehyde	Windsor
TSP	Burlington		

2.4 Detailed Analysis of Selected Worst-case Monitoring Stations

A detailed statistical analysis of the selected worst-case background monitoring station for each of the contaminants was performed and is summarized in **Figure 6**. Presented is the average,

90th percentile, and maximum concentrations as a percentage of the guideline for each contaminant from the worst-case monitoring station determined above. Maximum ambient concentrations represent a worst-case day. The 90th percentile concentration represents a day with reasonably worst-case background concentrations, and the average concentration represents a typical day. The 98th percentile concentration is shown for PM_{2.5} 24-hour, and NO₂ 1-hour as these guidelines are based on 98th percentile concentrations.

Based on a review of ambient monitoring data from 2012-2016, all background concentrations were below their respective guidelines with the exception of 1-hour CAAQ NO₂, 24-hour PM₁₀, 24-hour TSP, and annual PM_{2.5} and benzene. It should be noted that PM₁₀ and TSP were calculated based on their relationship to PM_{2.5}.

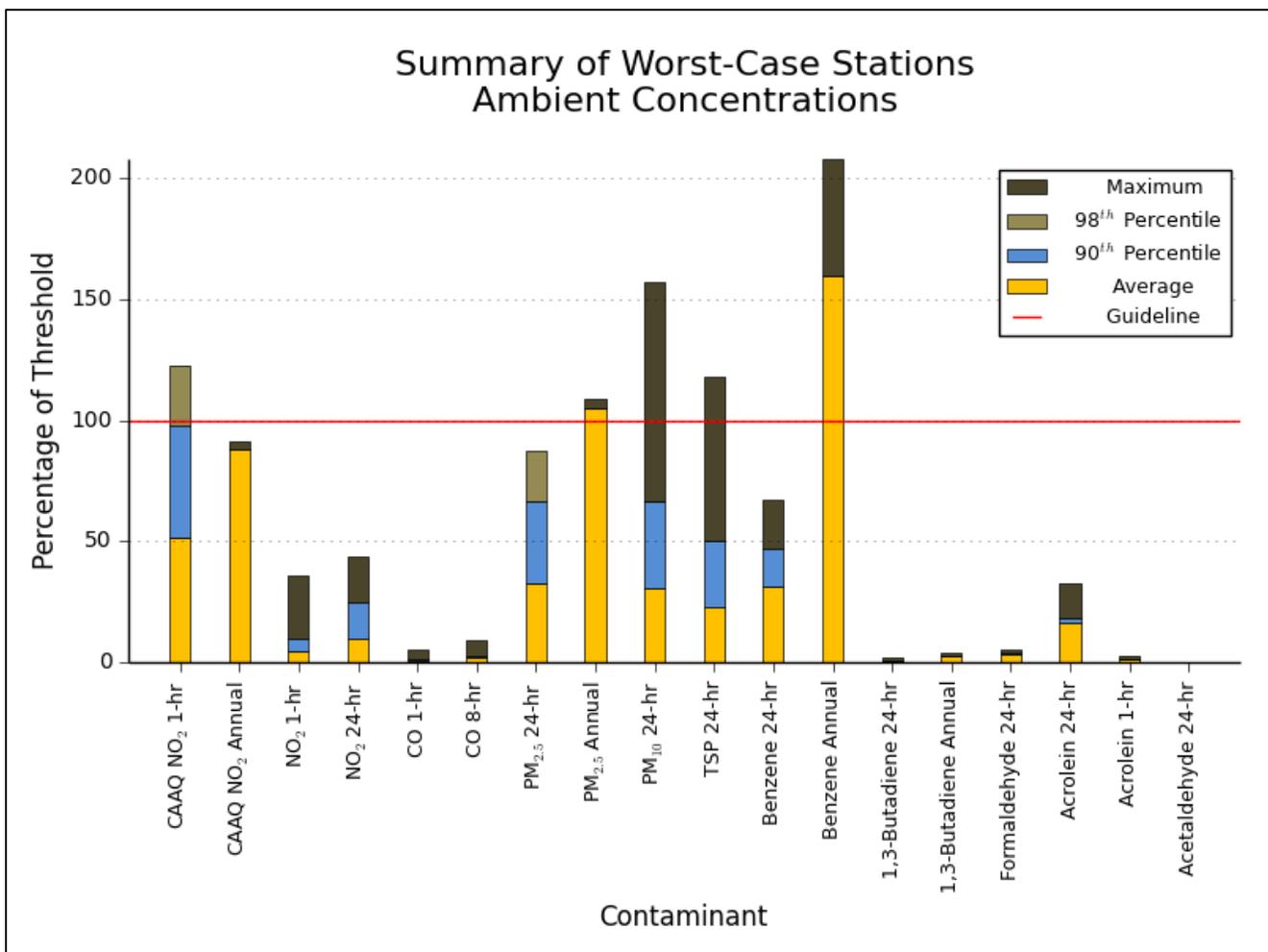


Figure 6: Summary of Background Conditions Applied in the Assessment

3.0 Local Air Quality Assessment

3.1 Overview

The worst-case impacts due to roadway vehicle emissions were assessed for two scenarios: 2017 Existing (or No Build/NB) and 2041 Future Build (FB). The two scenarios include the following activities:

2017 Existing (NB):

- Existing traffic volumes on Burnhamthorpe Road East and arterial roads for the existing alignment.

2041 Future Build (FB):

- Projected vehicle volumes on Burnhamthorpe Road East and arterial roads for the proposed widened alignment.

The assessment was performed using U.S. EPA approved vehicle emission and air dispersion models to predict worst-case impacts at representative sensitive receptor locations. The assessment was conducted in accordance with the MTO *Environmental Guide for Assessing and Mitigating the Air Quality Impacts and Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Provincial Transportation Projects*. The details of the assessment are discussed below.

3.2 Location of Sensitive Receptors within the Study Area

Land uses which are defined as sensitive receptors for evaluating potential air quality effects are:

- Health care facilities;
- Senior citizens' residences or long-term care facilities;
- Child care facilities;
- Educational facilities;
- Places of worship; and
- Residential dwellings.

Twenty-three sensitive receptors were evaluated to represent worst-case impacts surrounding the project area. Most receptors represent residential properties. The Loyola Catholic Secondary School, Ashgrove School and Iglesia Ni Cristo Church were also included as sensitive receptors. The receptor locations are identified in **Figure 7** and **Figure 8**.

Representative worst-case impacts were predicted through dispersion modelling at the sensitive receptors closest to the roadway. This is due to the fact that contaminant concentrations disperse significantly with downwind distance from the roadway resulting in reduced contaminant concentrations. At approximately 500 m from the roadway, contaminant

concentrations from motor vehicles generally become indistinguishable from background levels. The maximum predicted contaminant concentrations at the closest sensitive receptors will usually occur during weather events which produce calm to light winds (< 3 m/s). During weather events with higher wind speeds, the contaminant concentrations disperse much more quickly.



Figure 7: Receptors R1-R6 and R8-R11 Locations Within the Study Area (Ninth Line to Ridgeway Dr)



Figure 8: Receptors R7 and R12-R23 Locations Within the Study Area (Colonial Dr to Loyalist Dr)

3.3 Road Traffic Data

Traffic data was provided in the form of turning movement counts by CIMA+ for the intersections within the study area for both the existing and 2041 FB configurations. AM and PM peak turning movements were provided, along with a conversion factor of 5.5 x AM+PM counts to obtain Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) volumes. The AADT volumes used in the assessment are shown in **Table 5**. The turning movements provided a break down of trucks and cars, which was used to determine the average heavy-duty vehicle percentage of 5% within the study area. The turning movement counts were also used to determine a 50/50 split by direction on Burnhamthorpe Road and the arterial roadways. Since hourly traffic volumes were not available, the US EPA standard urban hourly distribution was used in the modelling. This hourly distribution is shown in **Table 6**. Lastly, signal timing was provided by CIMA+ for all traffic lights within the study area.

Table 5: 2017 Traffic Volumes (AADT) Used in the Assessment

Roadway	Existing 2017 AADT	FB 2041 AADT	Speed (km/hr)
Burnhamthorpe west of Ninth Line	12,485	21,109	60
Burnhamthorpe between Ninth Line and Ridgeway	16,385	23,141	
Burnhamthorpe between Ridgeway and Colonial Dr	13,926	19,352	
Burnhamthorpe between Colonial and Loyalist	14,570	19,011	
Burnhamthorpe between Loyalist and WCB	19,839	22,382	
Ninth Line N of Burnhamthorpe	16,693	26,802	
Ninth Line S of Burnhamthorpe	16,060	27,929	
Ridgeway N of Burnhamthorpe	19,745	23,617	50
Ridgeway S of Burnhamthorpe	21,148	26,114	
Colonial N of Burnhamthorpe	3,267	3,971	
Colonial S of Burnhamthorpe	3,861	5,561	
Loyalist N of Burnhamthorpe	3,234	3,658	
Loyalist S of Burnhamthorpe	2,134	3,053	

Table 6: US EPA Urban Hourly Vehicle Distribution

Hour	Weekday	Weekend
1	0.9%	2.2%
2	0.6%	1.4%
3	0.5%	1.0%
4	0.4%	0.8%
5	0.6%	0.7%
6	1.9%	1.0%
7	4.6%	1.9%
8	6.9%	2.6%
9	6.1%	3.8%
10	5.0%	4.8%
11	5.1%	5.9%
12	5.4%	6.5%
13	5.8%	7.1%
14	5.9%	7.1%
15	6.2%	7.1%
16	7.1%	7.2%
17	7.7%	7.1%
18	7.9%	6.8%
19	6.0%	6.0%
20	4.4%	5.2%
21	3.5%	4.3%
22	3.1%	3.9%
23	2.5%	3.2%
24	1.9%	2.4%

3.4 Meteorological Data

2012-2016 hourly meteorological data was obtained from the Pearson International Airport in Toronto and upper air data was obtained from Buffalo, New York as recommended by the MOECC for the study area. The combined data was processed to reflect conditions at the study area using the U.S. EPA’s PCRAMMET software program which prepares meteorological data for use with the CAL3QHCR vehicle emission dispersion model. A wind frequency diagram (wind rose) is shown in **Figure 9**. As can be seen in this figure, predominant winds are from the south-westerly through northerly directions.

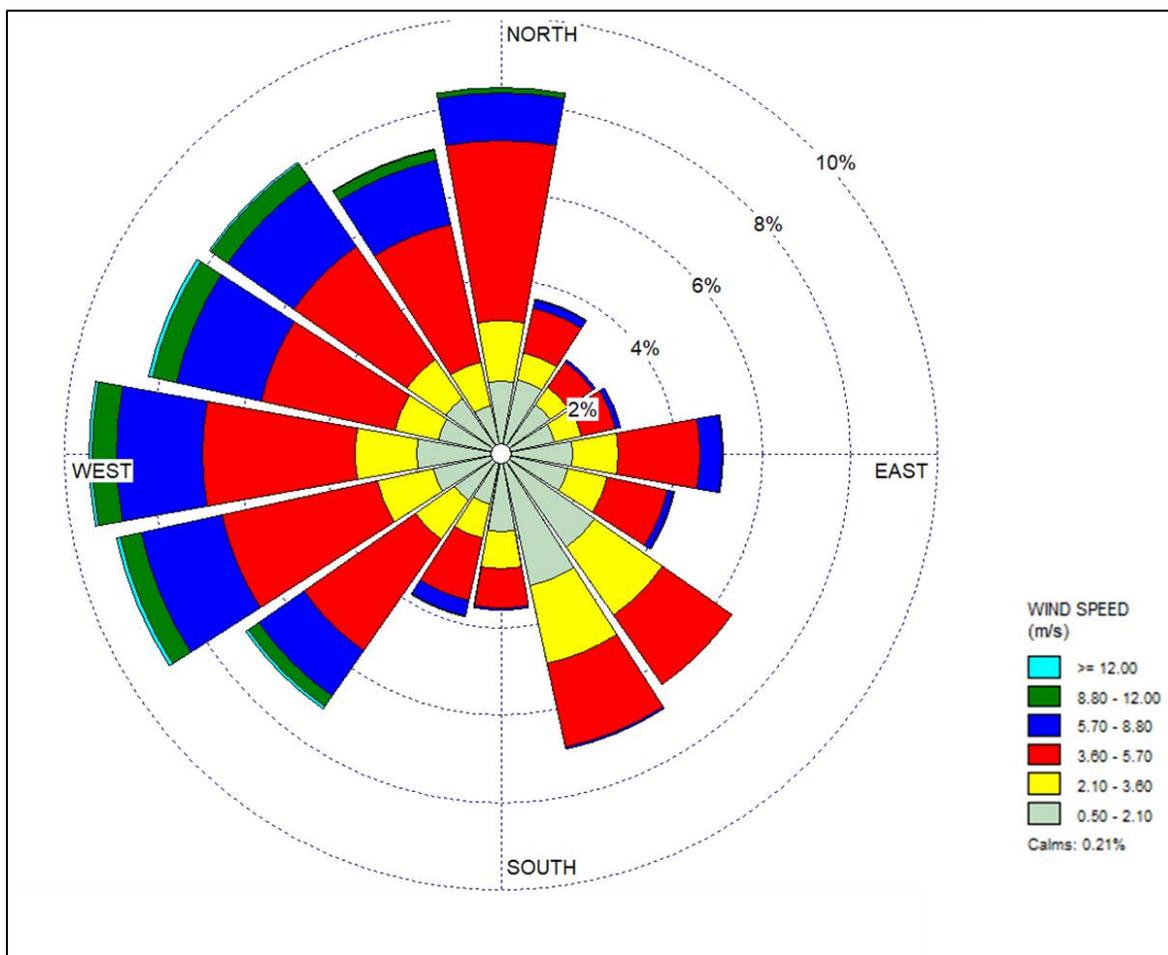


Figure 9: Wind Frequency Diagram for Toronto Pearson International Airport (2012-2016)

3.5 Motor Vehicle Emission Rates

The U.S. EPA’s Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES) model provides estimates of current and future emission rates from motor vehicles based on a variety of factors such as local meteorology, vehicle fleet composition and speed. MOVES 2014a, released in November 2015, is the U.S. EPA’s latest tool for estimating vehicle emissions due to the

combustion of fuel, brake and tire wear, fuel evaporation, permeation, and refuelling leaks. The model is based on “an analysis of millions of emission test results and considerable advances in the Agency's understanding of vehicle emissions and accounts for changes in emissions due to proposed standards and regulations”. For this project, MOVES was used to estimate vehicle emissions based on vehicle type, road type, model year, and vehicle speed. Emission rates were estimated based on the heavy-duty vehicle percentages provided CIMA+. Vehicle age was based on the U.S. EPA’s default distribution. **Table 7** specifies the major inputs into MOVES.

Table 7: MOVES Input Parameters

Parameter	Input
Scale	Custom County Domain
Meteorology	Temperature and Relative Humidity were obtained from meteorological data from the Environment Canada Toronto INTL A station for the years 2012 to 2016.
Years	2017 (Existing) and 2041 (Future Build)
Geographical Bounds	Custom County Domain
Fuels	Compressed Natural Gas / Diesel Fuels / Gasoline Fuels
Source Use Types	Combination Long-haul Truck / Combination Short-haul Truck / Intercity Bus / Light Commercial Truck / Motor Home / Motorcycle / Passenger Car / Passenger Truck / Refuse Truck / School Bus / Single Unit Long-haul Truck / Single Unit Short-haul Truck / Transit Bus
Road Type	Urban Unrestricted Access
Contaminants and Processes	NO ₂ / CO / PM _{2.5} / PM ₁₀ / Acetaldehyde / Acrolein / Benzene / 1,3-Butadiene / Formaldehyde/Equivalent CO ₂ TSP can't be directly modelled by MOVES. However, the U.S. EPA has determined, based on emissions test results, that >97% of tailpipe particulate matter is PM ₁₀ or less. Therefore, the PM10 exhaust emission rate was used for TSP.
Vehicle Age Distribution	MOVES defaults based on years selected for the roadway.

From the MOVES outputs, the highest monthly value for each contaminant was selected to represent a worst-case emission rate. The emission rates for each vehicle speed and contaminant modelled are shown in **Table 8** for the Existing and Future Build years. As shown in **Table 8**, emissions in the future year are generally predicted to decrease.

Table 8: MOVES Output Emission Factors for Roadway Vehicles (g/VMT); Idle Emission Rates are grams per vehicle hour

Year	Speed	NO _x	CO	PM _{2.5}	PM ₁₀	TSP ¹	Acetaldehyde	Acrolein	Benzene	1,3-Butadiene	Formaldehyde
2017	60 km/hr	0.38	3.09	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.0010	0.0001	0.0030	0.000192	0.001804
	50 km/hr	0.39	3.35	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.0011	0.0001	0.0034	0.000215	0.001993
	Idle	3.22	12.41	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.0196	0.0020	0.0476	0.005117	0.032035
2041	60 km/hr	0.05	0.88	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.0002	0.00002	0.0008	0.000001	0.000486
	50 km/hr	0.05	0.92	0.01	0.06	0.06	0.0002	0.00003	0.0009	0.000001	0.000528
	Idle	0.26	2.12	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.0024	0.0003	0.0098	0.000016	0.006452

[1] – Note that TSP can't be directly modelled by MOVES. However, the U.S. EPA has determined, based on emissions test results, that >97% of tailpipe particulate matter is PM₁₀ or less. Therefore, the PM₁₀ exhaust emission rate was used for TSP.

3.6 Re-suspended Particulate Matter Emission Rates

A large portion of roadway particulate matter emissions comes from dust on the pavement which is re-suspended by vehicles travelling on the roadway. These emissions are estimated using empirically derived values presented by the U.S. EPA in their AP-42 report. The emissions factors for re-suspended PM were estimated by using the following equation from U.S. EPA's Document AP-42 report, Chapter 13.2.1.3 and are summarized in **Table 9**.

$$E = k(sL)^{0.91} * (W)^{1.02}$$

Where:

- E = the particulate emission factor
- k = the particulate size multiplier
- sL = silt loading
- W = average vehicle weight (Assumed 3 Tons based on fleet data and U.S. EPA vehicle weight and distribution)

Table 9: Re-suspended Particulate Matter Emission Factors

Roadway AADT	K (PM _{2.5} /PM ₁₀ /TSP)	sL (g/m ²)	W (Tons)	E (g/VMT)		
				PM2.5	PM10	TSP
<500	0.25/1.0/5.24	0.6	3	0.503	2.015	10.561
500-5,000	0.25/1.0/5.24	0.2	3	0.185	0.741	3.886
5,000- 10,000	0.25/1.0/5.24	0.06	3	0.061	0.247	1.299
>10,000	0.25/1.0/5.24	0.03	3	0.03299	0.13195	0.6914

3.7 Air Dispersion Modelling Using CAL3QHCR

The U.S. EPA’s CAL3QHCR dispersion model, based on the Gaussian plume equation, was specifically designed to predict air quality impacts from roadways using site specific meteorological data, vehicle emissions, traffic data, and signal data. The model input requirements include roadway geometry, sensitive receptor locations, meteorology, traffic volumes, and motor vehicle emission rates as well as some contaminant physical properties such as settling and deposition velocities. CAL3QHCR uses this information to calculate hourly concentrations which are then used to determine 1-hour, 8-hour, 24-hour and annual averages for the contaminants of interest at the identified sensitive receptor locations. **Table 10** provides the major inputs used in CAL3QHCR. The emission rates used in the model were the outputs from the MOVES and AP-42 models, weighted for the vehicle fleet distributions provided. The outputs of CAL3QHCR are presented in the results section.

Table 10: CAL3QHCR Model Input Parameters

Parameter	Input
Free-Flow and Queue Link Traffic Data	Hourly traffic distributions were applied to the AADT traffic volumes in order to input traffic volumes in vehicles/hour. Emission rates from the MOVES output were input in grams/VMT or grams per vehicle hour. Signal timings for the traffic signal were input in seconds.
Meteorological Data	2012-2016 data from Pearson International Airport
Deposition Velocity	PM _{2.5} : 0.1 cm/s PM ₁₀ : 0.5 cm/s TSP: 0.15 cm/s NO ₂ , CO and VOCs: 0 cm/s
Settling Velocity	PM _{2.5} : 0.02 cm/s PM ₁₀ : 0.3 cm/s TSP: 1.8 cm/s CO, NO ₂ , and VOCs: 0 cm/s
Surface Roughness	The land type surrounding the project site is categorized as ‘low intensity residential’. The average surface roughness height for low intensity residential for all seasons of 52 cm was applied in the model.
Vehicle Emission Rate	Emission rates calculated in MOVES and AP-42 were input in g/VMT

3.8 Modelling Results

Presented below are the modelling results for the 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build scenarios based on 5-years of meteorological data. For each contaminant, combined concentrations are presented along with the relevant contribution due to the background and roadway. Results in this section are presented for the worst-case sensitive receptors for each contaminant and averaging period (see **Table 11**), which were identified as the maximum combined concentration for the 2041 Future Build scenario. Results for all modelled receptors are provided in **Appendix A**. It should be noted that the maximum combined concentration at any sensitive receptor often occurs infrequently and may only occur for one hour or day over the 5-year period.

Table 11: Worst-Case Sensitive Receptors for 2041 Future Build Scenario

Contaminant	Averaging Period	Sensitive Receptor
NO ₂	1-hour	R21
	24-hour	R4
CO	1-hour	R9
	8-hour	R9
PM _{2.5}	24-hour	R18
	Annual	R18
PM ₁₀	24-hour	R7
TSP	24-hour	R13
Acetaldehyde	24-hour	R21
Acrolein	1-hour	R4
	24-hour	R4
Benzene	24-hour	R4
	Annual	R9
1,3-Butadiene	24-hour	R1
	Annual	R1
Formaldehyde	24-hour	R9

Coincidental hourly modelled roadway and background concentrations were added to derive the combined concentration for each hour over the 5-year period. Hourly combined concentrations were then used to determine contaminant concentrations based on the applicable averaging period. Statistical analysis in the form of maximum, 90th percentile, and average combined concentrations were calculated for the worst-case sensitive receptor for each contaminant and are presented below. The maximum combined concentration (or 3-year average annual 98th percentile concentration in the case of PM_{2.5}) was used to assess compliance with MOECC guidelines or CAAQS. If excesses of the guideline were predicted, frequency analysis was undertaken in order to estimate the number of occurrences above the guideline. Provided below are the modelling results for the contaminants of interest.

Nitrogen Dioxide CAAQ Standard

Table 13 presents the predicted combined concentrations for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 1-hour and annual NO₂ (CAAQ Standard) based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- The annual 98th percentile of daily maximum 1-hour NO₂ concentration, averaged over three consecutive years exceeds the CAAQS with an 8% contribution from the highway.
- The annual average concentration exceeded the guideline with a 5% contribution from the highway.

Table 12: Summary of Predicted NO₂ Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB												
	<p>% of CAAQS Guideline:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>98th Percentile</td> <td style="color: red;">120%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>90th Percentile</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>53%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Highway Contribution:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>98th Percentile</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>90th Percentile</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Maximum combined concentrations exceed the 1-hour CAAQ Guideline. Note that the maximum background concentrations alone exceed the CAAQ's 1-hr objective of 83 µg/m³. Also note that this objective is based on the 3-year average of the annual 98th percentile of the NO₂ daily-maximum 1-hour average concentrations.</p>	98 th Percentile	120%	90 th Percentile	95%	Average	53%	98 th Percentile	5%	90 th Percentile	1%	Average	2%
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		Average	90%										
Maximum		2%											
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Nitrogen Dioxide

Table 13 presents the predicted combined concentrations for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 1-hour and 24-hour NO₂ based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- *Both the maximum 1-hour and 24-hour NO₂ combined concentrations were below their respective MOECC guidelines.*

Table 13: Summary of Predicted NO₂ Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB																
<p>Comparison of 1-hr NO₂ Concentrations</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">% of MOECC Guideline:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Maximum</td> <td>36%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>90th Percentile</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2">Roadway Contribution:</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Maximum</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>90th Percentile</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	% of MOECC Guideline:		Maximum	36%	90 th Percentile	10%	Average	5%	Roadway Contribution:		Maximum	1%	90 th Percentile	1%	Average	2%
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Conclusions:

- All combined concentrations were below their respective MOECC guidelines.
- The contribution from the roadway to the combined concentrations was 2% or less.

Carbon Monoxide

Table 14 presents the predicted combined concentrations for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 1-hour and 8-hour CO based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- *Both the maximum 1-hour and 8-hour CO combined concentrations were well below their respective MOECC guidelines.*

Table 14: Summary of Predicted CO Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB													
<p style="text-align: center;">Comparison of 1-hr CO Concentrations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">% of MOECC Guideline:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Maximum</td><td>6%</td></tr> <tr><td>90th Percentile</td><td>2%</td></tr> <tr><td>Average</td><td>2%</td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Roadway Contribution:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Maximum</td><td>3%</td></tr> <tr><td>90th Percentile</td><td>3%</td></tr> <tr><td>Average</td><td>3%</td></tr> </table>	Maximum	6%	90 th Percentile	2%	Average	2%	Maximum	3%	90 th Percentile	3%	Average	3%	
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Conclusions:

- All combined concentrations were below their respective MOECC guidelines.
- The contribution from the roadway to the combined concentrations was 3% or less.

Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})

Table 15 presents the predicted combined concentrations for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 24-hour and annual PM_{2.5} based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- The average annual 98th percentile 24-hour PM_{2.5} combined concentrations, averaged over three consecutive years was below the CAAQS.
- The three-year annual average concentration exceeded the guideline with a 5% contribution from the roadway

Table 15: Summary of Predicted PM_{2.5} Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB												
<p>Comparison of 24-hr PM_{2.5} Concentrations</p>	<p>% of CAAQs Guideline:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>98th Percentile</td><td>90%</td></tr> <tr><td>90th Percentile</td><td>57%</td></tr> <tr><td>Average</td><td>33%</td></tr> </table> <p>Roadway Contribution:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>98th Percentile</td><td>4%</td></tr> <tr><td>90th Percentile</td><td>4%</td></tr> <tr><td>Average</td><td>6%</td></tr> </table> <p>The PM_{2.5} results were below the 3-year CAAQS. The highest 3 year rolling average of the yearly 98th percentile combined concentrations was calculated to be 24.18 µg/m³ or 90% of the CAAQS.</p>	98 th Percentile	90%	90 th Percentile	57%	Average	33%	98 th Percentile	4%	90 th Percentile	4%	Average	6%
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<p>Comparison of Annual PM_{2.5} Concentrations</p>	<p>% of CAAQs Guideline:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>3-Year Annual Average</td><td>114%</td></tr> </table> <p>Roadway Contribution:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>3-Year Annual Average</td><td>5%</td></tr> </table> <p>The PM_{2.5} results were above the 3-year CAAQS. The maximum 3-year annual average concentration was 114% of the guideline. It should be noted that ambient concentrations alone were 105% of the guideline. There was also no change between the 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build Scenarios</p>	3-Year Annual Average	114%	3-Year Annual Average	5%								
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3-Year Annual Average	5%												

Coarse Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)

Table 16 presents the predicted combined concentration for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 24-hour PM₁₀ based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- *The maximum 24-hr PM₁₀ combined concentration exceeded the MOECC guideline.*

Table 16: Summary of Predicted PM₁₀ Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB	
<p>Comparison of 24-hr PM₁₀ Concentrations</p>	% of MOECC Guideline:	
	Maximum	163%
	90 th Percentile	59%
	Average	34%
	Roadway Contribution:	
	Maximum	4%
	90 th Percentile	9%
	Average	11%

Conclusions:

- The combined concentrations of PM₁₀ surrounding the study area exceed the standard of 50 µg/m³. It should be noted, however, that background concentrations alone exceeded the standard and that the roadway contribution is 4% of the maximum value.
- Frequency analysis was conducted to determine the frequency of exceedances over the 5-year period.
- A total of 18 days exceeded the guideline in the five-year period in both scenarios, which equates to approximately 1% of the time.
- Frequency analysis showed that no additional exceedances are expected due to the roadway over the five-year period between 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build.

Total Suspended Particulate Matter (TSP)

Table 17 presents the predicted combined concentration for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 24-hour TSP based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- *The maximum 24-hr TSP combined concentration exceeded the MOECC guideline.*

Table 17: Summary of Predicted TSP Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB	
<p>Comparison of 24-hr TSP Concentrations</p> <p>Concentration $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$</p> <p>Legend: Maximum (Green), 90th Percentile (Light Blue), Average (Yellow), Ambient (Dark Green), Roadway Contribution (Blue), Guideline (Red line)</p>	% of MOECC Guideline:	
	Maximum	131%
	90 th Percentile	51%
	Average	30%
	Roadway Contribution:	
	Maximum	10%
	90 th Percentile	25%
	Average	25%

Conclusions:

- The TSP results show that the combined concentrations exceed the guideline. It should be noted, however, that background concentrations alone exceeded the standard and that the roadway contribution is 10% of the maximum value.
- Frequency analysis was conducted to determine the frequency of exceedances over the 5-year period.
- A total of 3 days exceeded the guideline in the five-year period in both scenarios, which equates to less than 1%.
- Frequency analysis showed that no additional exceedances are expected due to the roadway over the five-year period between 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build.

Ambient VOC concentrations are typically measured every 6 days in Ontario. In order to combine the ambient data to the modelled results, the measured concentrations were applied to the following 6 days when measurements were 6 days apart. When measurements were further than 6 days apart, the 90th percentile annual value was used to represent the missing data. This background data was added to the predicted hourly roadway concentrations at each receptor to obtain results for the VOCs.

Acetaldehyde

Table 18 presents the predicted combined concentration for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 24-hour acetaldehyde based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- *The maximum 24-hour acetaldehyde combined concentration was well below the respective MOECC guideline.*

Table 18: Summary of Predicted Acetaldehyde Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB												
<p>Comparison of 24-hr Acetaldehyde Concentrations</p>	<p>% of MOECC Guideline:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Maximum</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>90th Percentile</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Roadway Contribution:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Maximum</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>90th Percentile</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> </table>	Maximum	1%	90 th Percentile	<1%	Average	<1%	Maximum	<1%	90 th Percentile	<1%	Average	<1%
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	Average	<1%											

Conclusions:

- All combined concentrations were below their respective MOECC guidelines.
- The contribution from the roadway to the combined concentrations was less than 1%.

Acrolein

Table 19 presents the predicted combined concentrations for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 1-hour and 24-hour acrolein based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- *The maximum 1-hour and 24-hour acrolein combined concentrations were below the respective MOECC guideline.*

Table 19: Summary of Predicted Acrolein Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB												
<p>Comparison of 1-hr Acrolein Concentrations</p>													
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90 th Percentile	<1%												
Average	<1%												

Benzene

Table 20 presents the predicted combined concentrations for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 24-hour and annual benzene based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- *The maximum 24-hour benzene combined concentration was below the respective MOECC guideline.*
- *The annual benzene concentration exceeded the guideline due to ambient concentrations. The roadway contribution to the maximum annual average was 1%.*

Table 20: Summary of Predicted Benzene Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB												
<p>Comparison of 24-hr Benzene Concentrations</p>	<p>% of MOECC Guideline:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Maximum</td><td>69%</td></tr> <tr><td>90th Percentile</td><td>48%</td></tr> <tr><td>Average</td><td>32%</td></tr> </table> <p>Roadway Contribution:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Maximum</td><td>2%</td></tr> <tr><td>90th Percentile</td><td>1%</td></tr> <tr><td>Average</td><td>2%</td></tr> </table> <p>Conclusions: The combined concentrations were below the respective MOECC guidelines. The contribution from the roadway was 2% or less.</p>	Maximum	69%	90 th Percentile	48%	Average	32%	Maximum	2%	90 th Percentile	1%	Average	2%
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<p>Comparison of Annual Benzene Concentrations</p>	<p>% of MOECC Guideline:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Maximum</td><td>210%</td></tr> <tr><td>Average</td><td>162%</td></tr> </table> <p>Roadway Contribution:</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Maximum</td><td>1%</td></tr> <tr><td>Average</td><td>2%</td></tr> </table> <p>Conclusions: The combined concentration exceeded the MOECC guideline. It should be noted that ambient concentrations were 207% of the guideline and the roadway contribution to the maximum was 1%.</p>	Maximum	210%	Average	162%	Maximum	1%	Average	2%				
Maximum	210%												
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Maximum	1%												
Average	2%												

1,3-Butadiene

Table 21 presents the predicted combined concentrations for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 24-hour and annual 1,3-butadiene based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- *The maximum 24-hour and annual 1,3-butadiene combined concentrations were well below the respective MOECC guidelines.*

Table 21: Summary of Predicted 1,3-Butadiene Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB												
<p style="text-align: center;">Comparison of 24-hr 1,3-Butadiene Concentrations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">% of MOECC Guideline:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Maximum</td> <td>2%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>90th Percentile</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Roadway Contribution:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Maximum</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>90th Percentile</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Conclusions: The combined concentrations were below the respective MOECC guidelines. The contribution from the roadway was less than 1%.</p>	Maximum	2%	90 th Percentile	<1%	Average	1%	Maximum	<1%	90 th Percentile	<1%	Average	<1%
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	<p style="text-align: center;">Comparison of Annual 1,3-Butadiene Concentrations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">% of MOECC Guideline:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Maximum</td> <td>4%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td>3%</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Roadway Contribution:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Maximum</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Average</td> <td><1%</td> </tr> </table> <p>Conclusions: The combined concentrations were below the respective MOECC guidelines. The contribution from the roadway was less than 1%.</p>	Maximum	4%	Average	3%	Maximum	<1%	Average	<1%			
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Formaldehyde

Table 22 presents the predicted combined concentration for the worst-case sensitive receptor for 24-hour formaldehyde based on 5 years of meteorological data. The results conclude that:

- *The maximum 24-hour formaldehyde combined concentration was below the respective MOECC guideline.*

Table 22: Summary of Predicted Formaldehyde Concentrations

Statistical Analysis	2041 FB	
% of MOECC Guideline:		
Maximum	6%	
90 th Percentile	4%	
Average	3%	
Roadway Contribution:		
Maximum	<1%	
90 th Percentile	<1%	
Average	<1%	

Conclusions:

- All combined concentrations were below their respective MOECC guidelines.
- The contribution from the roadway to the combined concentrations was less than 1%.

4.0 Greenhouse Gas Assessment

In addition to the contaminants of interest assessed in the local air quality assessment, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions were predicted from the project. Potential impacts were assessed by calculating the relative change in total emissions between the 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build scenarios. Total GHG emissions were determined based on the length of the roadway, traffic volumes, and predicted emission rates.

From a GHG perspective, the contaminants of concern from motor vehicle emissions are carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), and nitrous oxide (N₂O). These GHGs can be further classified according to their Global Warming Potential. The Global Warming Potential is a multiplier developed for each GHG, which allows comparison of the ability of each GHG to trap heat in the atmosphere, relative to carbon dioxide. Using these multipliers, total GHG emissions can be classified as CO₂ equivalent emissions. For this assessment, the MOVES

model was used to determine total CO₂ equivalent emission rates for the posted speed and heavy duty vehicle percentage on Burnhamthorpe Road. **Table 23** summarizes the length of the roadway, traffic volumes, and emission rates used to determine total GHG emissions on Burnhamthorpe Road for the 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build scenarios.

Table 23: Summary of Burnhamthorpe Road Traffic Volumes, Roadway Length and Emission Rates

Roadway	2017 Two-Way AADT	2041 Two-Way AADT	Length of Roadway (Miles)	Heavy Duty Vehicle Percentage (%)	Posted Speed (km/hr)	2017 CO ₂ Equivalent Emission Rate (g/VMT)	2041 CO ₂ Equivalent Emission Rate (g/VMT)
Burnhamthorpe west of Ninth Line	12,485	21,109	0.14	5%	60	390	243
Burnhamthorpe between Ninth Line and Ridgeway	16,385	23,141	0.36	5%	60	390	243
Burnhamthorpe between Ridgeway and Colonial Dr	13,926	19,352	0.27	5%	60	390	243
Burnhamthorpe between Colonial and Loyalist	14,570	19,011	0.32	5%	60	390	243
Burnhamthorpe between Loyalist and WCB	19,839	22,382	0.11	5%	60	390	243

The total predicted annual GHG emission for the 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build scenarios are shown in **Table 24**. Also shown is the percent change in total GHG emissions between the scenarios. The results show that due to increases in traffic volumes and decreases in future emission rates, total GHG emissions will be reduced in the majority of the roadway sections of the study area. The exception is on Burnhamthorpe West of ninth line, where traffic volumes are expected to increase by a greater amount than the remainder of the study area, therefore a slight increase of 5% in total GHG emissions is predicted. Overall, there is a 15% reduction in GHG emissions between the 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build scenarios.

Table 24: Predicted GHG Emissions

Roadway	2017 Total CO ₂ Equivalent (tonnes/year)	2041 Total CO ₂ Equivalent (tonnes/year)	Change in Emissions (%)
Burnhamthorpe west of Ninth Line	243	256	5%
Burnhamthorpe between Ninth Line and Ridgeway	833	733	-12%
Burnhamthorpe between Ridgeway and Colonial Dr	542	469	-13%
Burnhamthorpe between Colonial and Loyalist	663	539	-19%
Burnhamthorpe between Loyalist and WCB	324	228	-30%
TOTAL BURNHAMTHORPE ROAD	2605	2225	-15%

5.0 Air Quality Impacts During Construction

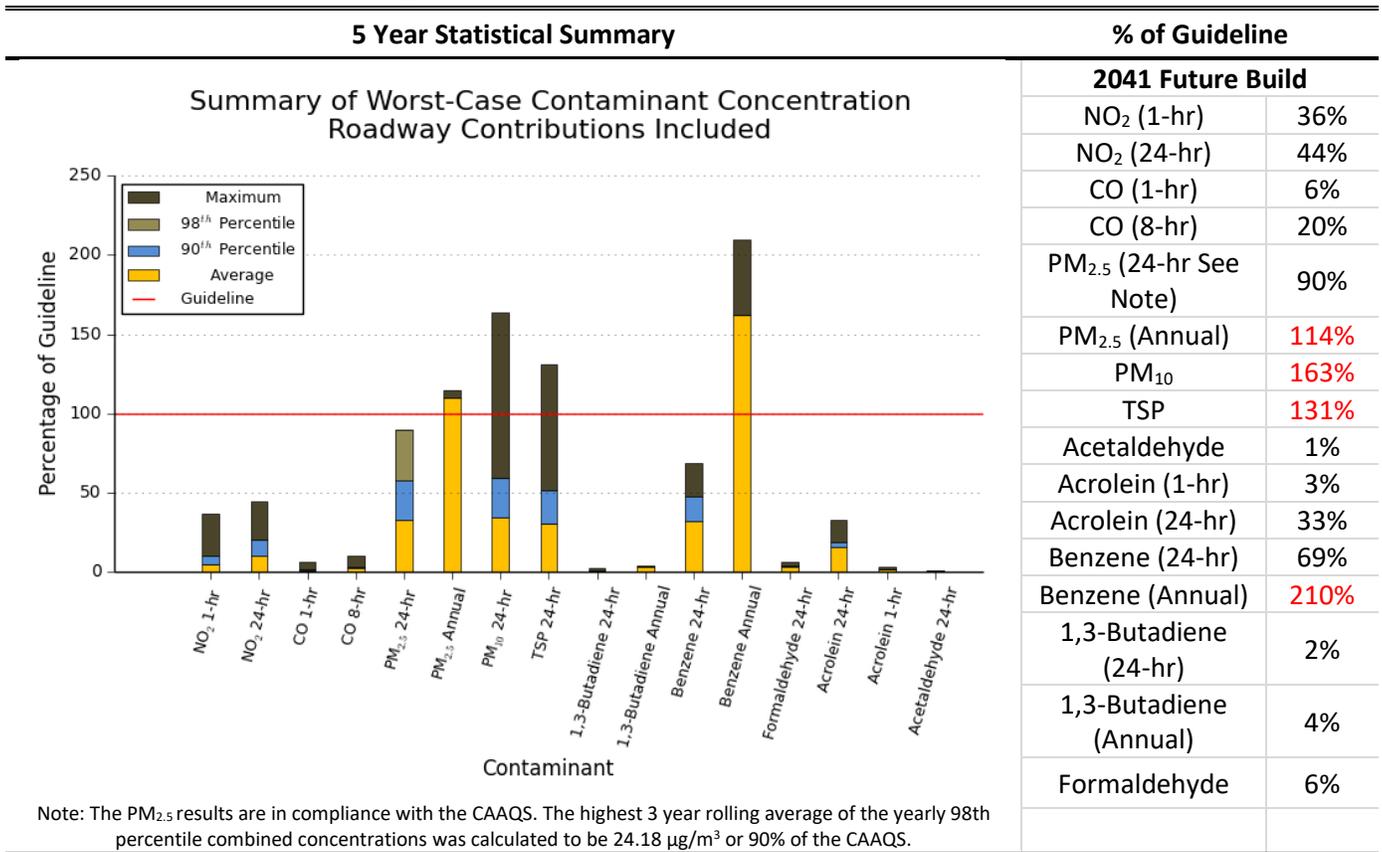
During construction of the roadway, dust is the primary contaminant of concern. Other contaminants including NO_x and VOC's may be emitted from equipment used during construction activities. Due to the temporary nature of construction activities, there are no air quality criteria specific to construction activities. However, the Environment Canada “Best Practices for the Reduction of Air Emissions from Construction and Demolition Activities” document provides several mitigation measures for reducing emissions during construction activities. Mitigation techniques discussed in the document include material wetting or use of chemical suppressants to reduce dust, use of wind barriers, and limiting exposed areas which may be a source of dust and equipment washing. It is recommended that these best management practices be followed during construction of the roadway to reduce any air quality impacts that may occur.

6.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

The potential impact of the proposed project infrastructure on local air quality has been assessed and the results are summarized in **Table 25**. An assessment of GHG emissions was also conducted. The following conclusions and recommendations are a result of this assessment.

- *The maximum combined concentrations for the future build scenario were all below their respective MOECC guidelines or CAAQS, with the exception of annual PM_{2.5}, 24-hr PM₁₀, 24-hr TSP and annual benzene. Note that for each of these contaminants, background concentrations alone exceeded the guideline.*
- *Frequency Analysis determined that there were no additional days on which exceedances of PM₁₀ or TSP occurred between the 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build scenarios. For both PM₁₀ and TSP, exceedances of the guideline occurred less than 1% of the time.*
- *Overall, maximum predicted concentrations are similar between the 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build scenarios, with little or no increase occurring as a result of the project.*
- *Mitigation measures are not warranted, due to the small number of days which are expected to exceed the guideline.*
- *Total GHG emissions were predicted to decrease in the study area. Overall, there was a 15% decrease in total GHG emissions predicted between the Existing and Future Build scenarios.*

Table 25: Summary of 2041 Future Build Results



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Appendix A
Receptor Specific Modelling Results

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This section shows the maximum results predicted by the air dispersion modelling at each receptor within the study area for the 2017 Existing and 2041 Future Build scenarios. **Figures A1** and **A2** show the location of the evaluated receptors within the study area.

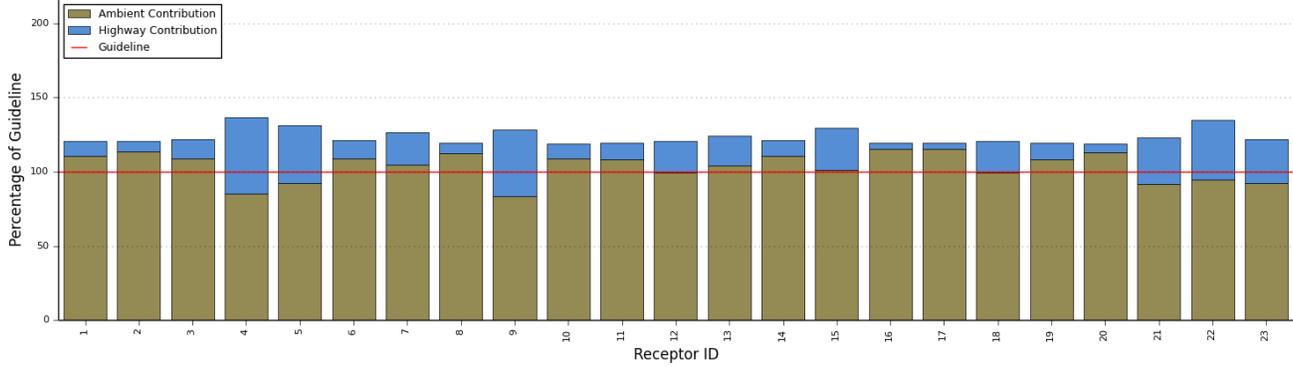


Figure A1: Receptor R1-R6, R8-R11 Locations within the Study Area

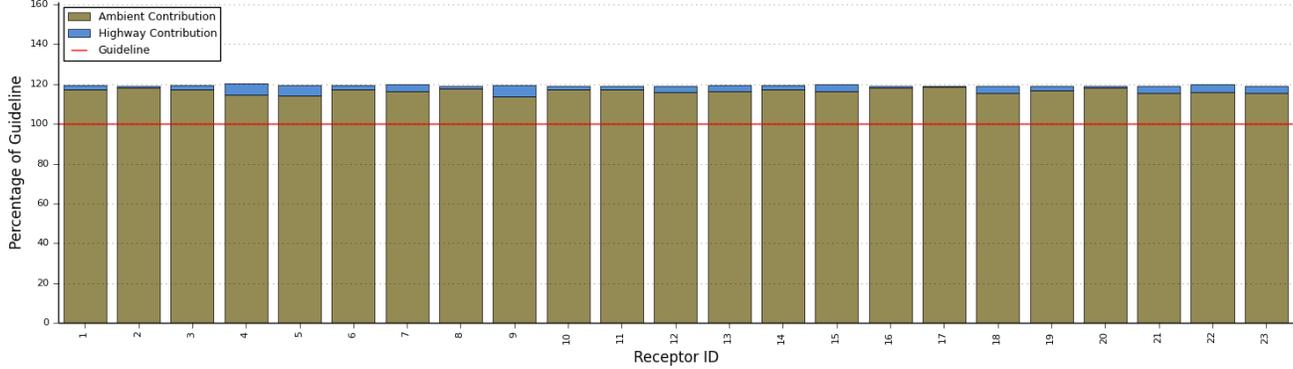


Figure A2: Receptor R7-R and R12-R23 Locations within the Study Area

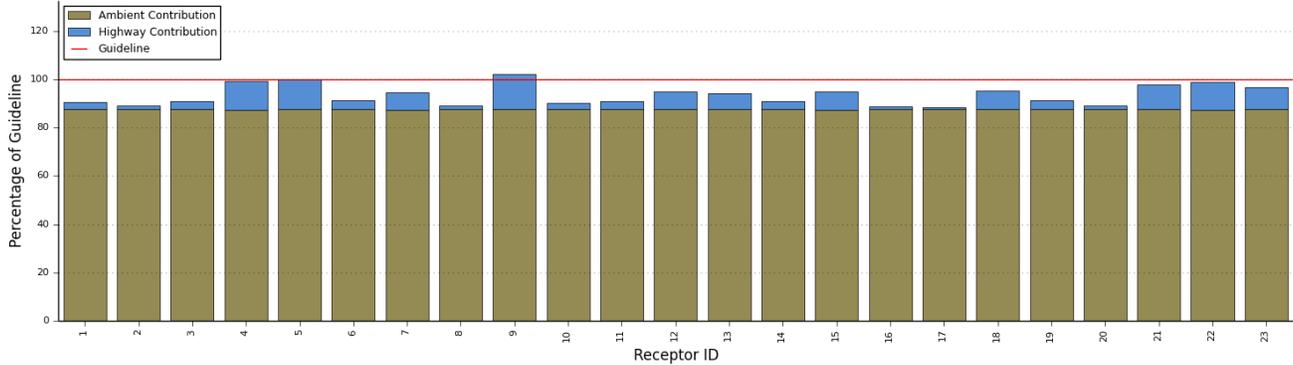
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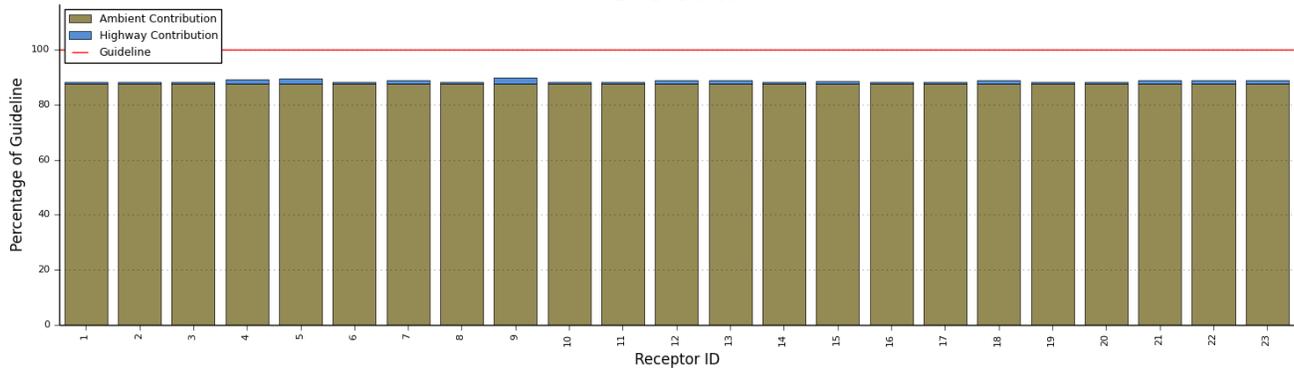
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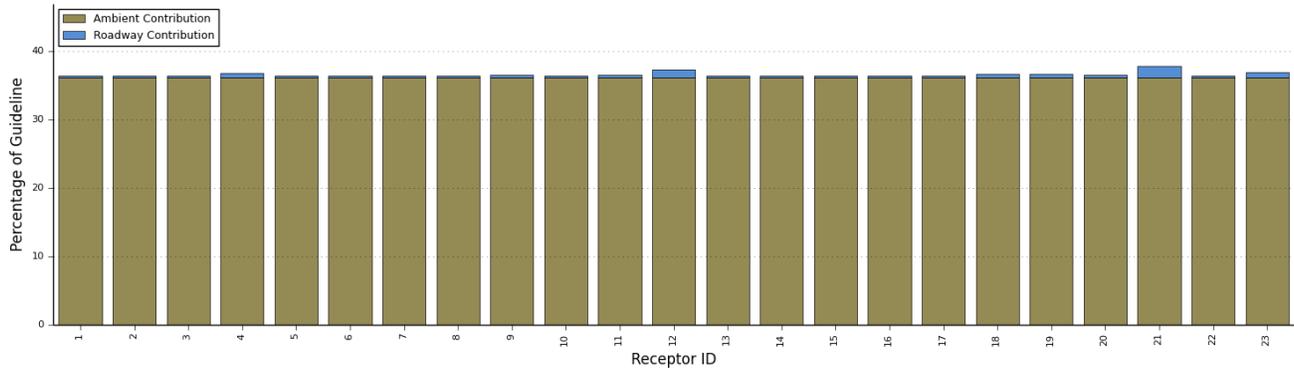
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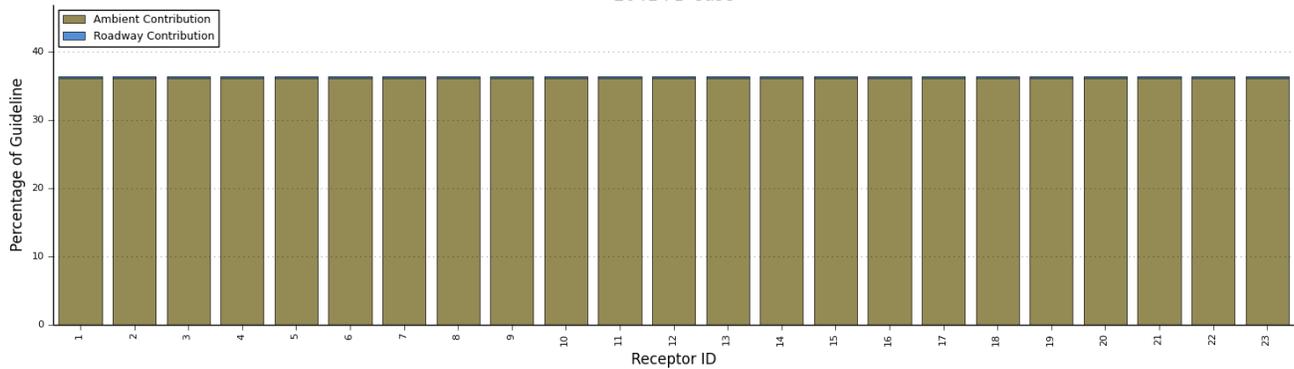
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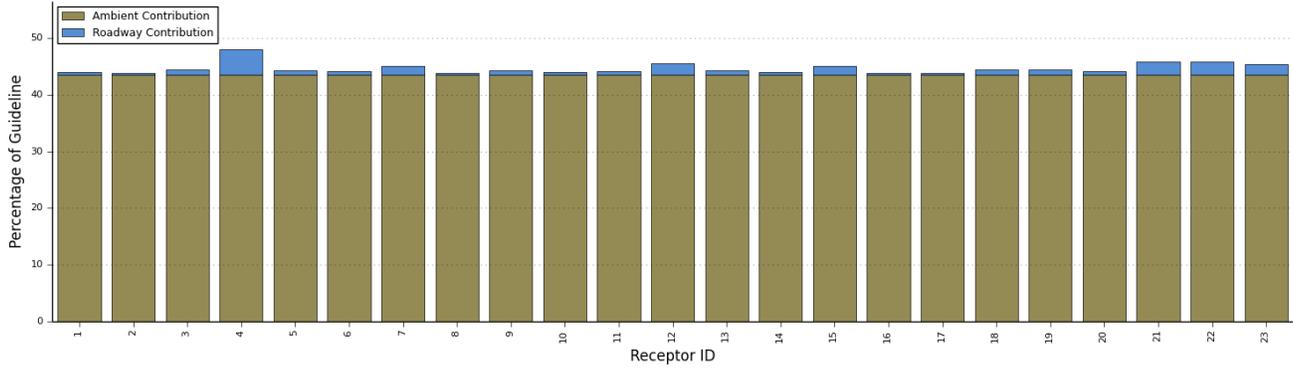
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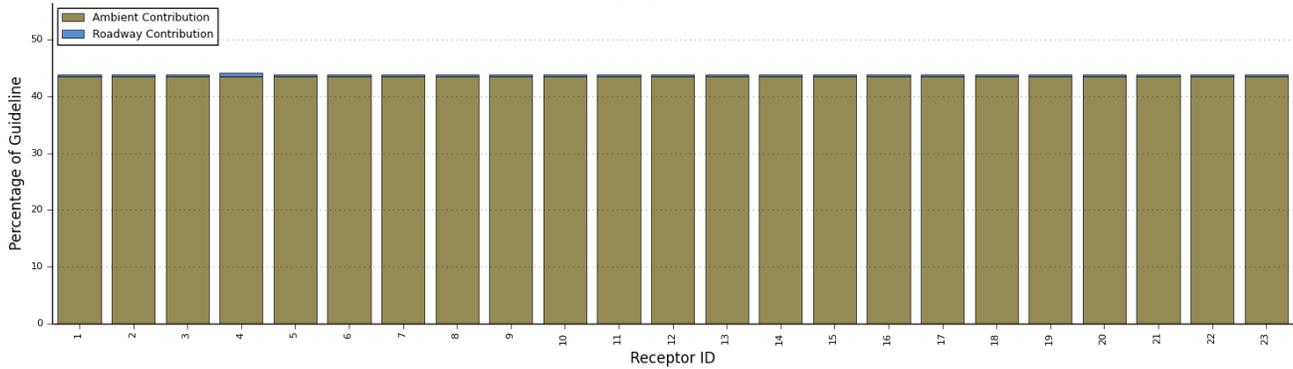
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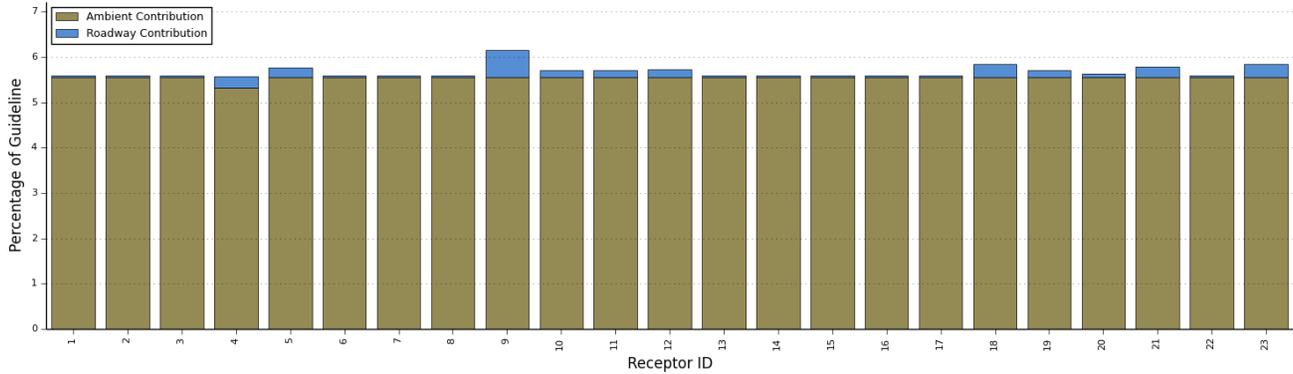
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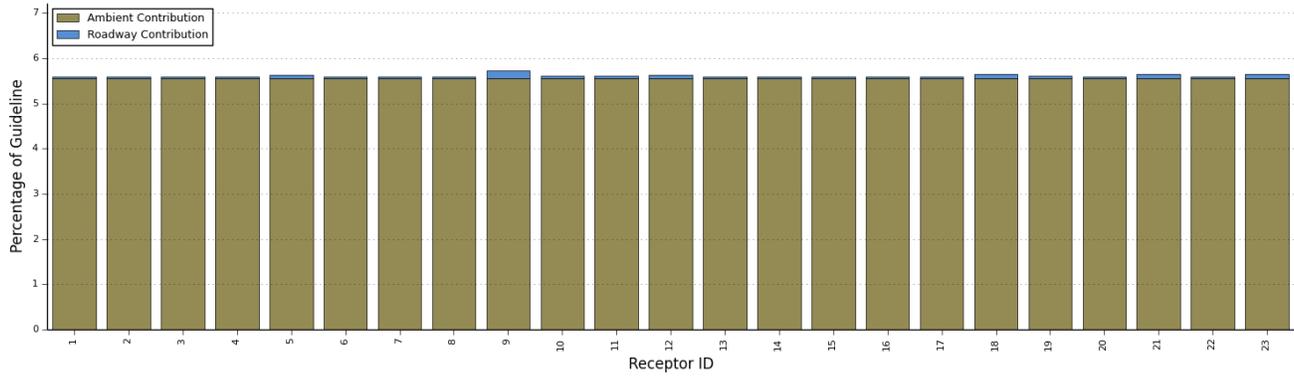
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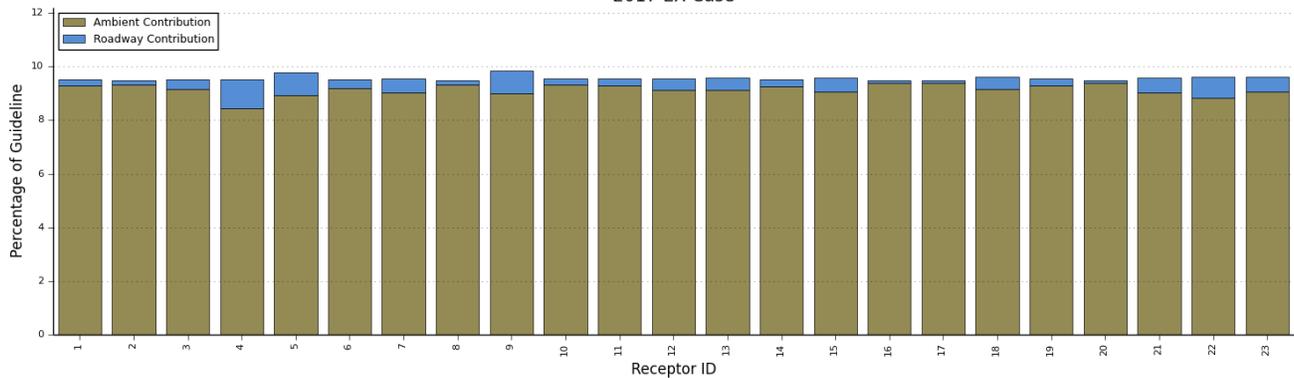
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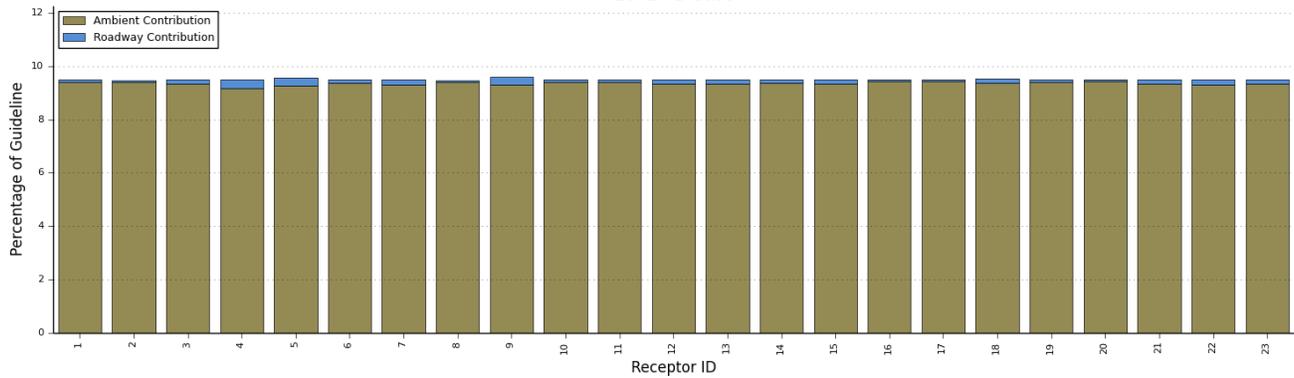
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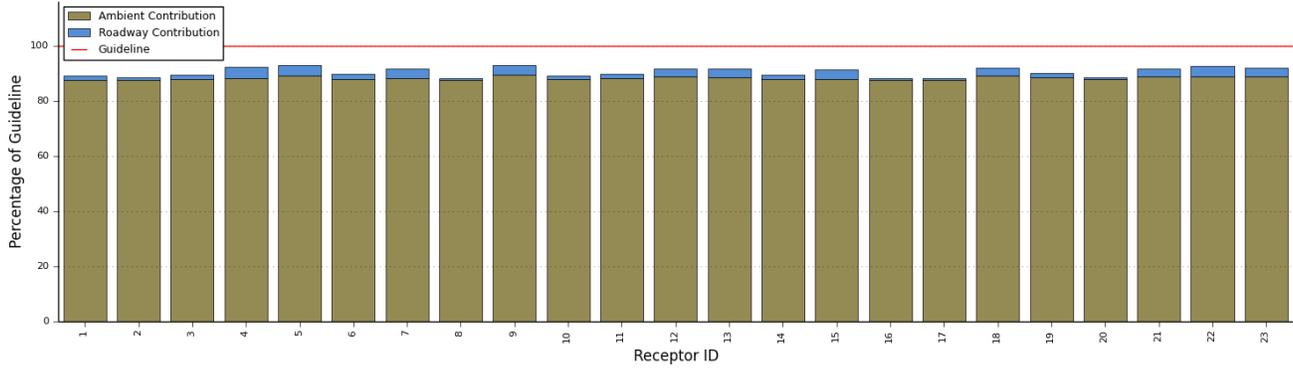
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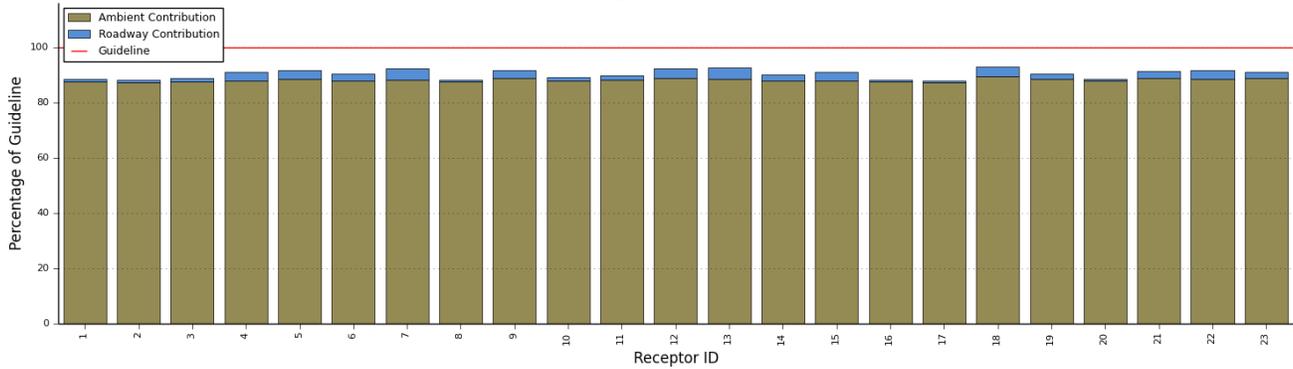
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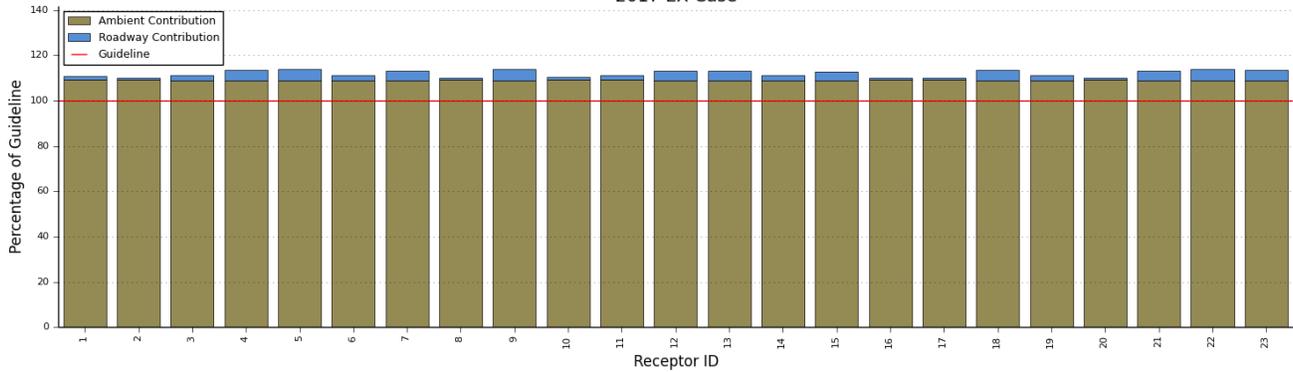
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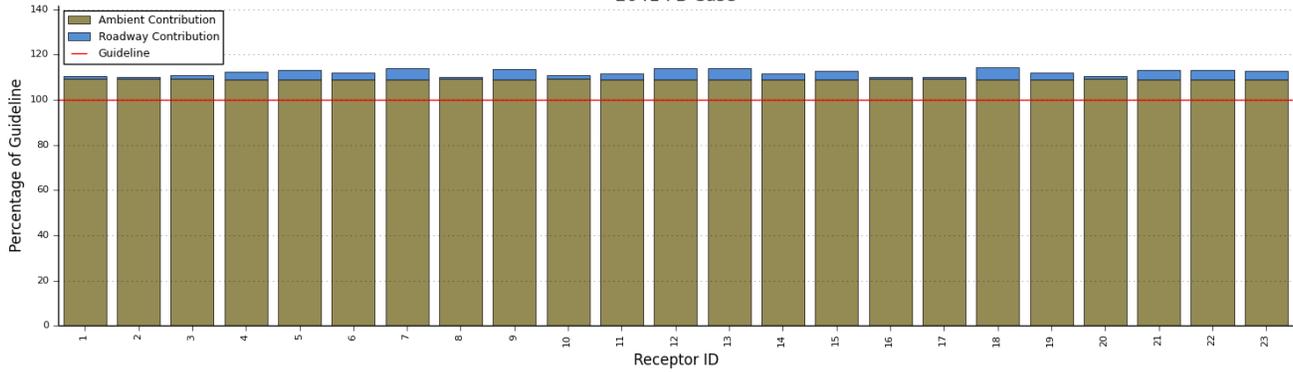
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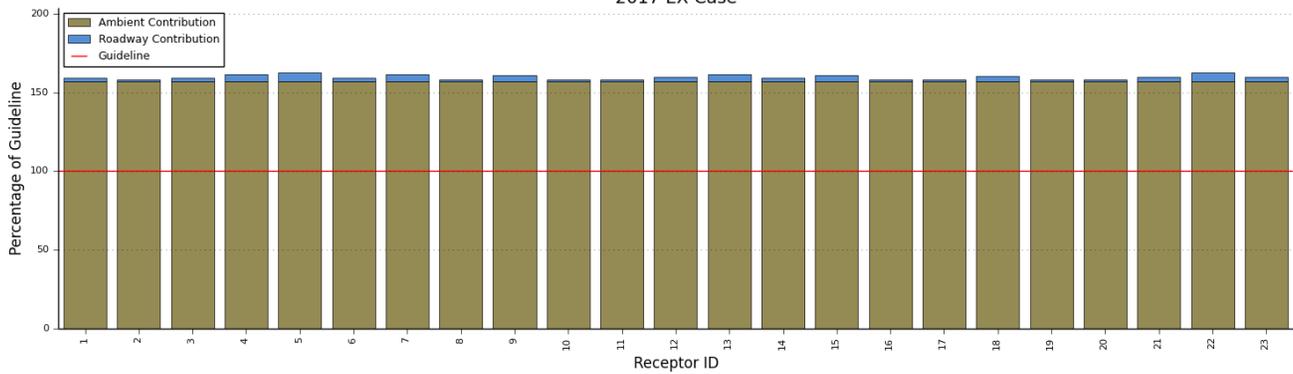
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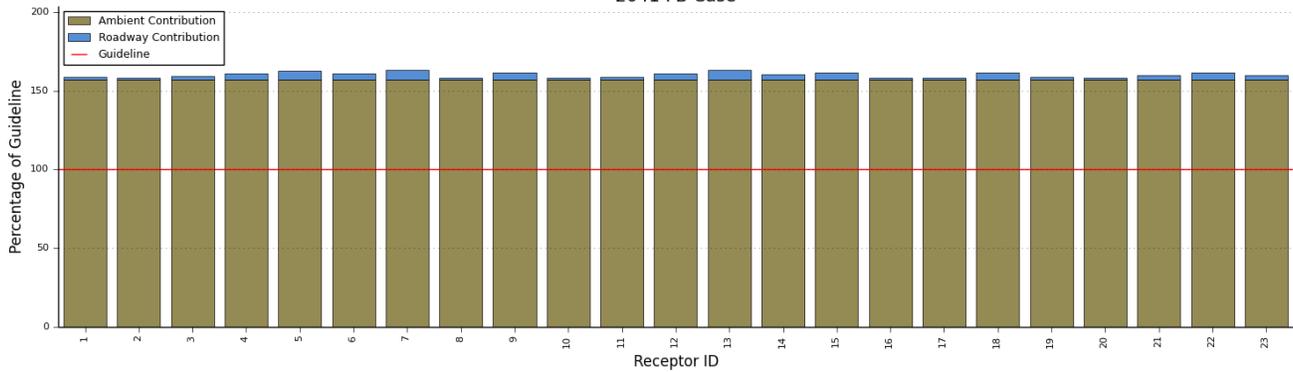
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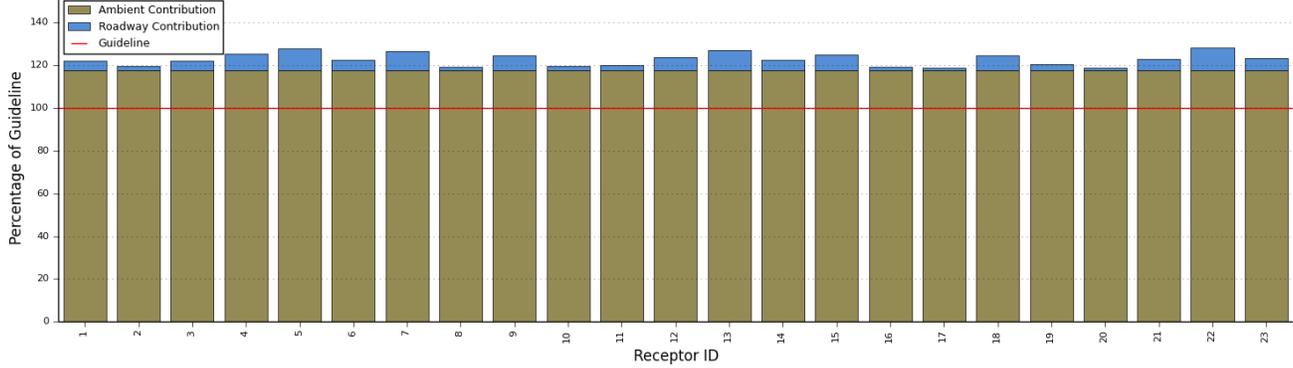
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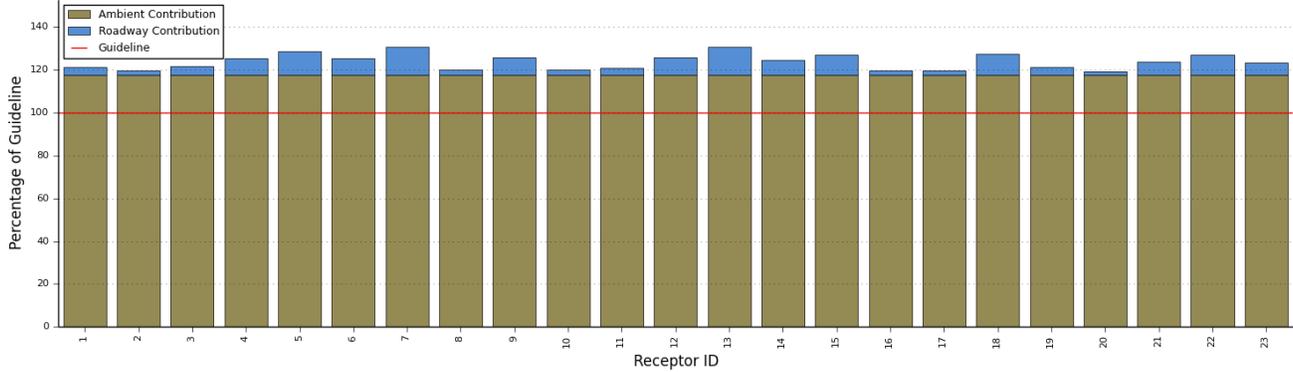
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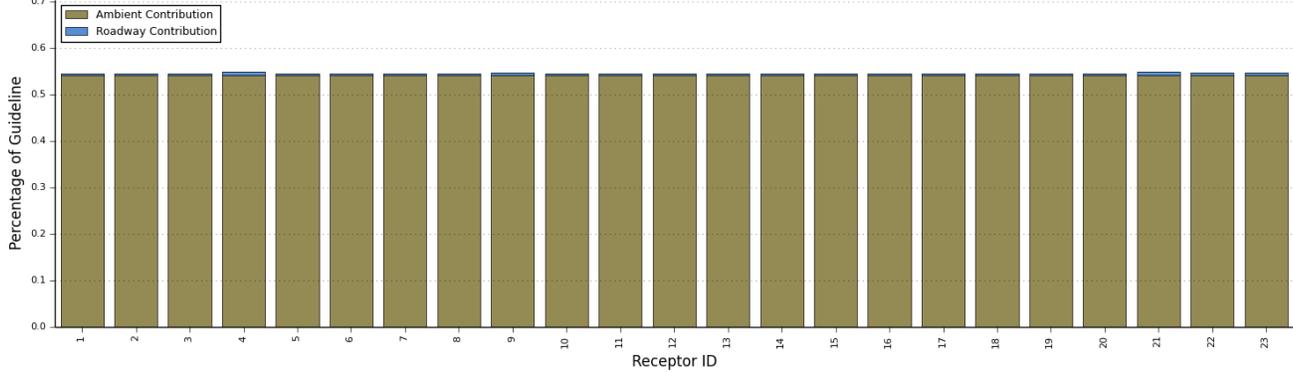
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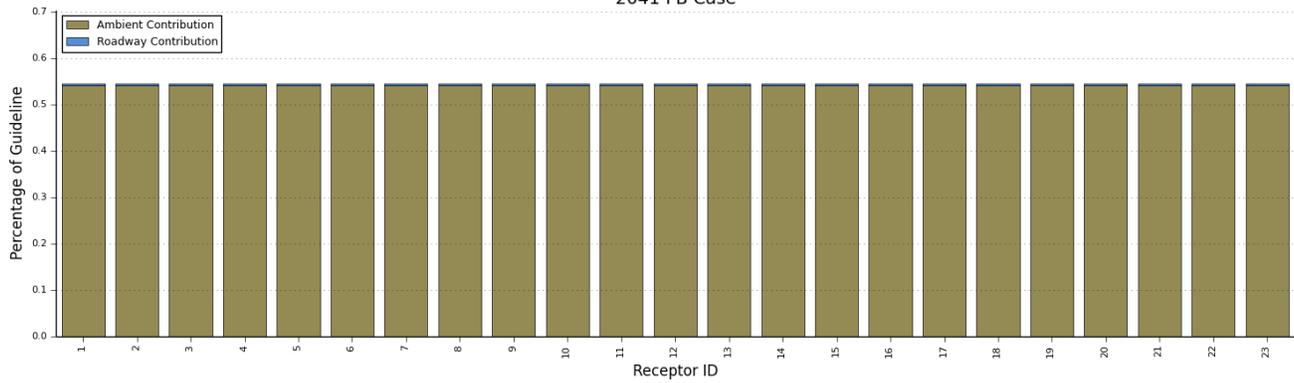
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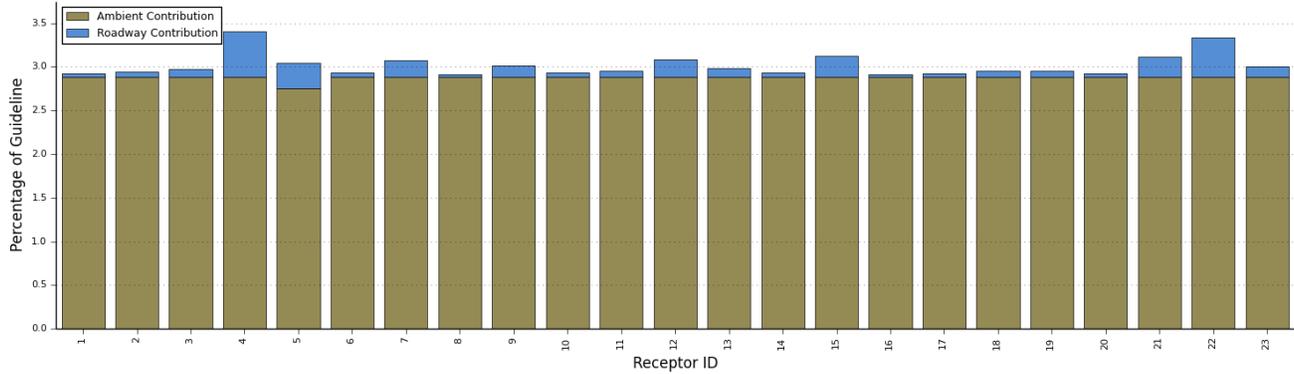
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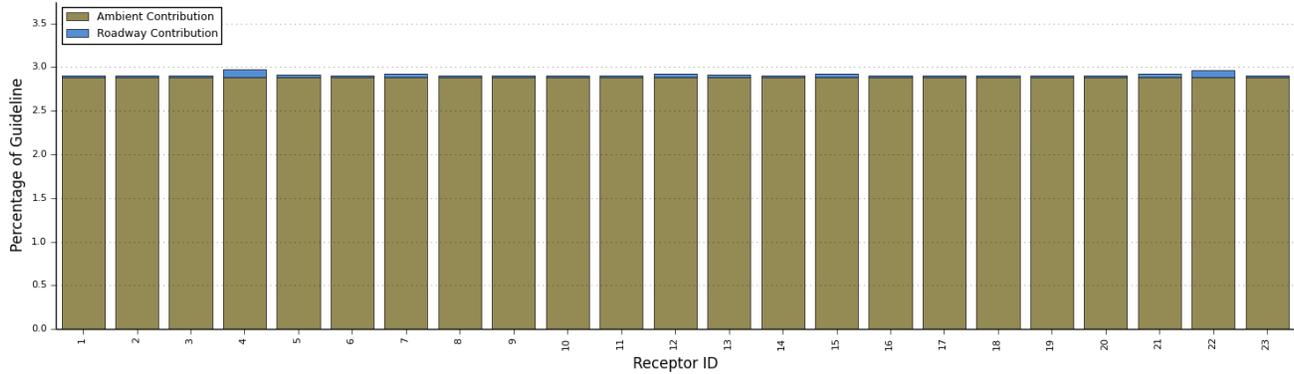
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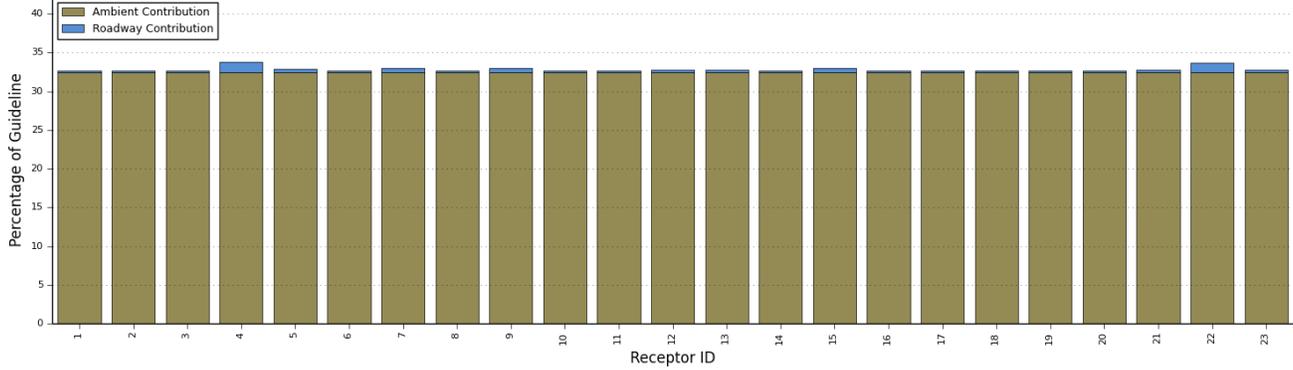
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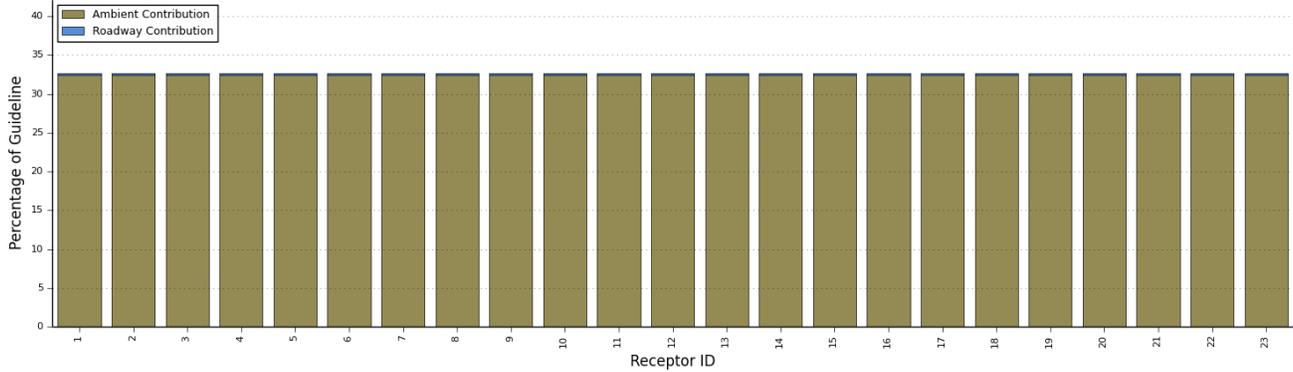
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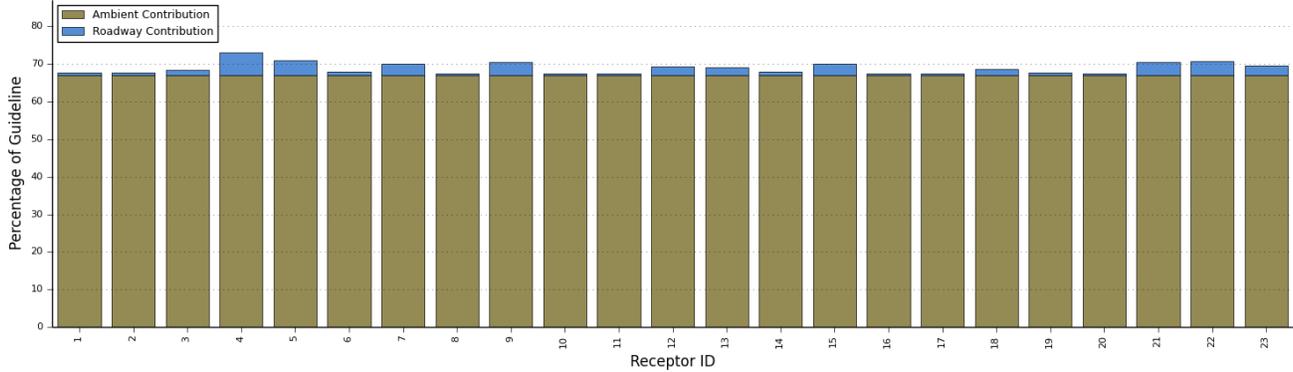
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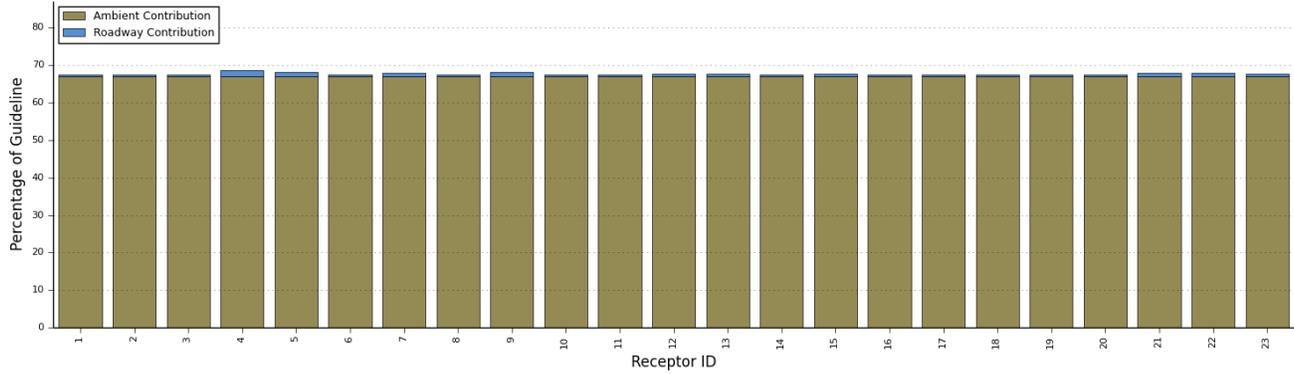
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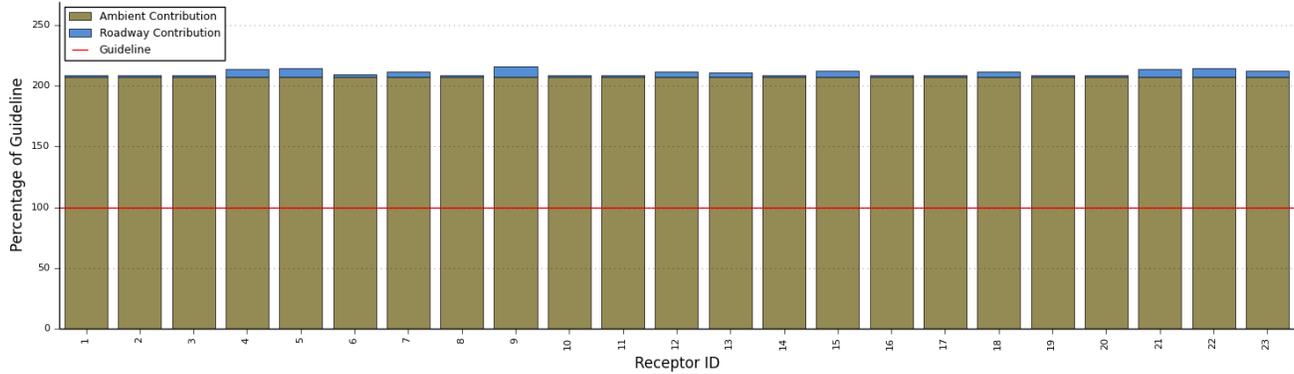
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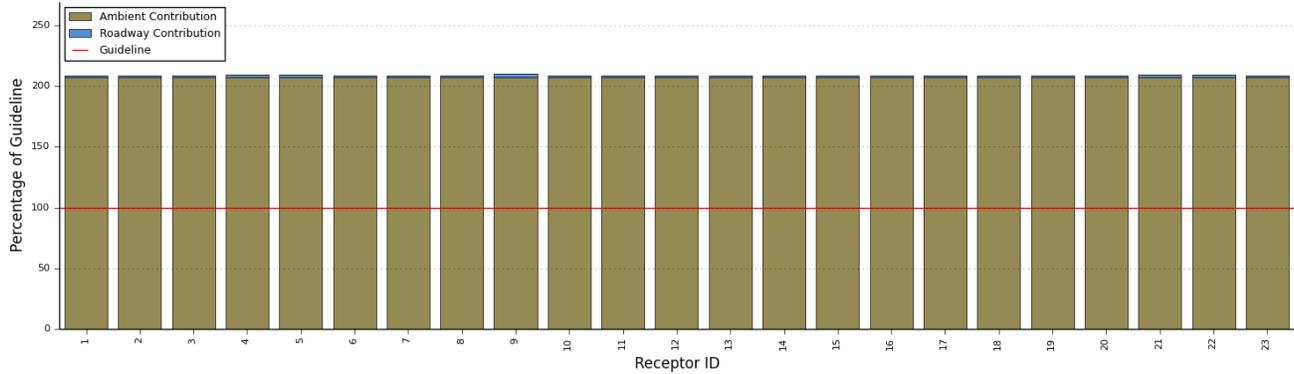
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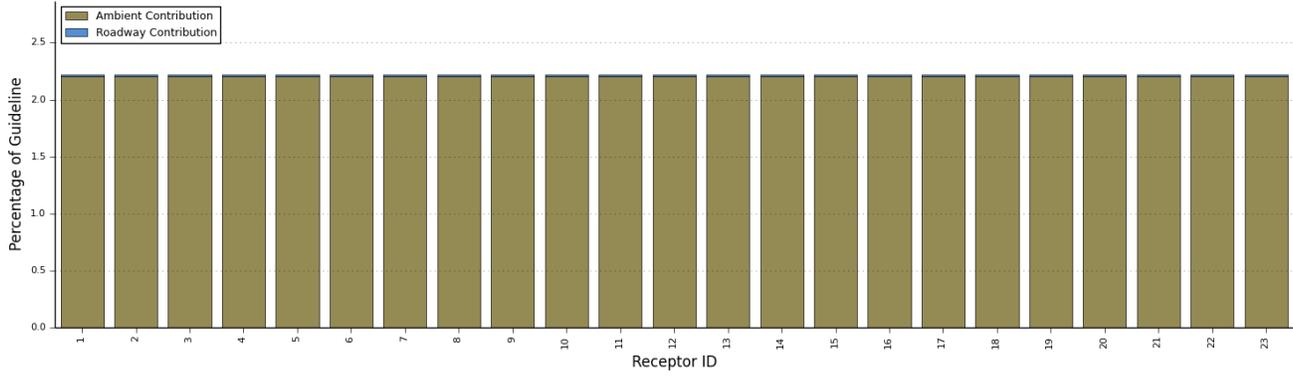
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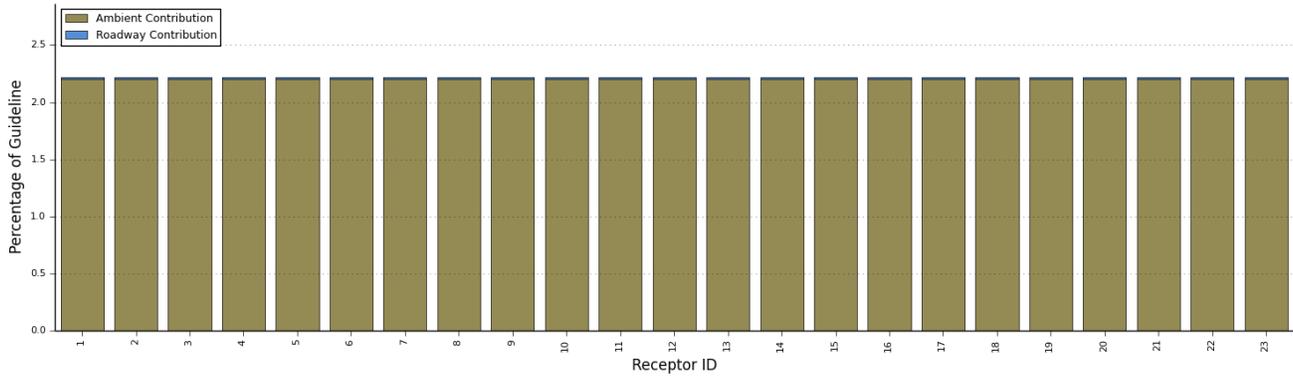
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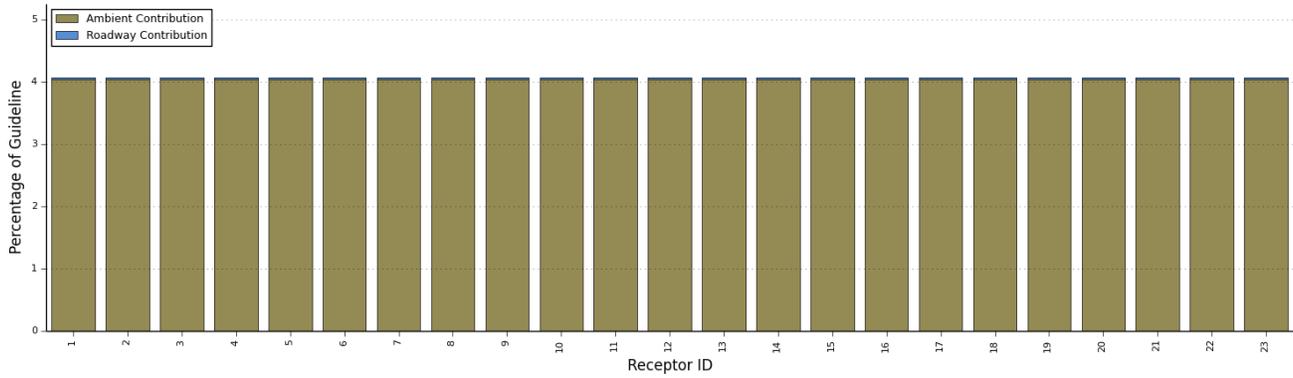
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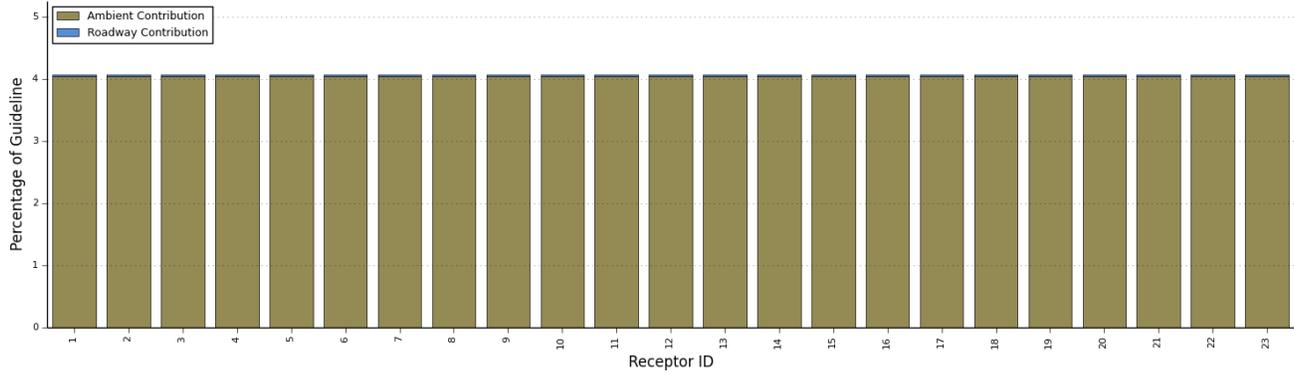
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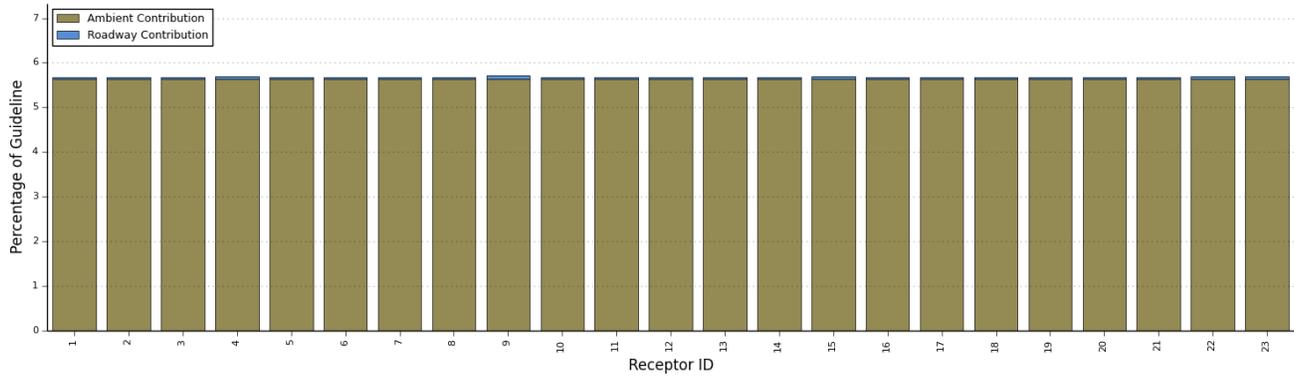
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