

# Solutions to Infrastructure Asset Location Cross Referencing

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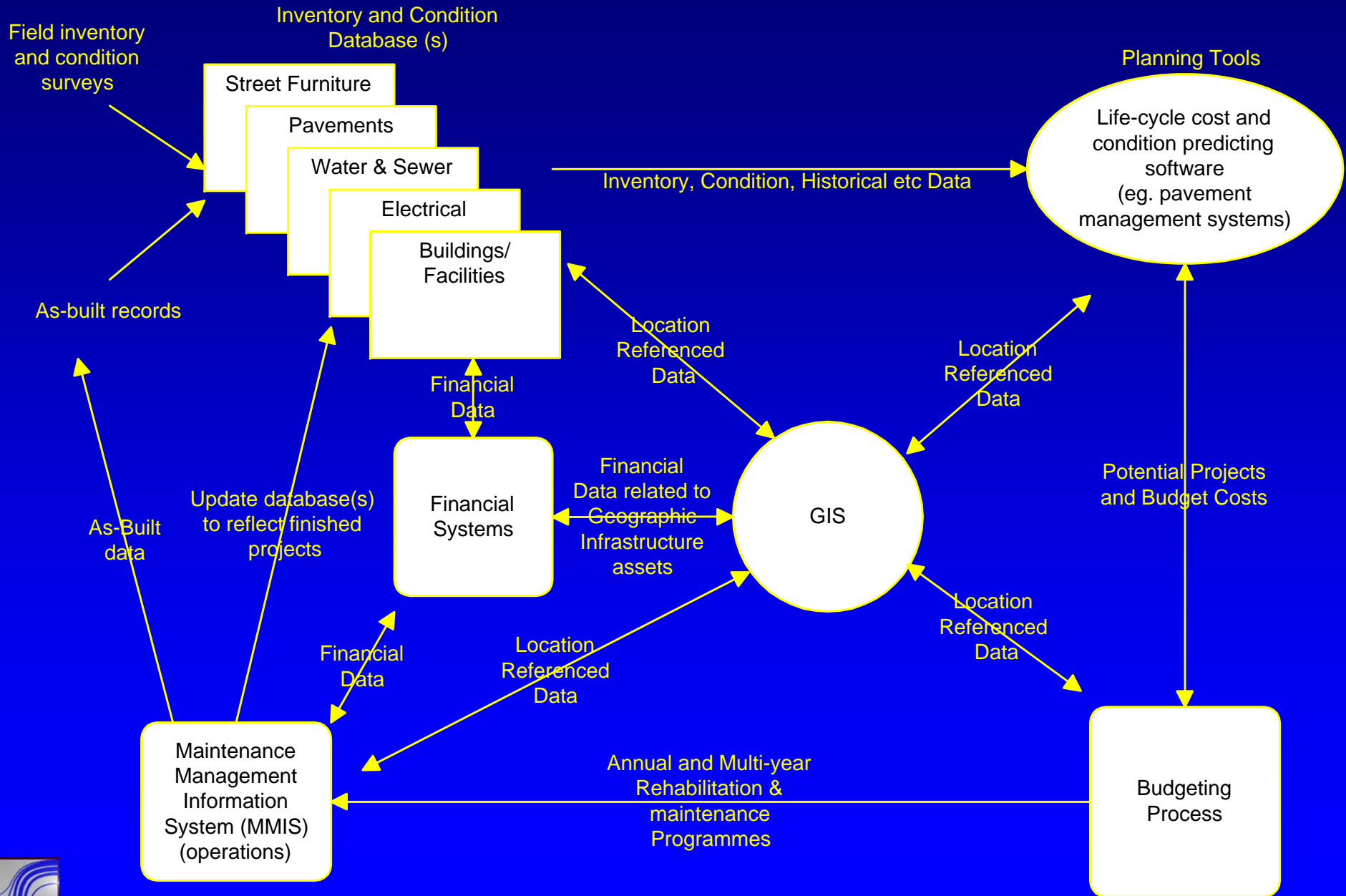
- **Integrating road management with other management Systems through GIS**
- **Linear Referencing in GIS**
- **Managing data synchronization**
- **Using GIS as a data collection tool**



# **Integrating road management with other management Systems through GIS**

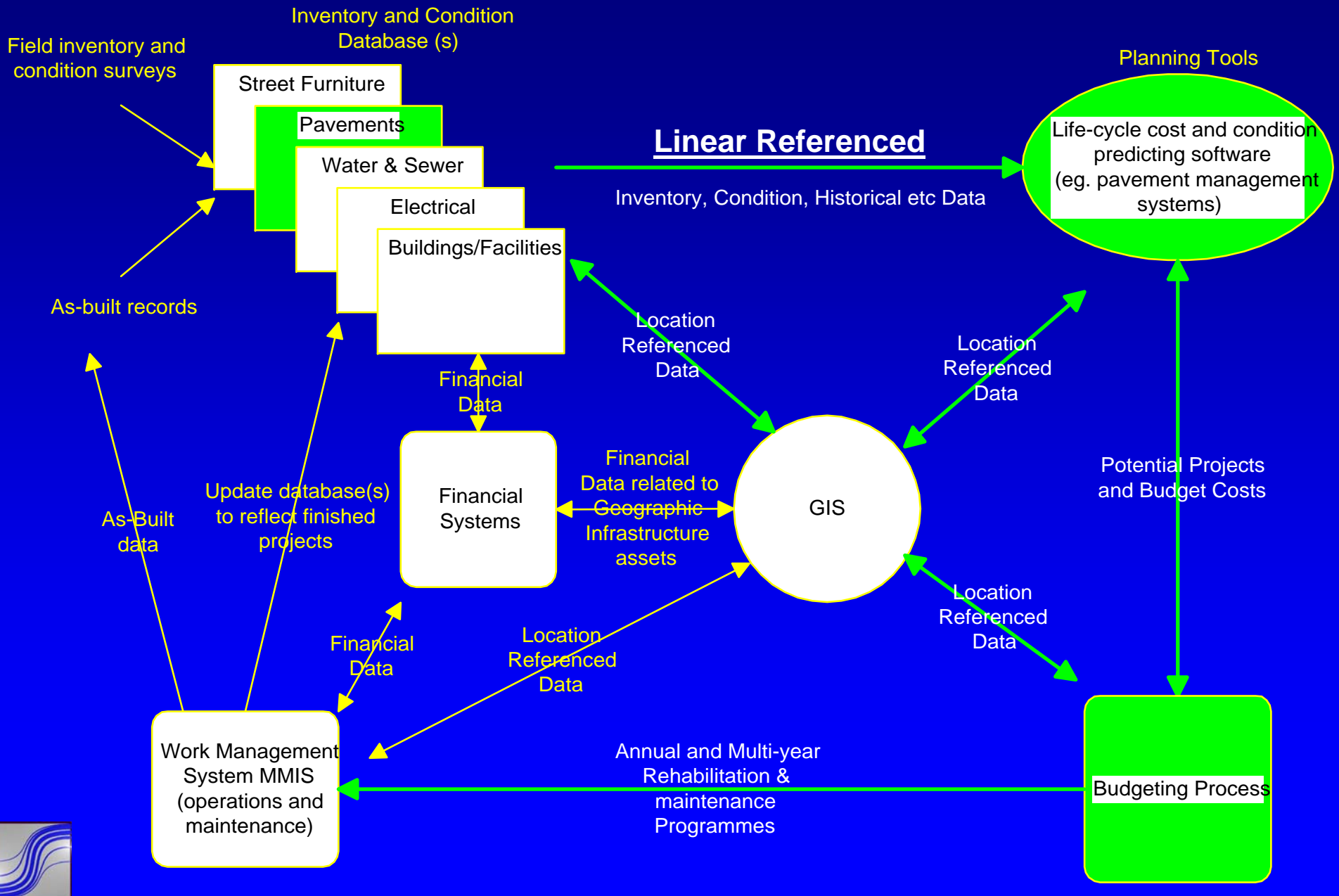


# Current "Vision" of a Total Municipal Infrastructure Asset Management System

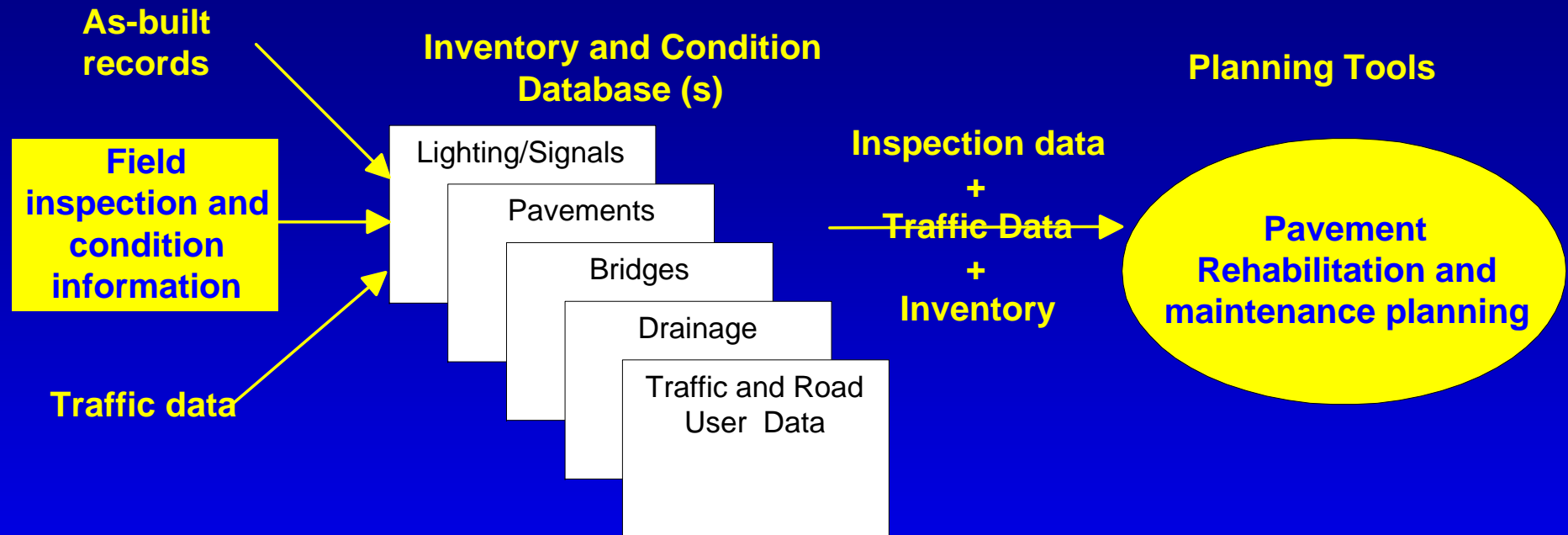




# Pavement Management System Components



# Several data types must be combined to be used for planning and asset management



Need good locational cross-referencing !!

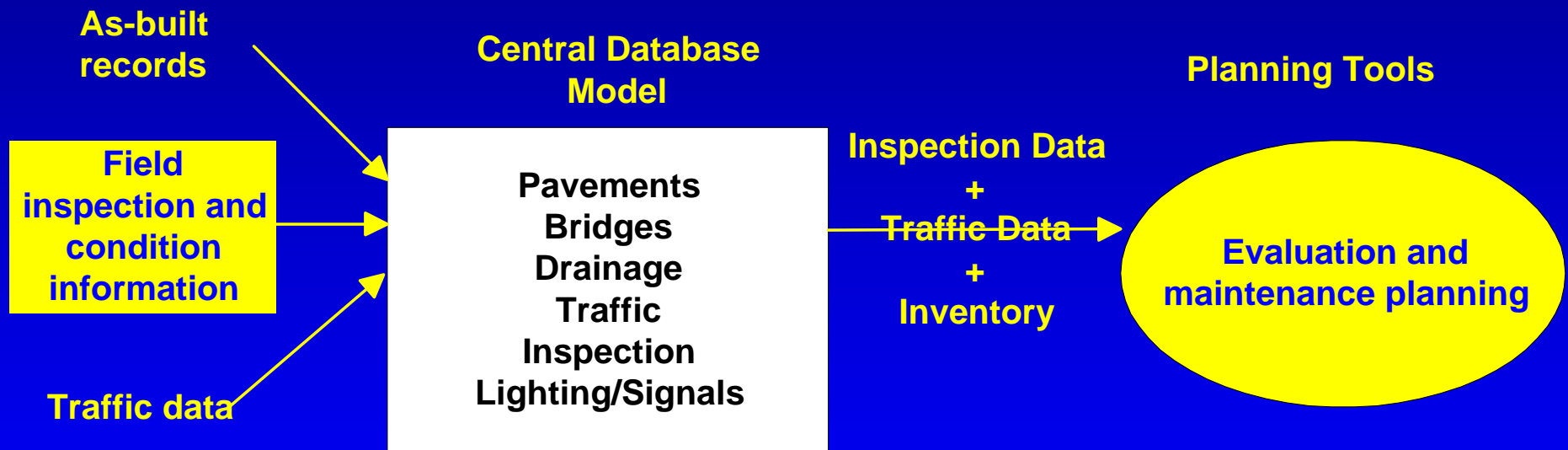


# The Key to Linking Data sets is Managing Location Referencing

- A Typical Agency uses Several Different Location Referencing Methods
  - Fixed link segments used for Capital/Capacity Planning
  - Different Fixed Link Segments Used for Maintenance Management;
  - Reference point descriptions, (such as Intersection names), used by police for accidents;
  - Linear referencing used for Road Inventory/condition;
  - Spatial Referencing, (longitude/latitude or x,y coordinates), GPS locations – traffic signs.
  - Geo-referencing (street addresses)



Cross -location Referencing can be done by forcing all data types to use the same method - all data types use the same fixed links



This is difficult and does not work well



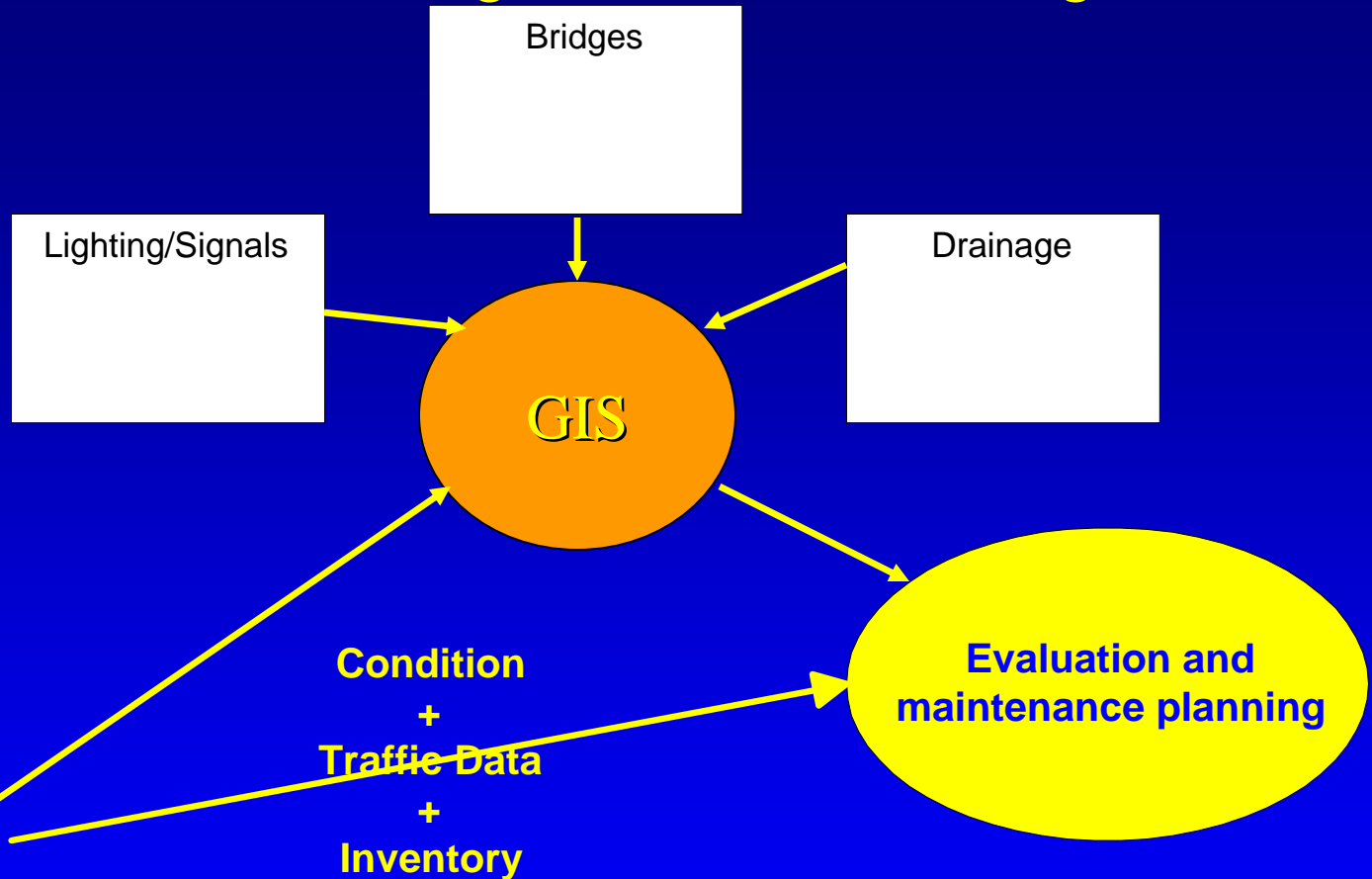
# Or locational cross-referencing can be done using GIS

Dynamic segmentation database for linear referenced data

Traffic and Road User Data

Roadway Inventory

Pavement Condition



Much easier !!

life cycle cost analysis and Asset management software

# Data from any other application can be linked to the road management System through GIS

- **Bridges (linear referencing)**
- **Traffic Accidents (reference points)**
- **Maintenance Costs (fixed links)**
- **Roadside furniture (x,y coordinates)**
- **Water/Sewer**
- **Sidewalks**
- **Street Lights etc.**

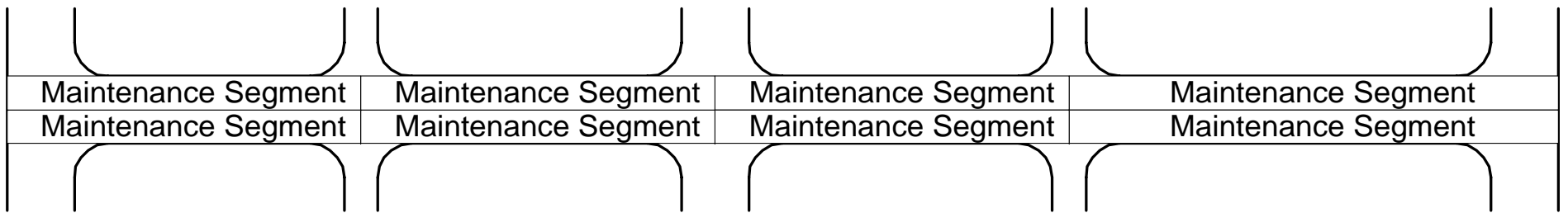
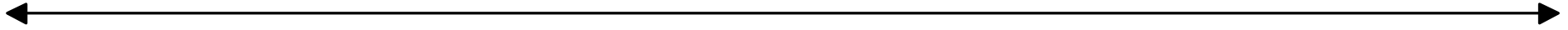


# Traditional Method of Referencing Data to Maps

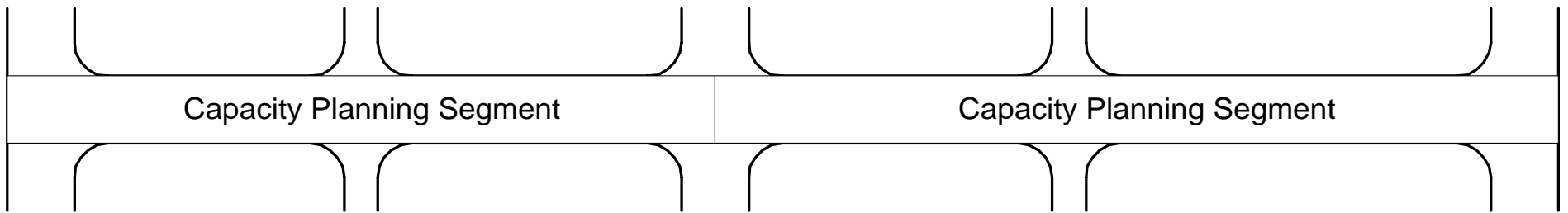
- Map Objects
  - data points
  - Nodes
  - PolyLines
  - Polyshapes
- Data tables are linked/attached to these objects through the use of related object identification numbers



Street



Maintenance Segments

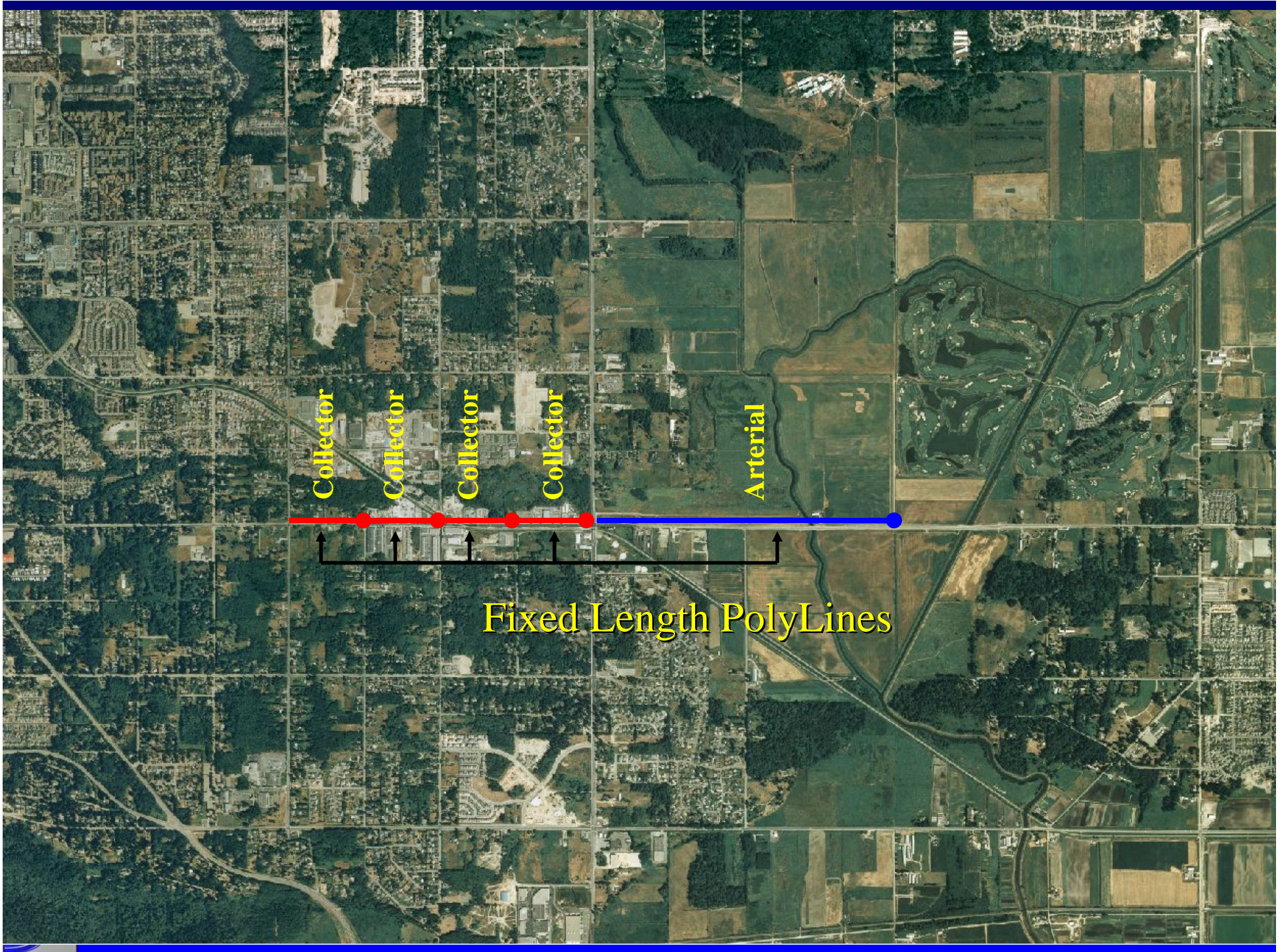


Capacity Planning Segments

# Typical Fixed Link Objects









# Shapes - PolyLines

Identify Results

1: R91 Centrelines - Major Collector (Existing)

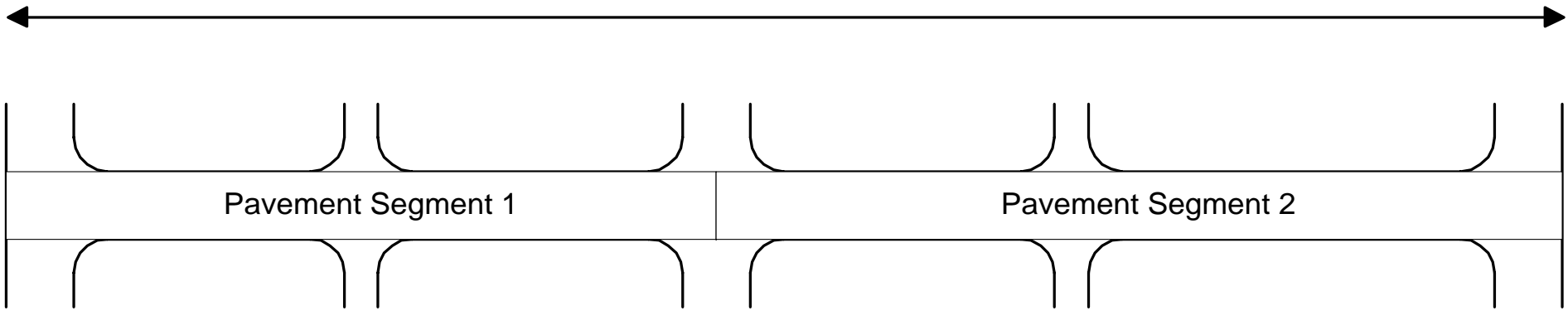
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Tnode_	718	Define Shape and Location
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Rpoly_	0	
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Type	Major Collector (Existing)	Data

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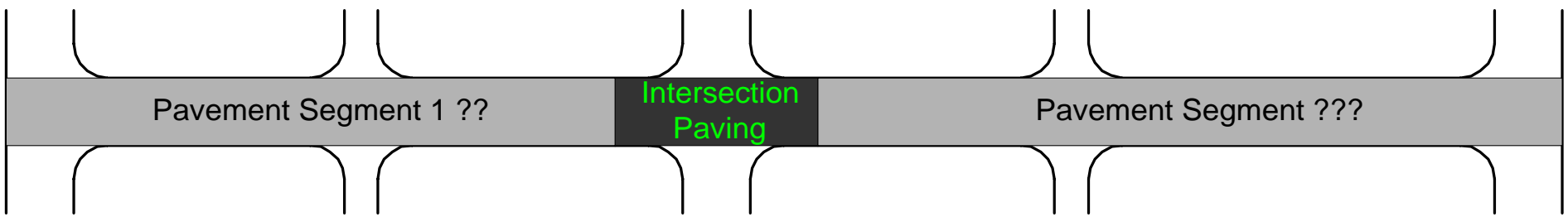
- Problem with Fixed Length PolyLines
  - Data is applied to the entire polyline
  - Length and Location of each line must be synchronized with the database each time the database changes - not practical for pavements!!!



ROAD



Homogeneous Pavement Segments in **1994**

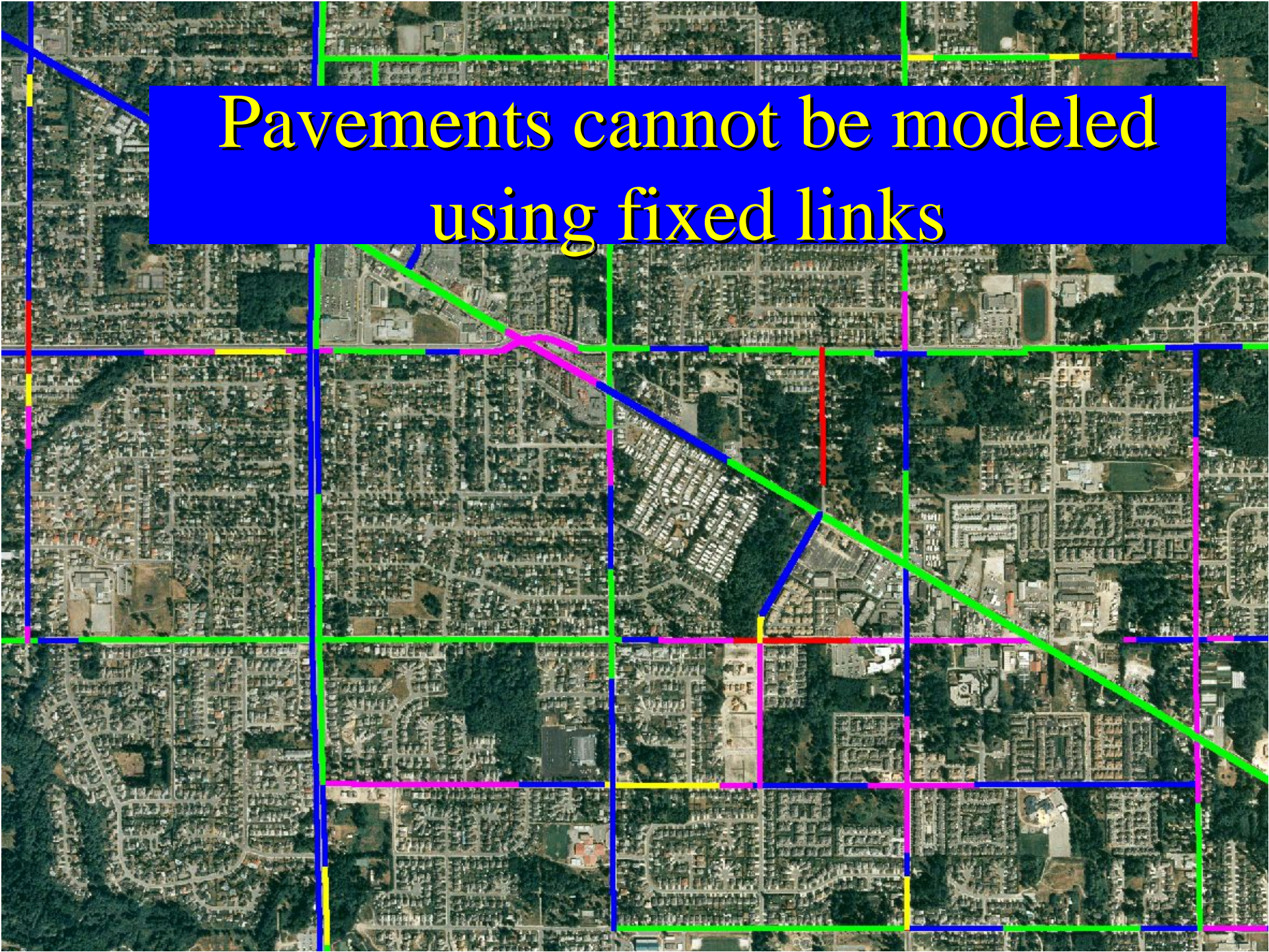


Homogeneous Pavement Segments in **2001**

Homogeneous Pavement Segments  
Are Not Static !!!

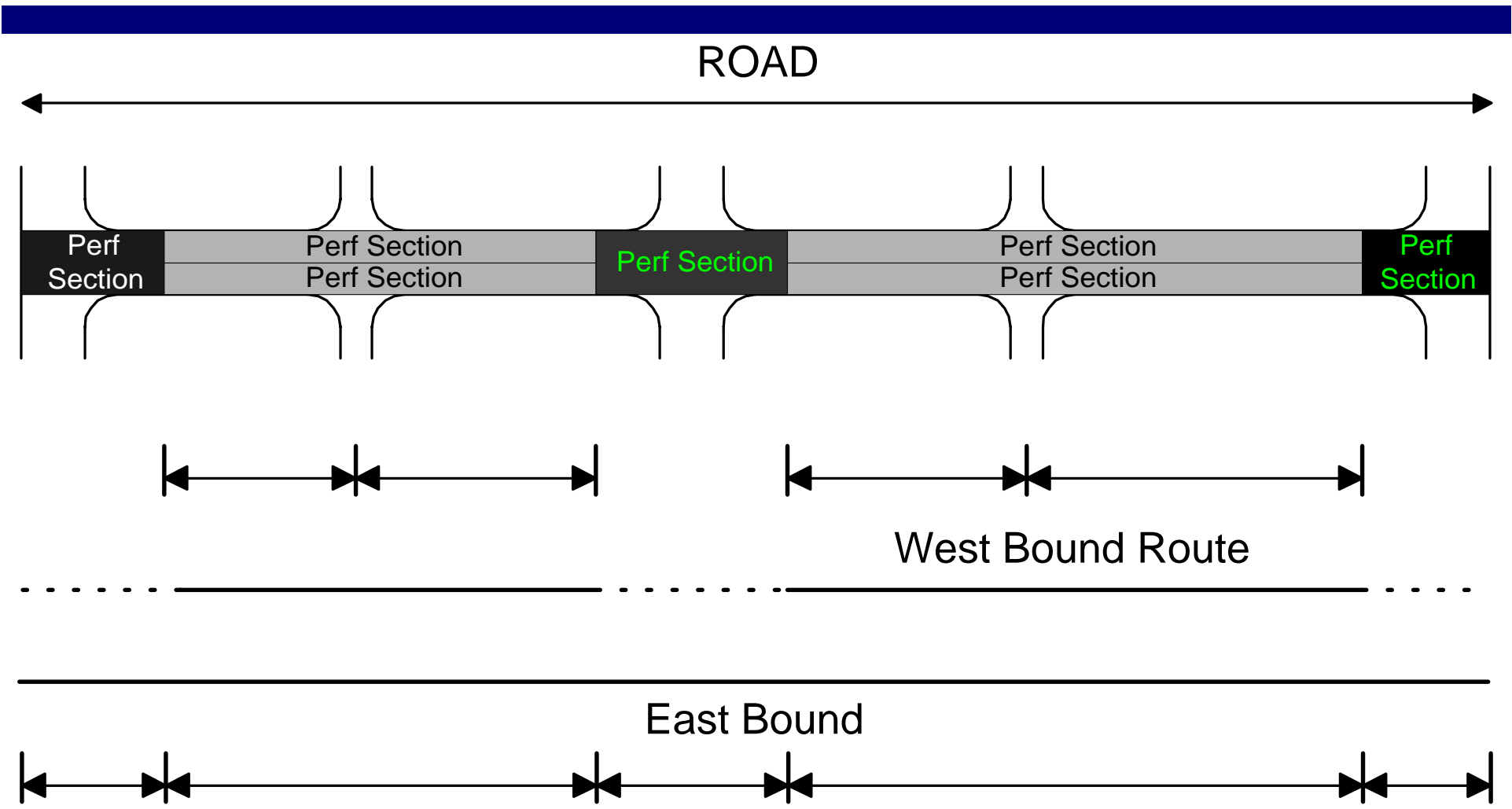






Pavements cannot be modeled  
using fixed links





The simplest way to model complex and continuously changing segments is by using linear referencing and dynamic segmentation



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7+266

9+403

10+887

## Linear Referencing



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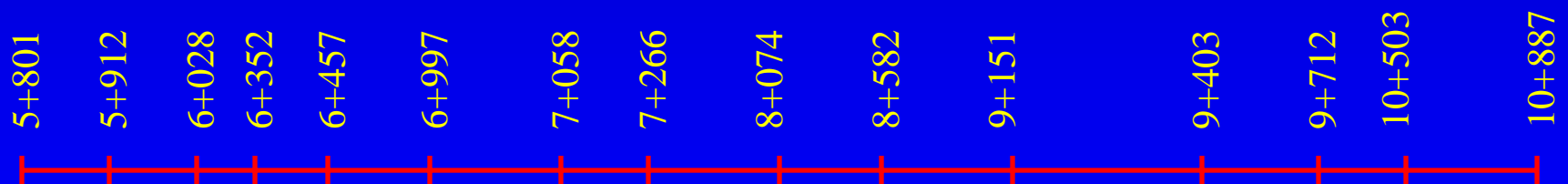
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Attributes of Major Road Network

Shape	Pavement#	Pavementid	Gis_names
PolyLine	63	7400	74 Ave
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PolyLine	66	8200	82 Ave
PolyLine	67	8401	84 Ave WBL
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PolyLine	69	7600	76 Ave
PolyLine	70	7500	75A/75 Ave
PolyLine	71	10401	104 Ave WBL
PolyLine	72	10500	105 Ave
PolyLine	73	9900	99 Ave
PolyLine	74	10000	100 Ave
PolyLine	75	15750	110/108 Ave Connector
PolyLine	76	12050	120A St
PolyLine	77	12100	121 St
PolyLine	78	12200	122 St
PolyLine	79	12350	123A St
PolyLine	80	12600	126 St
PolyLine	81	13000	130 St

Inventory

Gis_name	Fofffrom	Foffto	Class	Fdescfrom	Fdescto	Aadt
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80 Ave	6028	6352	C	166 St	167A St	2500
80 Ave	6352	6457	C	167A St	168 St (Back)	2500
80 Ave	6458	6997	A	168 St (Ahea)	170A St	1600
80 Ave	6997	7058	A	170A St		1600
80 Ave	7058	7266	A		172 St	1600
80 Ave	7266	8074	A	172 St	176 St	1600
80 Ave	8074	8582	A	176 St		2100
80 Ave	8582	9151	A		HARVIE ROAD	2100
80 Ave	9151	9403	A		HARVIE ROAD	2100
80 Ave	9403	9712	A		184 St	2100
80 Ave	9712	10503	A	184 St	188 St	2000
80 Ave	10503	10887	A	188 St		2000
80 Ave	10887	11293	A		192 St	2000
80 Ave	11293	12131	A	192 St	196 St	2264
82 Ave	0	78	C	120 St		5700
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Linear references are stored in a database table



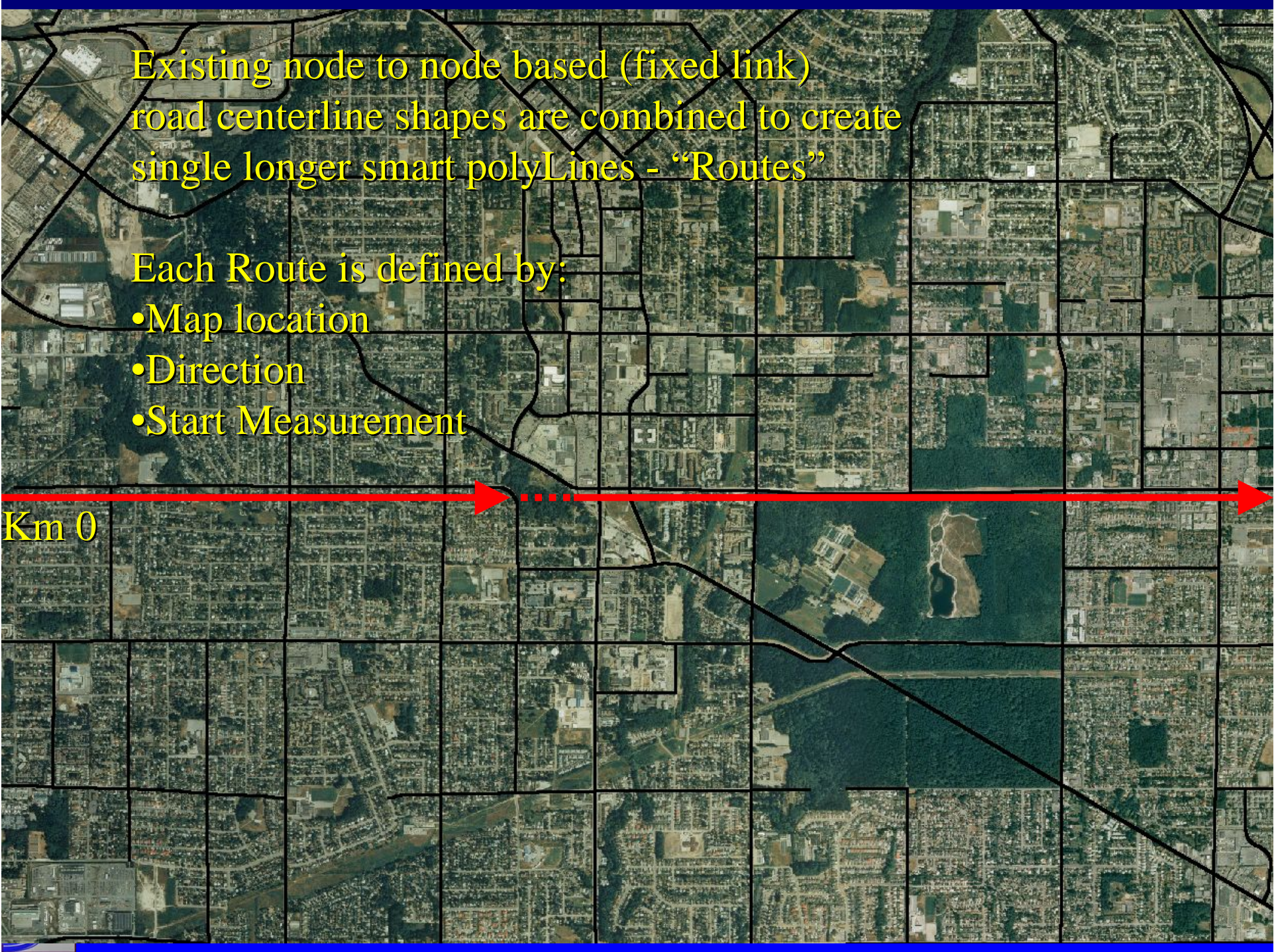




Advanced type of Polyline - PolyLineM (Route)





An aerial photograph of a city street grid is overlaid with a network of black lines representing road centerlines. A prominent red line with arrowheads at both ends is drawn horizontally across the middle of the map. This red line follows a specific path: it is solid from the left edge to a junction, then becomes dashed as it follows a curved road segment, and then becomes solid again from that junction to the right edge. The text and list are overlaid on the top-left portion of the map.

Existing node to node based (fixed link)  
road centerline shapes are combined to create  
single longer smart polyLines - "Routes"

Each Route is defined by:

- Map location
- Direction
- Start Measurement

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# The data table is linked to the Route by linear reference

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Smart PolyLine (Route)



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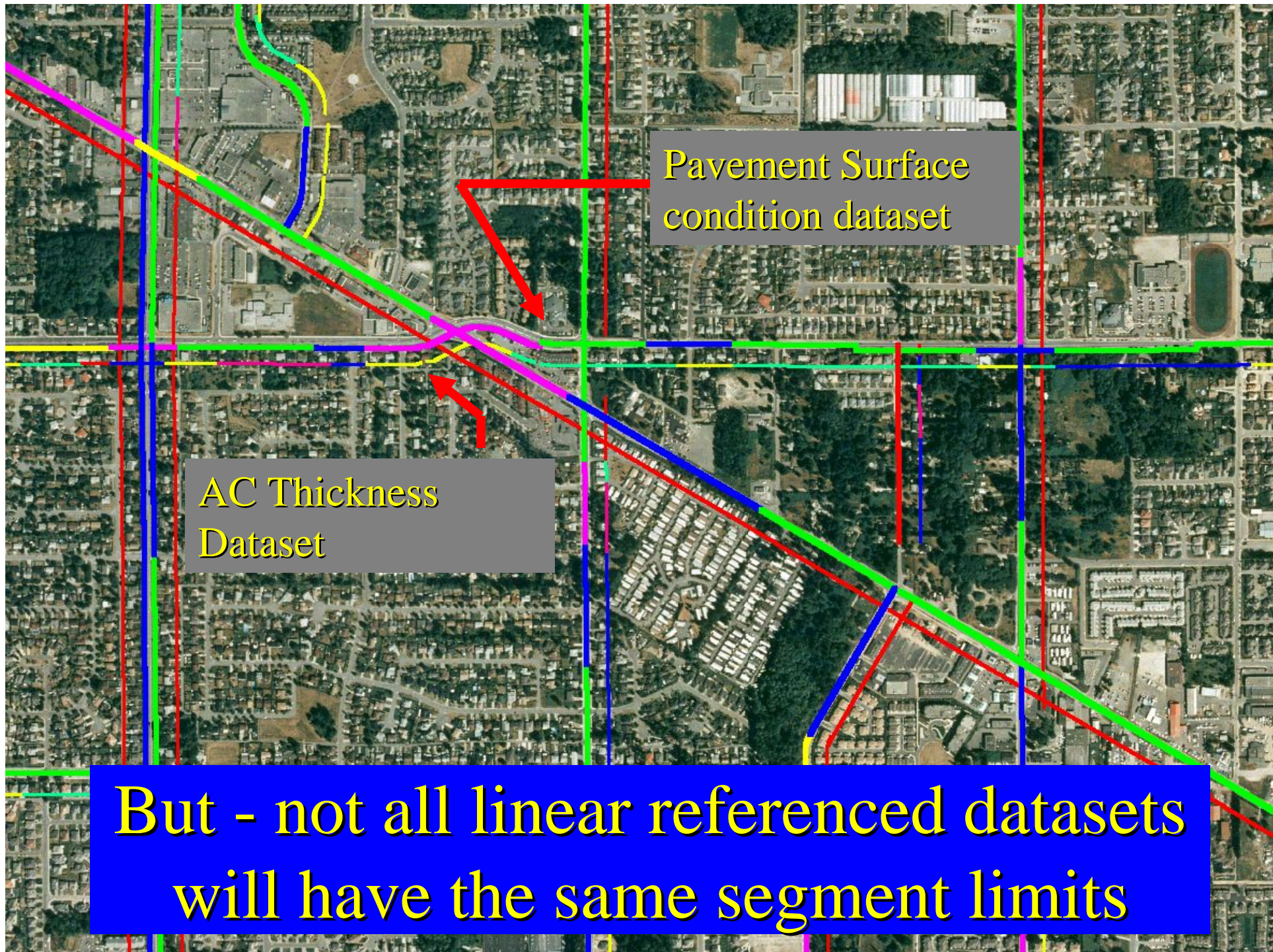
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82 Ave	1718	1829	C	128 St	132A St	8900 82
82 Ave	1829	1923	C	152A St	153 St	8900 82
82 Ave	1923	2094	C	153 St		8900 82
82 Ave	2094	2296	C	154 St		8900 82
82 Ave	2296	2535	C	154B St	156 St	8900 82
82 Ave	2535	2694	C	156 St		3000 82
82 Ave	2694	2747	C		157 St	3000 82

Linear Referencing

With PolyLineM's (Routes), the data need not be homogeneous along the length of the PolyLine and the start/end locations of the segments within a route may change in the data table without need to modify the Smart Polyline.

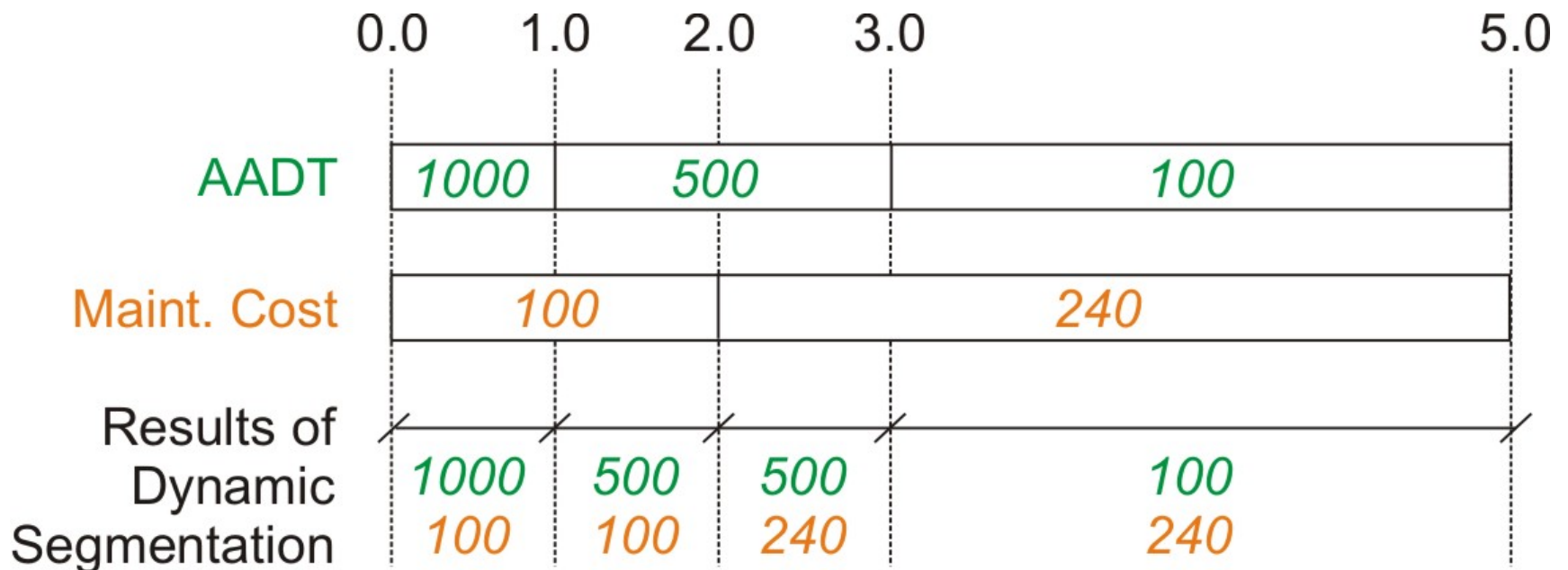
In the Context of GIS, this is called Dynamic Segmentation







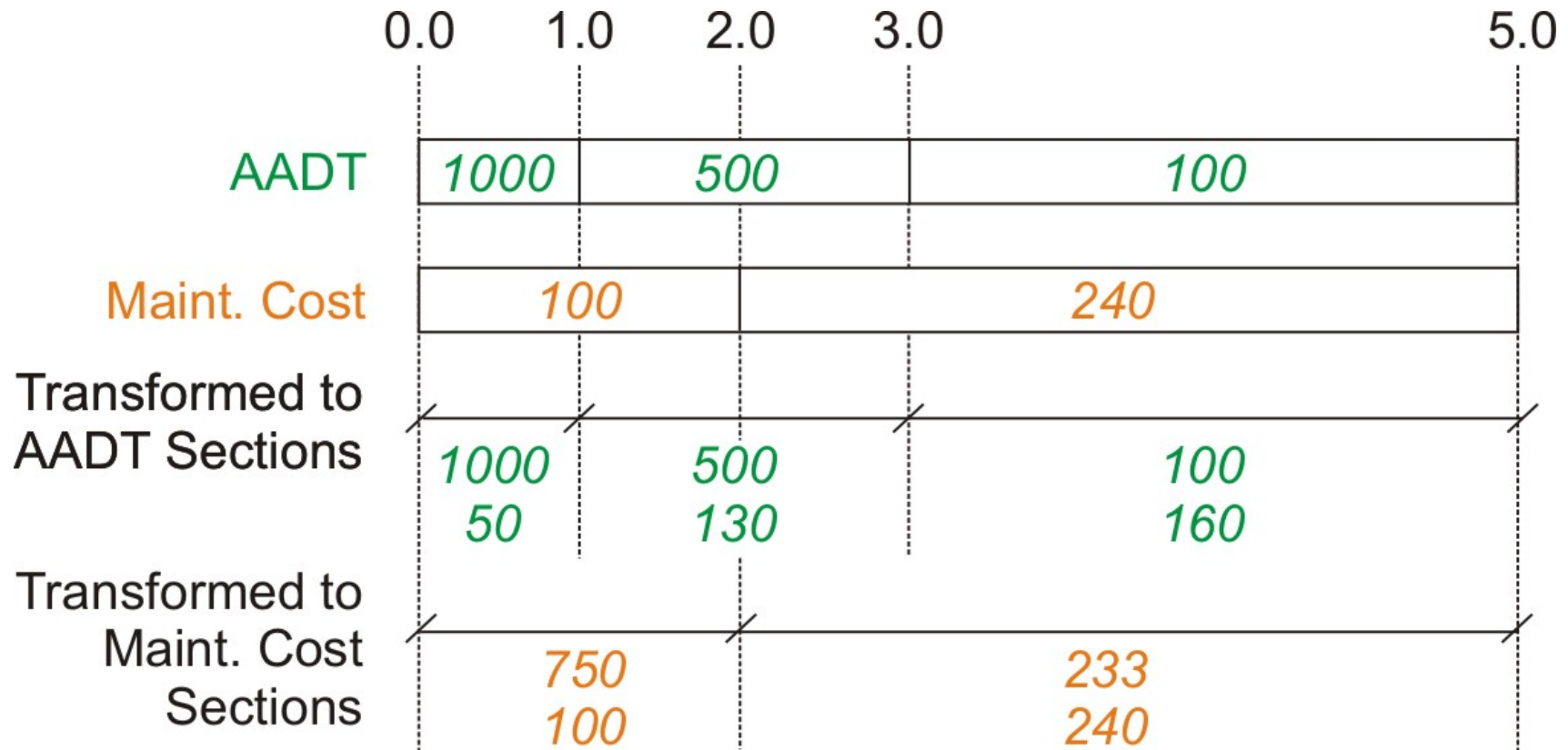
# Therefore we need a higher level of Dynamic Segmentation



**New segments resulting from higher level dynamic segmentation**



# and intelligent transfer of data between segments (dynamically)



**New values resulting from  
dynamic data transformation**

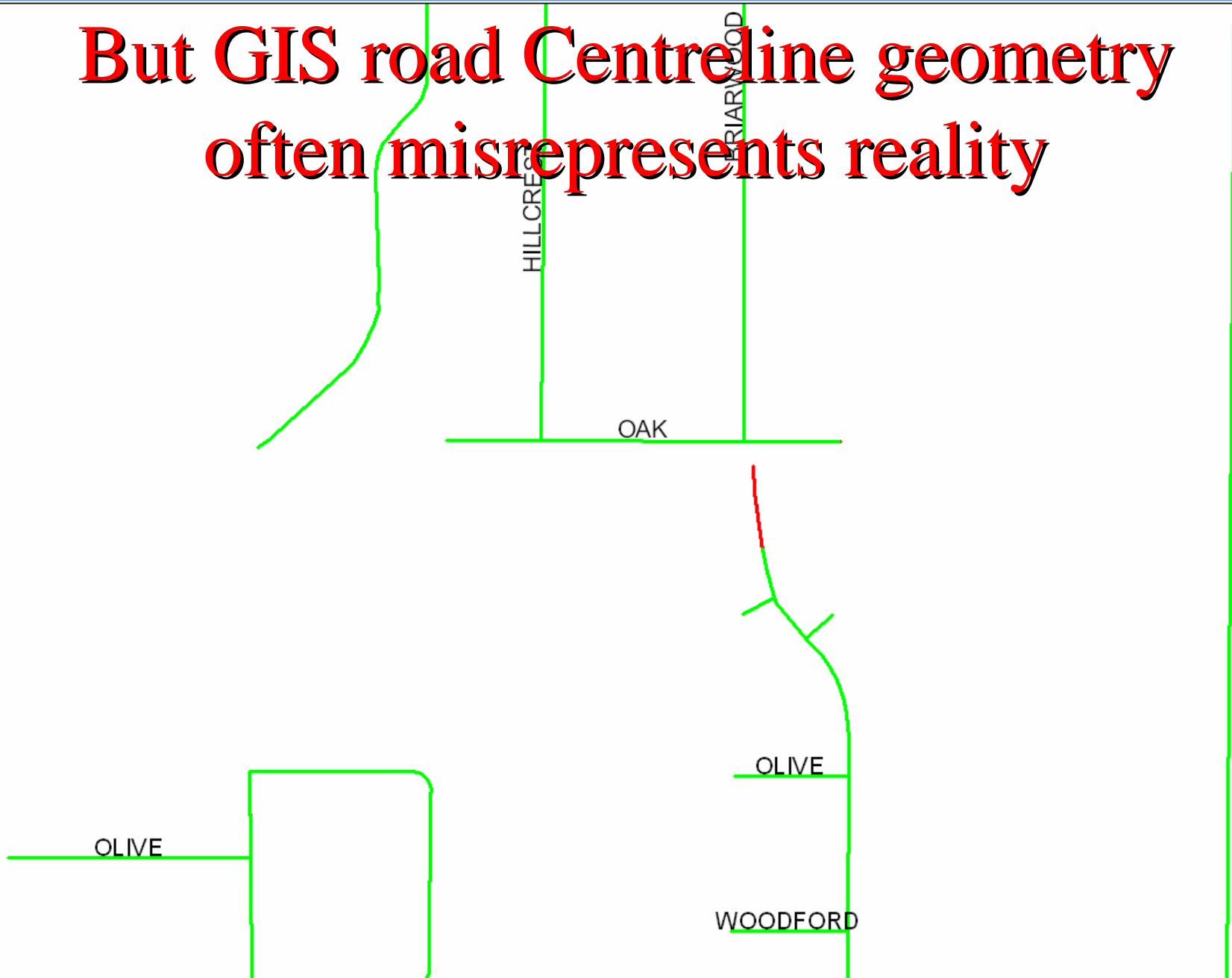


Performing Higher Level Dynamic Segmentation and/or Dynamic Data Transformation within a GIS environment is cumbersome if not impossible.....

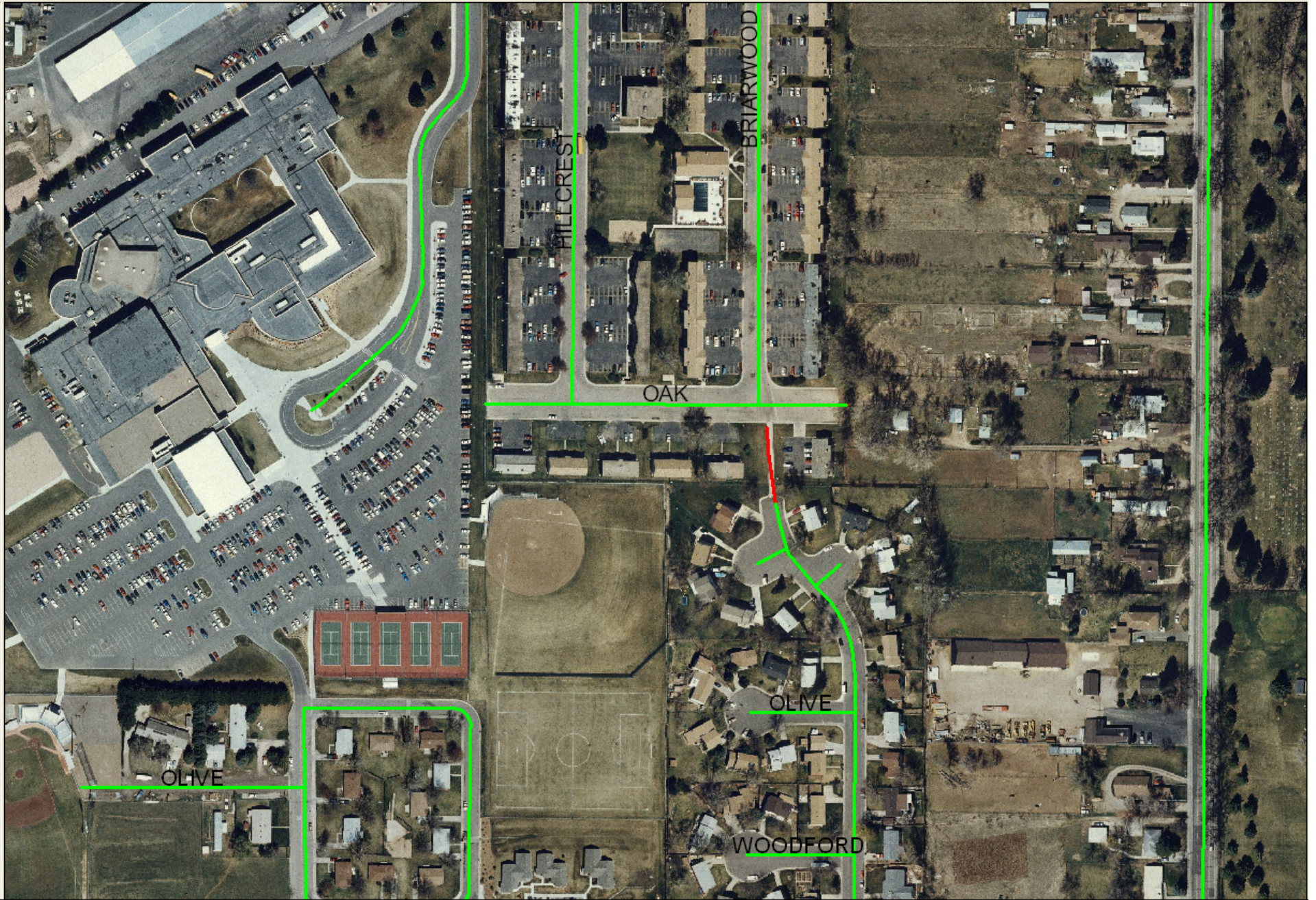
....although it is readily accomplished within some linear based Asset management software



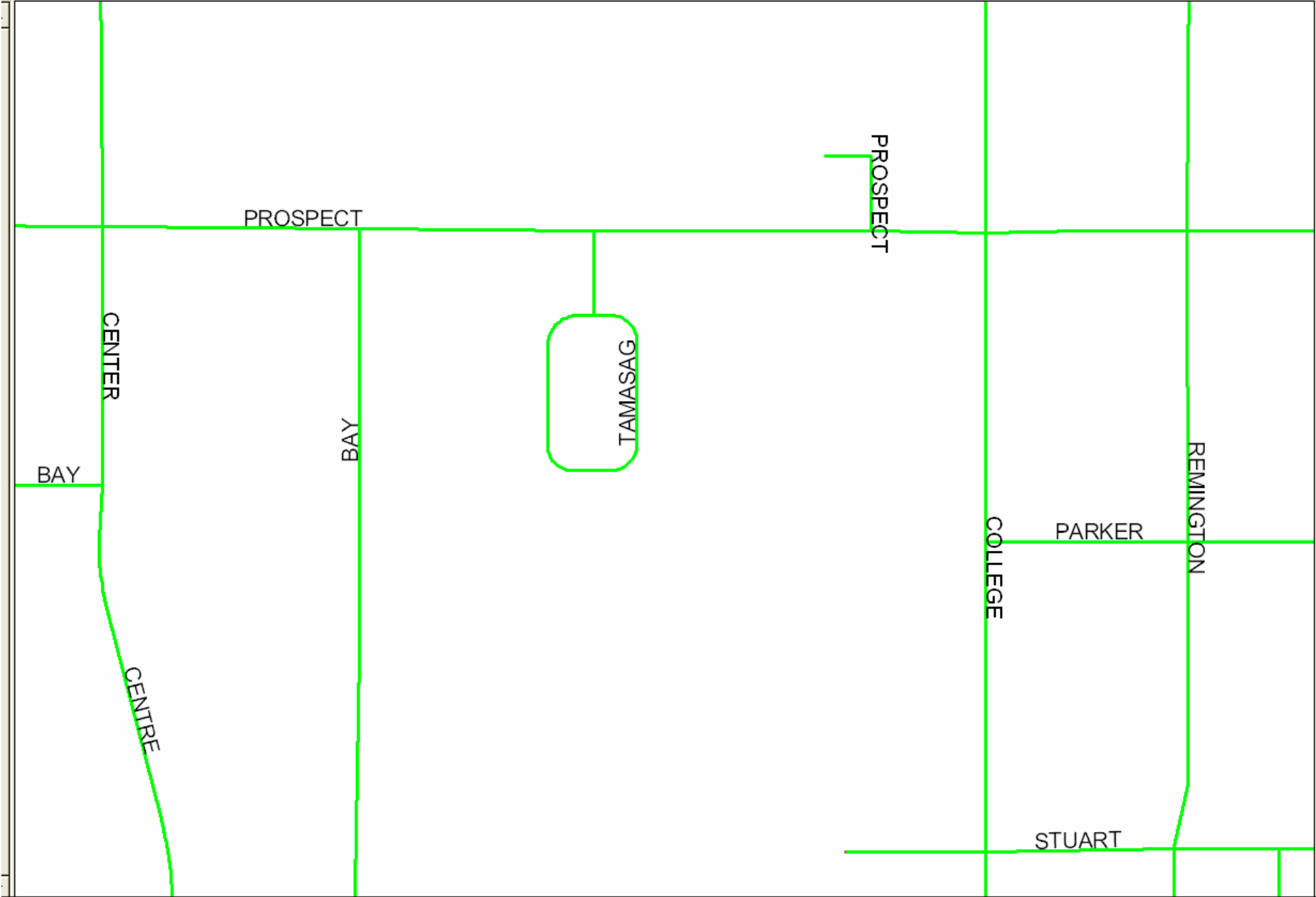
**But GIS road Centreline geometry often misrepresents reality**

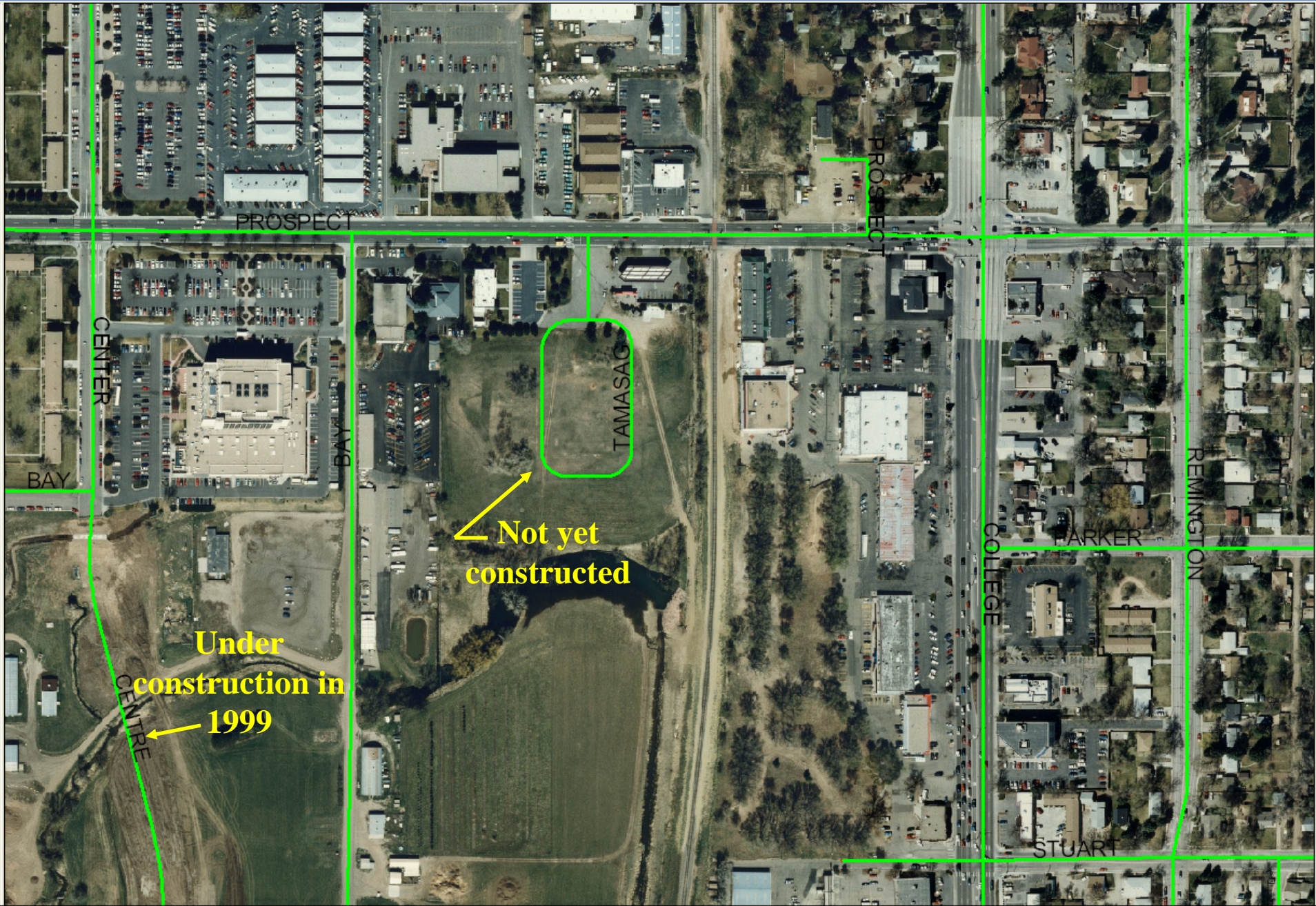












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Not yet  
constructed

Under  
construction in  
1999

CENTER

COLLEGE

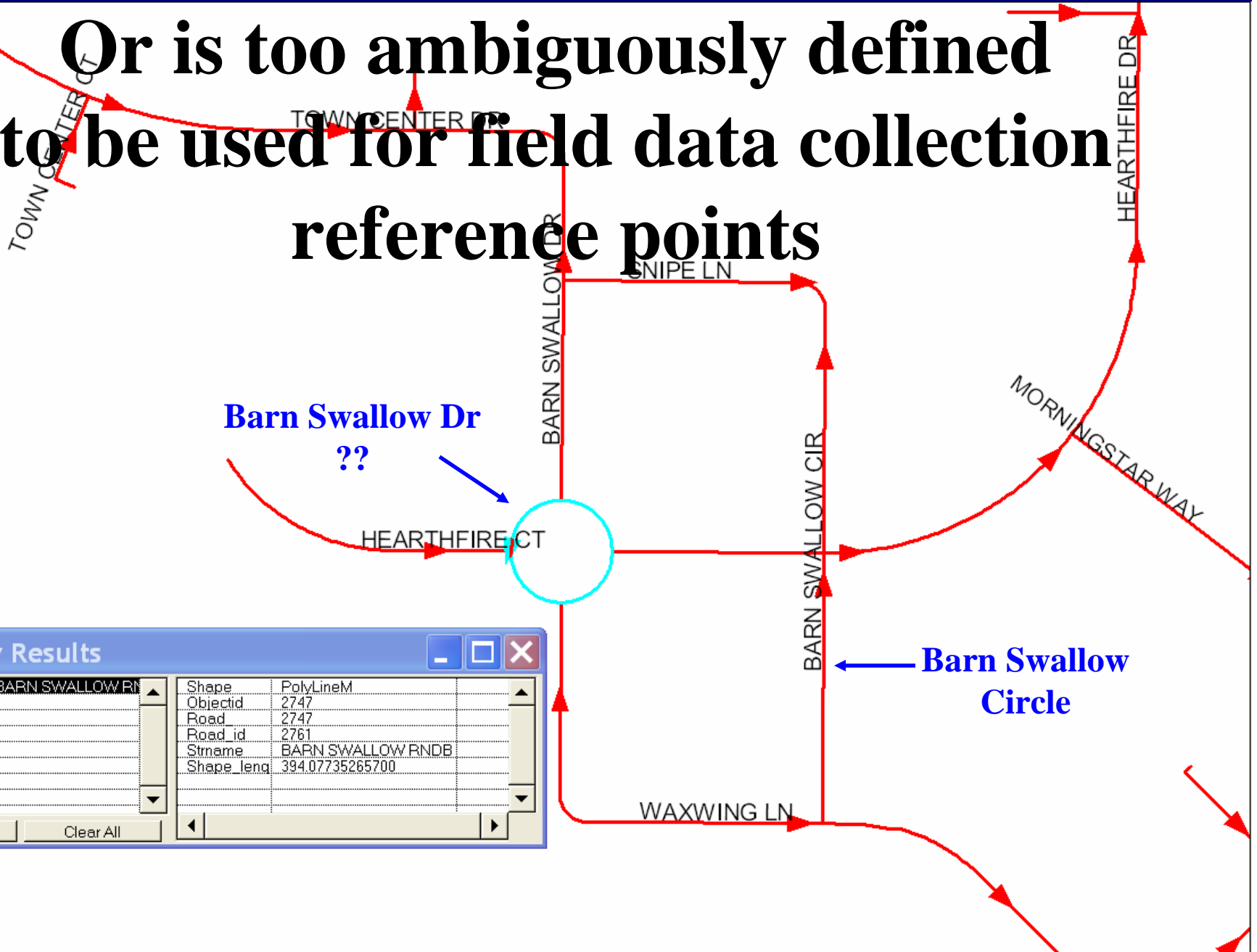
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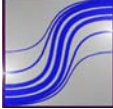
**Or is too ambiguously defined  
to be used for field data collection  
reference points**

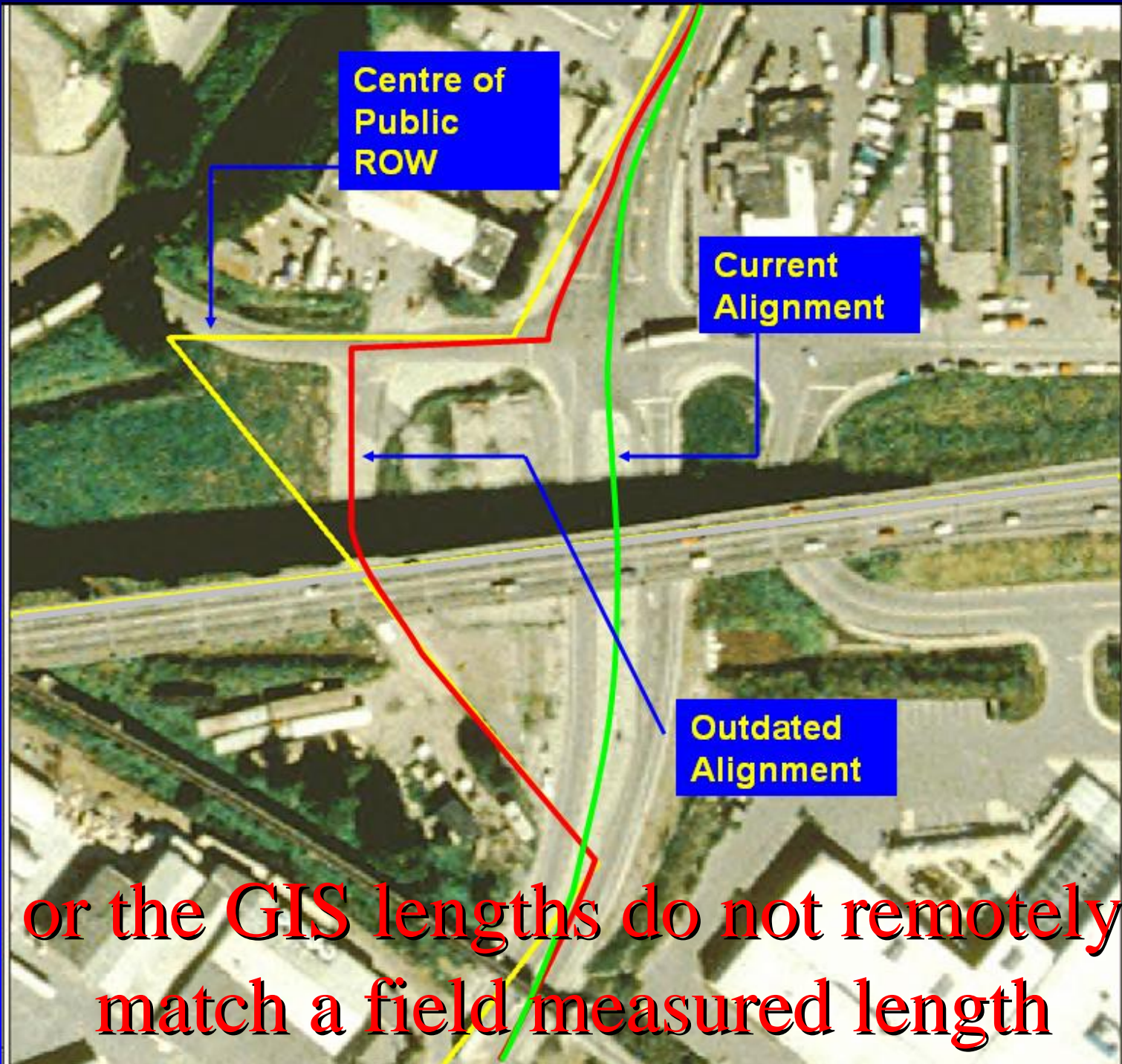


**Identify Results**

1: GIS Routes - BARN SWALLOW RN	Shape	PolyLineM
	Objectid	2747
	Road	2747
	Road_id	2761
	Strname	BARN SWALLOW RNDB
	Shape_length	394.07735265700

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or the GIS lengths do not remotely match a field measured length





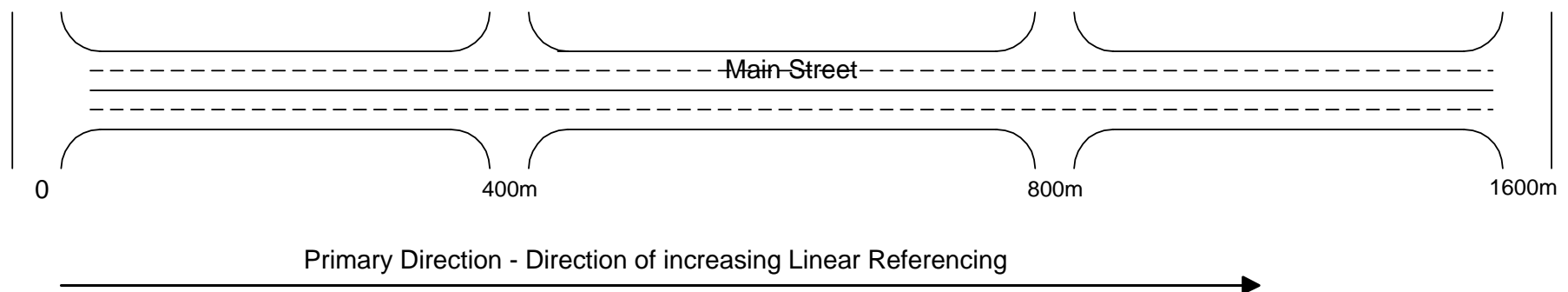
but GPS data is not a stand  
alone solution



The solution requires maintaining the synchronization between:

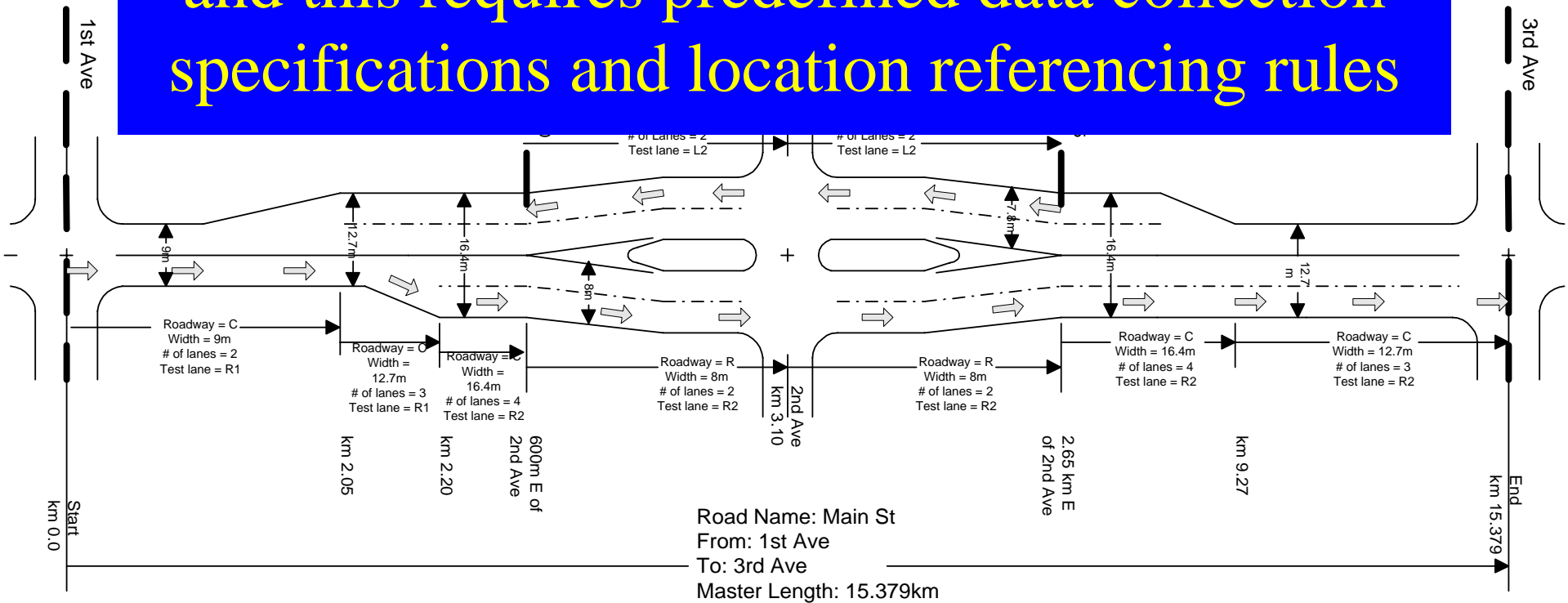
- GIS Routes
- Data base Routes
- Field the data Collect File

## Linear Location Referencing Method





and this requires predefined data collection specifications and location referencing rules



		DMI Linear Referencing				GPS Spatial Referencing				Attributes		
		Offset		Description		From Coordinates		To Coordinates				
Road	Roadway	From	To	From	To	North	East	North	East	# of Lanes	Width	Test Lane
Main St	C	0	2050	1st Ave						2	9.00	R1
Main St	C	2050	2200							3	12.70	R1
Main St	C	2200	2500		600m W of 2nd Ave					4	16.40	R2
Main St	R	2500	3100	600m W of 2nd Ave	2nd Ave					2	8.00	R2
Main St	R	3100	5750	2nd Ave	2.65km E of 2nd Ave					2	8.00	R2
Main St	C	5750	9250	2.65km E of 2nd Ave						4	16.40	R2
Main St	C	9270	15379		3rd Ave					3	12.70	R2
Main St	L	2500	3100	600m W of 2nd Ave	2nd Ave					2	7.80	L2
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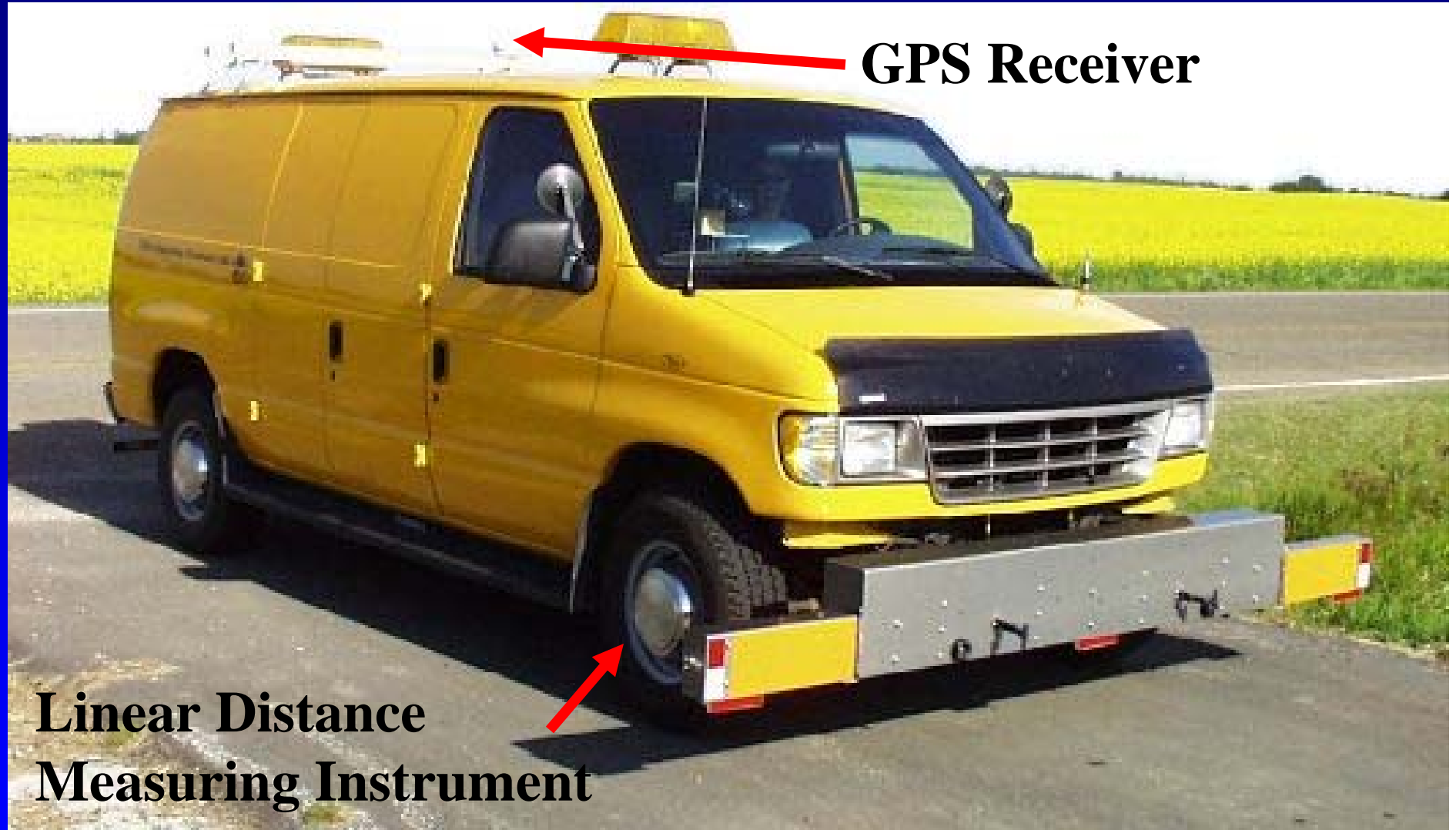
→ = CCR road - data collection lane(s)

**...based on Ortho-rectified air  
photography used to define GIS road  
geometry and the database lengths**





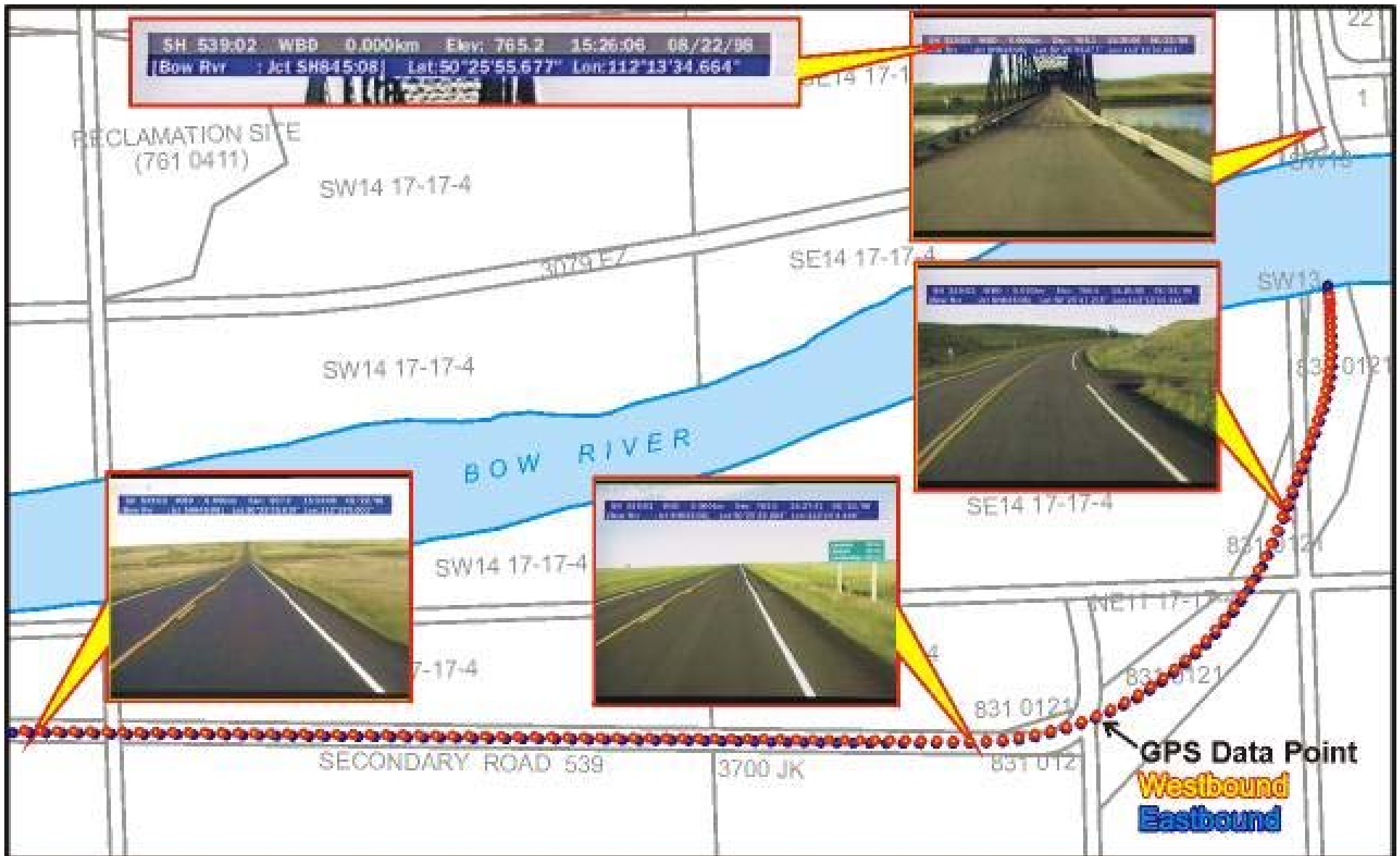
and specialized location referencing equipment on inspection vehicles ...



**GPS Receiver**

**Linear Distance  
Measuring Instrument**

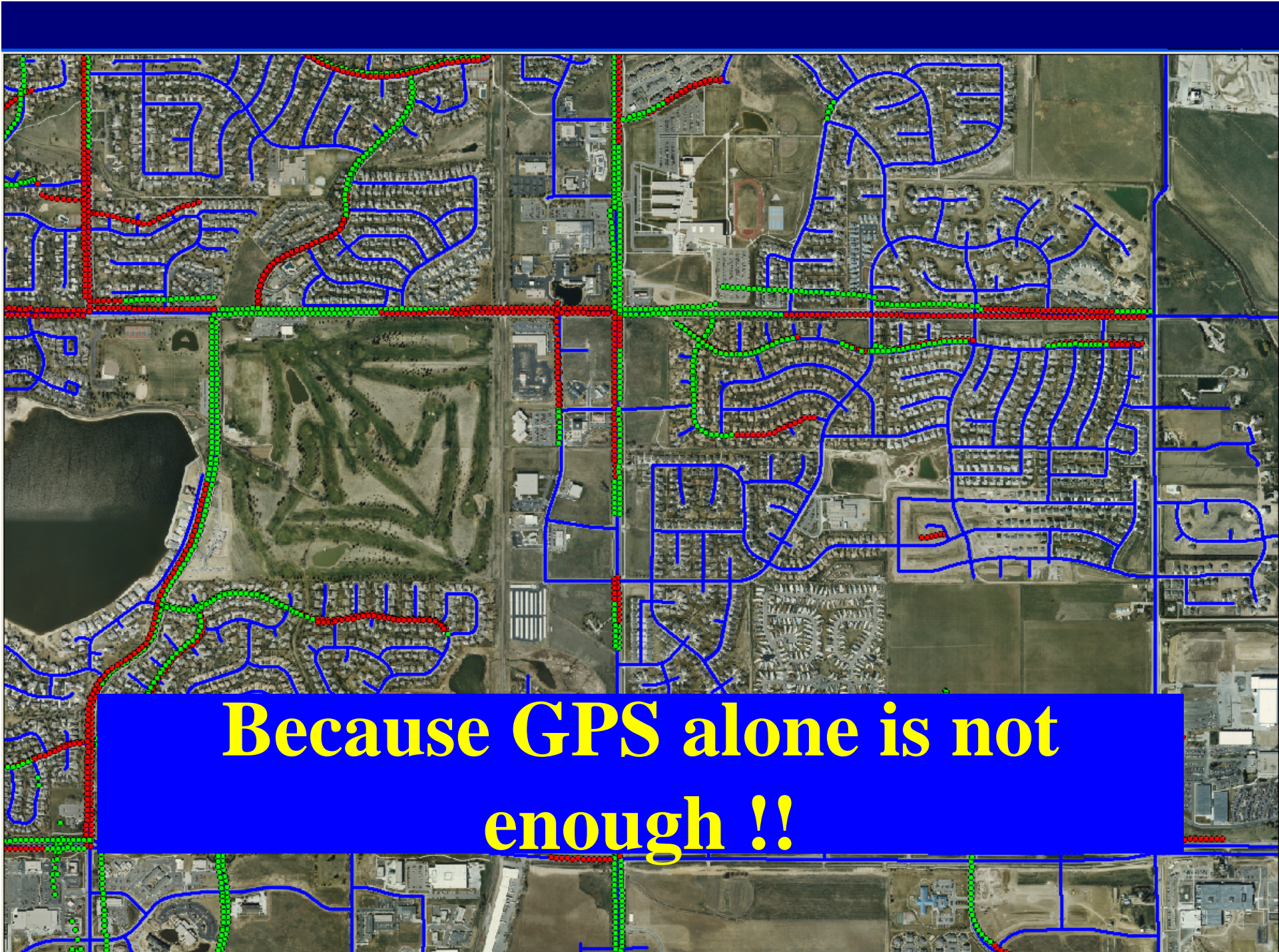




that incorporate visual, linear and spatial  
 referencing







**Because GPS alone is not  
enough !!**





**Linear Referenced  
segments**

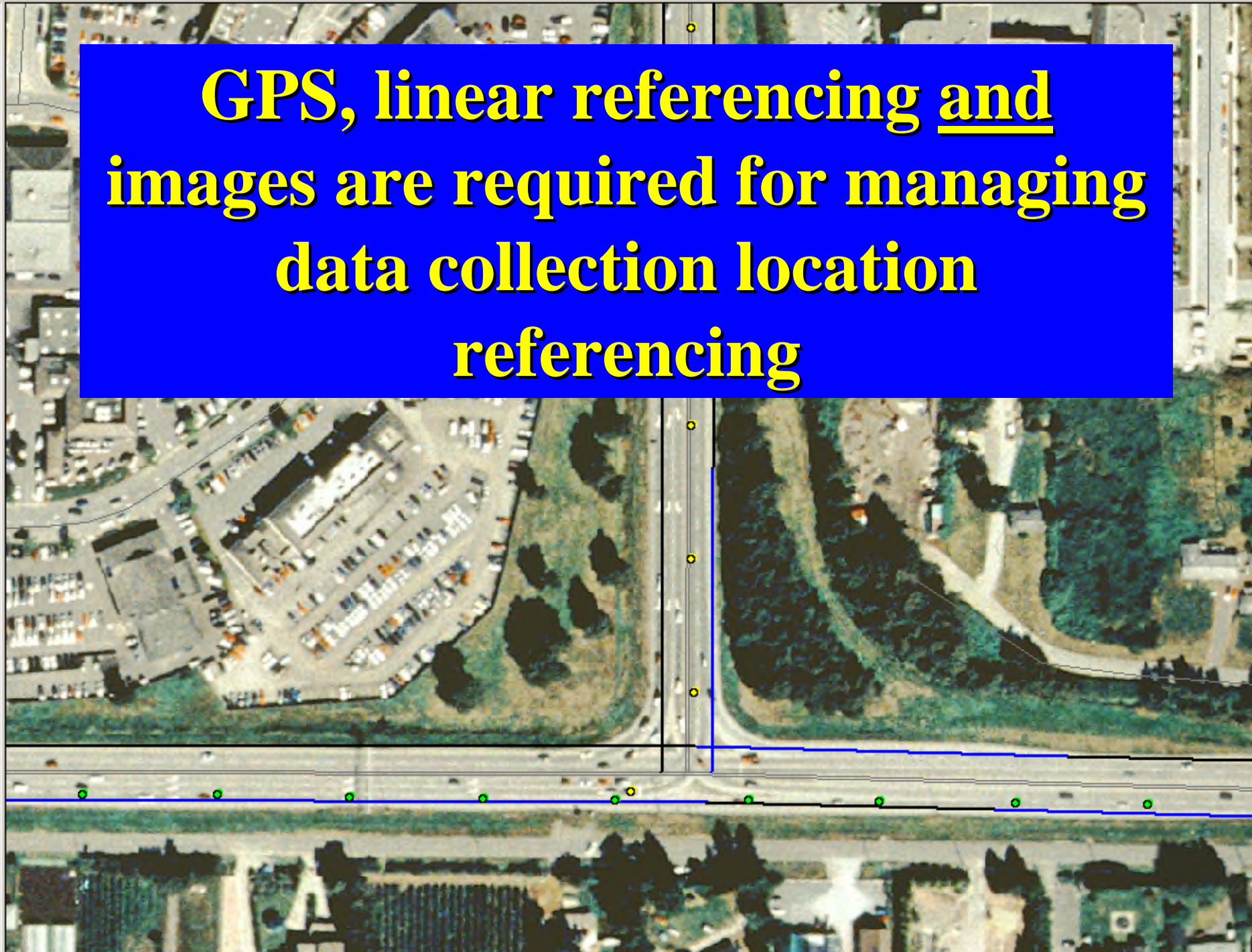
**Control Point**

**GPS points**

**Ortho – rectified air  
photography used to  
verify referencing data**



**GPS, linear referencing and  
images are required for managing  
data collection location  
referencing**



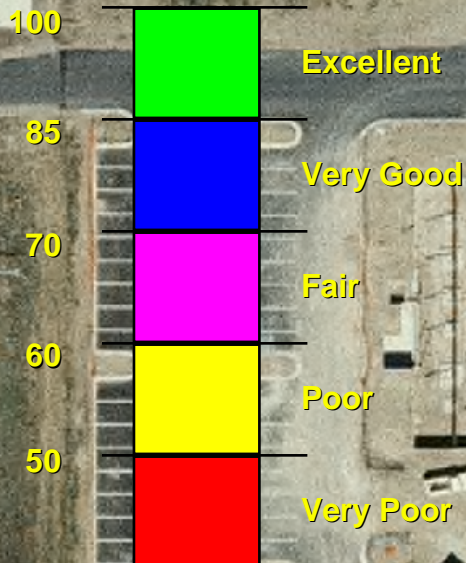


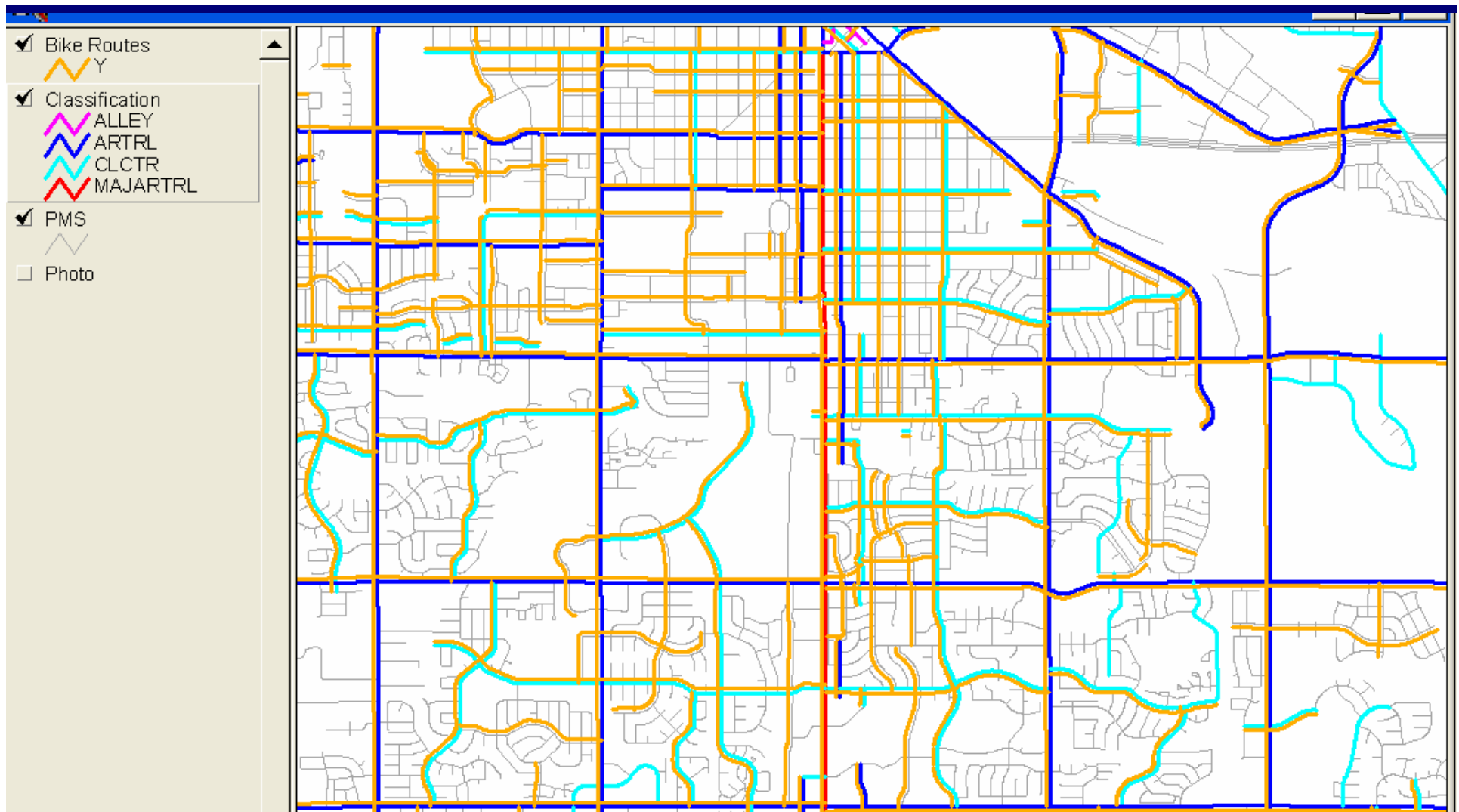
but there is a practical limit to the accuracy of field location referencing





**but within these limits, pavement management information...**





and other management system data can now be accurately integrated with roadway management data through GIS



and it is now possible to transfer linear referenced data from archived CAD as-built drawings to Asset Management Databases using a “virtual” data collection vehicle in a GIS environment.





# Conclusions

- Positional accuracy of roadway related data used in most GIS and IMS is of insufficient accuracy to produce meaningful cross-location referencing queries
- The above problem can be minimized by careful attention to GIS network definition and a much more rigorous approach to data collection management



# Conclusions

- Complex data analysis and life cycle cost analysis are features not readily supported within the GIS environment
- IMS applications exist that are capable of performing these complex data analyses as required for asset management
- GIS environment is well suited to maintaining the location cross-referencing between different asset classes and now as an inventory data collection tool.

