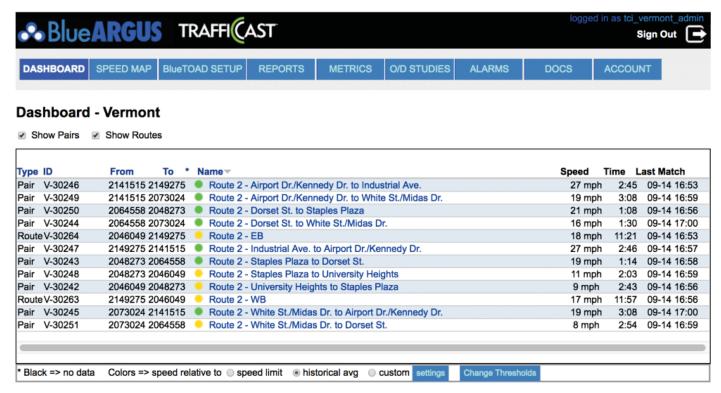
4. Dashboard

The Dashboard tab provides a snapshot in a list format of all pairs and routes for your system, including its speed, travel time, and associated threshold status.



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Type – either pair or route (note: each and every pair and route is included in the Dashboard list, however, you can select to just show pairs, or JUST show routes)

ID – identifying number for each pair and route

From – ID number for the device that marks the beginning point of each pair and route

To – ID number for the device that marks the end point of each pair and route

* – current status of the pair/route, ranging from black (no data) to blue (speed above normal), based either on speed limit, historical average over the last 12 weeks, or custom historical ranges. Default threshold values may be edited as well.

Name – name of the pair or route. The info is pulled directly from the pair and route tabs. Clicking on the name of the pair or device will bring up its sub-tabs (see BlueTOAD Setup): Performance, Details, Location, & Reports, with it defaulting to Performance

Speed – current speed along the pair/route

Time – current travel time to traverse the length of the pair/route

Last Match – date and time of last match for any pair within a route

4.1. How to change the dashboard comparison index

The Dashboard can be set to compare the current conditions to either the speed limit, the historical average, or a custom value. To change this option:

- 1. scroll down to the bottom of the Dashboard where you will see Colors => speed relative to
- 2. you can select from the three options: speed limit, historical average, and custom
- 3. if you select custom, select settings to go in and define your custom comparison range
- 4. whichever option you select should result in the dashboard automatically refreshing to show you the new comparisons current data as compared to the option you selected

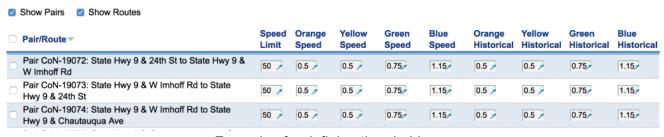
4.2. How to change the threshold levels in the dashboard

The thresholds for the Dashboard, which define what the various color dots in the list represent, can be customized by the user. These same thresholds are used to define the colors of the pairs in the <u>Speed Map</u>. You can change the thresholds levels here or under <u>Speed Map</u> as they both lead to the same editing page. To change the threshold levels:

- 1. scroll down to the bottom of the Dashboard where you will see Change Thresholds
- clicking on Change Thresholds will bring up a new page showing the existing thresholds for every pair and route in your system based on both speed limit comparisons as well as historical comparisons – note that the thresholds can be different for each of the two comparisons

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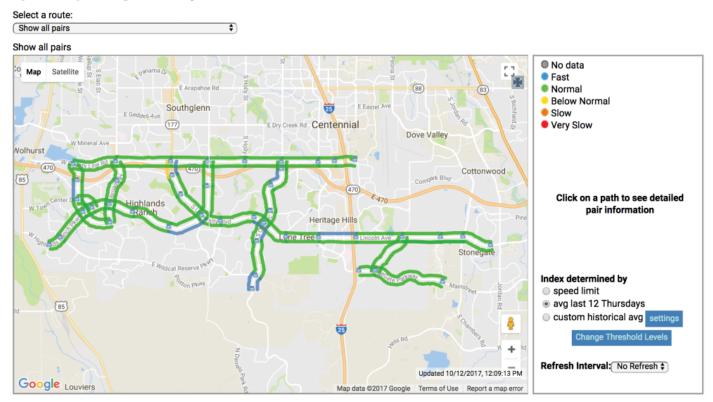
Example of redefining thresholds

- 3. change the thresholds to your desired levels for each pair/route and then click Save
- 4. to return to the default threshold level, simply click on Reset to Defaults at the bottom of the screen
- 5. Other Options/Tips to change a large number of pair and/or route thresholds, select the Edit Multiple button near the top of the threshold adjustment page

5. Speed Map

The Speed Map – shows real-time conditions for pairs and routes (via the drop down menu) using color coded threshold levels

Speed Map - Douglas County

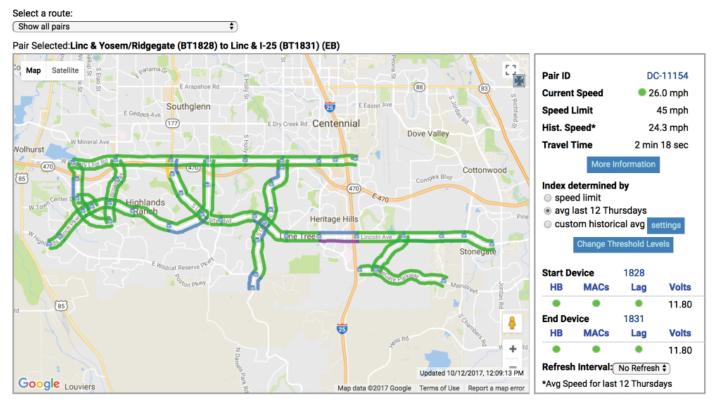


Example of Speed Map with current conditions compared to historical data

Like with the Dashboard, the Speed Map can be set to compare the current conditions to either the speed limit, the historical average, or a custom value and the thresholds have default values that can be customized by the user.

Left clicking on a pair on the map will highlight that pair in purple on the map and display information on it to the right of the screen.

Speed Map - Douglas County



Data as a result of left-clicking on a pair on the Speed Map

Data displayed to the right of the Speed Map:

Pair ID – the ID for the pair that you clicked on in the Speed Map

Current Speed – the current average speed along that pair as calculated from BlueTOAD data Speed Limit – the speed limit along the stretch of road that the pair traverses

Historical Speed – the average/typical speed along the selected pair for the same day and time over the last 12 weeks. For example, if you clicked on a pair on the Speed Map at noon on a Friday, then the **Historical Speed** would be the average speed for the last 12 Fridays around noon

Travel Time – the current average travel time for the length of the pair

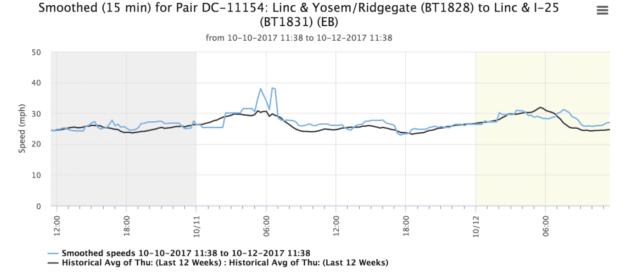
Index determined by – this is where you select what you want to compare the current conditions to: either the speed limit, the historical speed (avg last 12 _____), or a custom historical avg defined by the user by clicking on settings

Start Device & **End Device** – lists the starting and end device for the pair in question and shows if the devices are currently operating with no issues (HB, MACs, Lag, Volts)

Refresh Interval – how often do you want the Speed Map to refresh with new data: no refresh, every 2 minutes, every 5 minutes, and every 10 minutes

In addition to the data displayed to the right of the Speed Map once you click on a pair on the map, a chart also appears below the Speed Map that gives you a graphical display of the last 48 hours of data (speed or travel time) for the selected pair. Furthermore, this last 48 hours is also compared to the currently selected index (speed limit, historical, custom historical) that you selected to the right of the Speed Map.





To zoom in, drag the mouse over the area to magnify. To hide/show a data series, click the name of the series in the legend bar.

Data/options for the graph displayed below the Speed Map:

Speed display mode – you can have the graph be based on Speed or Travel Time

Smoothed Speeds – if you have the speed display mode set to Speed, then there will be a line on the graph showing the last 48 hours of average speeds along the selected pair as calculated from BlueTOAD data. You can turn hide/show this line by clicking its name in the legend below the graph.

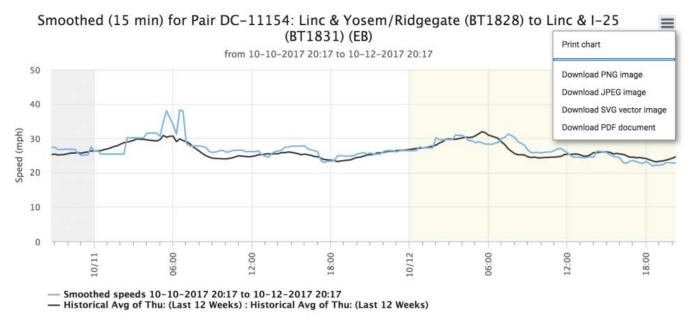
Speed Limit – if you have the currently selected index set to speed limit, then there will be a line on the graph showing the speed limit along the stretch of road that the pair traverses. This would be a straight line as the speed limit is assumed not to change during the course of the pair. You can turn hide/show this line by clicking its name in the legend below the graph.

Historical Avg of ___: (Last 12 Weeks) – if you have the currently selected index set to avg last 12 ____, then there will be a line on the graph showing data for the last 12 weeks for your particular day. You can turn hide/show this line by clicking its name in the legend below the graph.

Custom Historical/Varies – if you using a custom historical avg, then there will be a line on the graph showing data for this custom time period. You can turn hide/show this line by clicking its name in the legend below the graph.

Zoom Feature – to zoom into a closeup view of a segment of the graph, simply click and hold the mouse button and draw a box around the area of interest and release the mouse button. To return the full graph, click Reset zoom

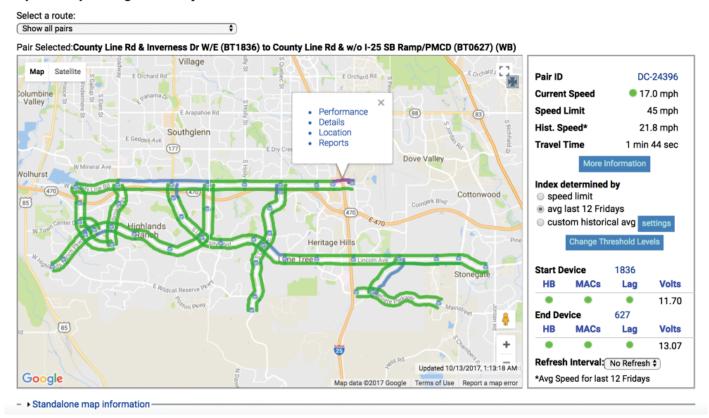
Print/PDF/Create an image file – to create an image file or PDF of the graph, or to print the graph, click on the button made up of three horizontal bars in the upper right corner of the graph and it will allow you to export the current graph.



To zoom in, drag the mouse over the area to magnify. To hide/show a data series, click the name of the series in the legend bar.

In addition to the data displayed to the right of the Speed Map and the chart below the Speed Map, you can also right click on a pair on the map and then select one of the four (4) sub-tabs (Performance, Details, Location, Reports) that would take you directly to the Pairs sub-tabs

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You can do the same with routes by selecting a route from the drop down list at the top of the Speed Map and then right clicking on the little toad next to the drop down list on the Speed Map and selecting one of the options (Performance, Details, Location, Reports) that take you directly to the Routes sub-tabs.

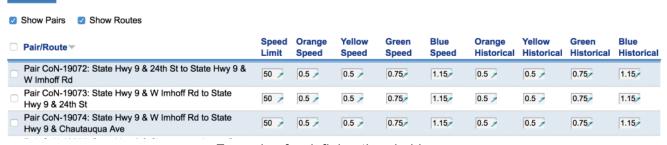
5.1. How to change the threshold levels in the speed map

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- 1. to the right of the map, select Change Threshold Levels
- 2. this will bring up a new page showing the existing thresholds for every pair and route in your system based on both speed limit comparisons as well as historical comparisons note that the thresholds can be different for each of the two comparisons

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5.2. Comparison index options

Speed Limit – shows current, real-time conditions vs. a constant, pre-defined speed limit for each pair.

Avg. of Last 12 Same Days/Time – shows current, real-time conditions vs. the average of the last 12 same days of the week (example – the last 12 Fridays)

Custom Historical Avg. – shows current, real-time conditions vs. custom historical averages (example – Tuesdays through Thursdays for the last six (6) months since school has been in session)

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5.3. Standalone maps

Select Standalone map information at the bottom of the Speed Map page

Produces a URL/link that can be used on any web browser

Great for:

TMC display walls
Second monitors
For use by non-technical users
Mobile devices

Standalone map information

To view this map without requiring login, visit this URL: https://bluetoad.trafficcast.com/map/standalone?key=f8AG6lpt7ivS2K0U0ilM4A%3D%3D You can add either of these parameters to the end to control how the map responds:

&fullscreen=1

Automatically makes the map full screen

&auto=X

Auto refresh every X minutes

&index=speed_limit or &index=historical

set whether the map uses the speed limit or historical performance to determine color status

&title=[url-encoded title]

Sets an optional title for the speed map

&legend=[url-encoded legend information]

Sets an optional legend for the speed map (add options as needed from the following list, separated by a |)

- *gray|[url-encoded description] Gray marker, followed by description
- *blue|[url-encoded description] Blue marker, followed by description
- *green|[url-encoded description] Green marker, followed by description
- *yellow|[url-encoded description] Yellow marker, followed by description
- *orange|[url-encoded description] Orange marker, followed by description
- *red|[url-encoded description] Red marker, followed by description

[url-encoded description] No marker, just the text

toggle Add a toggle to show/hide the legend option

Example URL for a a full screen map that refreshes every 10 minutes, with color determined by historical performance, a simple title and toggleable legend for red, yellow, green (the url is broken into sections for formatting purposes. Remove line breaks when copying/pasting)

https://bluetoad.trafficcast.com/map/standalone?key=f8AG6lpt7ivS2K0U0ilM4A%3D%3D&fullscreen=1&auto=10&index=historical&title=Traffic%20Map &legend=*green|Normal|*yellow|25%25%20slower%20than%20normal|*red|50%25%20slower%20than%20normal|toggle

Note: when viewing the map in standalone mode, no graphs or links are available.

List of Standalone Map extensions

Customizable – Full screen vs. windowed, refresh rates, index (speed limit vs. historical) etc. By adding the extensions listed on the page to the end of your URL, you can customize your Standalone Map. For example, to set the Standalone Map to automatically refresh every five (5) minutes, simply add "&auto=5" to the end of the provided URL. Once you have your desired extensions added, you can bookmark or send out the modified URL and not have to set it up each time.