

Developer's Guide

FAQ's

Where do I get commodity flow data? What is required in the data?

A: See *Commodity Flow Data* and *Zonal Structure* for a discussion of the Reebie Associates Transearch commodity flow database and the format requirements of the model

What other data do I need? Where do I get it?

A: See *Commodity Flow Data* and *Zonal Structure* for discussion of economic and demographic data sources.

How do I establish TAZs, the first step in a transportation model?

A: See *Zonal Structure* for TAZ construction and data sources

How do I construct the multimodal network, the second step?

A: See *Highway Network Definition*, *Railroad Network Definition*, and *Intermodal Transfer Definition*, along with *User's Guide* for specific steps detailing construction and attribution of the multimodal network.

How are freight flows assigned, the third step?

A: See *Modeling Process*, *Trip Generation*, *Trip Distribution*, *Mode Split* and *Traffic Assignment (Combined)*, for modeling background and discussion of computer programs utilized.

What results can I expect?

A: See *Model Output* for a discussion of model results and useful methods of analysis.

How can I be sure the results are valid?

A: See *Calibration and Validation of Modeling Methodology* for a discussion of methods used to check the model results.

How can I make adjustments to the model for specific policy changes?

A: See *Policy Sensitivity* for discussion of adjustments necessary to achieve the policy sensitivity analyses. Also, reference the *User's Guide* for specific steps to make these changes.