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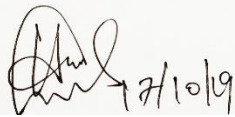


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Abstract

Traffic congestion is a critical concern in most cities. Inefficient traffic control wastes time and fuel and causes harmful carbon emissions, road accidents, and many economic problems. This thesis focuses on a cooperative traffic control framework for optimizing the travel time also for a better uniform traffic Flow in multiple intersections of Mirpur Road. To reach the goal, we firstly select four intersections from Mirpur road. The number of upward and downward vehicles in each intersection will be calculated for three scheduled times of the day. We need to count traffic volume in order to better portrait the congestion scenario. Then we shall transform the count data to PCU (Passenger Car Unit) based on a standard reference. At the same time, each intersection co-ordinate has to be extracted to draw the polygon line using ArcGIS application in order to simulate the traffic volume dynamically over the days of data collection. Finally, we will obtain the simulation output which will help to represent the current traffic situation on the Mirpur road. However, the data count may not be decent enough to portrait the actual situation yet this could be a helpful approach for proceeding towards the digitalization of the traffic count on a real scale. Thus, in future studies this approach can be utilized to determine the procedure for automation of traffic signals as well as implementing state of the art concepts for an alleviated congestion scenario.

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Chapter-1

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Introduction:

As the number of vehicles grows and the need for mobility increases on a worldwide scale, the frequency and duration of traffic jams in major cities increase. High fuel cost and environmental concerns provide important incentives for minimizing traffic delays. In the short term, the most effective measures to deal with traffic jams seem to be construction of new roads – an option which is often not viable due to lack of space and/or budget, or due to environmental or societal requirements, - and a more efficient use of the existing infrastructure and capacity through advanced traffic management and control. Dynamic traffic control in an urban setup has always been very attractive to traffic engineers and has been around for quite some time now.

Urban arterial roads have great attraction to drivers. However, large numbers of vehicles entering urban arterial roads can cause traffic congestions, even lead to traffic accidents. It is necessary to reduce travel time and the number of stops for vehicles on arterial roads.

The objective is to obtain a smoother flow of traffic on the principal arterial roads. Green wave control is a kind of arterial traffic coordination control method, that coordinates traffic signals of adjacent intersections on arterial road to make vehicles driving by a certain speed meet no or less red lights. In other word, traffic signals of adjacent intersections become green one by one according to a certain time sequence in a direction, like a rolling “green wave”.

1.2. Problem Definition:

Dhaka, capital of Bangladesh, is the most densely populated city in the whole world. More than twelve million people live in Dhaka city. Day by day the number is increasing and most part of Dhaka is badly affected by huge traffic jam. Faulty traffic signaling systems, inadequate manpower, narrow road spaces and overtaking tendency of drivers create pro-longed traffic congestions. Due to traffic jam a substantial portion of working hours have to be left on streets which indirectly put adverse impact on economy. It causes serious air pollution and noise pollution and thus worsens the overall environmental condition.

1.3. Objectives:

The objectives of the study are as follows:

- Study of heterogeneous traffic.
- Distribution of traffic volume at some intersections.
- Video Simulation of congestion situation over time.

1.4. Scope:

The scopes of this research are:

- The main purpose of this research is to analyze the status of congestions over time through video simulation from collected traffic Data.

Chapter-2

Literature Review

2.1. Introduction:

Millions of people experience traffic congestion daily. In particular, people often become stuck in traffic jams for tens of minutes in contemporary cities, thus wasting considerable time and money. Traffic delay may cause a loss in the health of drivers and a high risk of road accidents. In addition, the environment is affected because vehicles produce a large amount of harmful carbon emissions, causing severe global warming.

2.2. Literature Review:

An analysis by NASA revealed that the global surface temperatures in 2012, which caused numerous concerns such as a rise in sea level, decrease in snow cover, and decline in sea-ice extent, were the ninth warmest on record [1]. In addition, the European Commission stated that road transportation contributes to approximately one-fifth of the total CO₂ emissions in Europe [2]. Light-duty vehicles (i.e., cars and vans) are the major source producing approximately 15% of CO₂ emissions in Europe. In addition to harming humans and the environment, traffic congestion affects the economy. The Toronto Board of Trade stated that economic loss in the Toronto region caused by traffic congestion is \$6 billion a year and will increase to \$15 billion by 2031 [3]. Therefore, efficient traffic management is urgently required for relieving traffic congestion by enabling vehicles to cross intersections as quickly as possible. The waiting and travel time of drivers and greenhouse gas emissions produced from transportation must be further reduced. Traditional traffic control employs fixed-time signal control and thus cannot dynamically meet current traffic

demands [4]. Traffic congestion is caused when traffic flows differ from typical circumstances. Consequently, adaptive signal control [5], such as split cycle offset optimization technique (SCOOT) [6] and Sydney coordinated adaptive traffic system (SCATS) [7], has been proposed for solving the ineffective control problem by using real-time traffic information to determine how signals should be scheduled. Real-time traffic information is generally collected by dedicated detectors, such as induction loops [8], [9], magnetic sensors, and video cameras [10], [11], to obtain the number of vehicles approaching or exiting an intersection.

Traditional fixed-time traffic control cannot dynamically meet current traffic demands. Here through this research, we can learn about the status of traffic jams of 4 intersection of Mirpur road by making video simulations over time using ArcGIS Application. Based on the result of our exploration we will bring forward some points of consideration to alleviate the current problems for particular intersections.

Chapter-3

Methodology

3.1. Data Collection:

Several intersections are selected in Dhaka city, for the analysis. The intersections are selected from Mirpur Road. Those intersections are Manik Mian Avenue, Dhanmondi 27, Sukrabad, Dhanmondi 32. We count the traffic volume data for each intersection for 7 days. We calculate the traffic volume for each intersection by dividing it into three spells per day. Spells are from 9am to 11am at Morning Peak, 1pm to 3pm at Afternoon Off Peak and 5pm to 7pm at Afternoon Peak. We used stopwatch, Hand Note, Pen, Mobile camera for this operation. We collect day wise data and intersection wise data. We collect the data and then input it into Microsoft Excel.



Fig 3.1: Landscape of Mirpur Road

Here, Upward Direction: Asadgate → Manik Mian Avenue → Dhanmondi 27 → Sukrabad → Dhanmondi 32.

Downward Direction: Kalabagan → Dhanmondi 32 → Sukrabad →
Dhanmondi 27 → Manik Mian Avenue.

Date		UP			DOWN		
		CNG	BUS	CAR	CNG	BUS	CAR
4/4/2019	Peak	600	636	2990	650	580	2807
	Off Peak	445	405	2408	456	430	2502
1/7/2019	Peak	595	630	2670	610	670	2750
	Off Peak	395	342	3280	368	318	3000
2/7/2019	Peak	695	597	4410	705	480	4200
	Off Peak	290	323	3260	270	298	3100
3/7/2019	Peak	650	503	4300	625	525	4180
	Off Peak	290	323	3260	270	298	3100
4/7/2019	Peak	615	517	4490	580	500	4180
	Off Peak	395	396	3159	360	290	2989
5/7/2019	Peak	680	585	4295	550	565	4309
	Off Peak	340	380	2988	360	335	3096
6/7/2019	Peak	695	780	4340	660	696	4160
	Off Peak	405	310	3067	380	300	3010
7/7/2019	Peak	680	580	4410	630	490	4297
	Off Peak	405	310	3067	380	300	3010
8/7/2019	Peak	606	630	4380	610	640	4290
	Off Peak	480	393	2953	409	402	2809
9/7/2019	Peak	690	660	4308	650	610	4287

Table 3.1: Traffic Volume/2hr Data (Manik Mian Avenue)

Date		UP			DOWN		
		CNG	BUS	CAR	CNG	BUS	CAR
21/3/2019	Peak	848	460	4272	657	377	3163
	Off Peak	530	420	3500	375	165	2859
	Peak	778	341	3965	497	376	2563
24/3/2019	Peak	432	533	2110	450	439	2349
	Off Peak	390	378	1888	298	467	1678
	Peak	600	609	2155	562	677	2353
19/8/2019	Peak	775	539	4500	710	520	4410
	Off Peak	410	300	3089	390	280	3120
	Peak	850	490	4297	760	440	4002
2/9/2019	Peak	688	505	5009	540	445	4107
	Off Peak	410	317	3027	400	309	2908
	Peak	539	500	4500	490	447	4290
3/9/2019	Peak	580	495	4825	490	450	4620
	Off Peak	360	319	3015	310	300	2910
	Peak	610	500	4985	600	520	4895
4/9/2019	Peak	790	660	4190	450	550	4000
	Off Peak	367	309	2003	301	267	1958
	Peak	780	589	4280	728	548	4002
5/9/2019	Peak	690	560	4400	650	510	4238
	Off Peak	340	240	2017	300	290	2170
	Peak	730	609	3910	748	680	3875

Table 3.2: Traffic Volume/2hr Data (Dhanmondi 27 Intersection)

Date		UP			DOWN		
		CNG	BUS	CAR	CNG	BUS	CAR
24/3/2019	Peak	639	535	2709	340	334	2525
	Off Peak	308	235	1336	255	302	1555
	Peak	228	378	2513	274	406	2680
4/4/2019	Peak	580	530	2510	438	322	2713
	Off Peak	300	230	1150	255	300	1430
	Peak	210	375	2420	265	400	2500
19/8/2019	Peak	660	560	3040	380	250	1880
	Off Peak	360	270	2009	390	240	1500
	Peak	445	415	2155	595	370	2875
2/9/2019	Peak	680	520	3895	350	314	3798
	Off Peak	310	235	3001	255	202	2750
	Peak	270	443	4010	360	351	2603
3/9/2019	Peak	650	540	3783	393	278	2480
	Off Peak	327	233	2719	271	267	2603
	Peak	463	388	3680	437	334	3910
4/9/2019	Peak	785	630	4195	445	525	3991
	Off Peak	339	300	2001	290	254	1950
	Peak	750	575	4293	704	532	4093
5/9/2019	Peak	690	547	4398	640	500	4236
	Off Peak	328	230	2007	288	278	2161
	Peak	715	595	3898	735	670	3869

Table 3.3: Traffic Volume/2hr Data (Sukrabad Intersection)

Date		UP			DOWN		
		CNG	BUS	CAR	CNG	BUS	CAR
21/3/2019	Peak	719	575	3032	310	280	1870
	Off Peak	323	300	1997	314	239	1004
	Peak	462	415	2310	596	376	2848
24/3/2019	Peak	648	540	2753	350	337	2539
	Off Peak	312	239	1342	263	309	1560
	Peak	229	386	2518	278	414	2688
19/8/2019	Peak	670	560	3120	400	250	1920
	Off Peak	360	270	2090	390	240	1540
	Peak	450	420	2200	600	379	2930
2/9/2019	Peak	700	535	3980	390	533	3885
	Off Peak	318	247	3085	263	210	2839
	Peak	500	459	4178	390	365	2653
3/9/2019	Peak	695	570	3809	407	300	2509
	Off Peak	340	250	2800	295	285	2653
	Peak	500	405	3707	450	355	3990
4/9/2019	Peak	800	660	4207	460	550	4003
	Off Peak	367	309	2012	303	267	1978
	Peak	780	589	4307	730	548	4111
5/9/2019	Peak	695	560	4409	650	510	4240
	Off Peak	340	240	2019	300	290	2170
	Peak	730	609	3910	750	680	3880

Table 3.4: Traffic Volume/2hr Data (Dhanmondi 32 Intersection)

3.2. Uniform Traffic Count:

We calculate PCU from the traffic volume data. For Car we used the factor 1, for CNG we used the factor 1, for Bus we used the factor 3. Then we multiply the hourly peak, off peak vehicle with the PCU factor and calculate the PCU/hr for each spell for Car, CNG and Bus.

3.3. Uses of ArcGIS:

Later we use the ArcGIS application. We work on three links between the four intersections we surveyed. In the four intersections we analyzed, we extracted the coordinates using Google Maps. Then, we find out the Dhaka Divisional Map from Google Map and **Georeferencing** by ArcGIS Application. We create a SHP file of Dhaka City Map Using ArcGIS application. Then we put the Map of Dhaka city inside the SHP file that we create in ArcGIS. After that we draw a polygon line over the 4 intersections using the intersection coordinates by importing XY data in ArcGIS Application. We Draw 2 Polygon line over the intersection. One Polygon line for upward direction and another one downward direction. For Downward polygon line we reverse the coordinate XY data.

Line	X Start	Y Start	X End	Y End
1	90.374306	23.758222	90.374889	23.757083
2	90.374889	23.757083	90.377	23.752
3	90.377	23.752	90.377	23.752

Table 3.5: XY Coordinate of Upward Direction

Line	X Start	Y Start	X End	Y End
1	90.3746060	23.758222	90.375099	23.757083
2	90.375099	23.757083	90.3773	23.7521
3	90.3773	23.7521	90.3773	23.7521

Table 3.6: XY Coordinate of Downward Direction

3.4. Polygon line Drawing Step:

Step 01:

Add Data

→ Select the Excel File.

Step 02:

Catalog

→ System Toolboxes

→ Data Management Tools

→ Features

→ XY to line.

Step 03:

Input Line (Here, Select the Excel File)

→ Start X Field (Here, Select X Start)

→ Start Y Field (Here, Select Y Start)

→ End X Field (Here, Select X End)

→ End Y Field (Here, Select Y End)

→ Line Type (Here, Select RHUMB_LINE)

→ Spatial Reference Properties (Here, Select Asia → Everest – Bangladesh)

→ Ok

Then the ArcGIS Application output that:



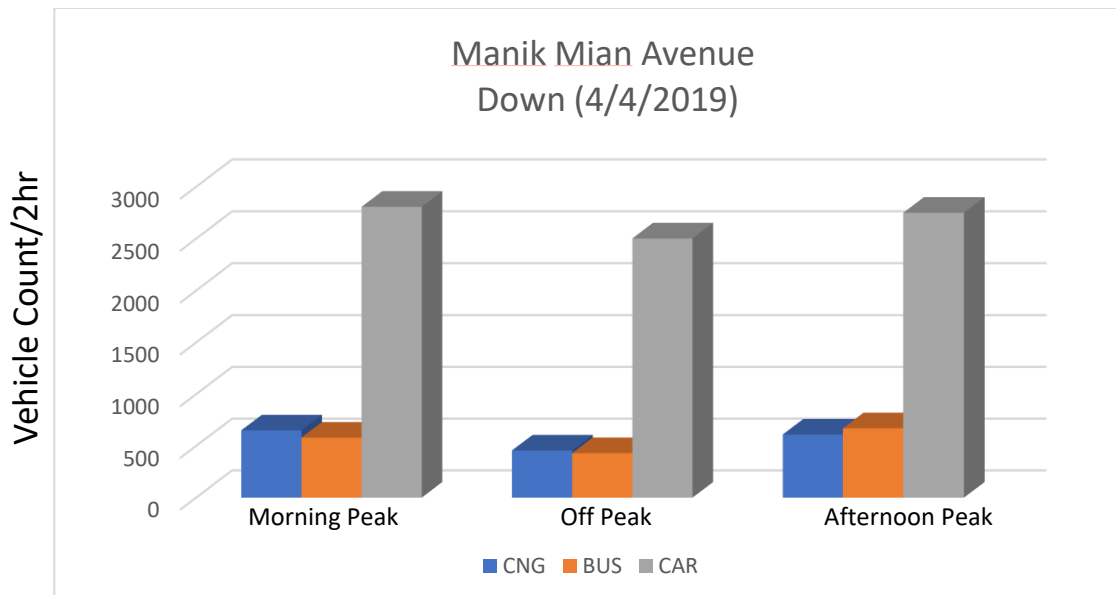
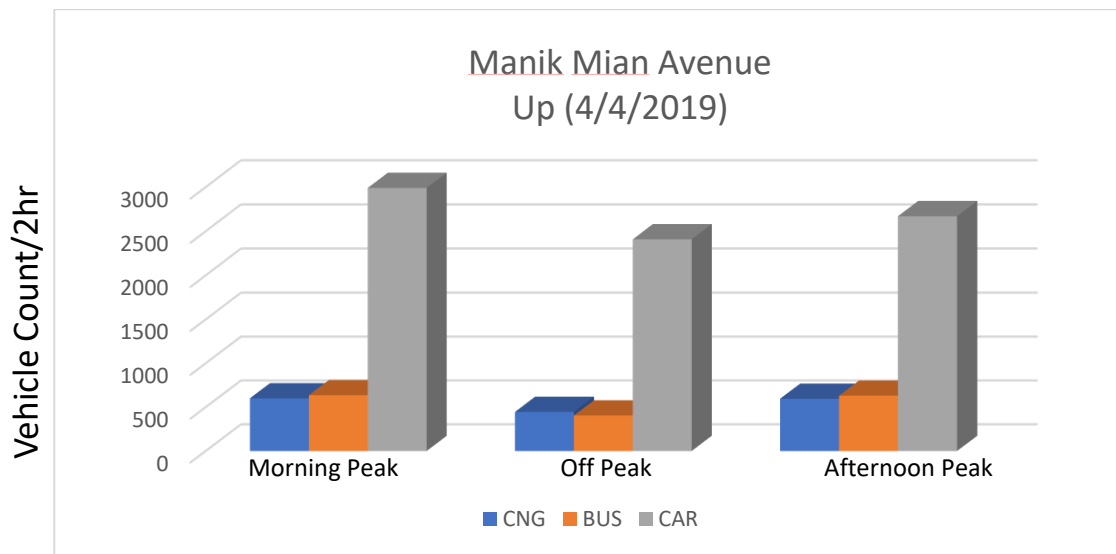
Fig 3.2: Polygon Line Upward and Downward Direction

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Data Analysis and Result

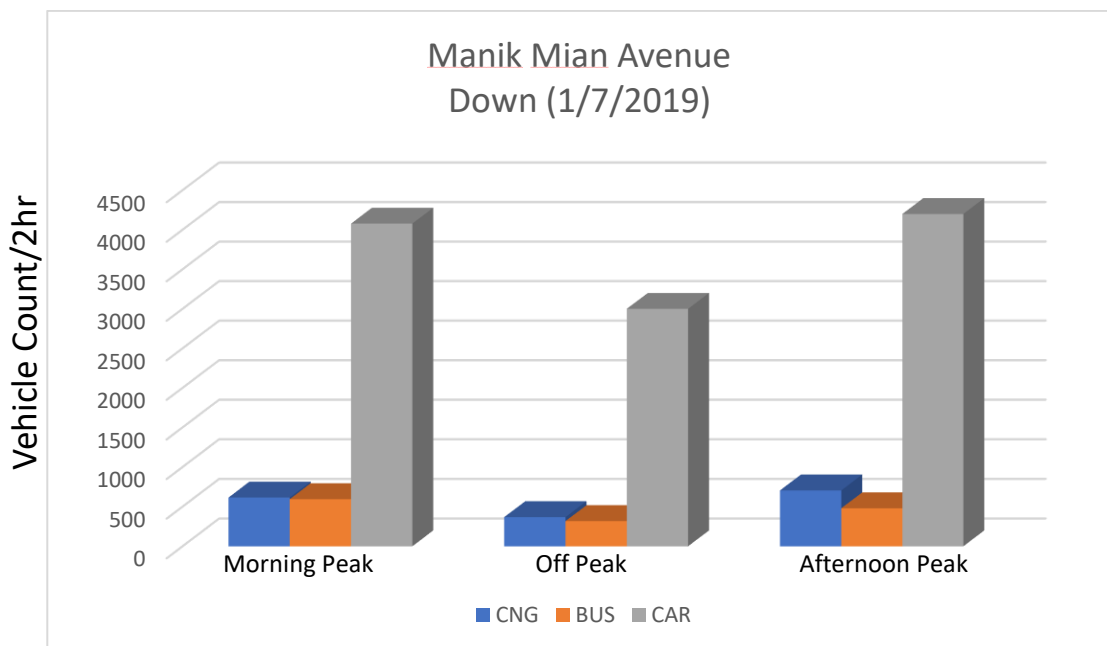
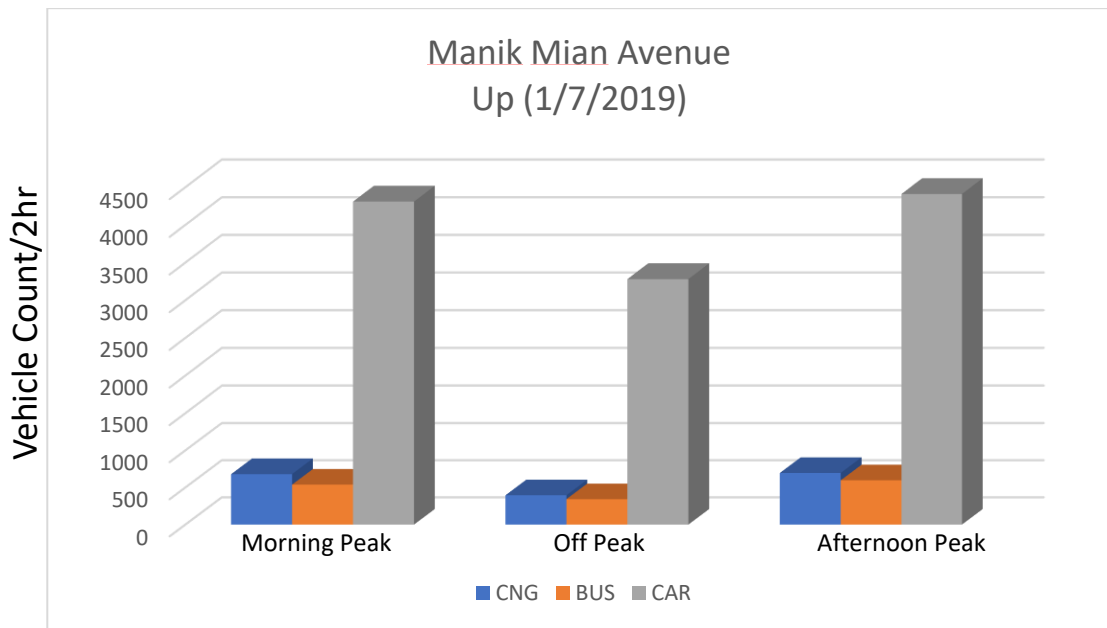
4.1. Data Analysis:

In our data collection time, we count CNG, Bus and Car for 2 hours in a spell. The vehicle count bar chart for each intersection in morning peak, off peak and afternoon peak are below:

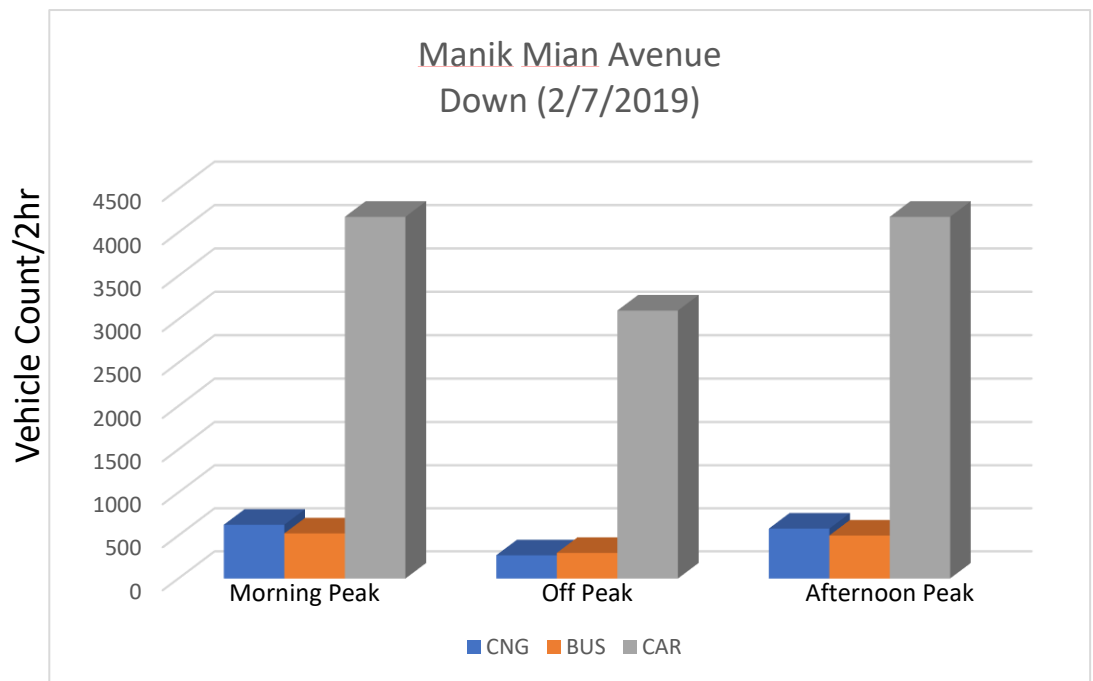
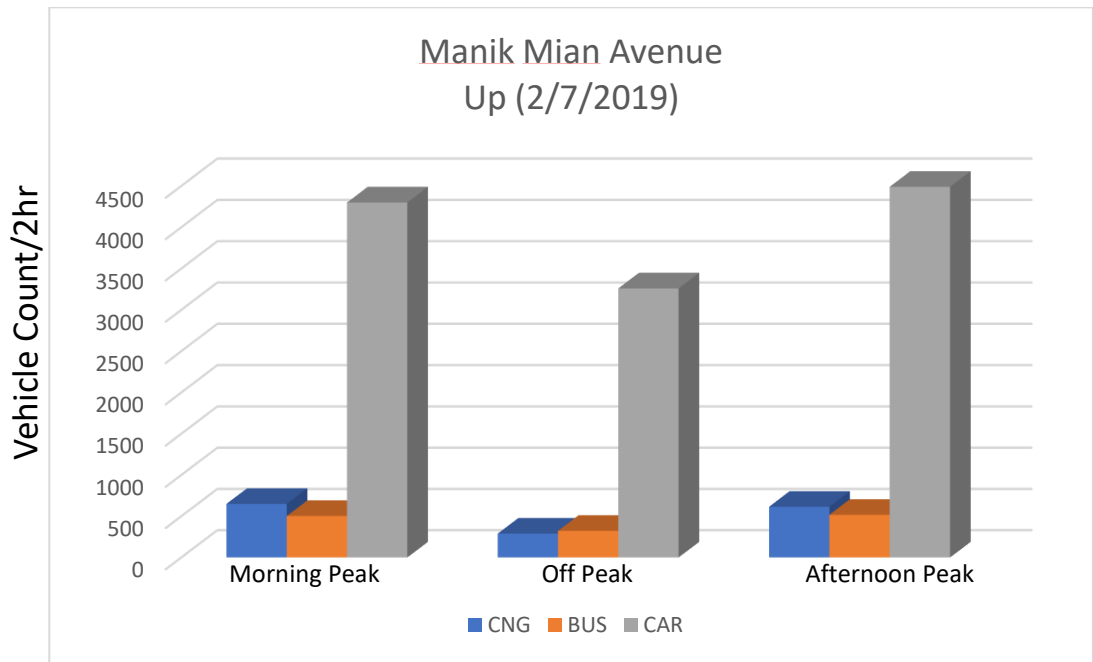


We can see that, in 4/4/2019 the number of CNGs in Downward is higher in the morning peak on Manik Mian Avenue, and the number of CNGs in upward is lower but the number of buses and car of upward and downward is almost

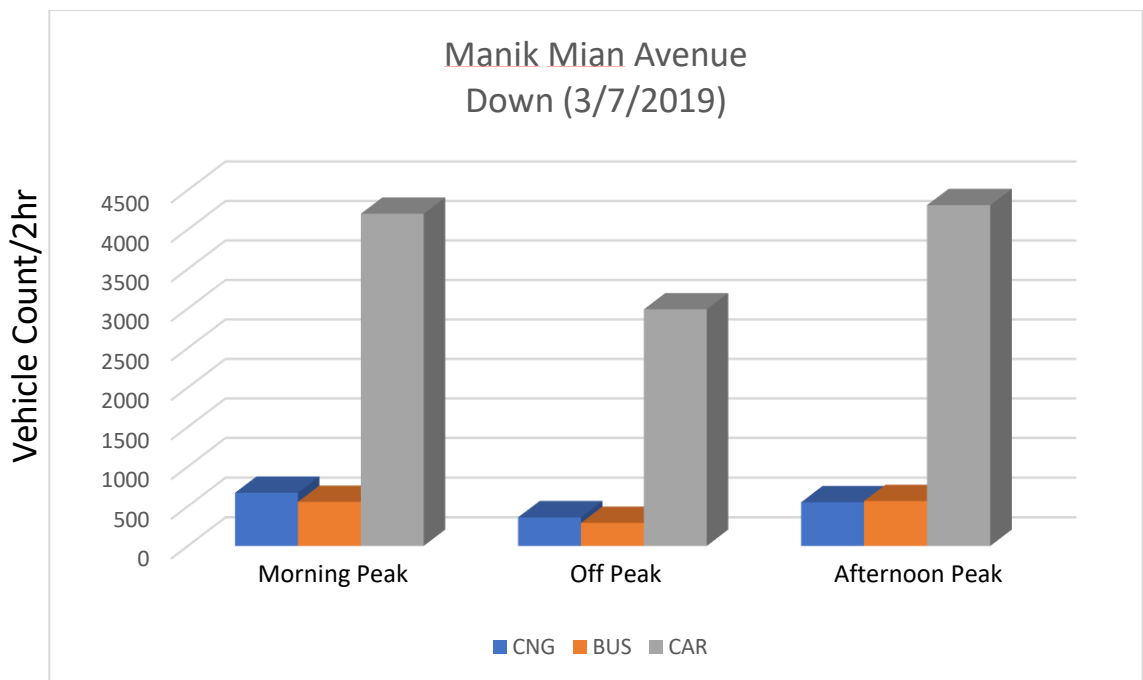
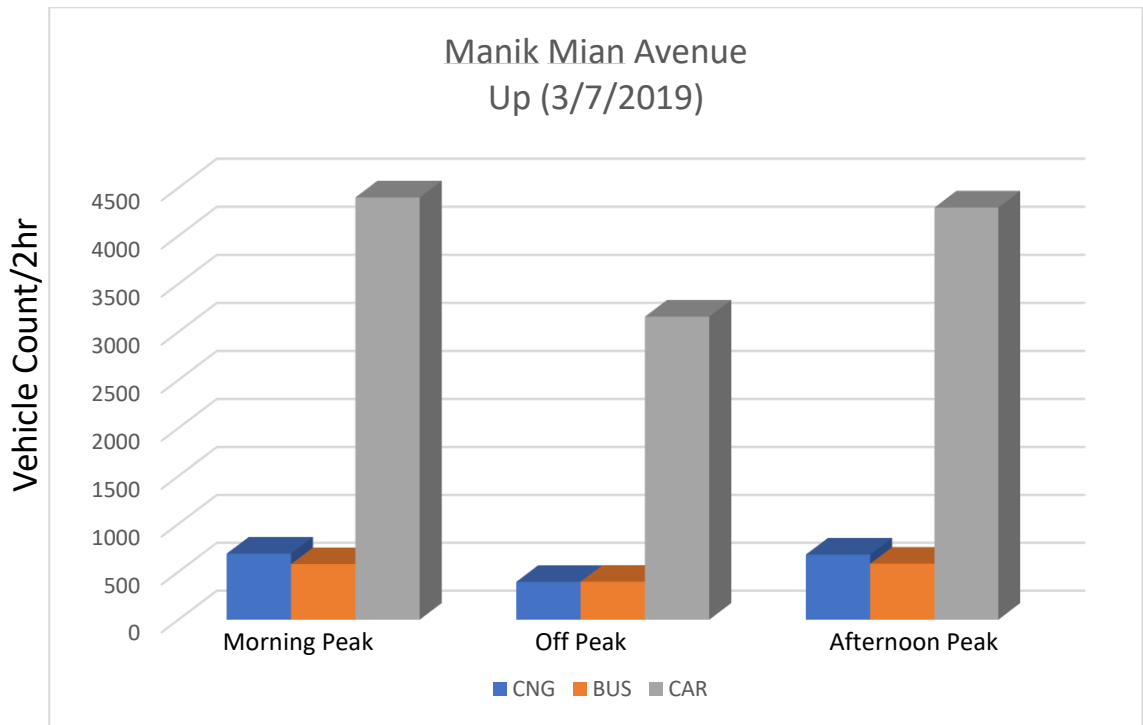
equal. On the other hand, the number of CNG, buses and cars are almost equal during off peak and afternoon peak.



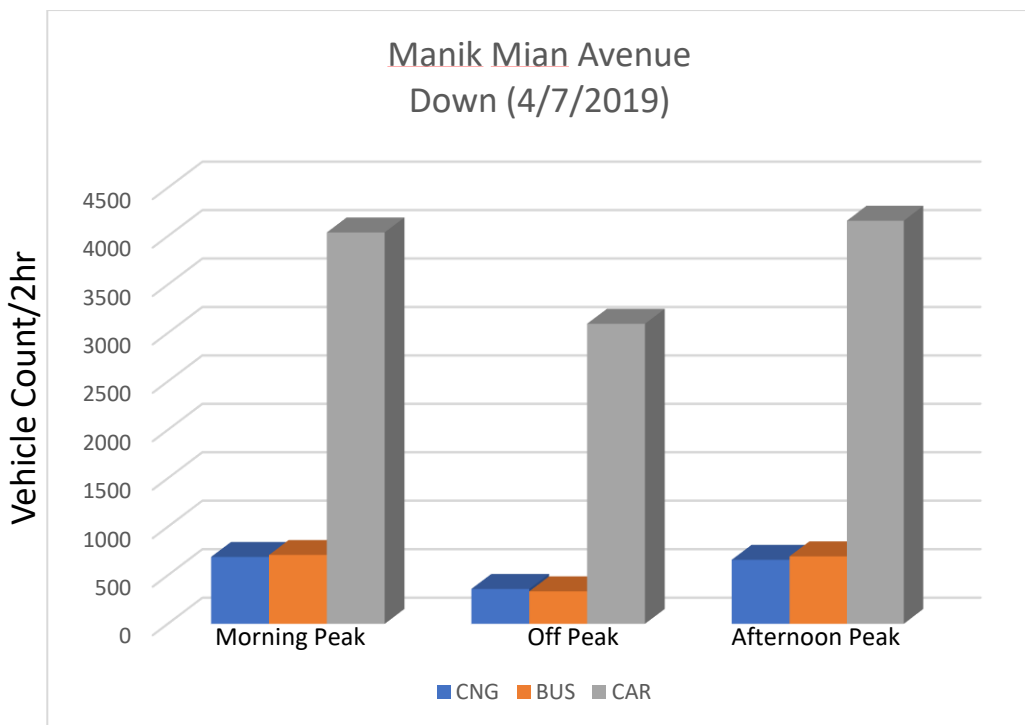
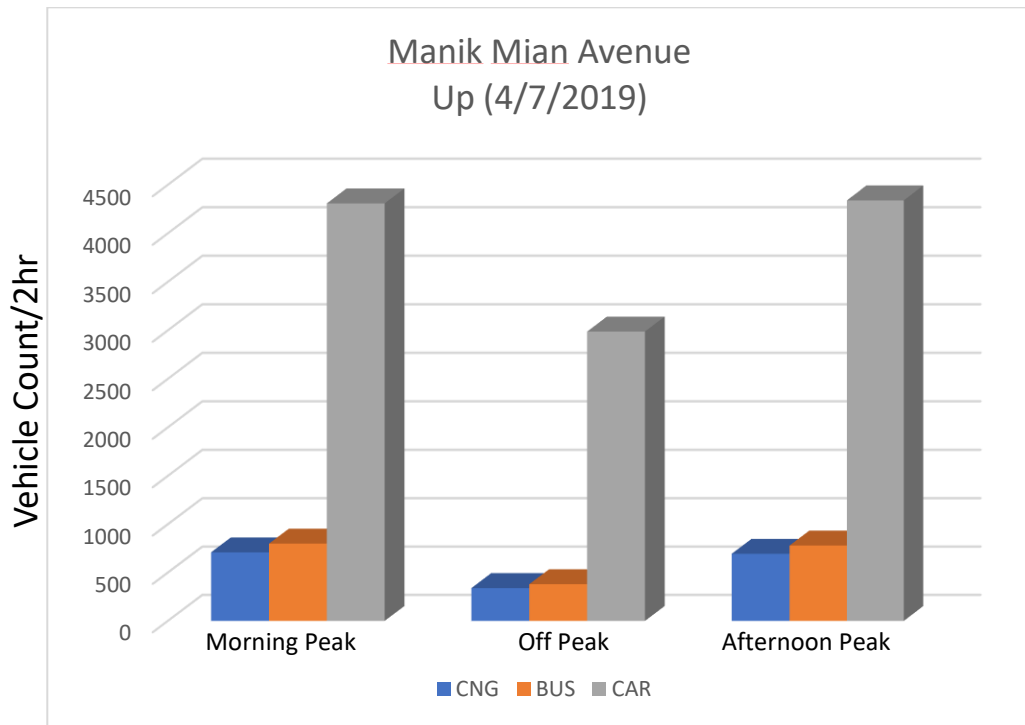
On the 1/7/2019, we can see that the number of CNGs in the morning peak is higher but the downward is less and the number of cars in the upward is higher and but all other quantities are almost equal.



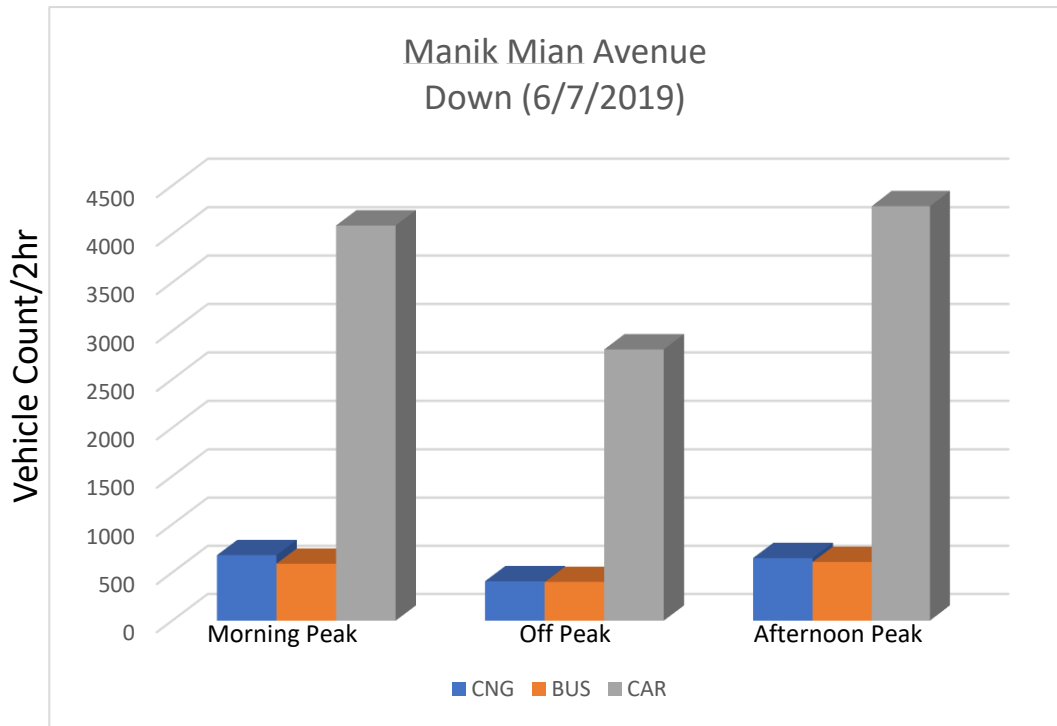
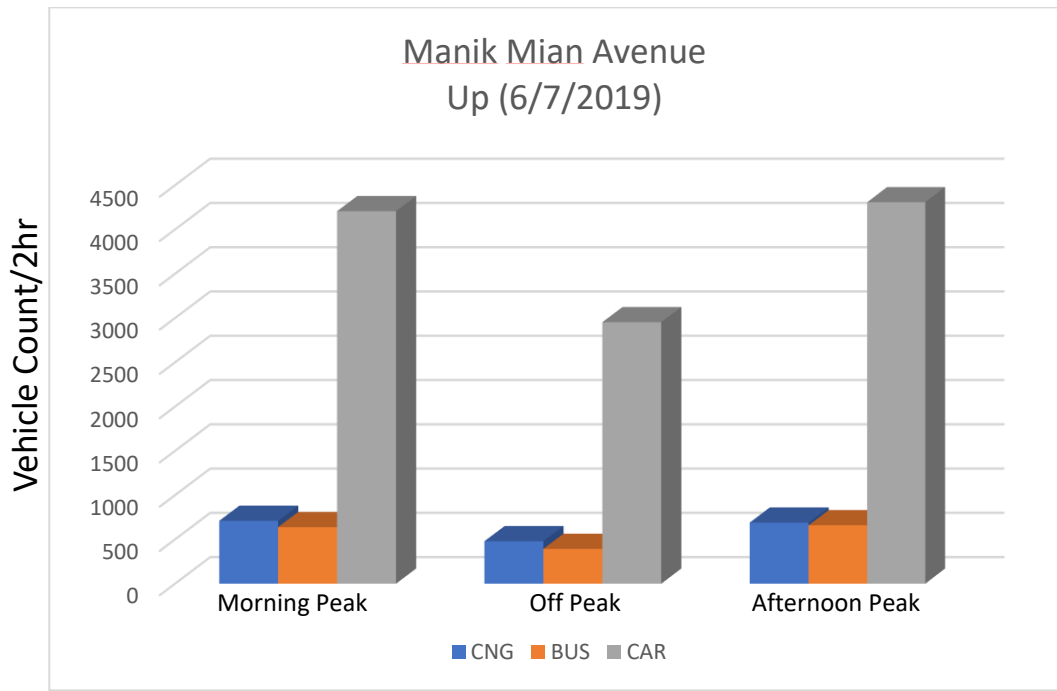
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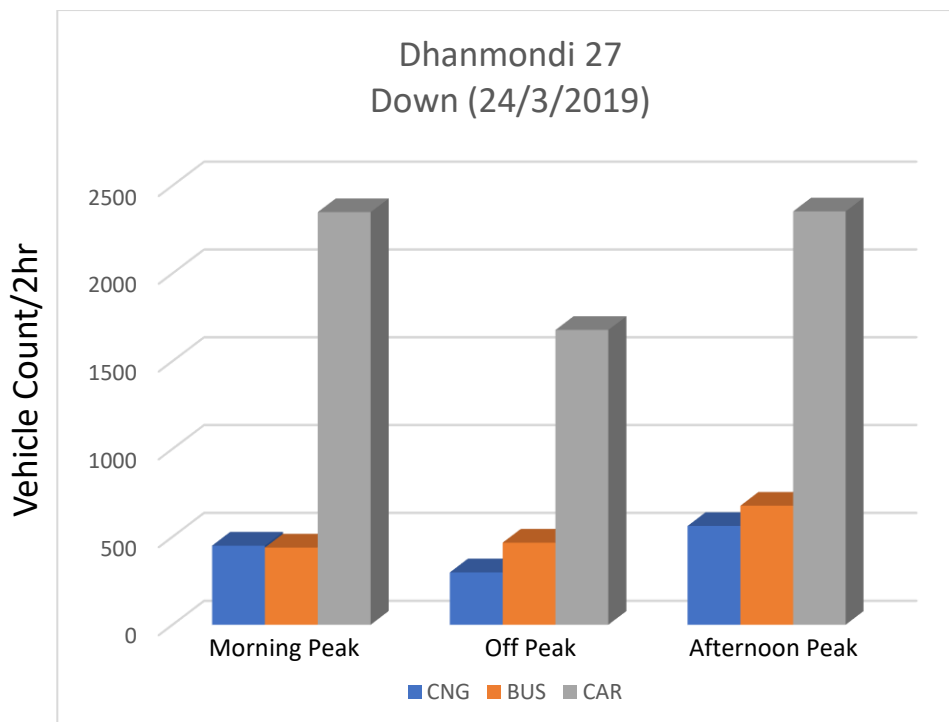
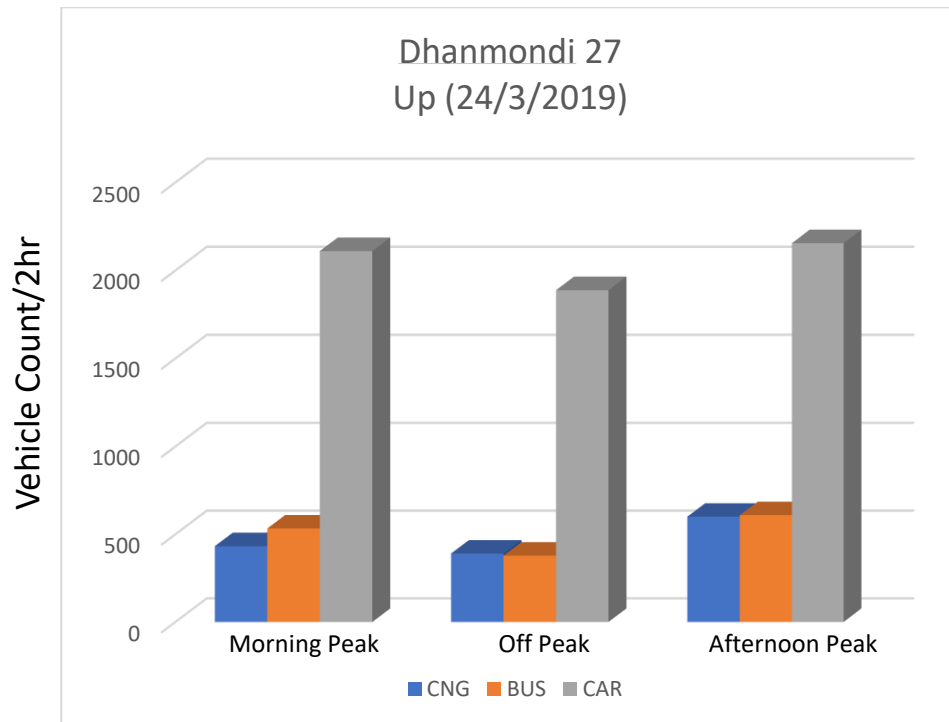
On the 3/7/2019, we can see that the number of cars in upward is higher than downward.



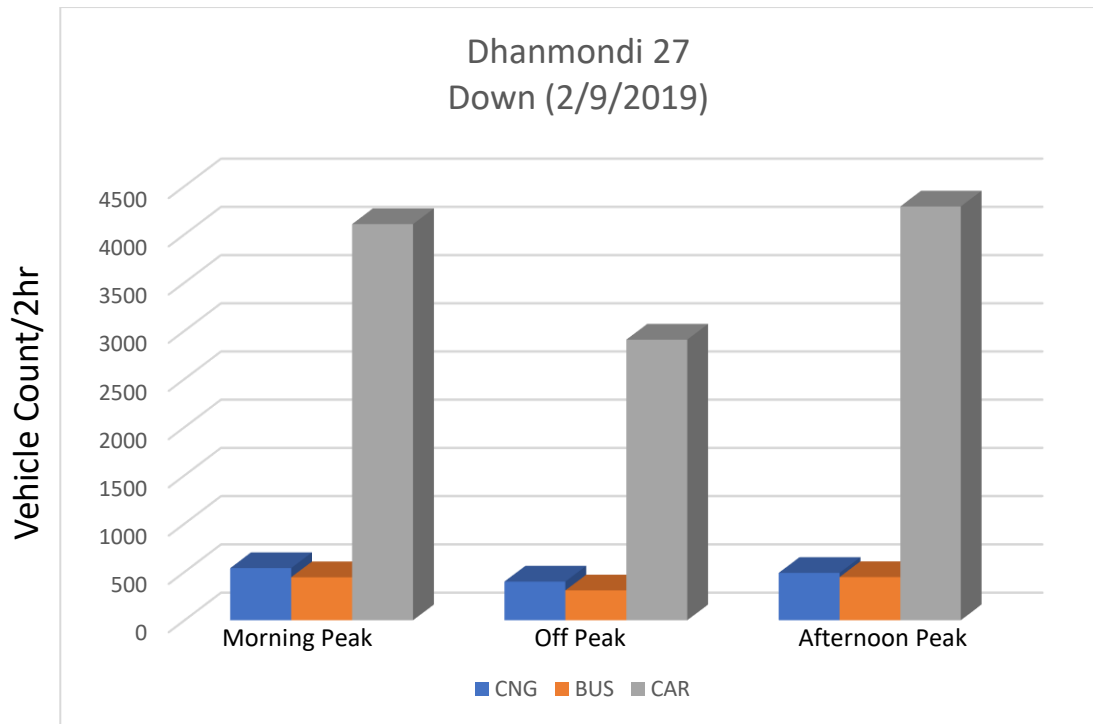
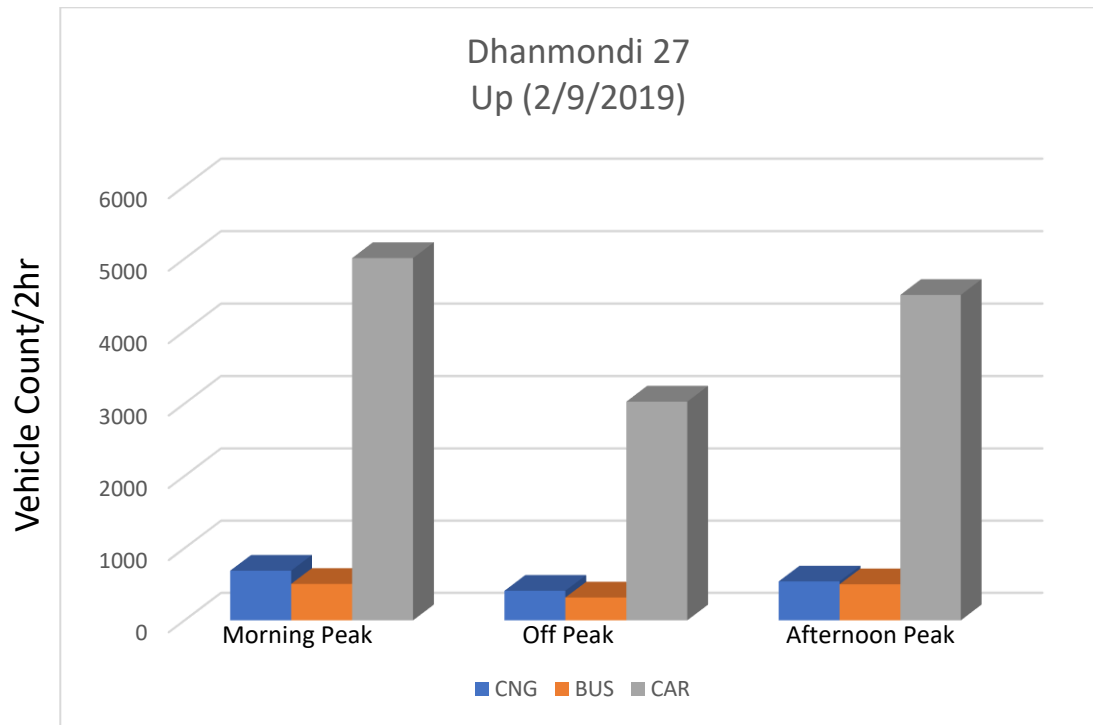
On the 4/7/2019, the number of cars in upward is less than downward at off peak and the number of buses at morning peak and afternoon peak is higher downward.



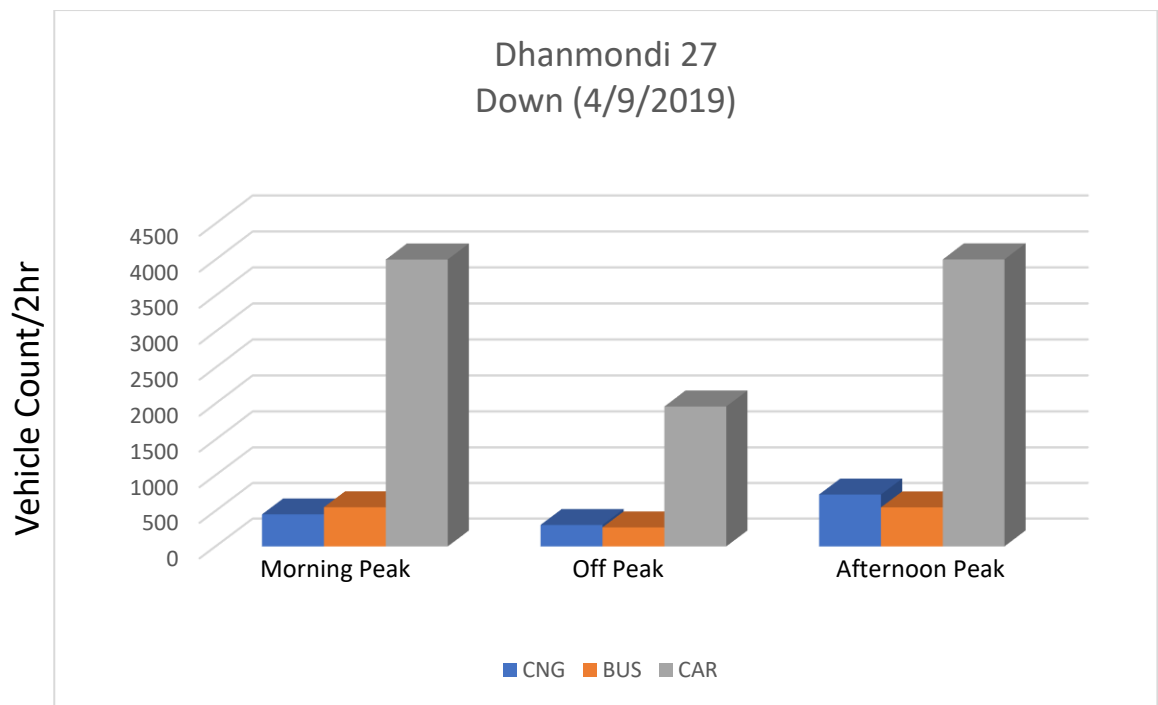
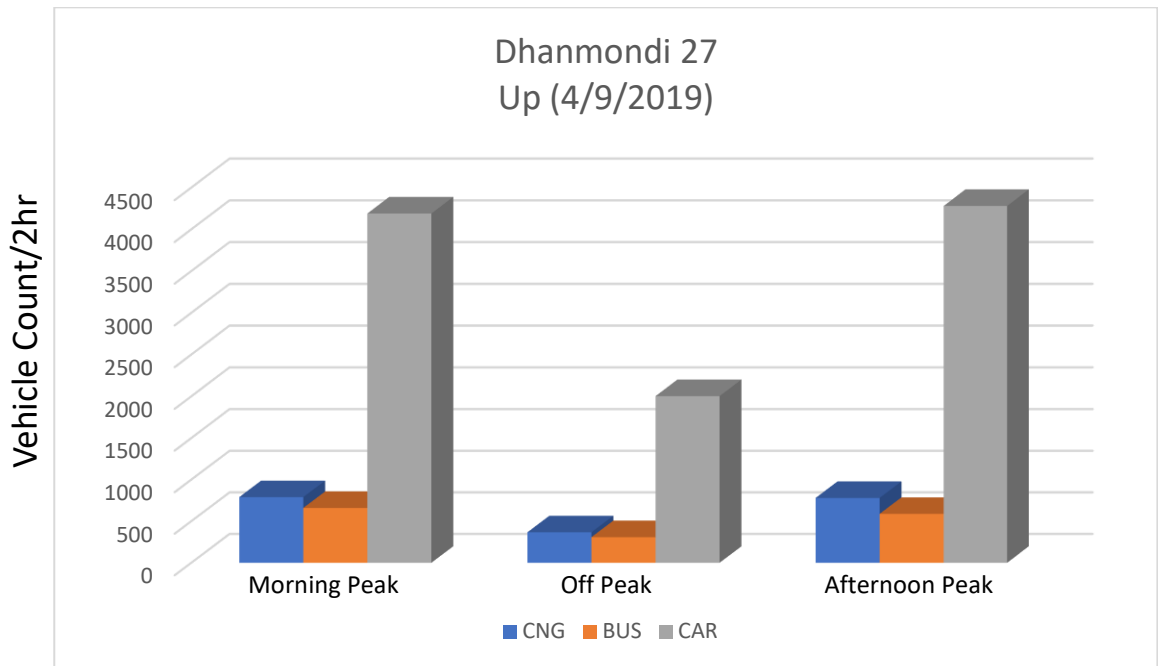
On the 6/7/2019, the number of CNGs and cars are little bit higher at upward than downward on off peak.



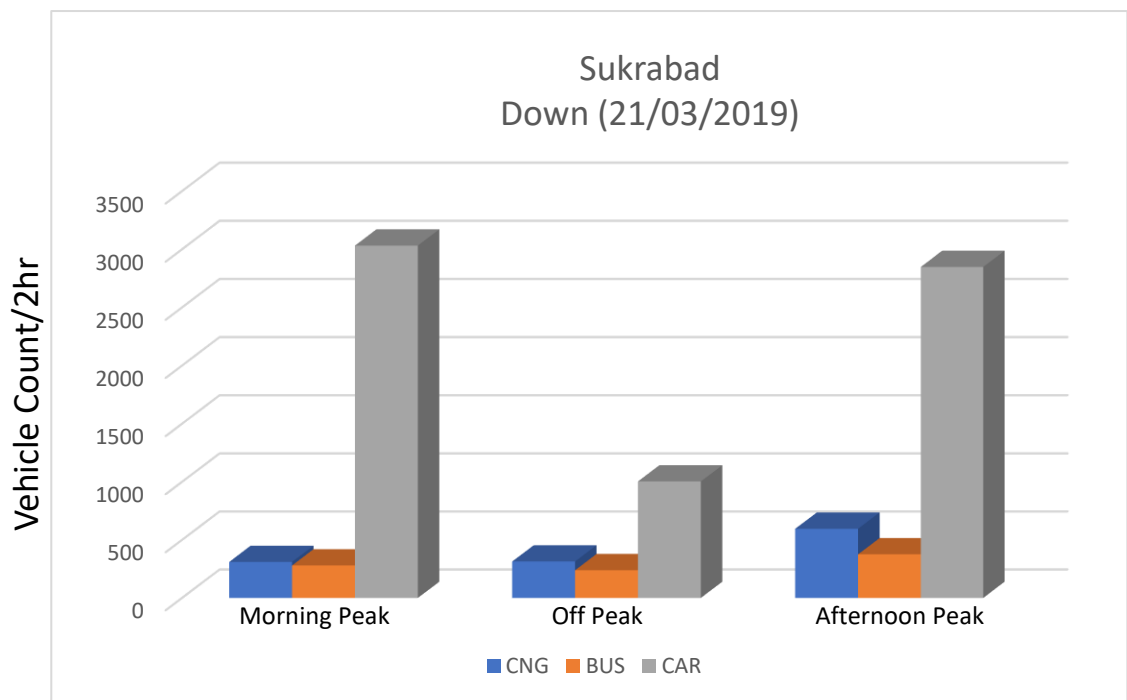
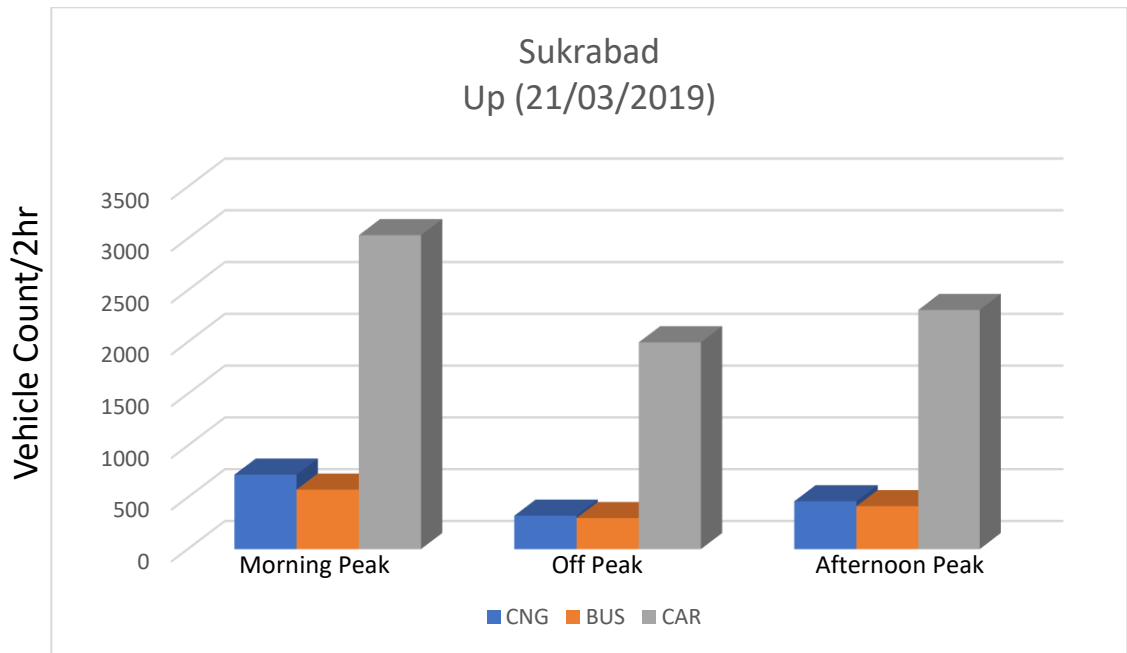
On the 24/3/2019, the number of buses and cars are higher than downward on morning peak. And the other hand the number of CNGs and cars are less than upward at off peak. Also, in the afternoon peak, the number of buses and cars are higher than upward.



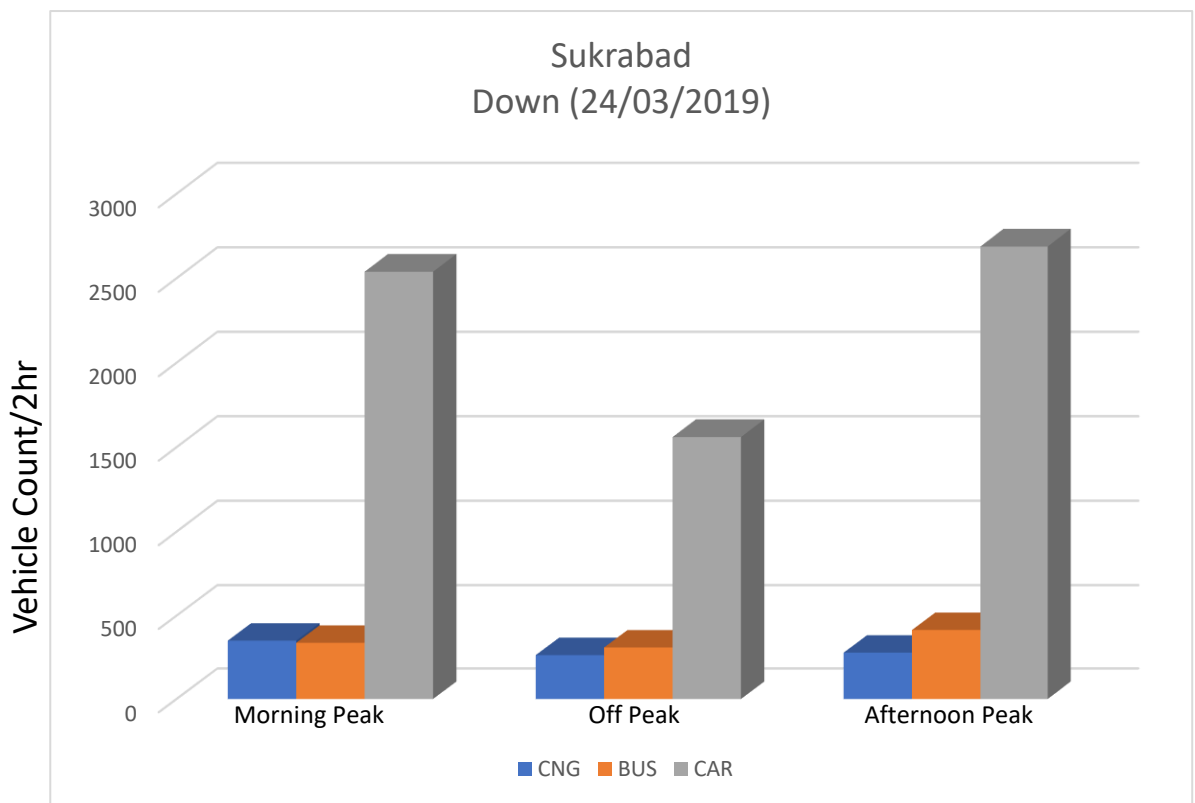
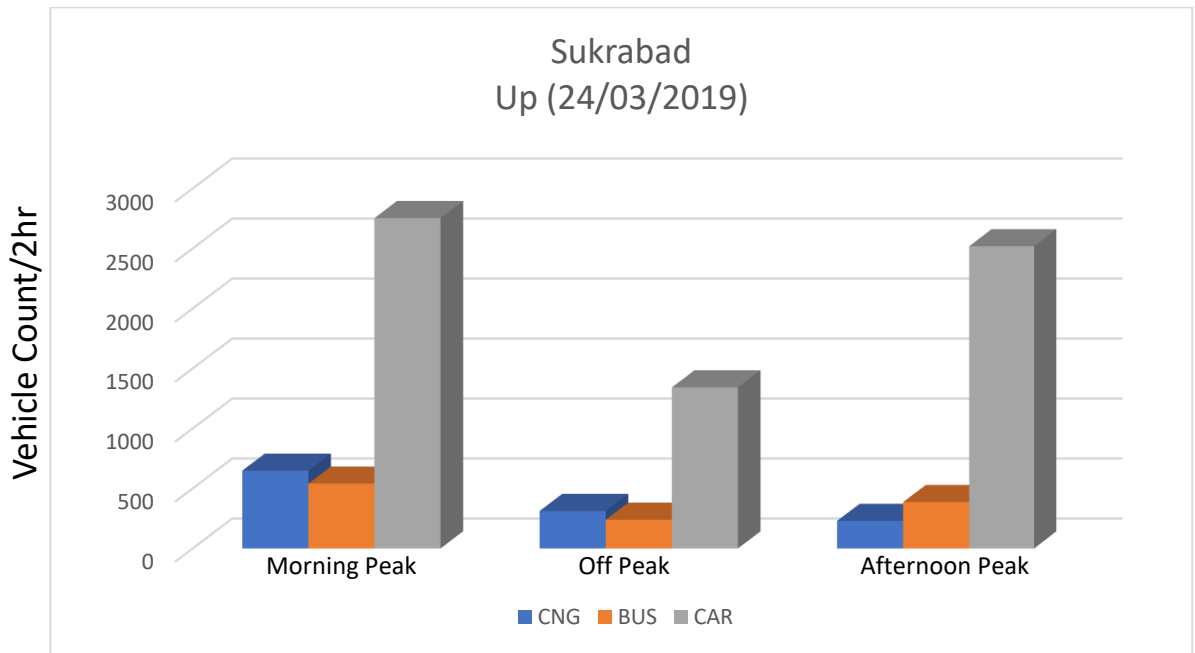
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On the 4/9/2019, the number of CNGs is higher than downward at morning peak.



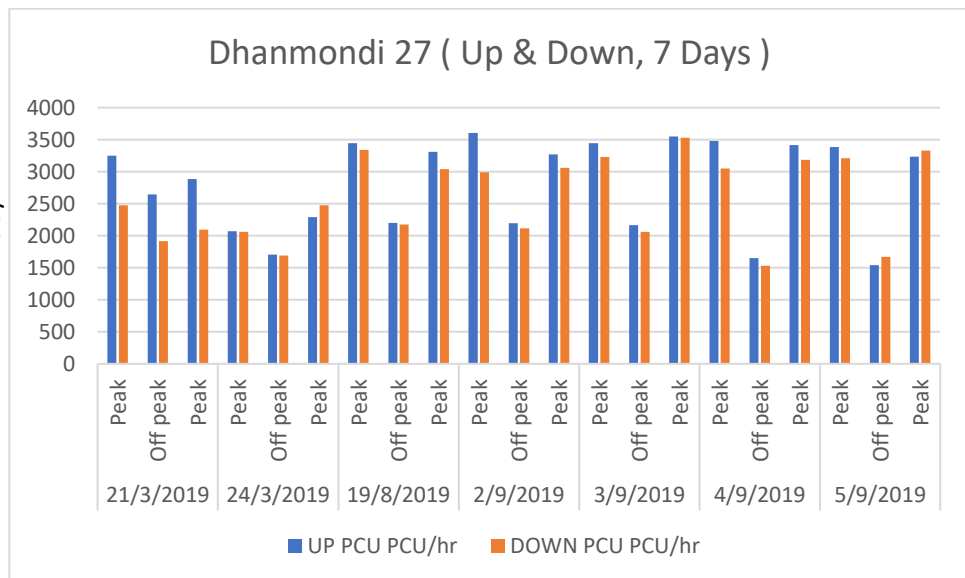
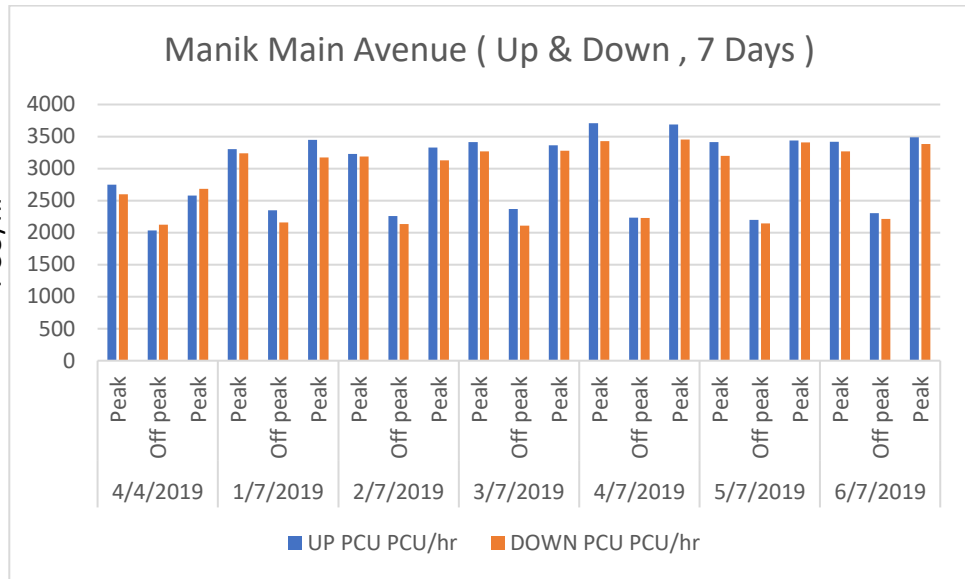
On the 21/3/2019, the number of CNGs and buses are higher than downward at morning peak and the number of CNGs is higher than upward at afternoon peak.

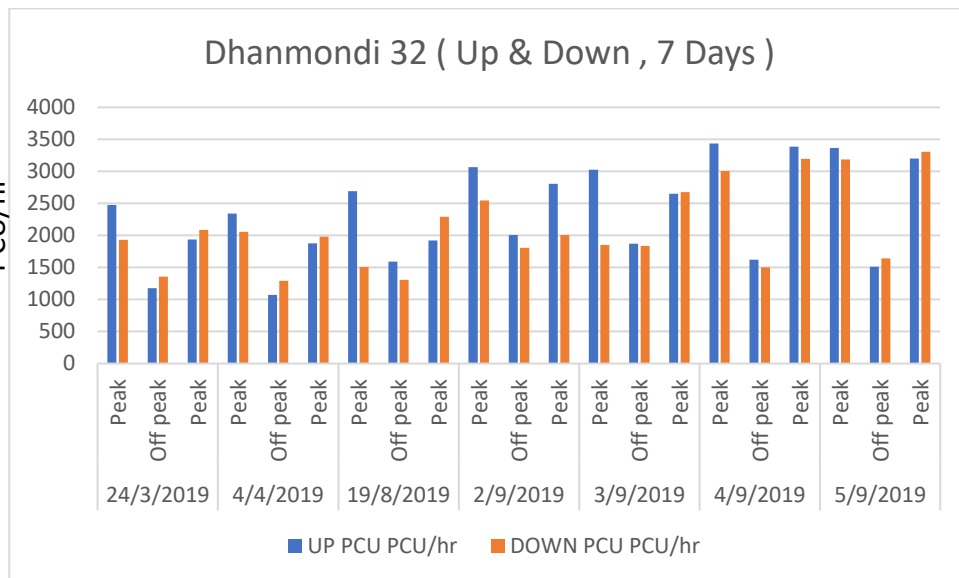
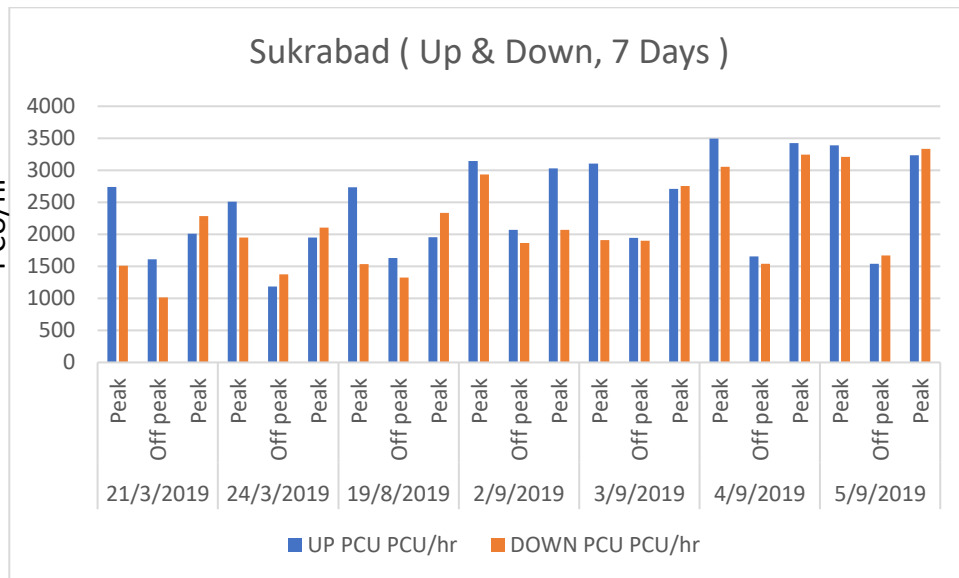


On the 24/3/2019, the number of CNGs and buses are less than upward at morning peak and the number of cars is higher than upward at off peak.

This time from the bar chart we can see that the number of cars in each of the four intersections we have involved is higher than bus and CNG. Although the number of buses and CNG has changed many days, the number of cars has always been high.

Next, we draw bar chart from the PCU data obtained from each intersection.





From the collected traffic volume data, we can see seven days of PCU variation at each intersection through the bar chart plotted from the value of the PCU. We extend the polygon line from Manik Mian Avenue to Asadgate and Dhanmondi 32 to Kalabagan because the cars coming to Manik Mian will come from Asadgate and the cars coming to Dhanmondi 32 will come from Kalabagan. Then we divide the PCU data received at each intersection by 2 because we have 2 lanes on the surveyed road. Then replace the received PCU data over the Intersection link through the **ArcGIS** application. Substitute PCU data into 6 categories and select different colors for each category.



Fig 4.1: PCU wise Color Variations

Then through the time slider we see difference in the intersection link of each day's PCU. Due to the unique color, we can see the difference of PCU data over time on the intersection link.

4.2. Result:

After inputting the day wise hourly PCU/Lane data through the ArcGIS application for each intersection link, the time slider shows us different color line above the intersection relative to the PCU/Lane.



Fig 4.2: Hourly PCU/Lane variations from 21/3/2019 to 25/3/2019

From 21/3/2019 to 25/3/2019 based on these five-day PCU data, from the color line we can see that the value of this five-day PCU from Manik Mian to Asadgate was from the range 1001 to 1250. On the other hand, PCU from Dhanmondi 32 to Sukrabad and Sukrabad to Dhanmondi 27 and Dhanmondi 27 to Manik Mian were between 751 to 1000. Simultaneously, the other lane was within PCU 1000 to 1250 from Dhanmondi 27 to Sukrabad and Sukrabad to Kalabagan.



Fig 4.3: Hourly PCU/Lane variations from 16/8/2019 to 20/8/2019

From 16/8/2019 to 20/8/2019 based on these five-day PCU data, from the color line we can see that the value of this five-day PCU from Manik Mian Avenue to Asadgate was from the range 1501 to 1750. On the other hand, from Dhanmondi 32 to Sukrabad and Sukrabad to Dhanmondi 27 and Dhanmondi 27 to Manik Mian Avenue, PCU value was 751 to 1000 and also PCU from Sukrabad to Dhanmondi 32 and Dhanmondi 32 to Kalabagan was within 1001 to 1250. Also, from Dhanmondi 27 to Sukrabad, PCU was from the range 1501 to 1750.



Fig 4.4: Hourly PCU/Lane variations from 30/8/2019 to 3/9/2019

From 30/8/2019 to 3/9/2019 based on these five-day PCU data, from the color line we can see that the value of this five-day PCU from Dhanmondi 32 intersection to Sukrabad and Sukrabad to Dhanmondi 27 and Dhanmondi 27 to Manik Mian was from the range 1501 to 1750 and other hand, Dhanmondi 27 to Sukrabad intersection PCU range was from 1501 to 1750. Also, here we can see that the PCU from Sukrabad to Kalabagan was from the range 701 to 1000.

Then we created a video simulation using ArcGIS aspect of PCU variations over time.

Chapter-5

Conclusion

We work with four intersections and presented traffic conditions in the video simulation. It was very difficult to deal with just four intersections data to replicate the real scenario. If there were more intersections working together instead of four intersections, would be a lot of benefit to understanding actual traffic conditions yet time constraints bound us to do so. Moreover, we were not able to collect traffic data at the same time at each intersection during the data collection, resulting in gaps in the simulation. We considered three types of vehicles while collecting traffic volumes. We believe that the representation could have been much better with larger amount of data in terms of duration and variations in the vehicle types. However, this thesis output would provide a good platform to introduce the method of representation.

Based on the results, we found similarities in the traffic congestion situation with the traffic count distributions for different intersections over the period of the study. In Sukrabad to Dhanmondi 27 intersection the similarity was very significant during 16/8/2019 to 20/8/2019 and 30/8/2019 to 3/9/2019. And also, Dhanmondi 27 to Kalabagan intersection the similarity was very significant during 21/3/19 to 25/3/2019. However, Sukrabad to Kalabagan and Manik Mian to Asadgate intersection exhibits quite different representation compared to the obtained traffic count. This might be a result of PCU consideration as well. However, the method that was demonstrated in this thesis could be a decent start of resourceful research projects.

In the future, the study of roadway capacity and saturation flow can be included for better portraying of the congestion situation. The data volume can be increased in terms of number of days and vehicle types for more accurate

representation. Our thesis will help a lot in determining how much PCU each intersection has for automation traffic signaling. This can lead to the application of modern concepts i.e. cooperative greens for consecutive intersections for betterment of the traffic flow. As a result, we can achieve the most efficient method of traffic management for sustainable development of Dhaka city.

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