

RISE OF THE MACHINES

Data-led approaches to sustainable roads

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Traffic Signal Upgrades

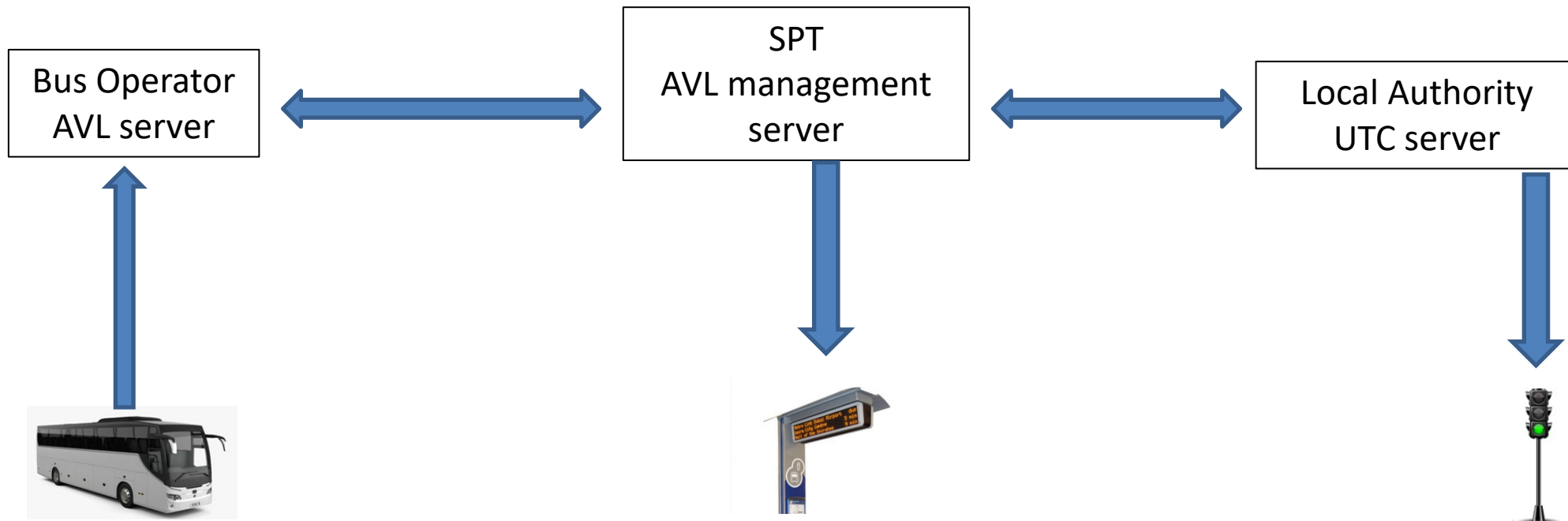


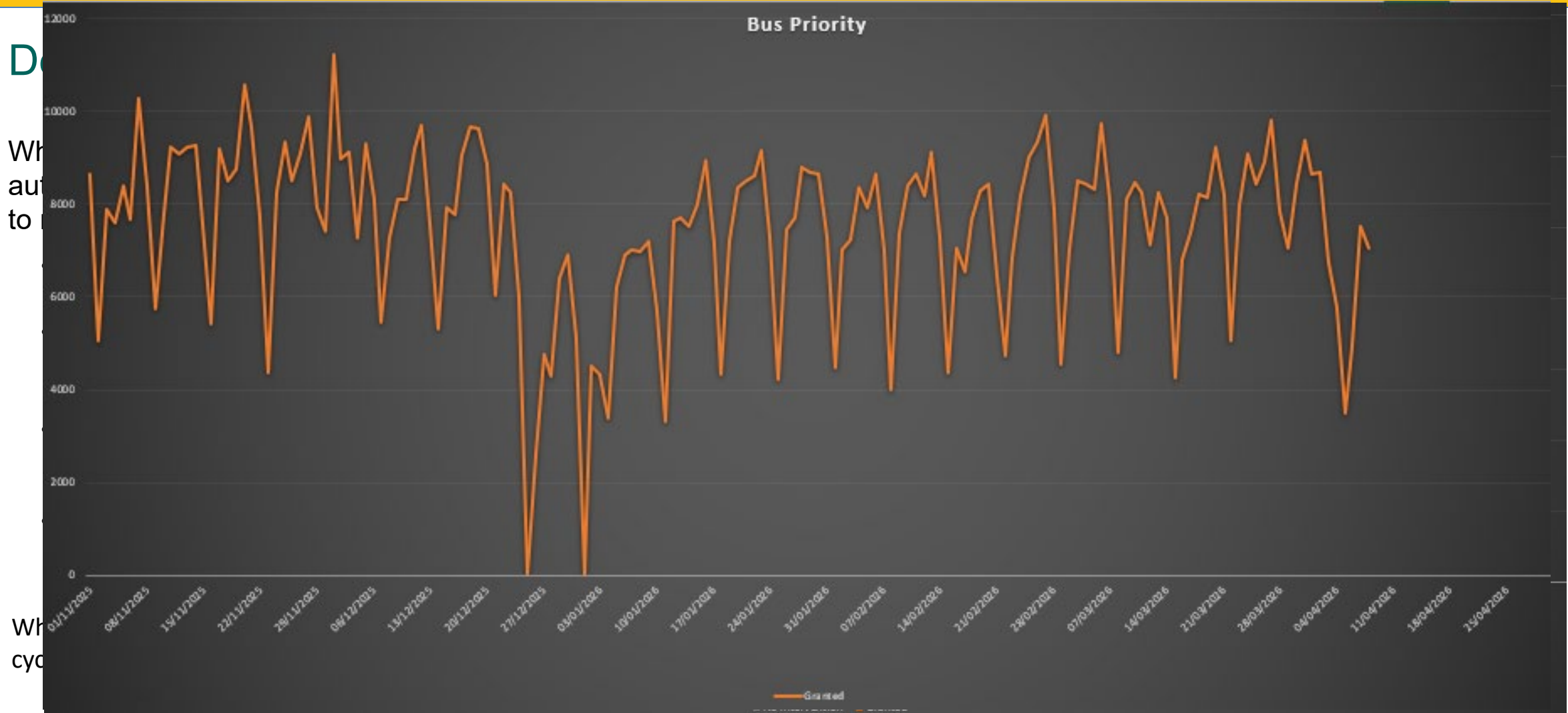
Urban Traffic Control in Glasgow

- Almost 1000 sets of traffic lights installed around the City
- Most use some form of adaptive control
- Primary method in Glasgow is SCOOT (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique)



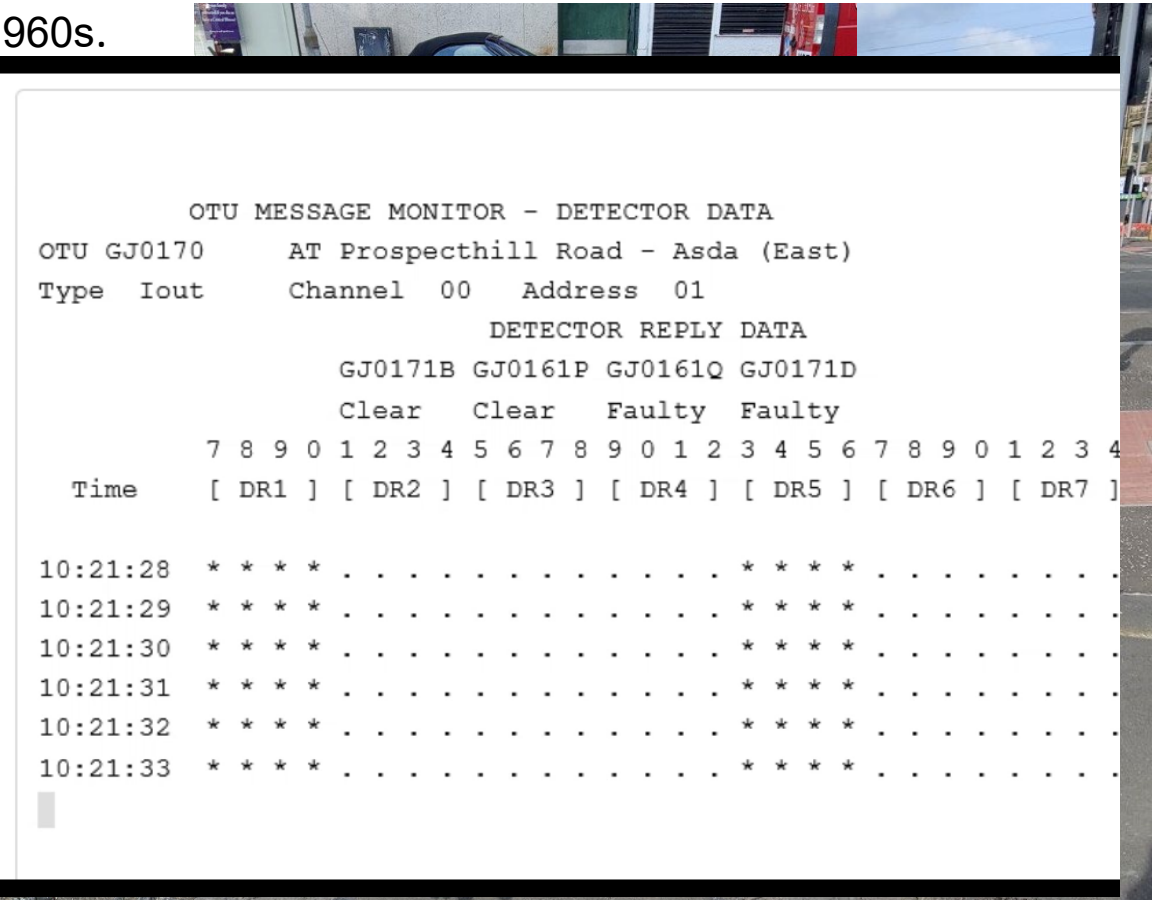
SCOOT and Bus Priority





Vehicle detection for SCOOT

Standard for traffic detection has been inductive loops since 1960s.
Proven technology using cables buried in the road surface at
Expensive and disruptive to install, expensive to maintain





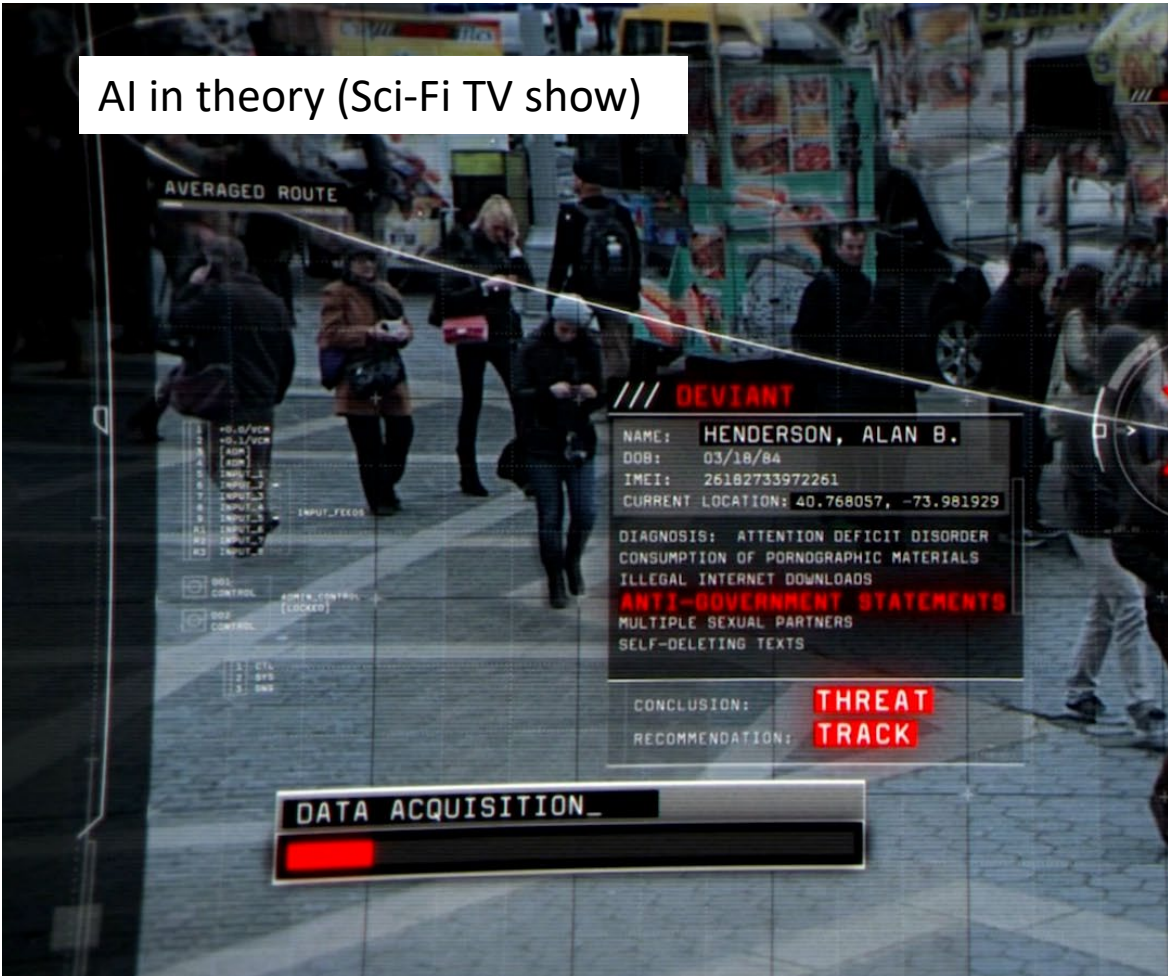
Above ground radar detection



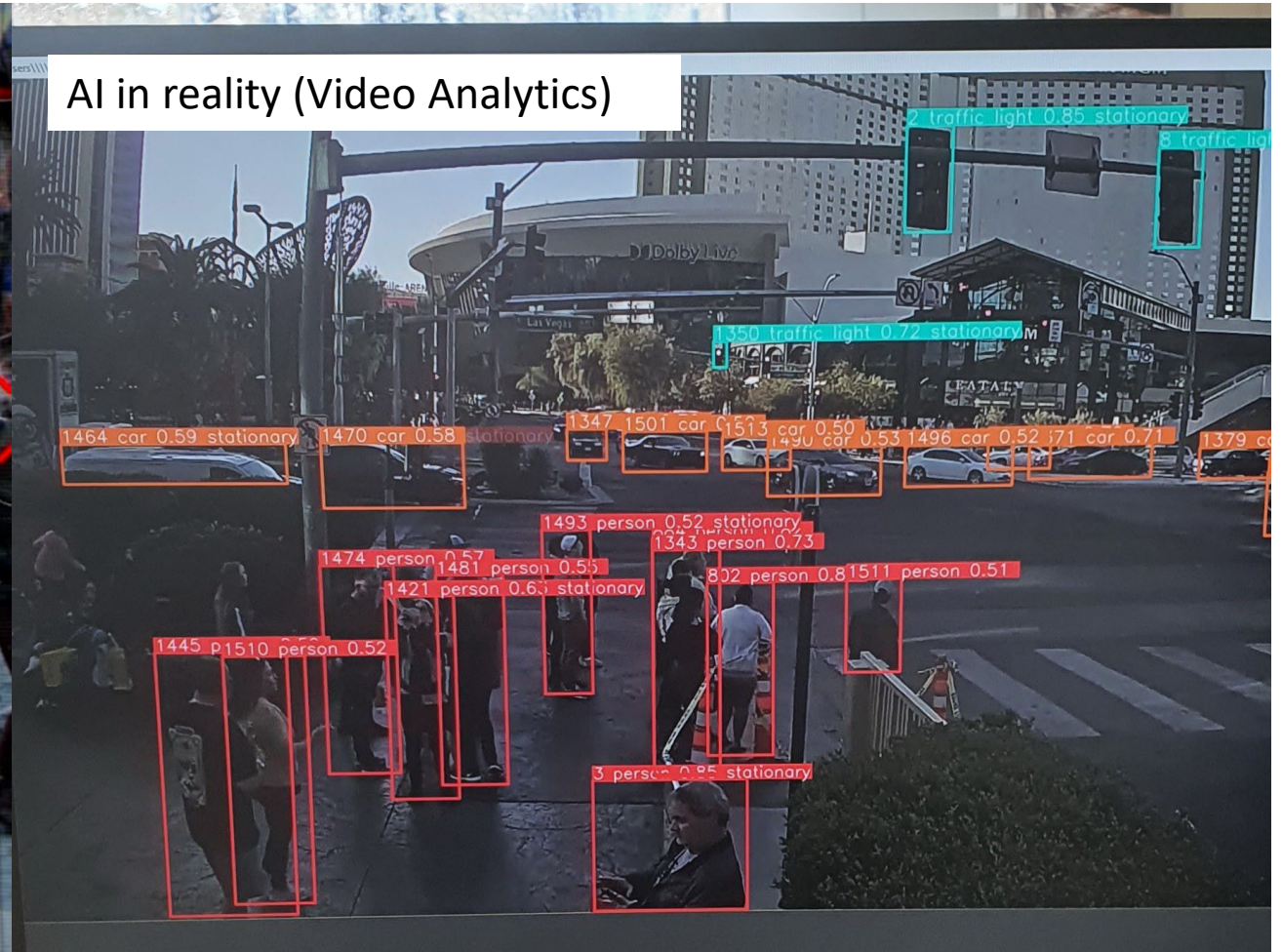


Above Ground Radar
(Wide Angle)

AI in theory (Sci-Fi TV show)



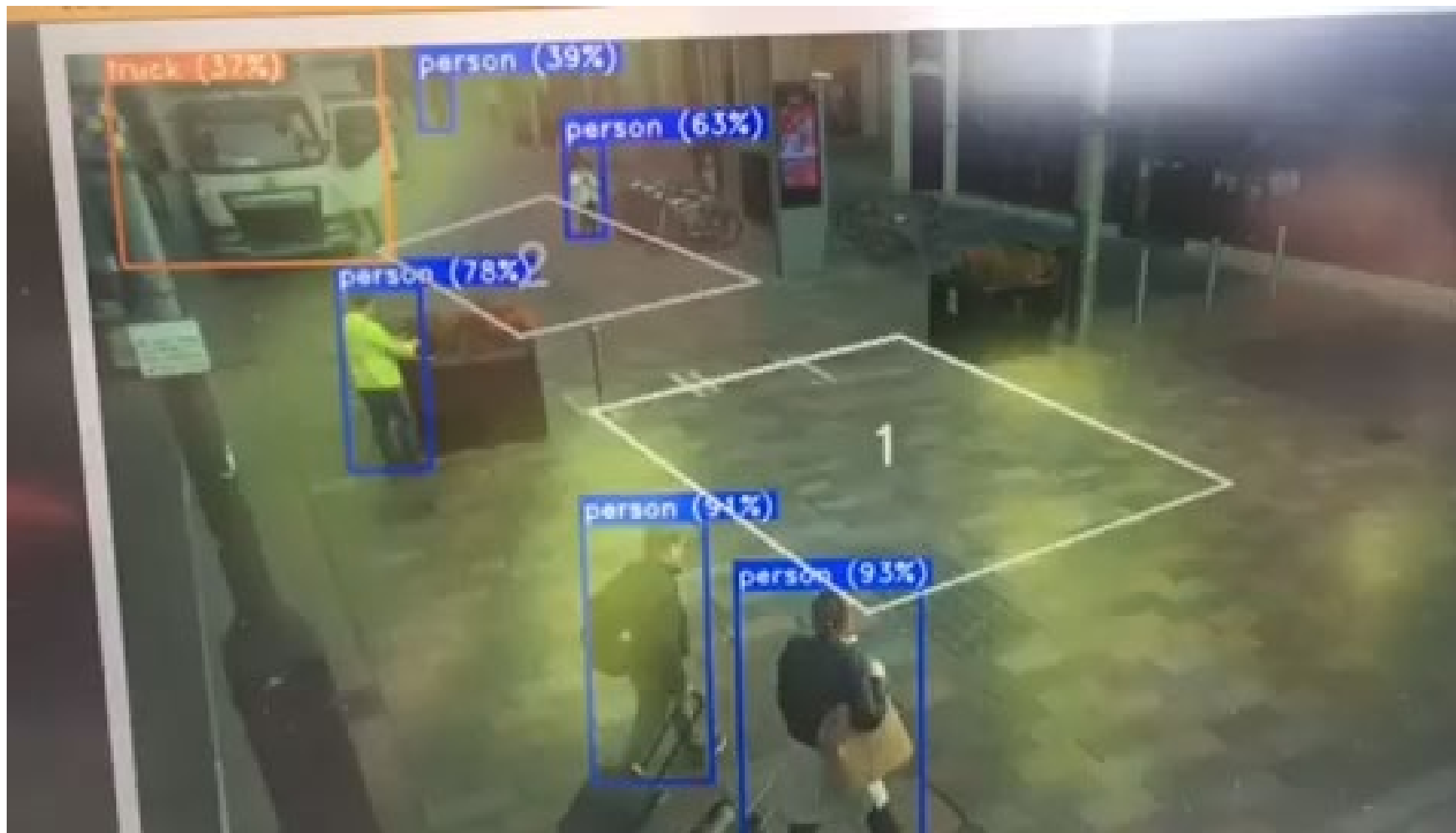
AI in reality (Video Analytics)





AI classified count





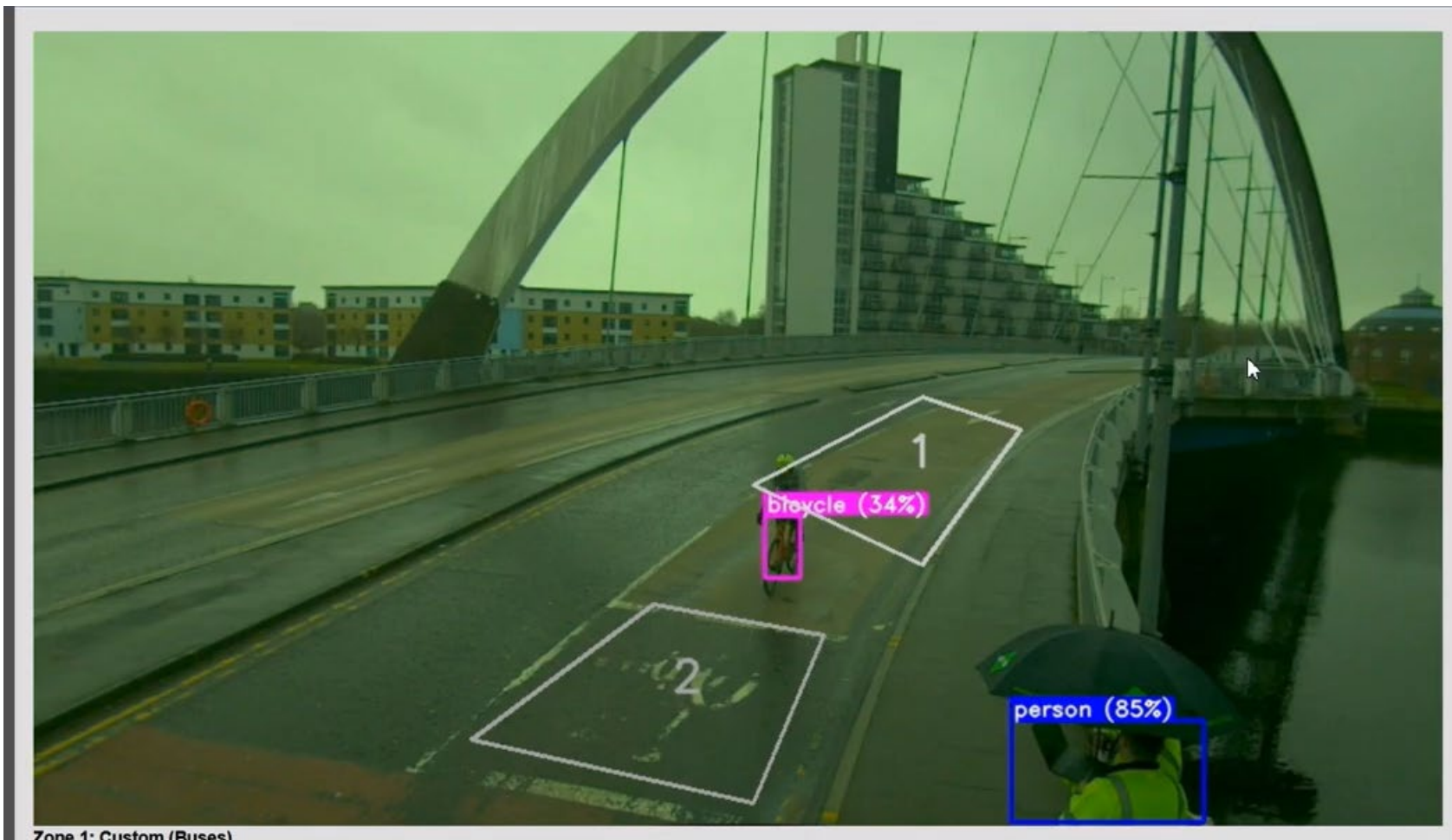
Embedded AI
Vehicle specific detection





Embedded AI
SCOOT detection
Cycle detection

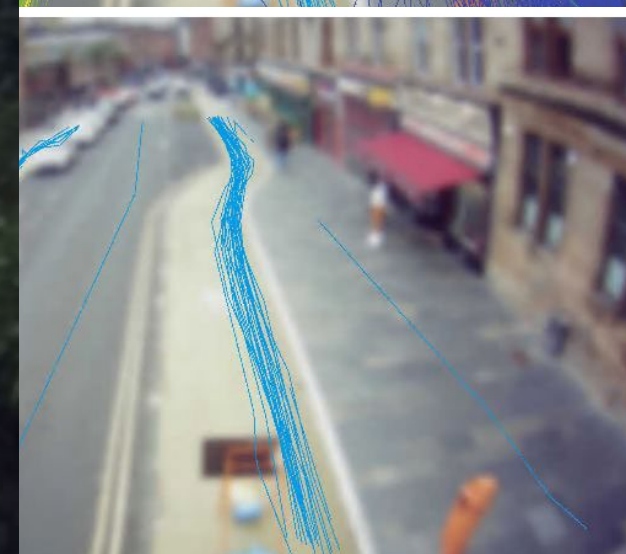
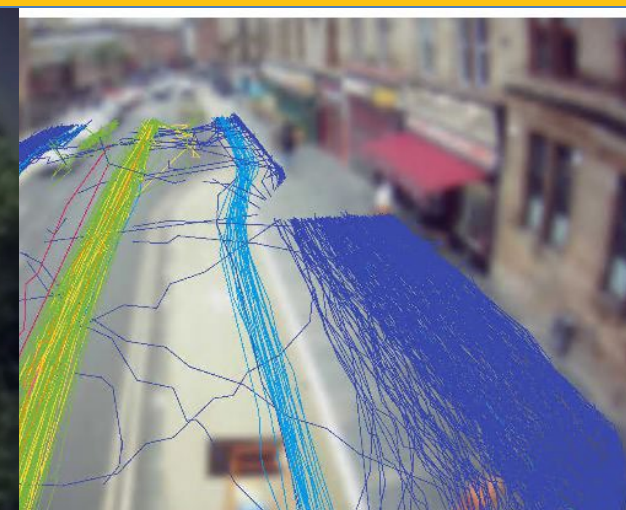
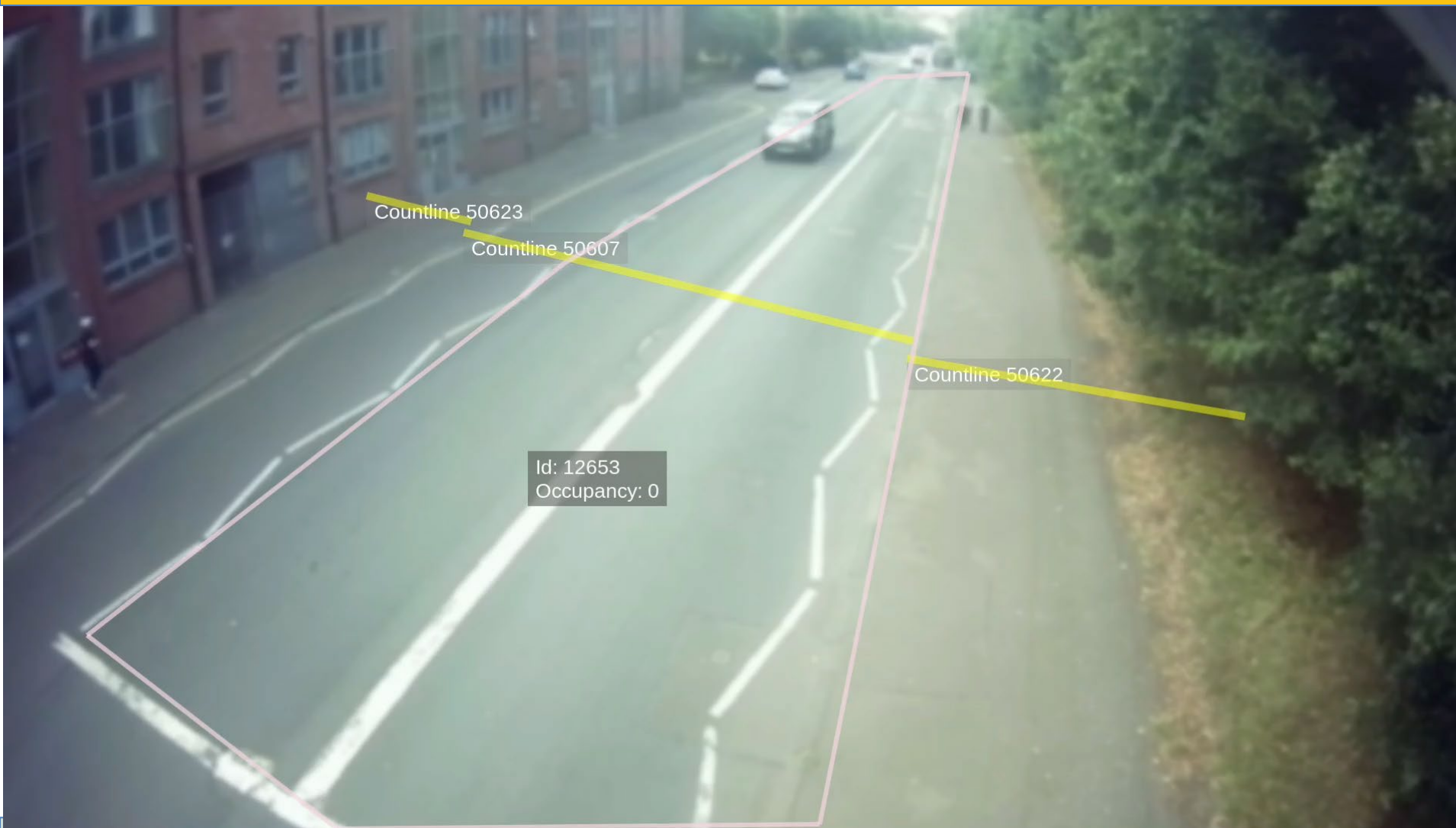




Zone 1: Custom (Buses)

Embedded AI
Cycle detection
Bus detection

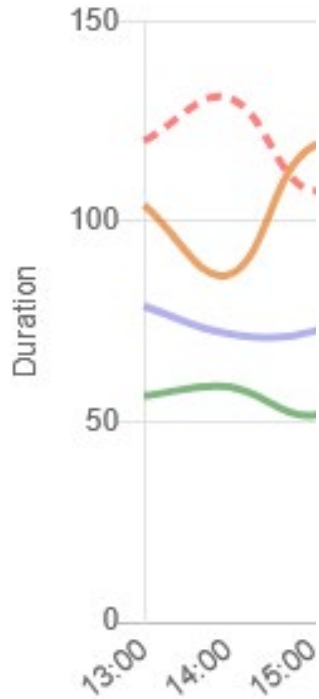




Bluetooth Journeys

Last 24 hours

Journey Data (seconds)



GK040-BT	GK050*1-BT	2026-05-08 13:09:16	1 mins 59s (1 mins 34s)	12.06 mph (15.32 mph)
GK015-BT	GK040-BT	2026-05-08 13:04:01	4 mins 12s (4 mins 7s)	9.96 mph (10.15 mph)
GB060*1-BT	GK015-BT	2026-05-08 13:00:32	3 mins 29s (3 mins 2s)	10.69 mph (12.26 mph)
GA235-BT	GK040-BT	2026-05-08 12:58:57	9 mins 15s (9 mins 55s)	10.15 mph (9.47 mph)
GA235-BT	GB060*1-BT	2026-05-08 12:58:57	1 mins 34s (1 mins 18s)	9.78 mph (11.80 mph)
GA185*1-BT	GA200-BT	2026-05-08 12:32:52	3 mins 11s (3 mins 41s)	6.88 mph (5.96 mph)
GB060*1-BT	GA185*1-BT	2026-05-08 12:30:12	2 mins 40s (3 mins 55s)	7.17 mph (4.87 mph)
GK040-BT	GA185*1-BT	2026-05-08 12:21:33	11 mins 19s (11 mins 54s)	8.57 mph (8.15 mph)
GK040-BT	GK015-BT	2026-05-08 12:21:33	4 mins 52s (4 mins 10s)	8.57 mph (10.03 mph)
GK050*1-BT	GK040-BT	2026-05-08 12:20:41	52s (1 mins 14s)	27.84 mph (19.31 mph)
GK040-BT	GK050*1-BT	2026-05-08 10:05:54	2 mins 21s (1 mins 41s)	10.22 mph (14.21 mph)
GK015-BT	GK040-BT	2026-05-08 10:01:17	2 mins 45s (3 mins 15s)	15.21 mph (12.87 mph)

5 months

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Of Journeys

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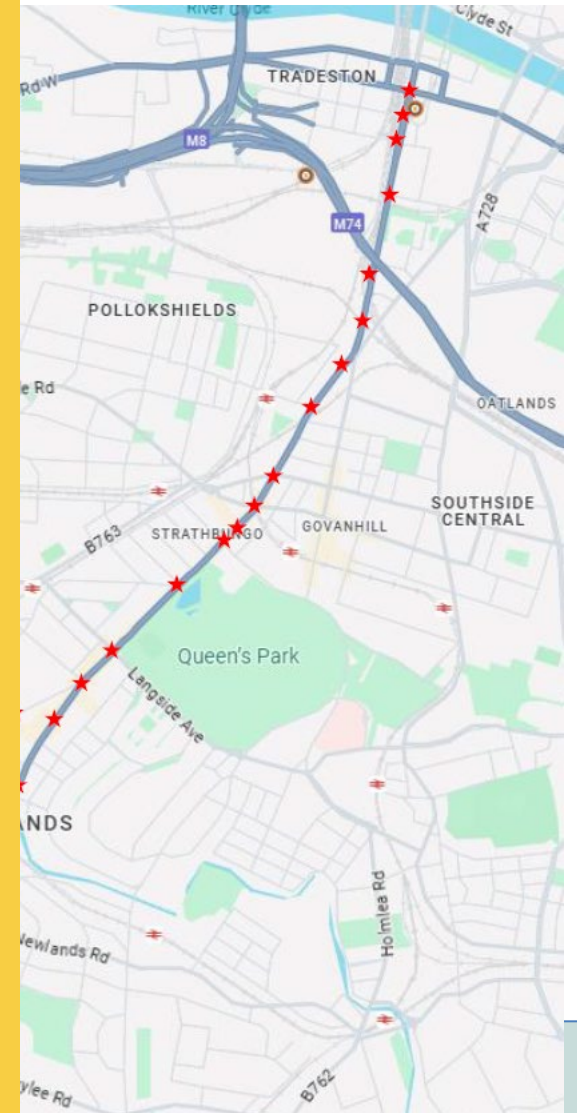
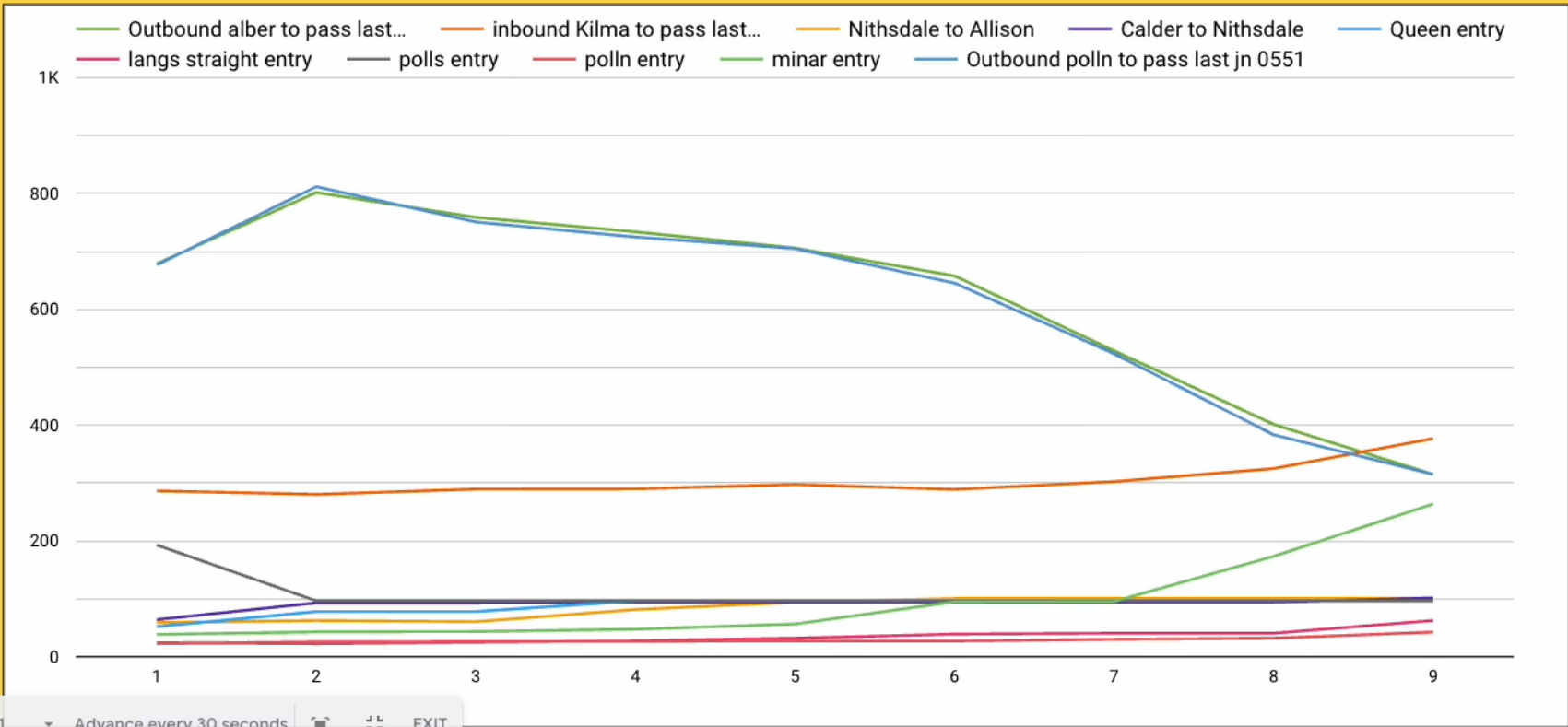
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Pollokshaws AI Project – Initial results (average speed)

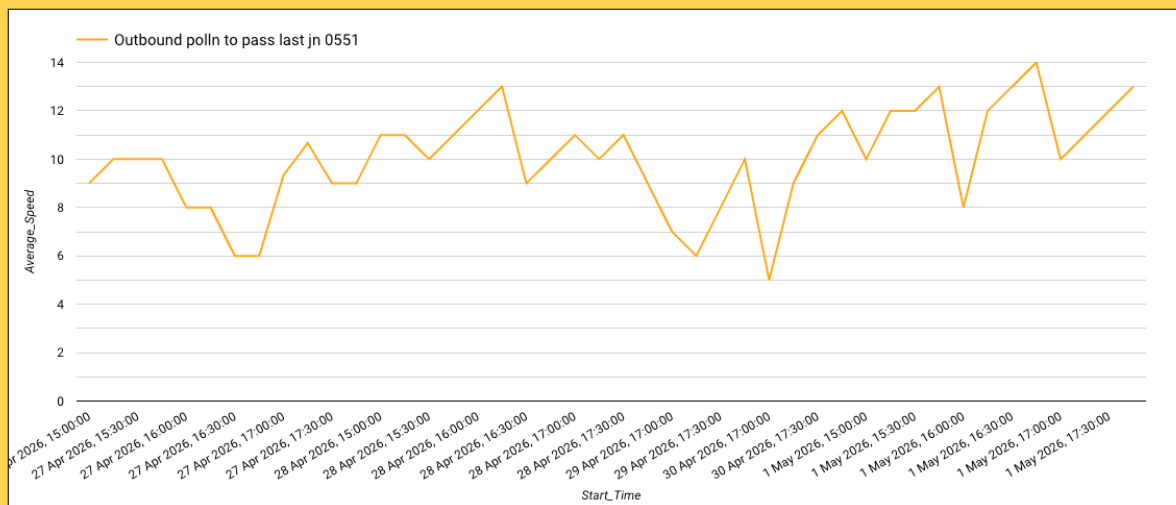


Typical PM Peak speeds – w/comm 27/4/26

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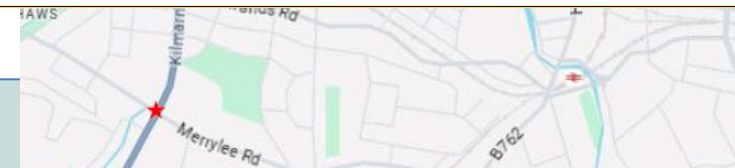
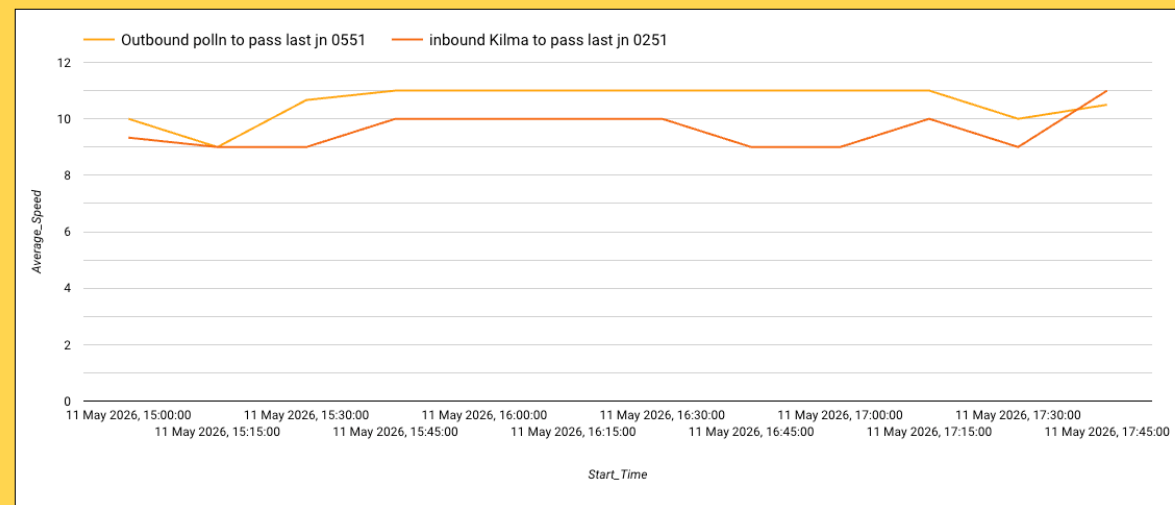


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Pollokshaws AI Project – Initial results (journey time)



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Supporting a fair and sustainable city where everyone gets to contribute and all can benefit from a flourishing Glasgow

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AI enabled SCOOT and Bus Priority

Smother journeys with less delays

Increased reliability of bus services

Able to include journey time from bluetooth sensors

Able to detect buses at longer range and make changes at multiple junctions

Provides rich data for scheme evaluation or further hot spot analysis

Potential to include other data sources (roadworks / incidents / major events)

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QUESTIONS?

