

# CARBON FREE CORRIDOR

## Modeling the Grid Impact of Long Haul Electric Vehicles (LHEVs) in Ontario

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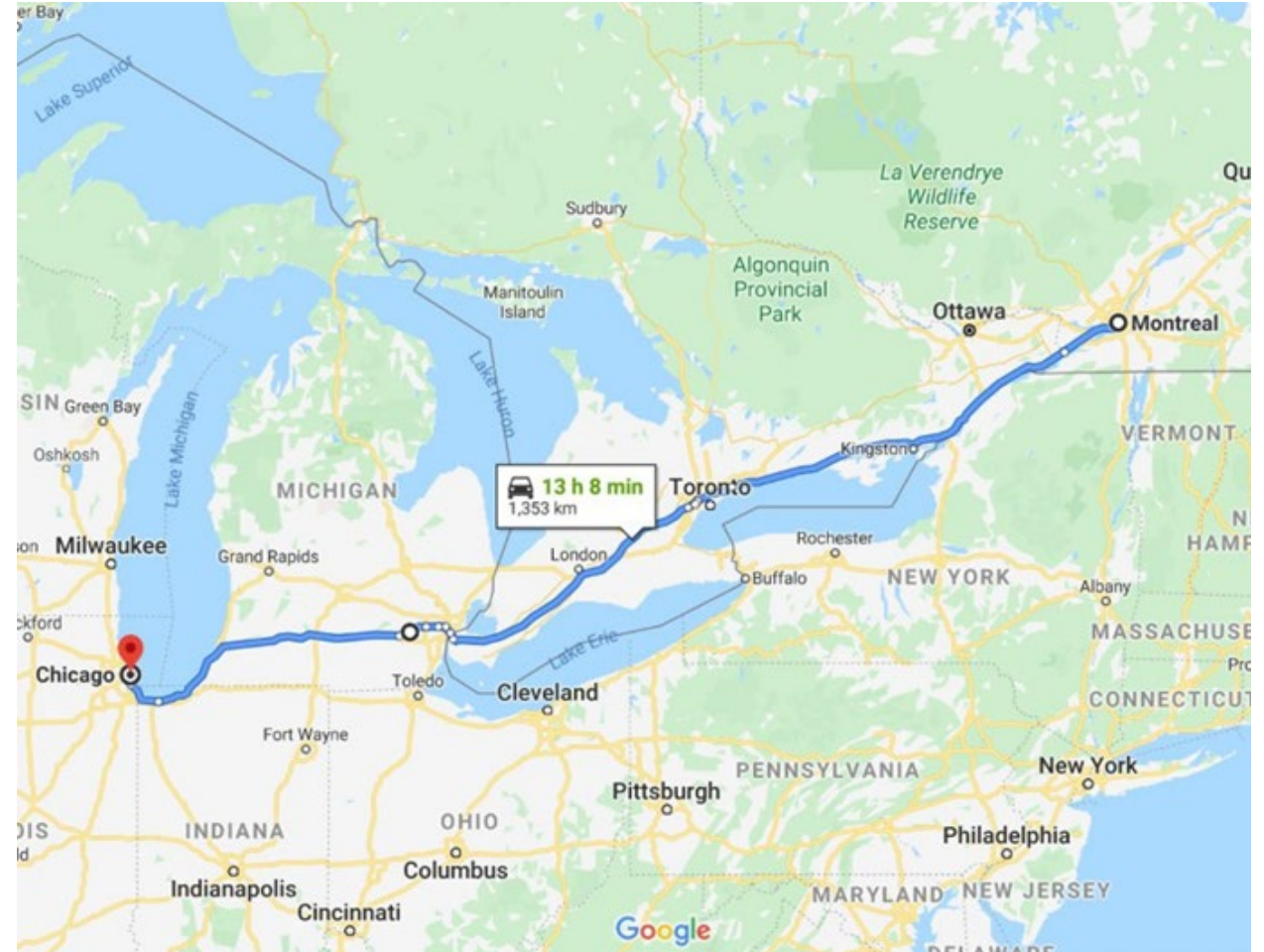
### CFC Backgrounder

#### WHAT IS THE CARBON FREE CORRIDOR?

- An Information Movement Bent on Research and Business Case Construction to Decarbonize Transport Between Montreal and Chicago.
- Why Montreal to Chicago?

#### RECAP OF CFC ACTIVITIES (CFC Events)

- CFC1 – Introduction & Scoping
- CFC2 – Trucking Transition
- CFC3 – EV Charging Challenges and Opportunities
- CFC4 – Bi-Directional Charging Infrastructure
- CFC5 – Decarbonizing Air Transport

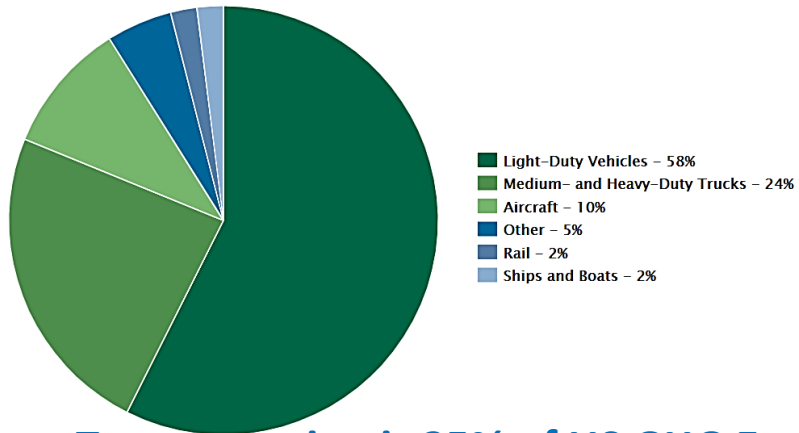


### Choosing Long Haul Trucks



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2019 U.S. Transportation Sector GHG Emissions by Source



#### GOAL OF THE STUDY:

To develop models that help improve the understanding of the challenges and opportunities for Ontario grid operators on the pathway to long haul transport truck decarbonization

#### OBJECTIVE 1

Establish a Representative Archetypal Routing Network (ARN) to assess long haul transport loading of support infrastructure

**OVERLAY TRANSPORT AND ENERGY GRIDS**

#### OBJECTIVE 2

Develop a Parameterized Charging/Fueling Load Model to characterize energy grid loads

**TRUCKS AS BOTH FREIGHT AND ENERGY CARRIERS**

#### OBJECTIVE 3

Build out Industry-Specific Case Study to examine detailed economics and distributed energy resource/ancillary opportunities

**Transportation is 25% of US GHG Emissions per year. Medium and Heavy Trucks are 24% of that**

<https://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/fast-facts-transportation-greenhouse-gas-emissions>

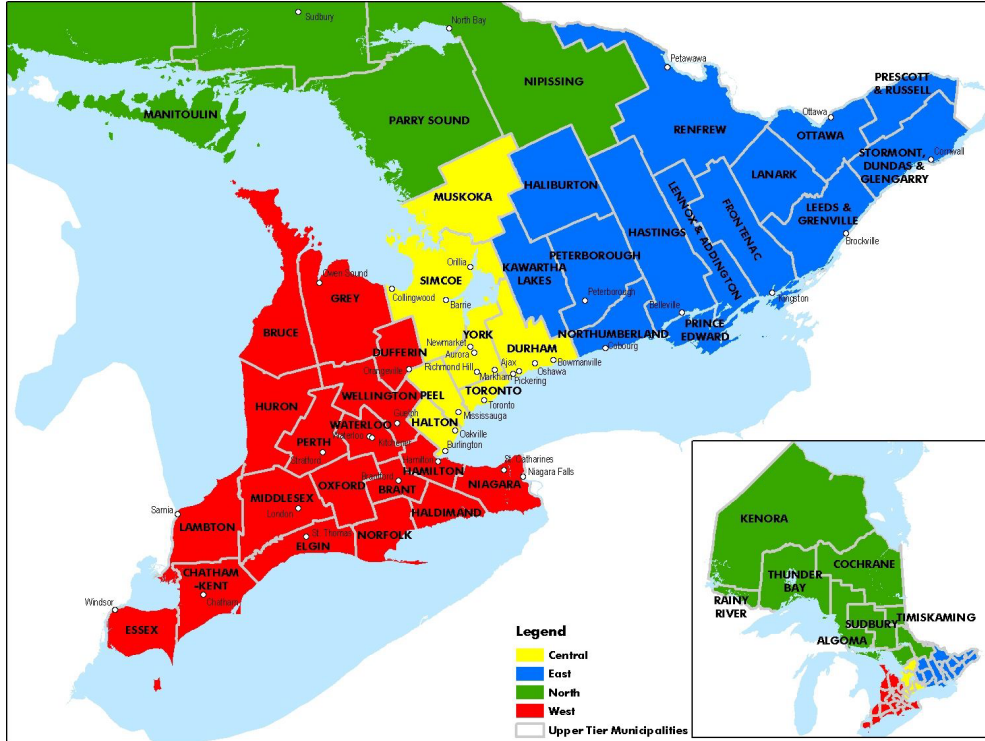


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### Construction of an Archetypal Routing Network (ARN)



#### DATA OVERVIEW

- 60,000 GPS Tracked Long Haul Trucks used in dataset
- GPS data is for the entire month of March 2016

#### PRIMARY STOPS

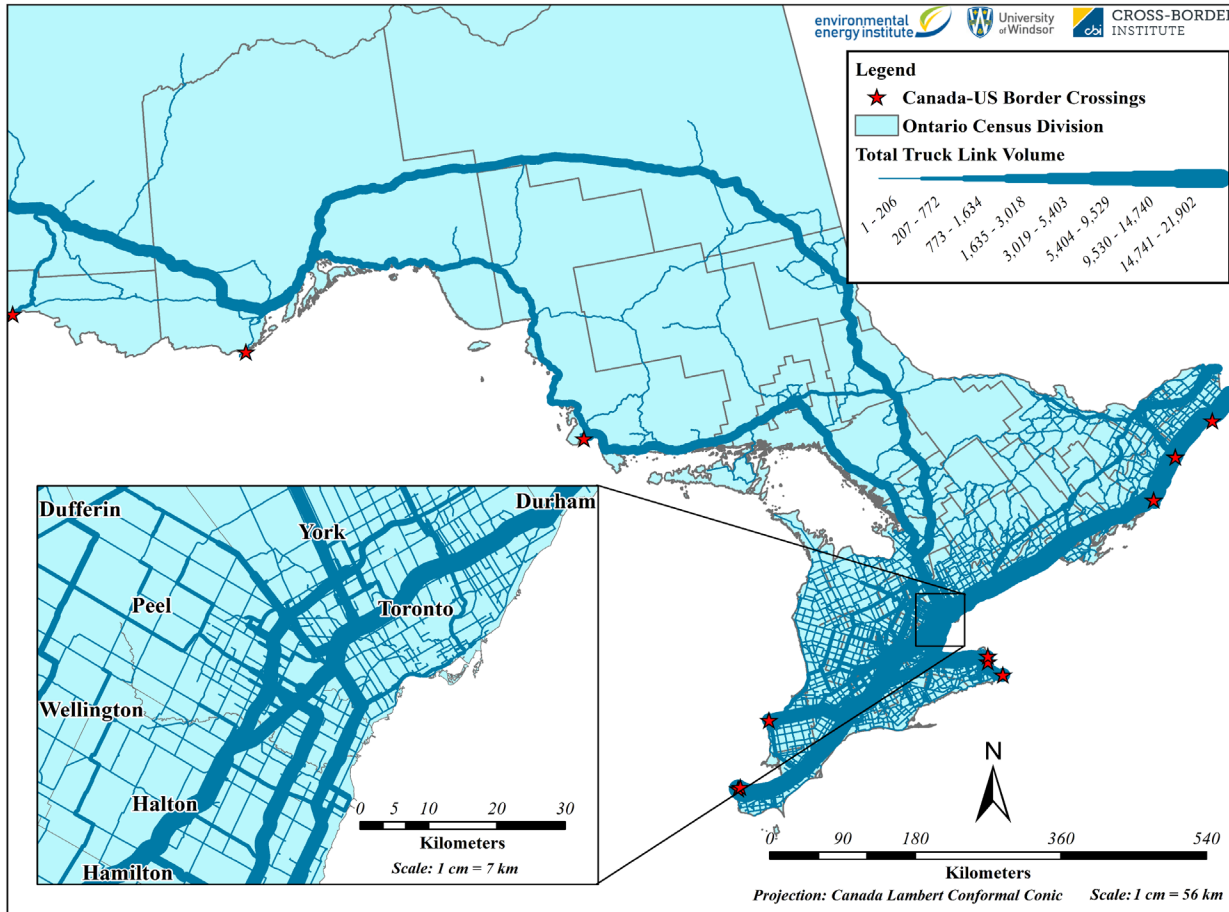
- Primary Stops are generally Trip Origins and Destinations
- These will be critically important as they may also soon represent rest/fueling locations – longer stays

#### SECONDARY STOPS

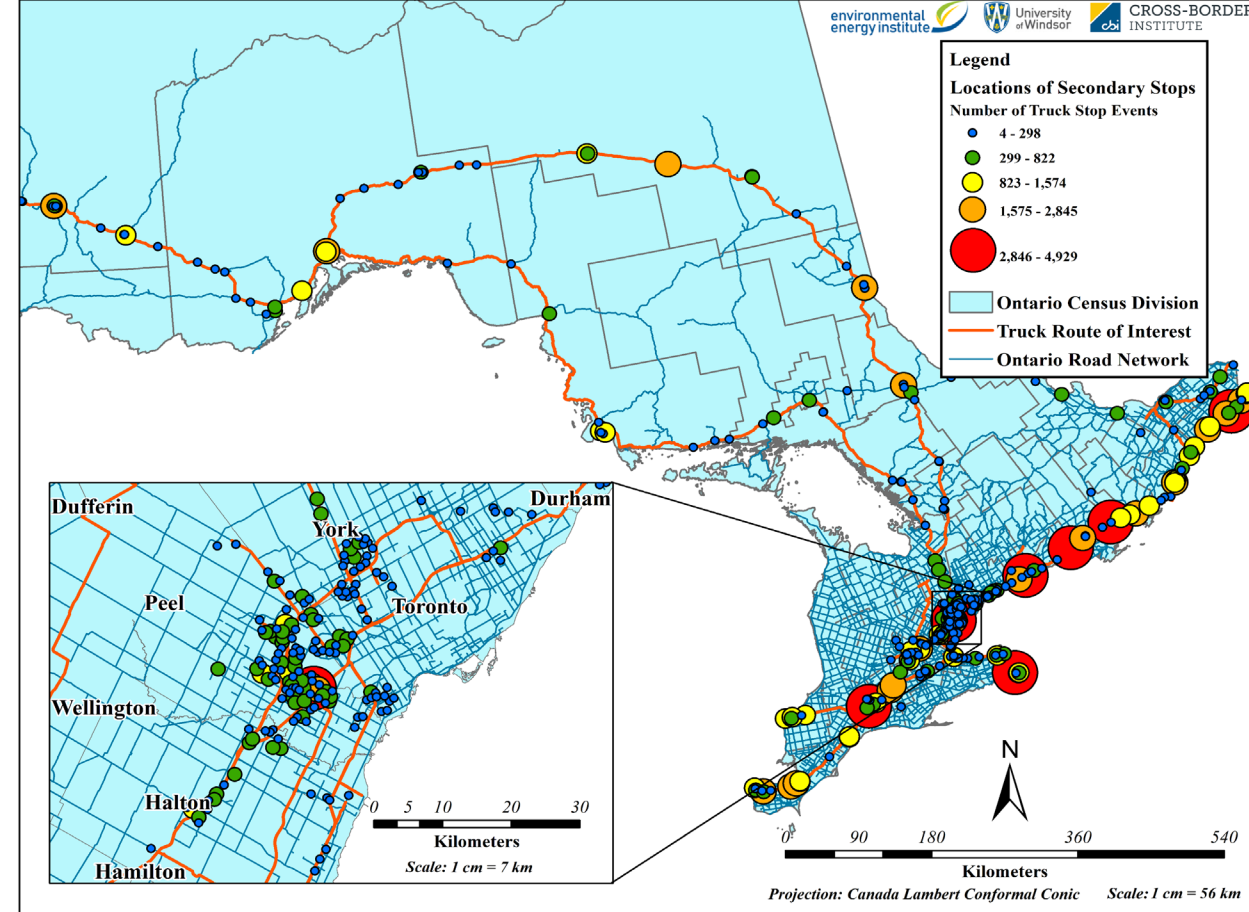
- Shannon Entropy methods were applied to distinguish Secondary Stops from Primary Stops
- Secondary Stops are for purposes such as driver breaks and fuel refills
- Secondary Stops typically require a duration between 15 minutes and 45 minutes



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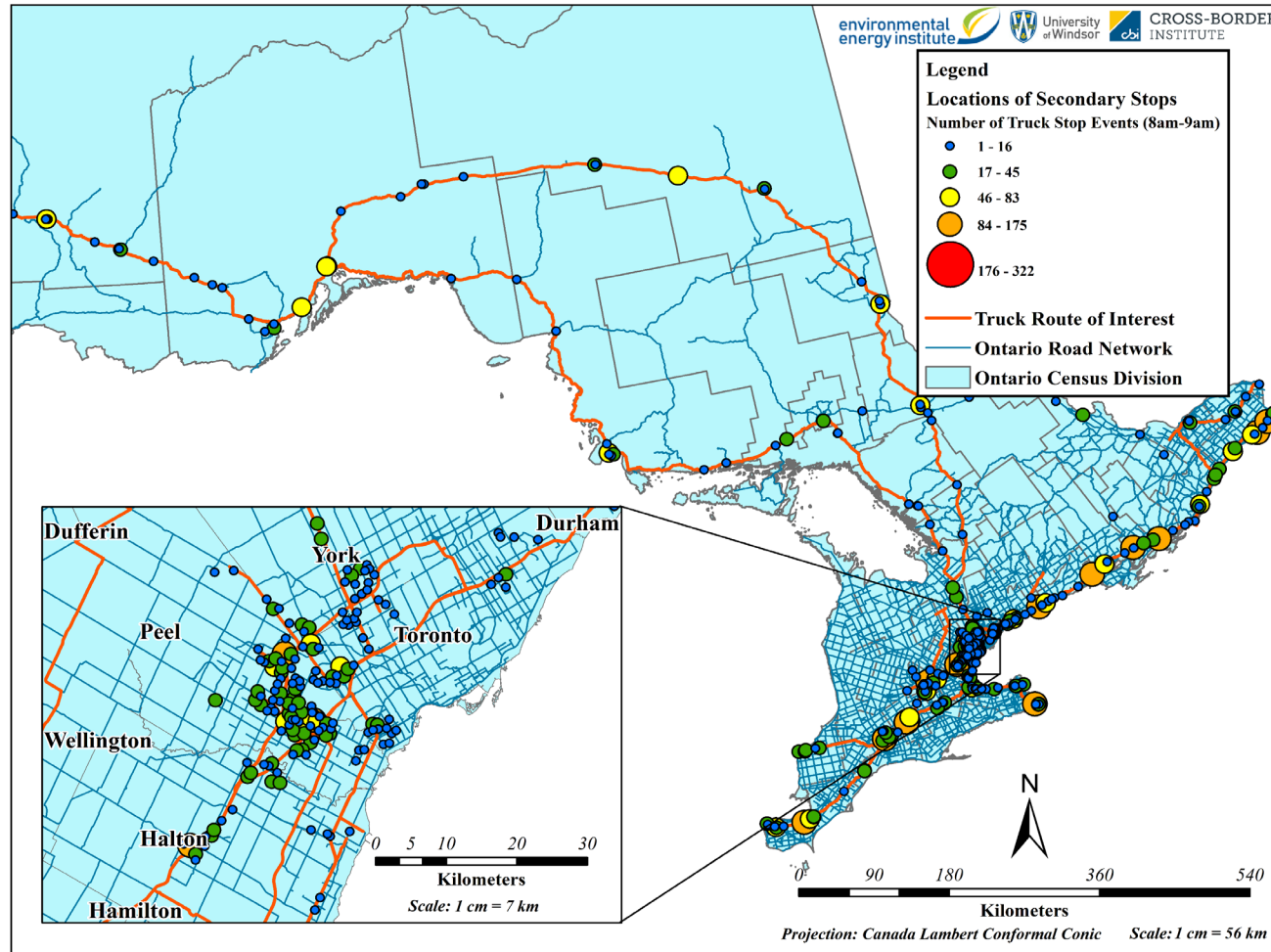


TRUCK FLOWS ACROSS THE NETWORK



TOTAL TRUCK COUNTS AT SECONDARY STOPS

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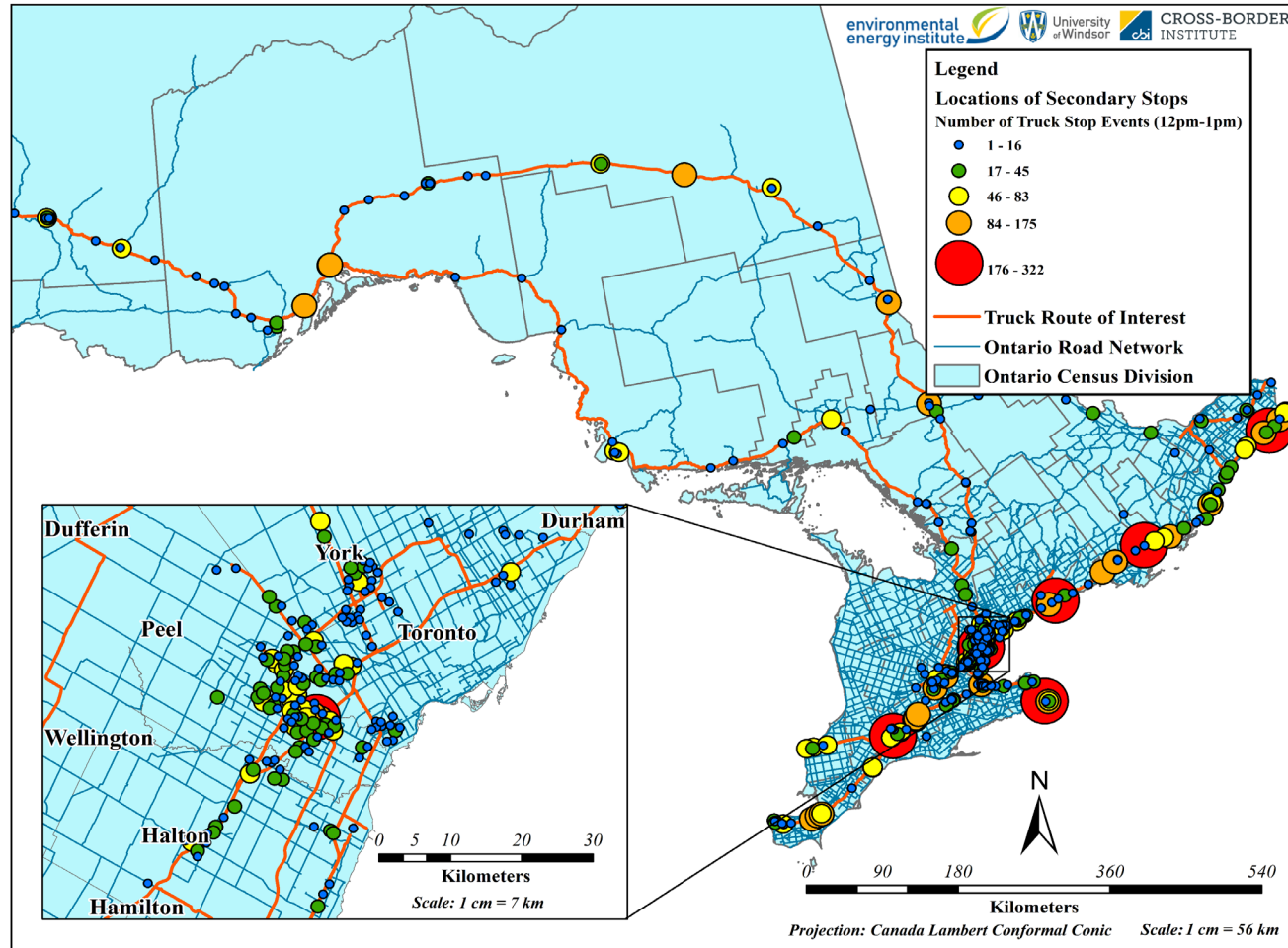


### TRUCK COUNT 0800 HRS - 0900 HRS

- Volumes relatively low
- 400 Series Highways not surprisingly dominate the Figure
- However, there are notable critical nodes in the West-North-West

### TRUCK COUNT AT SECONDARY STOPS BETWEEN 0800 – 0900 HRS

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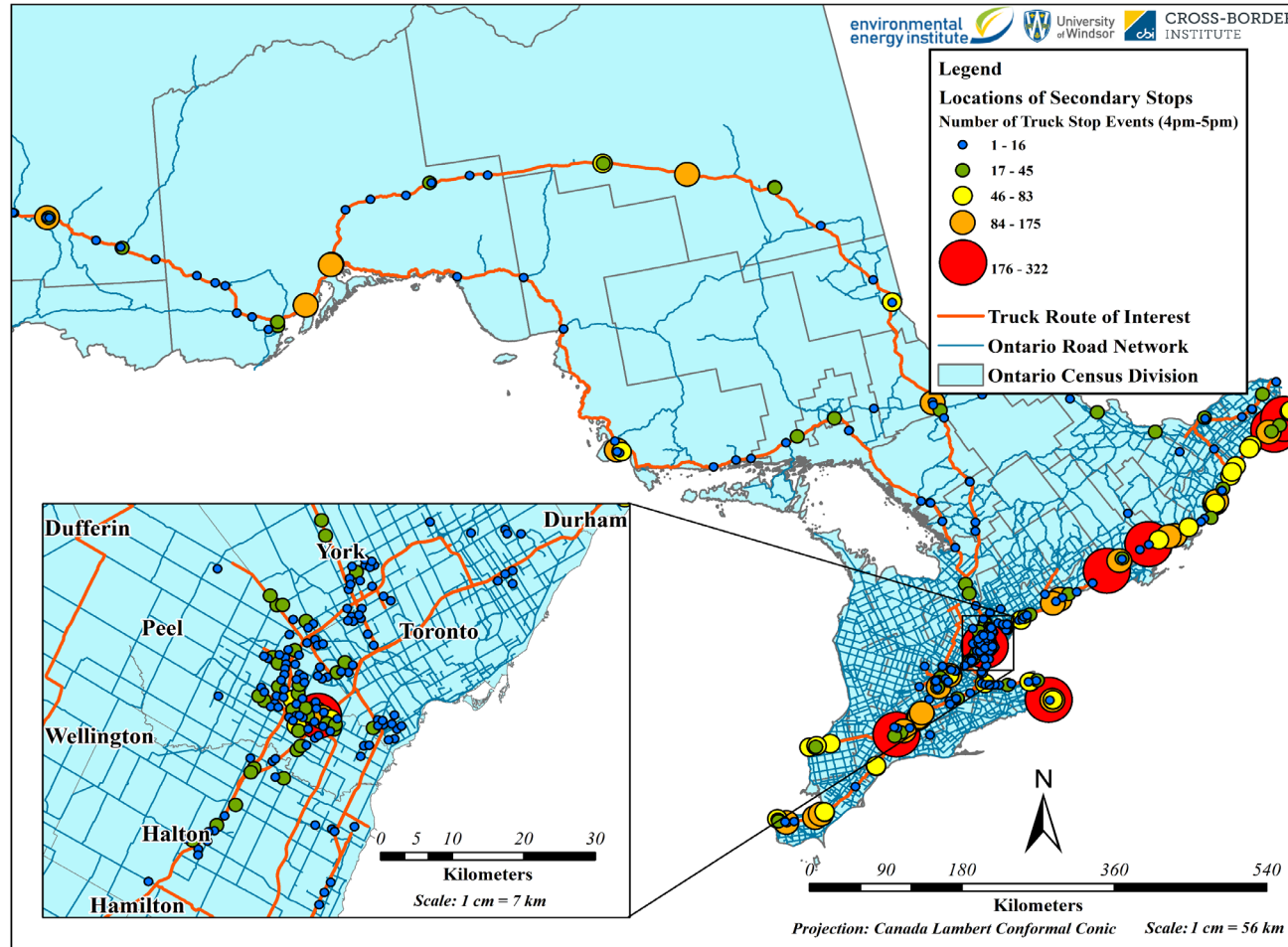
**TRUCK COUNT 1200 HRS - 1300 HRS**

- Volumes picking up
- Large number of Secondary Stops still being made the GTA at this time

**TRUCK COUNT AT SECONDARY STOPS BETWEEN 1200 – 1300 HRS**



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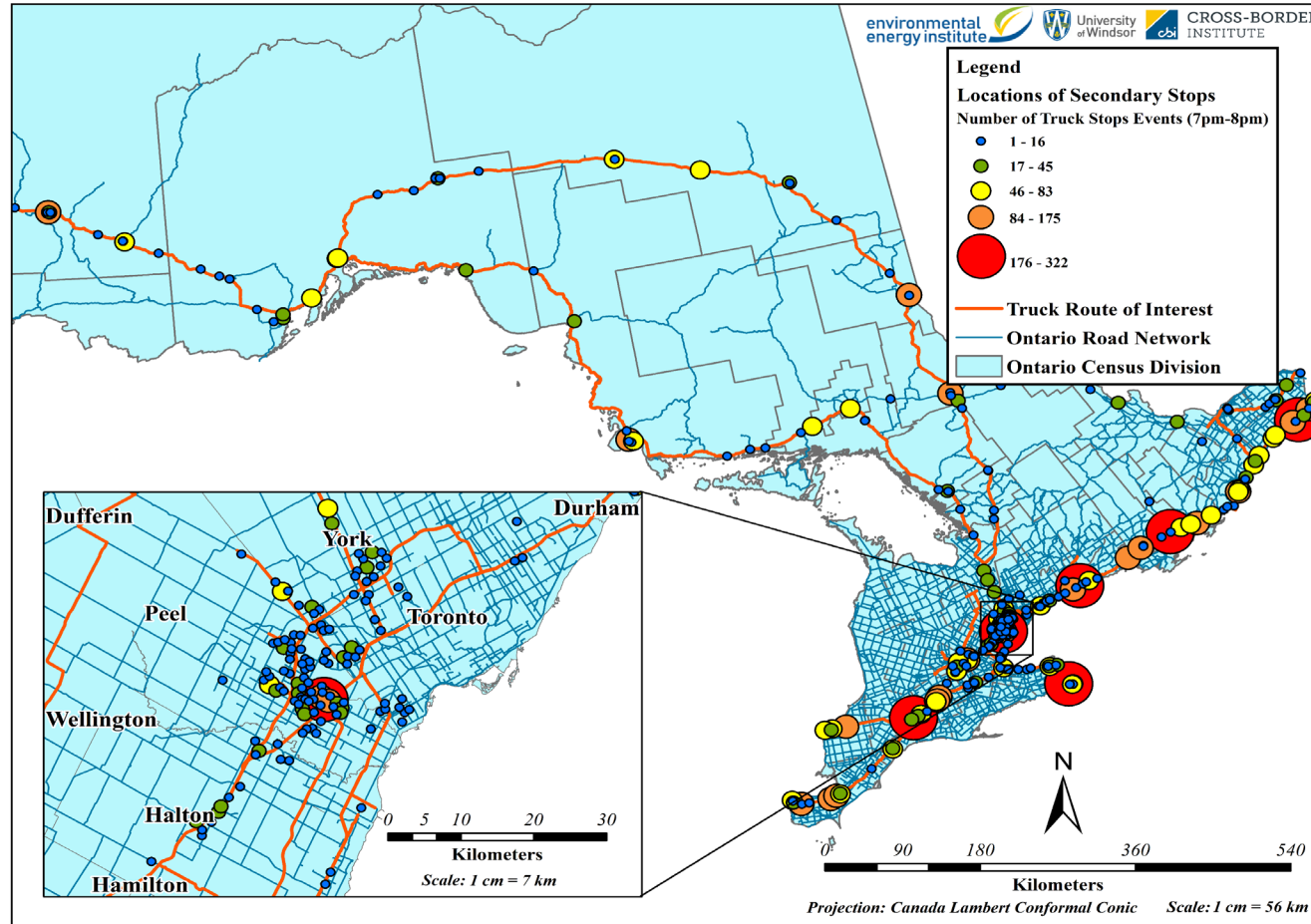


### TRUCK COUNT 1600 HRS - 1700 HRS

- Volumes continue to pick up
- Large number of Secondary Stops still being made the GTA at this time

### TRUCK COUNT AT SECONDARY STOPS BETWEEN 1600 – 1700 HRS

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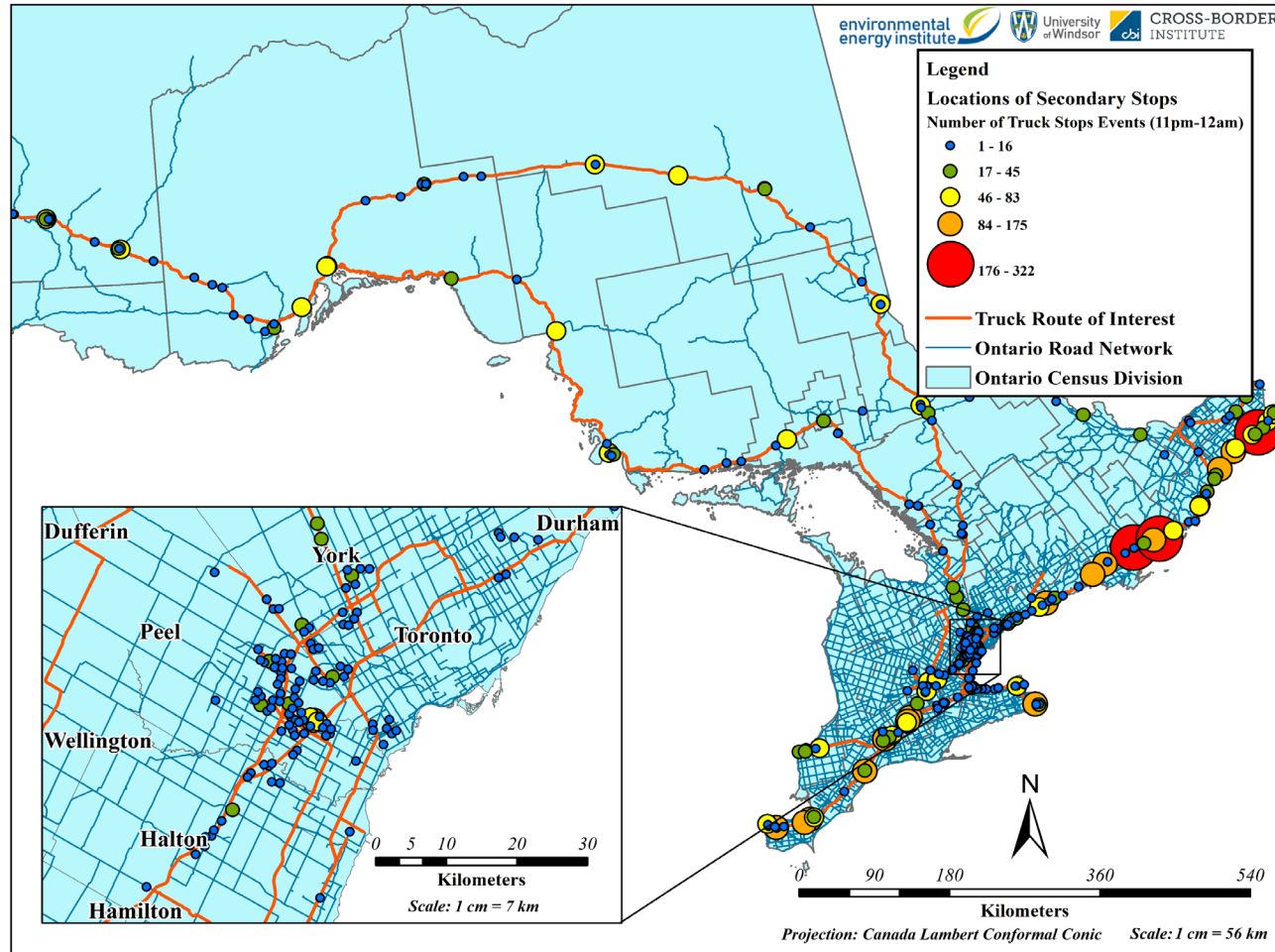


### TRUCK COUNT 1900 HRS - 2000 HRS

- Volumes are consistent
- Secondary Stops in the GTA start to come down
- Peel, Niagara, and Kingston remain Secondary Stop favourites through most times

### TRUCK COUNT AT SECONDARY STOPS BETWEEN 1900 – 2000 HRS

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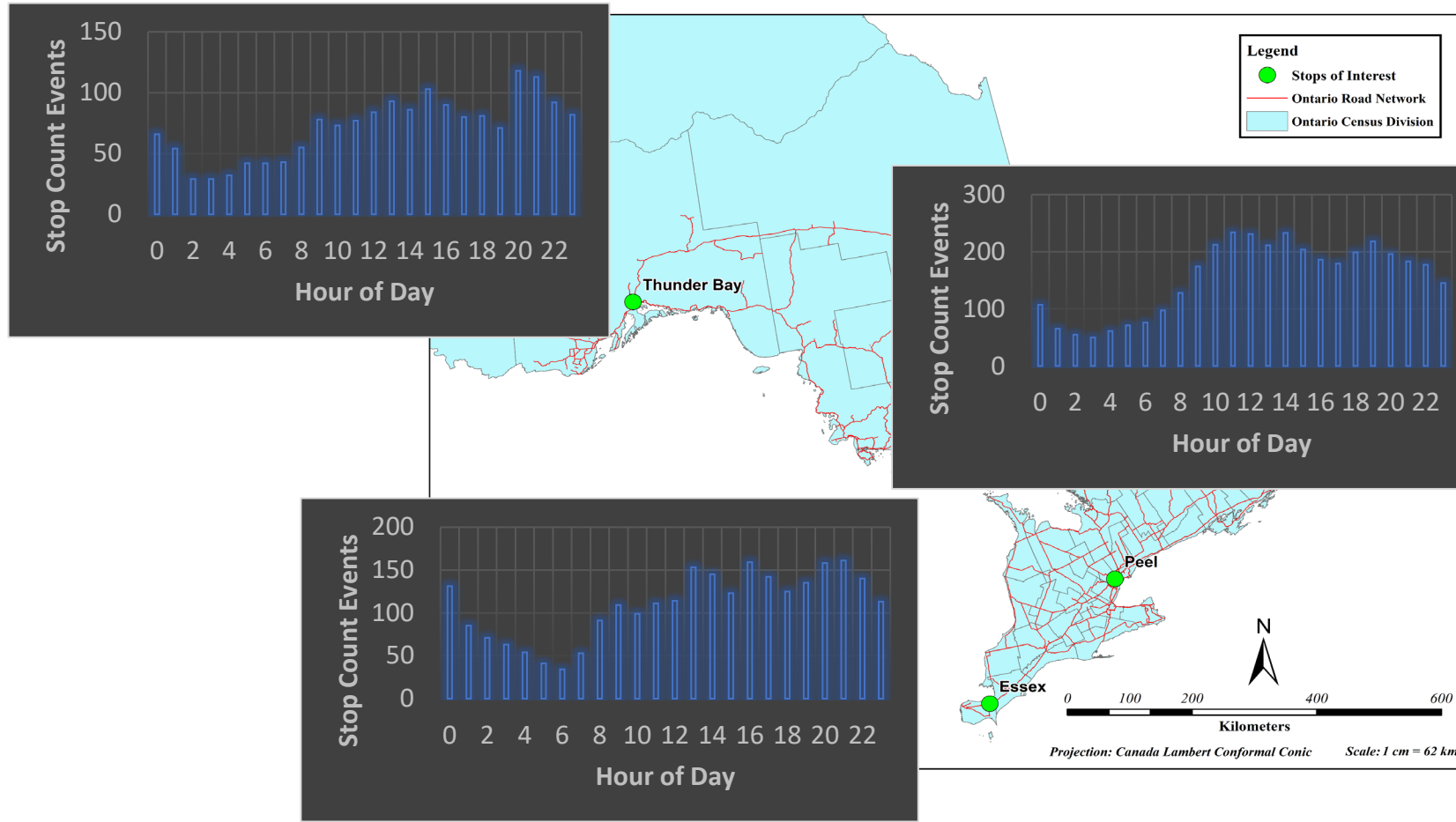
### TRUCK COUNT 2300 HRS - 0000 HRS

- Volumes nearing breakfast levels
- Kingston area remains dominant as a Secondary Stop across most time slots

### TRUCK COUNT AT SECONDARY STOPS BETWEEN 2300 – 0000 HRS

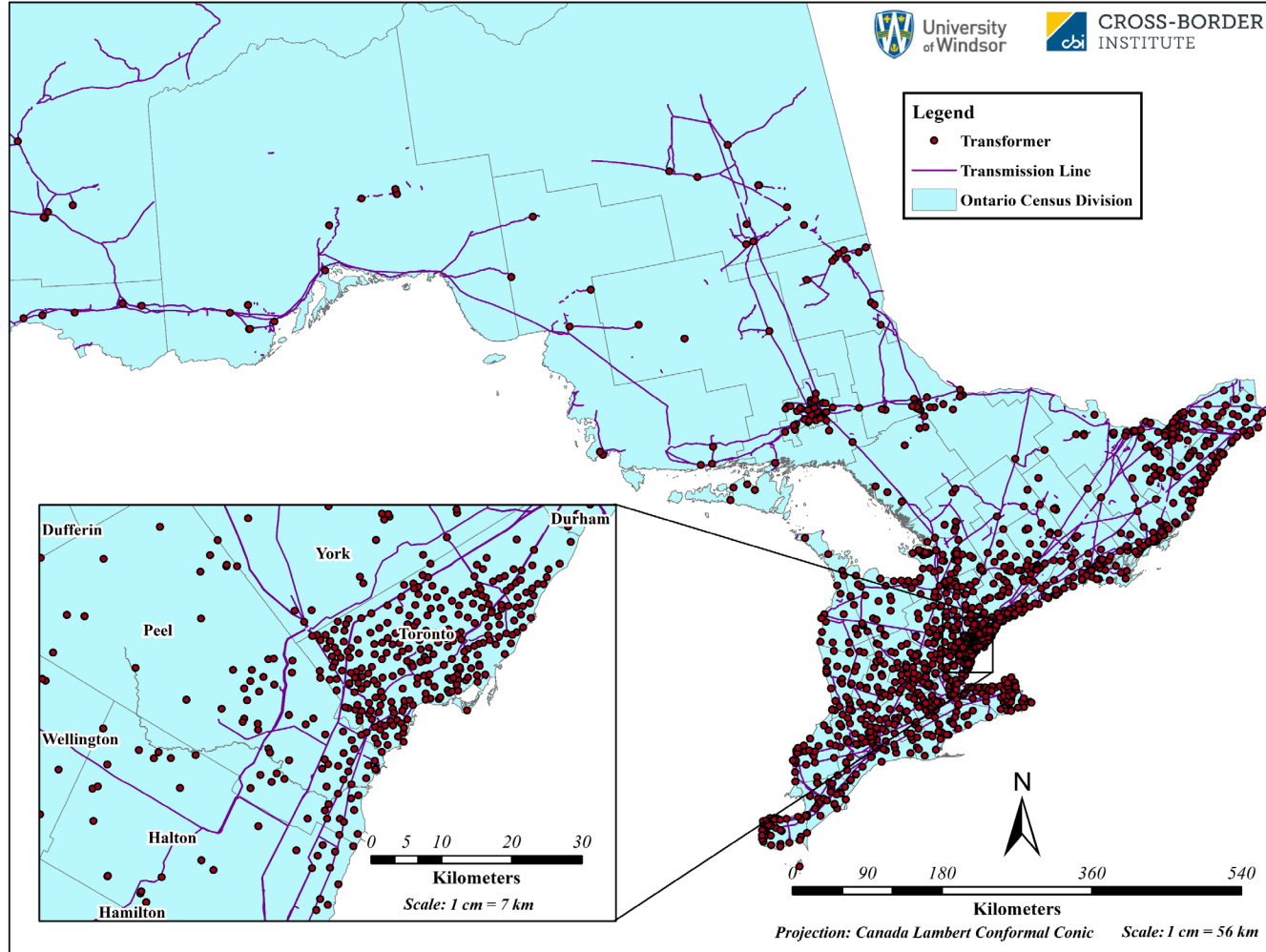


### Construction of an Archetypal Routing Network (ARN)



- Next Steps consider mapping the spatial and temporal transport loading functions to energy loading considerations
- Temporal shapes at 3 key locations are similar here

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### ELECTRIC GRID OVERLAY

- GIS Technology enables us to overlay the electric grid on top of the ARN
- Strategically identify the potential locations where charging stations should be located
- Matching trucking activities with charging activities to ensure supply can meet the demand

### Mapping Transport Load to Energy Demand: The Trucks

- Tesla, Freightliner, BYD, Lion, Volvo are all developing EV trucks
- Studies and specs for new trucks show a range typically between 400 and 800 km
- Typical battery is between 400 and 600 kWh, with extremes like Tesla up to 1000 kWh
- Previous studies on charging plus data on current infrastructure point to 4–8-hour charge times
- Despite this, companies like Tesla and Volvo say their trucks will be able to charge 80% in 30-70 minutes



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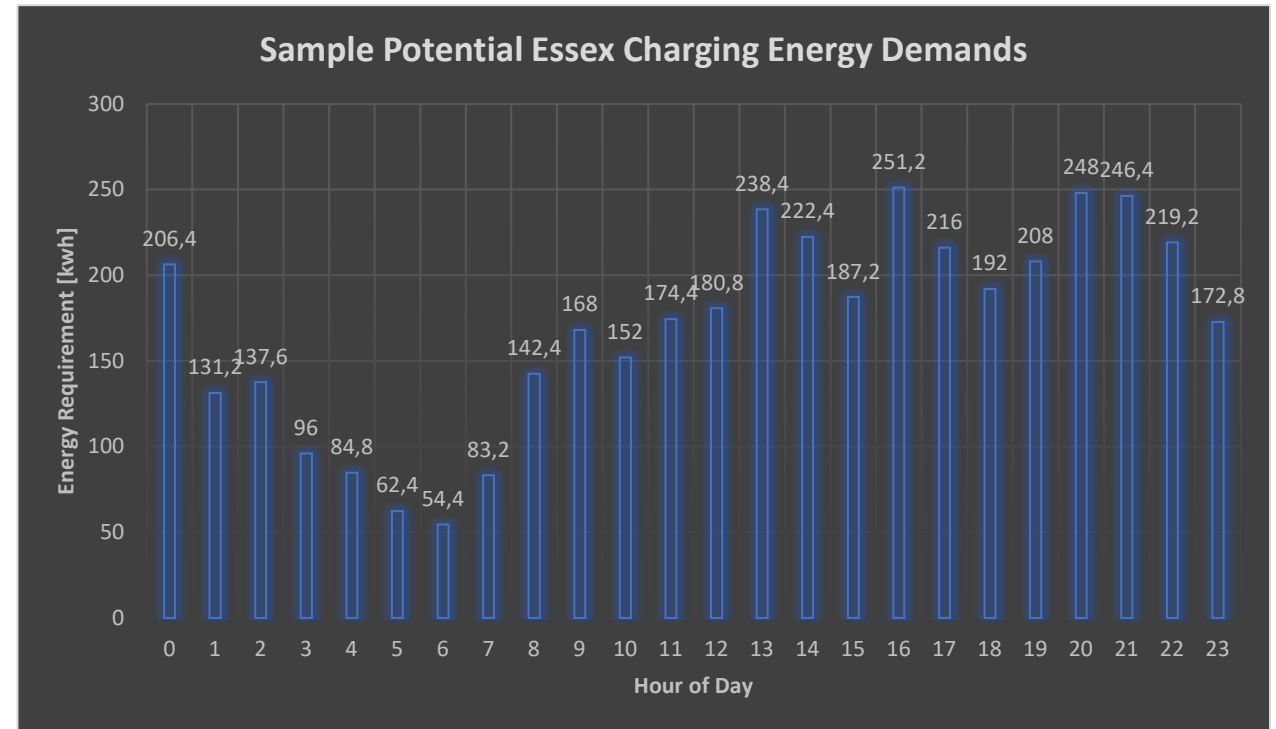




### Mapping Transport Load to Energy Demand: The Trucks

#### ASSUMPTIONS

- The full fleet are electric Tesla trucks
- Stop count data is based off a typical semi-truck
- Mid range Tesla is set to have range of only 800 km, so it will need to stop twice for every truck stop in the given data
- Tesla charges 80% of 1000 kWh battery at stations, so it is assumed that 800 kWh is charged for each truck



### Ongoing Work

- Working closely with our strategic utility partners (EnWin, HydroOne) to marry Transport Loading Functions to Grid
- Continue Data Meetings with NatureFresh Partners to drive the process of energy and logistics profiling Case Studies
- Continue developing high level business cases and dynamic electricity pricing strategies to attract border region charging commerce



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