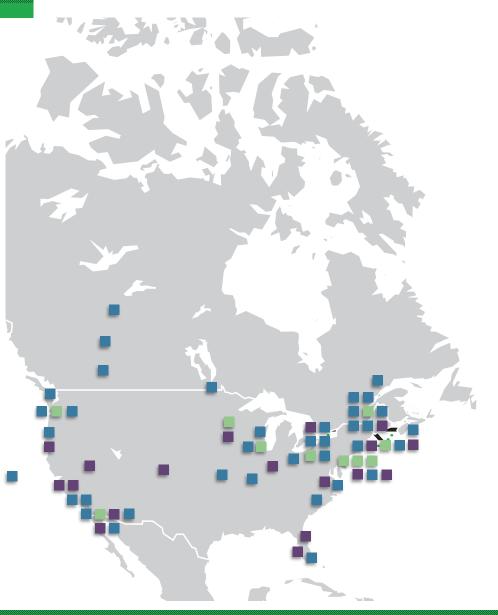


Use data and optimization tools to plan highquality service, factoring in network maintenance

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# GIRO at a glance

#### **GIRO**



Founded in 1979

Based in Montréal, Canada

>400 specialists in N. America

Specialized in large and complex operations

HASTUS-Rail: integrated solution for planning and managing passenger-rail operations

>20 commuter rail projects worldwide

USA: Denver, Boston, New York, Seattle

# Context

## Heavy works, heavy challenges

Rail plays a key role in urban mobility

Infrastructure works are expensive and time-sensitive

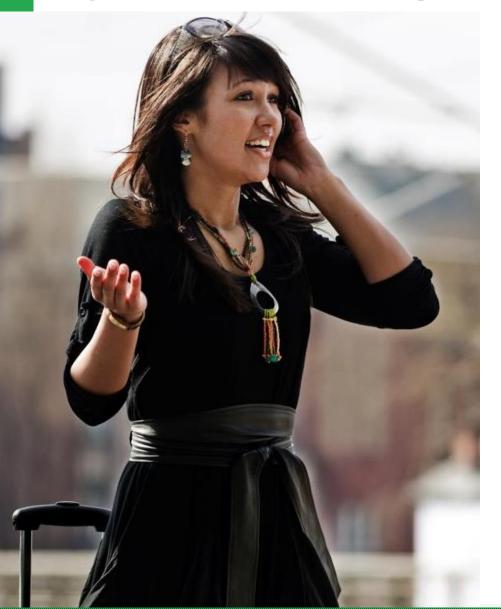
High impact on passengers



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# Operators' challenges

## **Operators' challenges**



Plan service around constraints of works

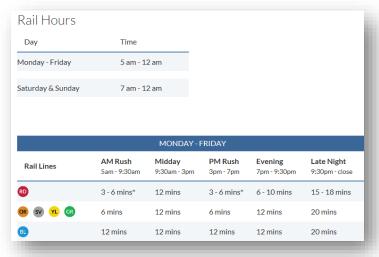
Maintain highest possible service quality

Mitigate impacts of works on travelers

Ensure best usage of resources

#### It's all related!

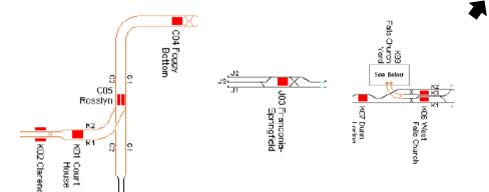
#### Service demand



#### Rolling stock and employees



Adapted timetables minimizing resources



Infrastructure constraints



Track works

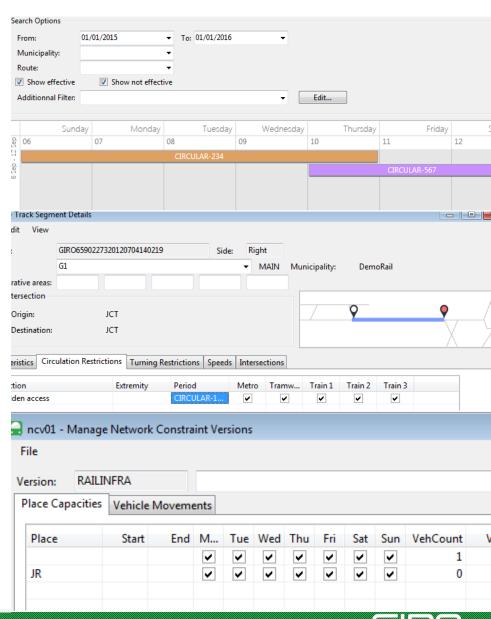
# Key strategies to tackle challenges around works

#### Define the network constraints

Set date interval for schedule of works

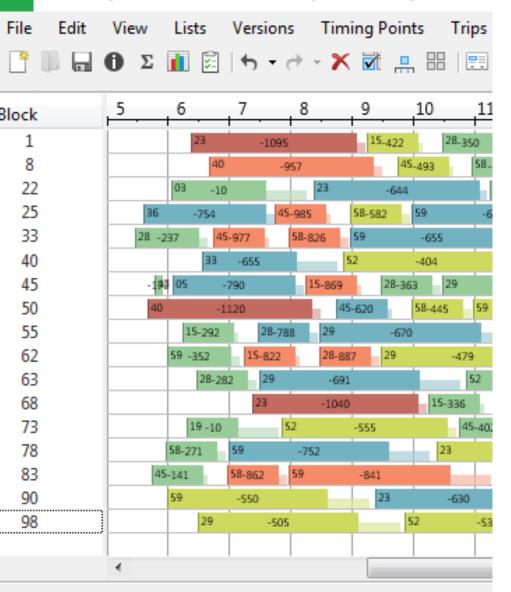
Define temporary circulation restrictions on track segment

Set capacity constraints at stations



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## Adjust the capacity based on demand



Input demand per trip or at stations

Set capacity of trains and consists

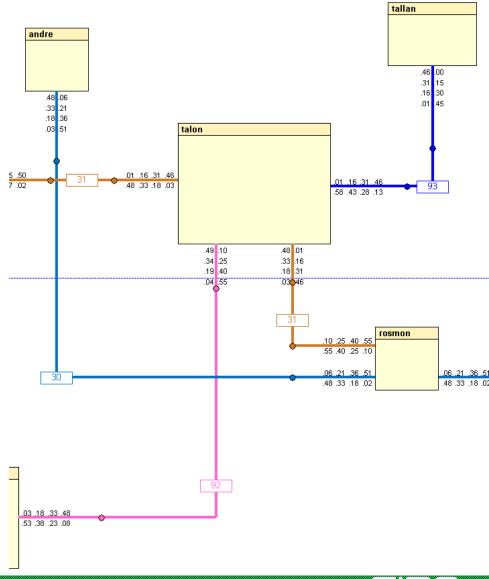
Identify overloaded trips or periods

#### Plan for alternative services

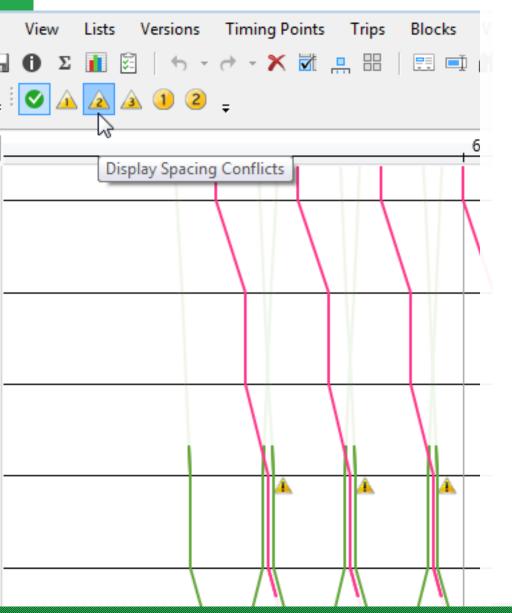
Use buses to make up for reduced/cancelled train services

Define appropriate frequency, service level and required vehicles

Synchronize bus and train trips



# (Re)generate train timetables



Automatically consider

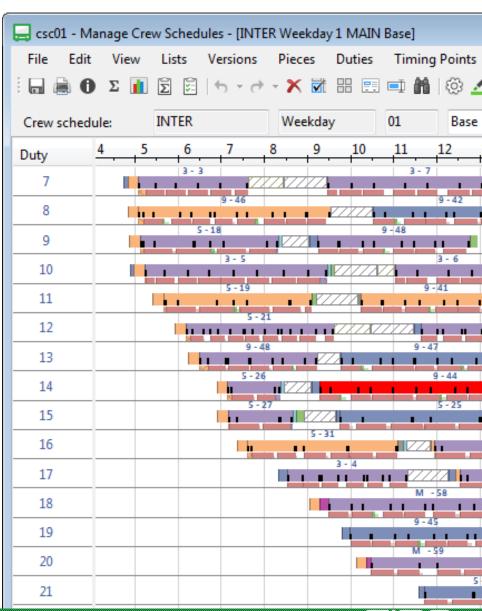
- Capacity & demand
- Circulation, spacing and capacity conflicts
- Timetable synchronization
- Vehicle balancing

### Optimize employee duties

New parameters: working time, pieces, reliefs, dropbacks, etc.

Minimize required employees and overtime

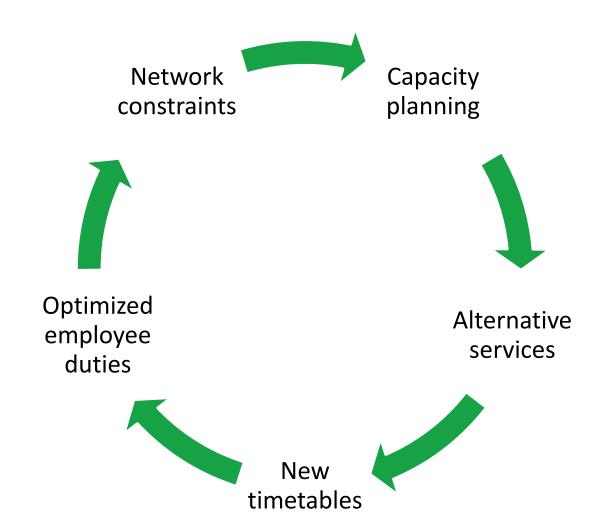
Ensure FRA\HoS compliance



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# Takeaways

## 5 strategies to improve planning of works



## **Integrated Planning Software: benefits**

Addresses the **challenge** of planning service around **heavy maintenance** activities and **infrastructure** projects

Reduces their impact on service quality

Used with the **right data**, enables more **effective** planning and **optimized** results



# Improving efficiency at every turn

