ITS Vienna Region – a regional project that concentrates on gathering valid information about local traffic and transportation, supports the urban traffic management in Vienna, Austria. Within this project, the traffic control center uses PTV Optima as the core engine. PTV Optima automatically processes a wide range of data sources in order to provide a comprehensive view on the current traffic state and on top of that a reliable prediction for up to the next 60 minutes.

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What is the future travel time for the main corridor? How many people are stuck in a traffic jam in the upcoming 30 minutes? To create an efficient and sustainable environment that is citizen-friendly and worth living in, traffic managers have to be able to answer these kind of questions. Hence, it is not surprising that the general demand for real time and predictive solutions in the mobility sector becomes bigger than ever. A forecast of the expected traffic situation offers valuable information and improves traffic management decisions – helping the operators in their everyday life and in turn helping everyone out on the streets.

PTV OPTIMA

To receive realistic information, ITS Vienna Region uses PTV Optima - PTV’s tool for real-time traffic management. The software combines reliable offline traffic modelling with the available real-time data (like Floating Car Data, ANPR or inductive loop detectors...) and real-time algorithms.
The PTV solution also considers unpredictable traffic delays, as well as known disturbances in the form of accidents or construction sites. By respecting these data sources, PTV Optima calculates and visualizes the current and future traffic situation. The results are updated every seven minutes, improving the benefits of all connected systems like e.g. the national journey planner “AnachB”.

A SINGLE SOURCE SOLUTION

To guarantee highest quality and reliability of its services ITS Vienna Region follows a single source solution by PTV. PTV products are covering the long-term data storage (PTV Optima module Traffic Data Warehouse), the offline model (PTV Visum), the data fusion and forecast engine (PTV Optima).

With PTV Optima forecast, ITS Vienna Region also feeds the national route planner (see www.anachb.at) based on PTV HyperPath, in order to take into account future queues and congestions the drivers may meet.

FUTURE PROOF

To benefit to the maximum from the PTV Optima functionalities an extension of the application is possible. Using PTV Optima’s scenario comparison capabilities traffic operators can improve their decision making even further.