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SUMMARY

This report presents the research methodology, experiments, results, analysis, and future research directions for the automated collection of AusRAP road attributes using Digital Video Recorded (DVR) and pattern recognition techniques. The deep learning based 2-D segmentation and classification methods using DVR data for identifying AusRAP attributes are presented. The methods were used to develop new models and functions to detect AusRAP attributes. The models were evaluated on test data and incorporated into the development of software for automatically identifying AusRAP attributes. The results and instructions on how to use the developed software are presented in this report.

In all, 61 models (one for each attribute) and 9 functions have been developed to detect AusRAP attributes from video files and associated metadata.

The individual models have been evaluated using training, testing, and misclassification errors. Some models provided very high accuracy (above 90%); however, some of the models provided low accuracy and many misclassifications. Based on the case study, the attributes that can be detected with high accuracy at the 10 m level include:

- delineation
- road signs
- chevron alignment markers
- poles/posts
- linemarkings
- traffic signals at intersections
- metal safety barriers.

The misclassifications and the failure of the model to identify some attribute categories have impacted greatly on the accuracy of detection at the 100 m section level required by AusRAP. Only delineation and speed limit satisfy the AusRAP quality assurance process.

Further research is needed to improve the accuracy for some difficult-to-detect attributes and to reduce the level of misclassifications. The level of misclassification can be reduced with the addition of more trained objects.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

For improved road safety, Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) routinely undertakes proactive risk assessment of the road network for the identification and treatment of high-risk sections, thereby eliminating the crash risk on the network. The risk assessment models used include Australian Road Assessment Program (AusRAP) and Australian National Risk Assessment Model (ANRAM). These models require the collection of more than 50 road attributes and roadside features at 100 m intervals, which is a very expensive exercise.

In Australia and around the world, the current systems for collecting road condition data for the above purposes are labour intensive (manual), expensive and prone to many errors. Furthermore, much of the available data is inaccurate due to changing conditions, requiring regular updates.

Automating the data collection process is essential for improving road infrastructure and reducing fatalities on the roads, by providing up-to-date and reliable datasets needed for the timely assessment of the road network.

Research has shown that ‘image pattern recognition’ can be adapted to develop automated systems for the collection and analysis of road safety and road condition data, providing quality road attribute data consistently and inexpensively from video data. These attributes include for road condition (e.g. deflection, cracking, rutting), road safety (e.g. AusRAP and ANRAM attributes), environmental (e.g. fire risk and vegetation encroachment), improved obstacle clearance estimates (e.g. overhead wires, roadside hazards), etc.

TMR collects vehicle mounted video data (DVR) annually over every state-controlled road, and Mobile Laser Scanning (MLS) data is available periodically. Using expertise within the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) and Central Queensland University (CQU), supported by TMR, the purpose of this collaborative project was to develop and evaluate deep learning neural network–based methods for automating the extraction of road attributes, especially those required by AusRAP road safety risk assessment models.

1.2 Aims and Objectives

The main aim of the project was to develop a process for automating the extraction of road attributes from DVR video using advanced image analysis. The automatic collection of road attributes from video data using machine learning techniques and cross-validation with other data sources has the potential to provide a range of value-added products for road condition, road safety, environmental and improved obstacle clearance estimates consistently and inexpensively.

Specific objectives of the project included the following:

- Review video (DVR) and MLS data sources to determine their usefulness and applicability.
- Develop deep learning techniques for automatically identifying road infrastructure features and roadside hazards for AusRAP and ANRAM models.
- Incorporate the techniques into an automatic system (software program) for the assessment of road safety and road rating.
- Undertake a case study to demonstrate the application of the program to collect road attributes from selected state-controlled roads.

2 Review of Data Sources

2.1 AusRAP Attributes Investigated

At the start of the project, the AusRAP attributes were reviewed. Table 2.1 lists the complete list of road attributes investigated over the course of the project. The first 26 attributes listed in Table 2.1 were identified as suitable to be extracted from video data. In addition, road name, road curvature, grade, GPS location coordinates and distance can be extracted automatically from the DVR metadata. These additional attributes, combined with the first 26 attributes, were determined to be the critical ones required for assessing vehicle occupant risk in AusRAP.

As the project progressed, the initial list of AusRAP attributes/categories was extended, and new attributes/categories were added.

Table 2.1: List of AusRAP attributes identified at the beginning of the project

No	Attribute	No	Attribute
1	Area type	22	Sidewalk – passenger-side
2	Centreline rumble strip	23	Speed limit
3	Delineation	24	Speed management/traffic calming – speed humps
4	Facilities for bicycles – pick if we can see	25	Street lighting
5	Intersection type	26	Vehicle parking
6	Lane width	27	Bicycle flow
7	Median type	28	Motorcycle flow
8	Number of lanes	29	Pedestrian flow
9	Paved shoulder – driver-side	30	Carriageway code
10	Paved shoulder – passenger-side	31	Intersection legs
11	Pedestrian crossing – inspected road	32	Intersection quality
12	Pedestrian fencing	33	Right turn lane
13	Quality of curve	34	Left slip lane
14	Road condition	35	Left turn lane
15	Roadside severity – driver-side distance	36	Sidewalk – driver-side
16	Roadside severity – driver-side object	37	Sidewalk – passenger-side
17	Roadside severity – passenger-side distance	38	Pedestrian crossing sign
18	Roadside severity – passenger-side object	39	Curvature
19	Roadworks sign	40	Pedestrian fencing
20	School zone warning	41	Service road
21	Shoulder rumble strips		

2.2 Data Sources

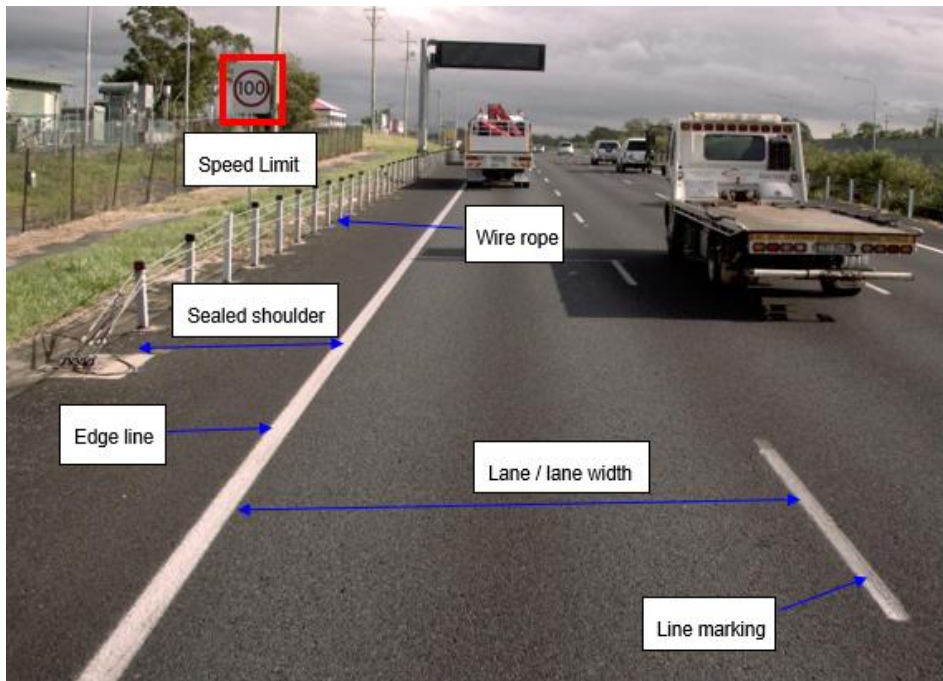
The following 2 data sources were investigated to assess their usefulness and practicality for the automatic collection of AusRAP attributes:

- Digital Video Recorded (DVR) data – preferred source, DVR for state roads readily available
- MLS (Mobile Laser Scanning) data

2.2.1 Road Survey Video Data (DVR)

In order to automatically detect the AusRAP attributes, video data from TMR Digital Video Recorded (DVR) was used. The video data was collected using a special survey vehicle, equipped with 4 cameras (forward camera, right camera, left camera and rear camera). After analysing the videos, the video data from the front camera was found to be appropriate to extract the AusRAP variables. Suitable frames were extracted and used in the development of models to detect the attributes listed in Table 2.1. A typical example of a suitable frame is shown in Figure 2.1, showing some attributes.

Figure 2.1: Examples of attributes detected



To train and evaluate the accuracy levels of the deep learning models, a large number of frames from different roads were annotated. A unique RGB colour code was assigned to each attribute's category, and using the Photoshop software, the annotation of each frame having the attributes was created. Some sample annotations are shown in Figure 2.2.

Figure 2.2: Sample image frames and their annotations

Image				
				
	Bicycle flow, Pole, Sidewalk formal, Signal light	Median concrete, Left turn lane, Sidewalk formal, Pole	Median grass, Dedicated bicycle path, Pole, Left turn lane, Sidewalk formal	Roadwork sign1, Concrete barrier, Median concrete, Metal barrier, Sign 60
Image				
				
	Intersection leg-3, Central hatching, Sign 60, Metal barrier	Aggressive vertical face, Wire rope barrier, Motorcycle flow	Pedestrian flow, Parking slot, Pole, Median concrete, Median grass	Tree, MC friendly barrier, Sign 100, Guidepost

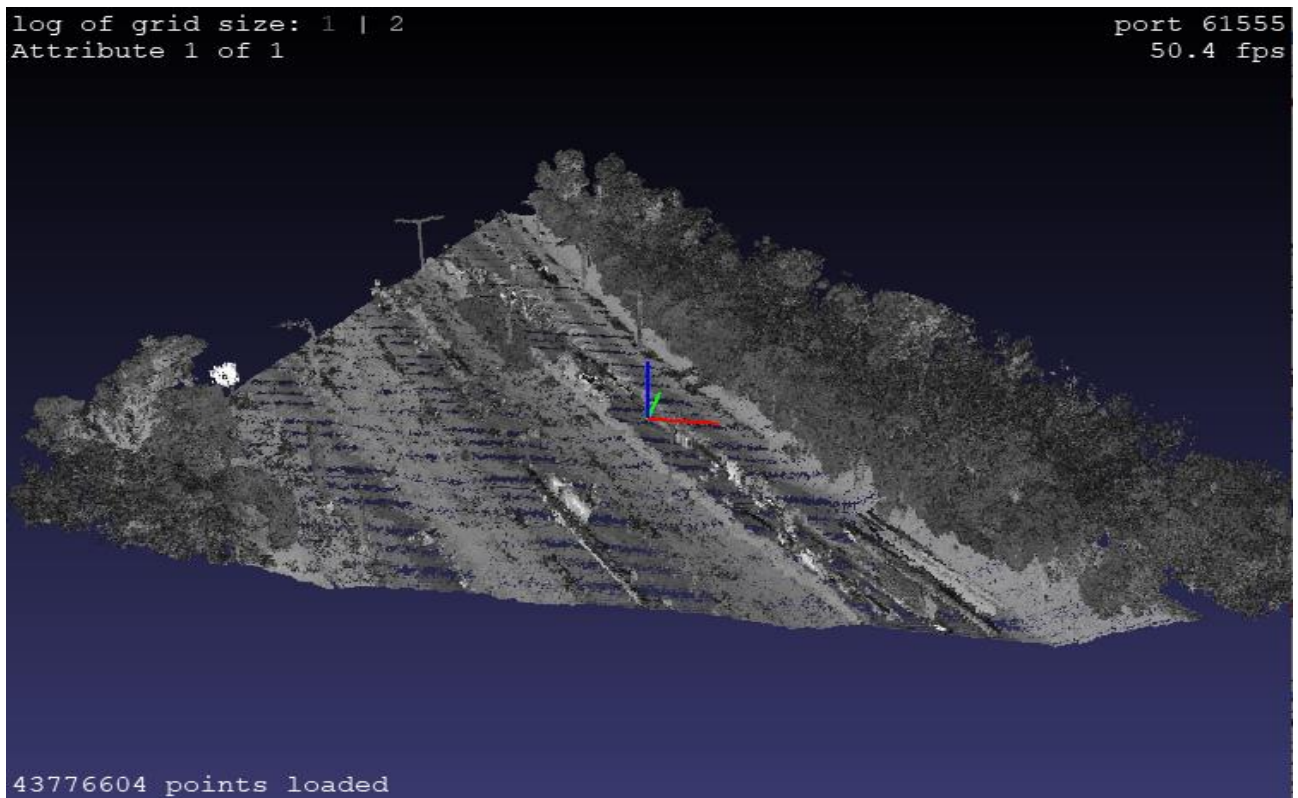
2.2.2 Using LIDAR Data (Mobile Laser Scanning (MLS) Data)

When collected road attribute data for AusRAP assessment a possible alternative to video footage is LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data. This method creates a 3D model of the environment, compared to the 2D photographic images produced by a video camera.

As part of the initial investigation into the possibilities of using LIDAR data for this study, several specific objects were extracted and analysed. The main source of information that can be used for object recognition is 'intensity'. Intensity is a measure of the return strength of the LIDAR laser pulses. In short, it measures the reflectivity of the object struck by the laser pulse, though it is affected by other factors, such as the angle of reflection. Unfortunately, intensity measurements are relative, not absolute; different laser pulses will return different intensity values for the same object, depending on other factors such as the angle of reflection and the distance to the object. This makes it difficult to map intensity values to object classification.

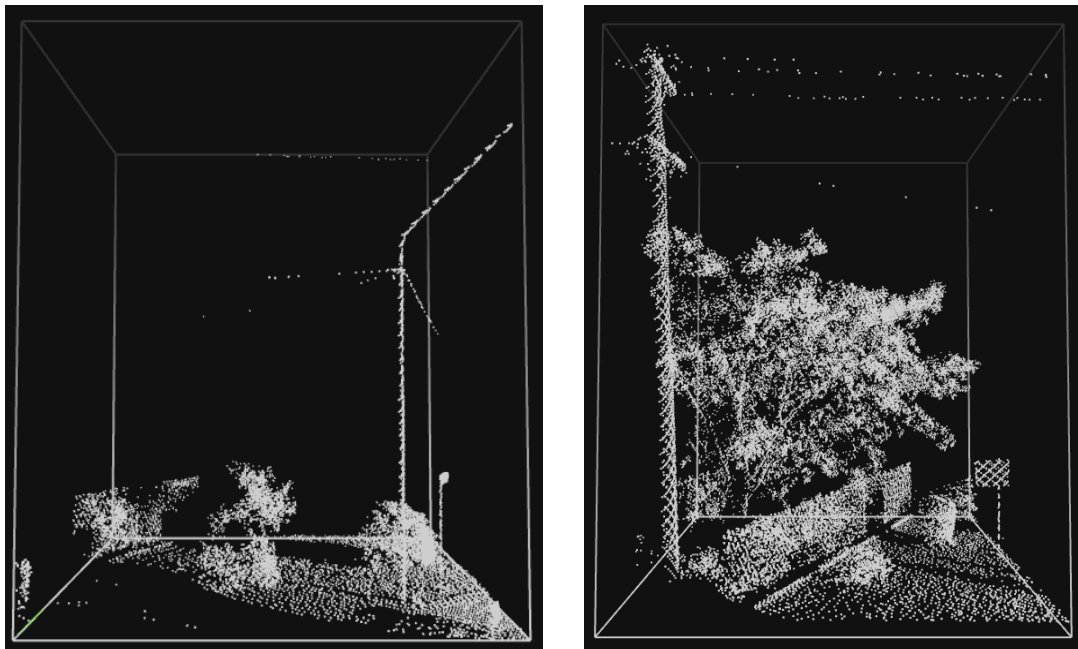
In order to investigate the detection of AusRAP attributes using MLS data, point cloud data provided by TMR from a recent survey for 4 roads, including 10L, 10A, 14A and 210A, was used. The data, provided in the form of large LAS files, was reviewed and analysed. The visualisations of samples from road 210A are shown in Figure 2.3, and Figure 2.4 visualises a part of an LAS file of 210A containing approximately 43,776,604 points.

Figure 2.3: Sample MLS data



Source: Department of Transport and Main Roads

Figure 2.4: Details of sample MLS data and some attributes (pole, tree, road sign and ground)



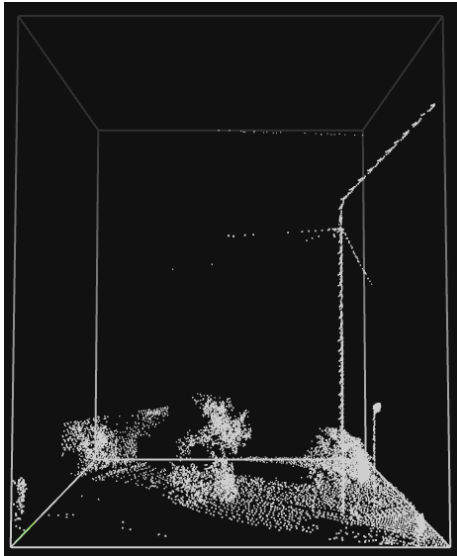
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The 3-D model for the MLS data has been trained to identify 5 different attributes in roadside point cloud data. The assessment frameworks involved the creation of datasets for training and testing. Approximately 150 grids that were extracted from LAS files in different locations with different appearances were manually annotated/labelled, and then the annotated grids of point cloud data were divided into 2 groups for training

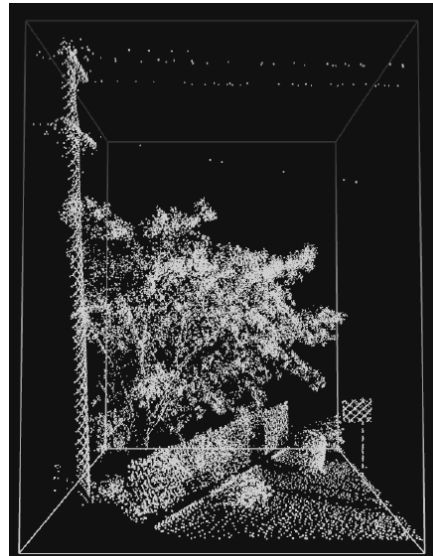
and testing. Some examples of the annotation for preparing the training dataset are shown in Figure 2.5. Sample results from implementation of the framework is shown in Figure 2.6.

The detailed process and results are provided in the Year 2 summary report (Verma & Affum 2019).

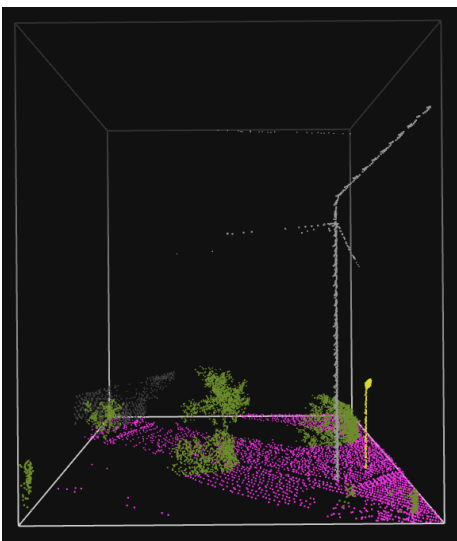
Figure 2.5: Annotation for preparing the training dataset



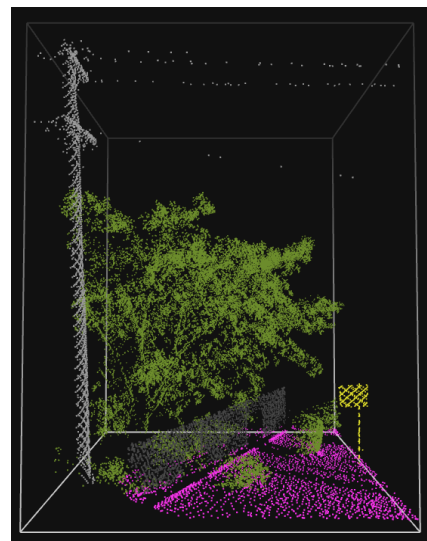
(a) Original point cloud of sample grid 1



(b) Original point cloud of sample grid 2

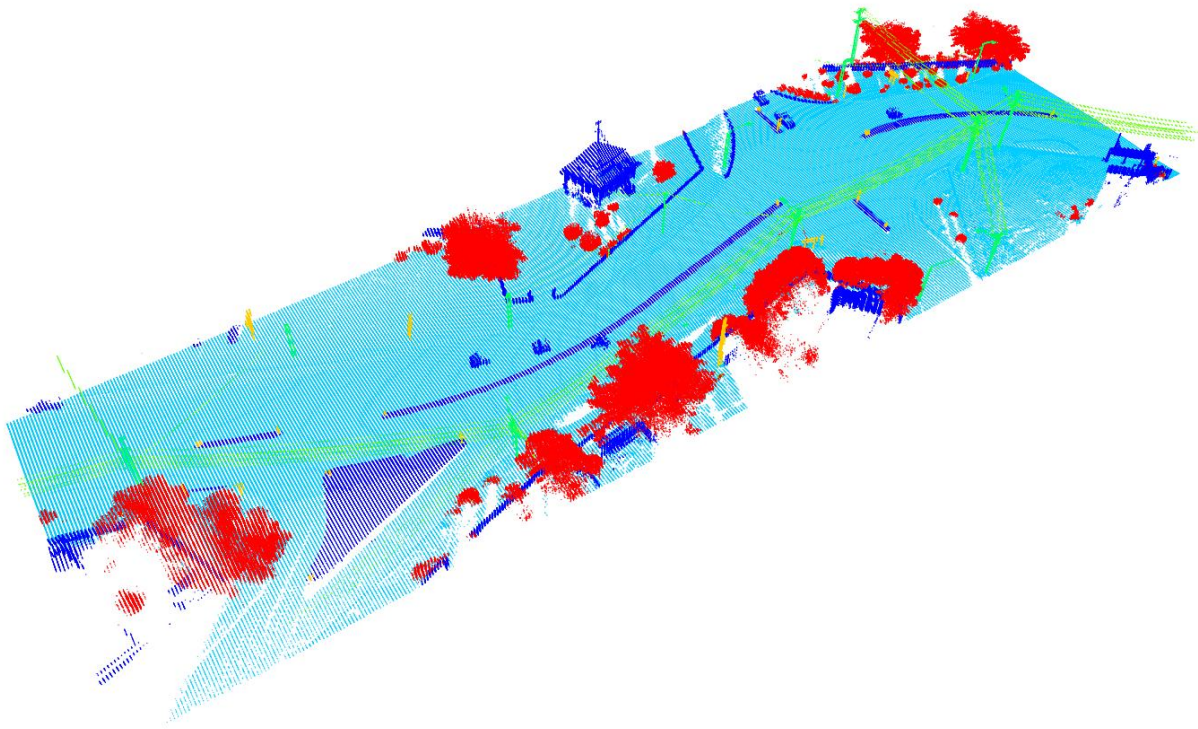


(a) Ground Truth of sample grid 1

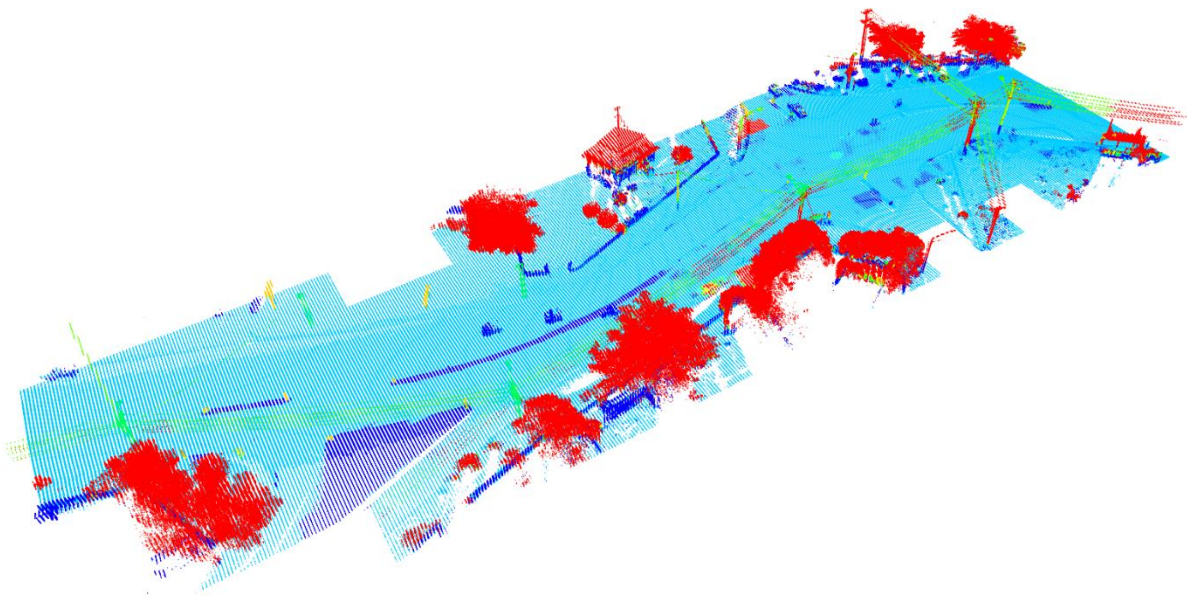


(b) Ground Truth of sample grid 2

Figure 2.6: Test results of an example road section – MLS data



(a) Ground Truth of a sample road section



(b) Recognition results of a sample road section

2.3 Outcome of Review of Data Sources

A system based on a 2-D segmentation and classification method using video data and on a 3-D segmentation and classification method using MLS data were developed for identifying AusRAP attributes using DVR. In addition, techniques for calculating distance were developed for both the DVR and MLS data sources. In general, both systems for MLS and DVR achieved reasonable performance for identifying AusRAP attributes. The accuracy of identifying an object is expected to improve with the increase in the number of training samples.

Although the distance calculation is more accurate based on MLS data than DVR data, there are many issues with MLS data. Some major issues include the following:

- Annotation is very difficult and time-consuming. Annotation on point cloud data requires assigning a class label to every point in the cloud point data. To develop a reasonable training data, millions of points would need to be annotated.
- A limited number of attributes can be recognized. As the current MLS data only contains the geographical coordinates and intensity of each point, some attributes cannot be identified. For example, the characters on the signs are not visible using MLS/LiDAR data only with intensity.
- MLS data is available for a limited number of roads, whilst DVR data is collected every year for all state-controlled roads.
- Visualisation of an LAS file is also very time-consuming. For example, visualising an LAS file with around 1GB requires 15 to 30 minutes on normal desktops.

The above issues limit the use of MLS data as a viable data source for automating AusRAP data for this project. Hence, the subsequent development of the software was based solely on the use of DVR data.

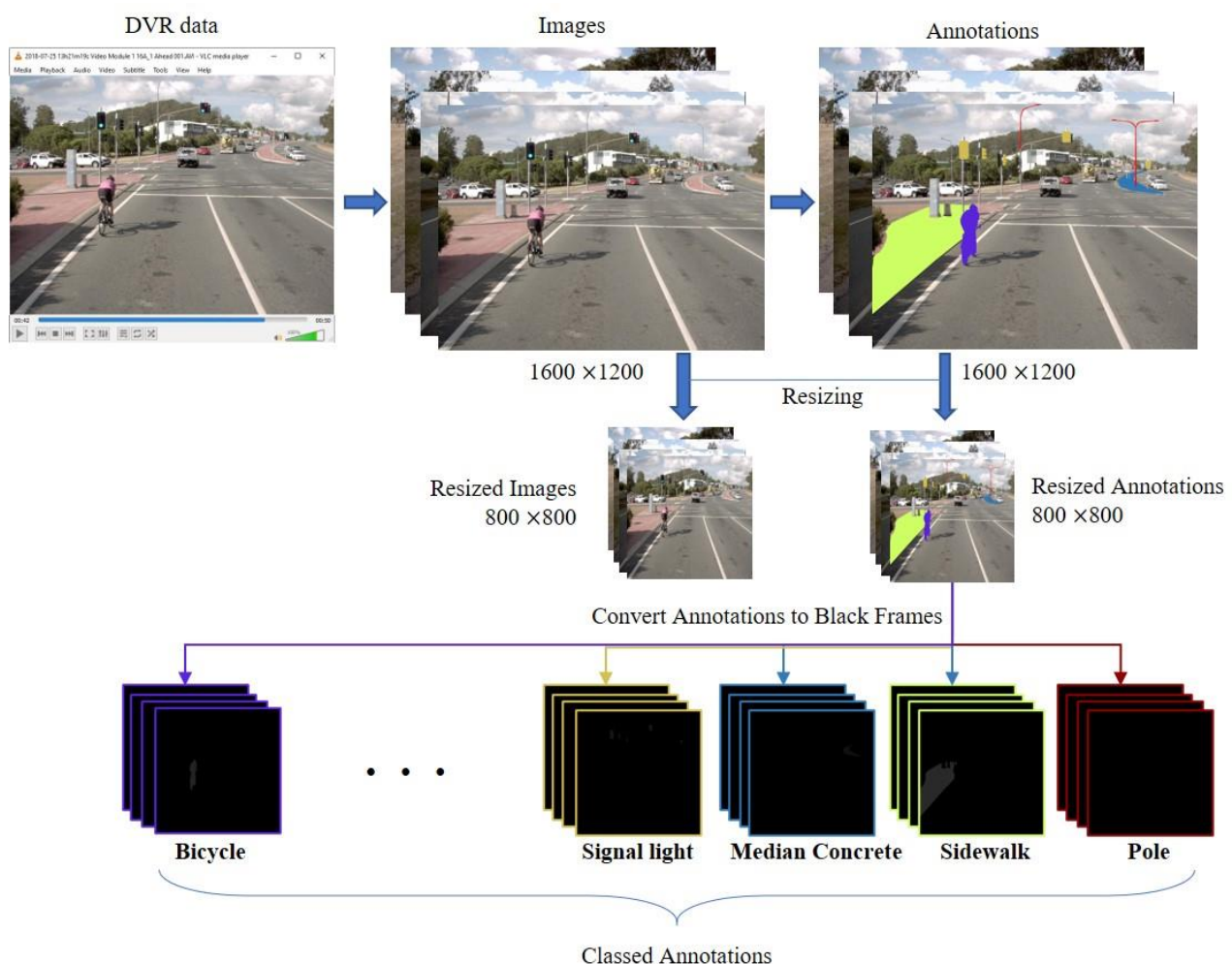
3 Research Framework

The research methodology for identifying road attributes based on DVR data was divided into 3 main parts: data preparation, model creation and evaluation. The details of each part are presented in the following sections.

3.1 Data Preparation

The training dataset was prepared for each model separately. This dataset included 2 folders: 'Images' and 'Annotations'. The main part of data preparation involved the annotation of frames, which were converted into binary frames, also called 'Class Images'. Pixels of the class images were assigned to 1 for each corresponding attribute pixel or 0 for every other pixel. All images were resized to make training more efficient. The whole process for data preparation is shown in Figure 3.1.

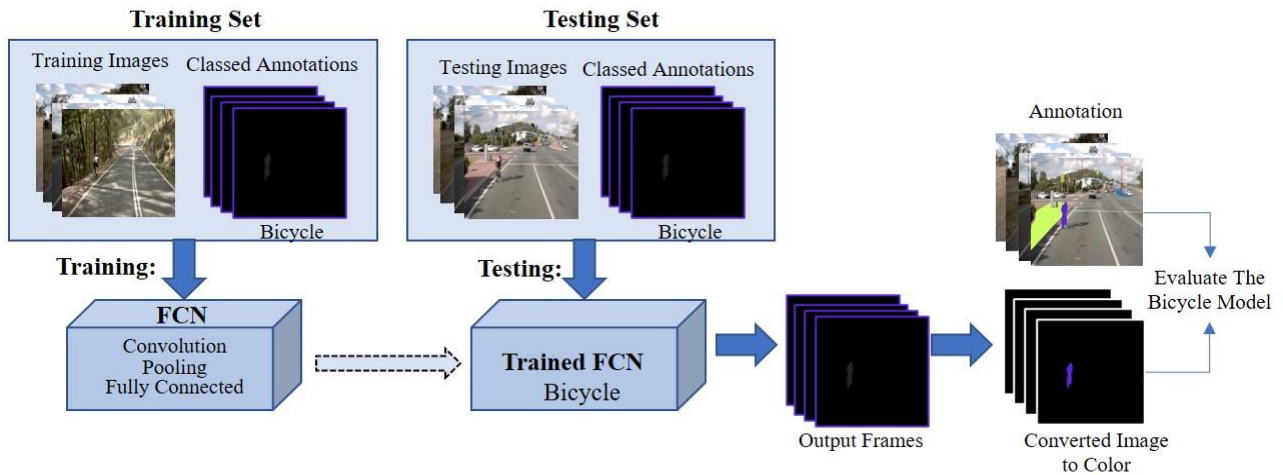
Figure 3.1: Creating the dataset from DVR data including 2 sets of images and their annotations



3.2 Model Creation and Training

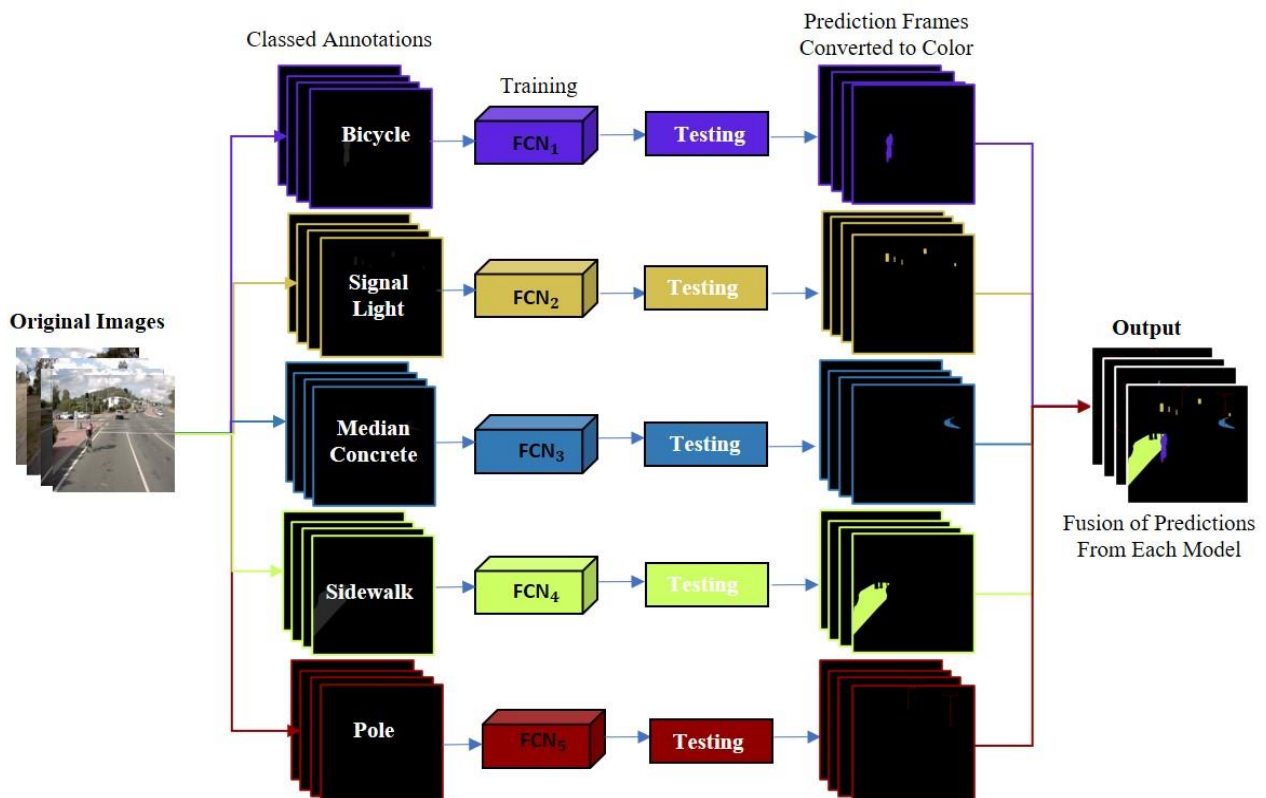
The models were created for each attribute/category. The models were trained separately using the created training and testing datasets and Fully Convolutional Network (FCN) architecture. An overview of the training and testing process (Bicycle model example) is shown in Figure 3.2. The models were trained iteratively by changing multiple parameters and iterations. The prediction frames were created and compared in order to find the best model for each attribute.

Figure 3.2: Training and testing process for bicycle flow model



The overall methodology for combining all models is illustrated in Figure 3.3. All the attributes were trained based on the process illustrated in Figure 3.2. During the testing, the prediction frames from each model were fused together to create the final predictions, where the value of each pixel was between 1 and 61 presenting the corresponding attribute (e.g. 1 means attribute 1/model 1). In the post-processing step, a decision-making approach was applied to the pixels with more than 1 class prediction. These pixels were assigned to a class with higher attribute probability. Finally, frames were converted into coloured frames to evaluate the final visualised prediction by comparing it with the annotation.

Figure 3.3: 2-D segmentation and classification using FCN



Overall, 65 models, as described below, were developed and trained:

1. **Road:** One model has been trained for Road attribute.
2. **Line:** One model has been trained for Line attribute.
3. **Pole:** One model has been trained for Pole attribute.

4. **Speed sign model:** 11 separate speed sign models have been trained including: Sign 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110.
5. **Median type:** 10 different models have been trained including: Metal barrier, Concrete barrier, Median concrete, Median grass, Flexi-post, Central hatching, Line, Motorcycle-friendly barrier, One-way and Wire rope barrier.
6. **Rumble strip:** One model has been trained and a function has been written to differentiate between shoulder and centreline rumble strips.
7. **Roadside severity:** 12 models have been trained for the various roadside object categories, 4 of them are the same models as median types (Metal barrier, Concrete barrier, Motorcycle-friendly barrier, Wire rope barrier). Functions have been written to differentiate these roadside severity types from median types. Roadside severity models are available for Metal barrier, Concrete barrier, Motorcycle-friendly barrier, Wire rope barrier, Aggressive vertical face, Upward slope, Deep drainage ditch, Tree, Pole/post, Rigid structure, Unprotected barrier end, and Large boulders.
8. **Intersection type:** 5 different models have been trained including Merge Lane, Roundabout, Signal light, Railway sign, Railway Crossing sign.
9. **Intersection Legs:** 2 models have been trained including Intersection 3-leg and Intersection 4-leg.
10. **Left Turn Lane:** One model has been trained for Left turn lane.
11. **Right Turn Lane:** One model has been trained for Right turn lane.
12. **Left Slip Lane:** One model has been trained for Left slip lane.
13. **Quality of curve:** 2 models have been trained including chevron alignment markers (CAMs) and Curvature sign.
14. **Road surface condition:** One model has been trained called Defect.
15. **Delineation:** 2 models have been trained including: Guidepost and Line.
16. **Street lighting:** One model has been trained and a function has been written to differentiate the street lighting from other types of poles.
17. **Pedestrian crossing facilities:** 4 models have been trained including Pedestrian crossing, Pedestrian sign, Signal light (the same as Intersection type), Refuge.
18. **Pedestrian fencing:** One model has been trained for Pedestrian fencing attribute.
19. **Sidewalk:** One model has been trained for Sidewalk formal attribute.
20. **Vehicle parking:** One model called Parking slot has been trained for vehicle parking.
21. **Bicycle facilities:** 3 models have been trained including Segregated bicycle path with barrier, Dedicated bicycle lane on roadway, Signed shared roadway.
22. **Roadworks:** 2 models have been trained including roadwork warning signs and other roadwork signs.
23. **School zone warning:** One model for school zone static sign has been trained.
24. **Motorcycle observed flow:** One model has been trained for Motorcycle attribute.
25. **Bicycle observed flow:** One model has been trained for Bicycle attribute.
26. **Pedestrian observed flow:** One model has been trained for Pedestrian attribute.

In addition to the above models, functions have been written determine the locations, extract information, measure various distances, etc. for various AusRAP attributes. Specifically, functions have been written to:

1. retrieve information from the metadata such as Road name, Chainage, Latitude and Longitude and Carriageway
2. find the distance between the road/edge line and the objects
3. find if the objects are located passenger side/driver side/median/across the road
4. find safety barriers such as Metal, Concrete, Metal MC friendly, Wire rope, etc. for median and roadside severity
5. decide if Rumble strips are located in centre or shoulder

6. find the Street lights from the detected poles
7. differentiate the Paved shoulder from the road
8. differentiate the Service Road from the main road
9. find flow of pedestrians, motorcycles, and bicycles.

3.3 Evaluation

To evaluate the model, the prediction results were compared with the original annotations, which were manually created. Three evaluation measures were used as follows:

- Training accuracy – the accuracy of the model was calculated during the training process on training data. The training process was evaluated using this accuracy calculation.
- Testing accuracy – the trained models were evaluated on testing data. The testing data, which included 281 frames, were selected from different roads having all the attributes. This testing data set was totally new from the trained models and had not been used during the training process, and therefore, they provided an accurate validation of the model.
- Misclassification – the number of frames with misclassified attributes among the 281 frames were counted.

4 Implementation and Results

4.1 Training and Testing Datasets

A large dataset containing images of the attributes investigated was created for training and testing purposes. Approximately 2,273 images from different locations with different appearances were chosen and manually annotated/labelled, and then the images and annotations were divided into training and testing sets. The training dataset comprises between 40 and 50 frames for each attribute. The testing dataset was totally separate from the training dataset. There were 440 images and their corresponding annotations in the testing dataset, including 5 to 10 frames from each attribute. Some examples of the training and testing datasets are shown in Figure 4.1.

Figure 4.1: Creation of training and testing datasets



The training time of a deep learning model depends on 3 main factors: the depth of the network, the number of iterations and the size of the dataset. To find the best combination of these parameters, the models were tuned by changing one parameter at a time. To optimise the training time, a customised training dataset was created for each model by using all (approximately 50) training frames and selecting only 5 frames of other attributes. Using this technique, a smaller dataset of almost 350 frames including all attributes was created. The validation results proved that this technique is appropriate for optimising the size of the training dataset, which significantly reduces the training time.

To provide a meaningful evaluation, all trained models were tested on the same testing dataset. The testing dataset contained 281 images created by selecting 5 frames from each attribute. The real number of frames per attribute was higher, though, since most of the time there was more than 1 attribute in each frame.

4.2 Results

The testing results at the 10 m frame level based on 281 images and annotated frames that were not used during the training process (i.e., a different set of images separate from the training dataset) are listed in Table 4.1.

Table 4.1: Results of all trained models

No	Model	Accuracy on test data [%] ⁽¹⁾	Misclassifications [%](Num) ⁽²⁾	No	Model	Accuracy on test data [%] ⁽¹⁾	Misclassifications [%](Num) ⁽²⁾
1	Aggressive vertical face	40	2.4 (7)	32	Railway sign	100	0 (0)
2	Bicycle	100	7.4 (21)	33	Refuge	83	5.6 (16)
3	CAM	100	1.0 (3)	34	Right turn lane	87	3.5 (10)
4	Central hatching	87	1.4 (4)	35	Rigid structure	60	2.1 (6)
5	Concrete barrier	100	10.3 (29)	36	Road	80	0 (0)
6	Continue central turning lane	100	2.1 (6)	37	Roadwork warning sign	100	0 (0)
7	Curvature sign	100	0.3 (1)	38	Roadwork sign	100	0.3 (1)
8	Bicycle lane	94	0.7 (2)	39	Roundabout	100	1.7 (5)
9	Deep drainage ditch	93	2.4 (7)	40	Rumble strip	79	2.1 (6)
10	Defect	71	7.8 (22)	41	School zone sign	100	2.1 (6)
11	Flexipost	60	0 (0)	42	Segregated bicycle path	88	2.1 (6)
12	Guidepost	77	0.7 (2)	43	Sidewalk formal	60	4.6 (13)
13	Intersection leg 3	60	2.1 (6)	44	Signal light	93	0 (0)
14	Intersection leg 4	40	0.3 (1)	45	Signed shared roadway	75	2.1 (6)
15	Large boulders	64	4.6 (13)	46	Slip lane	80	0 (0)
16	Left turn lane	100	2.1 (6)	47	Sign 10	100	0 (0)
17	Line	92	0 (0)	48	Sign 20	33	2.8 (8)
18	MC friendly barrier	100	4.6 (11)	49	Sign 30	100	6.7 (19)
19	Median concrete	71	4.6 (11)	50	Sign 40	100	0.7 (2)
20	Median grass	92	6.4 (18)	51	Sign 50	100	2.1 (6)
21	Merge lane	100	0 (0)	52	Sign 60	100	1.0 (3)
22	Metal barrier	71	7.4 (21)	53	Sign 70	82	2.1 (6)
23	Motorcycle	100	1.0 (3)	54	Sign 80	100	2.1 (6)
24	One way	100	3.1 (9)	55	Sign 90	100	1.7 (5)
25	Parking slot	83	43.4 (123)	56	Sign 100	88	2.1 (6)
26	Pedestrian	100	6.4 (18)	57	Sign 110	100	0.7 (2)
27	Pedestrian crossing	44	6.0 (17)	58	Tree	100	3.5 (10)
28	Pedestrian fencing	100	5.6 (16)	59	Unprotected barrier end	83	2.1 (6)
29	Pedestrian crossing sign	100	0 (0)	60	Upward slope	100	18.3 (52)
30	Pole	83	2.8 (8)	61	Wire rope barrier	88	0 (0)
31	Railway crossing sign	100	0.7 (2)				

1. Accuracy [%] = (detected attributes in test frames/total number of attributes in test frames) * 100.

2. Number within brackets represents misclassifications (e.g. (6) means that 6 frames out of 281 detected by attribute model did not contain that attribute).

The status of the models/functions for all the attributes/categories of road features investigated is provided in Table 4.2.

Table 4.2: Status of all attributes investigated.

No/Attributes	Categories	Status/Comments	Program type
1. Road	Road	Completed	Function
2. Road name	Road name	Completed	Function
3. Chainage	Chainage	Completed	Function
4. Frame number	Frame number	Completed	Function
5. Latitude	Latitude	Completed	Function
6. Longitude	Longitude	Completed	Function
7. Carriageway	A-divided forward direction	Completed	Function
	B-divided reverse direction	Completed	Function
	U-undivided	Completed	Function
8. Speed limit	Speed (value)	Completed	Model
	10	Completed	Model
	20	Completed	Model
	30	Completed	Model
	40	Completed	Model
	50	Completed	Model
	60	Completed	Model
	70	Completed	Model
	80	Completed	Model
	90	Completed	Model
	100	Completed	Model
	110	Completed	Model
	Passenger side	Completed	Function
	Median	Completed	Function
	Drivers side	Completed	Function
9. Median type	Safety barrier – metal	Completed	Model/function
	Safety barrier – concrete	Completed	Model/function
	Physical median width (distance)	Completed	Model
	Median concrete	Completed	Model
	Median grass	Completed	Model
	Continuous central turning lane	Completed	Model
	Flexipost	Completed	Model
	Central hatching (width)	Completed	Model
	Centreline	Completed	Model
	Motorcyclist friendly barrier	Completed	Model/function
	One way	Completed	Model
	Wide centreline (width)	Completed	Model
	Safety barrier – wire rope	Completed	Model/function
10. Centreline rumble strip	Not present	Completed	Model
	Present	Completed	Model
11. Severity – RHS	Distance	Completed	Function
12. Severity – RHS	Safety barrier – metal	Completed	Model

No/Attributes	Categories	Status/Comments	Program type
	Safety barrier – concrete	Completed	Model
	Safety barrier – metal mc friendly	Completed	Model
	Safety barrier – wire rope	Completed	Model
	Aggressive vertical face	Completed	Model
	Upwards slope – (rollover gradient)	Completed	Model
	Upwards steep slope (> 75°)	Difficult to measure angle/slope in images. No clear samples for training	
	Deep drainage ditch	Completed	
	Downwards slope	Difficult to measure angle/slope in images. No clear samples for training	No model
	Cliff or the like	Difficult to define cliff samples from 2D image to train the model.	No model
	Tree > 10 cm	Completed	Model
	Non-frangible sign/post/pole >= 10 cm	Completed	Model
	Frangible sign/post/pole < 10 cm	Completed	Model
	Rigid structure/bridge or building	Completed	Model
	Semi-rigid structure or building	This attribute contains many objects. They will misclassify other attributes.	No model
	Unprotected barrier end	Completed	Model
	Large boulders >= 20 cm high	Completed	Model
	None (> 20 m)	Difficult to see/detect in videos > 20 m	No model
13. Severity – LHS	Distance	Completed	Model
14. Severity – LHS	Safety barrier – metal	Completed	Function
	Safety barrier – concrete	Completed	Model
	Safety barrier – metal MC friendly	Completed	Model
	Safety barrier – wire rope	Completed	Model
	Aggressive vertical face	Completed	Model
	Upwards slope – (rollover gradient)	Difficult to measure angle/slope in images. No clear samples for training	Model
	Upwards steep slope (> 75°)	Completed	
	Deep drainage ditch	Difficult to measure angle/slope in images. No clear samples for training	
	Downwards slope	Difficult to define cliff samples from 2D image to train.	No model
	Cliff or the like	Difficult to define cliff samples from 2D image to train the model.	No model
	Tree > 10 cm	Completed	Model
	Non-frangible sign/post/pole >= 10 cm	Completed	Model
	Sign/post/pole < 10 cm	Completed	Model
	Rigid structure/bridge or building	This attribute contains many objects. They will misclassify other attributes.	Model
	Semi-rigid structure or building	Completed	Model
	Unprotected barrier end	Completed	Model
	Large boulders >= 20 cm high	Difficult to see/detect in videos > 20 m	No model
	None (> 20 m)	Completed	Model

No/Attributes	Categories	Status/Comments	Program type
15. Shoulder rumble strip	Not present	Completed	Model
	Present	Completed	Model
16. Paved shoulder – RHS	Width (Measure)	Completed	Model
17. Paved shoulder – LHS	Width (Measure)	Completed	Model
18. Intersection type	Merge lane	Completed	Model
	Roundabout	Completed	Model
	Signalised	Completed	Model
	Unsignalised		Model
	Railway Crossing – passive (signs only)	Completed	Model
	Railway Crossing – active (flashing lights/boom gates)	Completed	Model
	Mini roundabout	Will misclassify other attributes	Model
	Median crossing point – informal	Will misclassify other attributes	Model
	Median crossing point – formal	Will misclassify other attributes	Model
	None		No model
19. Intersection legs	2	Legs are misclassifying with each other	Model
	3	Completed but it was not easy	Model
	4	Completed but it was not easy	Model
	5	Difficult to detect	No model
	6	Difficult to detect	No model
	6+	Difficult to detect	No model
20. Right turn lane	No right turn lanes on through road	Not in AusRAP attributes	No model
	Right turn lane in direction of travel	Completed	Model
	Right turn lane in opposite direction of travel	Not always visible	No model
	Right turn lane in both directions of travel	Not always visible	No model
21. Left turn lane	No left turn lanes on through road	Not in AusRAP attributes	No model
	Left turn lane in direction of travel	Completed	Model
	Left turn lane in opposite direction of travel	Not in AusRAP attributes	No model
	Left turn lane in both directions of travel	Not in AusRAP attributes	No model
22. Left slip lane	No left slip lane on through road	Not always visible	No model
	Left slip lane in direction of travel	Completed	Model
	Left slip lane in opposite direction of travel	Not always visible	No model
	Left slip lane in both directions of travel	Not always visible	No model

No/Attributes	Categories	Status/Comments	Program type
23. Intersection quality	Advanced intersection sign present	Identified based on sign. We will try to detect based on road in future research.	Model
24. Property access points	Count	Not always visible. We will try to develop better road model in future research.	No model
25. Number of lanes	Count in gazetted	Completed	Model
26.	Count in anti-gazetted	Road is not always visible, even when visible, lanes are not clear. We may use right video.	Model
27. Lane width	Width (distance)	Completed	Model
28. Curvature	Inside curve radius angle	Difficult to measure angle. Will try again.	No model
29. Quality of curve	CAMs present	Completed	Model
	Advisory curve sign present	Completed	
	Advisory curve and speed sign present	Completed	Model
30. Grade	Grade records the gradient of the road along its length	There is nothing in images which tells gradient. We may try in future research.	No model
31. Road condition	Road surface condition Good	Completed	Model
	Medium	Only good/poor	No model
	Poor	Completed	Model
32. Skid resistance	Sealed – adequate	Other data sources to be used	No model
	Sealed – medium	Other data sources to be used	No model
	Sealed – poor	Other data sources to be used	No model
	Unsealed – adequate	Other data sources to be used	No model
	Unsealed – poor	Other data sources to be used	No model
33. Delineation	Centreline	Completed	Model
	Edge line	Completed	Model
	Guideposts	Completed	Model
	None	Completed	Model
34. Street lighting	Not present	Completed only based on poles	Model
	Present	Completed only based on poles	Model
35. Pedestrian crossing	Inspected road Grade separated facility – no ped fencing	No specific object/sign to detect	No model
	Signalised with refuge	Completed	Model
	Signalised without refuge	Completed	Model
	Unsignalised marked crossing with refuge	Completed	Model
	Unsignalised marked crossing without refuge	Completed	Model
	Refuge only	Completed	Model
	No facility	Completed	Model
	Grade separated facility – ped fencing present	Completed	Model
	Unsignalised raised marked crossing with refuge	Raised or Non-Raised – recognised as 1 type. Will misclassify other attributes	Model
	Unsignalised raised marked crossing without refuge	Raised or Non-Raised – recognised as 1 type	Model

No/Attributes	Categories	Status/Comments	Program type
	Raised unmarked crossing with refuge	Raised or Non-Raised – recognised as 1 type	Model
	Raised unmarked crossing without refuge	Raised or Non-Raised – recognised as 1 type	Model
36. Pedestrian crossing	Quality Pedestrian signage	Completed	Model
37. Pedestrian crossing – intersecting road	Intersecting road Grade separated facility – no ped fencing	No specific object/sign	No model
	Signalised with refuge	Completed (only if visible)	Model
	Signalised without refuge	Completed	Model
	Unsignalised marked crossing with refuge	Completed (only if visible)	Model
	Unsignalised marked crossing without refuge	Completed	Model
	Refuge only	Completed (only if visible)	Model
	No facility	Completed (only if visible)	Model
	Grade separated facility – ped fencing present	Completed (only if visible)	Model
	Unsignalised raised marked crossing with refuge	Raised or Non-Raised – recognised as 1 type. Will misclassify other attributes	Model
	Unsignalised raised marked crossing without refuge	Raised or Non-Raised – recognised as 1 type	Model
	Raised unmarked crossing with refuge	Raised or Non-Raised – recognised as 1 type	Model
	Raised unmarked crossing without refuge	Raised or Non-Raised – recognised as 1 type	Model
38. Pedestrian fencing	Not present	Completed	Model
	Present	Completed	Model
39. Speed management	Not present	No sign is available. Taking surface part will misclassify other attributes	Model
	Present	Same as above	Model
40. Vehicle parking	None	Completed	Model
	Passenger side	Completed	Model
41. Parking (activities within 2 m)	Activities within 2 m of the outside edge Median	Completed	Model
	Drivers side	Completed	Model
42. Sidewalk – RHS	Non-physical separation distance to facility or barrier	Completed	Model
	Physical barrier (concrete, metal, ped fencing, hedge and so on)	Completed	Model
	Formal path provided (sealed)	Completed	Model
	Informal path provided (unsealed)	Will misclassify other attributes.	Model
	Width of path	Completed	Model
43. Sidewalk- LHS	Non-physical separation distance to facility or barrier	Completed	Model

No/Attributes	Categories	Status/Comments	Program type
	Physical barrier (concrete, metal, ped fencing, hedge and so on)	Completed	Model
	Formal path provided (sealed)	Completed	Model
	Informal path provided (unsealed)	Will misclassify other attributes.	Model
	Width of path	Completed	Model
44. Service road	Not present	Completed	Model
	Present	Completed	Model
45. Bicycle facilities	Segregated bicycle path with barrier	Completed	Model
	Segregated bicycle path	Completed	Model
	Dedicated bicycle lane on roadway	Completed	Model
	None	Completed	Model
	Extra wide outside (≥ 4.2 m)	Completed	Model
	Signed shared roadway	Completed	Model
	Shared use path	Completed	Model
46. Roadworks	No roadworks	We are only detecting roadworks, or no roadworks based on signs	No model
	Minor roadworks in progress	Completed	Model
	Major roadworks in progress	Completed	Model
47. Sight distance	Measure visibility furthest visible pavement	Difficult to measure as it is not clearly visible in images	Model
48. School zone	School zone flashing beacons	Same as static sign data	Model
	School zone static signs or road markings	Completed	Model
	No school zone warning	No specific object/sign	No model
	Not applicable (no school at the location)	No specific object/sign	No model
49. Crossing supervisor	Crossing supervisor not present	Difficult to detect. Will misclassify with other attributes	No model
	Crossing supervisor present during school time	Difficult to detect. Will misclassify with other attributes	No model
	Not applicable (no school at the location)	No specific object/sign	No model
50. Motorcycle flow	Count of motorcycles in opposite direction of travel	Completed	Model/function
51. Bicycle flow	Count of bicycles in both directions of travel (or opposite if did not work)	Completed	Model/function
52. Pedestrian	Count pedestrians across road	Completed	Model/function
53. Pedestrian	Count pedestrians RHS	Completed	Model/function
	Count pedestrians LHS	Completed	Model/function
54. Land use – RHS	Access count	Access points are not specific and not always visible in 2D images.	No model
	Does the building have a name	No specific object/sign/place to train the model	No model
	Large building count (larger than a house)	Building object – large/small – difficult to train the model	No model
	Number of post boxes.	No specific object/sign/place to train the model	No model

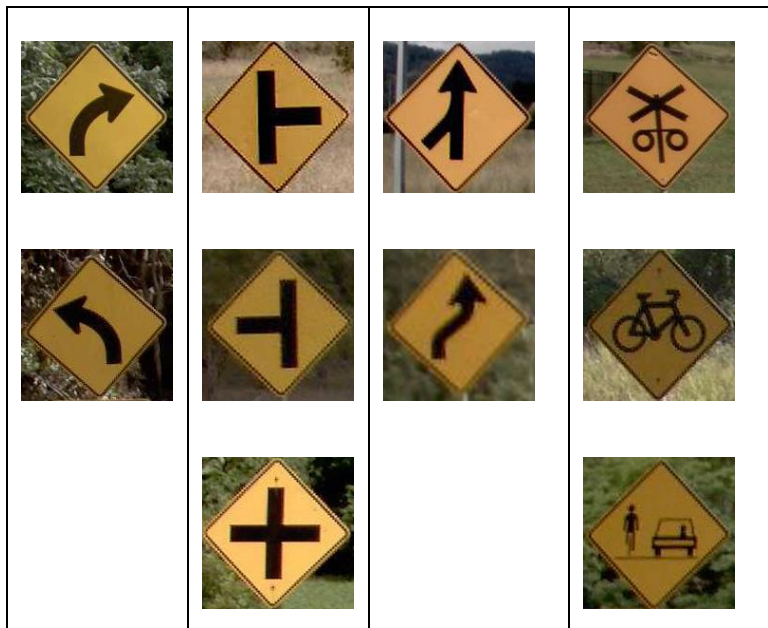
No/Attributes	Categories	Status/Comments	Program type
	Small building count (house size or smaller)	No specific object/sign/place to train the model	No model
	Building location (longitudinal distance)		No model
	Building location (lateral distance)		No model
55. Land use – LHS	Access count	Access points are not specific and not always visible in 2D images	No model
	Does the building have a name	No specific object/sign/place to train the model	No model
	Large building count (larger than a house)	Building object – large/small – difficult to train the model	No model
	Number of post boxes.	No specific object/sign/place to train the model	No model
	Small building Count (house size or smaller)	No specific object/sign/place to train the model	No model
	Building location (longitudinal distance)		No model
	Building location (lateral distance)		No model
56. Intersecting road volume	Count of intersecting lanes (both approach and departure).	Intersection is recognised based on sign	No model
57. Area type	Rural	There are no signs to distinguish rural and urban	No model
	Urban (Development of congregation of houses over 200 m) otherwise rural	No single object to train. We may try again.	No model

4.3 Problems and Issues

The evaluation indicated high accuracies obtained for many AusRAP attributes; however, there were issues with some attributes including failure to detect (i.e., unable to identify the attribute) or were able to detect but with large number of misclassifications or calculated incorrect values (e.g., pedestrian flow, number of lanes, etc.). The results were analysed and some detailed analyses and reasons for low accuracy are given below:

- 1. Parameter tuning:** The parameters of the deep learning technique had to be tuned individually for each attribute (model). For example, the number of iterations, the number of samples, layers, filters, etc for the training process varied for each model. It was very time consuming to tune the parameters for each attribute as models had to be retrained many times taking many days of training. Sometimes after even long and different parameter tuning processes, it was not possible to get high accuracy and low misclassifications for some attributes. More research will be conducted to overcome this problem.
- 2. Similar attributes:** Some attributes are very similar in shape, size and colour, so it was difficult to differentiate them. For example, Figure 4.2 shows (a) attributes with diamond frame and yellow background, (b) speed sign with similar numbers and (c) parking slots with similar colour as lines.

Figure 4.2: Example of attributes with similar shapes and colours



(a) Road signs



(b) 30 and 80 km/h signs

(c) Parking slot and lines

3. **Attribute inconsistency:** Same attributes contain different distances, shapes and colours making them difficult to identify. For example, there are many types of centrelines with different gaps/shapes as shown in Figure 4.3, many types of dedicated bicycle paths (green and white colours) as shown in Figure 4.4, and 5 different types of speed signs as shown in Figure 4.5.

Figure 4.3: Three different types of centrelines



Two broken centrelines with a large gap

Two continuous centrelines with a small gap

Two continuous centrelines with a large gap

Figure 4.4: Three different types of on-road bicycle paths



Figure 4.5: Five different types of speed signs



4. **Median vs RHS:** In some frames, it was difficult to differentiate between the location of the attributes as median or right side of the road as shown in Figure 4.6. It was difficult to say/detect that metal barrier in left frame is a median.

Figure 4.6: Location of attributes as median or right-hand side (RHS)



Speed sign 90 and Metal barrier as Median



Speed sign 90 and Metal barrier at RHS

5. **Functions do not work due to misclassifications:** Sometimes the functions do not work correctly when there are misclassifications due to similarity between attributes or the attributes are not detected, or the attributes are misclassified. Figure 4.7 shows examples of misclassification between speed signs and Figure 4.8 shows that an attribute is missing (not detected) and Figure 4.9 shows that upwards slope is misclassified as building.

Figure 4.7: Misclassification between 90 sign and 70 km/h (top frame) & between 90 sign and 100 km/h (bottom frame)

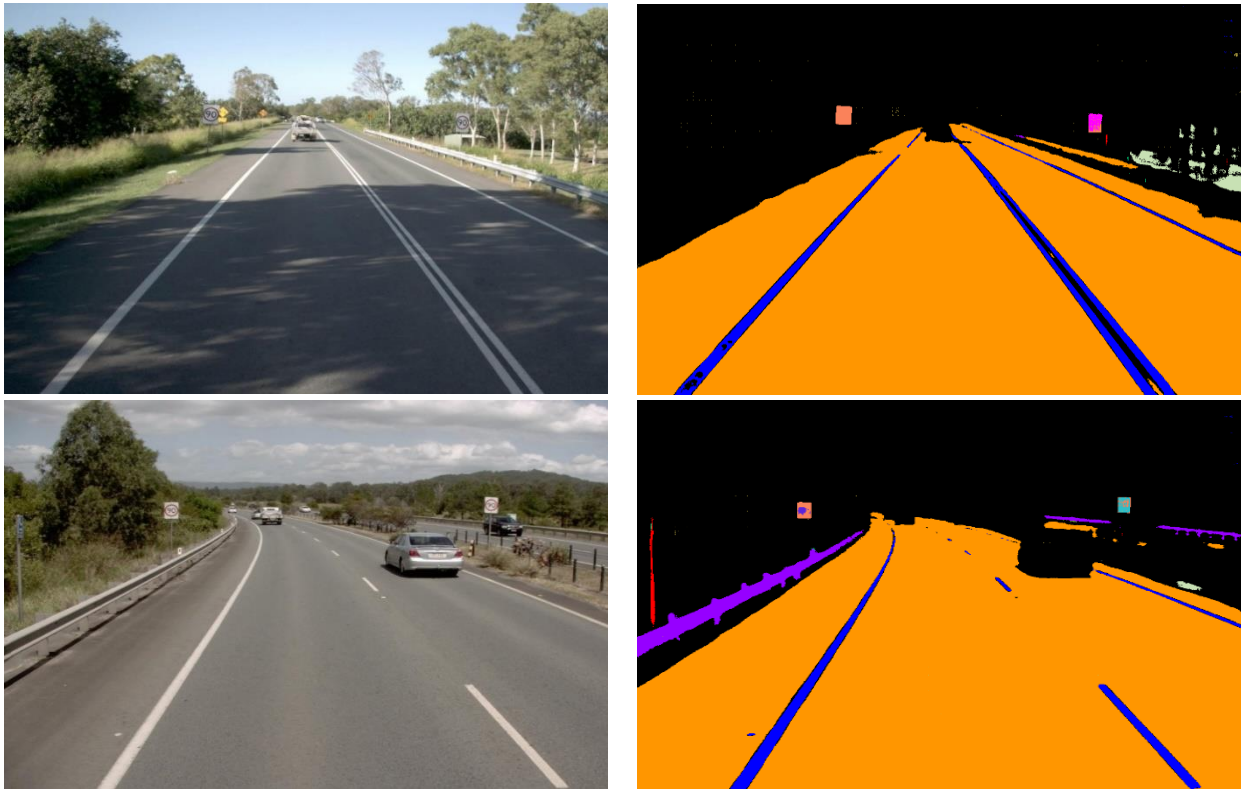


Figure 4.8: Road attribute missing in reverse direction (difficult to determine if grass is median or not)

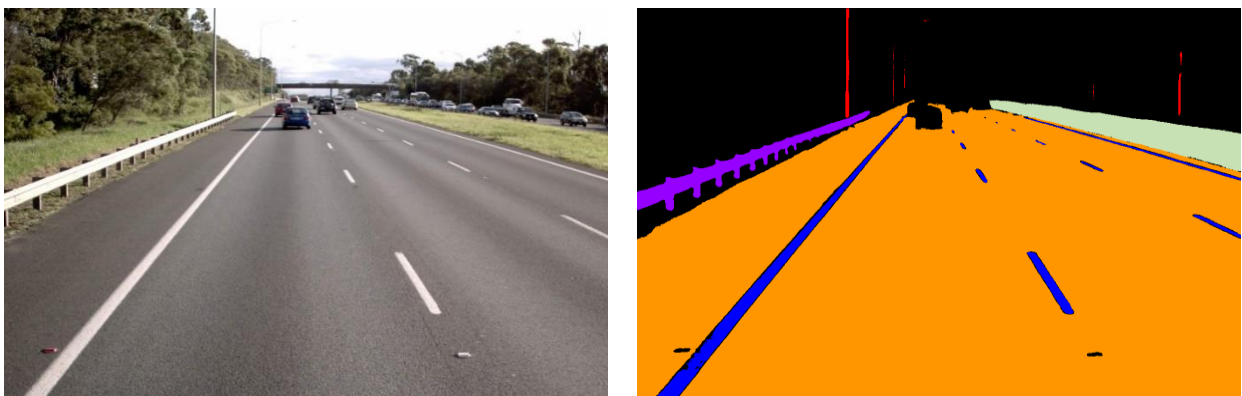


Figure 4.9: Misclassification of upward slope with part of building wall



4.4 The Automated Program

For ease of usage a computer program has been developed to automate the process of collecting AusRAP attributes from video data. The components and requirements are provided below.

4.4.1 Components

The program comprised the following components:

- ausrapProgram – The main program provided as compiled Exe file.
- vid2frame – Utility program to convert video files (*.avi files) into individual frames required by the program.
- Instruction sheet – How to use the program. Details are provided in Appendix A.

4.4.2 Requirements

Data required by the program was as follows:

- Video files or images (frames), usually at 10 m intervals in .jpg format $\geq 800 \times 800$ size
- Metadata file (e.g., 10C_23A.nvg) for the images or video file.

4.4.3 Output Data

The output from the program is provided in 2 files in Excel format as follows:

- Video_filename_output – The raw results provided at 10 m section level (frame) – re 1 means object detected, 0 means not detected.
- Video_filename_output100metre – Processed results provided at 100 m section level in AusRAP format by aggregated the results at the 100 m level in line with AusRAP methodology.

4.5 Case Study Results

The automated 'ausrapProgram' was applied to collect AusRAP attributes from selected state-controlled roads. The output for road 10A (gazetted direction) was reviewed and compared with manual assessment results. Sample outputs are shown in Appendix B.

4.5.1 Frame (10 m Section) Output

At the frame level (10 m) the following features were identified to a high degree of accuracy (noting that an object may be detected in several frames):

- road signs
- linemarkings
- speed limit signs (some objects were identified as a speed limit sign; this misclassification impacted the results at the AusRAP required 100 m section level)
- poles/posts
- metal safety barriers (some metal barrier sections were not identified; the impact of the missing gaps resulted in a reduced accuracy level for recording metal barriers at the AusRAP required 100 m section level).

Features that recorded low identification levels included the following:

- trees
- wire rope safety barrier
- guidepost (most of the delineators on the w-beam safety barriers were not identified). Note normal guideposts were generally detected.

4.5.2 100 m Section Output

At the 100 m level, the attributes (considering all categories for the attribute) that pass the AusRAP quality assurance process are:

- delineation
- speed limit (if misclassifications of other objects as speed limits are reduced).

In addition to wrong aggregation and missing gaps for safety barriers (metal, concrete and wire rope) misclassification of objects at the 10 m frame level impacted negatively on the accuracy at the 100 m level. For example, all speed limit signs on 10A were identified, but due to misclassification of some objects as 60 km/h (Figure 4.10) and 70 km/h (Figure 4.11) signs, the accuracy of reported 110 km/h section was only 67%. The problem with the misclassified objects was ratified by including these signs in the training data in the updated program. This improved the accuracy for reporting 110 km/h at 100 m level to 94% (Appendix B).

Figure 4.10: Misclassification of no U-turn sign as 60 km/h sign



Figure 4.11: Misclassification of no right-turn sign as 70 km/h sign



5 Conclusion

As part of a worldwide movement, the use of risk assessment models AusRAP/iRAP is dedicated to saving lives through advocating for safer road infrastructure. AusRAP considers physical road attributes to quantify the safety risk for different road user groups such as vehicle occupants, motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians. The objective is to reduce the death and injuries on Australia's roads using the risk assessment strategy to prevent road crashes from occurring and to reduce the severity of those crashes which do occur.

In this project, software for identifying many AusRAP attributes has been developed and tested based on machine language. Tasks completed included a review of AusRAP attributes from DVR and MLS data, designed research methodology, the creation of a large dataset of 2,273 images from different roads using DVR data and the evaluation of the proposed methodology. Image frames for AusRAP attributes were annotated by assigning a unique colour code to each attribute. The colour codes assisted in distinguishing the attributes in training and evaluation of deep learning techniques. The original dataset was divided into 2 separate sets of training data (1,837 images) and testing data (436 images).

The project outcomes include the following:

- 61 trained separate models (one for each attribute) developed to detect AusRAP attributes from video files
- 9 functions developed based on the trained models' output to measure distance, indicate location of attributes (driver side of the road, passenger side of the road or median) and extract relevant data from metadata associated with the video file
- compilation of the trained models and functions into an easy-to-use software program for detecting AusRAP attributes based on video data.

The individual models have been evaluated using training, testing and misclassification errors. The test accuracy and misclassifications demonstrate the accuracy of each model in detecting the attributes. Some models provided very high accuracy (above 90%); however, some of the models provided low accuracy and many misclassifications. The misclassification had a major impact on the accuracy of detection at the 100 m section level required by AusRAP. The level of misclassification can be reduced with the addition of more trained datasets.

The attributes that can be detected with high accuracy at the 10 m frame level include:

- delineation
- road signs
- chevron alignment markers
- poles/posts
- linemarkings
- traffic signals at intersections
- metal safety barriers.

The AusRAP attributes and its categories that pass the required quality assurance process are:

- delineation
- speed limit (if misclassifications of other objects as speed limits are reduced).

The results and analysis presented above show that proposed methodology is able to correctly identify a large number of AusRAP attributes. The research method and the software developed to automatically detect AusRAP attributes in this project is a great achievement. This was possible because of the huge amount of additional time put in by CQU researchers.

However, further research is needed to improve the accuracy for some difficult-to-detect attributes and to reduce the level of misclassifications. In addition, there will be further work required to improve software performance including its execution time.

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Appendix A How to Run the Program

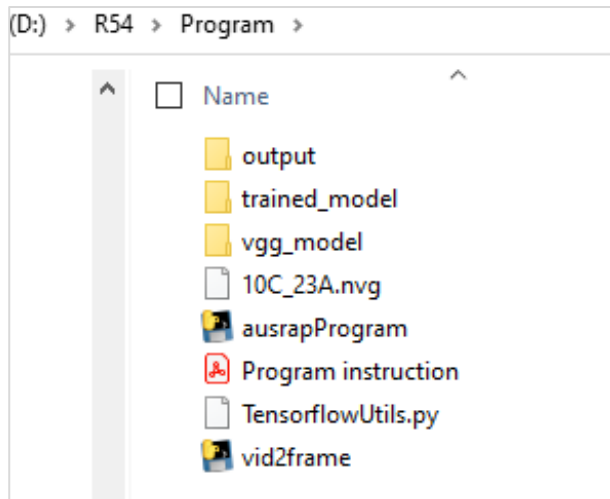
The steps required to run the program are presented below.

Step 1: Download **ausrapProgram.zip** file using the following link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F7vdKsoBrOVcJDR2K0pb_zlNsRpSGxS0?usp=sharing

Step 2: Unzip **ausrapProgram.zip** file and put **all files and directories** at one place. The extracted data contains the following folders and files (Figure A.1).

Figure A.1: Program folders and files



Step 3: Put all test images (.jpg format) with a size greater than 800x800 (RGB colour) in directory output/ori.

Or if you have video files instead of images then put the video files (e.g. 2019- 05-02 08h12m08s Video Module 1 10A_1 Ahead 001.avi) in the same directory where vid2frame.exe is and click on vid2frame.exe file or run it by typing vid2frame in the command prompt. This program will create and store images in the 'Frames' directory. Copy all created images in 'Frames' to output/ori directory.

Step 4: Put metadata file (e.g. 10A_1.nvgx, 10A_46R.nvgx) for the images of road videos you are testing in the same directory where **ausrapProgram.exe** is.

Step 5: Click on **ausrapProgram.exe** file or run it by typing **ausrapProgram** in the command prompt.

Step 6: The program will run and display various outputs on the screen, wait until it finishes. It takes a long time to finish, and time depends on number of images (length of road) inside output/ori directory.

Step 7: View the results in the Output directory provided in Excel format as follows:

- Video_filename_output: results provided at 10 m section level (frame) – re 1 means object detected, 0 means not detected.
- Video_filename_output100metre: results provided at 100 m section level in AusRAP format. Further processing is required to generate the required AusRAP codes for some attributes.
- You can also view the images as follows:
 - segmented images in output/fuse_vis directory
 - original resized images are in output/ori_resized directory.
 - original input files are in output/ori directory.

Important Note:

To run the program again, you must delete all directories and files from 'output' directory except 'ori' directory. Output/ori directory should have test images/frames which you want to test.

Appendix B Sample Outputs – 10A Gazetted Direction

B.1 Output File at the 10 m Frame Level

Table B.1: Sample output at 10 m frame level – 10A

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V
	Coder name	Coding date	Survey date	Road number	Frame	Chainage	Latitude	Longitude	Line	Road	Pole	Sign 10	Sign 20	Sign 30	Sign 40	Sign 50	Sign 60	Sign 70	Sign 80	Sign 90	Sign 100	Sign 110
1	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00001.jpg	0	-27.2914	153.0189	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00002.jpg	0.01	-27.2913	153.019	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00003.jpg	0.02	-27.2912	153.019	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00004.jpg	0.03	-27.2911	153.019	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00005.jpg	0.04	-27.291	153.0191	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00006.jpg	0.05	-27.2909	153.0191	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00007.jpg	0.06	-27.2908	153.0191	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00008.jpg	0.07	-27.2908	153.0191	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00009.jpg	0.08	-27.2907	153.0192	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00010.jpg	0.09	-27.2906	153.0192	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00011.jpg	0.1	-27.2905	153.0192	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Program	12-May-2021	02-May-2019	10A	Frame00011.jpg	0.1	-27.2905	153.0192	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	W	X	Y	Z	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AJ	AK	AL	AM	AN	AO	AP	AQ	AR	AS	AT	AU
	Speed sign location	Tree	Signal sign	One way sign	Signed shared roadway	Concrete barrier	Metal barrier	MC friendly	Wire rope barrier	CAM	Curvature e sign	Guide post	Flexi post	Merge lane	Defect	Warning sign	School zone warning sign	Road work sign	Railway sign	Railway crossing-gate	Median grass	Median concrete	Rumble strip	Ped. crossing sign	Ped. crossing
1																									
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

	AV	AW	AX	AY	AZ	BA	BB	BC	BD	BE	BF	BG	BH	BI	BJ	BK	BL	BM	BN	BO	BP	BQ	BR	BS	BT	BU	BV
	Ped. fencing	Pedestrian	Motorcycle	Bicycle	Bicycle path	Seg bike path with barrier	Parking slot	Sidewalk formal	Aggressive vertical face	Central hatching	Left turn	Right turn	Cont. cent turning lane	Intersection 3	Intersection 4	Roundabout sign	Protected barrier end	Deep drainage ditch	Boulder	Upwards slop	Slip lane	Rigid structure	Refuge	Delineations found	Medians found	Median width	Severity:LHS object
1																											
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1	0.847	1	1
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1	0.596	1	1
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1	0.658	12	12
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1	1.9	12	12
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1	0.782	1,12	12
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1	1.04	12	12
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1	0.724	12	12
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1	1.92	12	12
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1	1.1	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,2)	1,5	1.164,0.511	12	12

	BW	BX	BY	BZ	CA	CB	CC	CD	CE	CF	CG	CH	CI	CJ	CK	CL	CM	CN	CO	CP	CQ	CR
	Severity:LHS distance	Severity:RHS object	Severity:RHS distance	Number of lanes	Lane width	Left shoulder	Right shoulder	Service road	Left sidewalk	Right sidewalk	Rumble (Sh, Ct)	Bicycle flow	Motorcycle flow	Pedestrian flow	WCL width/present	Street light	Carriage way	Pedestrian facility	Bicycle facility	Parking facility	LHS sidewalk distance	RHS sidewalk distance
1																						
2	0	0	0	4	3.95	0.207	0.525	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected
3	1	1	1	4	4.059	3.584	0.56	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected
4	1	1	1	4	4.221	4.305	0.292	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected
5	2	12	2	4	3.404	1.806	2.003	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected
6	1	12	1	4	3.222	1.786	1.594	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected
7	1,2	1,12	1,2	4	3.639	1.774	1.633	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected
8	1	12	1	4	3.908	1.886	1.193	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected	
9	2	12	2	4	3.908	1.854	1.517	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected
10	1	12	1	4	3.518	1.552	1.468	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected
11	0	0	0	4	3.798	1.679	1.295	0	0.123	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	Non-physical separation Dist	No RHS sidewalk detected
12	2	12	2	4	3.72	1.789	1.478	0	0	0	0,0	0	0	0	0	0	1	No facility	No facility	No facility	No LHS sidewalk detected	No RHS sidewalk detected

B.2 Evaluation of Coded Data at 100 m Level

Table B.2: Evaluation results at the 100 m level

Attribute	Cat ID	Category	Road length (km)		Absolute difference	Comment
			R54 Model	Manual	Per cent	
Carriageway	1	A-Divided forward direction	138.3	140.5	2%	Failed Undivided sections not coded correctly; some divided sections recorded as undivided
	2	B-Divided reverse direction	NA	NA	NA	
	3	U-Undivided	6.7	4	67%	
Major upgrade cost impact	1	Low	NA	NA		
	2	Medium	NA	NA		
	3	High	NA	NA		
Motorcycle observed flow	1	None				Failed
	2	2 – 1 motorcycle per 100 m	0.2	0		Misclassifications
	3	2 to 3 motorcycles per 100 m				
	4	4 to 5 motorcycles per 100 m				
	5	6 to 7 motorcycles per 100 m				
	6	8+ motorcycles per 100 m				
Bicycle observed flow	1	1 – None				Failed
	2	1 bicycle per 100 m	1	0		Misclassifications
	3	2 to 3 bicycles per 100 m				
	4	4 to 5 bicycles per 100 m				
	5	6 to 7 bicycles per 100 m				
	6	8+ bicycles per 100 m				
Pedestrian observed flow across road	1	1 – None				Failed
	2	1 pedestrian per 100 m	2	0		Misclassifications
	3	2 to 3 pedestrians per 100 m				
	4	4 to 5 pedestrians per 100 m				
	5	6 to 7 pedestrians per 100 m				
	6	8+ pedestrians per 100 m				
Pedestrian observed flow along road driver side (RHS)	1	1 – None				
	2	1 pedestrian per 100 m				
	3	2 to 3 pedestrians per 100 m				
	4	4 to 5 pedestrians per 100 m				
	5	6 to 7 pedestrians per 100 m				

Attribute	Cat ID	Category	Road length (km)		Absolute difference	Comment
			R54 Model	Manual	Per cent	
	6	8+ pedestrians per 100 m				
Pedestrian observed flow along road passenger side (LHS)	1	1 – None				Failed
	2	1 pedestrian per 100 m	4	1	300%	Misclassifications
	3	2 to 3 pedestrians per 100 m	2	2	0%	
	4	4 to 5 pedestrians per 100 m				
	5	6 to 7 pedestrians per 100 m				
	6	8+ pedestrians per 100 m				
Land use – right (driver side)	1	Undeveloped land	NA	NA		No R54 model
	2	Farmland/Agriculture	NA	NA		
	3	Residential	NA	NA		
	4	Commercial/shops	NA	NA		
	5	Not applicable/recorded	NA	NA		
	6	Educational facilities	NA	NA		
	7	Industrial & manufacturing	NA	NA		
Land use – left (passenger side)	1	Undeveloped land	NA	NA		No R54 model
	2	Farmland/Agriculture	NA	NA		
	3	Residential	NA	NA		
	4	Commercial/shops	NA	NA		
	5	Not applicable/recorded	NA	NA		
	6	Educational facilities	NA	NA		
	7	Industrial & manufacturing	NA	NA		
Area type	1	Rural				No R54 model
	2	Urban				
Speed limit	1	< 30 km/h				Individual speed limit signs are identified at high accuracy level. However, failed at 100 m level due to misclassifications
	3	40 km/h				
	5	50 km/h	1.2	0		
	7	60 km/h	5.7	2.8	104%	
	9	70 km/h	4.2	2.7	56%	
	11	80 km/h	15.6	13.3	17%	
	13	90 km/h				
	15	100 km/h	24.1	24.7	2%	
	17	110 km/h	94.2	100.4	6%	
	19	120 km/h				
	21	130 km/h				
	23	140 km/h				
	25	> 150 km/h				
Differential speed limit	1	Not present	NA	NA		
	2	Present	NA	NA		

Attribute	Cat ID	Category	Road length (km)		Absolute difference	Comment
			R54 Model	Manual	Per cent	
Median type	1	Safety barrier – metal	43.1	43.3	0%	Failed
	2	Safety barrier – concrete	35.2	30.1	17%	
	3	Physical median width > 20 m	0	0.3	100%	
	4	Physical median width 10–20 m	0	19.7	100%	
	5	Physical median width 5–10 m	0	12	100%	
	6	Physical median width 1–5 m	0	4.7	100%	
	7	Physical median width up to 1 m	47.1	0		Misclassifications
	8	Continuous central turning lane				
	9	Flexipost	0.5	0		Misclassifications
	10	Central hatching (> 1 m)	2.8	1.3	115%	
	11	Centreline	0	2.2	100%	
	12	Motorcyclist friendly barrier	0.7	0.5	40%	
	13	One way				
	14	Wide centreline (0.3 m to 1 m)	0	0.5	100%	
	15	Safety barrier – wire rope	5.3	29.9	82%	
	0	No recorded	10.2	0		
Centreline rumble strips	1	Not present	144.5	144		Failed
	2	Present	0	0.5	100%	
Roadside severity – driver-side distance	1	0 to < 1 m	103.6	38.6	168%	Failed
	2	1 to < 5 m	11.3	70.6	84%	
	3	5 to < 10 m	1.3	14.4	91%	
	4	>= 10 m	0.2	20.9	99%	
		0	28.6	0	Distance not recorded for a large part of the road	
Roadside severity – driver-side object	1	Safety barrier – metal	24.3	44.1	45%	Failed
	2	Safety barrier – concrete	9	38.9	77%	
	3	Safety barrier – metal MC friendly	0.2	0.5	60%	
	4	Safety barrier – wire rope	8.1	32.8	75%	
	5	Aggressive vertical face	0.4	0		Misclassifications
	6	Upwards slope – (rollover gradient)	1.1	0.2	450%	
	7	Upwards slope – (no rollover gradient)	0	1.1	100%	
	8	Deep drainage ditch	3.6	1.1	227%	
	9	Downward slope				

Attribute	Cat ID	Category	Road length (km)		Absolute difference	Comment
			R54 Model	Manual	Per cent	
	10	Cliff or the like				
	11	Tree > 10 cm	1.3	0.6	117%	
	12	Rigid sign, post or pole >= 10 cm	63.4	2.5	2,436%	Manual coding will underestimate this, frangible poles not recorded.
	13	Rigid structure/bridge or building	4.4	0.1	4,300%	
	14	Semi-rigid structure or building				
	15	Unprotected barrier end	0	3.9	100%	
	16	Large boulders >= 20 cm high	0.6	0		Misclassifications
	17	None (> 20 m)	28.6	18.7	53%	
Roadside severity – passenger-side distance	1	0 to < 1 m	93.2	3.6	2,489%	Failed
	2	1 to < 5 m	10.9	67.4	84%	
	3	5 to < 10 m	1.8	39.1	95%	
	4	>= 10 m	0.5	34.4	99%	
	0		38.6			Distance not recorded for a large part of the road
Roadside severity – passenger-side object	1	Safety barrier – metal	17.2	28.2	39%	Failed
	2	Safety barrier – concrete	6.2	17.6	65%	
	3	Safety barrier – metal MC friendly	0.3	2.9	90%	
	4	Safety barrier – wire rope	3.6	7	49%	
	5	Aggressive vertical face	0.6	4	85%	
	6	Upwards slope – (rollover gradient)	1.9	6.3	70%	
	7	Upwards slope – (no rollover gradient)	0	18.4	100%	
	8	Deep drainage ditch	0	2.9	100%	
	9	Downward slope	0	0.3	100%	
	10	Cliff or the like	0	0		
	11	Tree > 10 cm	1.3	39.6	97%	
	12	Rigid sign, post or pole >= 10 cm	70.3	6.2	1,034%	Manual coding will underestimate this, frangible poles not recorded.
	13	Rigid structure/bridge or building	4.3	0.7	514%	
	14	Semi-rigid structure or building	0	0.4	100%	
	15	Unprotected barrier end	0.1	0.7	86%	
	16	Large boulders >= 20 cm high	0.6	0		Misclassifications
	17	None (> 20 m)	38.6	9.3	315%	

Attribute	Cat ID	Category	Road length (km)		Absolute difference	Comment
			R54 Model	Manual	Per cent	
Shoulder rumble strips	1	Not present	145	73.4	98%	Failed
	2	Present	0	71.1	100%	
Paved shoulder – driver-side	1	Paved ≥ 2.4 m	0	23.4	100%	Failed
	2	Paved $1 < \text{Width} < 2.4$ m	28.7	19.3	49%	
	3	Paved $0 < \text{Width} \leq 1$ m	116.3	101.4	15%	
	4	None	0	0.4	100%	
Paved shoulder – passenger-side	1	Paved ≥ 2.4 m	9.4	51	82%	Failed
	2	Paved $1 < \text{Width} < 2.4$ m	77.7	84.1	8%	
	3	Paved $0 < \text{Width} \leq 1$ m	57.9	9.3	523%	
	4	None	0	0.1	100%	
Intersection type	1	Merge lane	24	28	14%	Failed
	2	Roundabout				
	3	3-leg (unsignalised) with protected turn lane	0	12	100%	
	4	3-leg (unsignalised) with no protected turn lane	1	3	67%	
	5	3-leg (signalised) with protected turn lane				
	6	3-leg (signalised) with no protected turn lane				
	7	4-leg (unsignalised) with protected turn lane				
	8	4-leg (unsignalised) with no protected turn lane				
	9	4-leg (signalised) with protected turn lane	0	3	100%	
	10	4-leg (signalised) with no protected turn lane				
	12	None				
	13	Railway crossing – passive (signs only)	1	0		Misclassifications
	14	Railway crossing – active (flashing lights/ boom gates)				
	15	Median crossing point – informal				
	16	Median crossing point – formal		1	100%	
	17	Mini roundabout				
Channelisation – splitter and median islands	1	Not present	144.9	141.8		Failed
	2	Present	0.1	2.7	96%	
Intersection quality	1	Adequate				No R54 model
	2	Poor				
	3	Not applicable				

Attribute	Cat ID	Category	Road length (km)		Absolute difference	Comment
			R54 Model	Manual	Per cent	
Property access points	1	Commercial Access 1+				No R54 model
	2	Residential Access 3+				
	3	Residential Access 1 or 2				
	4	None				
Number of lanes	1	One		7.2	200%	Failed
	2	Two	112.3	113.2	1%	
	3	Three	27.5	22.1	24%	
	4	Four or more	5.2	1.7	206%	
	5	Two and one				
	6	Two and three				
Lane width	1	Wide (≥ 3.25 m)	50.1	144.5	65%	Failed
	2	Medium (≥ 2.75 m to < 3.25 m)	79.8	0		Measurement – calibrations wrong
	3	Narrow (≥ 0 m to < 2.75 m)	15.1	0		
Curvature	1	Straight or gently curving				No R54 model
	2	Moderate curvature				
	3	Sharp curve				
	4	Very sharp				
Quality of curve	1	Adequate	0.5	3.3	85%	Failed
	2	Poor				
	3	Not applicable	144.5	141.2		
Grade	1	0 to $< 7.5\%$				No R54 model
	4	7.5 to $< 10\%$				
	5	10%+				
Road surface condition	1	Good	112.4	144.5	78%	Failed
	2	Medium	32.6	0		Misclassification
	3	Poor				
Skid resistance/grip	1	Sealed – adequate	NA			No R54 model
	2	Sealed – medium	NA			
	3	Sealed – poor	NA			
	4	Unsealed – adequate	NA			
	5	Unsealed – poor	NA			
Delineation	1	Adequate	145	144.5	100%	Pass
	2	Poor				
Street lighting	1	Not present	98.9	114.3	13%	Failed
	2	Present	46.1	30.2	53%	
Pedestrian crossing facilities – inspected road	1	Grade separated facility – no ped fencing				
	2	Signalised with refuge				
	3	Signalised without refuge				
	4	Unsignalised marked crossing with refuge				

Attribute	Cat ID	Category	Road length (km)		Absolute difference	Comment
			R54 Model	Manual	Per cent	
	5	Unsignalised marked crossing without a refuge				
	6	Refuge only				
	7	No facility				
	8	Grade separated facility – ped fencing present				
	14	Unsignalised raised marked crossing with refuge				
	15	Unsignalised raised marked crossing without refuge				
	16	Raised unmarked crossing with refuge				
	17	Raised unmarked crossing without refuge				
Pedestrian quality of crossing	1	Adequate				
	2	Poor				
	3	Not applicable				
Pedestrian crossing facilities– - intersecting road	1	Grade separated facility – no ped fencing				
	2	Signalised with refuge				
	3	Signalised without refuge				
	4	Unsignalised marked crossing with refuge				
	5	Unsignalised marked crossing without a refuge				
	6	Refuge only				
	7	No facility				
	8	Grade separated facility – ped fencing present				
	14	Unsignalised raised marked crossing with refuge				
	15	Unsignalised raised marked crossing without refuge				
	16	Raised unmarked crossing with refuge				
	17	Raised unmarked crossing without refuge				
Pedestrian fencing	1	Not present	144.6	145		Failed
	2	Present	0.4	0		Misclassification
Speed management/ traffic calming	1	Not present				No R54 model
	2	Present				

Attribute	Cat ID	Category	Road length (km)		Absolute difference	Comment
			R54 Model	Manual	Per cent	
Vehicle parking/friction	1	None	144.8	144.2		
	2	One side	0.2	0.3	67%	
	3	Two sides				
Sidewalk – driver-side (RHS)	1	Physical barrier	0.3	0		Failed
	2	Non-physical separation > 3 m	0.7	0		Misclassification
	3	Non-physical separation > 1 m	0.7	0		Misclassification
	4	Adjacent to traffic	2	0		Misclassification
	5	None	141.3	143.8	0.3%	
	6	Informal path >= 1 m		0.5		
	7	Informal path 0 to < 1 m		0.2		
Sidewalk – passenger-side (LHS)	1	Physical barrier	10.2	0.4	2,450%	Failed
	2	Non-physical separation > 3 m	0.2	0.6	67%	
	3	Non-physical separation > 1 m	0.9	0.2	350%	
	4	Adjacent to traffic	6.4	0		Misclassification
	5	None	127.3	77.7	64%	
	6	Informal path >= 1 m		62.8		
	7	Informal path 0 to < 1 m		2.8		
Service road	1	Not present	134.7	145	7%	Failed
	2	Present	10.3	0		Misclassification
Bicycle facilities	1	Segregated bicycle path with barrier				Failed
	2	Segregated bicycle path				
	3	Dedicated bicycle lane on roadway	2.7	0		Misclassification
	4	None	140.4	144.5	3%	
	5	Extra wide outside (≥ 4.2 m)				
	6	Signed shared roadway	1.9	0		Misclassification
	7	Shared use path				
Roadworks	1	No road works				
	2	Minor road works in progress				
	3	Major road works in progress				
Sight distance	1	Adequate				No R54 model
	2	Poor				
School zone warning	1	School zone flashing beacons				Failed
	2	School zone static signs or road markings	0.2	0		Misclassification
	3	No school zone warning				
	4	Not applicable (no school at the location)	144.3	144.5		

Attribute	Cat ID	Category	Road length (km)		Absolute difference	Comment
			R54 Model	Manual	Per cent	
School zone crossing supervisor	1	Crossing supervisor not present	NA	NA		No R54 model
	2	Crossing supervisor present during school time	NA	NA		
	3	Not applicable (no school at the location)	NA	NA		