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Abstract

This document specifies combined use of H3 and LISP for mobility-networks:
- Enabling real-time tile by tile indexed annotation of public roads
- For sharing: hazards, blockages, conditions, maintenance, furniture..
- Between MobilityClients producing-consuming road geo-state information
- Using addressable grid of channels of physical world state representation

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1. Introduction

(1) The Locator/ID Separation Protocol (LISP) [RFC6830] splits current IP addresses in two different namespaces, Endpoint Identifiers (EIDs) and Routing Locators (RLOCs). LISP uses a map-and-encap approach that relies on (1) a Mapping System (distributed database) that stores and disseminates EID–RLOC mappings and on (2) LISP tunnel routers (xTRs) that encapsulate and decapsulate data packets based on the content of those mappings.

(2) H3 is a geospatial indexing system using a hexagonal grid that can be (approximately) subdivided into finer and finer hexagonal grids, combining the benefits of a hexagonal grid with hierarchical subdivisions. H3 supports sixteen resolutions. Each finer resolution has cells with one seventh the area of the coarser resolution. Hexagons cannot be perfectly subdivided into seven hexagons, so the finer cells are only approximately contained within a parent cell. Each cell is identified by a 64bit HID.

(3) The Berkeley Deep Drive (BDD) Industry Consortium investigates state-of-the-art technologies in computer vision and machine learning for automotive applications, and, for taxonomy of published automotive scene classification.

These standards are combined to create in-network-state which reflects the condition of each hexagon tile (~1sqm) in every road. The lisp network maps & encapsulates traffic between MobilityClients endpoint-identifiers (EID), and, addressable (HID=>EID) tile-states. States are aggregated byH3Service EIDs.

The H3-LISP mobility network bridges timing-location gaps between the production and consumption of information by MobilityClients:

- o vision, sensory, LIADR, AI applications - information producers
- o driving-apps, smart-infrastructure, command & control - who consume it

This is achieved by putting the physical world on a shared addressable geo-state grid at the edge, a low-latency production-consumption indirection. Tile by tile based geo-state mobility-network solves key issues in todays' vehicle to vehicle networking, where observed hazards are expected to be relayed or "hot-potato-tossed" (v2v without clear-reliable convergence i.e. given a situation observable by some of traffic, it is unclear if the rest of the relevant traffic will receive consistent, conflicting, multiple, or no indication what so ever - using peer-to-peer propagation.

For example, when a vehicle experiences a sudden highway slow-down, "sees" many brake-lights or "feels" accelerometer, there is no clear way for it to share this annotation with vehicles 20-30sec away for preventing potential pile-up. Or, when a vehicle crosses an intersection, observing opposite-lane obstruction - construction, double-park, commercial-loading / un-loading, garbage truck, or stopped school-bus - there is no clear way for it to alert vehicles turning in to that situation as it drives away.

Geo-state indirection also helps solve communicating advanced machine-vision and radar annotations. These are constantly evolving technologies, however, communicating the road enumerations they produce using peer-to-peer protocols poses a significant interoperability challenge - testing each new annotation by any sensor / OEM vendor and any other OEM and driving application vendor.

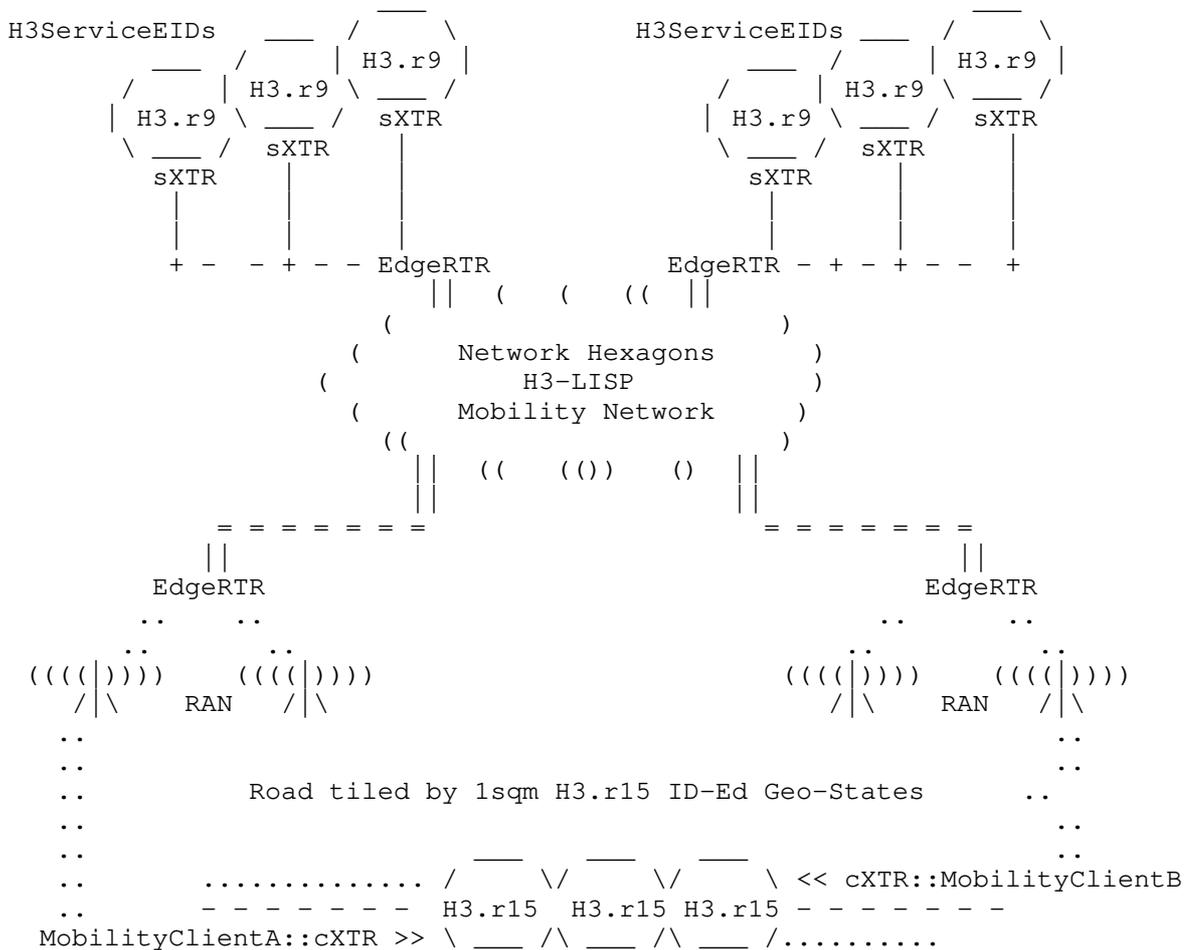
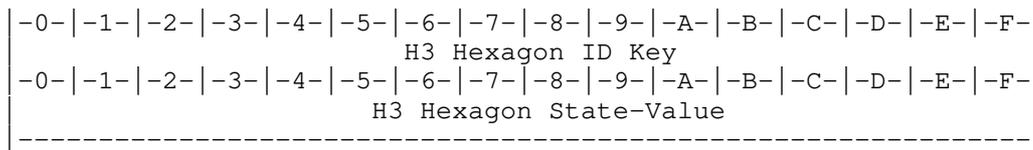
These peer-to-peer limitations are inherit yet unnecessary, as in most road situations vehicles are not really proper peers. They just happen to be in the same place at the same time. The H3-LISP mobility network solves limitations of direct vehicle to vehicle communication because it anchors per each geo-location: timing, security, privacy, interoperability. Anchoring is by

MobilityClients communicating through in-network geo-states. Addressable tiles are aggregated and maintained by LISP H3ServiceEIDs.

An important set of use-cases for state propagation of information to MobilityClients is to provide drivers heads-up alerts on hazards and obstacles beyond line of sight of both the drivers and in-car sensors: over traffic, around blocks, far-side-junction, beyond turns, and surface-curvatures. This highlights the importance of networks in providing road-safety.

To summarize the H3-LISP solution outline:

- (1) MicroPartition: 64bit indexed geo-spatial H3.r15 road-tiles
- (2) EnumState: 64bit state values compile tile condition representation
- (3) Aggregation: H3.r9 H3ServiceEID group individual H3.r15 road-tiles
- (4) Channels: H3ServiceEIDs function as multicast state update channels
- (5) Scale: H3ServiceEIDs distributed for in-network for latency-throughput
- (6) Mapped Overlay: tunneled-network routes the mobility-network traffic
- (7) Signal-free: tunneled overlay is used to map-register for mcast channels
- (8) Aggregation: tunnels used between MobilityClients/H3ServiceEIDs <> edge
- (9) Access: ClientXTRs/ServerXTRs tunnel traffic to-from the LISP EdgeRTRs
- (10) Control: EdgeRTRs register-resolve H3ServiceEIDs and mcast subscription



- MobilityClientA has seen MobilityClientB (20-30 sec) future, and, vice versa

- Clients share information using addressable shared-state routed by LISP Edge
- ClientXTR (cXTR): tunnel encapsulation through access network to LISP Edge
- ServerXTR (sXTR): tunnel encapsulation through cloud network to LISP Edge
- The H3-LISP Mobility overlay starts in the cXTR and terminates in the sXTR
- The updates are routed to the appropriate tile geo-state by the LISP network
- EdgeRTRs perform multicast replication to edges and then native or to cXTRs
- Clients receive tile-by-tile geo-state updates via the multicast channels

Each H3.r9 hexagon is an EID Service with corresponding H3 hexagon ID. Bound to that service is a LISP xTR, called a ServerXTR, resident to deliver encapsulated packets to and from the H3ServiceEID and LISP Edge. EdgeRTRs are used to re-tunnel packets from MobilityClients to H3ServiceEIDs. Each H3ServiceEID is also a source multicast address for updating MobilityClients on the state of the H3.r15 tiles aggregated-represented by the H3ServiceEID.

2. Requirements Language

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC2119].

3. Definition of Terms

H3ServiceEID: Is an addressable aggregation of H3.r15 state-tiles. It is a designated source for physical world reported annotations, and an (s,g) source of multicast public-safety update channels. H3ServiceEID is itself an H3 hexagon, large enough to provide geo-spatial conditions context, but not too large as to over-burden (battery powered, cellular connected) subscribers with too much information. For Mobility Network it is H3.r9. It has a light-weight LISP protocol stack to tunnel packets aka ServerXTR. The EID is an IPv6 EID that contains the H3 64-bit address numbering scheme. See IANA consideration for details.

ServerXTR: Is a light-weight LISP protocol stack implementation that co-exists with H3ServiceEID process. When the server roams, the xTR roams with it. The ServerXTR encapsulates and decapsulates packets to/from EdgeRTRs.

MobilityClient: Is a roaming application that may be resident as part of an automobile, as part of a navigation application, part of municipal, state, or federal government command and control application, or part of live street view consumer type of application. It has a light-weight LISP protocol stack to tunnel packets aka ClientXTR.

MobilityClient EID: Is the IPv6 EID used by the Mobility Client applications to source packets. The destination of such packets are only H3ServiceEIDs. The EID format is opaque and is assigned as part of the MobilityClient network-as-a-service (Naas) authorization.

ClientXTR: Is the light-weight LISP protocol stack implementation that is co-located with the Mobility Client application. It encapsulates packets sourced by applications to EdgeRTRs and decapsulates packets from EdgeRTRs.

EdgeRTR: Is the core scale and structure of the LISP mobility network. EdgeRTRs proxy H3ServiceEIDs and MobilityClient H3ServiceEID channel registration. EdgeRTRs aggregate MobilityClients and H3Services using tunnels to facilitate hosting-providers and mobile-hosting flexibility - for accessing the nexagon mobility network. EdgeRTRs decapsulate packets from ClientXTRs and ServerXTRs and re-encapsulates packets to the clients and servers tunnels. EdgeRTRs glean H3ServiceEIDs and glean MobilityClient EIDs when it decapsulates packets. EdgeRTRs store H3ServiceEIDs and their own RLOC of where the H3ServiceEID is currently reachable from in the map-cache. These mappings are registered to the LISP mapping system so other EdgeRTRs know where to encapsulate for such EIDs. EdgeRTRs do not register MobilityClients' EIDs at the mapping service as

these are temporary-renewed while using the mobility network. Enterprises may provide their own client facing EdgeRTRs to mask their clients geo-whereabouts while using the mobility network.

4. Deployment Assumptions

The specification described in this document makes the following deployment assumptions:

- (1) Unique 64-bit HID is associated with each H3 geo-spatial tile
- (2) MobilityClients and H3ServiceEIDs share this well known index
- (3) 64-bit BDD state value is associated with each H3-indexed tile
- (4) Tile state is compiled 16 fields of 4-bits, or max 16 enums

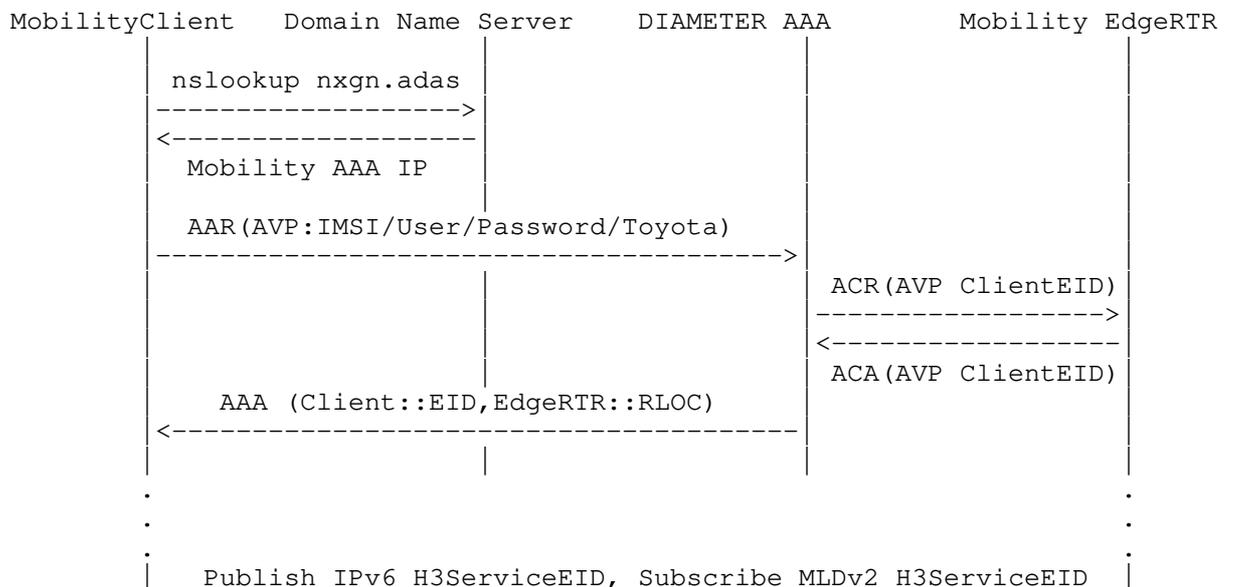
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| -0- | -1- | -2- | -3- | -4- | -5- | -6- | -7- | -8- | -9- | -A- | -B- | -C- | -D- | -E- | -F- |
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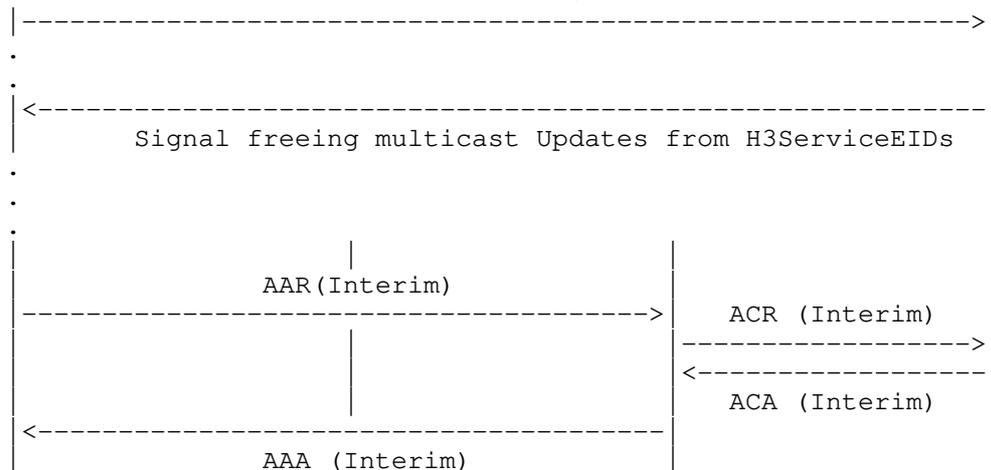
Subscription of MobilityClients to the mobility network is temporary-renewed while on the move and is not intended as means of basic connectivity. This is why MobilityClients use DNS/AAA to obtain temporary EIDs and EdgeRTRs and why they use (LISP) data-plane tunnels to communicate using their temporary EIDs with the dynamically assigned EdgeRTRs.

MobilityClient are otherwise unaware of the LISP network mechanism or mapping system and simply regard the data-plane tunnels application specific virtual private network (VPN) that supports IPv6 EID addressable geo-state for publis h (Ucast), Subscribe (Mcast) H3Services.

In order to get access to the MobilityVPN MobilityClients first authenticate with the MobilityVPN AAA Server. DIAMETER based AAA is typically done at the provider-edge PE by edge gateways. However the typical case involves handful of customer-premise equipment (CPE/UE) types physically connected by wireline, or, by wireless spectrum to a specific service-provider. The Mobility VPN overlays potentially a number of wireless network providers and cloud-edge providers, and it involves dozens of Car-OEM, Driving-Applications, Smart-infrastructure vendors. It is therefore required to first go through AAA in-order to get both a MobilityClientEID and EdgeRTR gateway RLOC opened.

- ClientXTR performs the following steps in-order to use the mobility network:
- 1) obtain the address of the mobility network AAA server using DNS
 - 2) obtain MobilityClientEID and EdgeRTR(s) from AAA server using DIAMETER
 - 3) renew authorization from AAA while using the mobility network T1 minutes





Using this network-login / re-login method we ensure that:

- the MobilityClientEIDs serve as credentials with the specific EdgeRTRs
- EdgeRTRs are not tightly coupled to H3.r9 areas for privacy/load-balance
- Mobility Clients do not need to update EdgeRTRs while roaming in a metro

The same EdgeRTR may serve several H3.r9 areas for smooth ride continuity, and, several EdgeRTRs may load balance a H3.r9 area with high density of originating MobilityClient rides. When a MobilityClient ClientXTR is homed to EdgeRTR it is able to communicate with H3ServiceEIDs.

5. Mobility Clients-Network-Services

The mobility network functions as a standard LISP VPN overlay.

The overlay delivers unicast and multicast packets across:

- multiple access-network-providers / radio-access-technologies.
- multiple cloud-edge hosting providers, public, private, hybrid.

We use data-plane XTRs in the stack of each mobility client and server. ClientXTRs and ServerXTRs are homed to one or more EdgeRTRs at the LISP edge. This structure allows for MobilityClients to "show-up" at any time, behind any network-provider in a given mobility network administrative domain (metro), and for any H3ServiceEID to be instantiated, moved, or failed-over to - any rack in any cloud-provider. The LISP overlay enables these roaming mobility network elements to communicate un-interrupted. This quality is insured by the LISP RFCs. The determinism of identities for MobilityClients to always refer to the correct H3ServiceEID is insured by H3 geospatial HIDs.

There are two options for how we associate ClientXTRs with LISP EdgeRTRs:

I. Semi-random load-balancing by DNS/AAA

In this option we assume that in a given metro edge a pool of EdgeRTRs can distribute the Mobility Clients load randomly between them and that EdgeRTRs are topologically more or less equivalent. Each RTR uses LISP to tunnel traffic to and from other EdgeRTRs for MobilityClient with H3Service exchanges

MobilityClients can (multi) home to EdgeRTRs/RTRs throughout while moving.

II. Topological by any-cast

In this option we align an EdgeRTR with topological aggregation like in the Evolved Packet Core (EPC) solution. Mobility Clients currently roaming in an area home to that RTR and so is the H3 Server. There is only one hop across the edge overlay between clients and servers and mcast replication is more focused, but clients need to keep re-homing as they move.

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MobilityClientEID credentials to avoid "fake-news", but again these are only temporary EIDs allocated to clients in-order to be able to use the mobility network and not for their basic communications.

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9. IANA Considerations

I. Formal H3 to IPv6 EID mapping

II. State enum fields of H3 tiles:

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Field 0x: Traffic Direction {
0x - null
1x - Lane North
2x - Lane North + 30
3x - Lane North + 60
4x - Lane North + 90
5x - Lane North + 120
6x - Lane North + 150
7x - Lane North + 180
8x - Lane North + 210
9x - Lane North + 240
Ax - Lane North + 270
Bx - Lane North + 300
Cx - Lane North + 330
Dx - junction
Ex - shoulder
Fx - sidewalk
}

field 1x: Persistent or Structural {
0x - null
1x - pothole light
2x - pothole severe
3x - speed-bump low
4x - speed-bump high
5x - icy
6x - flooded
7x - snow-cover
8x - snow-deep
9x - construction cone
Ax - gravel
Bx - choppy
Cx - blind-curve
Dx - steep-slope
Ex - low-bridge
}

field 2x: Transient Condition {
0x - null
1x - pedestrian
2x - bike scooter
3x - stopped car / truck
4x - moving car / truck
5x - first responder vehicle
6x - sudden slowdown
7x - oversized over-height vehicle
8x - red-light-breach
9x - light collision (fender bender)
Ax - hard collision / casualty
Bx - collision course car/structure
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Cx - recent collision residues
Dx - hard brake
Ex - sharp cornering
Fx - freeing-parking
}

field 3x: Traffic-light Cycle {
0x - null
1x - 1 seconds to green
2x - 2 seconds to green
3x - 3 seconds to green
4x - 4 seconds to green
5x - 5 seconds to green
6x - 6 seconds to green
7x - 7 seconds to green
8x - 8 seconds to green
9x - 9 seconds to green
Ax - 10 seconds or less
Bx - 20 seconds or less
Cx - 30 seconds or less
Dx - 60 seconds or less
Ex - green now
Fx - red now
}

field 4x: Impacted tile from neighboring {
0x - null
1x - epicenter
2x - light yellow
3x - yellow
4x - light orange
5x - orange
6x - light red
7x - red
8x - light blue
9x - blue
Ax - green
Bx - light green
}

field 5x: Transient, Cycle, Impacted, Valid for Next{
0x - null
1x - 1sec
2x - 5sec
3x - 10sec
4x - 20sec
5x - 40sec
6x - 60sec
7x - 2min
8x - 3min
9x - 4min
Ax - 5min
Bx - 10min
Cx - 15min
Dx - 30min
Ex - 60min
Fx - 24hours
}

field 6x: LaneRightsSigns {
0x - null
1x - yield
2x - speedLimit
3x - straightOnly
4x - noStraight
5x - rightOnly
6x - noRight
}

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7x - rightStraight
8x - leftOnly
9x - leftStraight
Ax - noLeft
Bx - noUTurn
Cx - noLeftU
Dx - bikeLane
Ex - HOVLane
Fx - Stop
}
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field 7x: MovementSigns {
0x - null
1x - keepRight
2x - keepLeft
3x - stayInLane
4x - doNotEnter
5x - noTrucks
6x - noBikes
7x - noPeds
8x - oneWay
9x - parking
Ax - noParking
Bx - noStandaing
Cx - noPassing
Dx - loadingZone
Ex - railCross
Fx - schoolZone
}
```

```
field 8x: CurvesIntersectSigns {
0x - null
1x - turnsLeft
2x - turnsRight
3x - curvesLeft
4x - curvesRight
5x - reversesLeft
6x - reversesRight
7x - windingRoad
8x - hairPin
9x - pretzelTurn
Ax - crossRoads
Bx - crossT
Cx - crossY
Dx - circle
Ex - laneEnds
Fx - roadNarrows
}
```

```
field 9x: Current Tile Speed {
0x - null
1x - < 5kmh
2x - < 10kmh
3x - < 15kmh
4x - < 20kmh
5x - < 30kmh
6x - < 40kmh
7x - < 50kmh
8x - < 60kmh
9x - < 80kmh
Ax - < 100kmh
Bx - < 120kmh
Cx - < 140kmh
Dx - < 160kmh
Ex - > 160kmh
Fx - queuedTraffic
}
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```
field Ax: Vehicle / Pedestrian Traffic {
0x - null
1x - probability of ped/vehicle on tile close to 100%, packed
2x - 95%
3x - 90%
4x - 85%
5x - 80%
6x - 70%
7x - 60%
8x - 50%
9x - 40%
Ax - 30%
Bx - 20%
Cx - 15%
Dx - 10%
Ex - 5%
Fx - probability of ped/vehicle on tile close to 0%, empty
}

filed Bx - reserved platooning lineup
field Cx - reserved objects of interest
field Dx - reserved
field Ex - reserved
field Fx - reserved
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