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# Bridge Network Seismic Risk Assessment Using ShakeMap/HAZUS with Dynamic Traffic Modeling

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**Abstract:** Bridge infrastructures are critical nodes in a transportation network. In earthquake-prone areas, seismic performance assessment of infrastructure is essential to identify, retrofit, reconstruct, or, if necessary, demolish the infrastructure systems based on optimal decision-making processes. As one of the crucial components of the transportation network, any bridge failure would impede the post-earthquake rescue operation. Not only the failure of such high-risk critical components during an extreme event can lead to significant direct damages, but it also affects the transportation road network. The consequences of these secondary effects can easily lead to congestion and long queues if the performance of the transportation system before or after an event was not analyzed. These indirect losses can be more prominent compared to the actual damage to bridges. This paper brings about seismic performance assessment for the Cyprus transportation network from which the decision-making platform can be modeled and implemented. This study employs a seismic hazard analysis based on generated USGS ShakeMap scenarios for the risk assessment of the transportation network. Furthermore, identification of the resiliency and vulnerability of the transportation road network is carried out by utilizing the graph theory concept at the network level. Moreover, link performance measures, i.e., traffic modeling of the study region is simulated in a dynamic traffic assignment (DTA) simulation environment. Finally, for earthquake loss analysis of the bridges, the HAZUS loss estimation tool is used. The results of our investigations for three different earthquake scenarios have shown that seismic retrofitting of bridges is a cost-effective measure to reduce the structural and operational losses in the region.

**Keywords:** seismic risk assessment; graph theory; ShakeMap; HAZUS; dynamic traffic assignment



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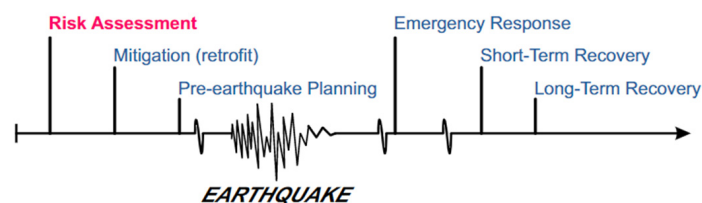
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## 1. Introduction

Earthquakes as a natural disaster can effectively bring parts of or all the transportation network systems, especially in metropolitan areas, to an immediate halt. Underestimating the seismic risks of bridges, one of the essential components in a transportation system, would bring chaos and disorder to the disaster areas. Bridges assist in transporting goods and disaster victims to and from cities and disaster sites. They are one of the elements in search and rescue in post-earthquake operations of critical infrastructures. Therefore, without proper analysis and assessment of the risk associated with bridges, this could undoubtedly cause disruptions to the transportation network and, ultimately, collapse the lifelines of the impacted regions. The efforts on the analysis of past events have considerably improved the proactive decision-making actions taken to reduce the damage of bridges by earthquakes, but there are still cases where they fail [1]. Moreover, bridges are considered spatially dispersed and interconnected structures. Due to their interdependency, therefore, analyzing one bridge would not necessarily provide enough information to propose suggestions and alternatives for the mitigation of future losses.

Seismic risk assessment provides the necessary tools to assess damage before the main event happens. Provided that seismic hazard assessment of the region is well studied, it is

possible to minimize the potential losses following a disaster. Basoz and Kiremidjian [2] presented a seismic event timeline (see Figure 1) that shows the actions and plans that need to take place before and after a seismic event. The first action is assessing potential risks through the use of seismic risk assessment tools. Next is the mitigation strategies to reduce risks such as retrofitting bridges and alternative route planning. In this regard, the highway transportation network plays a vital and integral part of such impact assessments. Consequently, the network-based risk assessment methodologies need to be developed and enhanced further to take into consideration the ever-growing and complex transportation network.



**Figure 1.** A disaster risk assessment management problem [2].

With the proliferation of innovative technologies, it is essential to link different fields of studies into a general framework that can be used to provide better and more accurate results by working together synergistically. Disaster risks following a natural hazard can induce a lot of impacts on the vulnerable people and infrastructure of a region, such as the transportation network. Hence, a decision-support system is essential for assessing the risks.

This paper, therefore, aims to bring about a new methodology for assessing seismic risks of the Cyprus transportation network. By utilizing state-of-the-art tools and methods, we try to extend the well-studied seismic hazard analysis used by researchers and scholars and expand it under the umbrella of the Intelligent Transportation Decision Support System for assessing seismic risk. The outcomes of this study hope to open the path into a fully-fledged decision-making platform with real-time network-based risk assessment providing the best mitigation strategies before and after a seismic event.

### 1.1. HAZUS, GIS-Based Seismic Hazard Assessment Software

Geographical Information System (GIS) constitutes many components. A visually explanatory platform involving GIS manages multiple data from different sources on separate layers allowing simulation and modeling of all data and their influence on one another. GIS and its useful applications in many disciplines, especially in disaster management cases, comes with shortcomings, however. The time, effort, and possibly money that is essential for advanced GIS applications may deter usage of the tools altogether. Applicability constraints clearly can be seen when analyzing earthquake disasters and its implication on the network, which could produce tens of thousands of spatially non-uniformly distributed data that can make processing and analyzing a complicated and time-consuming process [3]. GIS maps with different layers are available online, but the currency of the information provided may be of concern. Therefore, in some cases where there is a lack of information on GIS maps (e.g., unknown bridge locations or highway network information), one needs to spend hours to acquire these data and import them into the correct location on the maps. In the area of bridge performance assessment, standalone applications of GIS are mostly associated with risk assessment and life-cycle risk analysis. Spatially distributed information along with multiple independent parameters of bridges and networks, call for a management system that could operate and analyze different scenarios. Integrating bridge inventory information with earthquake parameters required to produce fragility curves to determine the bridge damage state as one of the input parameters for initializing spatial analysis is widely used in many studies [4–6].

Hazard U.S. (HAZUS) is a general-purpose multi-hazard GIS-based loss estimation software. Earthquake loss estimation methods of HAZUS is heavily used by the locals,

states, and regional officials in the U.S. as a state-of-the-art decision support software. Development of earthquake hazard mitigation strategies, development of contingency planning measures, and finally, the anticipation of the nature and scope of response and recovery efforts are some of the pre-earthquake applications of HAZUS. It can also be used for post-earthquake analysis for the projection of immediate economic impact assessment and long-term reconstruction plans. One of the new additions to HAZUS was the ability to import ShakeMap data for rapid post-earthquake loss estimation in the affected region. ShakeMap can provide deterministic seismic hazard maps that are used to predict the shaking intensities of earthquakes. The risk assessment results that HAZUS provides are vast in terms of both direct and indirect losses.

### *1.2. Travel Time Loss Estimation with Dynamic Traffic Modeling*

One of the outcomes of this research is to show how damaged bridges in the transportation network can significantly influence the travel time and traffic planning. Travel forecasting models are widely used in transportation planning. They qualitatively and quantitatively evaluate the impacts of future changes in the transportation network [7]. The mesoscopic simulation of the network can share a great deal of information on how individual users choose their paths and what determines their decision on changing routes. dynamic traffic assignment (DTA) modeling can perform such analysis with varying degrees of accuracy, provided that enough information is used to support the simulation. By leveraging the potential of DTA, we have a better insight into what would happen when some bridges completely fail or have reduced capacity due to a decrease in serviceability.

### *1.3. Objectives*

We are primarily interested in modeling the transportation network of Cyprus, and in particular, the performance of such a network under earthquake hazards. The goal of our study is to determine the most critical components in the network and provide alternative solutions or measures to reduce the impacts of risk associated with earthquake hazards. We will apply what we described in the brief introduction of our study in the western part of Cyprus, which includes 20 historical as well as newly built bridges. Therefore, the objectives of this paper are:

1. To develop the seismic hazard maps for scenario-based earthquake analysis.
2. To analyze the structural integrity of the transportation network by employing graph theory.
3. To simulate the dynamic traffic assignment for travel time loss purposes.

The first significant contribution of this paper is the fact that there have been no case studies on a national scale on the transportation network of Cyprus. Most prior works have dealt with ground motion probabilistic assessment of the region. We extend their work and find the risk associated with the results from their studies. The methods used to derive the assessment of the transportation network can also be used in other hazards analyses, such as flood hazards. Furthermore, we incorporate dynamic traffic analysis (DTA) as part of our study for travel time estimation. There have been few works that leveraged DTA in their analyses for risk assessment of the transportation network. We also demonstrate the tractability of adapting HAZUS for our case study.

## **2. Literature Review**

### *2.1. Seismic Risk Assessment*

Evaluation of any risk in civil infrastructural systems, especially those that are critical to the function of a city, is an important task. One area where this assessment is crucial is in the transportation network system, which includes bridges and roadways. Seismic risk assessment requires evaluating every individual component of the network system and then the system as a whole [8]. Understandably, under the umbrella of sustainability and the risk associated with seismic damages, one needs to understand the overall predisposition to social, environmental, political, and economic losses [9–11]. The objective of seismic

risk assessment is to provide a decision-making platform that can be used as a guide in mitigation scenarios to alleviate the losses during a disaster. Overall system resiliency is a challenge that needs to be addressed in every assessment scenario. The issue with today's transportation network system is the interdependency and interconnectivity of the transportation system [1,12]. One failed component in the network can significantly influence the functionality of the whole system.

To address some of the issues discussed above, the authors in [12] developed a risk assessment software that takes into account the resiliency of the transportation network. This tool was created to overcome the existing issues with other assessment strategies such as lack of including indirect cost, assumption of deterministic scenarios, and those where no quantification of the resiliency was made. In the work by [13], the authors proposed a seismic risk assessment model for bridges in Charleston, South Carolina. They assessed the risk only in terms of direct losses.

Fixed or variable traffic demand may reduce and impair the highway traffic carrying capacity and influence the network functionality. Variable traffic demand, compared to fixed demand better reflects the real-life scenario. The authors in [14] carried out a thorough analysis of the post-earthquake travel characteristics. Their method was proven to be more effective than the conventional approaches in transportation modeling. Similarly, the authors in [10] introduced a framework to include post-disaster traffic demand in emergency conditions. Moreover, it was shown that network topological features reflect a different aspect of the traffic flow of the bridge network. The works in [15] and [5] discussed the estimation of the direct and indirect losses to bridges in the St. Louis metropolitan area. For the worst-case scenario in the direct loss estimation case, the associated indirect cost was found to be more than half of the cost of the direct losses, clearly indicating the importance of evaluating this form of loss.

In most research papers, bridge performance assessment under seismic activities is only evaluated based on one hazard, generally ground shaking. However, multi-hazard assessment is also very popular. A complete risk assessment methodology was presented in [16] where the authors expanded their approach and included liquefaction and landslide hazards in addition to ground shaking. It was found that the loss due to traffic delay was found to be higher than the cost of repairing damaged bridges. A similar paper [8] showed that for a single deterministic earthquake scenario of a magnitude M7.0, liquefaction accounted for the most substantial damage to the transportation network. The authors also found that for their variable traffic demand case, they observed lower travel time delay.

The study [11] evaluated the socio-economic cost of bridges for two sets of scenarios, before or after the seismic retrofit. They evaluated the social cost in terms of travel delay with the assumption of a reduction in traffic flow after an earthquake. It was found that retrofitting was more cost-effective for lower discount rates and bridges with higher average service life. A similar study in [17] was presented, albeit with the focus only on travel time delay for deciding whether or not to retrofit bridges. The authors indicated the significance of bridge retrofitting on reducing travel time after an earthquake event. The authors in [18] illustrated a seismic risk assessment of both industrial plants and tunnels and bridges of the Friuli-Venezia Giulia highway network in Italy. In their study, unlike other papers where they evaluate the losses in dollar figures, relied on a simple probability estimate percentage for a 50-year return period ground motion.

## 2.2. HAZUS International Adaptations, Seismic Risk Assessment Tools

HAZUS was initially intended only for risk assessment of different hazards in U.S. regions. However, with further developments, transitioning to a more versatile data management scheme, and the introduction of HAZUS specific open-source tools, it is now easier to implement HAZUS in different regions around the world [19]. At the current stage, the adaptation of international regions to HAZUS requires extensive data collection, in addition to conforming to the original data format. This can prove to be difficult for

those regions that do not follow exact HAZUS definitions of administrative boundaries, hazard-specific fragility classifications, and much more.

An example of one use-case of HAZUS software in regions other than the U.S. was discussed in [20]. The authors investigated the sensitivity of the Canadian version of HAZUS for flood risk assessment. Another example was presented in [21]. The authors in this paper studied the risk assessment of hospitals in the city of Yazd in Iran.

Other than HAZUS, different risk assessment tools are continually being developed all around the world. AFAD-RED is Turkey's first national operational tool for the prevention, preparedness, and response to seismic hazards. The open-source OpenQuake project as part of the Global Earthquake Model (GEM) initiated a worldwide collaborative effort to bring state-of-the-art science behind seismic risk assessment tools developed by different organizations and individual researchers to a common, uniform, and open standard way of communicating earthquake risks [22]. The OpenQuake engine is now the primary tool used by new risk analysis platforms and large-scale real case implementations such as the Euro-Mediterranean Seismic Hazard Model (ESHM13) European Union project [23]. CAPRA is a probabilistic risk assessment system. The modules available in the CARPA platform are capable of both hazard and climate change risk analysis. SELENA is a tool developed by the Norwegian seismic array (NORSAR) in Kjeller for Norway. Ergo is another open-source seismic risk assessment platform and application developed by the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This tool is based on the core functionalities of the old MAEViz platform. A complete list of new and old tools used for seismic hazard and risk assessment is provided in [24].

### 3. Seismic Hazard Analysis of Northern Cyprus

#### 3.1. Seismicity of Cyprus

Just like any other part of the Mediterranean region, there have been historical records of devastating earthquakes in Cyprus dating back as far as 1500 B.C. [23]. Southern Cyprus started implementing modern instrumentation of seismometers (Cyprus Broadband Seismological Network) in 1997 [25], shortly followed by Northern Cyprus. In total, there are 13 seismometers (5 in the northern part) with different sampling rates ranging from 50 Hz to 100 Hz at different orientations operating 24 h. Figure 2 shows the distribution of these seismometers in Cyprus.

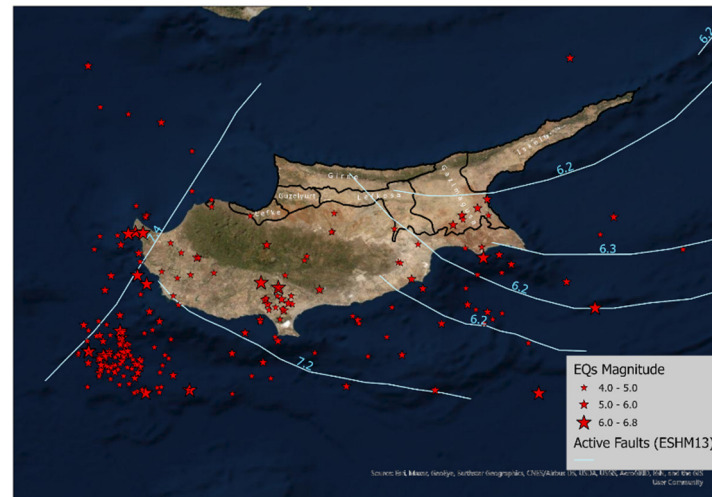


**Figure 2.** The distribution of 13 seismometers in Cyprus.

There have been several attempts in identifying the fault lines as well as the seismic sources of Cyprus with varying degrees of details. Two recent studies, namely the work by Cagnan and Tanircan [23] in 2010 and the 2013 Euro-Mediterranean Seismic Hazard Model (ESHM13) European Union project [26], attempted to model the seismic hazard of Cyprus. The two projects were based on the tectonic map of the region, which was developed by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) [27] in 2000 after the work by Barka and Reilinger [28]. Given that many earthquake epicenters are shallow, i.e., originating within 60 km of the Earth's other surface, this warns for taking necessary measures to ensure



the safety of the region in terms of the possible earthquake hazards. The ESHM13 study resulted in identifying the faults capable of generating earthquakes with magnitude M5.5 or larger. For the case of Cyprus, it has been shown that the regional faults can generate magnitudes larger than M6.0. Figure 3 illustrates the faults with the maximum possible magnitude and the distribution of earthquakes from 1956 to 2020 collected from the USGS earthquake catalog.



**Figure 3.** Active faults from ESHM13 with maximum possible magnitudes and earthquake distribution in Northern Cyprus since 1956.

### 3.2. Generating ShakeMap Data for HAZUS

As part of our analysis in HAZUS, we created different scenarios based on different magnitudes, depths, and different Ground Motion Prediction Equations (GMPEs). To achieve this, we created ShakeMap scenario data for our region. ShakeMap is developed by USGS written in Python programming language. With the geological information, ShakeMap can automatically generate shaking and intensity maps in real-time when an earthquake occurs. It is one of the emergency tools used by many agencies in the U.S. for rapid loss estimation. ShakeMap can produce different Intensity Measures (IM) such as, peak ground acceleration (PGA), peak ground velocity (PGV), and spectral acceleration (SA) at 0.3, 1.0 and 3.0 s, respectively. These are precisely the default IM requirements of the HAZUS loss estimation methodology. We used three different GMPEs (MultiGMPE analysis) developed by Boore and Atkinson in 2008 [29], Campbell and Bozorgnia in 2014 [30], and finally, Akkar and Bommer in 2010 [31] when creating ShakeMap data. To account for the use of multiple GMPEs, we incorporated weights for each GMPE such that Boore and Atkinson [29], Campbell and Bozorgnia [30], and Akkar and Bommer [31] were each assigned with the weights of 0.4, 0.4 and 0.2, respectively. The two reasons for the selection of the above weights and GMPEs are that first, these models are developed for shallow earthquakes, as is the case of our region and second, weights are distributed based on more recent and up-to-date regional data, as suggested in [23].

The site condition of majority of Cyprus shows high shear wave velocity (see [32]), and the higher the velocity, the less the ground shaking amplification. Hence for observing any damage, earthquake magnitudes of M5.0 or above are required. For the current active fault lines of Cyprus, we can expect magnitudes of up to M7.4 for the western part of Cyprus at depths less than or equal to 70 km. It should be noted that the direction taken in generating shaking distributions under scenario modeling is not as complex and is more uniform compared with real event shaking maps. In real shaking intensity distributions, 2D and 3D wave propagation, basin-edge effects, and other complex site effects are usually accounted for. Nevertheless, using this tool we can analyze different hazard levels for better preparedness and emergency response.

### 3.3. Seismic Risk Assessment through Fragility Analysis of Bridges

In contrast to the seismic hazard analysis discussed previously, seismic risk assessment describes the potential for damages or losses that a region is prone to experiencing after a seismic event. They can also be defined as the integrated product of the seismic hazard, that determines the value and fragility of assets [33]. This link between ground motion intensity and structural damage is related by the fragility functions. They are also known as damage functions that are usually represented by conditional cumulative log-normal distribution functions, that are depicted as curves for a given level of damage. These curves are the key input for seismic risk assessment for evaluating bridges and corresponding loss of serviceability for a defined damage level. Depending on the form of fragility analysis, the conditional probability that a given structure exceeds the prescribed damage limit state ( $ds$ ) is usually defined as:

$$P[ds_i|x = IM] = \Phi \left[ \frac{1}{\beta_{ds}} \ln \left( \frac{IM}{S_{median}} \right) \right] \quad (1)$$

where,  $IM$  represents the intensity measure, e.g., PGA;  $\Phi$  is the standard log-normal cumulative distribution function;  $\beta_{ds}$  indicates the log-normal standard deviation of  $IM$ ; and  $S_{median}$  denotes the median (or expected value) of the  $IM$ . According to HAZUS methodology [34], bridge damage states can be summarized in Table 1.

**Table 1.** Definition of 5 bridge damages states according to HAZUS [34].

HAZUS Damage State	Definition
$ds_1$ : None	-
$ds_2$ : Slight/Minor Damage	Minor cracking and spalling to the abutment, cracks in shear keys at abutments, minor spalling and cracks at hinges, minor spalling at the column (damage requires no more than cosmetic repair) or minor cracking to the deck.
$ds_3$ : Moderate Damage	Any column experiencing moderate (shear cracks) cracking and spalling (column structurally still sound), moderate movement of the abutment (<2"), extensive cracking and spalling of shear keys, any connection having cracked shear keys or bent bolts, keeper bar failure without unseating, rocker bearing failure or moderate settlement of the approach.
$ds_4$ : Extensive Damage	Any column degrading without collapse-shear failure (column structurally unsafe), significant residual movement at connections, or major settlement approach, vertical offset of the abutment, differential settlement at connections, shear key failure at abutments.
$ds_5$ : Complete Damage	Any column collapsing and/or connection losing all bearing support, which may lead to imminent deck collapse, tilting of substructure due to foundation failure.

In HAZUS, 28 primary bridge classifications are defined for the entire U.S. As a result, for the four damage limits defined in Table 1, 112 fragility curves were developed according to the study in [35]. These ‘standard’ curves have to be modified to reflect the characteristics of the bridge such as 2-dimensional piers’ capacity to 3-dimensional arch action in the deck  $K_{3D}$ , shape factor  $K_{shape}$ , and finally skewness of the bridge  $K_{skew}$  through a scaling procedure defined in the HAZUS manual. These discrete damage state probabilities are

subjective and can vary depending on the methodology used. The definition of the damage in terms of the structural losses (cost) for an event  $m$  can be defined such that:

$$Direct\ Loss_m = \sum_{n=1}^{\#bridges} \overbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\#DS} DR_k}^{\text{compounded damage ratio (DR}_C\text{)}} \underbrace{P[ds_{nm}]}_{\substack{\text{probability of} \\ \text{being in a} \\ \text{specific damage} \\ \text{state}}} \times Repair\ Cost_n \quad (2)$$

where  $DR_k$  denotes the damage ratio in terms of the replacement cost. HAZUS defines bounds for each damage state according to the severity of the damage, as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2.** Variation of damage ratios defined by HAZUS (slightly modified after HAZUS [34]).

HAZUS Damage State	Best Estimate Damage Ratio (DR)	Range of Damage Ratios
None	0.00	0.00 to 0.01
Slight	0.03	0.01 to 0.03
Moderate	0.08	0.03 to 0.15
Extensive	0.25	0.15 to 0.40
Complete	1.0 if $n < 3$ 2/ $n$ if $n \geq 3$ $n$ = number of spans	0.40 to 1.00

#### 4. The Transportation Network of Northern Cyprus

Bridges are vital components and vulnerable elements in any transportation network [8]. Not only the failure of such high-risk critical components during an extreme event can lead to significant direct damage to the bridge, but it also affects the crucial life-lines connecting the epicenters to other locations. Such indirect damage to the road network can easily lead to congestion and long queues. Therefore, the serviceability of the road network becomes a metric that must be carefully examined in three different categories, (1) travel time delay, (2) network flow capacity and overflow, and (3) the connectivity of the network. In this section, we analyzed the Cyprus road network in terms of its topology, spatial distribution of its components, and the dynamic model of the traffic assignment.

##### 4.1. Network Reliability and Vulnerability

Transportation networks are diverse and sparse. They are considered as interconnected systems where a failure on any link would result in cascaded degradation on the upstream and downstream parts of the network. The relationship between system and network must be understood before evaluating reliability measures. In practice, a system is represented as a network where each individual system's components are connected in series or parallel. One of the simplest methods of evaluating reliability measures is using binomial distribution where the probability of success " $p$ " is just the network's reliability. In a series system, the system reliability,  $R_s$ , becomes  $R_s = \prod_i R_i$ ; or the product of the reliabilities of its constituent components. Whereas, in a parallel system, the system's reliability becomes  $R_s = 1 - \prod_i (1 - R_i)$ ; or the product of the component's reliability. Here, network connectivity and travel time reliability are the measures that network reliability studies usually consider evaluating the performance of urban road networks [36]. Reliability, in general, is defined as the quality of service that a system offers typically with regard to its degree of stability [37]. Considering rural areas, however, at the regional and national strategic level, reliability measure is often replaced by vulnerability analysis. As an example, consider enhancing the reliability of an urban road network by introducing



effective measures to increase the capacity or by creating an alternative route to lessen the burden on a given link. However, considering these selective additions at a provincial level would not necessarily help to increase reliability. These two performance measures are related, but fundamentally, vulnerability analysis becomes an important subject in seismic performance assessment of transportation networks as reliability measures themselves can become vulnerable in severe events. Network resiliency, such as robustness and redundancy, are evaluated based on metrics from graph theory. The network connectivity, loops (redundancy), and robustness are evaluated based on network structural measures at the node and edge levels. For example, the clustering methods and gravity index can be used to provide a simple resiliency measure for the network. Ideally, the resiliency should encompass both structural reliability and traffic flow reliability considering the transportation network characteristics. However, for simplicity and demonstration purposes, only topological vulnerability analysis was carried out in this study.

#### 4.2. Topological Vulnerability Analysis Using Graph Theory

Network analysis, sometimes referred to as graph theory, plays an essential role in determining the efficiency of transportation networks [38]. Graph theory deals with understanding the properties of a set of linked vertices (nodes),  $V$ , through edges (links),  $E$ . A graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a simple structural representation of a 2D planar of a real network as illustrated in Figure 4.



**Figure 4.** 2D graph representation of the study region's real transportation network.

One of the first uses of network modeling is measuring network properties [39]. In our study region, the transportation network consists of  $V = 98$  nodes and  $E = 134$  edges with a total length of about  $L = 124$  km. The network properties are defined for the abstract, i.e., graph version of the network. The Cyprus transportation network, in comparison to other research studies, is less complicated. The intention was to select the most critical nodes such that the network could be kept as simple as possible for future analysis without sacrificing the quality of the results. More in-depth analysis can be performed at the community level, but this is out of the scope of this study.

#### 4.3. Structural Measures and Indices at Network Level

Measuring performance at the network level can enable the analysis of the network and to compare and show the evolution of the transportation network. The following provides additional measures alongside the basic description of the network. Many of the formulations are derived by Kansky [40,41].

Diameter  $d$  of the network shows the length of the largest shortest path. A higher  $\delta$  indicates less linked a network tends to be.

$$\delta(G) = \max d(u, v) \text{ for } u \neq v \quad (3)$$

where  $d(u, v)$  shows the length of the shortest path from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$ .

Number of cycles  $\mu$  shows the maximum number of independent cycles in a graph. A higher  $\mu$  is an indication of the complexity of the transport system. Index  $p$  indicates the number of sub-graphs, usually taken as one.

$$\mu = e - v + p \quad (4)$$

Different indices can be derived to show the complexity of a transportation network and the changes in the structural measures overtime. We only discuss the topological indices for this study. These indices are defined as ratios expressing a relation between two values.

Alpha ( $\alpha$ ), beta ( $\beta$ ), and gamma ( $\gamma$ ) indices express the relations between elements of a network.  $\alpha$  index indicates a measure of connectivity in terms of cycles in a graph. With the increasing number of links, the ratio will approach to 1, i.e., a fully connected network.

$$\alpha = \frac{\mu}{2v - 5} \quad (5)$$

$\beta$  index measures the connectivity in a graph by expressing the ratio of the number of links to nodes. A high  $\beta$  index in complex networks indicates a surplus of link in the network.

$$\beta = \frac{e}{v} \quad (6)$$

$\gamma$  index measures the connectivity in terms of the number of observed links and the number of possible links. Similar to  $\alpha$  index,  $\gamma$  index approaching 1 shows a fully connected network.

$$\gamma = \frac{e}{3(v - 2)} \quad (7)$$

Eta ( $\eta$ ) and Pi ( $\pi$ ) indices express the relations between the network and one of its elements.  $\eta$  index or the measure of average edge shows that with the addition of nodes, e.g., intersections in the network, the shorter the average edge length becomes, thus decreasing the maximum flow  $q$  in the network.

$$\eta = \frac{L(G)}{e} \quad (8)$$

$\pi$  index shows the relation between the total length of a graph and its diameter. A higher length of the network tends to show a more complicated transportation network; therefore, a higher  $\pi$  index reflects higher degrees of development. It roughly indicates the shape of the network.

$$\pi = \frac{L(G)}{\delta(G)} \quad (9)$$

The above structural measures and indices often do not reveal the internal structures of a highly complex interconnected transportation network. For this reason, performance measures should also be carried out at the node and link levels. It becomes of the utmost importance while carrying out a vulnerability analysis to have a better understanding of what might happen if a node or link becomes either completely unusable or with less carrying capacity, i.e., reduction in serviceability of the transportation network. The results of the pre-event assessment of the transportation network are provided in Table 3.

**Table 3.** Pre-earthquake network level-based indices.

Index	Results	Bound
$\delta(G)$	47 km	0 to $\infty$
$\mu$	37	0 to $\infty$
$\alpha$	0.19	0 to 1
$\beta$	1.36	1 to 3 (2D planer Graph)
$\gamma$	0.47	0 to 1
$\eta$	0.93 km	0 to $\infty$
$\pi$	2.64	1 to $\infty$

#### 4.4. Structural Measures and Node and Edge Level

The abstract network  $G$ , with physical connections to the real network, can be evaluated based on system-based vulnerability analysis at the node and edge level [42], giving a better representation of the actual network performance considering the importance of a node at the local or global scale and the effect of weighted links. Local measures are only used in finding metrics with respect to neighboring nodes, whereas, when considering a node's situation in the whole network, the global measure can better highlight the overall performance. The following discusses some of the structural (topological) vulnerability metrics. The analyses were performed utilizing three different applications: Urban Network Analysis Toolbox for ArcGIS developed by City Form Lab [43], SANET (Spatial Analysis along Network) Standalone Tool V1.0 Beta [44], and Python 3.7 with NetworkX library [45].

Degree of centrality  $C_D$  or the order of a node in a network simply shows the summation of all its edges. A higher degree indicates the importance of that node. The magnitude of  $C_d$  is partly a function of the size of the network [46].

$$C_D(v) = \sum_{j=1}^n G(v, j) \quad (10)$$

Betweenness centrality  $C_B$  computes the shortest path between nodes or edges. It finds the fraction of the total number of shortest paths passing through a node  $v$  or an edge  $e$ . Given a pair of source and target nodes  $V(s, t)$ , the betweenness centrality is calculated as:

$$C_B(v) = \sum_{s, t \in V} \frac{\sigma(s, t|v)}{\sigma(s, t)} \quad (11)$$

$$C_B(e) = \sum_{s, t \in V} \frac{\sigma(s, t|e)}{\sigma(s, t)} \quad (12)$$

where  $\sigma(s, t|v)$ , and  $\sigma(s, t|e)$  indicate the number of paths passing through some node  $v$  and some edge  $e$ , respectively. Similarly,  $\sigma(s, t)$  is the number of shortest paths between  $(s, t)$ -path.

Closeness centrality  $C_C$  indicates how close is a node is to all other nodes in the network. It computes the reciprocal of the average shortest path distance to a node. It is defined for a node  $u$  as:

$$C_C(u) = \frac{n-1}{\sum_{v=1}^{n-1} d(u, v)} \quad (13)$$

where  $n$  is the number of nodes reachable by  $u$ . A higher  $C_C$  indicates higher centrality. It should be noted that NetworkX algorithms for calculating  $C_C$  are normalized according to:

$$\frac{n-1}{|G|-1} \quad (14)$$

Gravity index takes into account the additional factors in the spatial impedance, such as length or other measures [47]. It is primarily used by urban planners to better understand the dynamics and the development of a region. Its primary function is to determine the attractiveness of an area in terms of its accessibility to the other nodes in the network. This index is not a main measure of the performance of a transportation network for the context of this study. Nevertheless, it can still be used as a way to show how a network can be affected if vulnerable nodes or links are removed from the network. The gravity index ( $GI$ ) of a node  $i$  with respect to destination  $j$  within the graph  $G$  given a search radius  $r$  is defined as:

$$GI[i]^r = \sum_{\substack{j \in G - \{i\}, \\ d[i,j] \leq r}} \frac{W[j]}{e^{\beta \cdot d[i,j]}} \quad (15)$$

The exponential decay  $e^\beta$  can be controlled based on the calibration carried out for a specific impedance metric. The exponent  $\beta$  is defined as 0.00217 for the impedance unit in meters [48].

Hotspot analysis of events distributed over a network is one of the fundamental concepts in spatial analysis [49]. One of the most frequently used methods for analyzing distributed points on a network is to estimate the density of the points [50]. Kernel density estimation (KDE) is one of the most common techniques used in discovering hotspots of point-events [51]. Ordinary KDE models such as 2D Planner KDE are not useful in analyzing linear road networks. Hence, an extension to the ordinary KDE, Network KDE (NKDE) was developed [52] such that:

$$\lambda_s = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{r} k\left(\frac{d_{is}}{r}\right) \quad (16)$$

where  $\lambda_s$  represents the density in location  $s$ , and  $r$  (bandwidth) indicates the search radius. The kernel function  $k$ , defines the distance decay effects or the weight of the distance of a point  $i$  to location  $s$ . Therefore, the longer the distance, the less weight is applied to calculate the overall density.  $k$  can be defined with different models, such as Gaussian, Quadratic, Conic, and many others [52]. Instead of analyzing point-events on a network (e.g., crash zones, crime zones), as is the case for most of the kernel-based analysis, we tried to estimate the density of bridges and intersections for our study region. This way, we can get kernel classes for the whole network that could give a better overall view of the vulnerability of the network when a node (i.e., bridge) is removed from the network. Generally, NKDE analysis is performed over a real network, but to keep the flow consistent, we used the abstract model, i.e., the graph. To perform the NKDE analysis, we used the SANET Standalone tool.

#### 4.5. Link Performance Measures

In the previous sections, we discussed the reachability or the connectivity of the transportation network by analyzing the abstract representation of the study region through different metrics from graph theory. We determined the performance from a structural perspective. However, the real elements in the networks, i.e., the flow of traffic, could also play an important role in the overall network performance before and after an event. By looking at the travel demand and through network flow theory models as well as traffic assignments, we can quantitatively measure the impacts of travel time delays and queues.

Trip assignment simulates vehicular movement through the network given the travel demand and zonal constraints, as well as overall network characteristics (e.g., signalized intersection, link speed, capacity). We can estimate the traffic demand between zones and identify the congestions, travel patterns, effects of link/node removal, and many other measures. Typically, trip assignments work by simulating the minimum path between origin-destination (OD) pairs such that a traveler would always minimize the travel time.

Travel time on a network (a measure of link performance) is typically defined by the power function developed by the Bureau of Public Roads (BPR) [53] as:

$$t = t_0 \left[ 1 + \alpha \left( \frac{V}{C} \right)^\beta \right] \quad (17)$$

where  $t$  indicates the travel time on the network;  $V$  and  $C$  are the volume and capacity of the link, respectively, and  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are coefficients calibrated for different free-flow speeds. In general,  $\alpha = 0.15$ , and  $\beta = 4$ . The free-flow travel time  $t_0$  is defined as:

$$t_0 = L/v_0 \quad (18)$$

where  $L$  is the length of the link, and  $v_0$  is the free-flow speed. In order to realize the performance of the network for the current and future scenarios, the vehicular flow patterns are simulated either by static traffic assignment (STA) or dynamic traffic assignment (DTA) models.

#### Static vs. Dynamic Traffic Assignment

Traditionally link performance was analyzed by STA methods. In 4-step transportation planning, STA forms the last step of the process, and it is only capable of static roadway condition modeling. It does not consider dynamic routing (time-varying travel conditions), congestion, queue buildup, or spillovers [54,55]. STA does put a limit on the actual flow on the road as it distributes the traffic on the network at the same time. Therefore, the traffic demand would, in some cases, exceed the capacity of the links resulting in an inaccurate estimation of the network's performance. DTA, on the other hand, considers the fundamental relation between flow, capacity, and density, which in turn provides a more realistic traffic flow pattern. Incorporating the interactions of the road users with the network characteristics, allows for a far better travel time reliability estimation for vulnerable links on the network. For analyzing our study region's link performance, we incorporated NeXTA DTALite (Network Explorer for Traffic Analysis, Light-weight Dynamic Traffic Assignment Engine) [56]. NeXTA DTALite is a queue-based mesoscopic traffic simulator for travel modeling. Mesoscopic models are typically a middle level between macroscopic and microscopic models. They are used to bridge inconsistencies between the two aforementioned models. In most applications of traffic assignment, the user equilibrium (UE) method is used to optimize the traffic assignment.

According to Wardrop, users (drivers) are selfish (non-cooperative) and have complete knowledge about the network (the path cost). To satisfy the user equilibrium through iterations, the following conditions/assumptions are to be made:

- (1) No user can reduce his/her path cost by switching routes, and
- (2) the route used between the OD pairs have equal and minimum cost (shortest path); the rest of the unused route has greater or equal cost compared to the used path cost.

In NeXTA DTALite, dynamic UE (DUE) is used that generalizes as a nonlinear minimization problem via gap functions and solved through iterations until a UE is reached. Interested readers are recommended to check the detail DUE in [57]. To achieve a precise DTA model in NeXTA DTALite, we required extensive knowledge of the transportation network, including availability to sets of data that are not accessible or infeasible to collect. Therefore, to simplify the task while keeping the necessary level of detail for this study, some of the parameters in the program were kept as the default values according to the standards.

#### 4.6. Inventory and Traffic Data Collection

For this study, we counted the traffic flowing on 20 bridges for 1 h at 15 min intervals during peak hours (see Table 4). This allowed us to estimate the peak hour volume (PHV), peak hourly factor (PHF), average annual daily traffic (AADT) and directional design hour



volume (DDHV). Counting was performed during weekdays in fall and spring at random intervals; however, we also observed weekend traffic and concluded that, during the weekend, the traffic was almost half of weekday traffic. Some of the bridges were located on parts of the roadways that did not accommodate traffic often. The links associated with these bridges were not studied unless the links were part of the network that could allow traffic to pass in case of the failures of adjacent links. Table 5 provides the full description of the identified bridges in the study region and Figure 5 depicts the distribution of the bridges over the extent of network under study.

**Table 4.** Traffic flow for 1 h with 15 min counting.

Bridge	15-min Counting (veh/0.25 h)				PHV (veh/h)	PHF	AADT (veh/Day)	DDHV (veh/h/L)
	15'	30'	45'	60'				
B1	89	100	81	103	373	0.91	3108	187
B2	100	110	95	91	396	0.90	3300	198
B3	Negligible Traffic (Important Link)				-	0.60 *	500 *	30 *
B4	48	45	34	32	159	0.83	1325	80
B5	69	70	99	73	311	0.79	2592	160
B6	113	145	137	127	522	0.90	4350	261
B7	129	148	111	130	518	0.88	4317	259
B8	101	108	125	115	449	0.90	3742	225
B9	115	128	118	122	483	0.94	4025	242
B10	68	72	61	59	260	0.90	2167	130
B11	58	50	46	42	196	0.84	1633	98
B12	No Traffic				-	-	-	-
B13	80	74	70	81	305	0.94	2542	153
B14	Negligible Traffic				-	0.60 *	400 *	12 *
B15	83	97	84	100	364	0.91	3033	182
B16	44	65	35	41	185	0.71	1542	93
B17	80	74	69	70	293	0.92	2442	147
B18	71	82	65	75	293	0.89	2442	147
B19	66	69	72	59	266	0.92	2217	133
B20	No Traffic				-	-	-	-

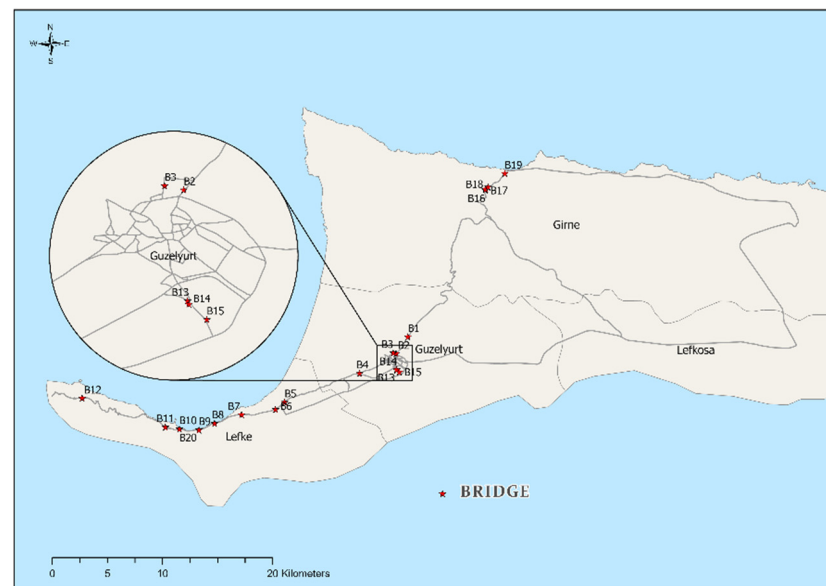
\* indicates the variable was estimated based on engineering judgment due to insufficient data.

Most of the road network in our study region comprised two-lane roads. While counting the traffic, we included both directions, as suggested in the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) [58]. In order to perform capacity analysis, we used the two-lane highway definition of the HCM (volume 2, chapter 15) for links where counting was performed. We assigned the majority of roadways as Class III two-lane highways defined in the HCM. If the parameters necessary for capacity calculation were unknown, we used the default values defined in the HCM. NCHRP 387 method [59] was selected for other rural two-way roads where traffic counting was not performed. The network capacity is illustrated in Figure 6.

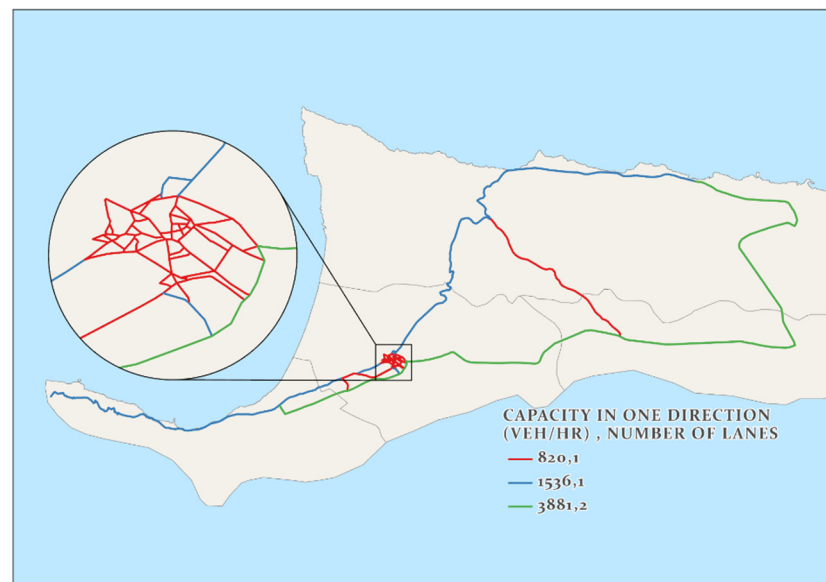
**Table 5.** Full bridge description and class definition.

Highway Bridge Id (HAZUS)	Bridge Index Label	Bridge Class	Lat.	Long.	Num Spans	Max Span Length (m)	Length (m)	Width (m)	Skew Angle (°)	Pier Type	Abutment Type	Span Continuity	Material
KK000001	B9	HWB8	35.142	32.835	3	9	28	7	0	PW	R	C	RC
KK000002	B10	HWB3	35.142	32.819	1	4	4	9	27	-	S	C	RC
KK000003	B20	HWB28	35.142	32.819	1	3	3	4	0	-	S	C	RC
KK000004	B11	HWB8	35.144	32.808	2	6	17	9	27	PW	R	C	RC
KK000005	B8	HWB15	35.147	32.848	2	10	20	7	0	PW	S	SS	Steel
KK000006	B7	HWB28	35.154	32.870	2	8	13	7	0	PW	S	C	RC
KK000007	B6	HWB3	35.158	32.898	1	6	12	7	0	PW	R	C	RC
KK000008	B5	HWB28	35.164	32.905	9	9	65	8	0	PW	R	D	Masonry
KK000009	B12	HWB28	35.168	32.740	3	8	50	9	17	PW	R	-	RC
KK000010	B4	HWB3	35.188	32.966	1	3.5	4.3	9	0	-	R	C	RC
KK000011	B15	HWB3	35.189	32.999	1	5	5	7.2	50	-	S	C	RC
KK000012	B14	HWB3	35.190	32.996	1	5	5	11	40	-	R	C	RC
KK000013	B13	HWB8	35.191	32.996	2	4	8	12	31	PW	R	SS	RC
KK000014	B2	HWB8	35.204	32.996	10	10	101	11.5	0	PW	R	SS	RC
KK000015	B3	HWB8	35.204	32.994	8	3	26	13	20	PW	R	C	RC
KK000016	B1	HWB8	35.217	33.006	2	6	13	10	0	PW	R	SS	RC
KK000017	B16	HWB28	35.337	33.069	1	5	5	9	0	-	R	C	RC
KK000018	B17	HWB28	35.338	33.069	1	6	6	8	0	-	R	C	RC
KK000019	B18	HWB3	35.339	33.071	1	6	6	8	36	-	R	C	RC
KK000020	B19	HWB3	35.350	33.085	1	5	6	8	34	-	R	C	RC

Pier type: PW (pier wall); abutment type: S (seated), R (rigid); span continuity: C (continuous), SS (simply supported), D (discontinuous); material: RC (reinforced concrete).



**Figure 5.** Bridge-link transportation network in the western part of Northern Cyprus.



**Figure 6.** Transportation network link capacity distribution.

#### 4.7. Dynamic Traffic Simulation

The variability in traffic distribution is a challenging task to predict as it differs based on the regional characteristics, dynamic environmental parameters, and more. DTA aims to predict such changes and variabilities for the long-term behavior of traveler's adaptation to experienced congestion on the roads. Therefore, the demand distribution or demand profile with congestion periods can vary per each link. The demand profile usually shows two peaks, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Such distribution examples can be seen from several sources such as [60,61]. To get a better picture of the demand for a region, we would require long-term data collection of the traffic. This, however, cannot be achieved as the current transportation infrastructure of Cyprus has not yet transitioned to the long-term travel forecasting phase by using traffic counting tools or modeling software. Therefore, to analyze the transportation, certain assumptions based on perceived demand and supply of the region and engineering judgments and intuition were made.

After the collection and the estimation of the necessary information to create a transportation network of our study region, we proceeded to model the DTA in NeXTA DTALite

simulation software. To make the task easier, we assigned the necessary attributes (e.g., capacity, speed limit, number of lanes) of the transportation network in ArcGIS. We then used the ‘GIS-Import\_Export\_Tool’ bundled with the software to make the conversion from the ArcGIS network to the required data format used by the software. It should be noted that NeXTA DTALite input files are in .CSV format, and in order to convert the data to a readable format, we constructed a network dataset of the road network in ArcGIS. This creates the Cost OD Matrix, which in turn outputs the road network in terms of ‘From Node’ and ‘To Node’ format. By using the gravity model, we created the OD matrix between the zones and distributed the trips according to the production and attraction of each zone. Without access to the complete data, we cannot produce real values of zonal production and attraction. However, to calibrate and to make traffic volume more realistic, we incorporated AADT for the bridge-links in which the 1 hour peak daily flow was available. We also applied demand multiplication until we observed a realistic volume of traffic.

We distributed the daily traffic demand in the network, as shown in Figure 7. We assumed that peak traffic would happen during 9–10:00 in the morning and 17–18:00 in the evening. We applied a 10-fold increase in the demand to meet the actual volume of traffic in the network. We verified this for the bridge-links according to their designated AADT. We simulated the traffic flow for 25 days–10 days to reach UE and 15 days to optimize the OD Matrix Estimation (ODME)–using known flow volumes of the bridge-links. The traffic was simulated from 9:00 in the morning until 18:00, with a 30 min leeway to smooth the distribution. Figure 8 shows the UE convergence of the simulated network after 25 days. To verify the simulated volumes, we observed the link associated with bridge 6 which has an AADT of about 4317 veh/day and the simulated number of vehicles passing through the link estimated at 4147 veh/day for the whole duration of the simulation.

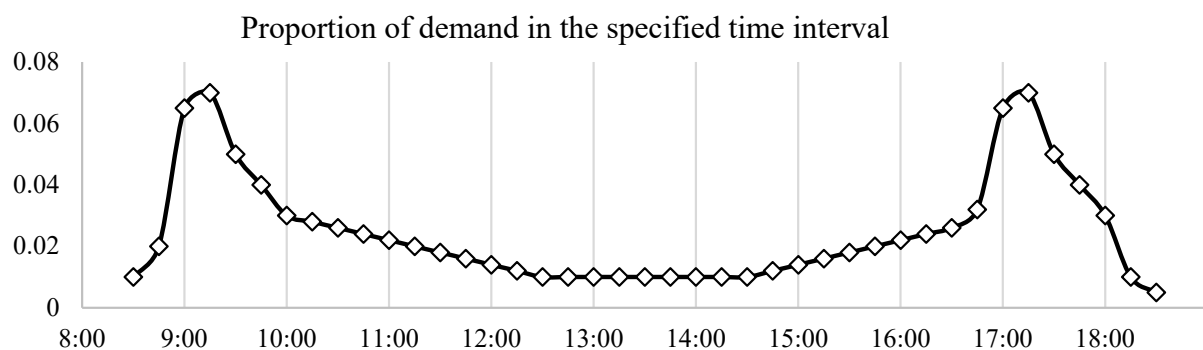


Figure 7. 9:00 to 18:00 daily traffic demand.

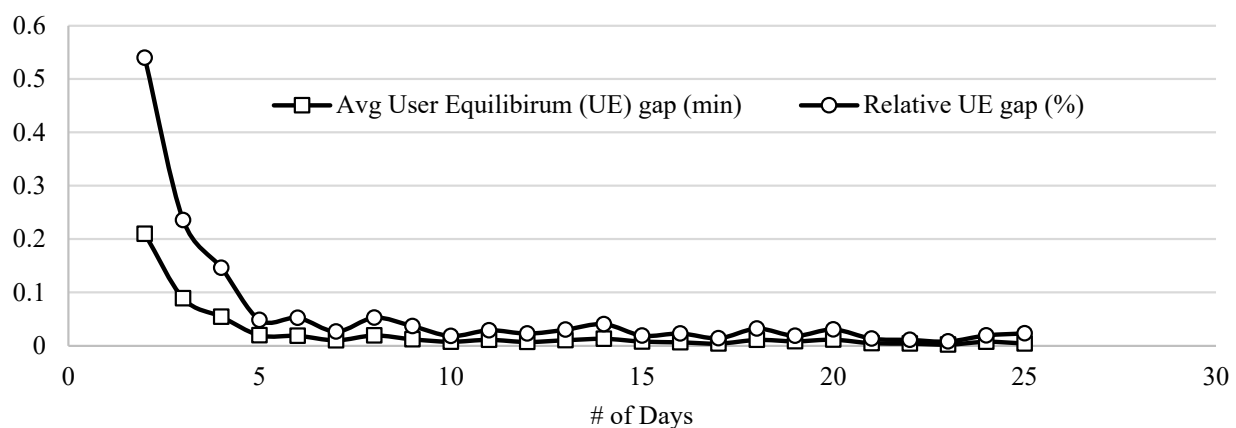


Figure 8. UE convergence after simulating for 25 consecutive days.

In summary, 19,110 vehicles were simulated in this analysis, with a total travel time of 5.5 thousand minutes and an average travel time of 29 min between the OD pairs. Some of the results above might be overestimated due to a lack of knowledge on the travel patterns and detailed traffic flow, and the estimated values might not reflect reality. However, such a model can still be used as a baseline to compare with post-event effects for evaluating the performance of the transportation network.

## 5. Seismic Risk Assessment of Northern Cyprus Transportation Network

The selected region for this research was limited to the western part of Cyprus. It was previously shown that this part of the island can experience earthquake moment magnitudes of up to M7.4. The probability of such events, however, is extremely low. Due the fact that Cyprus has previously encountered devastating historical earthquakes outside our recorded history, e.g., 1222 Cyprus (~M7.0–7.5), the risk of experiencing severe events is high, as these events have return periods of 1000–2500 years. To realize different earthquake scenarios, we used ShakeMap models for the seismic hazards input into HAZUS. We then used the outputs of HAZUS, i.e., the component damage states of bridges for the transportation network and incorporate the results for assessing the vulnerability of the network in terms of different performance indicators described in Section 4.

### 5.1. Earthquake Scenarios

The choice of the location for simulating different earthquake magnitudes and depths can significantly influence the loss estimation results. Given that the study region is quite large (approx.  $50 \times 50 \text{ km}^2$ ), for a very strong to a severe event (0.25–0.4 g PGA), the structural loss can vary significantly. Since the bridges are distributed in three different districts, mainly on a stretch of one continuous link, we simulated three different scenarios using ShakeMap with the parameters specified in Section 3.2 and the same scenarios in HAZUS' arbitrary hazard module. The latter was done for validation purposes. GMPE in HAZUS hazard analysis was only limited to one model, and it was assigned as Boore and Atkinson [29]. The scenarios' parameter selection is shown in Table 6.

**Table 6.** Earthquake scenarios information.

Parameters	ShakeMap DSHA and HAZUS Arbitrary Event			ShakeMap
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
District	Lefke	Guzelyurt	Girne	Guzelyurt
Coordinate	35.121, 32.809	35.202, 32.976	35.330, 33.033	35.202, 32.976
Magnitude	7.4	7.0	6.5	5.5

The events listed in the table for the Scenario 1 are closely related to a 2475-year return period, Scenarios 2 and 3 fall in the 975-year return period; and finally, Scenario 4 shows an event with a 475-year return period [26]. Seismic events with a 10% probability of exceedance in 50-years (i.e., 475-year return period) resulted in a PGA of around 0.3 g, similar to previous studies. For most bridges, however, such moderate to strong shaking intensities would not result in severe failures. This is more evident for the bridges in Cyprus that are typically short-span and exhibit a high modulus of elasticity. To simulate the worst-case scenario, we, therefore, relied on events that could produce at least 0.40 g PGA. These events would likely fall in the 975-year return period or higher events [26].



### 5.2. Structural Loss Estimation from ShakeMap Hazard Maps

From Table 2 for each best damage ratios (from now on, referred to as the mean damage ratio  $DR_{ds}$ ) and for each range of  $DR_{ds}$ , we can calculate the mean  $\mu_m$  and the standard deviation  $\sigma_m$  of damage states for an event  $m$  per bridge as:

$$\mu_m = \sum_{k=1}^4 P(DS = k | IM_m) DR_{ds_k} \quad (19)$$

$$\sigma_m = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^4 P(DS = k | IM_m) \cdot [DR_{ds_k} - \mu_m]^2} \quad (20)$$

For these calculations, the “None” damage state is neglected. Table 7 shows the overall damage states for the bridges considering Scenario 1. The overall mean damage state for Scenario 1 is depicted in Figure 9.

**Table 7.** Damage state distribution for Scenario 1.

Bridge ID Number	Damage State $P(DS = k   IM_m)$					Overall Damage		
	None	Slight	Moderate	Extensive	Complete	$\mu_1$	$\sigma_1$	Mean Damage State
KK000001	0.321	0.161	0.132	0.206	0.181	0.188	0.219	Extensive
KK000002	0.913	0.036	0.025	0.02	0.006	0.014	0.084	Slight
KK000003	0.913	0.045	0.021	0.016	0.005	0.012	0.077	Slight
KK000004	0.448	0.128	0.125	0.174	0.125	0.182	0.298	Extensive
KK000005	0.939	0	0	0.047	0.015	0.027	0.129	Slight
KK000006	0.893	0.054	0.026	0.021	0.006	0.015	0.084	Slight
KK000007	0.856	0.068	0.035	0.031	0.01	0.023	0.106	Slight
KK000008	0.854	0.069	0.035	0.031	0.011	0.015	0.048	Slight
KK000009	0.94	0.031	0.015	0.011	0.003	0.007	0.045	None
KK000010	0.906	0.048	0.022	0.018	0.005	0.013	0.077	Slight
KK000011	0.922	0.001	0.035	0.032	0.011	0.022	0.111	Slight
KK000012	0.922	0.02	0.028	0.024	0.007	0.016	0.091	Slight
KK000013	0.516	0.113	0.117	0.154	0.099	0.150	0.274	Extensive
KK000014	0.52	0.16	0.109	0.134	0.077	0.062	0.080	Moderate
KK000015	0.527	0.141	0.111	0.139	0.082	0.068	0.087	Moderate
KK000016	0.541	0.158	0.105	0.127	0.07	0.115	0.242	Moderate
KK000017	0.996	0.003	0.001	0	0	0.000	0.003	None
KK000018	0.993	0.005	0.001	0.001	0	0.000	0.009	None
KK000019	0.993	0.003	0.002	0.001	0	0.001	0.009	None
KK000020	0.998	0.001	0.001	0	0	0.000	0.003	None

We can observe that with an increase in the magnitude of an earthquake event and how close the bridges are to the epicenter, the possibility of the higher damage state. The only exception would be for Scenario 1 where bridges KK000001 and KK000004 experience extensive damage as is expected due to how close they are located from the epicenter, whereas the other bridges in the vicinity experience a slight damage state. These two particular bridges were assigned a HWB8 class (see Table 5), which shows more susceptibility to damage for any given IM. This is more evident by analyzing their fragility curves in Figure 10. As can be seen from the figure, the exceedance probabilities of HWB8 are higher than HWB3. Therefore, for the same level of IM, HWB8 experiences a higher damage state probability.

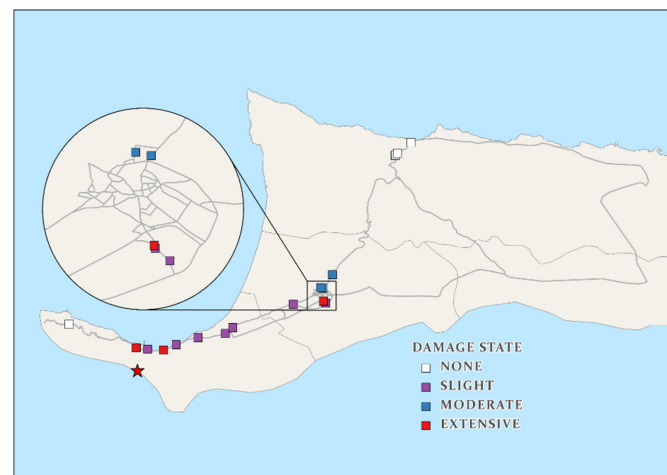


Figure 9. Scenario 1 overall damage state.

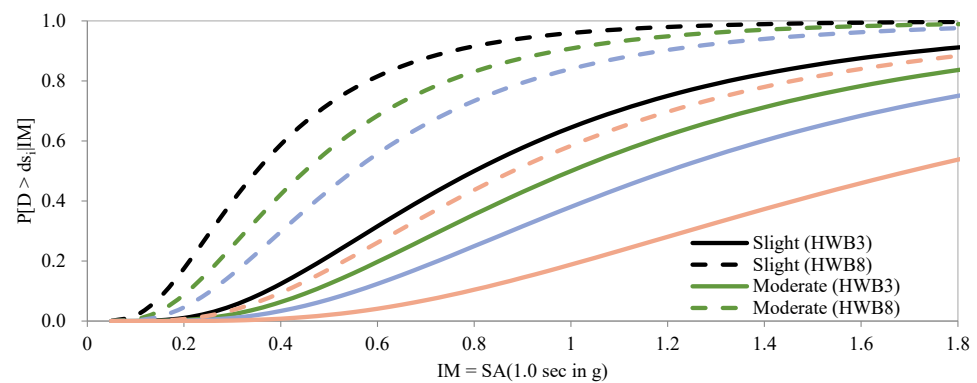


Figure 10. Comparison between HWB3 and HWB8 fragility curves.

In general, we can summarize the distribution of damage states for the four bridge classes defined in the region in Table 8.

Table 8. Damage state distribution of all four scenarios.

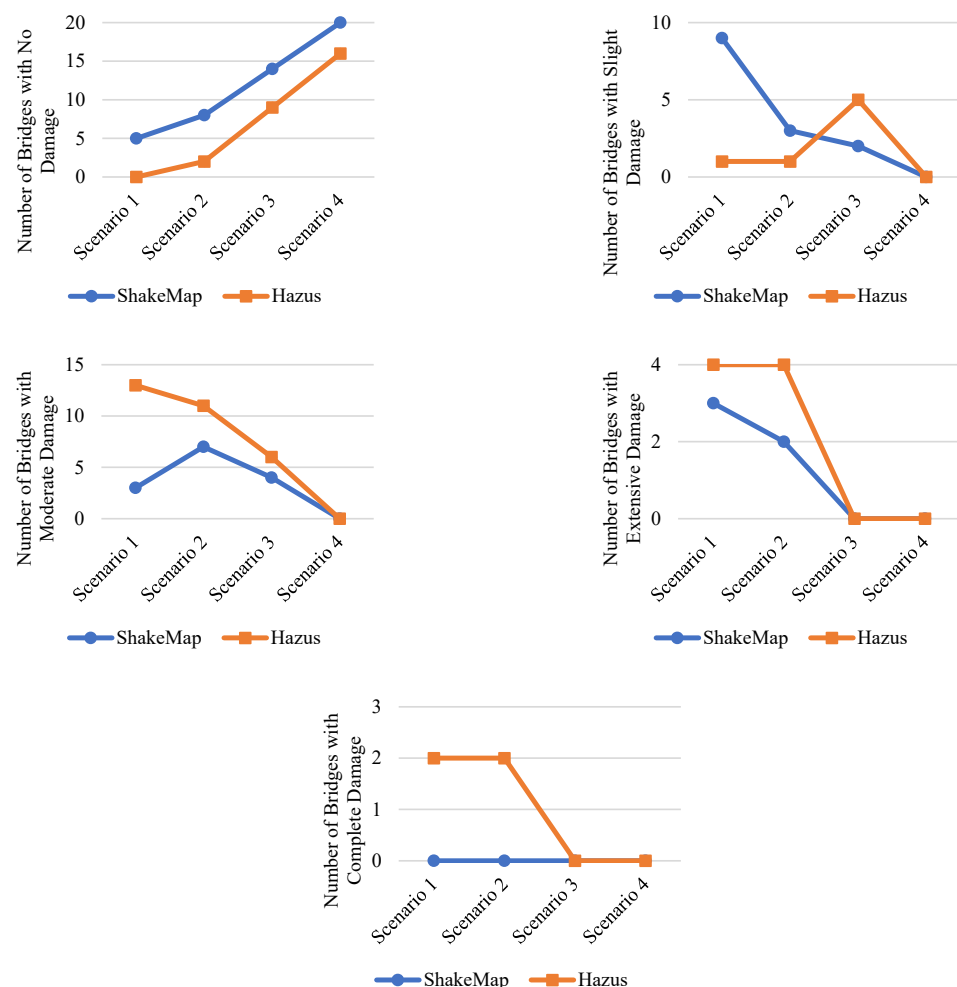
Bridge Type	None Damage State				Slight Damage State			
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
HWB3	2	3	7	8	5	1	1	0
HWB8	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0
HWB15	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
HWB28	3	5	5	6	3	1	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
Bridge Type	Moderate Damage State				Extensive Damage State			
	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
HWB3	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
HWB8	3	3	4	0	2	2	0	0
HWB15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HWB28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### 5.3. Structural Loss Estimation from HAZUS Hazard Module

To validate and compare the structural loss obtained from ShakeMap hazard data, we performed the same analysis in HAZUS built-in hazard module. In the deterministic

hazard section of HAZUS, “Arbitrary event” was selected with attenuation function set as Boore and Atkinson Strike-Slip fault type [62]. The fault parameters of the simulated scenarios were based on the fault located on the western coast of Cyprus. Therefore, a fault rupture orientation of 28° CW from N and a 70° dip angle was selected for each of the four scenarios. Surface and subsurface rupture lengths were automatically calculated based on the magnitude using the empirical relationships described in [63].

The comparison between HAZUS and ShakeMap damage estimates is illustrated in Figure 11. In the HAZUS arbitrary event module, the none damage state appears to be lower in number when compared to ShakeMap. This is more noticeable for higher earthquake magnitudes, i.e., Scenario 1 or 2. This means that there are more bridges, for each scenario, that experience at least slight damage. Looking at the graph for slight damage state, one can see that ShakeMap hazard estimates cause more slight damage for higher magnitudes than HAZUS built-in hazard estimates. As the magnitude decreases, however, the reverse is true, at least up to a certain limiting magnitude (in Scenario 4, both methods result in no slight damage). For both moderate and extensive damage states, the HAZUS hazard module produced a higher number of damaged bridges associated with the damage states mentioned above. Therefore, from the first four damage states, we can draw a conclusion in which the ShakeMap hazard approach caused bridges to exhibit none or slight damage. In contrast, there were more damaged bridges related to moderate and extensive damage states in HAZUS. Additionally, we can see complete damage to some bridges in HAZUS hazard estimations, in which there were none for the ShakeMap model.



**Figure 11.** Comparison of estimates of number of bridges damaged based on ShakeMap and HAZUS hazard analysis.

The apparent differences between the two approaches are probably due to two main reasons: different GMPEs and the assumptions made in ShakeMap that includes no fault/rupture definition. Also, the default fault assignment in HAZUS can contain high degrees of uncertainty. Typically, in the orientation, dip angle, and surface rupture length. This is more significant for high magnitudes of earthquakes. Therefore, the fragility curves in HAZUS with ShakeMap input can only be used as the basis of the structural and operational loss estimation. With the incorporation of the actual fragility curves and adjustment to ShakeMap hazard analysis in the future, we can expect a better representation and estimation of the losses due to seismic events.

#### 5.4. Estimation of Bridge Restoration Model

Depending on the overall level of the damage, we can estimate the direct cost, or more precisely, the restoration cost of the bridges. As explained before, it is assumed that the repair cost is proportional to the replacement value. This relationship was described as damage ratios modified after HAZUS. Using the following equation, we can determine bridge restoration cost  $C_{RPm}$  for an event  $m$  as:

$$C_{RPm} = \sum_{n=1}^N \mu_m C_n \quad (21)$$

where  $\mu_m$  is the mean damage state per bridge for event  $m$  and  $C_n$  is the replacement cost of bridge  $n$ . The replacement cost is calculated by multiplying the deck area by the unit area replacement cost. The replacement cost of the bridges is indicated in Table 9.

**Table 9.** Replacement value per bridge class.

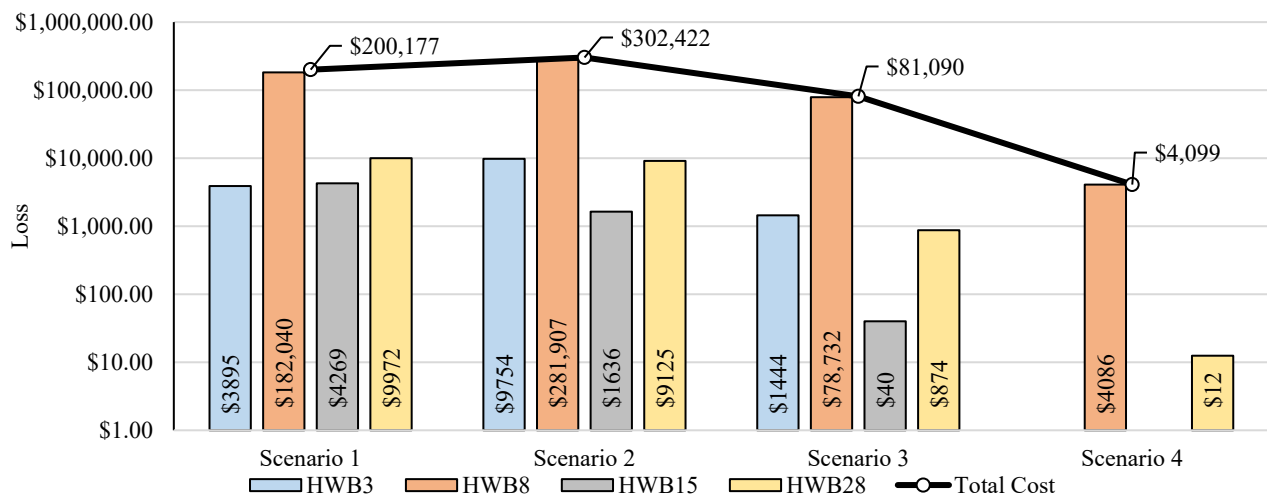
Bridge Class	Unit Area Replacement Cost (\$/m <sup>2</sup> )
HWB3	850
HWB8	960
HWB15	1140
HWB28	800

The total structural loss for the four scenarios is shown in Figure 12. As can be observed from the figure, Scenario 2 incurred higher structural loss compared to a higher magnitude scenario (e.g., Scenario 1, M7.4 event) because there were more vulnerable bridges in the region. Moreover, HWB8 generated higher losses as expected. The exceedance probabilities of this class of bridges are higher, as previously described. The uncertainties in the derivation of the losses can vastly impact the strategy taken to mitigate such losses.

For mitigation scenarios, where retrofit strategy is applied for certain bridges, the retrofit cost  $C_R$  can be expressed as being proportional to the replacement value as:

$$C_{Rm} = \sum_{m=1}^M C_{RPm} r_m \quad (22)$$

where  $r_n$  is the retrofit cost ratio set equal to 20%. This is independent of the seismic event, and due to the complexity of the estimating retrofit value for each bridge, the ratio is assumed to be constant. Seismic retrofitting of bridges before earthquake events, assuming that it does not exceed the total repair cost of the bridge, can reduce the structural losses significantly. The reduction in the loss can be assigned as the benefit achieved from avoiding replacement costs. In the subsequent section, the cost-effectiveness of bridge retrofit, including the operational losses in terms of cost-benefit analysis, was investigated.



**Figure 12.** Total structural loss per bridge class.

The amount of time required to repair a damaged bridge depends on the state of the damage. The HAZUS methodology assumes the bridge capacity starts to recover right after the event and increases following a CDF function. The HAZUS CDF restoration model is expressed as:

$$R(t) = \Phi\left(\frac{t - m_{t,ds}}{\sigma_{t,ds}}\right) \quad (23)$$

where  $m_{t,d}$  and  $\sigma_{t,d}$  indicate mean and standard deviation of the restoration curve parameters for each of the damage state  $ds$ . HAZUS provides the necessary parameters for developing restoration curves for each damage state, as shown in Table 10.

**Table 10.** Parameters of HAZUS restoration function.

Damage State	Days to Restore 100% Functionality (Days)	
	Mean	Standard Deviation
Slight	0.6	0.6
Moderate	2.5	2.7
Extensive	75	42
Complete	230	110

### 5.5. Post-Earthquake Network Reliability Indices

For the scenarios tested in this study, the bridge network did not suffer from complete failure. To determine the post-earthquake network topological indicators, however, we need to assume temporary network failure for certain bridges. Therefore, based on restoration curves generated before, we assumed for the first couple of days after an earthquake, bridges that experienced moderate to complete damages are non-functional. Therefore, for each scenario, these bridges and the links associated with these bridges were removed from the network. The results of the topological vulnerability analysis are shown in Table 11. In terms of reliability, Scenario 2 is the worst-case scenario. On average, however, the first three scenarios have shown a reduction in the network reliability indices. There was no change in Scenario 4 as expected.



**Table 11.** Transportation network reliability indicators before and after an earthquake.

Index	Before	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
		After (% Change)	After (% Change)	After (% Change)	After (% Change)
V	98	90 (−8)	86 (−12)	93 (−5)	No Change
E	134	121 (−10)	117 (−13)	126 (−6)	
L	124 km	99 km (−20)	96 km (−23)	109 km (−12)	
$\delta(G)$	47 km	48 km (2)	49 km (4)	62 km (32)	
$\mu$	37	33 (−11)	32 (−14)	34 (−8)	
$\alpha$	0.19	0.19 (0)	0.19 (0)	0.19 (0)	
$\beta$	1.36	1.36 (0)	1.36 (0)	1.35 (−1)	
$\gamma$	0.47	0.46 (−2)	0.46 (−2)	0.46 (−2)	
$\eta$	0.93 km	0.81 km (−13)	0.82 km (−12)	0.87 km (−6)	
$\pi$	2.64	2.1 (−20)	1.95 (−26)	1.75 (−34)	

### 5.6. Post-Earthquake Structural Loss at Node and Edge Level

Table 12 presents the results of the transportation network structural loss for the scenarios simulated in this study. Like Table 11, we can observe that Scenario 2 showed, on average, the maximum amount of network structural loss. The results above suggest that the district of Guzelyurt (Scenario 2) is more vulnerable to losses in the transportation network in terms of the indicators explained previously.

**Table 12.** Transportation network structural properties before and after an earthquake.

Index	Before	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
		After (% Change)	After (% Change)	After (% Change)	After (% Change)
$\max C_D$	4	4 (0)	4 (0)	4 (0)	No Change
$\text{avg} C_D$	2.73	2.75 (1)	2.76 (1)	2.71 (−1)	
$\max C_B(v)$	1141	885 (−22)	943 (−17)	1017 (−11)	
$\text{avg} C_B(v)$	428	340 (−20)	333 (−22)	397 (−7)	
$\max C_B(e)$	904	703 (−22)	694 (−23)	842 (−7)	
$\text{avg} C_B(e)$	284	222 (−22)	217 (−24)	266 (−6)	
$\max C_C$	13	13 (0)	13 (0)	13 (0)	
$\text{avg} C_C$	0.72	0.77 (7)	0.71 (−1)	0.7 (−3)	
$\max GI$	24	23 (−3)	23 (−4)	23 (−3)	
$\text{avg} GI$	12.9	13.1 (3)	13.1 (2)	12.6 (−2)	
$\max \lambda_s$	2.77	2.33 (3)	2.92 (29)	2.33 (3)	
$\text{avg} \lambda_s$	0.2	0.23 (15)	0.23 (15)	0.21 (5)	

Following the outcomes in the direct loss estimation, the district of Guzelyurt, is in fact, in the risk of catastrophic failure. Scenario 2 was proven to be the worst outcome that can potentially result in total isolation of the district from the nearby districts, cities, and villages. To demonstrate this risk visually, in the case of similar events as in Scenario 2, we can expect a damaged transportation network, as shown in Figure 13. The outcome of this scenario is devastating as it will completely cut off fast access to nearby cities and villages for the first responders. To mitigate the catastrophic situations, there needs to be a policy change. Firstly, retrofitting of the vulnerable bridges in an optimal manner. Some bridges are already deteriorating due to weather, flood, and other hazards in the

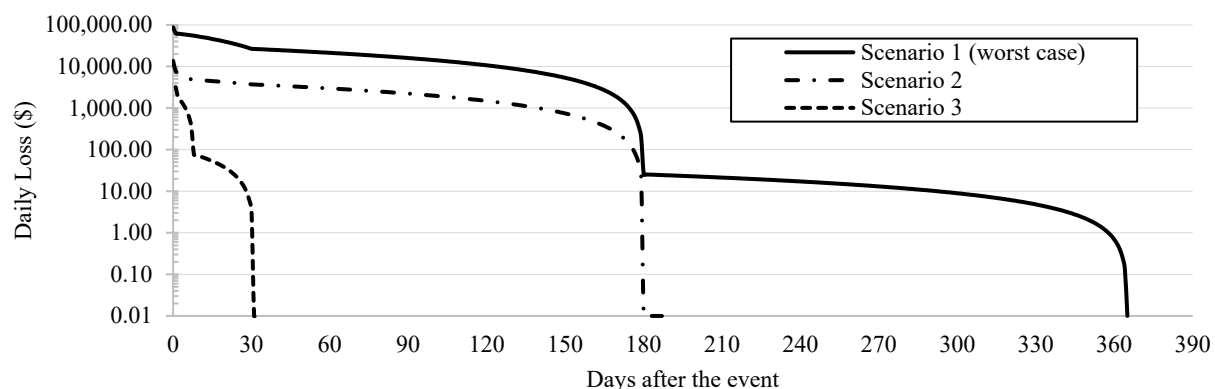


DTALite was used with the same parameters to simulate day 0 (i.e., immediately after an earthquake). The results are presented in Table 14. Here, Scenario 1 is the worst-case event in terms of total travel time loss.

**Table 14.** Daily travel time loss before and after (day 0).

Scenario No:	Total Travel Time (h)	Average Travel Time (min)	Total Travel Time Loss (h)
Base	9248	29.02	-
1	12698	39.87	3450
2	9782	30.71	540
3	9368	29.41	126
4	Same as base		

The travel time loss in terms of monetary values, i.e., operational cost, can be calculated as the product of the vehicle car occupancy (VCO), the value of time, and total travel time loss. OD demand is given in passenger car units. To estimate the number of passengers traveling in a single car, an average occupancy factor is needed. We used  $VCO = 1.50$  based on parameters presented in [66]. The value of time is based on the socio-economic profile of the region. Such studies have not been done before for Cyprus. Therefore, we assumed 17 \$/h on average as the value of time. To estimate the total loss over time, we performed the same analysis for each scenario for 1, 7, 30, 180, and 365 days after the event has occurred. The recovery of the bridge functionality and its corresponding links follow the curve restoration curves. The discrete value of percent-restoration is found for each damage state. Assuming a linear decrease of the daily loss between the days as mentioned above, we can construct a plot showing the operational daily loss overtime for the first three scenarios. Hence, the total operational loss for each scenario is computed by integrating the curves in Figure 14 (there is no operational loss in Scenario 4).

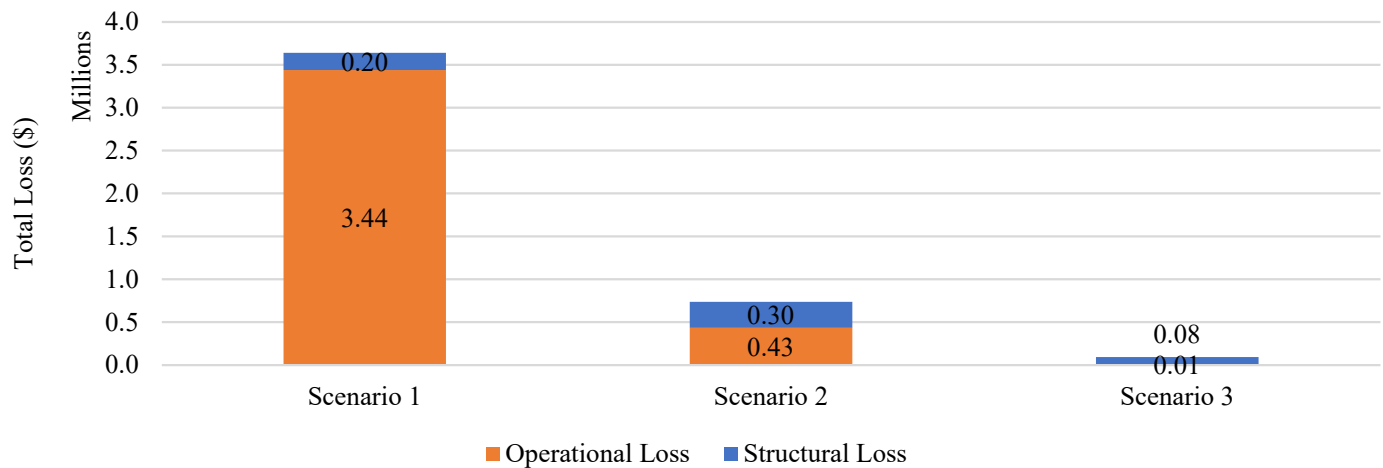


**Figure 14.** Change in operational cost overtime for the first three scenarios.

From the figure, we can observe that Scenario 1 produces the largest operational loss until all the bridges in the network return to 100% functionality, which could take up to a year. This results in a total indirect cost of \$3,439,478. Scenarios 2 and 3 result in \$433,296 and \$10,481, respectively. The operational loss well exceeds the structural loss for each scenario. This is particularly important as it is often ignored by the relevant authorities. Although, it should be noted that we assumed a fixed demand case, which sometimes does not reflect the reality for some regions. The study in [8] showed that variable travel demand could decrease the total travel time loss by almost a factor of  $10^{-4}$ , which is quite small. Moreover, the traffic analysis in this study only considered commuter traffic delays. The value of time of truck drivers and the value of the cargo can sometimes be five or six-fold more than that of public commuters [8,66].

### 5.8. Operational and Structural Loss Aggregation, Economic Analysis of Bridge Retrofitting

Before any mitigation strategies such as seismic bridge retrofit, the total operational and structural losses were summed to estimate the total seismic loss for each event. The operational loss is the crucial changing factor in determining the best policy to be implemented to reduce the overall losses incurred by a region. Although, given the limited number of bridges in the study region, and the uncertainties in the damage state bridges experience, we still believe that indirect costs are significant and should not be ignored. The aggregated losses for three different scenarios are shown in Figure 15 (the total loss in Scenario 4 is almost zero; therefore, it is not shown in the figure).



**Figure 15.** Total loss for three different scenarios.

After applying the seismic retrofitting of bridges before the event, we expected to have reductions in the total seismic loss, including the structural and the operational losses. This reduction was considered as the benefit achieved by avoiding these losses. The model below is presented in [67] and slightly modified to fit our analysis. Hence, the cost avoided for the repair/restoration cost for an event  $m$  can be modeled as:

$$\bar{B}_{SLm} = C_{RPm}^0 - C_{RPm}^R \quad (24)$$

where  $\bar{B}_{SLm}$  is the expected benefit from costs avoided from structural loss;  $C_{RPm}^0$ , and  $C_{RPm}^R$  are the system restoration cost with and without retrofitting. Since detailed computational work is required to find new damage state probabilities of the retrofitted bridges, for simplicity, we assumed that retrofitting would ensure 90% cost saving for both the structural and operational losses, i.e.,  $C_{RPm}^R = 0.10 \times C_{RPm}^0$ .

Similarly, the expected annual benefit from the avoided operational loss for an event  $m$   $\bar{B}_{OLm}$  is expressed as:

$$\bar{B}_{OLm} = C_{OLm}^0 - C_{OLm}^R \quad (25)$$

where,  $C_{OLm}^R$ , and  $C_{OLm}^0$  are the operational losses with and without retrofitting, respectively. Therefore, the annual benefit from retrofitting is calculated by adding the costs avoided in structural and operational losses as:

$$\bar{B} = \sum_{m=1}^M [\bar{B}_{OLm} + \bar{B}_{SLm}] p_m \quad (26)$$

where  $\bar{B}$  is the annual benefit and  $p_m$  is the annual probability of event  $m$ , or simply its annual recurrence rate. To compute the total benefit over the residual service life  $T$ , and

assuming uniformly distributed annual benefit through the period, the total present value of the benefit  $B_{PV}$  for an effective interest rate  $r$  for a time period  $T$  is expressed as:

$$\bar{B}_{PV} = \sum_{t=1}^T \frac{\bar{B}}{(1+r)^t} = \bar{B} \frac{(1+r)^T - 1}{r(1+r)^T} \quad (27)$$

The effective interest rate  $r$  is not easy to calculate, therefore, to show the effect of different interest rates assuming  $T = 50$  years, the total benefit-cost ratio  $BCR = \sum_m^M B_{PVm} / C_{Rm}$  for a range of rates is shown in Figure 16. According to the figure, we can observe that for the study region until 4.25% discount rate, the retrofitting strategy is cost-effective. Seismic loss analysis is susceptible to bridge damage state and link residual capacities, in addition to the restoration functions. Therefore, future studies should incorporate the sensitivity analysis of the parameters assumed here. Moreover, the transportation network in this study only considered the main roadway links in the region. Local detour link analysis should be integrated into the analysis to determine the best possible alternative routes to reduce the residual capacities on the main links. Some of the bridges in Cyprus are historical and date back more than 50 years. Therefore, the service life of bridges will impact the analysis. Lower discount rates and higher bridge service life are more cost-effective. Finally, many of the bridges are already deteriorated, therefore, their capacity to withstand seismic loads are less. This study considered the nominal performance of each bridge, i.e., bridges are at their full capacity while performing seismic assessment. This leads to a more conservative loss estimation model and obscures the real loss incurred on a region; operational losses would be even more prominent.

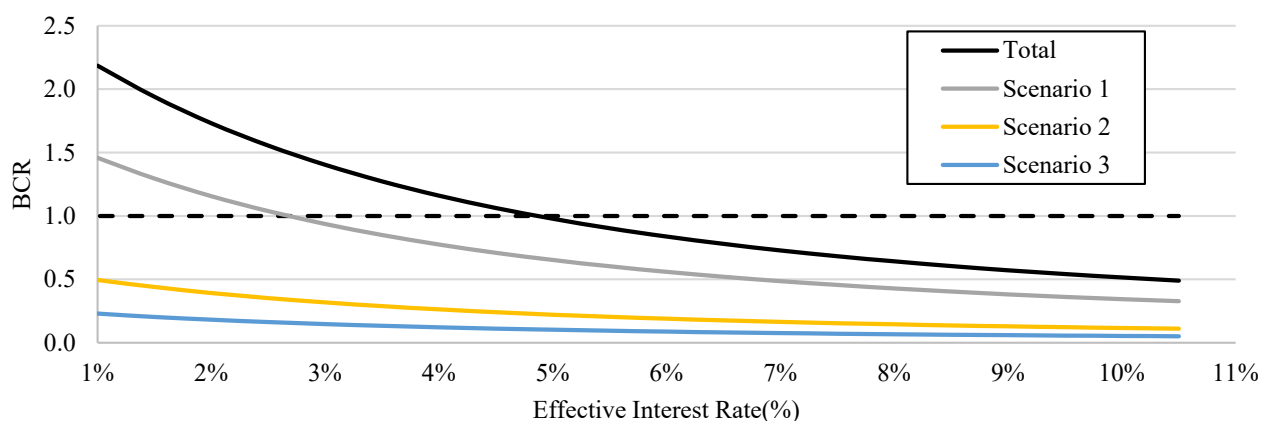


Figure 16. Total benefit/cost ratio for all three scenarios.

Bridge seismic retrofit prioritization is a way to determine the most critical bridges in the network. Optimization algorithms based on network simplex models (e.g., minimum cost flow analysis) or maximum flow are typically solved as a mixed-integer linear program. The algorithms under a constraint retrofitting budget can find the most critical links and bridges. This allows the decision-makers to retrofit the most critical components only. Bridge retrofit prioritization is out of the scope of this study. As a general framework, therefore, bridge retrofit prioritization should be integrated with local detours and linked directly to seismic loss tools or analytical loss models with sensitivity assessments to calibrate for the best parameters to find the expected seismic loss and benefit for a region.

## 6. General Remarks and Limitations

This study aimed to perform a seismic risk assessment of Cyprus and lay the initial foundations to develop a risk-informed decision-making system. Using modern tools and methodologies, the analysis of the seismic hazards and the transportation network in this study enabled us to determine the best strategies reducing the overall losses for the scenarios tested here. The following provides a general overview of our findings

and conclusions for the objectives of this study. The present research can provide useful information and data to the responsible agencies in the hope that the results of this study can be used to reduce the risk of earthquakes in the future. With improvements in this study and conducting assessment of the whole island, we believe Cyprus can be better prepared for potential hazards in the future. Therefore, we suggest the following proactive measures assembled from the findings of our study:

1. Developing a real-time seismic hazard and risk assessment.
2. Initiating a localized hazard assessment of the critical regions. e.g., district of Lefke.
3. Gathering a comprehensive transportation network data, including the road characteristics, travel time estimation and socioeconomic parameters taken from detailed surveys.
4. Retrofitting vulnerable links and bridges as identified in this study.
5. Providing detour links in the areas where the risk of bridge failure is high, especially in the district of Lefke where no detour links exist.

This study cannot represent accurate losses incurred by the region following an earthquake event in full detail and some limitations and assumptions were inevitable.

ShakeMap data and the HAZUS built-in hazard module do not include the fault information of the region. Therefore, the hazard maps generated for the three different scenarios in ShakeMap and HAZUS are slightly overestimated. Moreover, the fragility curves assumed for the bridges in the study region follow the default HAZUS fragility function. The damage functions are aggregated in 28 highway bridge classes defined in HAZUS for U.S. bridges. This can result in an underestimation or overestimation of some bridges' damage state functions for a given IM. Therefore, to represent the actual fragility curves, a detailed analysis is required. However, initial steps to achieve this was made in a parallel research study by the authors in [68].

The vulnerability parameters only considered the network as a whole and ignored some essential components in urbanization, such as the evolution over time in hazard exposure and community vulnerability exposure. As urbanization increases, the model complexity increases at the same rate. This results in the degradation of the network over time. Therefore, time-dependent factors should be incorporated into future studies. In terms of the link performance measure, some significant portion of this section had to be assumed as data availability was either limited or non-existent. Data such as the actual demand of the network, the road network capacity, and the traffic need to be updated for a more realistic analysis in the future.

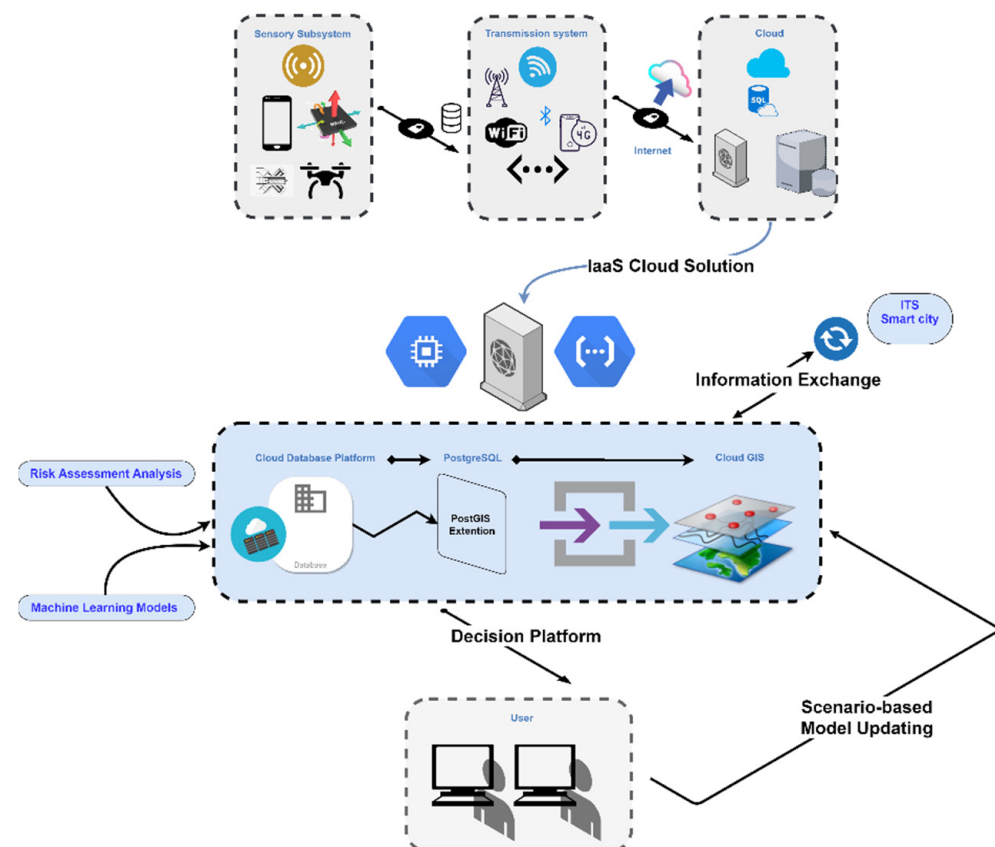
The simulation and parameters used in the analysis are uncertain. The earthquake scenarios evaluated are limited in number and variety. The spatial correlation in ground shaking of these scenarios is another factor that can significantly influence the hazard modeling of the study. Moreover, the cost variables in cost estimation of the structural loss and operational loss are assumed for the region. Future studies are, therefore, required to calibrate these values through sensitivity analysis. Furthermore, one significant aspect of suggesting cost-effective mitigations strategies is to develop bridge retrofit prioritization models. In this way, under a constraint budget, we can retrofit those bridges which are vital in keeping the transportation network at a reasonably functional level.

## 7. Future Work and Conclusions

Under the umbrella of a synergistic combination of an intelligent structural health monitoring (SHM) and GIS cloud-based bridge monitoring system, we believe the system architecture presented as shown in Figure 17, is cost-effective, efficient, and sustainable solution in bridge prognosis and diagnosis. The capability of this system can be further enhanced by utilizing machine learning techniques [69,70]. This system can also be linked to an ITS platform for better integration into a smart city paradigm under SHM-informed-ITS models. The new paradigm shift in the incorporation of new and innovative technologies for bridge seismic risk assessment can offer many prospects in this field. Notably, we can expect to see a real-time bridge assessment immediately after an event. In case of damage or total collapse of a bridge, in order to keep the performance of the transportation network



at high levels to ensure a fast emergency response to reduce other the social costs, ITS can come into play to suggest alternative routes or provide real-time traffic information to reduce operational costs. The opportunities in this field are vast, and as time goes by, with the increase in complexity of the transportation network, the need to change to a better decision-making system becomes more critical. The methods and concepts described in this study can be considered as the next step toward the future of the cyber-physical system (CPS) as part of the Internet of Things (IoT) paradigm shift. The future of the risk assessment of a transportation network lies within the smart city and cloud technology.



**Figure 17.** The system architecture of a cloud-based SHM-GIS decision-making system for bridge monitoring applications, modified from [69].

The risk assessment of bridges applied to a case study of Cyprus is the first of its kind for the region and also equally important in terms of the seismic risk reduction findings in the country. The results of this study can provide responsible agencies with a framework that can visualize different scenarios, and consequently apply the best mitigation strategies to minimize the overall losses. Analyzing network vulnerability and reliability can provide an in-depth understanding of the current and future impacts of seismic risks associated with highway-bridge networks. The three factors of sustainability (i.e., economic, social, and environmental) considering the resiliency of the transportation network following a seismic event can significantly influence the decisions taken in mitigation, planning, response, and recovery stages. Therefore, hazard-induced sustainability metrics have to be integrated into the risk assessment studies and planned in the initial design stage of the bridge transportation network. While this study focused on seismic risks, the major hazard that Cyprus is usually faced with is flooding. In that sense, the general framework, models, and software used in this study can be easily extended to other hazard analyses. Thereby, the losses due to floods can also be included in the analysis to provide an all-in-one multi-hazards assessment tool.

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