HELPFUL HINTS FOR SEARCHING WITH SCERIS:

1) Use the symbol * (SHIFT+8) symbol BEFORE any text search as a wildcard function. This may be helpful in order to search for street names where complete spelling might be unknown (i.e. *full for fullerton) or where only one street is known (i.e. searching Dunstable for Main St_Dunstable St). It may be helpful and more expeditious to search for a secondary or minor approach/street using the Asterisk wildcard.

2) Street names are presented in alphabetical order within the file name.

3) Do not include punctuation within search fields.

4) Do not include street suffixes when using the search fields. Traffic count data results will display the associated suffixes to confirm the locations.

5) All prefixes are written out as text within the Streets fields (i.e. East, West, First, North,...).

6) Drop-down menus displaying “Equal To” may be useful for numerical searches or those involving dates. This function will not be as helpful for text searches.

7) Clicking on the column headers in the search result screen allows for items to be sorted by the chosen data attribute.

8) Only one file may be selected for opening and viewing at once.

9) Recording the Intersection Number once the desired location has been identified can facilitate retrieval, data sharing, and collecting of references in the future.
EXPLANATION AND NOTES ON SCERIS SEARCH FIELDS:

^Items marked with an CARROT are secondary search fields. Use of the secondary search parameters should be accompanied by (at least) ONE primary search parameter in order to identify specific data files for use.

Intersection Number
This field is used to search by an indexing number used by the Boston Transportation Department to uniquely identify specific intersections across the City. Many locations are identified by such a scheme - all intersections for which count data is available on the Sceris system have been identified by such a scheme. By knowing the Intersection Number, searching for a specific location becomes clear and immediate. **NOTE:** This field may ONLY be used to search for Turning Movement Counts, Vehicular Delay Studies, Crossing Gap Studies, and Pedestrian Crossing Counts.

Associated Streets
This field is used to search by the streets/approaches recognized at a particular intersection. Searches may be conducted using the “major” street; however, this may produce search results in excess of the limit to be displayed on the screen. It may be more helpful to utilize **Tip #1** and search for one of the side-streets, thus limiting the number of search results. **NOTE:** This field may ONLY be used to search for Turning Movement Counts, Vehicular Delay Studies, Crossing Gap Studies, and Pedestrian Crossing Counts.

Collection Date
This field is used to search for available data based on the date an individual collection was made. The format is month in double digits, day in double digits and year in four digits, in that order: XX/XX/XXXX. Use of the drop-down parameters allows for a more specific search result.

^Data Type
This field is used to identify the type of count that has been conducted. Automated Traffic Recordings, Turning Movement Counts, Pedestrian Counts, Vehicular Delay Studies, and Vehicular Gap Studies are available at this time.

Neighborhood Code
This field is used to search for available data based on the particular neighborhood in the City where it is located. Two-letter codes are used for the larger neighborhood areas; smaller sections of these areas have been federalized for administrative streamlining. The following is a key to the codes used: Allston-Brighton (**AB**), Boston Proper (**BP**), Charlestown (**CH**),
Dorchester (DO), East Boston (EB), Hyde Park (HP), Roxbury (RX), South Boston (SB), West Roxbury (WR).
**^Site Location**
This field is used to identify the nearest address (or similar) at which a mid-block count is conducted along a roadway. This may be a mailing address, the streetlight pole number, a major institution/landmark, or a public place/park.

**Street Name**
This field is used to search by the specific street that a count was conducted on. Search results will display the nearest address that is attributed to the location of the count. **NOTE:** This field may ONLY be used to search for Automated Traffic Recorder Counts and Pedestrian Crossing Counts (mid-blocks, etc).

**^Study Period**
This field identifies the length of time that any particular count was conducted for. Pedestrian/Vehicular/Bicycle counts may be available in 1,-,4-, &/or 11-Hour counts. Vehicular Gap Studies are generally conducted for a particular 1-Hour period. Vehicular Delay Studies are generally conducted for a particular 1-Hour period.

**^Study Type**
This field is used to search by a particular collection, such as Turning Movement Counts, Crossing Gap Studies, Vehicular Delay Studies, and so on. Without concurrently including search information in another field, the data results will display ALL (subject to the line maximum) files available as that particular Study Type.