

## 2.0 IDAS Program Application

The purpose of this section is to guide a new user in the installation and use of IDAS. The IDAS program is composed of a series of modules implemented through the use of a graphical user interface (GUI). The look of IDAS is that of a typical Windows-based application, making heavy use of pull-down menus, navigation, and selection of options using a mouse pointer device. The descriptions in this section are provided primarily to facilitate the input of the required data and the use of IDAS at a fundamental level using an example ITS deployment.

Example applications in the use of the IDAS software are provided in key elements of this section to allow the user to quickly build an IDAS database using sample data files and perform an example benefit/cost analysis. This provides the quickest hands-on method of using the program. It is recommended that the examples be executed in the order they are presented to facilitate understanding of the program. A detailed description of the IDAS modules is provided in addition to the examples if the user desires a more thorough understanding of the application of the software in Sections 3.0 through 7.0. Please note that there may be some variation in the names of the window screens. The examples included in this section are based on the Windows 2000 environment.