

Connected Vehicle Research in the United States

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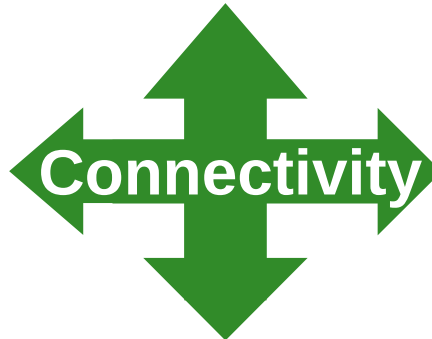
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Connected Vehicle Concept

Vehicles and Fleets



Drivers/Operators



Wireless Devices



Infrastructure

What is the Connected Vehicle Program?

- Vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) wireless communications for:
 - Crash prevention
 - Improved mobility
 - Environmental sustainability
- Connected vehicle capability addresses over 80% of unimpaired crash scenarios
- Encompasses autos, buses, and trucks
 - Partnership among RITA, NHTSA, FHWA, FMCSA, and FTA



What is the Connected Vehicle Program (cont.)

- Uses Dedicated Short-range Communications (DSRC) technology
 - FCC-dedicated spectrum at 5.9 GHz
 - Low latency and high reliability essential for safety applications
 - Other communications types being considered for non-safety applications (e.g. cellular, Wi-Fi)



Key Program Objectives

- 2013 - NHTSA Decision on Vehicle Communications for Safety (light vehicles)
- 2014 - NHTSA Decision on Vehicle Communications for Safety (heavy vehicles)
- 2015 - FHWA to issue Infrastructure Implementation Guidance



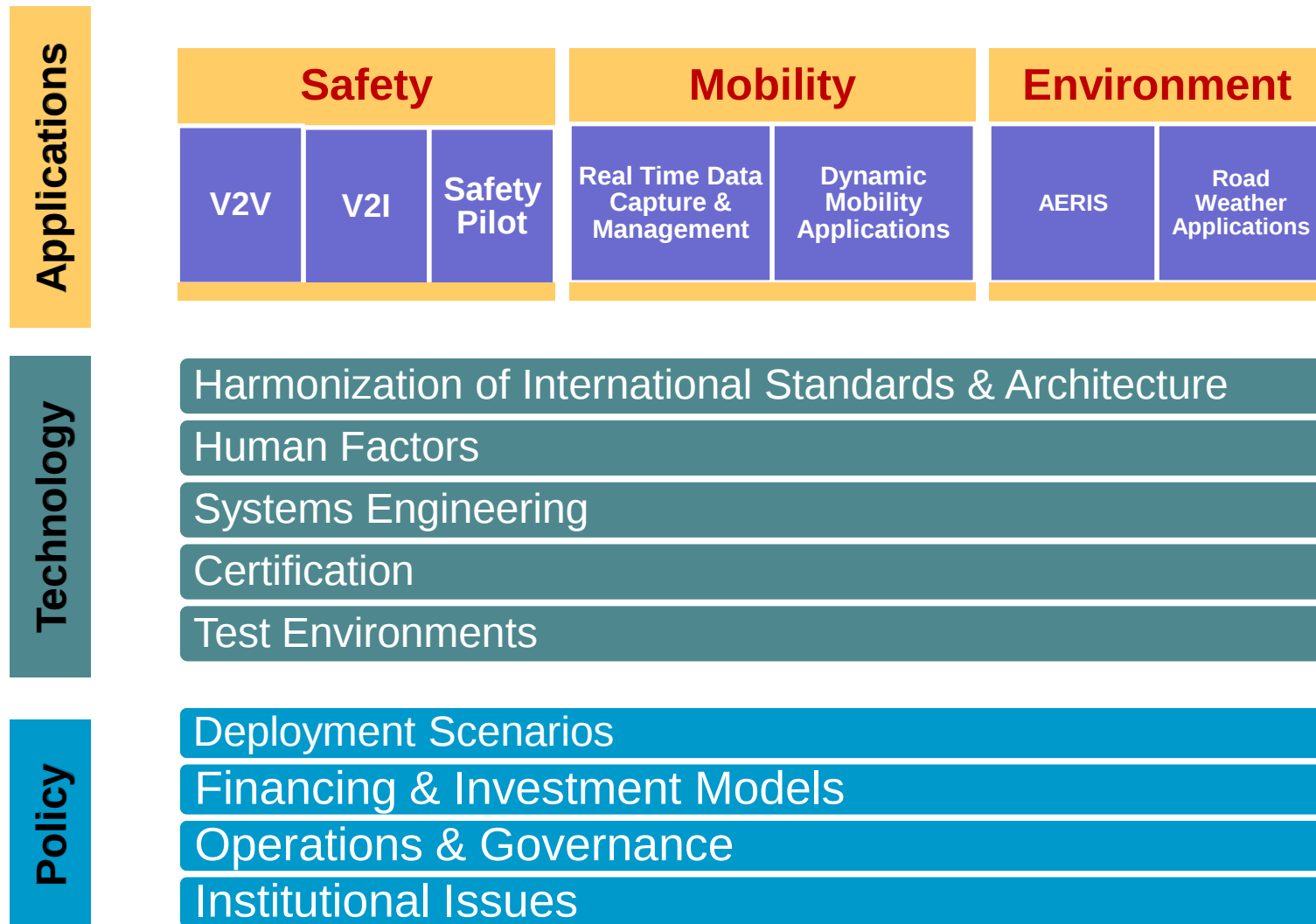
NHTSA Agency Decision

- Possible decision options include:
 - **Rulemaking** on minimum performance requirements for vehicle communications for safety on new vehicles
 - Inclusion in NHTSA's **New Car Assessment Program** to give car makers credit for voluntary inclusion of safety capability in new vehicles
 - **More research** required

NHTSA Agency Decision (cont.)

- **NHTSA's action for the 2013 decision will be based on hard data:**
 - Simulation and modeling efforts based upon previous field operational tests
 - Data collection from V2V test track testing
 - Empirical data obtained from **Safety Pilot**
 - Driver clinics (user acceptance)
 - Model deployment activities (safety effectiveness)

ITS Research Program Components



Safety Pilot Objectives

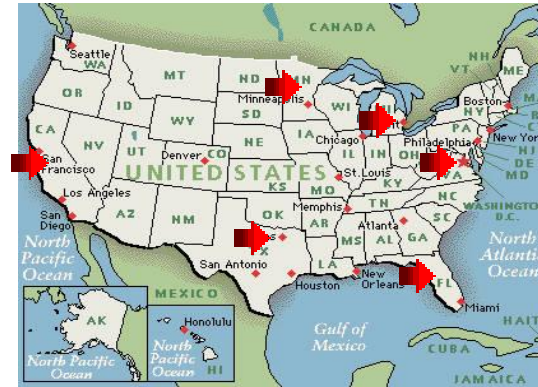
- Generate empirical data for supporting 2013 and 2014 decisions
- Show capability of V2V and V2I applications in a real-world operating environment using multiple vehicle types
- Determine driver acceptance of vehicle-based safety warning systems
- Assess options for accelerating the safety benefits through aftermarket and retrofit safety devices
- Extend the performance testing of the DSRC technology



Safety Pilot Sites

- **Driver clinics**

- Assess user acceptance



Six Driver Clinic Sites

- **Large-scale model deployment**

- Obtain empirical safety data for estimating safety benefits



One Model Deployment Site

User Acceptance -- Driver Clinics

- 6 locations across the U.S. beginning in August 2011
- 100 drivers per location
- Experience crash warnings
 - Forward Crash Warning
 - Emergency Brake Light
 - Blind Spot Warning
 - Lane Change Warning
 - Intersection Assist
 - Do Not Pass Warning



Model Deployment

- Major road test and real-world implementation in 2012-2013, involving:

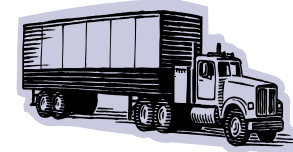
- Approximately 3,000 vehicles
- Multiple vehicle types
- Fully integrated systems and aftermarket devices
- Roadside infrastructure
- System-wide interoperability testing

- Also to test

- Prototype security mechanisms
- Device certification processes



Integrated Vehicles



Integrated Trucks



Aftermarket Devices



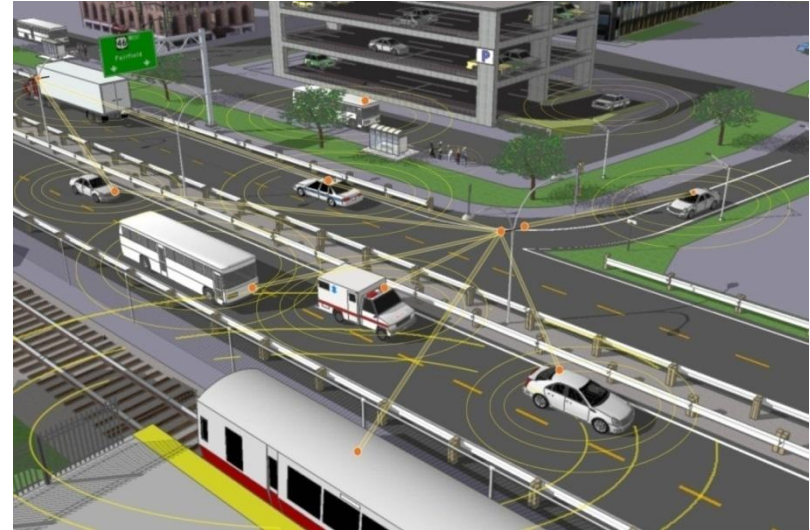
Basic Safety Devices



Roadside Infrastructure

Roadside Equipment for Safety Pilot

- Transmission and receipt of V2I messages
 - Interfaces with signal controller (at intersections)
 - Supports other dangerous road segment applications
- Applications supported
 - CICAS-V (red-light warning)
 - Curve overspeed warning
 - Collection of probe data transmissions
 - Other (tbd)
- 4 vendors currently developing RSE prototypes



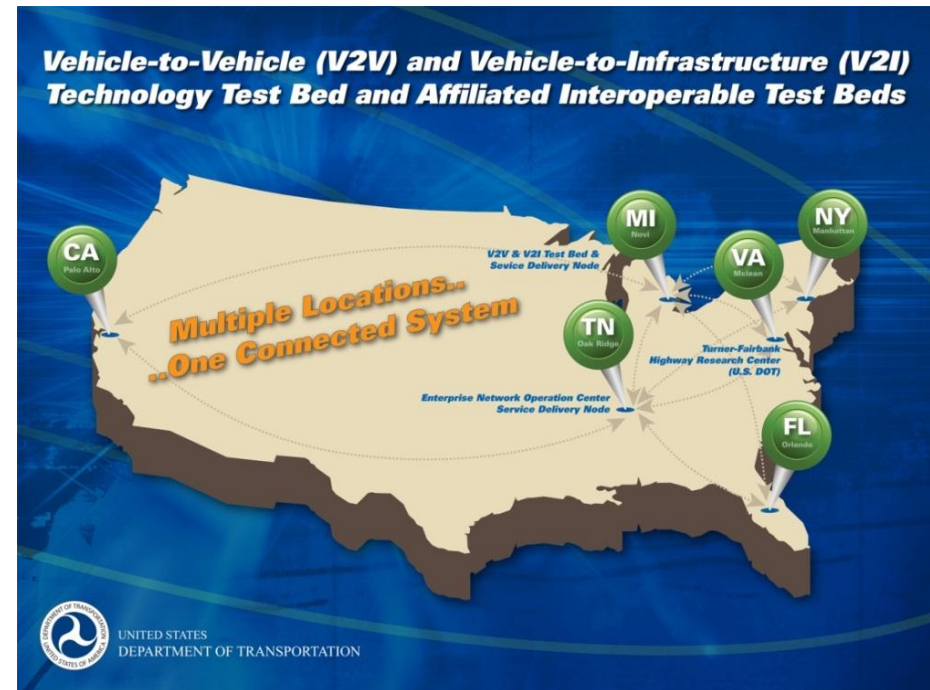
Test Environments - Build a Reference Implementation

Status:

- Test beds with interoperable equipment in California, Florida, New York, Michigan, and Virginia, and network operations in Tennessee

2012 to 2013

- Reflect the system architecture
- Utilize harmonized international standards
- Implement a certification process
- Implement a security process



Policy Research Focus

- Security Needs and Privacy
- Deployment Scenarios/Business Models
- Governance

Critical Security Questions

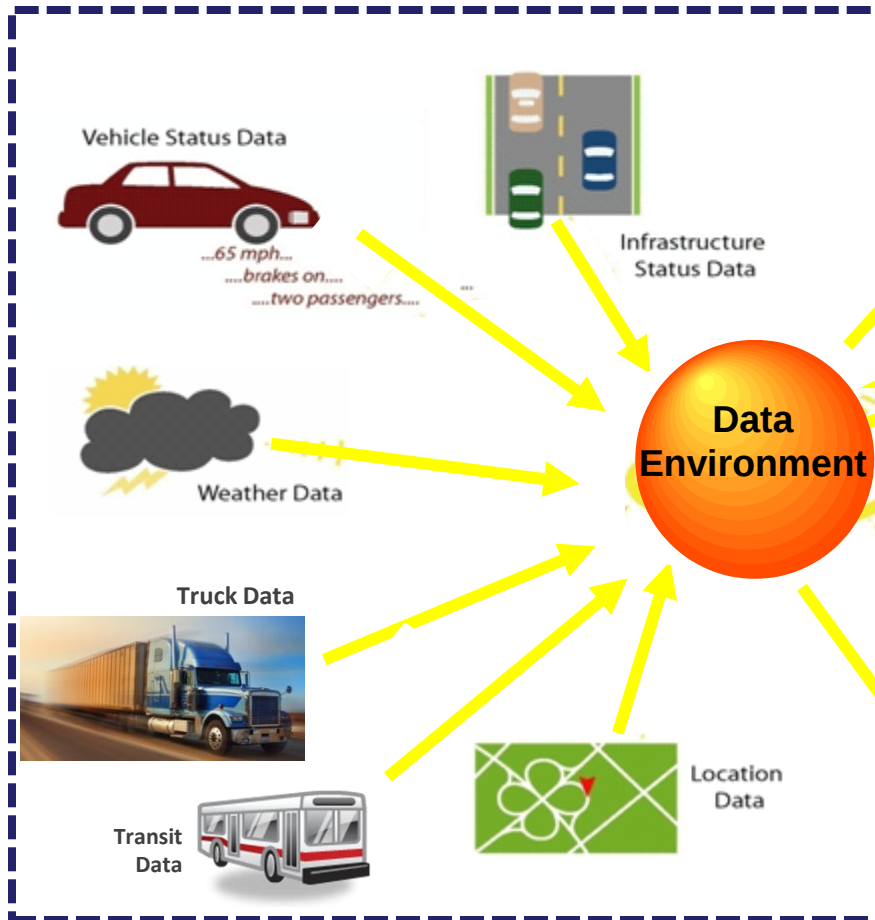
- **Which communications media can support the needs for distributing security certificates? Choices include:**
 - Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) - may require up to 40,000 RSEs
 - Existing Cellular Networks or Wi-Fi – infrastructure exists but must address privacy
 - Vehicle-Based Security Option (no infrastructure)
- **What are advantages and limitations of each?**
- **How should the organizational functions of security certificate distribution and management be structured?**
 - Who should be responsible for them
 - How should they be funded initially and over time?

V2I for Safety Program

- Requires infrastructure, could be implemented at spot locations:
 - Intersections (tied into traffic signals)
 - Curves
- Enabling Technologies
 - Signal Phase and Timing
 - Positioning
 - Communications
 - Mapping
- Applications
 - Intersection safety (e.g. red light warning)
 - Speed warnings at curves, school zones, or works zones
 - Pedestrian Safety

Mobility Program

Real-time Data Capture and Management



Dynamic Mobility Applications



AERIS Program

- Applications for the Environment: Read-time Information Synthesis
- Identified Transformative Applications
 - Eco-Signals
 - Eco-Lanes
 - Low Emissions Zones
 - Support for Alternative Fuel Vehicle operations
 - Eco-Traveler Information
- Planning a public workshop March 14-15 in Washington, DC to further discuss data and other requirements for Apps
 - Registration information and draft agenda to be developed and circulated soon

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them to stay on schedule -- and
stay in business.

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Spotlight

- U.S. DOT Announces Free Public Meeting and Webinar to Discuss the EnableATIS Dynamic Mobility Application 9/28/11
- Statement of Shelley Row, Director of the ITS JPO, on the Departure of RITA Administrator Peter Appel 9/27/11
- U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Winner of the ITS Video Challenge 9/13/11

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Our Current Research

Applications Mode-Specific Cross-Cutting

- ▶ Vehicle-to-Vehicle Safety
- ▶ Vehicle-to-Infrastructure Safety
- ▶ Real-Time Data Capture
- ▶ Dynamic Mobility Applications
- ▶ Environment
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