# Connected Vehicle Safety Research & Safety Pilot

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#### ITS Research = Multimodal and Connected

#### **Drivers/Operators**

# **Fleets** Vehicles and



















**Wireless Devices** 



nfrastructure

#### 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, FTA, and FRA



#### The Connected Vehicle Program (cont.)

- Uses wireless communications
  - Dedicated short-range communications (DSRC)
     technology using FCC-dedicated spectrum that is essential for safety applications



- Other communications media for non-safety applications
- Research is maturing such that NHTSA has committed to an agency decision regarding whether the safety technology is sufficiently developed to support rulemaking

#### **ITS Research Program Components**

Applications

**Technology** 

Policy

Safety			Mobility		Environment	
V2V	V2I	Safety Pilot	Real Time Data Capture & Management	Dynamic Mobility Applications	AERIS	Road Weather Applications

Harmonization of International Standards & Architecture

**Human Factors** 

Systems Engineering

Certification

**Test Environments** 

**Deployment Scenarios** 

Financing & Investment Models

Operations & Governance

**Institutional Issues** 

#### **Key Program Objectives**

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



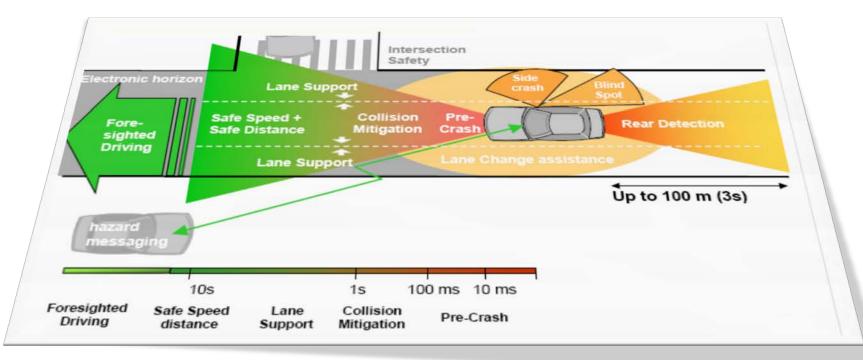
#### **NHTSA Agency Decision**

- 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

#### The Vehicle That Doesn't Crash

#### Benefits of DSRC technology:

- > Price
- False Alarms
  - Delayed Warnings
- Crash Scenarios



#### **NHTSA Agency Decision (cont.)**

- Data will determine NHTSA's action for the 2013 decision point:
  - 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)
- A key factor for the NHTSA decision will be the need for, and timing of, necessary infrastructure for communication security (still undefined)

### **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



#### Safety Pilot Objectives (cont)

- Assess options for accelerating the safety benefits through aftermarket and retrofit safety devices
- Extend the performance testing of the DSRC technology
- Collect lots of data and make it available for industry-wide use
- Let others leverage the live operating environment



#### **Safety Pilot Sites**

- Driver clinics
  - Assess user acceptance

- Large-scale model deployment
  - Obtain empirical safety data for estimating safety benefits



**Six Driver Clinic Sites** 



#### **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 taking place from 2011 thru 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

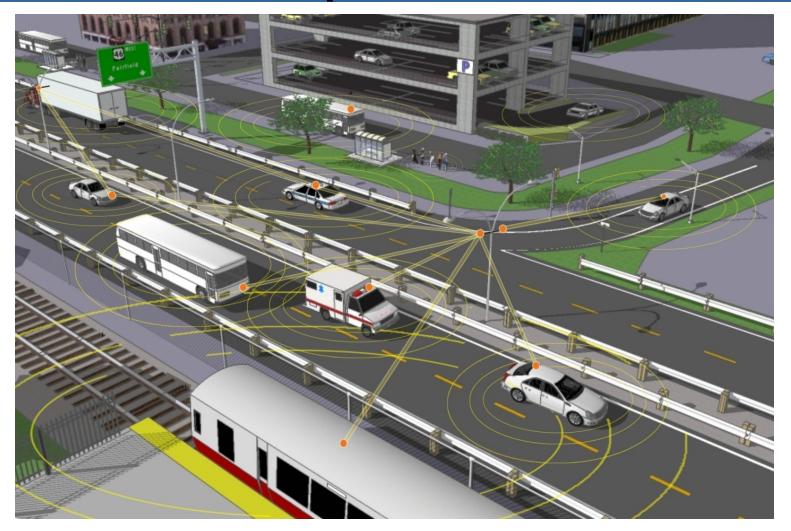


Roadside Infrastructure

#### **Deployment Scenarios for Security**

- V2V Security Network Options:
  - DSRC for security: Estimated at 40,000 RSEs; not necessarily owned/operated by Federal/State/local governments
  - Cellular or WiFi: Infrastructure exists; must address privacy
  - No infrastructure: Currently being defined
- No easy option
- All require a sustainable funding stream and governance structure
- > All options being examined as part of model deployment

## **Connected Transportation**



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