# Safety Pilot: Moving from Research to Implementation

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### Solving Transportation Issues Through **GREATER SITUATIONAL AWARENESS**

#### **Drivers/Operators**

## **Fleets** Vehicles and



















**Wireless Devices** 



nfrastructure

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR SAFER DRIVING**

- Greater situational awareness
  - Your vehicle can "see" nearby vehicles and knows roadway conditions you can't see
  - 360 degree "visibility"
- Reduce or even eliminate crashes thru:
  - Driver Advisories
  - Driver Warnings
  - Vehicle Control

Connected vehicles have the potential to address approximately 80% of vehicle crash scenarios involving unimpaired drivers



#### RESEARCH TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION



#### KEY SAFETY PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

 2013 Decision on Vehicle Communications for Safety (light vehicles)

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



#### TECHNOLOGY FOR SAFETY – 5.9 GHz DSRC

#### What it is

- Wi-fi radio product
- Adapted for high speed environment
- Cheap to produce in quantity

#### How the technology works

- Messages transmitted at 10 times/sec
  - Basic Safety Message (vehicle size, position, speed, heading acceleration, brake system status)
- Operating range of 300 meters (line-of-sight)

#### Benefits of the technology

- Reduced Price
- Less False Alarms → Delayed warnings
- □ More Crash Scenarios → Increased performance
  - Can communicate "thru" other vehicles and blind intersections
- Drawback of the technology → Both vehicles need to be equipped









TRANSIT



SAFETY



POLICY



**TESTING** 



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TRAFFIC SIGNALS



AFTERMARKET DEVICE



DATA



SECURITY



STANDARDS

#### SAFETY PILOT OBJECTIVES

- User acceptance
- Estimating safety system effectiveness values
- How the system operates in a real world, concentrated environment
  - Applications
  - Security
- The role that aftermarket devices can play in accelerating benefits
- Any additional research gaps



#### **US DOT OVERSIGHT**



#### U.S. Department of Transportation

Research and Innovative Technology Administration











#### LIGHT VEHICLE CONSORTIUM

#### **CAMP**

#### Vehicle Safety Communications 3





**TOYOTA** 



Honda R&D Americas









GROUP OF AMERICA

Intelligent Transportation Systems

#### **TEST CONDUCTOR TEAM**











Embedded Security









#### DRIVER ACCEPTANCE CLINIC VEHICLES

- 16 V2V equipped vehicles
  - 2 from each OEM
- 8 additional V2V equipped "template" vehicles
  - Available as spares for DAC if needed
  - Used for performance testing (have additional instrumentation)
- DAC vehicles are 16 of the 64 integrated vehicles that are deployed in Safety Pilot Model Deployment (Ann Arbor, MI)



#### USER ACCEPTANCE - DRIVER CLINICS

- 6 locations across the U.S. began in August 2011
- Over100 drivers per location
- Experienced crash warnings
  - Forward Crash Warning
  - Emergency Brake Light
  - Blind Spot Warning
  - Lane Change Warning
  - Intersection Assist
  - Do Not Pass Warning



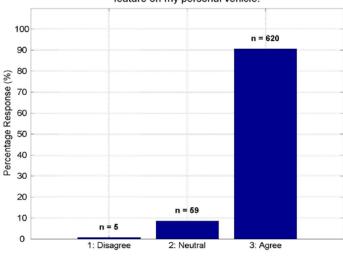
- Feedback from drivers was overwhelmingly positive
  - > ~90% of drivers expressed desire for such a system

#### SUMMARY OF SURVEY RESULTS

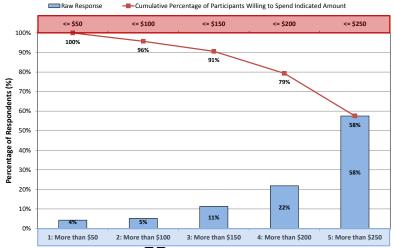
- Desirability
  - 91% of drivers surveyed would like to have this technology on their vehicles

- Willingness to Pay
  - 58% of the drivers surveyed would pay more than \$250 to have this technology on their vehicles

I would like to have this Vehicle-to-Vehicle Communication safety feature on my personal vehicle.

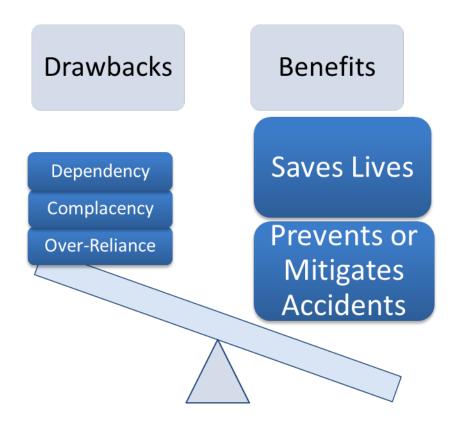


At what price level might you begin to feel this collective group of safety applications (Vehicle-to-Vehicle communications safety feature) is too expensive to consider purchasing? (select one)



#### INITIAL SUMMARY OF OVERALL REACTIONS

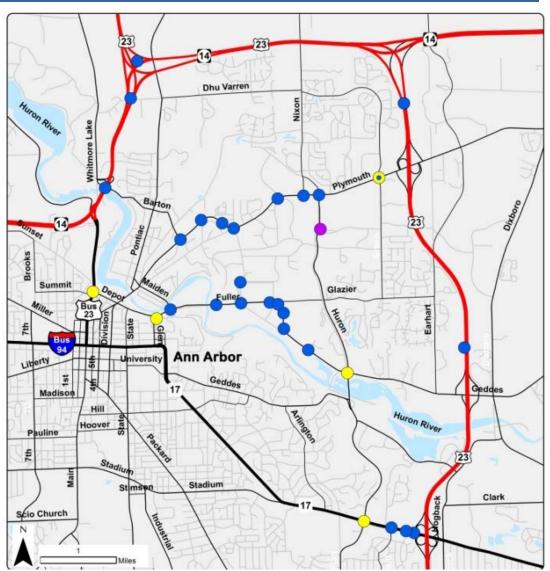
The illustration below demonstrates respondents' most common reactions to this technology ... that saving a life or many lives, far outweighs the potential drawbacks:



## MODEL DEPLOYMENT SITE - ANN ARBOR, MI

#### **Key Site Elements:**

- > 75 miles of instrumented roadway
  - 27 roadside units
- > ~3000 vehicles
  - -Cars, trucks, buses
  - Integrated, aftermarket, and retrofit
- ▶1 year of data collection



## MODEL DEPLOYMENT FLEET

	Integrated Vehicles	Retrofit/ Aftermarket Devices	Vehicle Awareness Devices
Passenger Cars	64	300	2,215
Heavy Trucks	3	16	50
Transit		3	85
Medium Duty			100
Totals	67	319	2,450

### MODEL DEPLOYMENT DATA

#### Numerical & Video Data

- In-vehicle dynamics
- GPS
- V2V (rel. positioning, alerts)
- External sensors



## MODEL DEPLOYMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## INTEROPERABILITY ACHIEVED

- 3 Stages of Testing Completed
  - Including bench and field testing
- 8 Vehicle manufacturers (CAMP)
- Multiple vendors included
  - Savari

Denso

Cohda

Arada



- Multiple vehicle platforms
  - Light, heavy, and transit vehicles

Interoperability has been achieved across all devices and vehicles participating in the Safety Pilot Model Deployment!

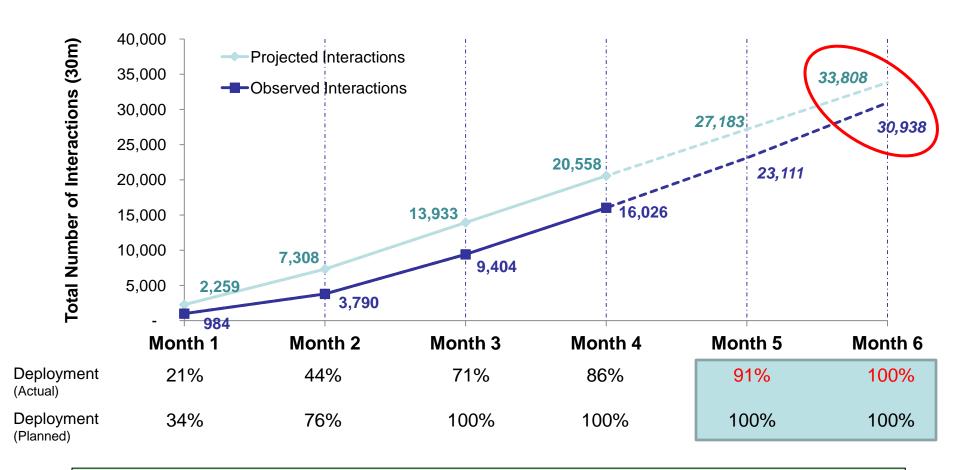
## **VEHICLES & DEVICES DEPLOYED**

- ■2,313 VADs
- 187 ASDs
- 64 Integrated Light Vehicles
- 19 Integrated / Retrofit Heavy Vehicles
- 3 Retrofit Transit Vehicles
- ■27 RSEs



Over 91% of the vehicle fleet has been deployed and is operating in the Model Deployment!

## INTERACTIONS GENERATED



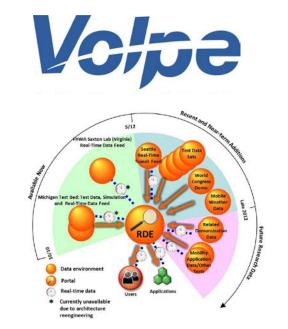
Even with the lower device deployment rate, still within 10% of the projected number of interactions by month 6.

#### DATA COLLECTED

- 3 Months of Data Collected
  - Integrated light vehicles
  - Light vehicle ASDs
  - Heavy vehicles

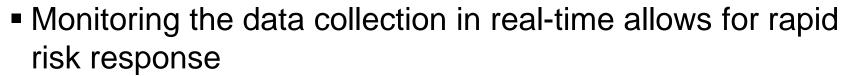


- Data Transferred to IE
  - Conducted preliminary analysis of system capabilities on dataset
- Data Transferred to Real-Time Data Capture Program
  - Archiving data for industry research – Research Data Exchange



#### LESSONS LEARNED

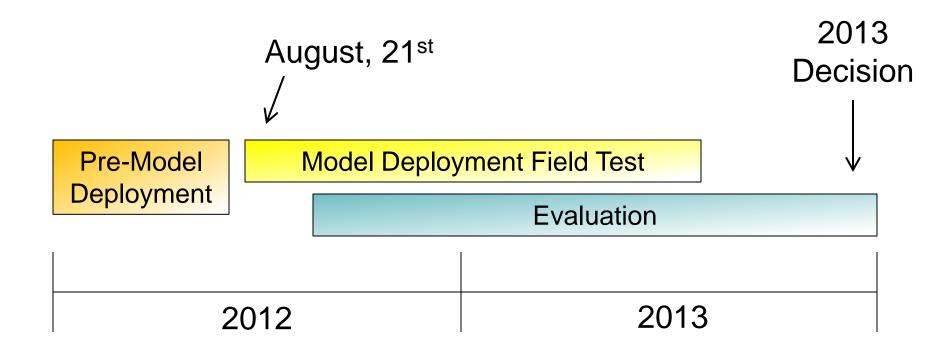
- Allowing additional time for end-toend system testing
  - Increased maturity level of device developers
  - Identified ambiguous parts of specifications
- GPS antenna placement had a major impact on the performance
  - Internal placement was not viable
  - Viable external locations identified (truck, roof)



Implemented risk response plans for interactions



#### NHTSA AGENCY DECISION



- ➤ NHTSA decision will consider all possible options
- ➤ Decision will be based on what the data can support

#### STRONG US DOT SUPPORT AT ALL LEVELS



"This research should bring us a step closer to what could be the next major safety breakthrough."

- U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood



"With its potential to save lives and prevent injuries, connected vehicle technology could be a real game-changer for vehicle safety."

- NHTSA Administrator David Strickland



"The past several decades of auto safety have been dedicated to surviving crashes, but the future will be about avoiding crashes. That is what connected vehicles are all about."

- RITA Deputy Administrator Greg Winfree

#### **Questions**

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