Advanced Rural Transportation Systems

Rural Challenges and the Application of Advanced Technology Must Be a "Community" Investment

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Module Format

- User Needs
- Stakeholders
- Applicable Technologies
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- Resources



Rural Situations



- Challenging geography, weather events, and road conditions
- A sparse telecom infrastructure
- Limited public transportation
- NOT one size fits all

Context



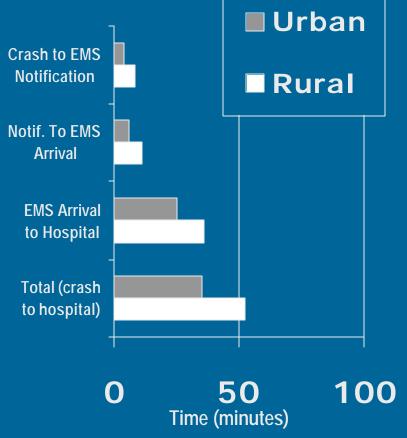
- Limited services between communities
- 78.5% of mileage traveled is rural
- 39.4% of vehicle miles traveled is in rural areas
- 68.4% of crash fatalities occur on rural highways

Source: FHWA Highway Statistics, 1998, Rural Versus Urban Highway Statistics

Crashes



Emergency Response Times



Emergency Response

In Urban and Rural United States

- Nearly 20,000 people die each year before receiving hospital care
- Another 22,000 people die after reaching the hospital too late to be saved



Source: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/acns/champion.htm

Communications/Power



- Limited cellular communication coverage
- Limited power availability
- Limited E911 service
- Response services potentially volunteer

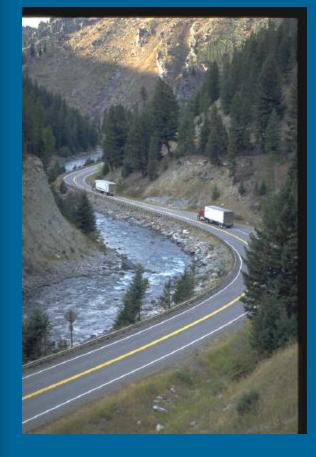
Weather



 7,000 fatalities annually

- 450,000 persons injured
- \$2 billion spent on snow and ice control

Commercial Vehicle Traffic



In 1998:

- 420,000 large trucks were involved in crashes
- 5,302 people died in crashes involving heavy trucks
- 13% of all traffic fatalities reported involved heavy trucks

Source: International Road Dynamics Inc

Commercial Vehicle Rollovers

- 10,000 per year
- 80 deaths
- 3,000 injuries
- Physical damage
- Property loss
- Traffic delays
- Environmental damage



Source: International Road Dynamics Inc

Maintenance

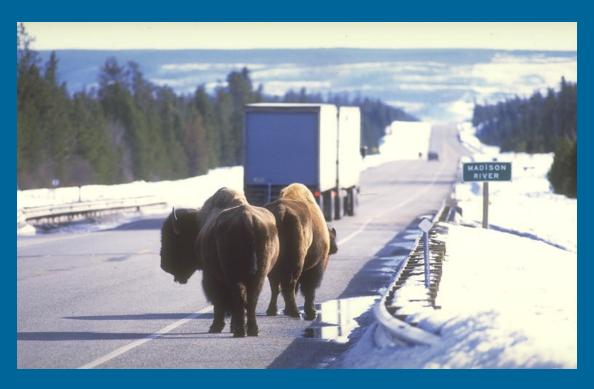


- City and County Responsibility -- 95% unpaved & 55% paved roads
- 95% of rural residents depend on personal vehicles
- Most rural lanes are less than 10 ft in width
- Limited budget and resources

Source: ARTS Strategic Plan

Animal Conflicts

~726,000 animal/vehicle crashes each year
PDO estimates ~\$2000/vehicle, \$1.0 billion each year



Source: Conover, M.R. Wildlife Society Bulletin, 1997

High Recreational Traffic



- Major Route Congestion
- Seasonal Demand
- High Crash Locations
- Limited Visitor Information
- Limited Transit Alternatives
- Limited Infrastructure/Funding
- High Parking Demand/Turn-over

Transit

- 38% of the rural population has no access to public transportation
- 28% have little access
- 45% of rural elderly have no vehicle
- 57% of rural poor have no vehicle
- 1 in 14 households are without a private vehicle





Economic Viability

- 1998 Travel expenditures \$515.2 billion, resulting in
 7.6 million jobs
- Domestic travel -- 1.3 billion person trips in 1998
- In 1998, an estimated 46.4 million international visitors spent \$91.3 billion on travel in or to the U.S.



State Statistics

1998 Traveler Spending, in billions

- California \$62.6
- Florida \$48.1
- New York \$31.3
- Texas \$27.6
- Illinois \$18.4

- Nevada \$17.6
- Hawaii \$14.0
- New Jersey \$13.2
- Pennsylvania \$13.1
 - Georgia \$12.05



Source: Travel Industry Association of America

Stakeholders



Technology Focus Areas



Crash Prevention & Security

User Needs

- Collision Avoidance
- Roadway Geometrics



- Roadway Weather Information Systems
- Work Zone Control/Advisory System

Crash Prevention & Security (Cont)

More User Needs

- Highway-Rail Intersection Crossings
- Vehicle Pre-Emption
- Security
- Data Sharing



Emergency Services

User Needs



- Response Information
- En-Route Services Information
- Emergency Assistance
- System Operational Effectiveness

Traffic Management

User Needs

- Advisory Information
- Traffic Control



Traffic Management (Cont)

More User Needs

- Enforcement
- Economic Development/Environmental Protection
- Data Sharing



Transit & Mobility

User Needs

Transit Management

• Traveler Information



Transit & Mobility (Cont)

More User Needs



- Electronic Fare Payment
- Data Sharing
- System Operational Effectiveness

Operations & Maintenance

User Needs



- Infrastructure Management
- Roadway Condition Monitoring
- Safety Management
- System Maintenance Effectiveness

Operations & Maintenance (Cont)



More User Needs

- System Operations Effectiveness
- Security
- Public Fleet Management
- Data Collection & Sharing

Travel & Tourism

User Needs

- Advisory Information
- En-Route Services Information
- Emergency Assistance



Tourism & Travel (Cont)

More User Needs

- Transit Information
- Economic Development
- Data Sharing



Surface Transportation Weather

User Needs



- Advisory Information
- System Operational Effectiveness
- En-Route Services Information
- Leveraging Weather Information to Cost Containment, Profitability & Safe Operations/Travel
- Data Sharing

Crash Prevention & Security

User Needs

- Collision Avoidance
- Roadway Geometrics
- Highway-Rail Intersection Crossings
- Vehicle Preemption
- Roadway Weather Information Systems
- Work Zone Control/Advisory System
- Security
- Data Sharing

Stakeholder Partners



Applicable Technologies

- Mayday
- Roadway Weather Information Systems
- Dynamic Warning Variable Message Signs
- Highway Advisory Radio
- Emergency Vehicle Preemption
- Animal Detection/Deterrence

Projects

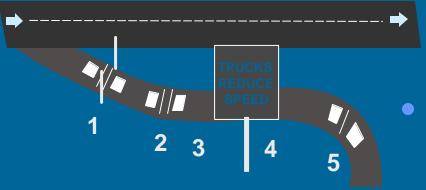
- California Dynamic Speed Warning
- Automated Truck Rollover Warning System
- Dynamic Downhill Speed Warning System
- North Dakota State University ATWIS --#SAFE
- URGENCY
- Intersection Collision Avoidance
- Animal Vehicle Crash Mitigation Using Advanced Technologies

California Dynamic Speed Warning



- 10' X 7' full LED matrix
- Radar Unit
 - 18 Degrees
 - 15-120 mph and 2500 feet away
- 2 Fixed Closed Circuit Television Cameras
- Video Vehicle Detection System
- Controller and Phone Line

Automated Truck Rollover Warning System



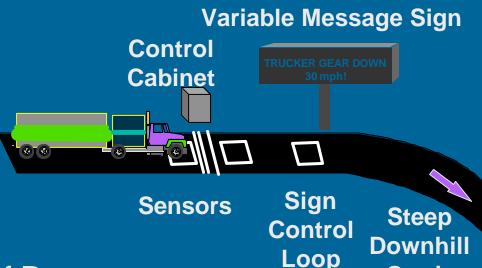
- 1 Advance WIM
- 2 Tracking WIM
- ³ Calculations
- 4 Sign activation (if required)
- 5 Monitoring WIM (optional)

- Based on real information:
 - vehicle
 - road
 - driver
- Roadside warning signs illuminate for specific trucks

Source: http://www.ird.ca/english/html/highway/system/sys_safe.htm

Dynamic Downhill Speed Warning System





Grade

- I-70 Westbound, west of Denver
 - Eisenhower tunnel leads into Straight Canyon
 - 10 miles at 7% grade
- Annual traffic count approaching 5 million
- About 20 runaways & 15 truck related crashes per year

Source: http://www.ird.ca/english/html/highway/system/sys_safe.htm

University of North Dakota ATWIS -- #SAFE



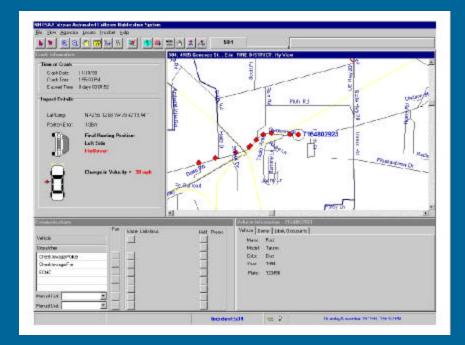
- Forecasts weather for six hours into the future
 - Forecasts weather for 60 miles in direction traveling
- 94.3% believe that they will benefit from #SAFE in the future

Source: Mark Owens, Regional Weather Information Center

URGENCY



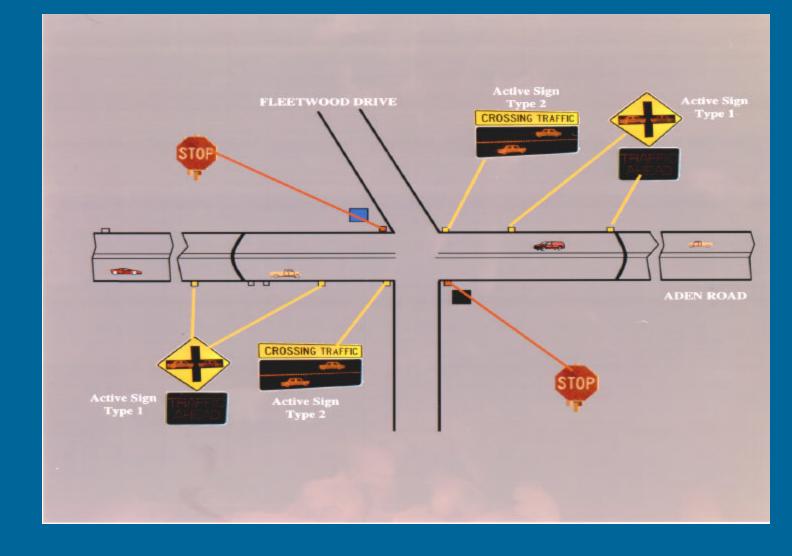
- Location
- Final Resting Position
- Change in Velocity
- Car Model



- Identifies the 250,000 crash vehicles with serious injuries from 27 million vehicles crashes each year.
- Crash sensor measurements are translated into a rating of urgency from 0 to 100%

Source: http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/studies/acns/champion.htm

Intersection Collision Avoidance



Animal Vehicle Crash Mitigation Using Advanced Technologies

Animal Vehicle Pocled Fund

System will

- detect animal presence

alert driver through dynamic signing

- Demonstrate 2-4 sites
- 12 state pooled fund study
- 3 year project starting FY99-00

Source: http://www.coe.montana.edu/wti/wti.htm

Emergency Services

User Needs

- Response Information
- En-Route Services Information
- Emergency Assistance
- System Operational Effectiveness

Stakeholder Partners



Applicable Technologies

- Rural Addressing
- In-Vehicle Route Guidance
- Automated Vehicle Location
- Automatic Collision Notification/Mayday
- Response Plans

Projects

- Crash Response
- Rural Addressing Scheme
- Wire 9-1-1 Phone Network
- Wireless E9-1-1
- LifeLink
- Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Preemption

Mayday Plus



Demonstrate public infrastructures (e.g., trauma centers) effectiveness with automated crash detection. **Demonstrate how** Automated Collision Notification system can reduce the time for personnel to reach crash victims.

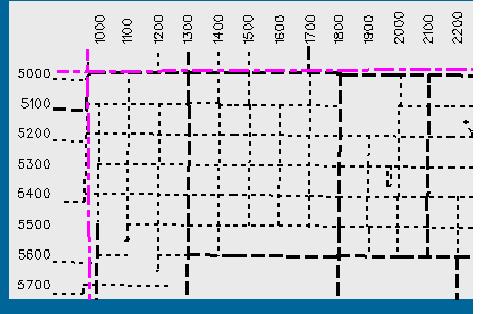
Source: http://www.datumtech.com/Proj-Desc.htm

Rural Addressing Scheme

Components of Physical Address

- House number
- Directional
- Street name
- Designations for roads
 - A road at 1/8 mile = 10
 - A road at 1/4 mile = 20
 - A road at 1/2 mile = 40
 - A road at 7/8 mile = 70
 - Exceptions
 - State highways
 - Farm-to-market roads





Source: http://www.911.lubbock.tx.us/address.html

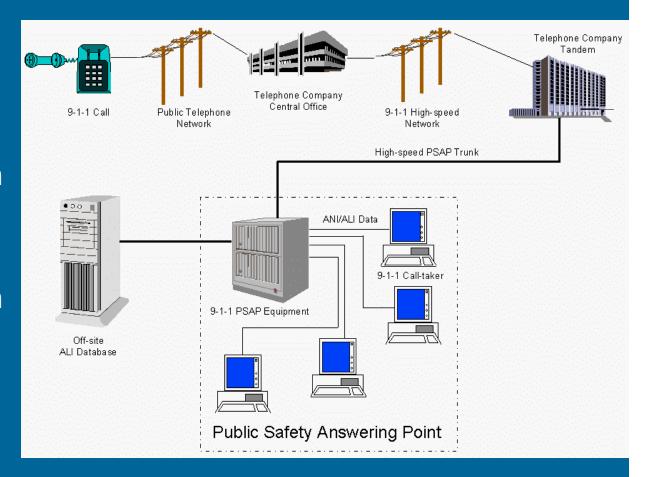
Wire 9-1-1 Phone Network

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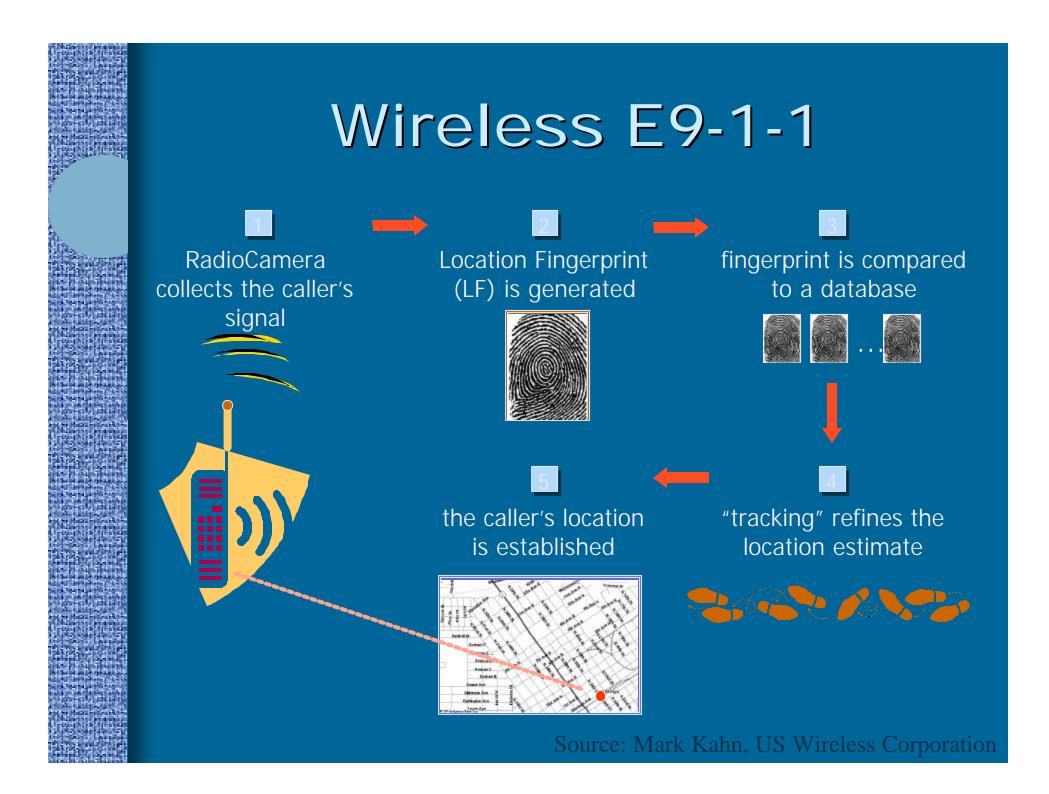
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 Number
 Information

Automatic
 Location
 Information

Selective
 Routing



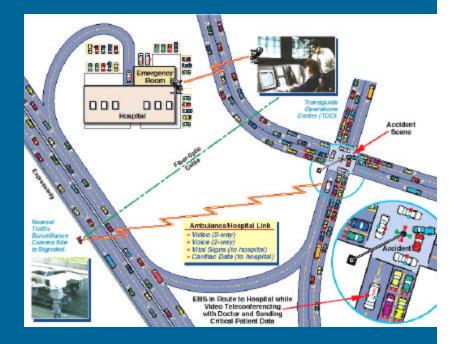
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LifeLink

Links ambulances with a hospital

- Each ambulance has videoconferencing hardware and software
 - 2-way video
 - 2-way voice
 - vital signs to hospital
 - cardiac data to hospital



Source: http://www.transguide.dot.state.tx.us/

Emergency Vehicle Traffic Signal Pre-emption

- Gives a green light to emergency vehicles for up to 45 seconds
- Requires minimal additional equipment



Source: Technology for Rural Transportation "Simple Solution" #11

Traffic Management

User Needs

- Advisory Information
- Enforcement
- Economic Development/Environmental Protection
- Data Sharing
- Traffic Control
- Detection and Verification

Stakeholder Partners



Applicable Technologies

Internet

- In-Vehicle Route Guidance
- Highway Advisory Radio
- Variable Message Signs
- Road Weather Information Systems
- Traffic Operations Center

Projects

- Duluth Transportation Operations Center
- ADOT Trailmaster
- Oregon TripCheck

Duluth Transportation Operations Center

- Goals for the Traffic Management Center
 - expandable traffic management system
 - real-time traveler/weather information
 - interagency cooperation for incident response
 - transit operation



Source: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/guidestar

ADOT Trailmaster

 Highway Closure and Restriction System
 Red dots indicate entered events



Information

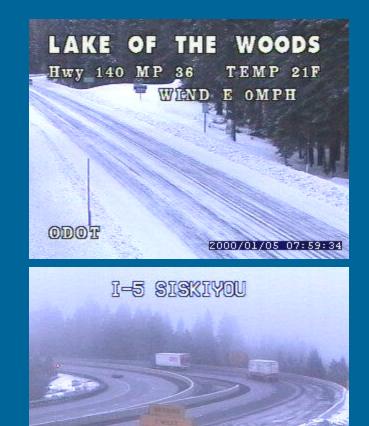


Source: http://www.azfms.com/HCRS/hcrs.html

Oregon TripCheck

Incident Maps
Mileage Calculator
Road Cameras
ODOT/OSP Road Conditions Report

Roadwork Schedule



Source: http://www.tripcheck.com/tripcheck/index.htm

Transit & Mobility

User Needs

- Transit Management and Coordination
- Electronic Fare Payment
- Data Sharing
- System Operational Effectiveness
- Real Time Traveler Information

Stakeholder Partners



Applicable Technologies

- Automated Vehicle Location
- Automated Scheduling
- Computer Aided Dispatch
- In-Vehicle Route Guidance
- Electronic Fare Payment
- Rural Addressing
- Enhanced Communication
- Financial Management

Projects

STAR Transit in Sweetwater, WY

- Arrowhead, MN Advanced Rural Transit Information & Coordination
- Cape Cod Rural Advanced Intermodal Transportation System

STAR Transit in Sweetwater County, WY

- Working in cooperation with local human service and coordinating agencies
- Installed a semi-automated dispatching system
- Dispatching system tracks demographic and trip information for every passenger trip



Source: TCRP A - 21, 1999

Arrowhead Region, MN Advanced Rural Transit Information & Coordination

- Coordinates communication between transit vehicles and the central dispatch facility
- Includes automatic vehicle locator system and scheduling system

Cape Cod Rural Advanced Intermodal Transportation System

Development of

- computer aided dispatching system
- automated vehicle location system
- SmartCard & mobile data terminal system
- Evaluation on
 - fixed route,
 - shuttle,
 - paratransit, and



- Council of Aging transit vehicles.

Operations & Maintenance

User Needs

- Infrastructure Management
- Roadway Condition Monitoring
- Safety Management
- Resource Management
- Security
- Public Fleet Management
- Data Collection & Sharing

Stakeholder Partners



Applicable Technologies

- Road Weather Information System
- Inter-Agency Coordination
- Automated Vehicle Location
- Computer Aided Dispatch
- Collision Warning Devices
- Lane Positioning Devices
- Automated Deicing System

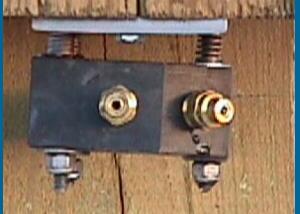
Projects

- Bridge Deicing
- Advanced Snowplow
- Advanced Rotary Blower
- Telerobotic Trash Collector
- Automated Litter Bag/Debris Collector
- Highway Cone Placement & Retrieval Vehicle
- Teleoperated Maintenance
- Frontier Lighting Monitoring System

Bridge Deicing



Curb & Wall





Flush in Pavement

Advanced Snowplow



- Lane Positioning
 - Tolerance Edge
 - Current lateral position
 - Prediction marker
 - **Collision Warning**
 - Forward
 - Partners
 - Caltrans
 - ADOT
 - UC Berkeley
 - UC Davis
 - WTI/MSU

Source: http://www.coe.montana.edu/wti/wti.htm

Advanced Rotary Blower

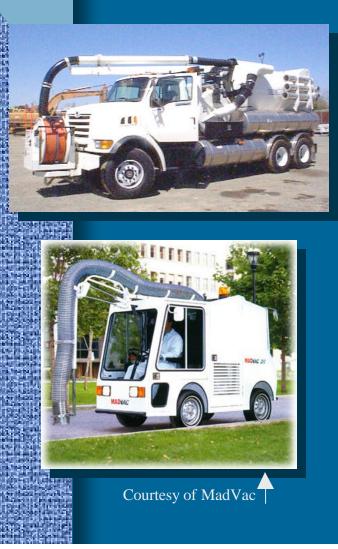




- Full Automation
 - Steering
 - -Throttle
 - -Brake
- Forward Collision Warning
- Current Partners
 - Caltrans
 - -AHMCT, UC Davis
 - PATH, UC Berkeley

Source: http://www.ahmct.ucdavis.edu

Telerobotic Trash Collection



Collect trash telerobotically using vacuum nozzle system Advanced human interface

- High-capacity trash collector
- Customizable for commercially available machines

Rural/freeway/urban capabilities

Automated Litter Bag/Debris Collector



- Pickup litter bags and large debris, such as tires, from roadside.
- Hydraulic clam shell operated with joy stick using preset locations and automatic return.

Highway Cone Placement and Retrieval Vehicle





 One person, in-vehicle, totally automated placement and retrieval of highway cones

 Multiple stacking system extends range up to five miles

Teleoperated Maintenance

- Normal or remote operation of maintenance equipment of all types.
- Uses either backpack or truck-mounted control system.
- Suitable for dangerous situations, such as mudslides and hazardous material spills.



Frontier Lighting Monitoring System

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- Various sites, Oldham County
- Component failure causes system failure
- Inefficiency, safety, vandalism
 - Intelligent Outdoor
 Lighting Control
 System

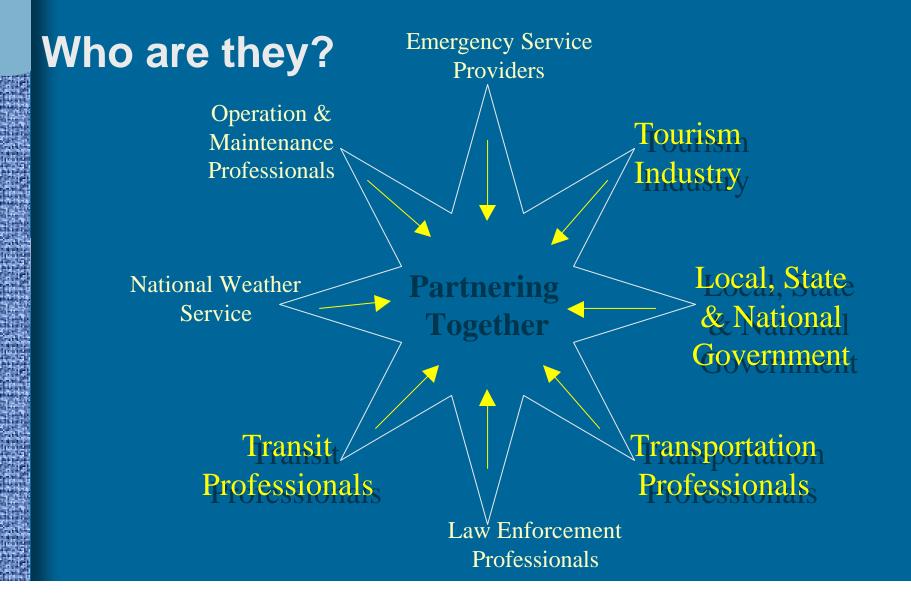
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Travel & Tourism

User Needs

- Advisory Information
- En-Route Services Information
- Emergency Assistance
- Transit Information
- Economic Development
- Data Sharing

Stakeholder Partners



Applicable Technologies

Internet

- Highway Advisory Radio
- In-Vehicle Route Guidance
- Real-Time Transit Schedules
- Smart Card Payment System
- Variable Message Signs

Projects

- Safe Passage -- Traveler Information
- Frontier Rural Travel Time Estimation
- Arizona I-40 Traveler & Tourist Information System
- Branson, Missouri Travel & Recreational Information Project
- Greater Yellowstone Rural ITS

Safe Passage -- Traveler Information



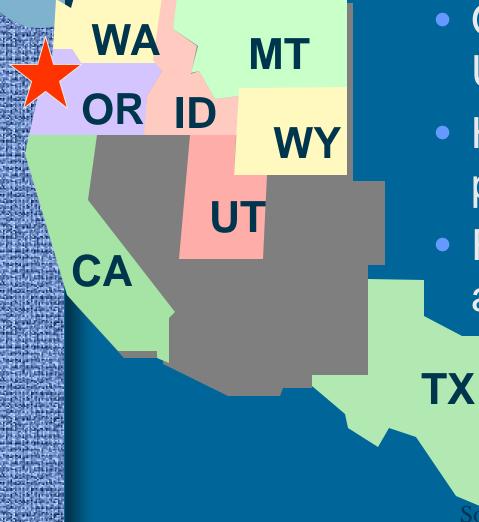
ACCIDENT AHEAD SOUTH BOUND I-75 LEFT LANE CLOSED

- Mountainous region near Bozeman, MT
- System for conveyance of roadway information while en-route
 - Variable Message
 Signs
 - Highway Advisory
 Radio

– Cellular Phone (800 #)

Source: http://www.coe.montana.edu/wti/wti.htm

Frontier Rural Travel Time Estimation



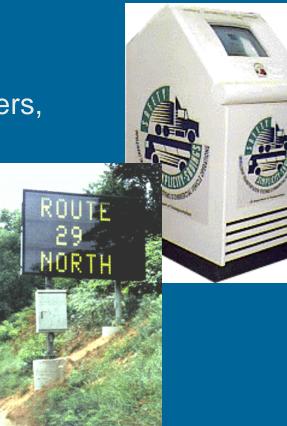
- Oregon Highway 39/ US 101
- High traffic volumes/ poor geometrics
- Routine congestion and incidents

 License plate recognition technology

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Arizona I-40 Traveler & Tourist Information System

- Providing travelers with information about the area
- Includes
 - nearby National Parks,
 - welcome/tourist information centers,
 - a truck stop in Flagstaff, AZ,
 - the Kingman port-of-entry, and
 - 25 other recreation areas



Branson, Missouri Travel & Recreational Information Project

- Provides information on
 - tourist attractions,
 - weather,
 - traffic, and
 - road construction information
- Information is provided through
 - internet,
 - dial-in telephone services,
 - changeable message signs,
 - highway advisory and commercial radio,
 - kiosks, and
 - cable TV



Source: Advanced Rural Transportation Systems Committee Meeting, 1998

Greater Yellowstone Rural ITS

- Strategic Plan with limited deployment
- Current projects
 - information kiosks
 - VMS and dynamic warning VMS
 - automated toll collection
 - incident management coordination





Source: http://www.coe.montana.edu/wti/wti.htm

Surface Transportation Weather

User Needs

- Advisory Information
- System Operational Effectiveness
- En-Route Services Information
- Leveraging Weather Information to Cost Containment, Profitability & Safe Operations/Travel
- Data Sharing
- Roadway Condition Monitoring

Stakeholder Partners



Applicable Technologies

- Road Weather Information Systems
- Variable Message Signs
- Internet
- Highway Advisory Radio
- Visibility Sensors
- Automated Deicing System

Projects

- Nevada Wind Warning System
- FORETELL
- Safe Passage -- Weather
- Frontier Fog Detection System
- Frontier High Water Level Sensors
- Traveler Warnings for Spot Hazardous Conditions
- Mobile Weather Sensors

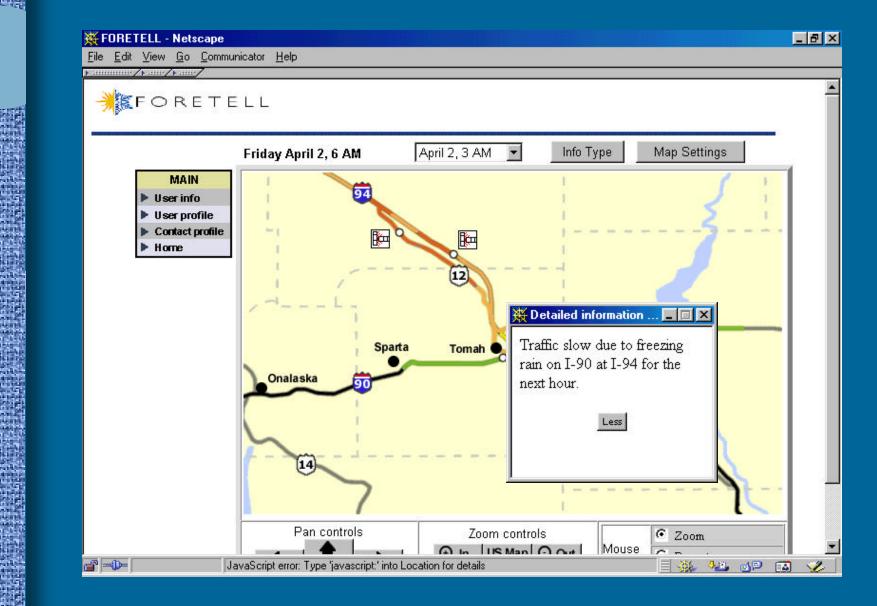
Nevada Wind Warning System

- RWIS monitors sustained wind and wind gusts
- Sign information is tied to the Road Conditions Report
- Truck are prohibited with wind gusts of 30 mph

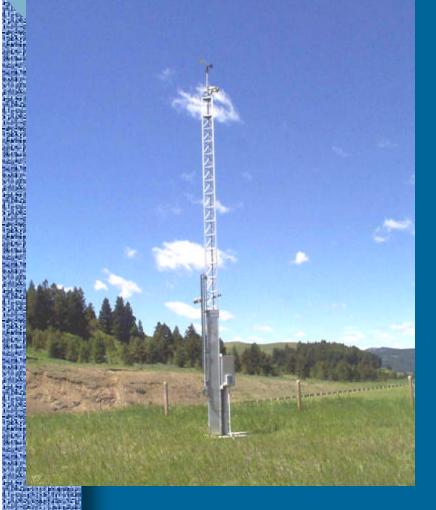




FORETELL



Safe Passage -- Weather



- Extrapolates pavement temperatures over entire roadway sections
- Considers sunlight, shadowing, radiant heat
- Graphically displays temperature changes
- Predictive
- Mountainous Region

Source: http://www.coe.montana.edu/wti/wti.htm

Frontier Fog Detection System

TX



- Site TBD, near Sacramento
- Frequent and sudden situations of dense fog
- Multiple vehicle crashes
 - Intelligent Road
 Stud technology

Frontier High Water Level Sensors



- West Fork, Trinity River near Fort Worth
- Water over roadway
- Stranded/endangered motorists
 - Infrared water level sensors

Source: http://www.coe.montana.edu/wti/wti.htm

Traveler Warnings for Spot Hazardous Conditions

- Equips bridges and overpasses with ice detectors.
- Warns drivers to slow down on icy surface.



Source: Technology for Rural Transportation "Simple Solutions" #1

Mobile Weather Sensors

- Monitors the weather and road conditions onsite with maintenance vehicles.
- Increases efficiency and cost-effectiveness of anti- and de-icing materials.



Source: Technology for Rural Transportation "Simple Solutions" #8

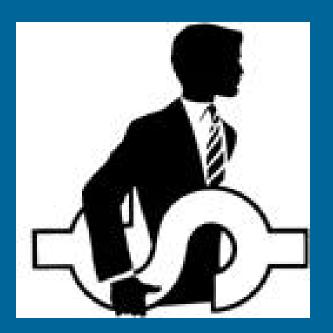
Benefits of Advanced Technologies

Benefit Measures

- Cost Savings
- Safety
- Delay/Time
- Energy & Environment
- Quality of Life

STAR Transit Benefits

- An increase in ridership from 5,000 to 9,000 passengers per month
- No increase in dispatch staff
- A reduction of operational expense of 50% over a 5-year period.



Benefits of the Advanced Rural Transit Information & Coordination System

- Safety of drivers and passengers increased
 - constant communication
 - vehicle tracking
- Allows more potential passengers

 reservations made in real-time

Benefits of Gate Operations

- Snowplows make up to 60% less passes for the road to be 95% clear
- Reduction in delays for both passenger vehicles and heavy trucks
- Reduction in snow and ice related crashes

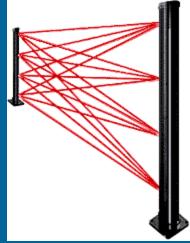


Source: www.dot.state.mn.us/guidestar/pdf/gatereport.pdf

Automatic Fog-Signaling System

- 8 to 10 kph decrease in speed.
- <u>15%</u> reduction in the number of crashes.





Rural Transit

Use of a coordinated paratransit with a dispatch system has the potential to reduce fraud in Medicaid by <u>\$11 million</u> annually.



Computer Aided System for Planning Efficient Routes

Equipment and operating cost for winter maintenance has been reduced by <u>\$11 to \$14</u> million.



 <u>8 - 10%</u> reduction in the number of routes needed to service the network.

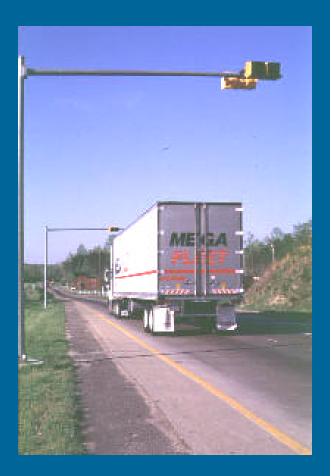
Winter Weather System

- Consists of ice detection systems and a snow forecasting model.
- <u>\$75,000</u> in reduced salt per storm.
- For 15 storms or approximately a season the reductions would be <u>37,500 tons of salt or</u> \$1,125,000.



Intelligent Vehicle & Highway Systems Technologies w/Commercial Vehicle Operations

- A 65 mph weigh-inmotion mainline by-pass saves \$267.8 million.
- AVI saves \$17.7 to 53 million for motor carriers.
- \$22.1 million saved annually from better enforcement.



How To Get Involved

Contact your...

- State Department of Transportation
- FHWA Division Office
- US Department of Transportation

and your local...

- Emergency Service Providers
- Transportation Professionals
- Law Enforcement Professionals
- Transit Professionals
- Operations & Maintenance Professionals



Transit

- Community Transportation Association
 of America (<u>http://www.ctaa.org/</u>)
- Transit Cooperation Research Program (<u>http://www.apta.com/tcrp</u>)
- Advanced Rural Transit Systems
- Rural Transit Assistance Program (<u>http://www.ctaa.org/ntrc/rtap/home.shtml</u>)

National Organizations

- US Department of Transportation (<u>http://www.dot.gov/</u>)
- Federal Highway Administration (<u>http://www.fhwa.dot.gov</u>)
- Transportation Research Board (http://www4.nationalacademies.org/trb/homepage.nsf)

National Organizations

- ITS America (<u>http://www.itsa.org/home.nsf</u>)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (<u>http://nhtsa.dot.gov</u>)
- State Departments of Transportation (<u>http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/webstate.htm</u>)

<u>Universities</u>

- Western Transportation Institute, Montana State U. (<u>http://www.coe.montana.edu/wti/default.htm</u>)
- Partners for Advanced Transit & Highways (PATH), UC - Berkeley (http://www.path.berkeley.edu)
- Advanced Highway Maintenance & Construction Technology Research Center (AHMCT), UC - Davis (http://www-ahmct.engr.ucdavis.edu/)

Consultants

- Castle Rock Consultants (<u>http://www.crc-corp.com/</u>)
- Science Applications International Corporation (<u>http://www.saic.com/</u>)

Pooled Fund Studies

- Frontier (<u>http://www.coe.montana.edu/wti/default.htm</u>)
- ENTERPRISE (<u>http://enterprise.prog.org</u>)
- AURORA (<u>http://www.aurora-program.org</u>)
- Animal Vehicle Crash Mitigation (<u>http://www.coe.montana.edu/wti/default.htm</u>)

Funding Opportunities

- Federal, State, County, or City Transportation Funding
- Organizations and Programs -- State Police, Media, Traveler Services, etc.
- User Fees and Advertising
- Vendors -- Selling Data Rights

Old URLs for Modules included in "Advanced Rural Transportation Systems: Rural Challenges and the Application of Advanced Technology Must Be a 'Community' Investment" Presentation:

Module 1: Advanced Rural Transportation Systems: Rural Challenges And The Application Of Advanced Technology Must Be A 'Community' Investment -

https://ntlrepository.blob.core.windows.net/lib/jpodocs/briefing/13383.pdf

Module 2: Technology Focus Areas and Users Needs -

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Module 3: Crash Prevention & Security https://ntlrepository.blob.core.windows.net/lib/jpodocs/briefing/13385.pdf

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