Research Notes

Support for Research and Deployment of System Ops Applications of VII; TPF-5(206)

Research program to support the research, development, and deployment of system operations applications of Vehicle Infrastructure Integration.

WHAT IS THE NEED?

Cooperative Transportation Systems holds the potential to support a fundamental advance in surface transportation. While the vehicle component and infrastructure component of the transportation system have traditionally been only loosely coupled, connected vehicle technology will allow the components to “work” actively together – creating Cooperative Transportation Systems. This provides the potential for reduction in congestion, safety improvements, and improved traveler services. To realize this potential, Cooperative Transportation Systems will require unprecedented collaboration between the private and public sectors, on a scale not required in the current loosely coupled system.

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To guide transportation agency involvement in Cooperative Transportation Systems deployment, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) developed a strategic plan. It identified a need to develop a deployment plan and business plan that will aid the owners and operators in the nationwide deployment of the connected vehicle infrastructure. It also identified the need for infrastructure providers to conduct research to develop applications that will make full use of Cooperative Transportation capabilities.
With this background, the pooled fund study entitled “Program to Support the Development and Deployment of Cooperative Transportation Systems Applications” was created by a group of state and local transportation agencies and the Federal Highway Administration to provide a means to conduct the work necessary for infrastructure providers to play a leading role in advancing the Cooperative Transportation Systems.

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

In this project the focus is on:

1. Develop and evaluate Connected Transportation Systems large-scale system level operations applications
2. Independently research and address issues that will affect the deployment of Connected Vehicle systems by state and local transportation agencies
3. Support AASHTO’s Strategic and Deployment Plans
4. Support the United States Department of Transportation’s Connected Vehicles Programs and initiatives

WHAT IS OUR GOAL?

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WHAT IS THE BENEFIT?

This project will add to the potential for reduction in congestion, safety improvements, and improved traveler services.

WHAT IS THE PROGRESS TO DATE?

This project is multi-dimensional and a multi-phase program to facilitate the field demonstration, and deployment of Connected Transportation Systems infrastructure applications.

Currently, four projects are being sponsored by the pooled fund study:

1. Vehicle-to-Infrastructure Queue Advisory/Warning
2. Using Third Parties to Deliver Infrastructure-to-Vehicle
3. Connected Traffic Control System: Research Planning and Concept

A total of 12 projects were completed with the support from the pooled fund study. (Note that, IntelliDrive, the previous name of Connected Vehicle, appears in the early stage projects.)

1. Basic Infrastructure Message Development and Standards Support
4. 5.9 GHz Dedicated Short Range Communication Vehicle-Based Road and Weather Condition Application: Phase I
5. 5.9 GHz Dedicated Short Range Communication Vehicle-Based Road and Weather Condition Application: Phase II
7. Traffic Management Centers in a Connected Vehicle Environment
9. Certification Program for Cooperative Transportation Systems: Preparing to Develop a Standards Compliance and Interoperability Certification Program for Cooperative Transportation Systems Hardware and Software
10. IntelliDrive Traffic Signal Control Algorithms
11. Investigation of Pavement Maintenance Support Applications of IntelliDrive (Final Report)
12. Investigating the Potential Benefits of Broadcasted Signal Phase and Timing (SPAT) Data under IntelliDrive

The website provides more detail to the projects listed above.
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