



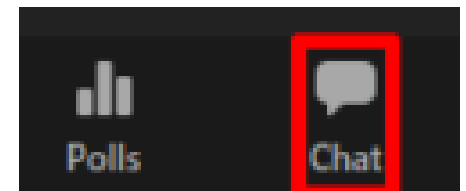
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April 1, 2021



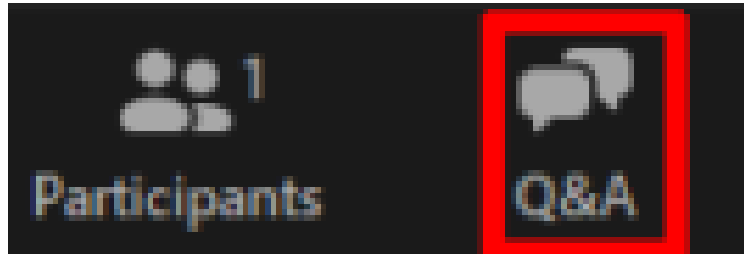
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Using the Q&A box and Chatbox



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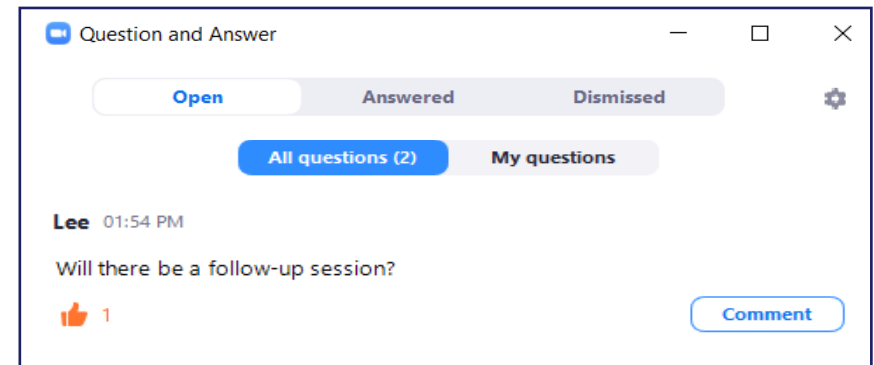
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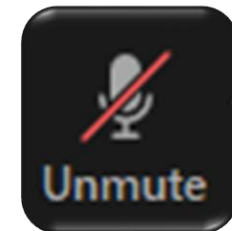
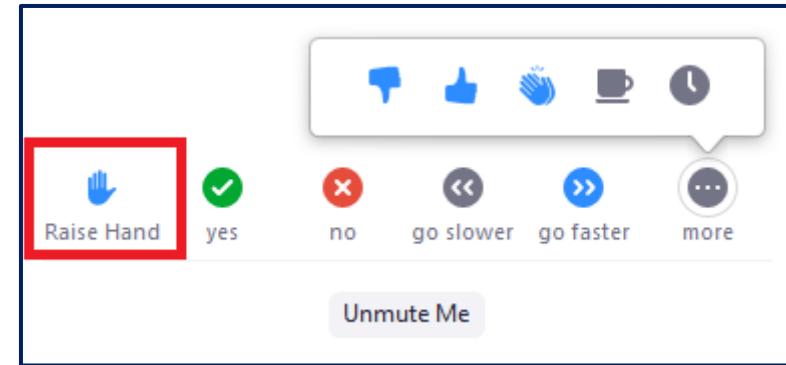
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- Please raise your hand (*click on the participants button at the bottom of the screen then scroll down to the bottom of the list of participants, and click on the “Raise Hand” button*), and a host will unmute you.
- Please give your name and agency before asking your question
- **Please mute yourself when you are done asking a question**





Welcome



Denise Markow, TSMO Program Director
The Eastern Transportation Coalition



Coalition Update

RECENT

- ✓ **RITIS-PDA Suite User Group Web Meeting** - Feb 11, 2021
- ✓ **Waze Workshops** - February 24 & March 3, 2021
- ✓ **TVER Mobile App Vendor Forum** - March 11, 2021
- ✓ **CAV Workshop including Freight** - March 23, 2021

UPCOMING

- ✓ **TSMO Strategic Planning Session** - April 14, 2021
- ✓ **RITIS User Group/TDADS Steering Committee Web Meeting** - May 6, 2021





Welcome from our TIS Co-Chairs



Mary Ameen, PE
Executive Director
NJTPA



Kelly Wells, PE
State Traveler Info Engineer
North Carolina DOT

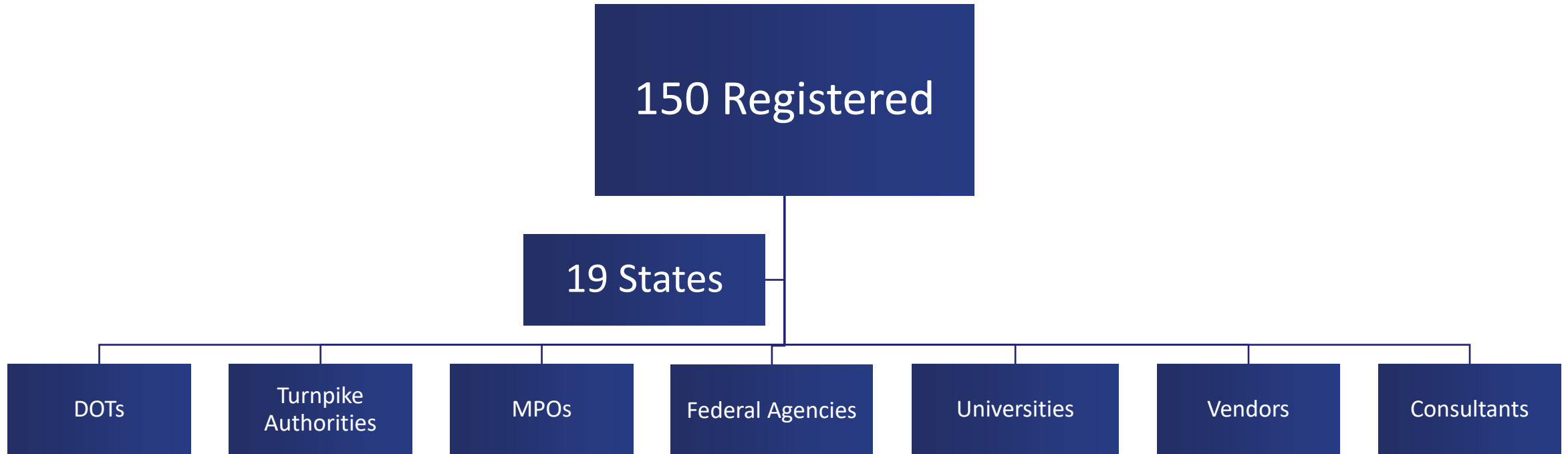


Agenda

Topic	Speaker
Welcome & Introductions	Denise Markow, TSMO Program Director, The Eastern Transportation Coalition Mary Ameen, PE, Executive Director, NJTPA & TIS Co-chair
Automating Social Media Notifications in Maryland	Rick Dye, CHART Systems Administrator, Maryland DOT-SHA
Rhode Island's Wrong Way Driving Systems: Experiences to Date & A Promising Future	Russ Holt, PE, Principal Civil Engineer, Rhode Island DOT
High Performance and Reduced Cost Traffic Monitoring using Fiber Optic Sensing in Georgia	Paul Cooper, Business Development Director (Transport), OptaSense
What Else is Up Our Crowdsourcing Sleeve?	John Parker, Senior Traffic Operations Project Manager, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission
Traffic Signal Situational Awareness Dashboard – After Hurricane Sally Landfall	Amy M. DiRusso, PE, TSM&O Program Engineer, Florida DOT
Wrap Up	Kelly Wells, PE, State Traveler Info Engineer, North Carolina DOT & TIS Co-chair



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Introductions



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Automating Social Media Notifications



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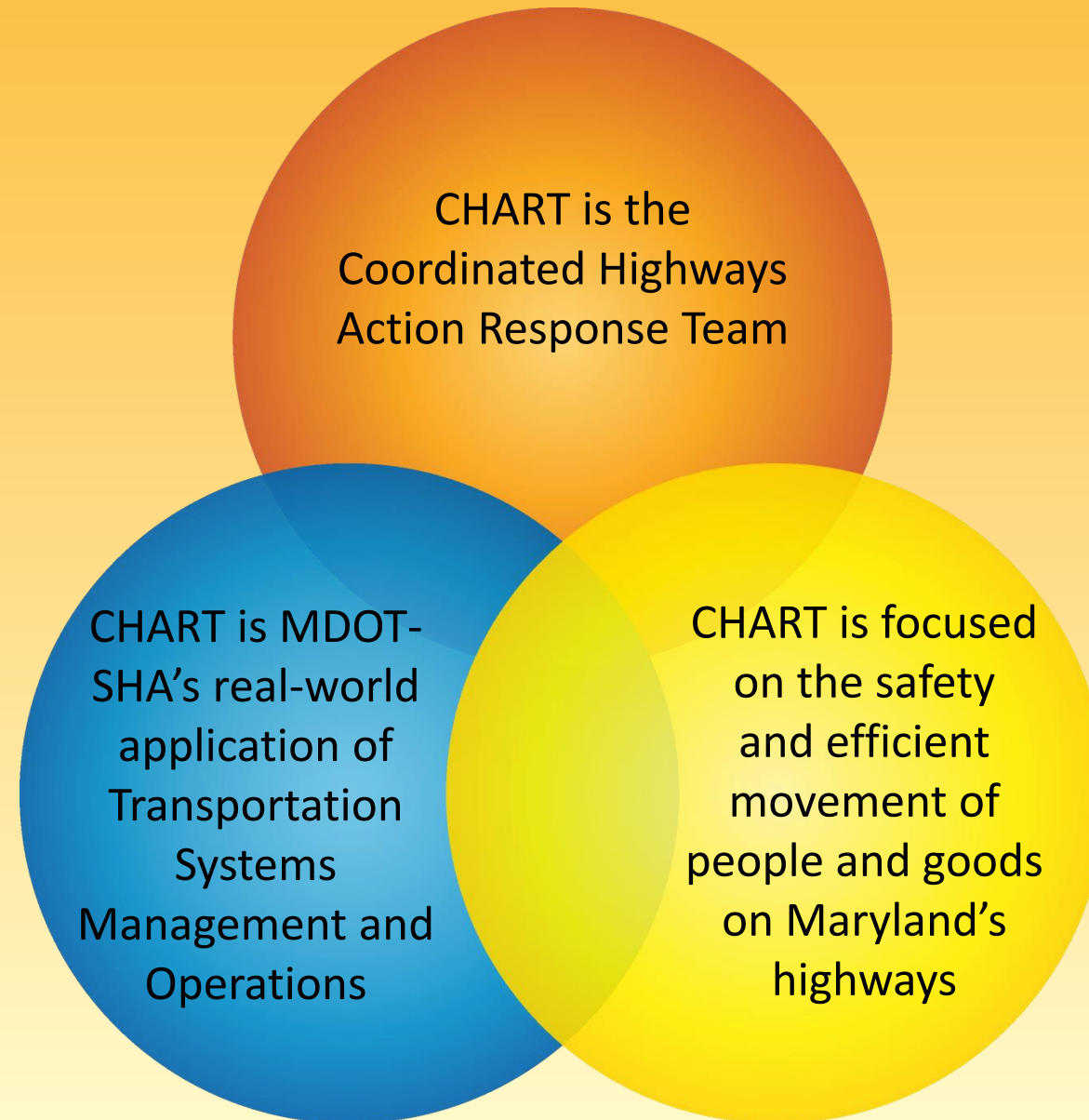
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Automating Social Media Notifications

The Eastern Transportation Coalition
April 1, 2021

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What is CHART (OTMO)?



CHART's (OTMO) Mission

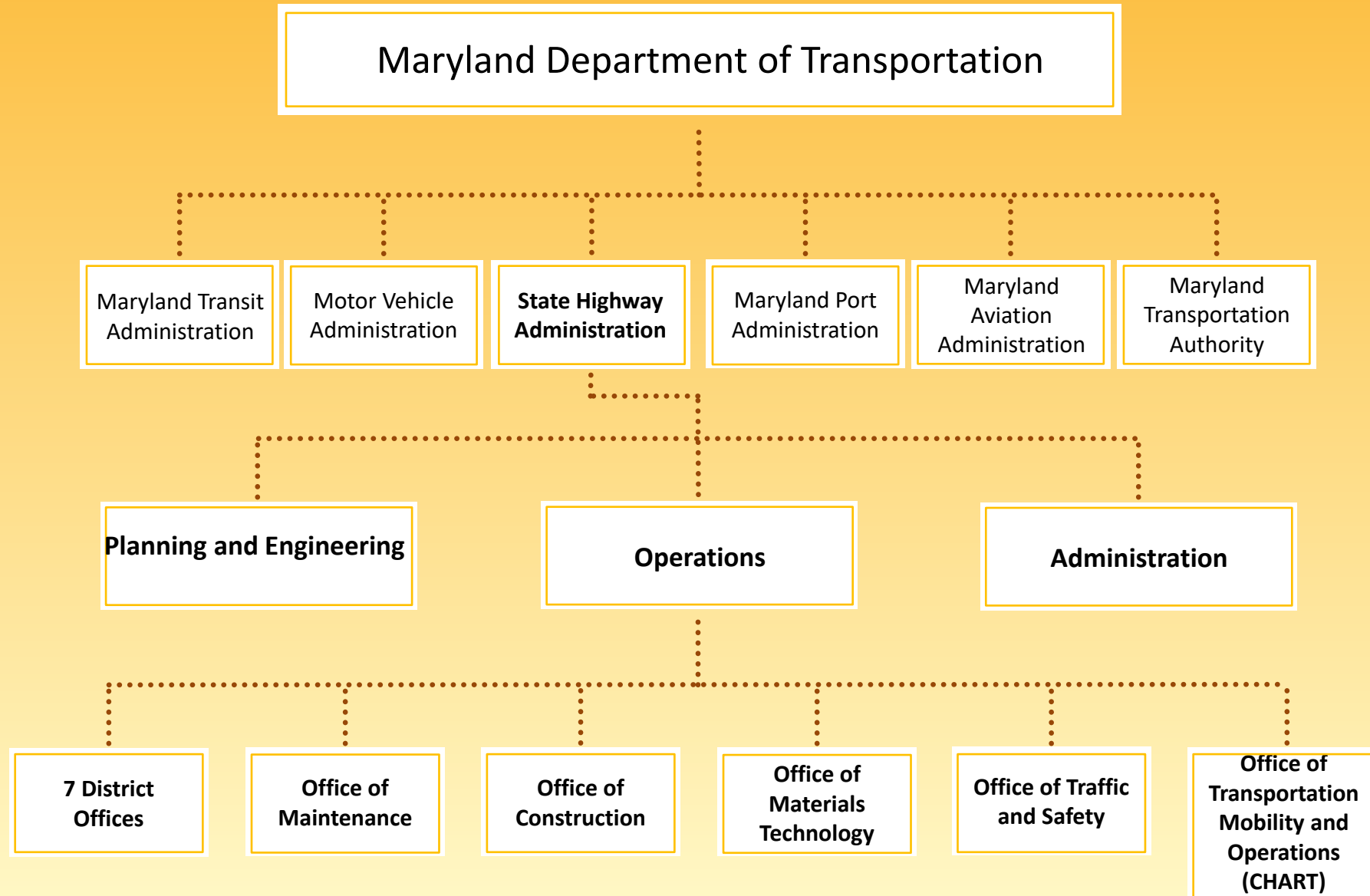
*“Improve **mobility** and **safety** for the users of Maryland’s highways through the application of ITS technology and interagency teamwork.”*

HOW?

Improves **mobility** by
reducing incident
duration time

Promotes **safety** by
lowering chances of
secondary incidents

Organization



Organization

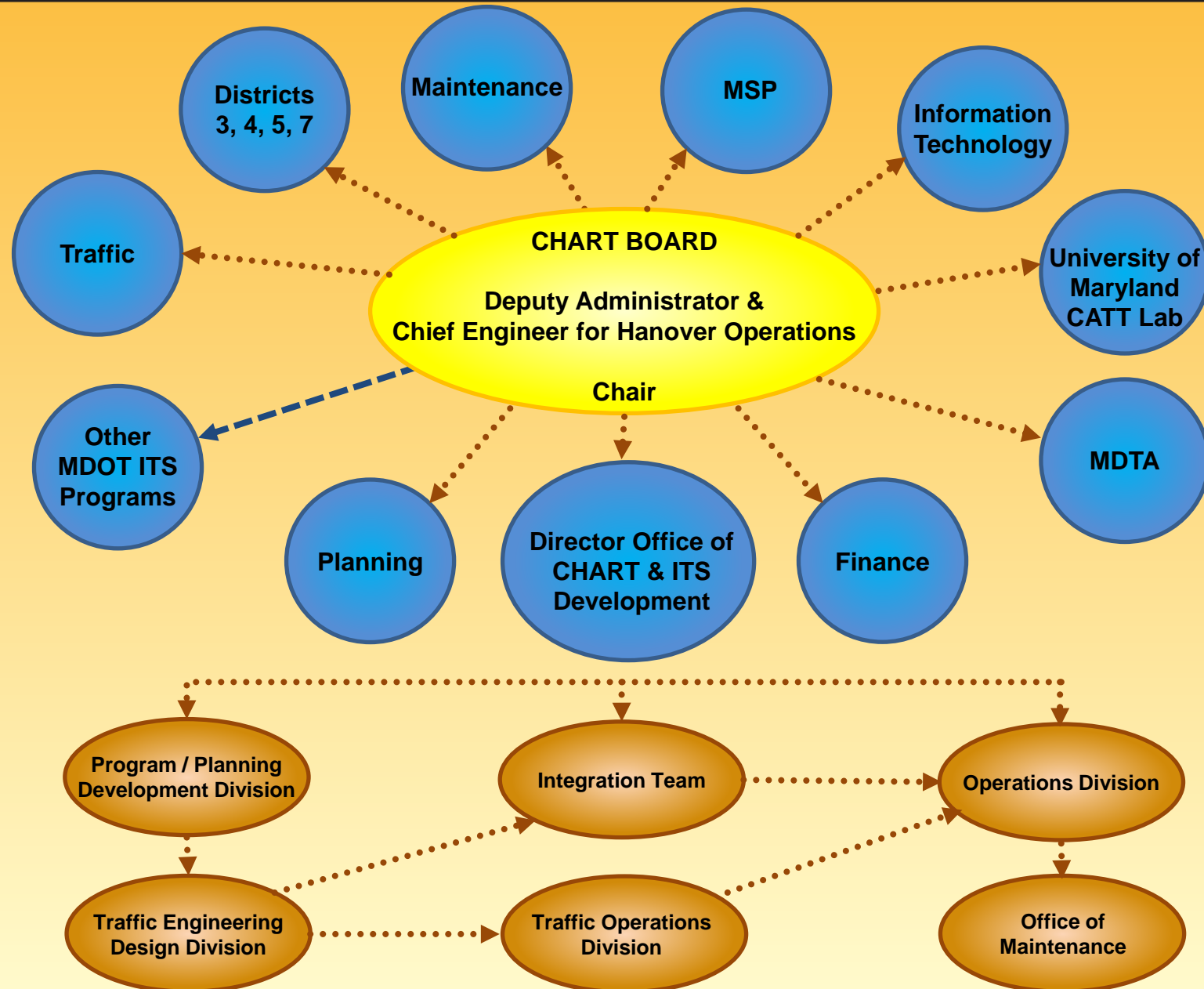


CHART History

- 1978 Eastern Shore Traffic Operations (ETSO) Begins
- 1989 “Reach the Beach” Program Begins
- 1990 Regional Patrols Begin
- 1991 Traffic Operations Centers (TOCs) Open
- 1992 CHART “Pillars” or Focus Areas Developed
- 1995 SOC Opens
- 1996 First CHART Business Plan Completed
- 1997 Office of CHART & ITS Development Created
- 2000 New Operating System Developed
- 2001 SOC Remodeled

CHART History

- 2006 Frederick Region Opens
- 2010 Travel Time on DMS Display Begins
- 2011 511 Begins
- 2014 24x7 Patrol Begins
- 2014 Lane Closure Permit / Reporting
- 2017 CAV and Innovative Technology Strategic Action Plan
- 2018 New Deputy Director for TSMO created in CHART
- 2019 Name Change to: Office of Transportation Mobility and Operations
- 2020 Eastern Region Opens

OTMO (CHART) Organization

Teams

- Systems Integration
- Regional Operations
- Traffic Management Center Operations
- Programming, Planning & Development
- ITS
- TSMO – CAV/AV

Focus Areas

- Incident Management
- Traffic and Roadway Monitoring
- Traveler Information
- Severe Weather and Emergency Operations
- Traffic Management
- Statewide 700 MHz Radio Communications & ITS Devices



Operations Centers

The Statewide Operations Center (SOC)

24 HOURS/DAY	365 DAYS/YEAR
113 Overall CHART STAFF	
18 SOC STAFF	5 Supervisory
1 MSP LIASION	1 MSP OFFICER PEAK HOURS/ EMERGENCY ONLY

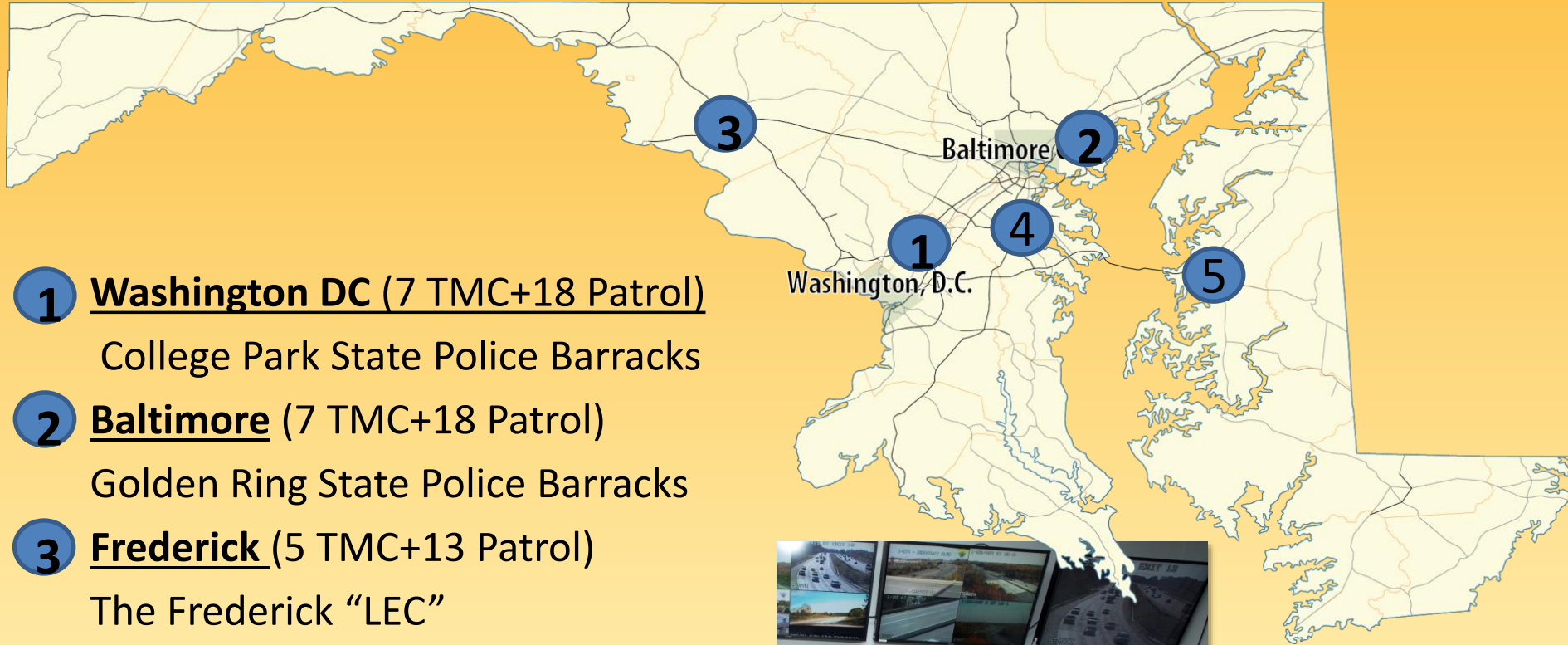


Opened August 30, 1995

- Communications
- Emergency Operations

Regional Operations Centers

Satellite Regional Operations Centers



- 1** Washington DC (7 TMC+18 Patrol)
College Park State Police Barracks
- 2** Baltimore (7 TMC+18 Patrol)
Golden Ring State Police Barracks
- 3** Frederick (5 TMC+13 Patrol)
The Frederick “LEC”
- 4** Statewide Operations Center (SOC)
Special Events and Inter-State Coord.
- 5** Eastern Region (6 Patrol)
SOC



CHART Performance Evaluation

Since 1990,
CHART has
provided
more than
690,000
assists



In the same
period, CHART
has responded
to more than
415,000
incidents



In 2018,
CHART handled
over **155,000**
events saving
over
\$1.3 Billion in
delay and fuel
costs

Total Events (All Centers)

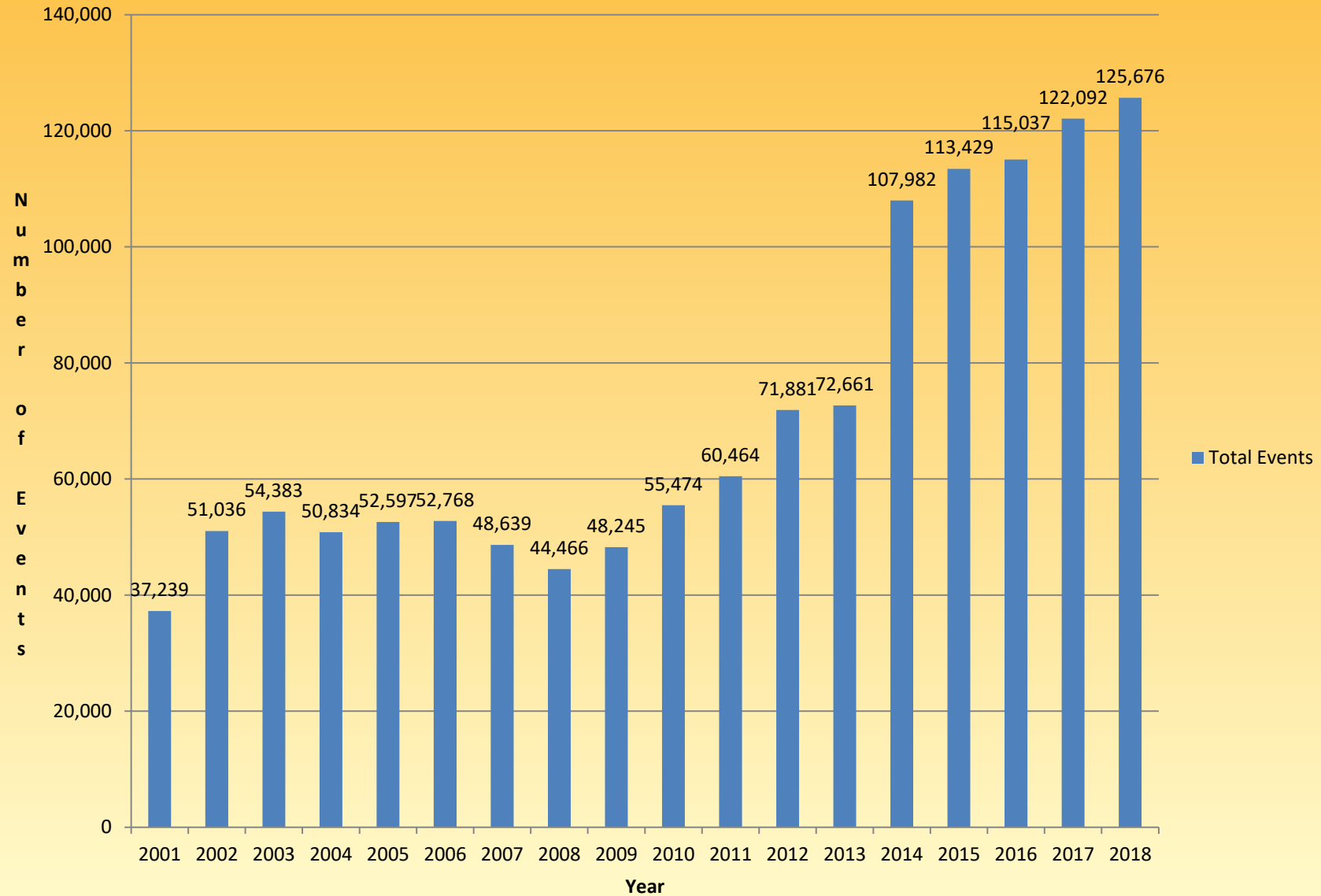


CHART Systems Serving the Focus Areas

Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS)

- Identify and track traffic flow disruptions using Closed Circuit TV (CCTV), Traffic Sensor Systems (TSSs - microwave traffic flow detectors), remote weather stations
- send responders to correct the disruption
- notify the public using Dynamic Message Signs (DMSs) and Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) devices
- send notifications to the media
- feeding data to a live traffic web site (<http://www.traffic.maryland.gov>) and Maryland 511.

Lane Closure Permitting System (LCP)

- Permit Management –add, edit, update & delete lane closure permits.
- List Permits – list, activate and print permits
- Permit Workflow –manage workflow rules for permit states to determine permit approval types
- Permit Reports –generate PDF reports for active and approved permits
- Permit Mapping – geolocate a lane closure permit.
- LCP Data Exporter services – Provides an interface for external applications to get LCP permit data.

Emergency Operations Reporting System (EORS)

- Storm Event Reporting –utilization of personnel, equipment, materials and conditions for an event
- Snow Emergency Plans – Declared and managed for MD counties.
- Event Mapping – specify conditions of predefined roadway segments.
- Route Restrictions – manage vehicle restriction information.
- Post Storm Review & Archive
- Situational Awareness Reporting (SARS)/ Archive – add event data at the district, EOC, CHART and PIO level.

World Wide Web Presence / Integrated GIS Mapping



Social Media

- More users wanted to have traffic information sent to them rather than go to a web site and look for it
- Office of Communications in both MDOT HQ and MDOT SHA had formed multiple twitter feeds to provide information on:
 - Departmental initiatives
 - Major construction projects
 - Major planned and unplanned roadway events
- But the expectation of the twitter followers is the person who initiates the event will update and stay with it until the event clears

Social Media

- To automate this we created a special type of event called a Major Event

Social Media Posting Rules (1)

[\(Add\)](#)

Name	Rule Criteria	Enabled	Actions
Major Incident	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event Type(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incident RouteType(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interstate US Route Lanes Closed: > = 50 % 	NO	Edit Remove

* Lane Closure % applies to any roadway direction(s) which have lane closures, regardless of the specified traffic event direction.

Social Media

- Privileged operators can create new social media rules as needed to include:
 - Other Event Types
 - Other Route Types
 - % of lanes closed

Add Traffic Event Social Media Posting Rule

Use this form to Add/Edit a Traffic Event Social Media Posting Rule

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Rule Criteria	
Event Types:	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Event <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion Event <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled Vehicle Event <input type="checkbox"/> Incident <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Closure <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Message Event <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event <input type="checkbox"/> Weather Service Event
Route Types:	<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> US Route <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> US Government <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal <input type="checkbox"/> Other Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other State Road <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Lane Closure % (1-100): (Applies to any roadway direction(s) which have lane closures, regardless of the specified traffic event direction.)	<input type="text"/>
Enabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Add Rule

Cancel

Social Media

- The system will make it more user friendly by substituting “human” words to replace our engineer-speak!

Social Media Auto-generated Message Content Settings

Event Closure Text

The text to use in automatically-generated social media messages when an event is closed.

Event Type Text

The text to use in automatically-generated social media messages for each traffic event type. [Show/Hide](#)

Event Type	Text	
Action Event	<input type="text" value="Action Event"/>	Default
Congestion Event	<input type="text" value="Congestion"/>	Default
Disabled Vehicle Event	<input type="text" value="Disabled Vehicle"/>	Default
Incident	<input type="text" value="Incident"/>	Default
Planned Closure	<input type="text" value="Planned Closure"/>	Default
Safety Message Event	<input type="text" value="Safety Message"/>	Default
Special Event	<input type="text" value="Special Event"/>	Default
Weather Service Event	<input type="text" value="Weather Service Event"/>	Default

Word Substitutions

The word or phrase substitutions to use in an automatically-generated social media message. The substitutions are applied after the above settings. Spaces and punctuation are allowed. It is a single-pass replacement. [Show/Hide](#)

Word / Phrase	Replacement	Add Row
<input type="text" value="north"/>	<input type="text" value="NB"/>	Clear
<input type="text" value="Prince George's"/>	<input type="text" value="PG"/>	Clear
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Clear
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Clear

Social Media

- To ensure conformity of message, the ATMS system pops up Standard Operating Procedures to remind operators about all of the 511 aspects in the ATMS including Events to include on 511, special web alerts and to send out over social media



3.11.5. Social Media, Web Alerts, MD 511 within ATMS

SECTION	ARTICLE	ORIGINAL APPROVED DATE	REVISED
ITS Devices and Other Information Sources	Social Media, Web Alerts, MD 511 within ATMS	3/17/2016	10/30/2018

I. Purpose

To define the purpose and use of Social Media, Web Alerts and the statewide Maryland 511 Traveler's Information System (MD 511) within ATMS, and the policies and procedures that govern the creation of alerts in MD 511.

II. Applicability

This procedure applies to All TMC Operation Division employees.

III. Responsibility

TMC Managers will ensure all TMC HOTs I-IV review and adhere to this SOP and other related activities.

TMC HOT IVs monitor the activities of TMC HOTs to ensure they adhere to the policies and procedures, and randomly perform Total Quality checks.

TMC HOTs I-IV will follow the steps and policies outlined in this SOP.

IV. Policy

MD 511 is the Maryland Department of Transportation's statewide Travelers Information System. By dialing "511" on a cellular device in the state of Maryland, **or 855-466-3511 from a landline**, callers can listen to a small list of current **MAJOR** events in MD. Information for the phone line is entered by TMC HOTs via activation of the MD511HAR in the "Response" section of ATMS events. Callers are also directed to the 511.maryland.gov website for additional roadway information.

To aid the TMC HOT from having to utilize multiple computer applications and continuously re-enter information concerning an event, a special link has been added entitled [Social Media/Web Settings](#). The MD 511 systems are consistently changing in order to provide gradual integration into ATMS.

Within ATMS there is a [Social Media/Web Settings](#) link. The **Auto Publish** mode is utilized to indicate whether the event should be published as an alert on CHART Web (Web Alert) and whether social media messages are automatically published. There are three Auto Publish states available: By Rule, On or Off. The most predominant setting in ATMS is "By Rule" and should be utilized unless a TMC HOT IV or upper management determines it should be changed for a particular event.

- ◆ **By Rule:** Indicates that the event **may** start publishing social media messages if the event matches one of the Social Media Publishing Rules and when the event is confirmed. This should be the main state utilized unless changed by a TMC HOT IV.
- ◆ **On:** This option is automatically selected when the event **has posted** any social media message. Incidents and Planned Roadway Closures in the On state will be displayed as a Traffic Alert in CHART Web, and thus any Web Alert text will be displayed with the Traffic Alert.



How do these rules in the ATMS Software tell and Operator they have "Tweeted?"

The screenshot shows the CHART ATMS software interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a search box and various menu options like 'Back', 'Forward', 'Refresh', etc. Below this is a sidebar with navigation links such as 'Traffic Events', 'Device Management', and 'Operations Centers'. The main content area displays a list of incidents with columns for Name, Op Center, Regional, County/State, Lane Closures, and Vehicles. The incidents listed include collisions, utility problems, and fatalities on various Maryland roads.

Name	Op Center	Regional	County/State	Lane Closures	Vehicles
Incident @ MD 45 SOUTH PRIOR TO COCKEYSVILLE RD [Collision, Property Damage] Location: MD 45 SOUTH PRIOR TO COCKEYSVILLE RD	TOC4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baltimore County, MD		1 suv Involved (Only)
Incident @ I-495 INNER LOOP AT EXIT 28A MD 650 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE (EB) [Collision, Property Damage] Location: I-495 INNER LOOP AT EXIT 28A MD 650 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE (EB)	TOC3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Montgomery County, MD		
Incident @ I-695 INNER LOOP/OUTER LOOP AT MP 49.3 (FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE) [Other][Traffic Drag - Maintenance] Location: I-695 INNER LOOP/OUTER LOOP AT MP 49.3 (FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE)	AOC Central	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baltimore City, MD		
Incident @ MD 177 EAST AT EDWIN RAYNOR BLVD [Utility Problem] Location: MD 177 EAST AT EDWIN RAYNOR BLVD	SOC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Anne Arundel County, MD		
Incident @ I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB) [Collision, Fatality] Location: I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB)	TOC7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frederick County, MD		1 tractor trailer Overturned
Incident @ MD 6 EAST/WEST AT PARLETT MORGAN RD [Emergency Roadwork][Sinkhole] Location: MD 6 EAST/WEST AT PARLETT MORGAN RD	SOC	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saint Mary's County, MD		

When the Operator 1st logs in they see all incidents active in their area of responsibility

Clicking on an Incident brings up the details

What happened?

Where did this happen?

Who notified us?

How far is the queue?

Incident @ I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB) [Collision, Fatality]
(Event Open; Controlled By TOC7)

[General Info](#) [Incident Info](#) [Roadway Conditions](#) [Participation](#) [Response](#) [Notification](#) [Signals](#) [Photos](#) [Event History](#) [Summary](#) [Associated Events](#) [SOP Guidance](#)

[General](#) [Edit General](#) [Edit Location](#) [Show on Map](#) [Google Map](#) [MD Imagery](#) [Add To Log](#) [Social Media / Web Settings](#)

Event Name	Incident @ I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB) [Collision, Fatality]	Location Description	I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB)
Source	State Police (B)	County	Frederick County
Regional	NO	Region	
Queue (mi) Primary	0.0 (System) (QUALITY) <input type="button" value="Calculate"/>	State	MARYLAND
Opposite	0.0 (System) <input type="button" value="Calculate"/>	Route Type	Interstate
Max	0.0 (System) (Primary)	Route	I-70
Opened	14:59	Direction	East
Confirmed	14:59	Point Along Roadway	PRIOR EXIT 68 - MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB)
Delay Cleared	No <input type="button" value="Delay Cleared"/>	Lat/Long	39.368° N, 77.1991° W (Operator - jdicembre1)
Scene Cleared	No <input type="button" value="Scene Cleared"/>	Areas of Responsibility	County Frederick Frederick Area Maryland Statewide SHA District 7 TOC-7
Est. Hours To Clear	Unknown		
Op Center POC			
On Scene POC			
Comments			
Open Event Remind Time	20:55 <input type="button" value="Edit"/>		
Owning Org	SHA	<input type="button" value="Close Event"/>	<input type="button" value="False Alarm"/>
Social/Web Publishing	On		
Web Alert	[No additional CHART Web Alert text entered]		
Last Tweet (Manual)	INCIDENT:I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB) 1/3 WESTBOUND-LEFT TRAFFIC LANE, LEFT SHOULDER, 3/3 EASTBOUND-BOTH SHOULDERS, ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES CLOSED		
Last Tweet Time	03/23/21 19:16		

Please specify a queue length, if applicable.

But look at the bottom. This event tells the operator that the incident met the rules and tweeted out at 3/23/21 at 19:16 hours

Clicking on an Incident brings up the details

Event History Search Results

Search Criteria			
Message Types	User	System	Device
Search Text	social		

Text	Author	Source	Operations Center	Time
Web/Social Media Publish Mode changed from By Rule to On.	asweeney2	Other	TOC7	15:02
Social Media Twitter message 'INCIDENT:I-70 EAST PRIOR TO BILL MOXLEY RD 3/3 WESTBOUND-ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES, BOTH SHOULDERS, 3/3 EASTBOUND-BOTH SHOULDERS, ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES CLOSED' posted.	asweeney2	Other	TOC7	15:02
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Social Media Twitter message 'INCIDENT:I-70 EAST PRIOR TO BILL MOXLEY RD 3/3 WESTBOUND-ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES, BOTH SHOULDERS, 3/3 EASTBOUND-BOTH SHOULDERS, ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES CLOSED' posted.	asweeney2	Other	TOC7	15:04
Social Media Twitter message 'INCIDENT:I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB) 3/3 WESTBOUND-ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES, BOTH SHOULDERS, 3/3 EASTBOUND-BOTH SHOULDERS, ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES CLOSED' posted.	lgreenwood	Other	TOC7	15:07
Social Media Twitter message 'INCIDENT:I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB) 3/3 WESTBOUND-ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES, LEFT SHOULDER, 3/3 EASTBOUND-BOTH SHOULDERS, ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES CLOSED' posted.	asweeney2	Other	TOC7	18:15
Social Media Twitter message 'INCIDENT:I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD 27 RIDGE RD (EB) 1/3 WESTBOUND-LEFT TRAFFIC LANE, LEFT SHOULDER, 3/3 EASTBOUND-BOTH SHOULDERS, ALL 3 TRAFFIC LANES CLOSED' posted.	lgreenwood	Other	TOC7	19:16

If the operator needs to a quick history search will bring up all tweets that have gone out

The public receive a “real - time” map showing the incidents and streaming video from nearby cameras

The screenshot displays the Maryland Department of Transportation's interactive map interface. The browser address bar shows 'chart.maryland.gov'. The page header includes the Maryland.gov logo and navigation links for State Directory, State Agencies, and Translate. A left sidebar contains menu items: Interactive Map, Traffic Incidents and Events, Speed Sensor Data, Highway Message Signs, SEVERE WEATHER INFORMATION, Severe Weather Information, Local Weather Station Data, Weather Related Road Conditions, and Snow Emergency Plans. The main map area shows a road network with a red dashed line indicating an incident on I-70 East. A 'Details' panel on the right provides the following information:

Details	
Incident @ I-70 EAST PRIOR TO EXIT 68 MD : RIDGE RD (EB) [Other	
Direction:	East
Vehicles:	1 vehicle involved.
Lanes:	1/3 Westbound-left Shoulder, left Traffic Lane, 3/3 Eastbound-both Shoulders, all 3 Traffic Lane closed
Create time:	03/23/21 2:59 PM
OP	SOC
Center:	

But now they get their Tweets Too!



Often, for major events, Office of Communications will log in to the MDOT SHA Twitter Account to expand on an ongoing event.

But now they get their Tweets Too!



But long after any humans go home, the MD511State automated Twitter account tweets until the event is cleared

- Now Event has Cleared

- Now all lanes Open

- Event Opens: 2 Left traffic Lanes Closed

Questions?



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Rhode Island's Wrong Way Driving Systems: Experiences to Date & A Promising Future



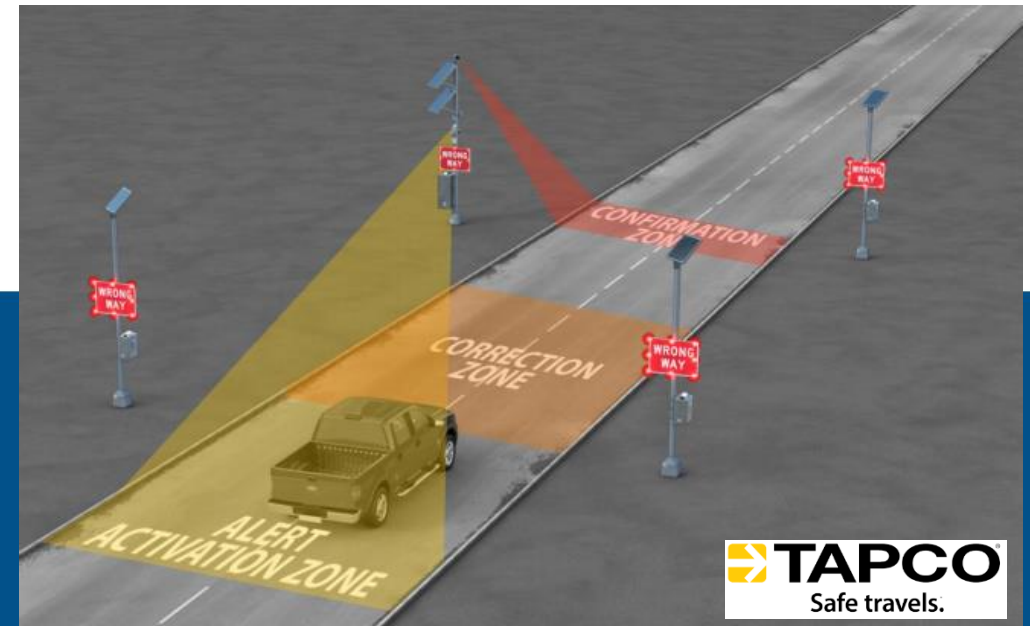
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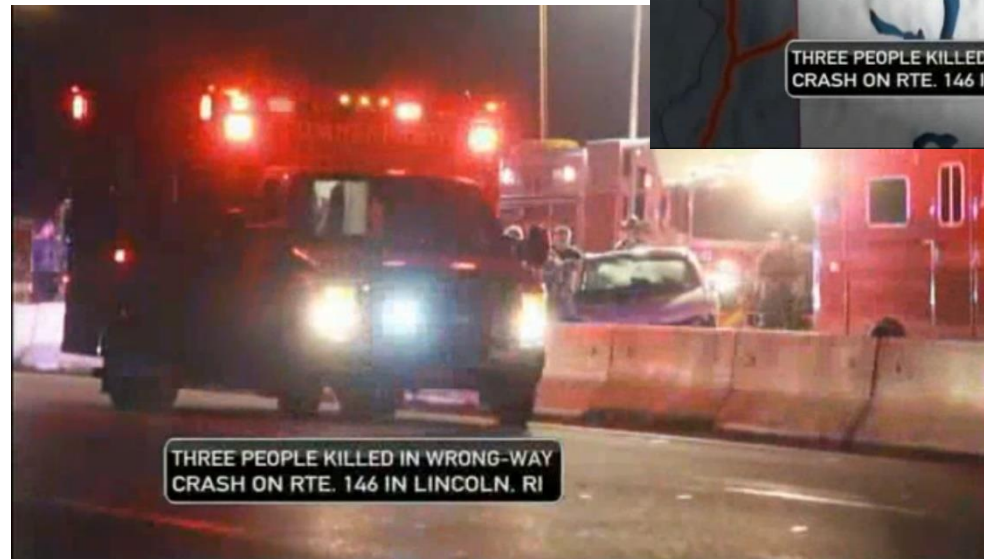
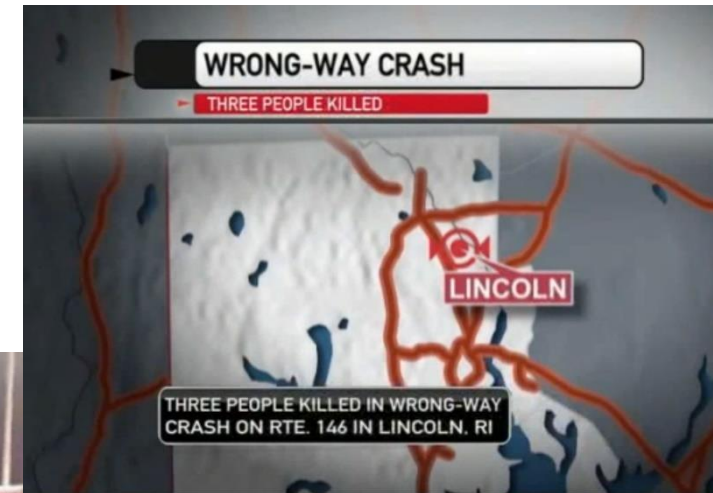
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Why is RIDOT using intelligent WWD systems?

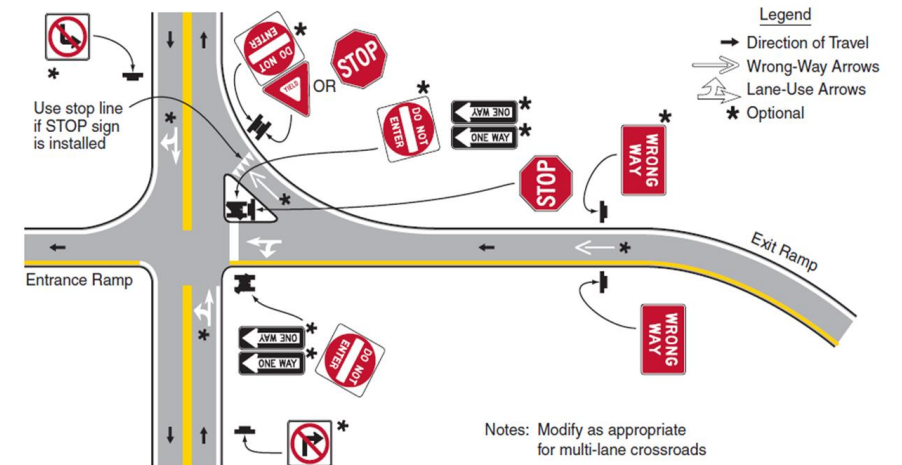
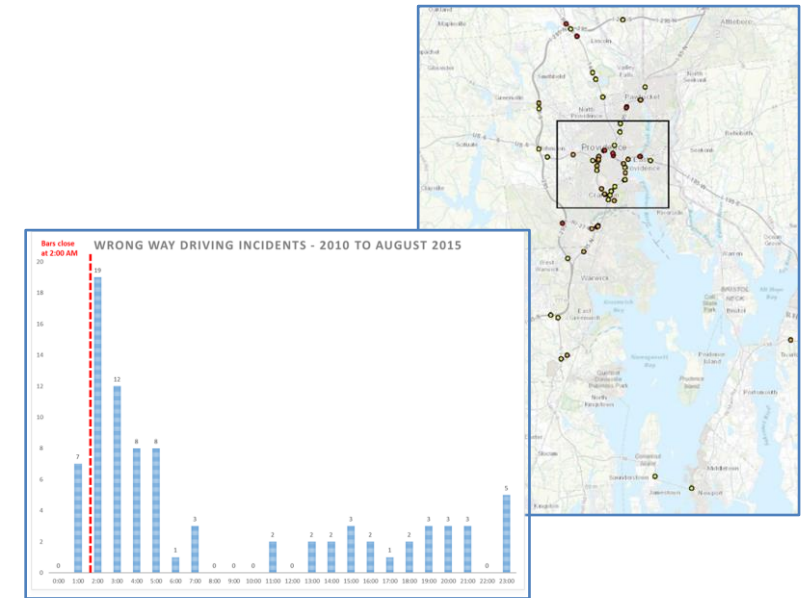
- “Toward Zero Deaths” 
- High proportion of WWD crashes result in fatality or serious injury
- Distracted/older/impaired drivers



Source: New England Cable News Feb. 28, 2014 broadcast

Background / Planning

- 2014 study to determine **WHERE, WHEN, & WHY** WWD incidents occur in RI
 - Approx. 80% of WWD incidents occur in Prov. metro area
 - Approx. 2/3 of WWD incidents occur btw. 11p and 5a
- Analysis to determine highest-risk locations
 - Citations & recorded incidents considered
- Locations inventoried for traffic control device condition & improvement potential



Background / Planning

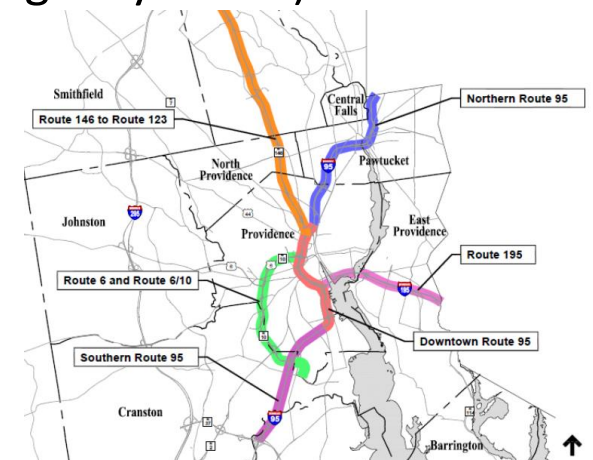
- Initial lowest-cost improvements (static signing and markings)



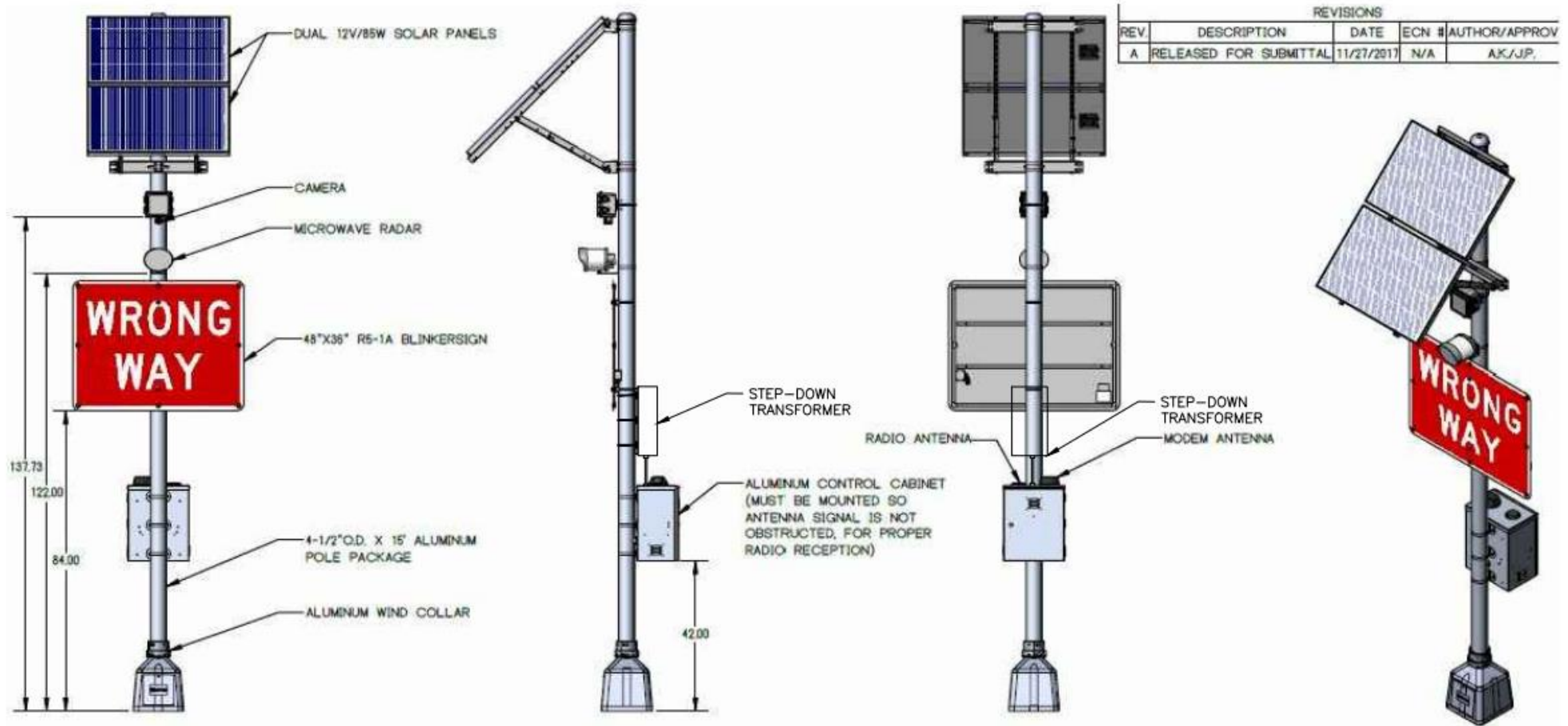
Source: Google

Background / Planning

- Decision to advance the first intelligent WWD systems in RI
 - RIDOT worked w/ State Police to ID 24 Pilot locations
 - All limited-access exit ramp locations, w/ varied geometry
- Key desired functionality – provide active WWD feedback/alerts via:
 - New (replacement & supplemental) Flashing Regulatory Signs (to wrong-way driver)
 - E-Mail/SMS/Web-Based App. (to RIDOT TMC & Police)
 - Existing Changeable Message Signs (to right-way drivers)



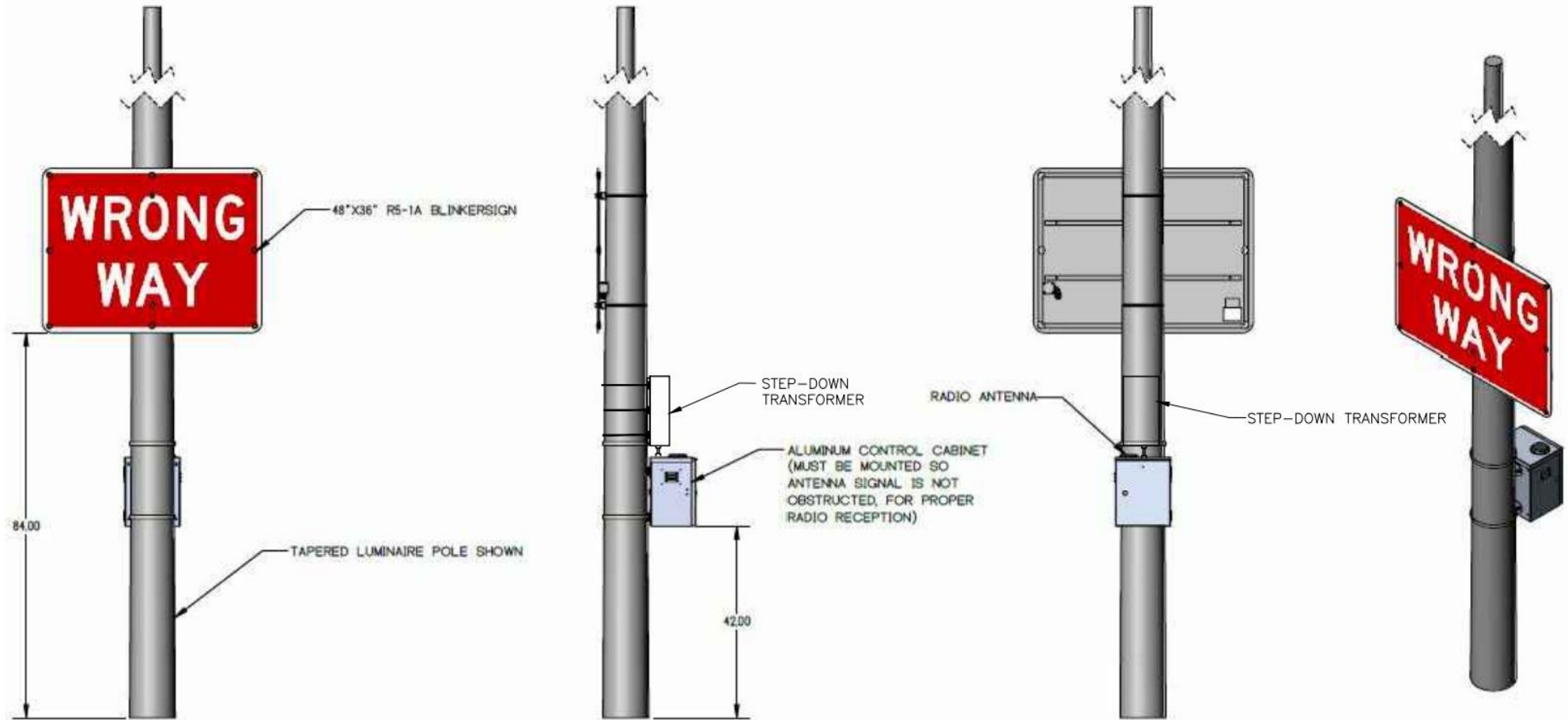
Pilot System Site Components



TYPICAL WRONG-WAY DETECTION DRIVING SYSTEM – DETECTOR POLE ARRANGEMENT (MASTER)

(DETAIL BY OTHERS REVISED FOR PROJECT APPLICATION)
NOT TO SCALE

Pilot System Site Components



TYPICAL WRONG-WAY DETECTION DRIVING SYSTEM – BLINKERSIGN WARNING POLE ARRANGEMENT (SLAVE)

(DETAIL BY OTHERS REVISED FOR PROJECT APPLICATION)
NOT TO SCALE

Source: TAPCO / VHB

Latest System Site Components

System Components

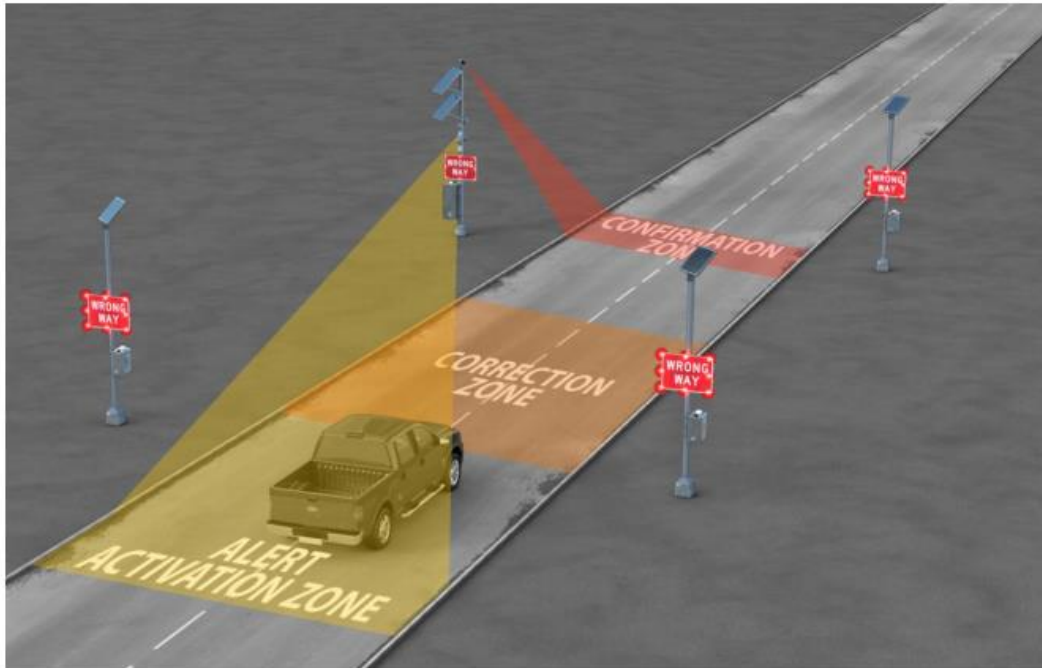
1. Sensor (Thermal or Radar)
2. Supporting White LED Illuminator
3. High Speed High Definition Camera
4. LED Enhanced Warning Device
5. Cellular Modem or Fiber Connection



Source: TAPCO

TAPCO Wrong-Way Alert System

(Typical 3 Zone Configuration)



1. **Alert Activation Zone:** Initial wrong way detection triggers alerts to flash Radar OR Thermal
2. **Correction Zone:** Opportunity for driver to self correct
3. **Confirmation Zone:** Confirming wrong way detection triggers camera and high priority alert sent to the TMC Thermal

Source: TAPCO

Radar vs. Thermal Sensing

Wrong Way Use Cases

SIMPLE RAMP GEOMETRY

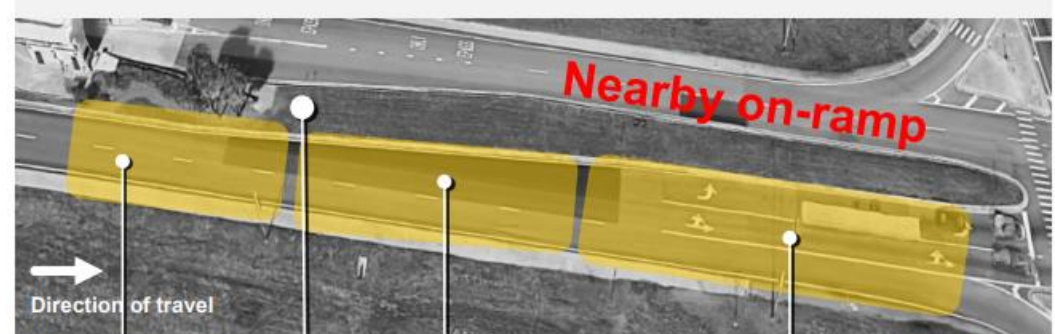
- Forward Facing Radar
- Rear Facing Thermal



Activation zone Correction zone Detector pole Confirmation zone

COMPLEX RAMP GEOMETRY

- Forward Facing Thermal
- Rear Facing Thermal

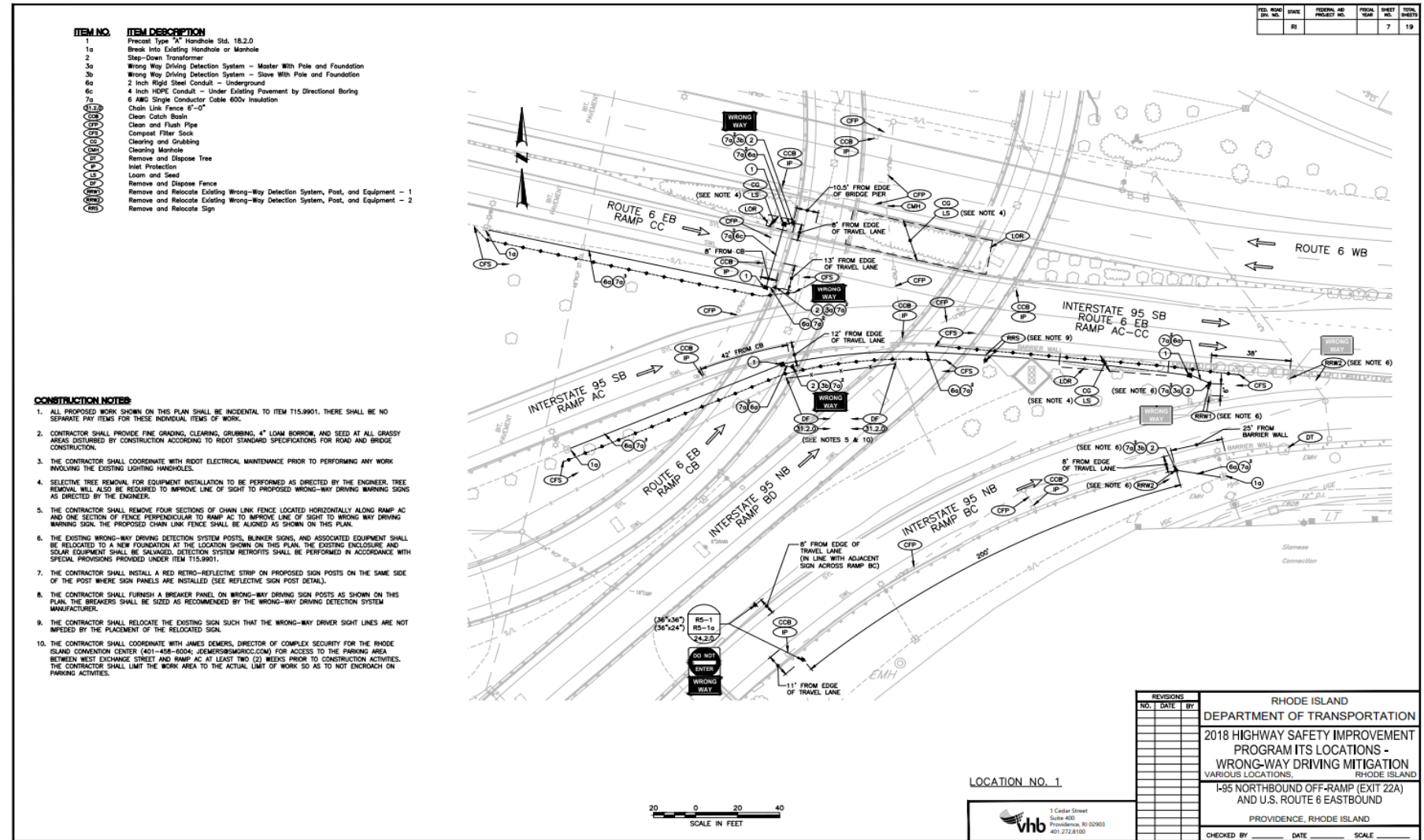


Confirmation zone Detector pole Correction zone Activation zone

Source: TAPCO

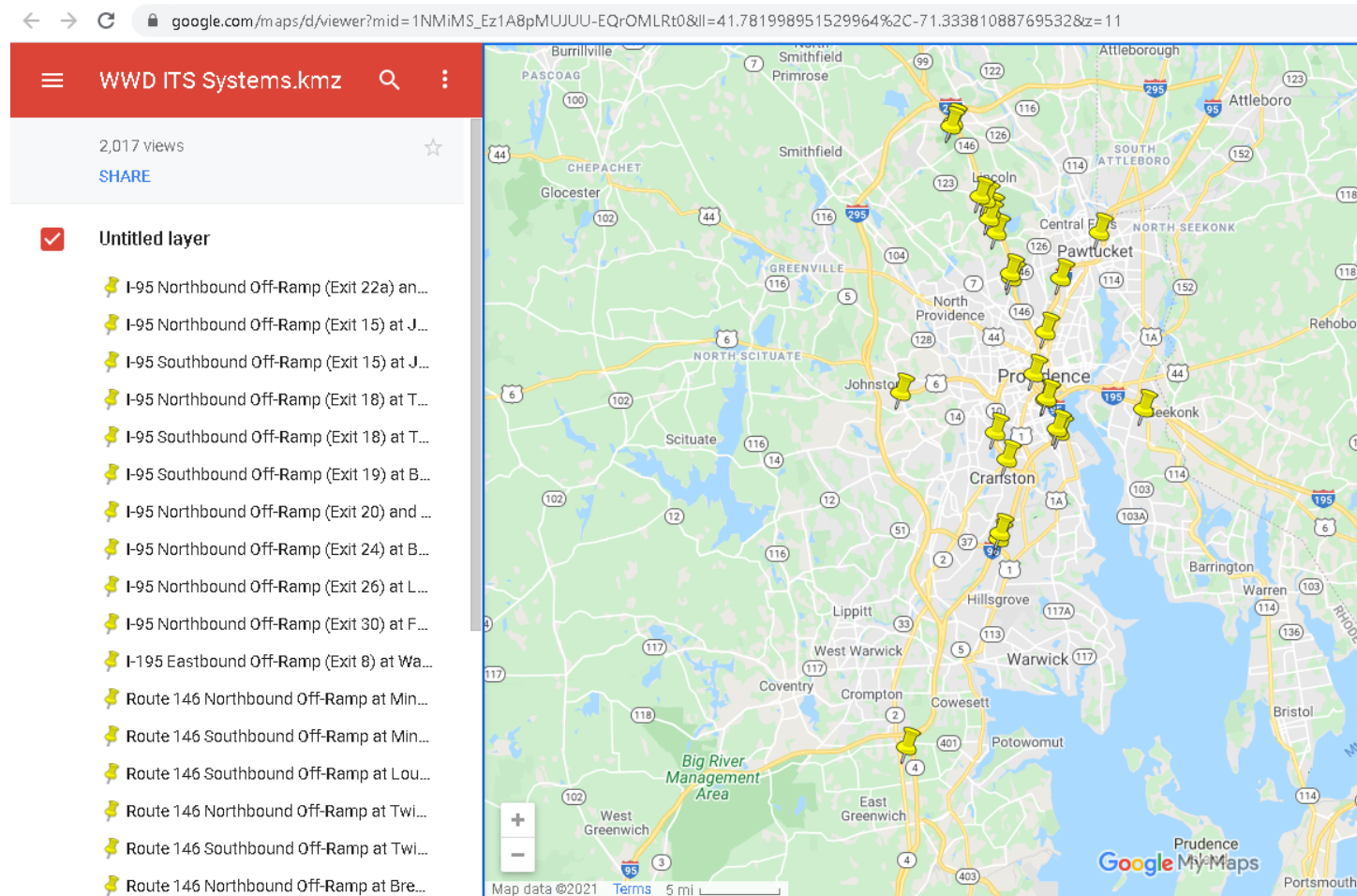
Design Considerations

- Every site unique
- Power issues
- False positives



Current WWD System Deployment in RI

- 28 sites



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Wrong Way System Communication Portfolio

WRONG WAY

Scenario 1

TAPCO Cellular Network

- Cellular communication
- No fiber necessary
- 2 years of BlinkLink subscription included
- Reoccurring BlinkLink cost >2 years
- TAPCO access for service
- ~5 second event latency
- API to ATMS capable

TAPCO Cell Modem

BlinkLink



WRONG WAY

Scenario 2

Agency Network

- Utilizes Advanced Communication Controller for Open VPN connection
- High speed fiber network or agency provided modem
- Secure and reliable network communication
- TAPCO access for service
- API to ATMS capable

Fiber Network

Agency Cell Modem

OPENVPN

BlinkLink

WRONG WAY

Scenario 3

Direct to ATMS

- Utilizes Advanced Communication Controller for system Direct to ATMS connection
- High speed fiber network
- No reoccurring BlinkLink costs
- Limited TAPCO access for service
- Not API Compatible

Fiber Network



Source: TAPCO

TAPCO's BlinkLink® Web-Based Device Manager

- Cloud-based device & event management software
- Remote access from any web-connected device
- Collects/archives system data, Reporting (exporting) functionality
- Send Alerts via e-mail/SMS to agency-provided contacts
- Ability to integrate with an Agency's ATMS or other applications
 - Optional Enhancements:
 - API for integration w/ DOT's CMS, PTZ Cameras, website, etc.
 - Hi-Res and/or streaming imagery from advanced cameras

Example BlinkLink® Screen Grabs

The screenshot shows the BlinkLink dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Systems', 'Alerts', and 'Reports' menus. Below the navigation bar is a map of Rhode Island with several system locations marked with blue circles and numbers (3, 24). Below the map is a table of system entries.

Type	System Name	System Status	Notify Me	Tags
	10 NB - 95 SB Off Ramp to Memorial			1
	10 NB Off Ramp to Niantic Ave			1
	10 NB Off Ramp to Reservoir Ave			1
	146 NB Off Ramp to Breakneck Hill Road			0
	146 NB Off Ramp to George Washington Hwy			0
	146 NB Off Ramp to Mineral Spring Ave			0
	146 NB Off Ramp to Twin River Road			1
	146 SB Off Ramp to Breakneck Hill Road			0

The screenshot shows the 'System Details' page for the system '95 NB/195 EB Off Ramp to Point Street'. The page title is 'System Details' and the system name is '95 NB/195 EB Off Ramp to Point Street'. Below the system name, it says 'Wrong-Way Alert System'. There are several status indicators: a bell icon for alerts, a plug icon for power (12.1V), a thermometer icon for temperature (44°F), and a camera icon for video feed (OK). The time is 4:38pm, 3/15/2021 EDT. There is a 'View Stats' link.

The screenshot shows the 'System Alerts' page. It has tabs for 'Active Alerts', 'Notify Me', and 'Notify Users'. There is a 'Quick Search' input field. Below is a table of alerts with columns for 'Name' and 'Notify User'.

Name	Notify User
North Providence PD	
Pawtucket PD	
Peter Pavao	
RISP Trooper	
Russ Holt	
Ryan Geremia	

Showing 13 to 18 of 30 entries

The screenshot shows the 'System Settings' page. It has two settings: 'Activation Logging' which is 'Logging is On', and 'Mode' which is 'Active'.

The screenshot shows the 'System Location Info' page. It has a 'Map' tab and three camera viewports labeled '1', '2', and '3'. Below the camera viewports is a video feed titled 'Wrong Way Detection Thermal Sensor'. The video shows a road at night with a thermal sensor overlay. Below the video is the BlinkLink logo and system information: 'System: 95 NB/195 EB Off Ramp to Point Street' and 'Alert Time: 03/15/2021 04:41:45 PM EDT'.

The screenshot shows the '4 Controller(s)' page. It has a table with columns for 'Controller Name', 'Serial number', and 'Mode'.

Controller Name	Serial number	Mode
Camera 1 - Wrong Way Alert Camera	J-446139-1417C	Active
Camera 2 - Confirmation Camera		Active
Sign Controller	J-446139-1417S	Active
Wrong Way Detection Thermal Sensor	J-446139-1417T	Active

Example BlinkLink[®] Screen Grabs

Reverse Lights
Activated



Example BlinkLink® Screen Grabs

Wrong Way Detection

03/16/2021 09:30:47 PM EDT (EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave)



Prev Alert Next Alert

Alert Resolution

Resolution: Wrong Way Vehicle

Notes: Vehicle seen turning around before 95 overpass.

Full Alert Details

System: EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave

Controller: Camera 1 - Wrong Way Alert 1

Company: Rhode Island DOT

Alert Event Log

- 1 day ago Resolution Type was changed to Wrong Way Vehicle by TMC Operators RIDOT on 03/16/21 at 9:32:23pm EDT
- 1 day ago Email notification sent to Gary Maccarone, Mike Wreh and 5 others, on 03/16/21 at 9:30:48pm EDT
- 1 day ago Text notification not sent No one on your team was signed up to receive this type of notification for this system.
- 1 day ago Phone call notification not sent No one on your team was signed up to receive this type of notification for this system.
- 1 day ago Camera images processed on 03/16/21 at 9:30:48pm EDT
- 1 day ago Alert reported on 03/16/21 at 9:30:47pm EDT




Correct Traffic


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Example BlinkLink® Screen Grabs


BlinkLink Systems Alerts! 1 Reports - Help Account -

05/31/2016 04:05:13 PM EDT (146 NB Off Ramp to Twin River Road)



Correct Traffic Flow  **BlinkLink**

System: 146 NB Off Ramp to Twin River Road Alert Time: 5/31/2016 4:05:13 PM Powered by TAPCO

1 of 14 

Prev Alert Next Alert

Alert Resolution

Resolution: **False Positive**


Notes: NA

Full Alert Details

System: [146 NB Off Ramp to Twin River Road](#)

Controller: Wrong Way Alert Camera


Company: Rhode Island DOT

Type:  Wrong Way Detection






Date: 05-31-2016 04:05:13 PM EDT

Alert ID: 189870

BlinkLink Systems Alerts! 1 Reports -

1 of 14 

Alert Event Log

- 5 years ago  **Resolution Type was changed to False Positive**
by TMC Operators RIDOT on 05/31/16 at 4:05:50pm EDT
- 5 years ago  **Text notification sent**
to North Providence PD on 05/31/16 at 4:05:22pm EDT
- 5 years ago  **Email notification sent**
to ZZZ-INACTIVE John Braz, JM Trotta and [5 others](#). on 05/31/16 at 4:05:18pm EDT
- 5 years ago  **Camera images processed**
on 05/31/16 at 4:05:17pm EDT
- 5 years ago  **Alert reported**
on 05/31/16 at 4:05:13pm EDT

Tuesday 3:22 PM 3/16/2021 EDT
BlinkLink® [V 2.17.0](#) | 866-753-6255





BlinkLink Systems Alerts Reports

System Alerts Alert Details

Alert Details

Wrong Way Detection
02/03/2021 06:54:18 PM EST (146 NB Off Ramp to Twin River Road)



Correct Traffic Flow:  **BlinkLink**

System: 146 NB Off Ramp to Twin River Road Alert Time: 02/03/2021 06:54:18 PM EST


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BlinkLink Systems Alerts Reports Help Account

System Alerts Alert Details

Alert Details Manage Alert More System Info

Wrong Way Detection
02/03/2021 06:54:18 PM EST (146 NB Off Ramp to Twin River Road)



Correct Traffic Flow:  **BlinkLink**

System: 146 NB Off Ramp to Twin River Road Alert Time: 02/03/2021 06:54:18 PM EST

13 of 15

Prev Alert Next Alert

Alert Resolution

Resolution: **Emergency Response Vehicle**







Notes: NA

Full Alert Details

System: [146 NB Off Ramp to Twin River Road](#)

Controller: Wrong Way Alert Camera

Alert Event Log

- 1 month ago  **Resolution Type was changed to Emergency Response Vehicle**
by TMC Operators RIDOT on 02/03/21 at 6:54:53pm EST
- 1 month ago  **Email notification sent**
to Gary Maccarone, ZZZ-INACTIVE John Braz and [4 others](#), on 02/03/21 at 6:54:20pm EST
- 1 month ago  **Text notification sent**
to North Providence PD on 02/03/21 at 6:54:20pm EST
- 1 month ago  **Phone call notification not sent**
No one on your team was signed up to receive this type of notification for this system.
- 1 month ago  **Camera images processed**
on 02/03/21 at 6:54:20pm EST
- 1 month ago  **Alert reported**
on 02/03/21 at 6:54:18pm EST


Example BlinkLink® Alert E-mail

[EXTERNAL] : BLINKLINK ALERT - Wrong Way Detection - For System Labeled 95 NB Off Ramp to Lonsdale Ave

 BlinkLink@blinklink.net
To

 Reply  Reply All  Forward 

Tue 3/16/2021 11:37 AM

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BlinkLink triggered a(n) Wrong Way Detection event for the following System.

Customer: Rhode Island DOT
 System Details: 95 NB Off Ramp to Lonsdale Ave
 Asset Name: Wrong Way Alert Camera
 Alert Time: 2021-03-16T15:36:44Z

Go to [https://urldefense.com/v3/http://www.blinklink.net/admin/alert/view/2411728_!!KKphUjtCzQ!eQQY8SCRbxCAZyj38FmG1iHFHeU3L4DVb8RoAKLIRnjlRnRMJb_jL94CYJt8uvSSQ8Q9EQ\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/http://www.blinklink.net/admin/alert/view/2411728_!!KKphUjtCzQ!eQQY8SCRbxCAZyj38FmG1iHFHeU3L4DVb8RoAKLIRnjlRnRMJb_jL94CYJt8uvSSQ8Q9EQ$) [blinklink[.]net] to view this notification in BlinkLink or [https://urldefense.com/v3/http://www.blinklink.net/admin/settings_!!KKphUjtCzQ!eQQY8SCRbxCAZyj38FmG1iHFHeU3L4DVb8RoAKLIRnjlRnRMJb_jL94CYJt8uvRZddbPgw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/http://www.blinklink.net/admin/settings_!!KKphUjtCzQ!eQQY8SCRbxCAZyj38FmG1iHFHeU3L4DVb8RoAKLIRnjlRnRMJb_jL94CYJt8uvRZddbPgw$) [blinklink[.]net] to change your notification preferences.

Contact BlinkLink Support at 866-753-6255 or email to blinkersupport@tapconet.com.

Example BlinkLink® Data Exporting

Export Alerts

✓ Your request is being processed and appears in the list below.

Report Type: All Alerts

Date Range: 02/14/2021 - 03/16/2021
Max range of 3 months at a time from the past 2 years.

[Request Report](#)

Download Reports

Status	Report	Data Date Range	Date & Time Requested	Date & Time Completed	Batch ID
Ready	All Alerts, Rhode Island DOT	Tue 12:00am 3/9/21 EST to Tue 11:59pm 3/16/21 EDT	Tue 4:14pm 3/16/21 EDT	Tue 4:14pm 3/16/21 EDT	8802

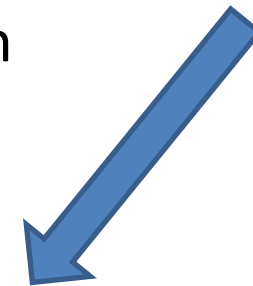
NOTE: We only store the last 5 reports you requested

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	ID	Controller Name	System Name	System Type	Alert Type	Resolution	Tags	Notes	Reported	Dismissed On
59	2401855	Wrong Way Alert Camera	146 SB Off Ramp to George Washington Hwy	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	Maintenance Vehicle			Friday 10:14:15 AM 3/12/2021 EST	Friday 10:14:33 AM 3/12/2021 EST
60	2377726	Wrong Way Alert Camera	95 NB Off Ramp to Jefferson Blvd	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	False Positive			Wednesday 11:57:50 AM 3/10/2021 EST	Wednesday 11:58:04 AM 3/10/2021 EST
61	2402228	Wrong Way Alert Camera	95 NB Off Ramp to Jefferson Blvd	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	False Positive			Friday 3:51:14 PM 3/12/2021 EST	Friday 3:51:33 PM 3/12/2021 EST
62	2402713	Wrong Way Alert Camera	4 SB Off Ramp to Division Road	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	False Positive			Saturday 8:55:06 AM 3/13/2021 EST	Saturday 8:55:25 AM 3/13/2021 EST
63	2403122	Camera 1 - Wrong Way Alert Car	RI-99 Exit to Mendon Rd	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	Wrong Way Vehicle		Vehicle app	Sunday 5:49:46 AM 3/14/2021 CDT	Sunday 5:51:51 AM 3/14/2021 CDT
64	2401359	Wrong Way Alert Camera	10 NB - 95 SB Off Ramp to Memorial	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	Wrong Way Vehicle			Thursday 11:23:50 PM 3/11/2021 CST	Friday 10:07:15 AM 3/12/2021 CST
65	2401138	Camera 1 - Wrong Way Alert 1	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	Vehicle Made a Median Crossing			Thursday 7:56:58 PM 3/11/2021 CST	Thursday 7:57:15 PM 3/11/2021 CST
66	2402426	Camera 1 - Wrong Way Alert 1	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	Vehicle Made a Median Crossing			Friday 7:14:10 PM 3/12/2021 CST	Friday 7:14:29 PM 3/12/2021 CST
67	2402899	Camera 1 - Wrong Way Alert 1	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	Vehicle Made a Median Crossing			Saturday 5:42:39 PM 3/13/2021 CST	Saturday 5:43:09 PM 3/13/2021 CST
68	2402959	Camera 1 - Wrong Way Alert 1	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	Vehicle Made a Median Crossing			Saturday 8:15:30 PM 3/13/2021 CST	Saturday 8:15:51 PM 3/13/2021 CST
69	2404097	Camera 1 - Wrong Way Alert 1	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Detection	Emergency Response Vehicle			Monday 3:47:23 PM 3/15/2021 CDT	Monday 3:47:42 PM 3/15/2021 CDT
70	2401139	Camera 2 - Wrong Way Alert 2	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Confirmation	Vehicle Made a Median Crossing			Thursday 7:56:58 PM 3/11/2021 CST	Thursday 7:57:23 PM 3/11/2021 CST
71	2402425	Camera 2 - Wrong Way Alert 2	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Confirmation	Vehicle Made a Median Crossing			Friday 7:14:08 PM 3/12/2021 CST	Friday 7:14:37 PM 3/12/2021 CST
72	2402898	Camera 2 - Wrong Way Alert 2	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Confirmation	Vehicle Made a Median Crossing			Saturday 5:42:38 PM 3/13/2021 CST	Saturday 5:43:33 PM 3/13/2021 CST
73	2402960	Camera 2 - Wrong Way Alert 2	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Confirmation	Vehicle Made a Median Crossing			Saturday 8:15:31 PM 3/13/2021 CST	Saturday 8:16:06 PM 3/13/2021 CST
74	2404096	Camera 2 - Wrong Way Alert 2	EB Thurbers Ave to Allens Ave	Wrong-Way Alert System	Wrong Way Confirmation	Emergency Response Vehicle			Monday 3:47:21 PM 3/15/2021 CDT	Monday 3:47:53 PM 3/15/2021 CDT

Envisioned Public Agency Response Protocol

- E-mail/SMS (and/or Audible, if BlinkLink® is open) Alert received by **RIDOT TMC** & **Police** (State and Local)
- **TMC** and/or **Police** attempt to verify WWD via:
 - Review of BlinkLink® photos
 - Review of CCTV camera streams, **if available**
- **TMC** and **Police** communicate & coordinate action(s) / resolution
- Once/if the following action(s) are verified as appropriate:
 - **Police** dispatched ASAP
 - **TMC** posts warning message to right-way drivers on applicable CMS(s), **if available**

As of April 1, 2021,
RIDOT's TMC
has NOT yet posted
any such messages



A Traveler Information Challenge...

- What is the “best” or most appropriate message to disseminate to right-way drivers about a WWD hazard?
 - No national standards (to my knowledge)
 - How should DOT's minimize their risks while still providing a safety service?
 - Your state DOT likely has its own input on this

Drafted RIDOT CMS Message



Example MIDOT CMS Message

Source: Jan. 8, 2018 MIDOT Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1v0b45c2ok>



Excerpts from AZDOT Website

<https://azdot.gov/about/transportation-safety/wrong-way-drivers>

Accessed March 18, 2021

What should I do if I encounter a wrong-way driver?

If you're on a divided highway ... and you see a vehicle coming toward you, slow down by easing your foot off the gas. Make sure there's no vehicle next to you and steer away from the wrong-way driver. Get to a safe place, call 911 and report the wrong-way driver.

What should I do if I see an overhead sign warning of a wrong-way driver ahead?

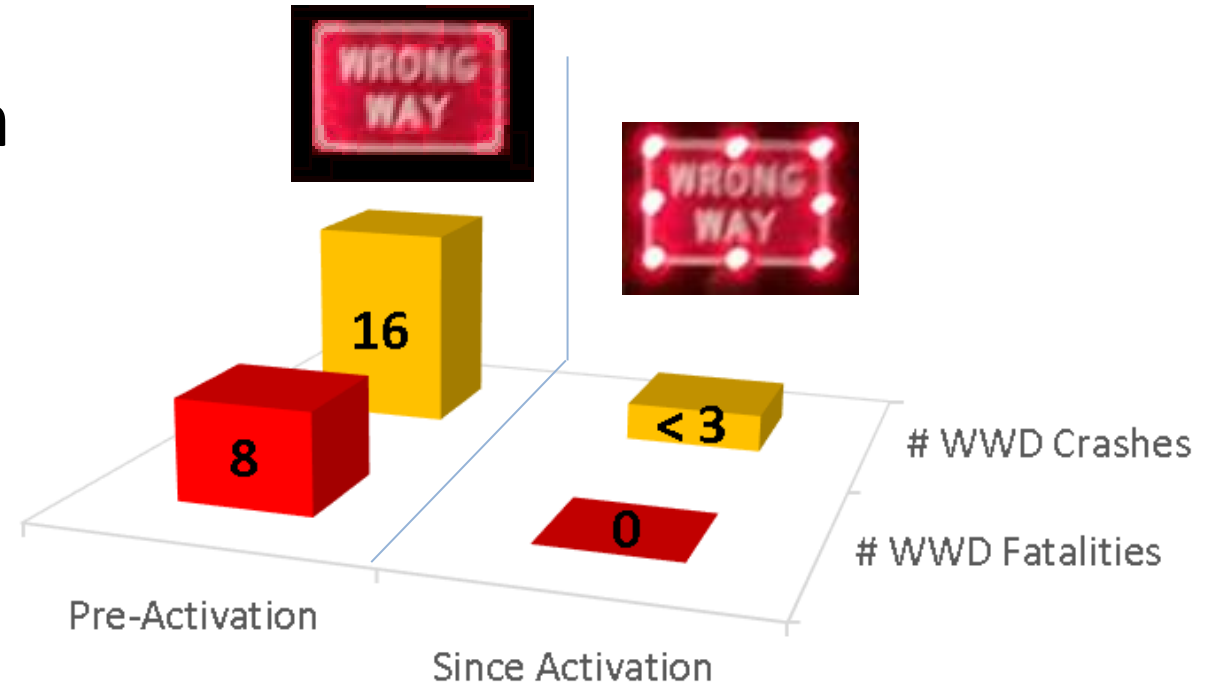
When ADOT is alerted to a possible wrong-way driver, overhead messages boards on that stretch of freeway will display a message that informs motorists a wrong-way vehicle has been reported. If you see that message, safely move toward the nearest highway exit as soon as possible.

What else should I know about how to be safer on the roads?

Because there's a good chance the wrong-way driver is impaired, they can also be unpredictable. This is why it is important to always drive defensively. That means being constantly aware of driving conditions, your surroundings and anticipating dangers so you can take evasive action if you encounter a hazard, such as a wrong-way driver. Don't tailgate. Leave enough space so if the vehicle in front of you makes a sudden lane change to avoid a wrong-way driver, you'll have time to react, too. Be aware of your surroundings. While wrong-way drivers are usually in the left or HOV lane, they enter highways from the right via off-ramps. And always wear a seat belt.

System Effectiveness / Evaluation

- Safety performance
 - Roughly 5½ years pre- and post-activation experience at sites
 - Given safety data challenges, # of crashes should be treated as estimates
- Pretty safe to say that RI's flashing WRONG WAY signs are having a positive safety impact
 - i.e., decreasing the time before many WWDs realize they are going the wrong way & take action to help avoid a crash
- Monitoring/evaluation continues



Costs & System Maintenance

- Initial 24 Pilot WWD systems cost ~\$25,000 / location (2015)
- Subsequent additional systems (4) and upgrades to thermal detection cost up to ~\$100,000 / location (2018)
 - Costs above inc. F&I of all components, testing, training, min. 3-yr warranty, cell modem & web service for 2 years
- Subsequent Maintenance
 - RIDOT added money to existing ITS On-Call Maintenance contract for as-needed WWD system maintenance & testing
 - All detection systems tested annually, regardless of # of Alerts received
- Mostly HSIP funding



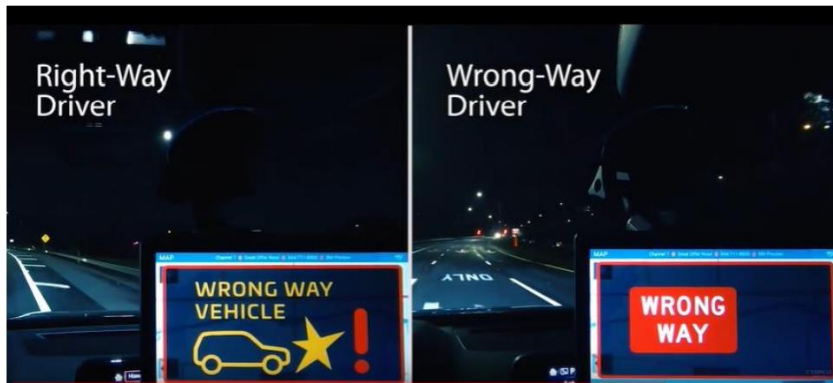
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The Promising Future

- Improved WWD system integration into RIDOT TMC Operator processes and ATMS (when we have one)
- Longer Term:
 - WWD alerts direct to road users
 - CV integration via OBUs/RSUs (TAPCO currently offers, but RIDOT has not advanced yet)
 - SMS/alerts to mobile phones
 - Even better: in-vehicle tech. that can control WWD's vehicle
 - OnStar®, robust ignition interlocks, etc.
- As long as SAFETY is #1, it should be feasible to “make the case” for doing more to combat WWD

Examples of TAPCO system enhancements for CVs

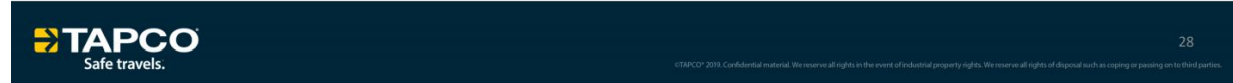
TAPCO WW Connected Vehicle In Action



Right Way Driver Traveler Information Message

Wrong Way Driver Traveler Information Message

Connected Vehicle Interface



- Compatible with Dedicated Short-Range Communication (DSRC), or Cellular RSUs.
- Power supply: 12V DC, average power draw 1.3 Watts
- Operating temperature range -40°C to +80°C
- RJ45 Ethernet port for 10/100 Mb Ethernet, for interfacing to ITS infrastructure
- Transmits CV application data to Road Side Units and over network using standard interfaces for Connected Vehicle Applications
- Onboard web interface and Application Programming Interface (API) to access and configure device.



THANK YOU!

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High Performance and Reduced Cost Traffic Monitoring Using Fiber Optic Sensing



Paul Cooper, Business Development Director (Transport)
OptaSense

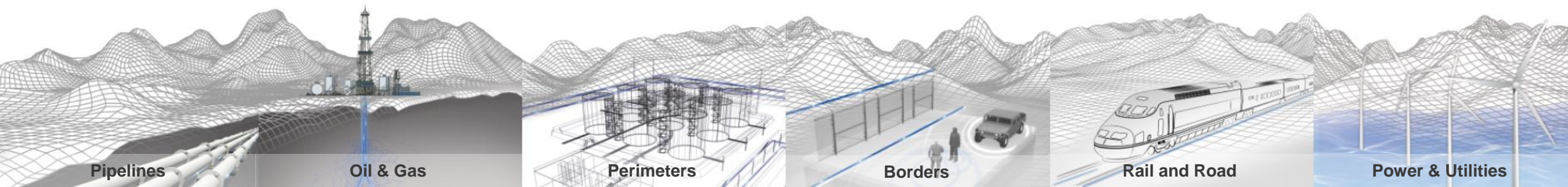
Traffic Monitoring Using Fiber Optic Sensing

High performance, economical traffic monitoring using existing roadside fiber optic networks

OptaSense® : Company Overview

A LUNA company

- Leaders in Fiber Optic Sensing solutions
 - Founded in 2007
 - Subsidiary of Luna Innovations Inc
 - Advanced Fiber Optic Measurement and Monitoring Systems
- Optimizing operations across multiple industries
 - Pipelines, Oilfields, Borders & Critical Sites, Railways and Roads
- Global experience
 - Over 25,000 miles of distributed asset under contract
 - Installed and commissioned in over 60 countries



OptaSense TMS: Solution Overview

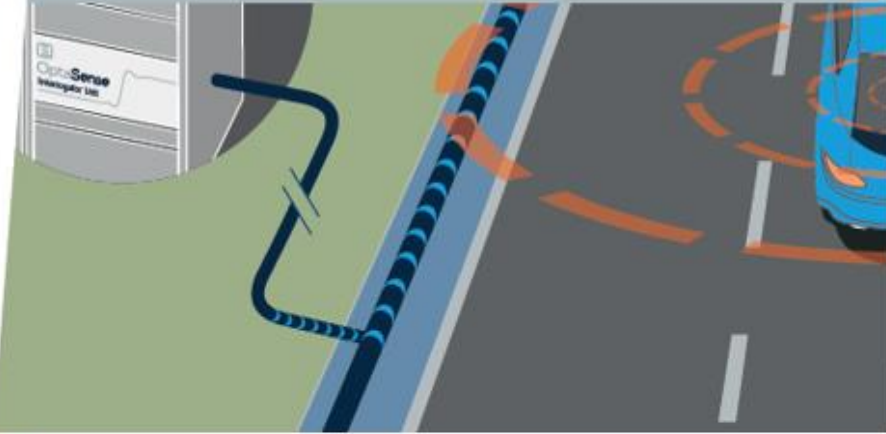
1 Convert roadside optical fibre into a traffic sensor



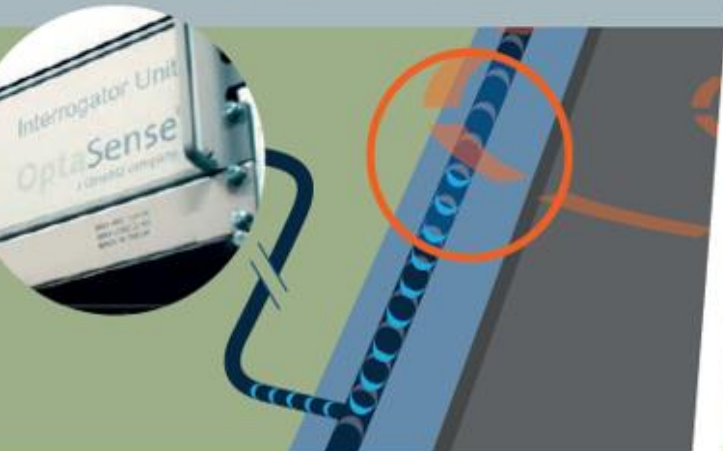
2 Each OptaSense installation can monitor up to 50 miles



3 Fibre-optic sensing technology creates an array of intelligent sensors



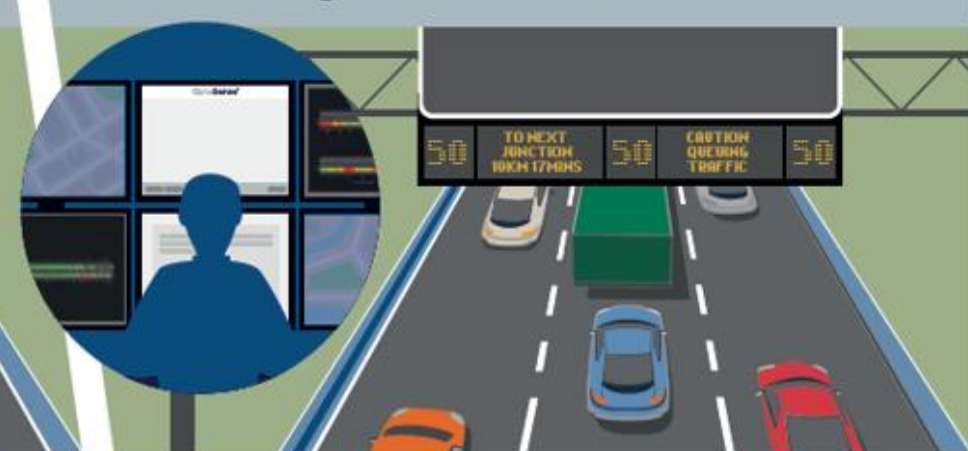
4 Detecting passing traffic along the entire monitored road



5 Delivering highly accurate and timely traffic flow indicators

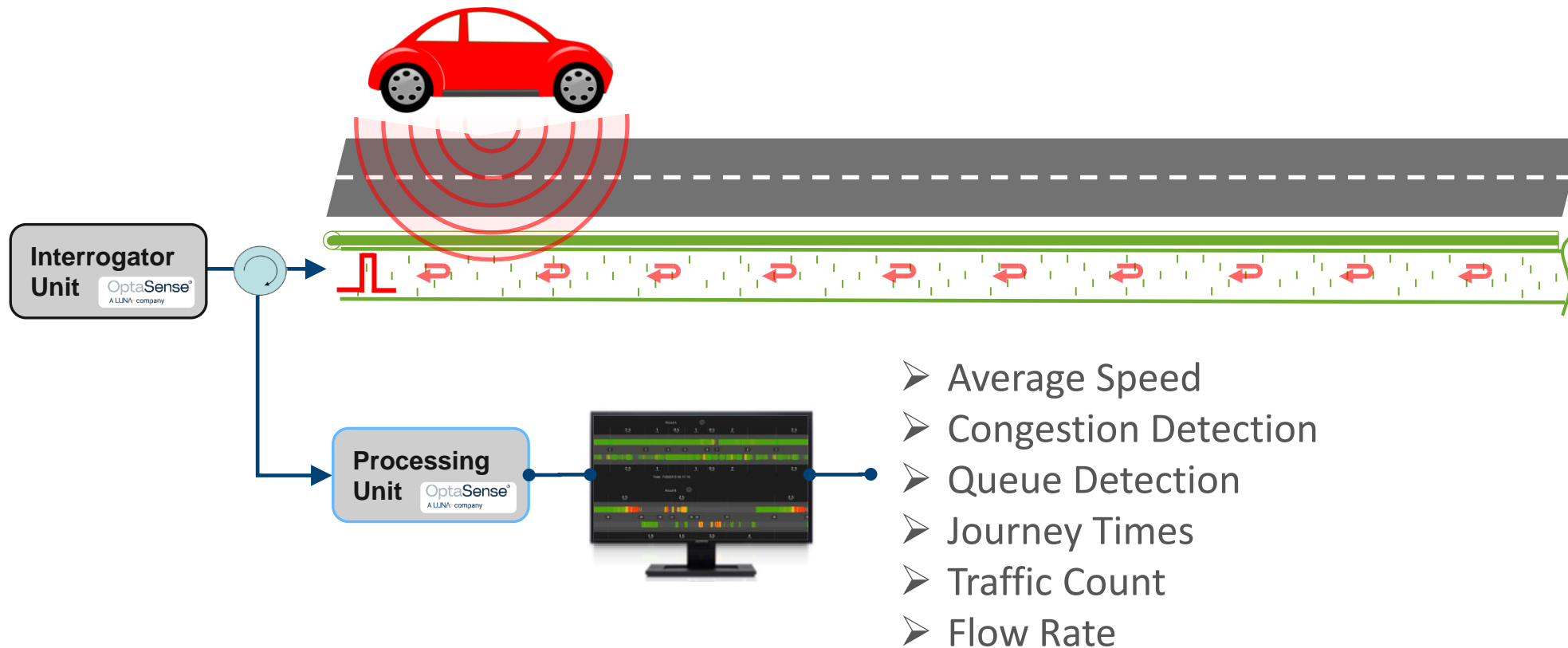


6 Providing better information for traffic engineers and road users

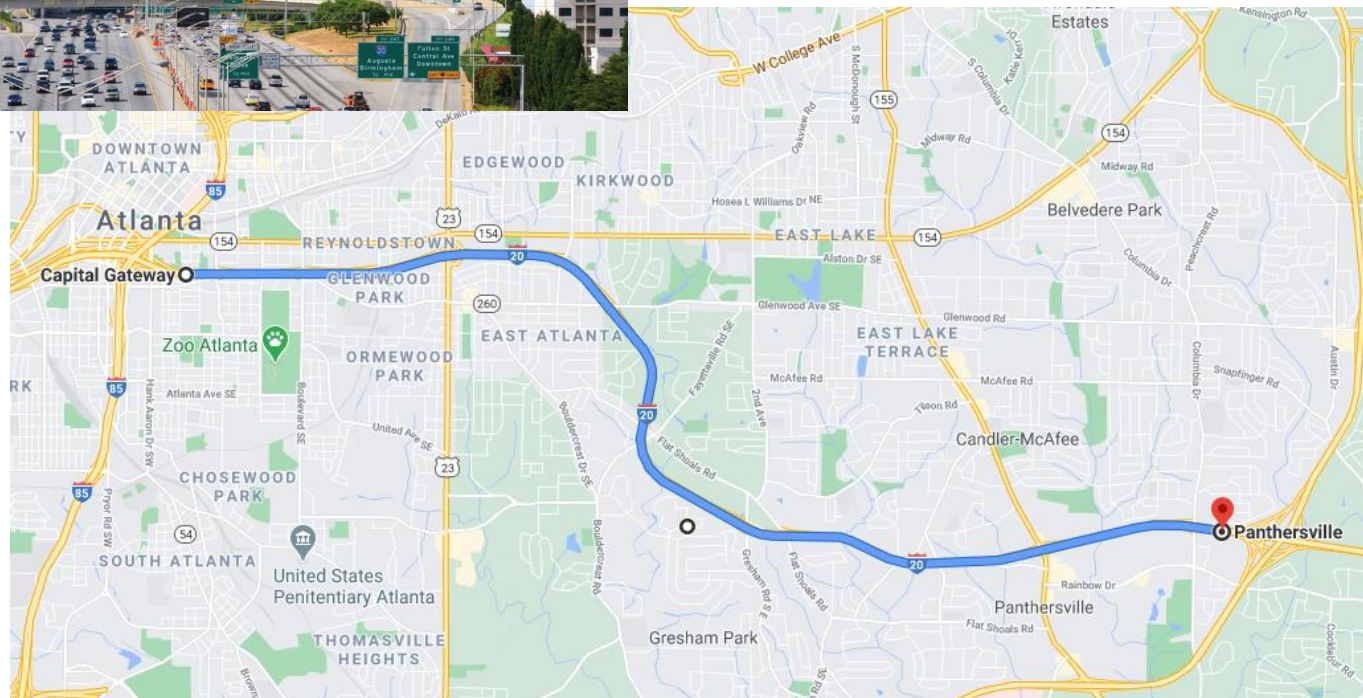


Distributed Fibre Optic Sensing

Converting roadside fiber optic cable into a distributed traffic sensor

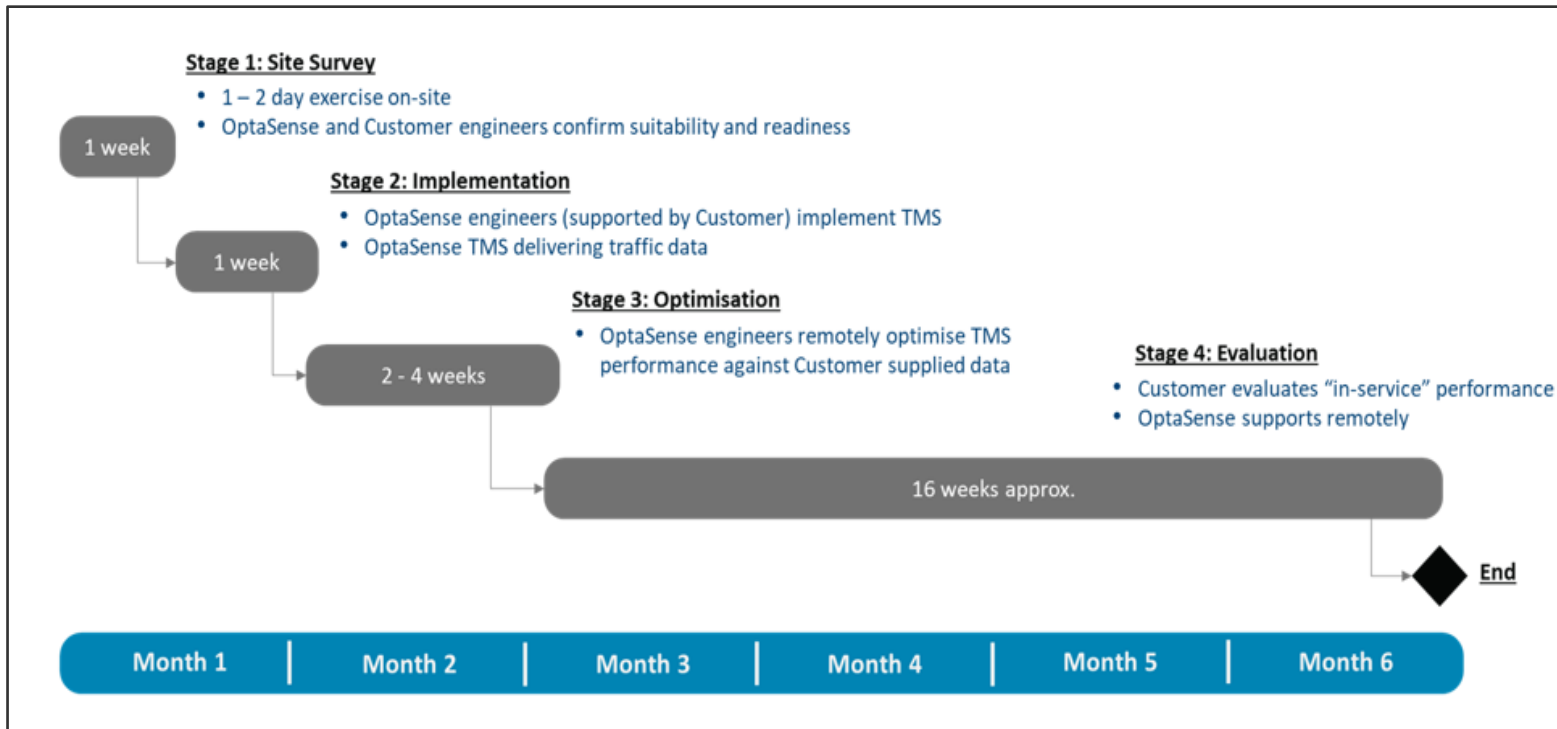


Georgia DOT Project 2020



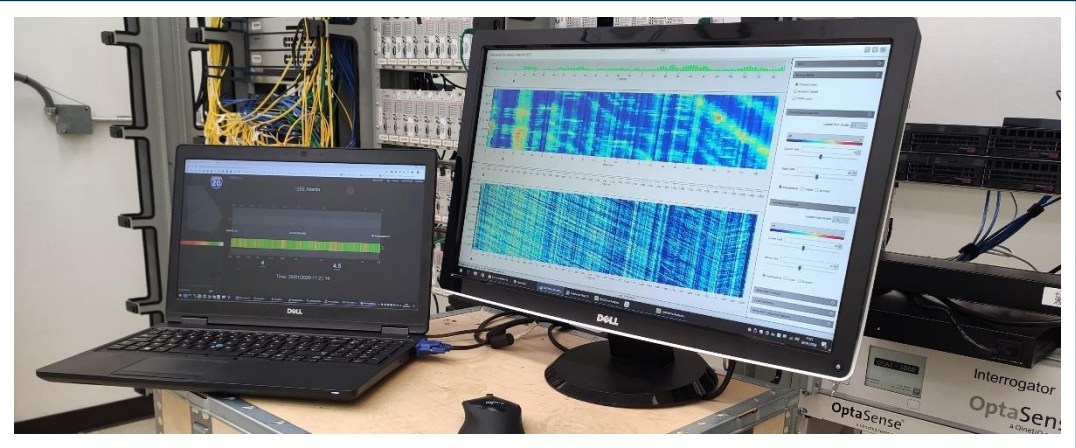
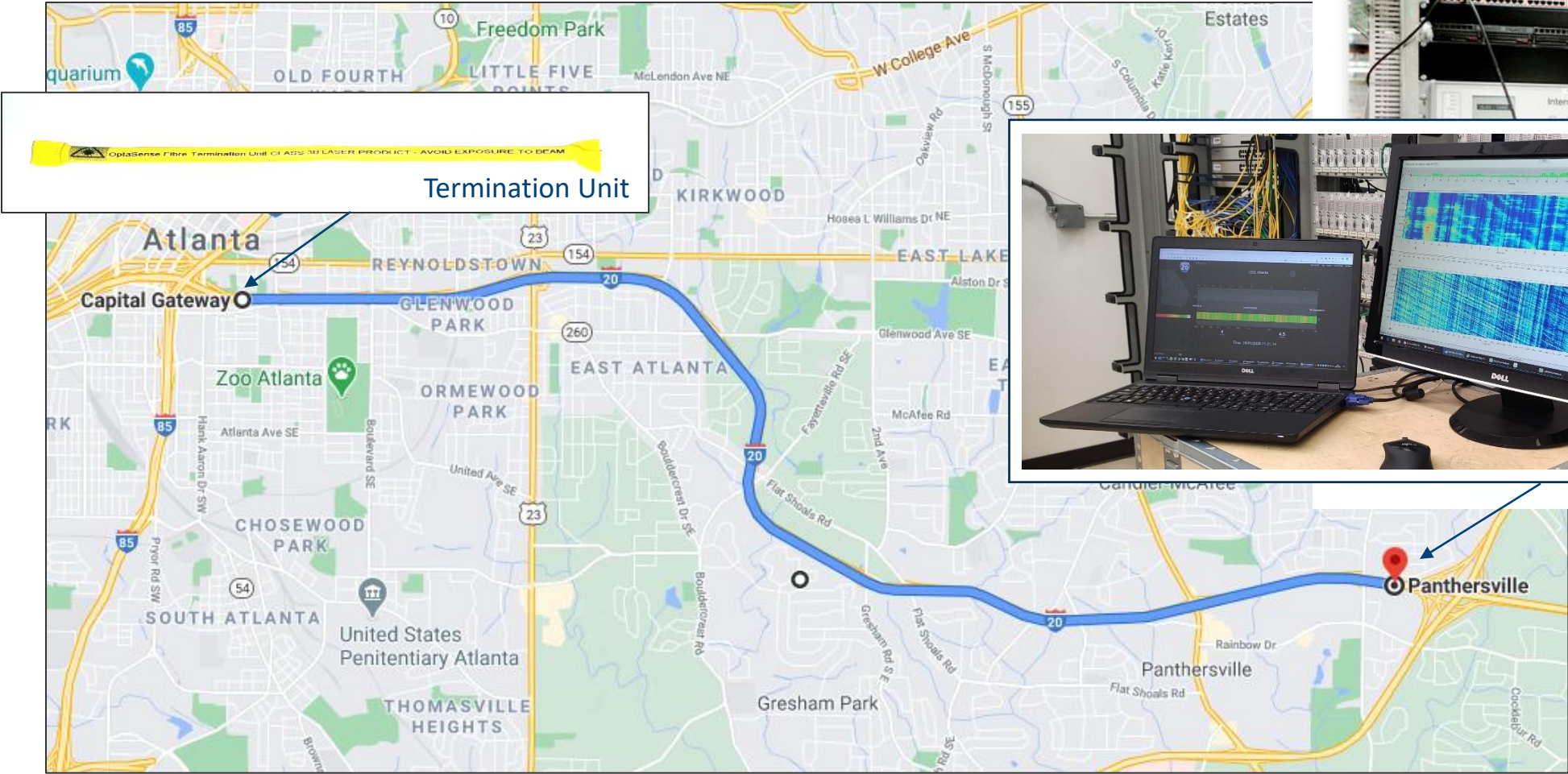
- Evaluation project conducted on section of I-20 in Atlanta, Georgia
- OptaSense Traffic Monitoring Solution delivering:
 - Average Speed
 - Journey Time(s)
 - Queue and Congestion Detection
 - Traffic Count
 - Near-side and far-side monitoring
- Objective(s) to assess performance on state roads
- Completed during H1 2020

Evaluation Project Plan



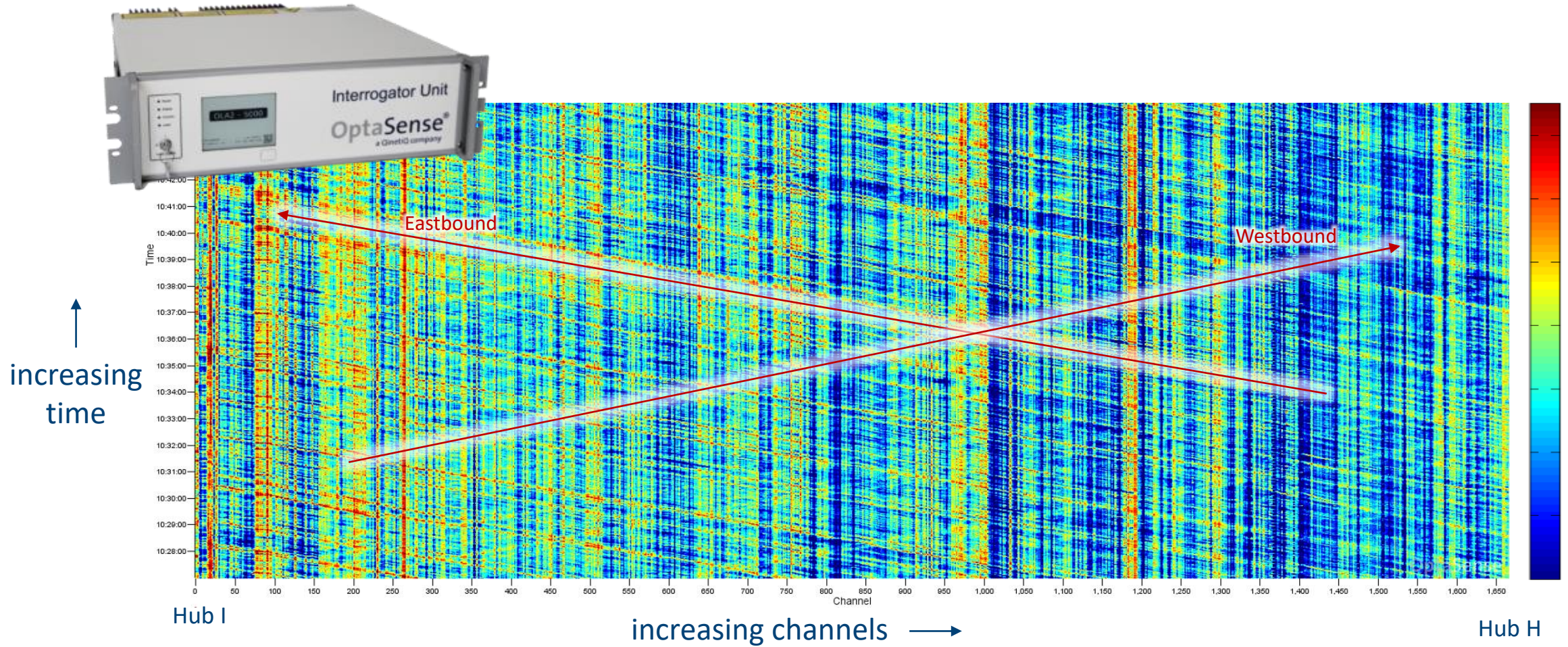
- Six month duration
- Approx. 15 mile road section
- Initial site survey to confirm readiness for successful project
- Rapid TMS installation - no road closures or additional equipment
- Remote optimisation phase to ensure high performance
- Ample opportunity for “in-service” performance assessment

Georgia DOT Installation

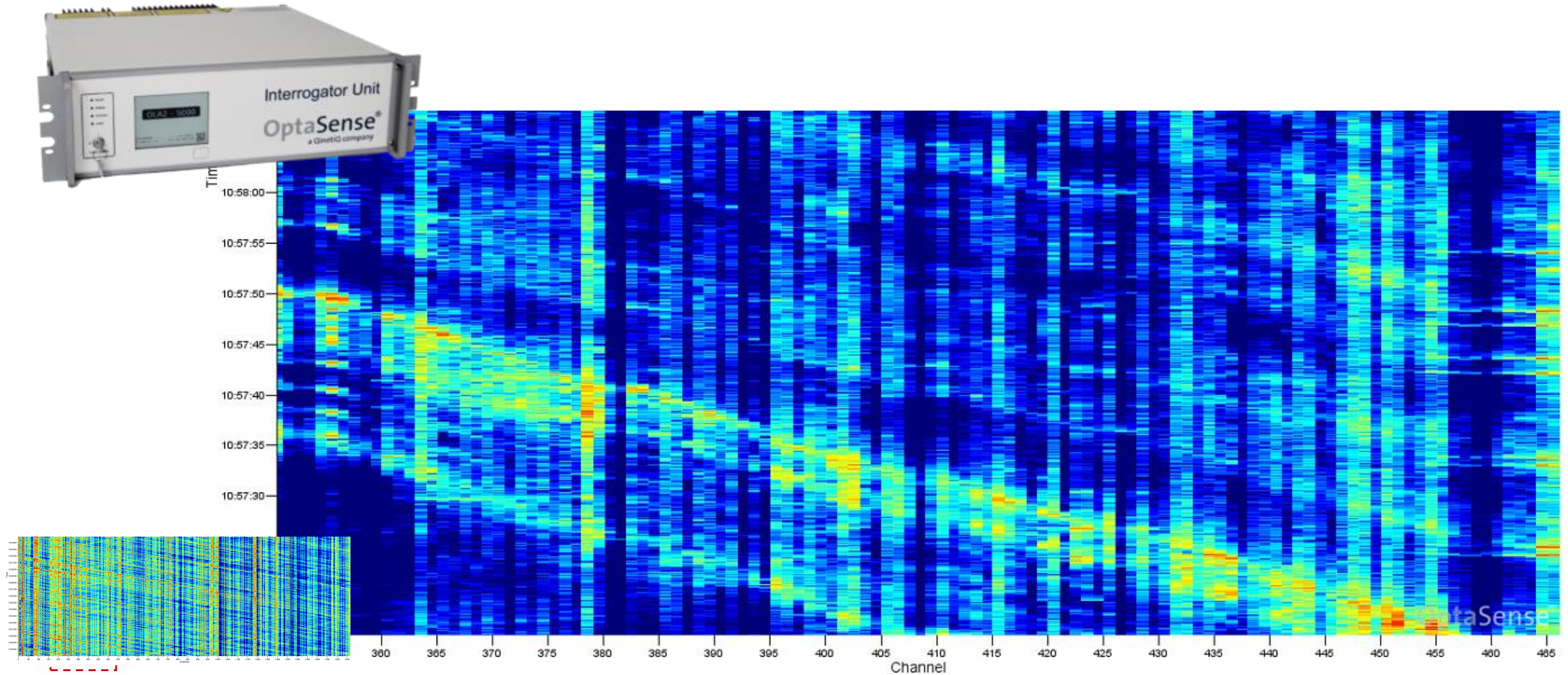


Equipment Installation

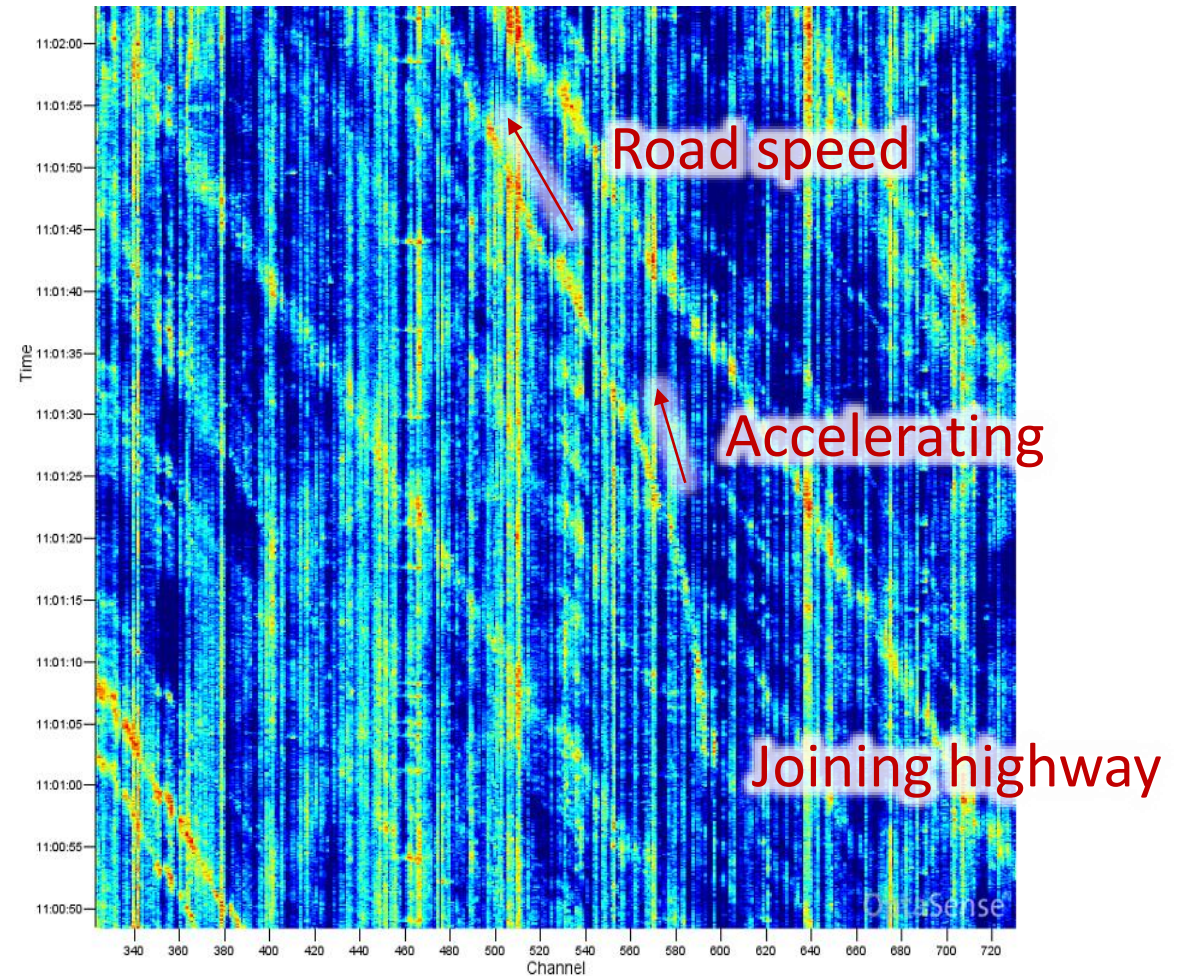
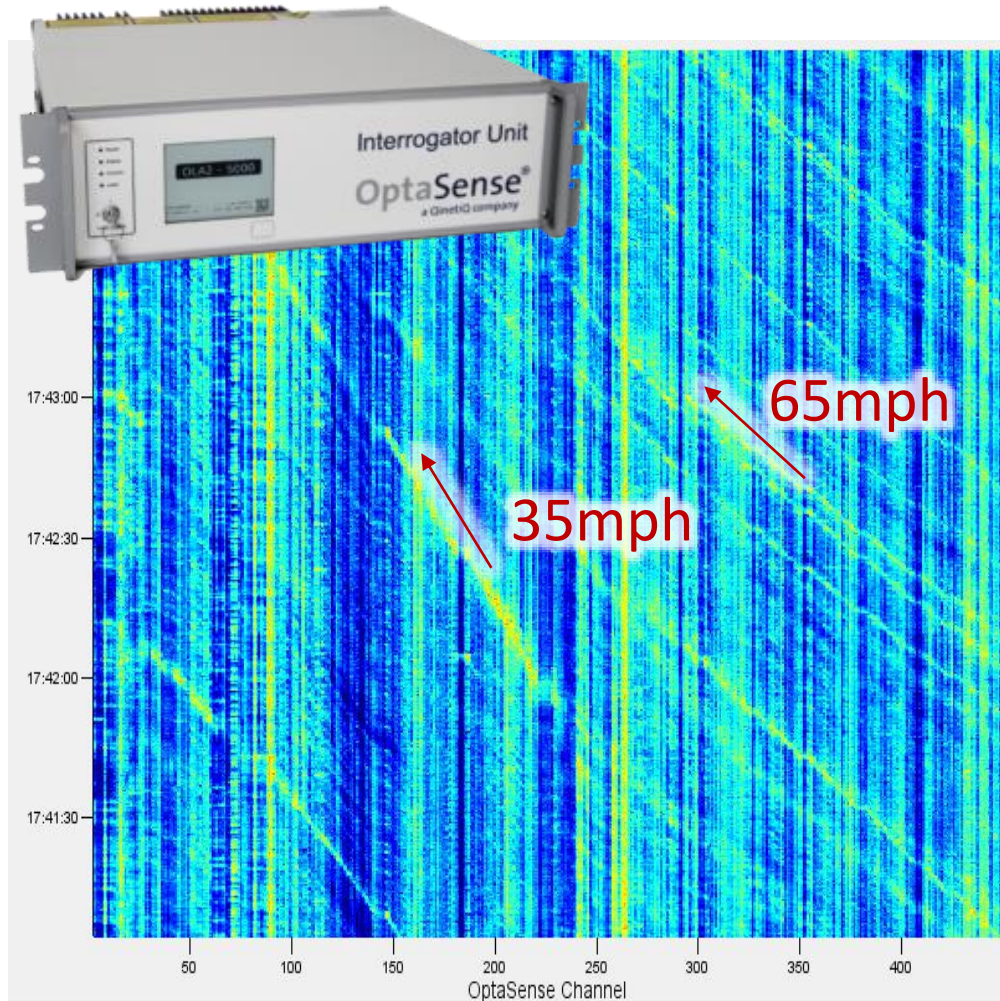
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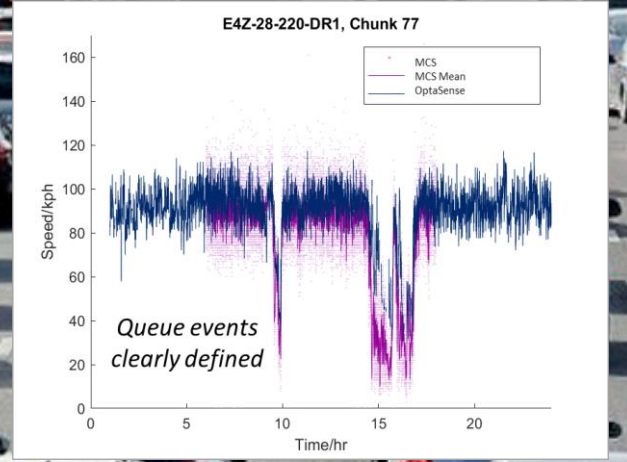
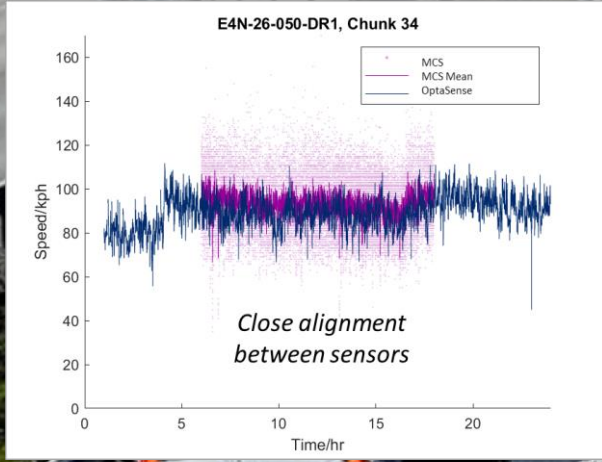
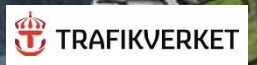


I-20 Real-Time Traffic Information





E20 Stockholm, Sweden



Southwick Tunnel, UK



Criteria	Requirement	OptaSense TMS Performance
Availability	$\geq 98\%$	100%
False Alarm Rate	≤ 1 per km per day	0.00
Detection Rate	$\geq 75\%$	100.65%
Detection Time	≤ 120 sec	3.12 sec

OptaSense Fibre Detection Weighted Final Evaluation Score for Performance

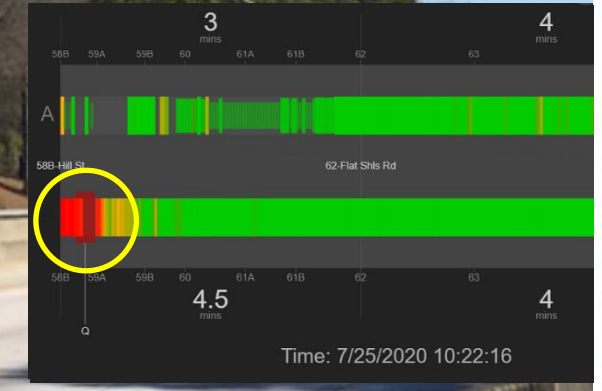


I-20, Atlanta, Georgia

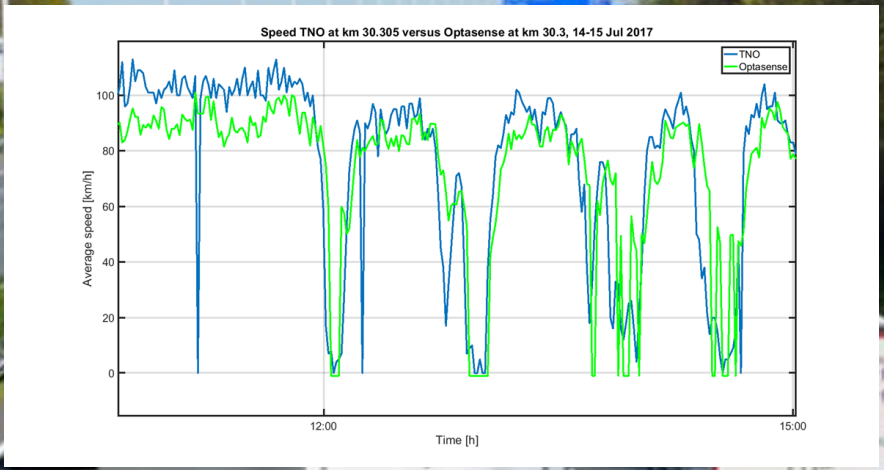
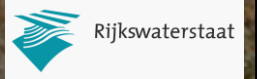
AJC WSB Traffic @ajcwsbtraffic

RED ALERT remains with this Police Activity on I-20/eb/wb at Boulevard (exit 59) all lanes are still shutdown, traffic is diverted onto Boulevard. Avoid and use Memorial Dr. as an alternate wsbradio.com/traffic/#ATLtraffic

11:29 AM · Jul 25, 2020 · TweetDeck

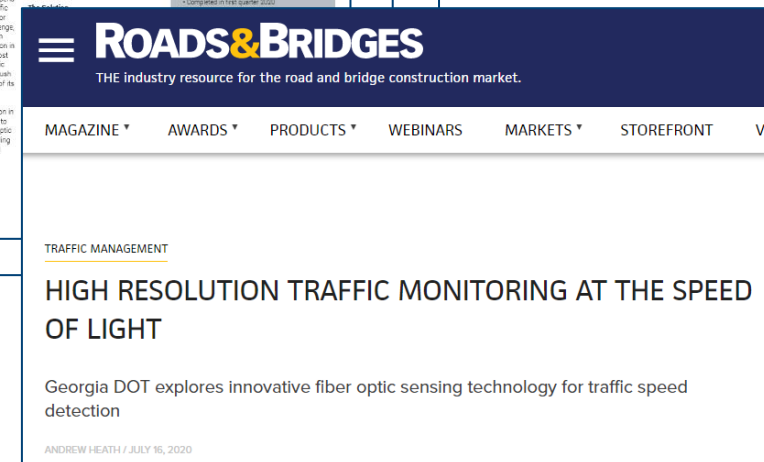
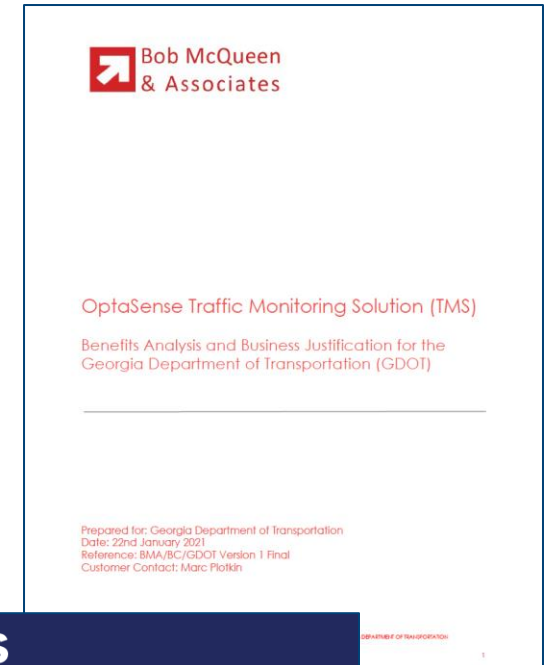
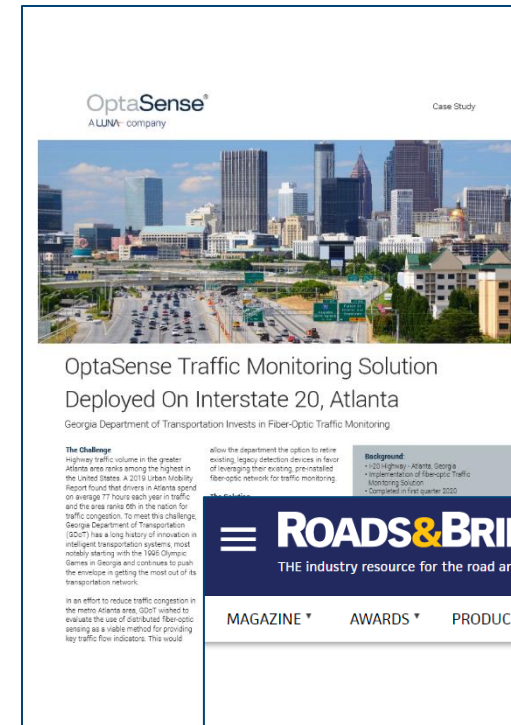


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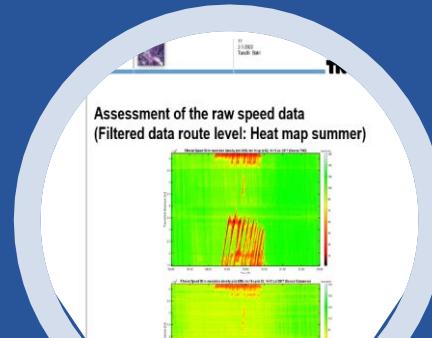
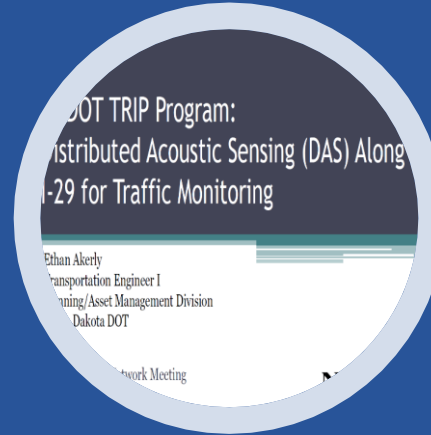
Georgia DOT Project Summary

- Project completed on schedule
- OptaSense TMS remains in service following equipment purchase
- Objectives achieved
 - Validated on state roads using existing fiber
 - Ease of installation, detection accuracy, reliability, performance on wide highway proven
 - Fiber optic sensing does enable the option to consider retiring existing, legacy detection devices
- Subsequent “Benefits Analysis and Business Justification” report forecasts **significant operational and cost advantages** over alternative point sensor technology



Additional Information

- Case Studies
- Customer Presentations
- Consultant Reports
- Youtube videos
- Business case / justifications
- OptaSense presentations, proposals etc.





What Else is Up Our Crowdsourcing Sleeve?



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Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

What else is up our Crowdsourcing sleeve?



Data Sharing

Crowd Sourcing

HAAS alerts

TEO Metrics and Dashboards



Data Sharing with 3rd parties

- INRIX
- Waze – Connected Partner
- Google maps – November 2020
- DriveWYZE
- FreightWaves
- Coming soon.....Apple maps

PTC uses CrowdSourcing

- Waze Connected Partner
 - Share incident and work zone data
 - PTC receives Waze data for our roadway
 - PTC can close a road in Waze
 - PTC can set speed limits and provide other safety messages and planned detours for Waze users
 - PTC will soon start dispatching via Waze

WAZE inclusion

Dispatch via
Waze

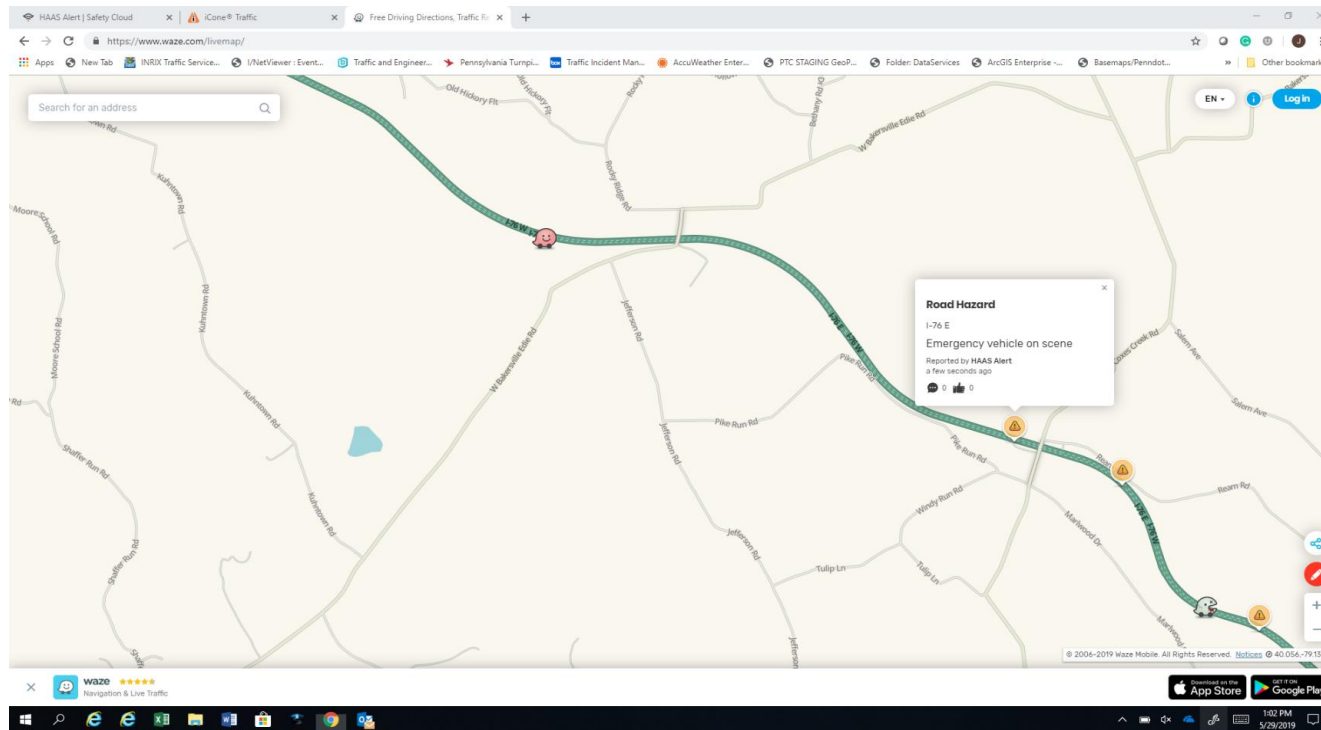
Waze speed
Travel time
file

Speed
reduction at
plazas

HAAS Alerts

Digital Alerts that go to Waze to tell drivers to Move Over for emergency vehicles that are on scene on the roadway

- Activated with light bar
- 144 vehicles
- ½ mile alert
- Over 1.8 Million driver alerts in the first year
- HAAS portal
 - <https://safetycloud.haasalert.com/#/dashboard/things>



Device and Costs



Safer, Faster, Emergency Response.



Apparatus / Vehicle Activation



HA-5 Flashing Lights Transponder

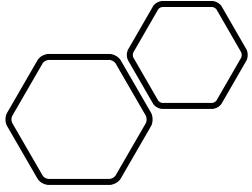
- Transponder connects E-Master / emergency flashing lights
- When emergency flashing lights are "ON," vehicle is transmitting real-time digital alerts via the HAAS Alert Safety Cloud
- Easy installation, no down-time for vehicles / apparatus
- 100% passive, no additional steps for personnel
- No data plan necessary

**Ask your sales rep about HAAS Alert Direct (HA-D) connectivity for fleets*

- 97 units hardwired
- 44 portable units for mobile work zones
- Approximately \$700 a unit/1.95 a day
- 1.8 Waze driver alerts

Benefits of HAAS alerts

- 2018 – 30 Accidents
 - 2019 – 19 Accidents
 - 2020 – 0 Accidents
- HAAS alerts implemented in January 2020
 - Purchased additional plug and play HAAS devices in November 2020 – For use in mobile maintenance patterns
 - Another use this winter was use of the alerts in snowplow trains



TEO/Geo Analytics Program – Apps using Crowdsourcing



WAZE DASHBOARD



INCIDENT TIMELINE



EWD TOOL



DATA CAPABLE

Links and Demos

- [Waze Dashboard](#) – Real Time - Waze
 - Developed in-house
 - ESRI
 - Monitors Waze alerts real time
- [EWD - Early Warning Detection Tool](#) – Real Time – Waze/Inrix/Accuweather
 - Developed in-house
 - Qlik app
 - Monitors ½ mile sections for speed, weather and Waze alerts updated every 2 minutes
- [Incident Timeline Dashboard](#) - Real Time – CADS/Inrix/Waze/PSP crash reporting
 - Developed in-house
 - Qlik app
 - Monitors TIM timeline for quick response and incident management
- [DataCapable](#) - Real Time – Twitter
 - Developed by Datacapable
 - Web app
 - Monitors keywords on Twitter for Operations. Live video call to monitor on scene incidents
- [HAAS Alerts](#) – Real time alerts to Waze
 - Developed by HAAS
 - Web app
 - Show vehicles and devices out in the field

List of dashboards and apps

- **Turnpike Interactive Mobility & Safety (TIMS) v6** - <https://gis.paturndpike.com/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=2e6c1286a2784492a9113243aeb39cfd>
- **Traffic Impediments (Barco Wall)** - <https://gis.paturndpike.com/portal/home/item.html?id=0be08d23bfef41b5833f1b0e95039943>
- **Work Zone Dashboard** - <https://gis.paturndpike.com/portal/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/437c19c130ba45a08d60ea56f3894e38>
- **Deer Encounters Live** - <https://gis.paturndpike.com/portal/home/item.html?id=f4776844f85d46b49d3be9d251b60b86>
- **Active Incident Summary Window (Barco Wall)** - <https://gis.paturndpike.com/AISW/#>
- **Incident Timeline** - <https://analytics.paturndpike.com/sense/app/e140023d-ec39-473a-b2ab-5883781a93a0/sheet/837a9e51-afbc-4741-99bb-58ca47745f05/state/analysis>
- **CADS Reporting** - <https://analytics.paturndpike.com/sense/app/f9e6df48-913e-45ab-994c-f723cae0e1d8>
- **TEO Mobility Dashboard** - <https://analytics.paturndpike.com/sense/app/fc32ff03-2697-46dc-b5b9-0dc87d87fd8e/sheet/30e470fc-81a3-4d58-93e0-0e9f327c88ad/state/analysis?qlikTicket=7mBP8wQrvaVA29VY>
- **Executive Mobility Dashboard** - <https://gis.paturndpike.com/portal/home/item.html?id=d399157019f6432bb77030eca6bf0f6b>
- **ASP Dashboard** - <http://view.paturndpike.com/QvAJAXZfc/AccessPoint.aspx?open=&id=QVS%40cvqlikviewp1%7CAccessPoint-Restricted%2FAuthorized%20Service%20Provider%2FAuthorized%20Service%20Provider.qvw&client=Plugin>
- **Weather Dashboard** - <https://gis.paturndpike.com/portal/home/item.html?id=3c6f8e95ea084a1c9e322f7e74bb769a>
- **Maintenance Shed Dashboards** - <https://gis.paturndpike.com/portal/apps/MinimalGallery/index.html?appid=47c78a0dea34411fa8bafb2f87aaf670>
- **Work Zone Crashes Dashboard** - <https://analytics.paturndpike.com/sense/app/00aeb4af-3d24-4f98-8059-8f7e77486561/sheet/5cf070b8-2efa-4e09-8f64-025bfcc99a3a/state/analysis>
- **Live Speed Dashboard** – <https://analytics.paturndpike.com/sense/app/e5d3a0df-732e-46ad-9ff1-bce2ca5fa102/sheet/224f2d6a-4611-42ee-8711-726fd11f8316/state/analysis>

Thank You!



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Traffic Signal Situational Awareness Dashboard – After Hurricane Sally Landfall



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The Eastern Transportation Coalition - Traveler Informational Summit

Innovative Capture and Dissemination of Traveler Information

Situational Awareness Dashboard During Hurricane Sally

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April 1, 2021

Florida Department of Transportation



OUR VALUES

One FDOT
We are one agency, one team.

INTEGRITY
We always do what is right.

RESPECT
We value diversity, talent and ideas.

COMMITMENT
We do what we say we are going to do.

TRUST
We are open and fair.

CUSTOMER DRIVEN
We listen to our customers.

OUR MISSION

The department will provide a safe transportation system that ensures the mobility of people and goods, enhances economic prosperity, and preserves the quality of our environment and communities.

OUR VISION

As one FDOT team, we serve the people of Florida by providing a transportation network that is well planned, supports economic growth, and has the goal of being congestion and fatality free.

VITAL FEW

- Improve Safety
- Enhance Mobility
- Inspire Innovation

Central Office - Tallahassee

Hurricane Michael to Hurricane Sally



Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale: definition

CAT	Wind Speed		Old SS Scale	
	mph	kt	mb	surge
TD	0-38	0-33		
TS	39-73	34-64		
1	74-95	65-83	980-994	4-5'
2	96-110	84-95	965-979	6-8'
3	111-129	96-112	945-964	9-12'
4	130-156	113-136	920-944	13-18'
5	>157	>137	<920	>18'



Dashboard Creation

- Real-Time Damage Assessment and Situational Assessment
- Real-Time Repair and Restoring Support to Traffic Signals, ITS and Power

Preparedness

Vital Few

Improve Safety

Enhance Mobility

Inspire Innovation



Approach

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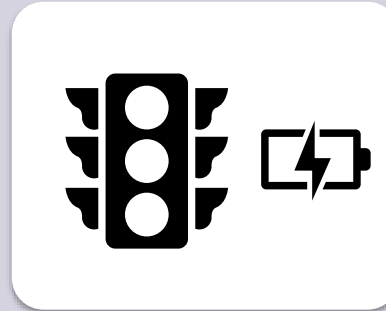
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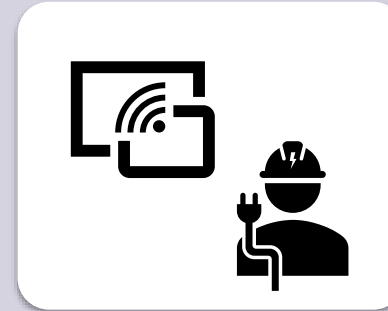
Prepared the Contractual Mechanisms for the Teams to Support in Advance and Developed GIS Tools



Trained and Prepared Damage Assessment Team (DAT) and Situational Awareness Team (SAT)



Real-time Traffic Signal and ITS Damage Repair and Power Restoration Support and Open Channels of Communications



Real-time Field Collector Application Updates for Traffic Signal Repair, Power, and Operational Status



Background

HURRICANE SALLY

#SKYTOWER

Advisory	Location	Wind	Movement	Pressure
5:00 PM	28.8°N 87.4°W	100 MPH	WNW at 6 MPH	987 mb



September 16, 2020 - Hurricane Sally Landfalls as Category 2 and Impacted Four Florida Counties in Panhandle

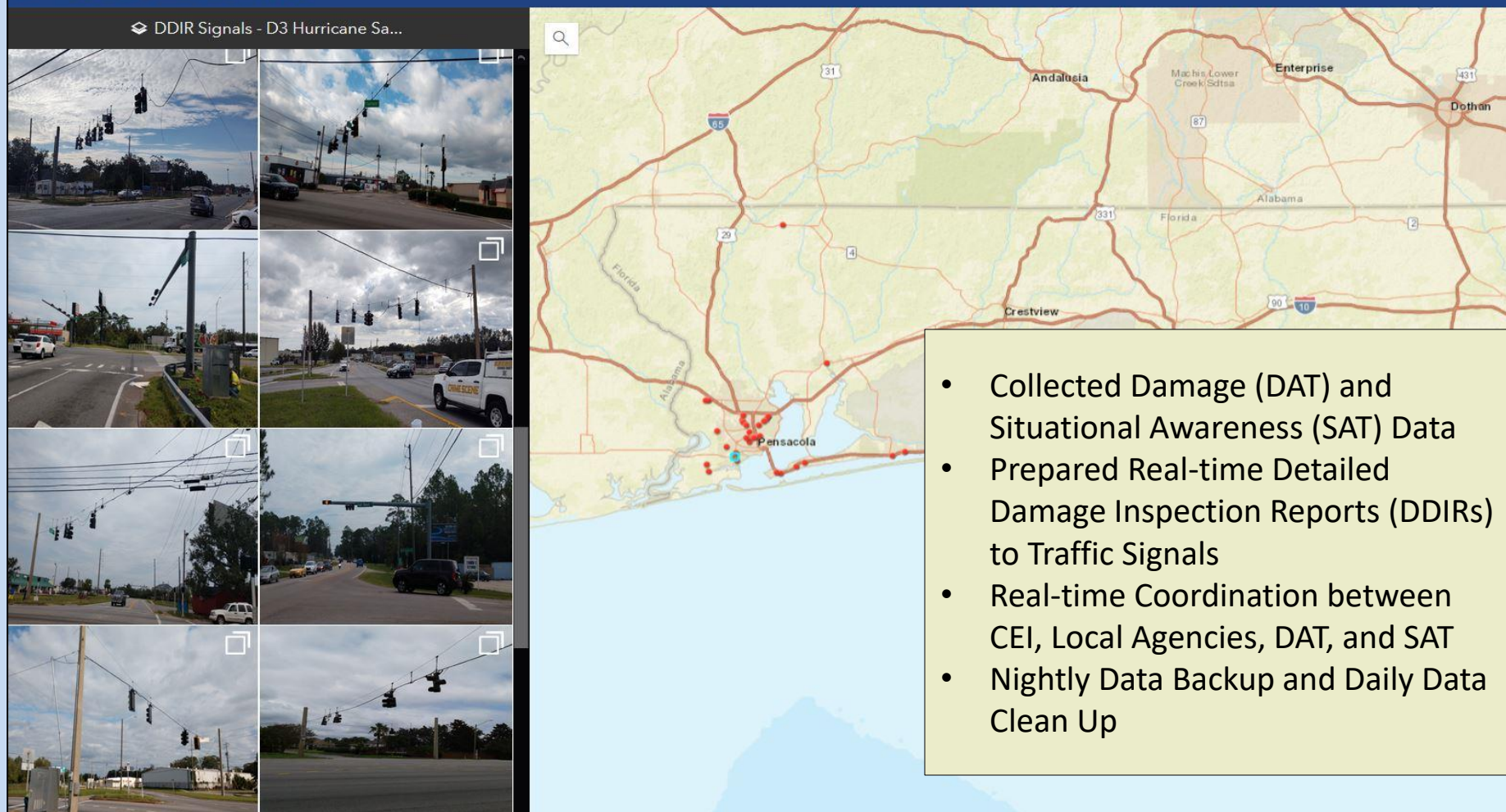
Rivers Approached Dangerous Levels Causing Extensive Flooding in the Region

Extensive Damage to Pensacola Bay Bridge, Traffic Signals, and ITS Devices, Disrupting Traffic Patterns

Data Collection

FDOT DDIR Signals Web App

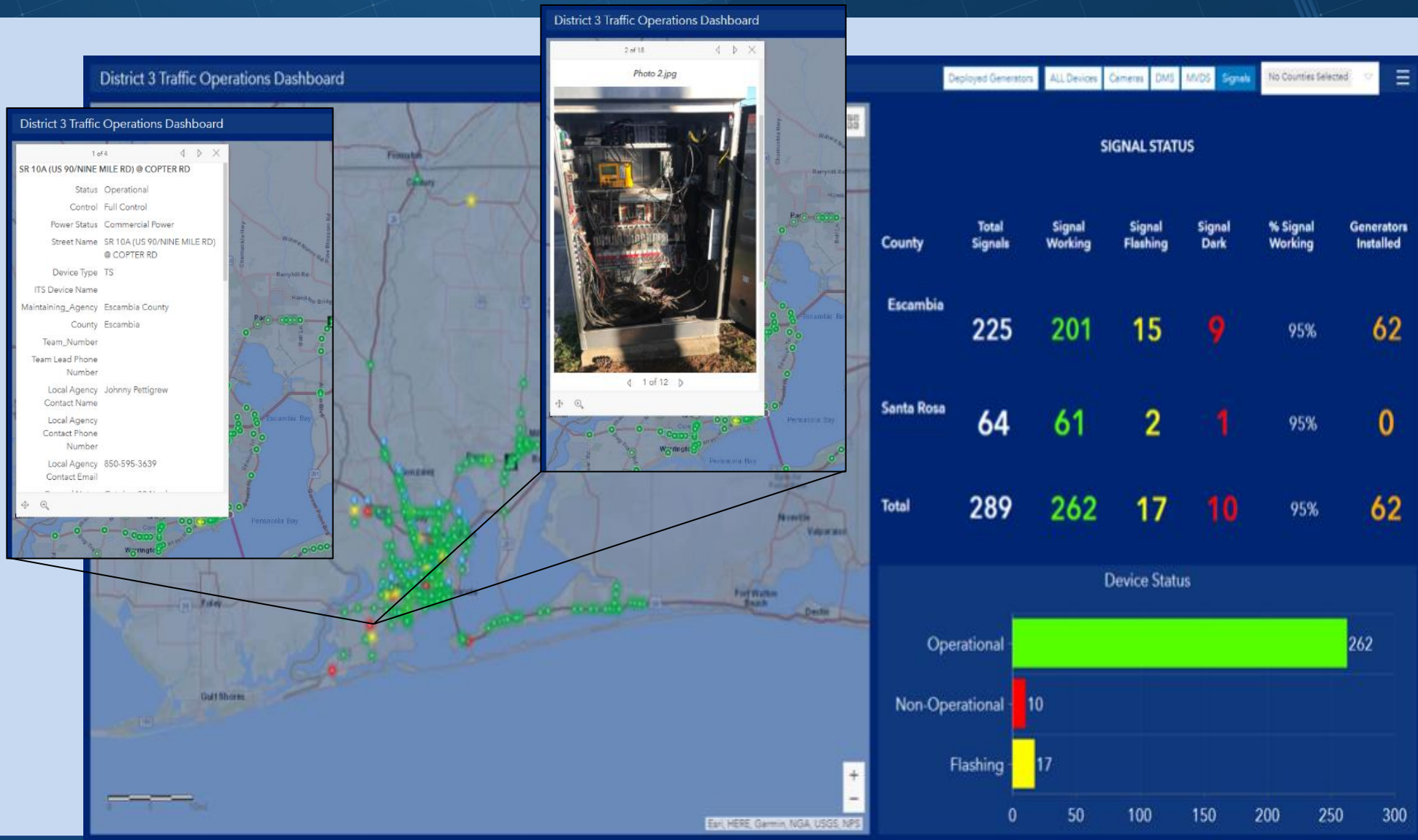
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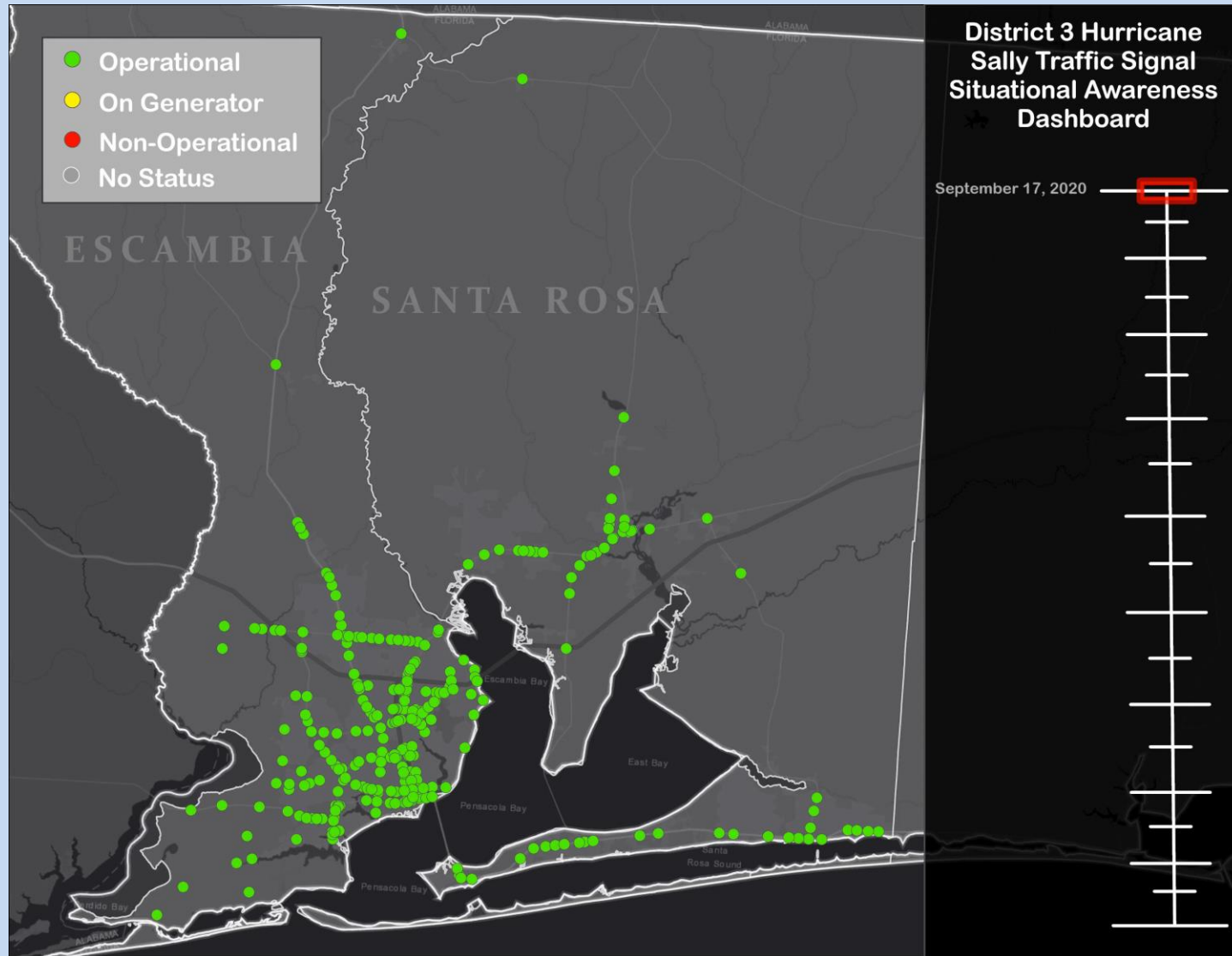


The image displays a screenshot of the FDOT DDIR Signals Web App. The interface is divided into two main sections. On the left, there is a grid of 12 camera views showing traffic signals at various intersections. On the right, there is a map of the Florida Panhandle region, showing major roads and cities like Andalusia, Enterprise, Dothan, and Pensacola. Red dots on the map indicate the locations of traffic signals. A text box on the right side of the map contains a list of bullet points describing the data collection process.

- Collected Damage (DAT) and Situational Awareness (SAT) Data
- Prepared Real-time Detailed Damage Inspection Reports (DDIRs) to Traffic Signals
- Real-time Coordination between CEI, Local Agencies, DAT, and SAT
- Nightly Data Backup and Daily Data Clean Up

Real-Time Operational Status Dashboard





Planning and Implementation

Implemented Emergency Detour Route for the Pensacola Bay Bridge and Arterial Traffic Incident Management

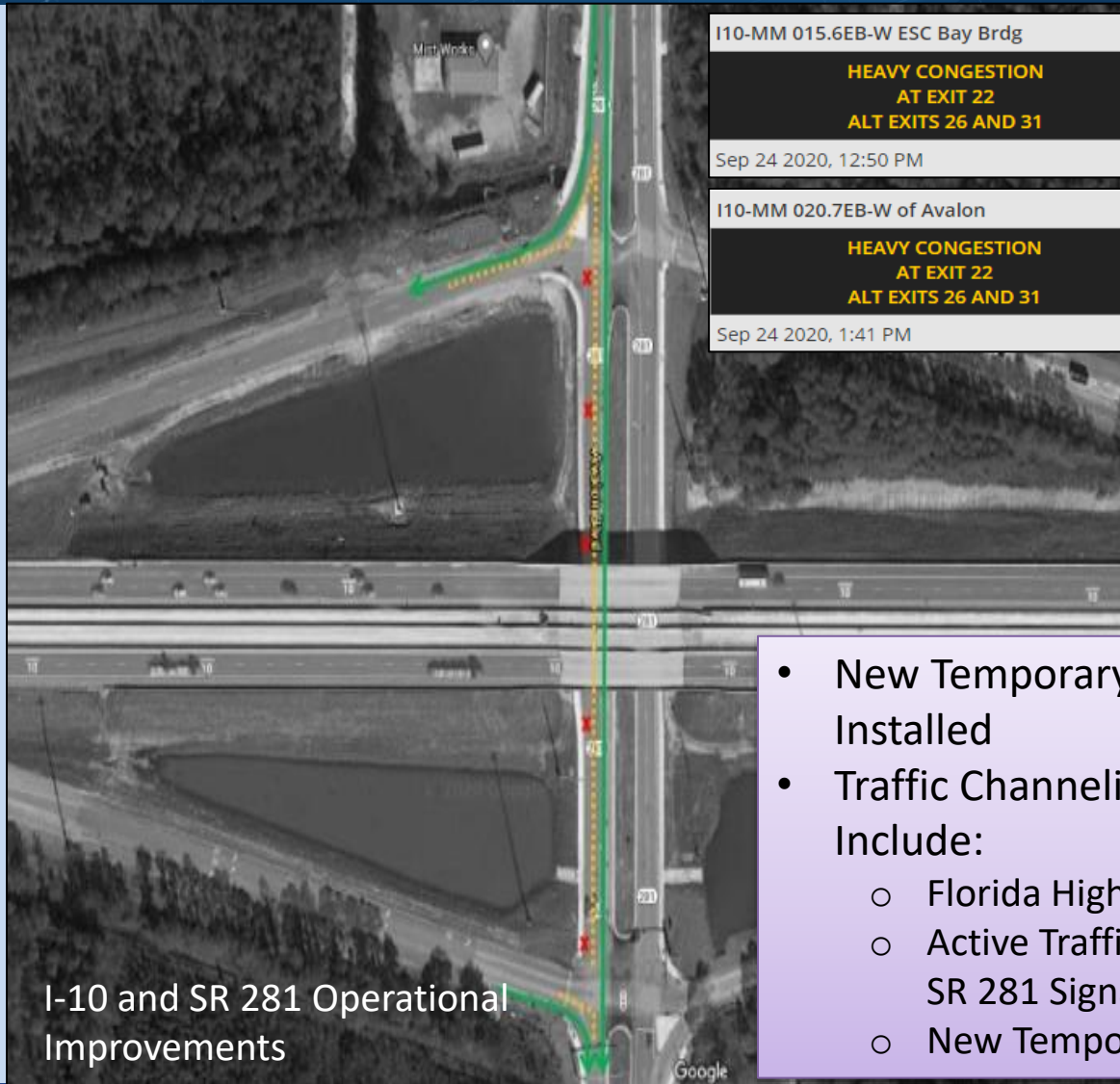
Recorded and Restored Travel Between Gulf Breeze and Pensacola

Immediate Traffic Control Devices Restored on Roadways

Real-time Travel Information to the Travelers in Detour



Active Traffic Management – Real Time Signal Adjustments



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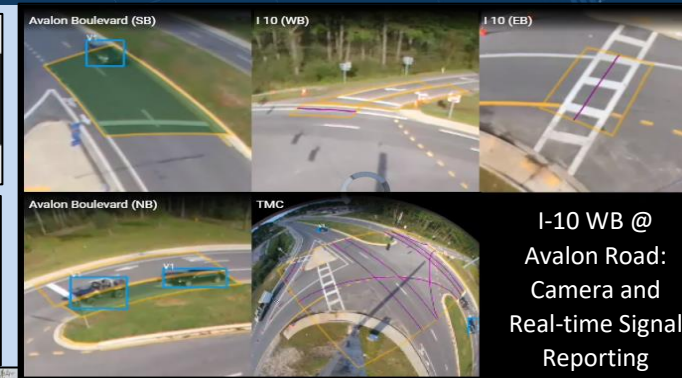
**HEAVY CONGESTION
AT EXIT 22
ALT EXITS 26 AND 31**

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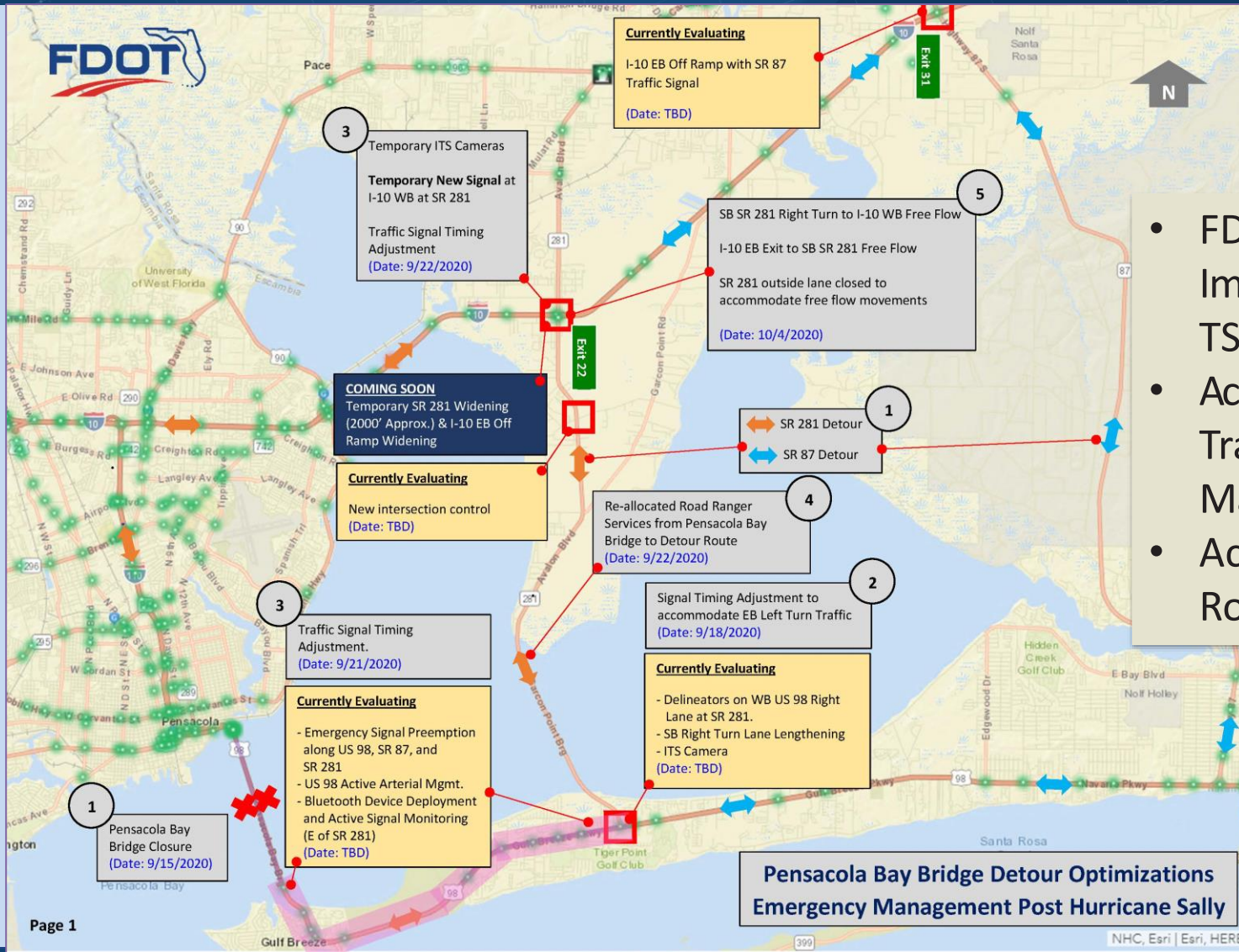
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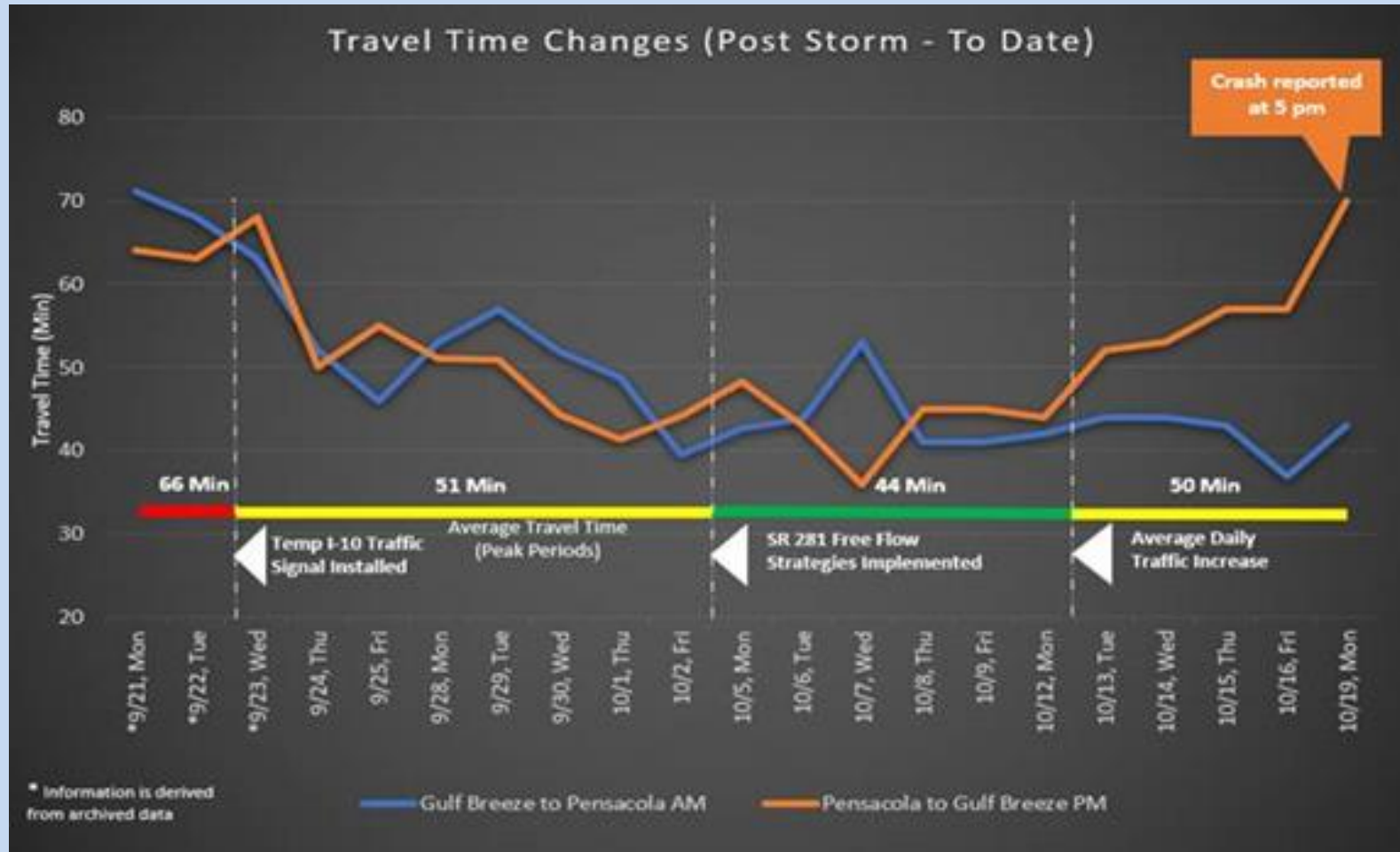
- New Temporary Traffic Signal at I-10 WB Ramps Installed
- Traffic Channelization at I-10 and SR 281 Interchange Include:
 - Florida Highway Patrol Deployed at the Interchange
 - Active Traffic Signal Timing Adjustments at I-10 and SR 281 Signals
 - New Temporary CCTVs at the Interchange

Detour and Incident Management



- FDOT Identified and Implemented Several TSM&O Strategies
- Activated Arterial Traffic Incident Management
- Activated Arterial Road Ranger Support

Communication, Execution and Outcomes



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Category	Location	Wind	Movement	Pressure
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Questions?

Don't Text and Drive



Additional Questions?



Remaining Questions from the Q&A Box



Wrap Up



Meeting information & presentations will be posted to
The Eastern Transportation Coalition website.
Participants will receive a link to the presentations after they are posted.



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CONNECTING FOR SOLUTIONS



Thank You!

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