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# Technology Accomplishments

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# Employer Notification Service



## Purpose

- ◆ Examine the benefits of deploying a national employer notification service when there is a change in driver CDL status

## Accomplishments

- ◆ Feasibility study has been completed

## Next step

- ◆ Conduct two-year pilot tests in two states to further examine cost/benefit assumptions from the first phase of research

# Enhanced Rear Signaling



## Purpose

- ◆ Reduce rear end collisions with heavy trucks
- ◆ Identify and evaluate technologies that will warn following drivers to take evasive actions

## Accomplishments

- ◆ Research underway to determine the causal factors of these crashes

## Next step

- ◆ Develop and evaluate countermeasures in 2005

# Untethered Trailer Tracking System



## Purpose

- ◆ Test and evaluate an untethered trailer tracking system to determine how this technology can improve safety, security, and efficiency in the movement of high-value or high-security risk loads

## Accomplishment

- ◆ Initiated 3-month pilot test with 75 trailers and 3 carriers

## Next Steps

- ◆ Complete pilot test at the end of January 2005
- ◆ Complete final evaluation report in May 2005

# Deployment Planning



## Purpose

- ◆ Disseminate information and facilitate widespread deployment of onboard safety systems

## Accomplishments

- ◆ Established partnerships with stakeholders to facilitate the deployment of onboard safety technology by the industry

## Next Steps

- ◆ Complete voluntary requirements for 3 projects by July 2005 (Roll Stability System, Forward Collision Warning System, Lane Departure Warning System)
- ◆ In 2005, compute cost-benefit for industry

# Wireless Inspections of Trucks and Buses



## Purpose

- ◆ Utilize ITS (wireless) technologies to make truck and bus inspections more effective and efficient

## Accomplishments

- ◆ Project initiated (September 2004)

## Next Steps

- ◆ Development of new operational concepts (March 2005)
- ◆ Concept Feasibility Evaluation (May 2005)
- ◆ System Development and Deployment Plan (August 2005)

# CDL 3rd Party Anti-Fraud



## Purpose

- ◆ Develop technology to deal with fraudulent CDLs
- ◆ Develop specifications and pilot test software to be used by motor vehicle administrators for detecting fraud among 3<sup>rd</sup> party testers

## Accomplishments

- ◆ Finalized data requirements and specifications document

## Next Step

- ◆ Design, develop, and pilot test software in 3 States by the end of 2005



# SmartPark



## Purpose

- ◆ Develop, test, and demonstrate effective and innovative technology for conveying real-time information on parking availability at truck/rest stops

## Accomplishments

- ◆ White paper discussing SmartPark issues completed

## Next Steps

- ◆ Publish Broad Agency Announcement of the solicitation for concept papers, early 2005
- ◆ Phase I: Select 2-3 offerors for feasibility study or more detailed proposal
- ◆ Phase II: Select best proposal for funding of demonstration and evaluation

# CVISN Deployment Program



## Purpose

- ◆ Increase highway safety by improving the quality, timeliness, and access to motor carrier safety and credentials data
- ◆ Develop and deploy integrated, cost-effective information systems and communications networks using state-of-the-art technologies

## Accomplishments

- ◆ 2 more States completed core deployment
- ◆ 3 States completed CVISN workshops (design step)

## Next Steps

- ◆ Complete core deployment in up to 5 States
- ◆ Select 2-3 expanded capabilities for national deployment
- ◆ Host ITS/CVO Deployment Showcase February 22-23, 2005 ([www.2005showcase.com](http://www.2005showcase.com))

## Publications 2004



- ◆ CVISN Electronic Credentialing for Commercial Vehicles in Connecticut
  - See [cvisn.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://cvisn.fmcsa.dot.gov) – “What’s New”
- ◆ CVISN Electronic Credentialing for Commercial Vehicles in Washington State
  - See [cvisn.fmcsa.dot.gov](http://cvisn.fmcsa.dot.gov) – “What’s New”
- ◆ CVISN: Partnerships for Safer, Simpler and Smarter Transportation Systems (Brochure)
  - Contact [jeff.secrist@fmcsa.dot.gov](mailto:jeff.secrist@fmcsa.dot.gov)

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