

#### **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**



Session 11: ITS Research in the U.S. and Abroad



### Update on FMCSA ITS Research

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#### The Mission of FMCSA

 Reduce crashes, injuries, and fatalities involving large trucks & commercial buses







## Scope of the Motor Carrier Industry

700,000 + Interstate Motor Carriers

7 Million Commercial Drivers

8.2 Million Large Trucks

227 Billion Miles Traveled by Trucks



## Scope of the Large Truck Problem

5,200 Fatalities

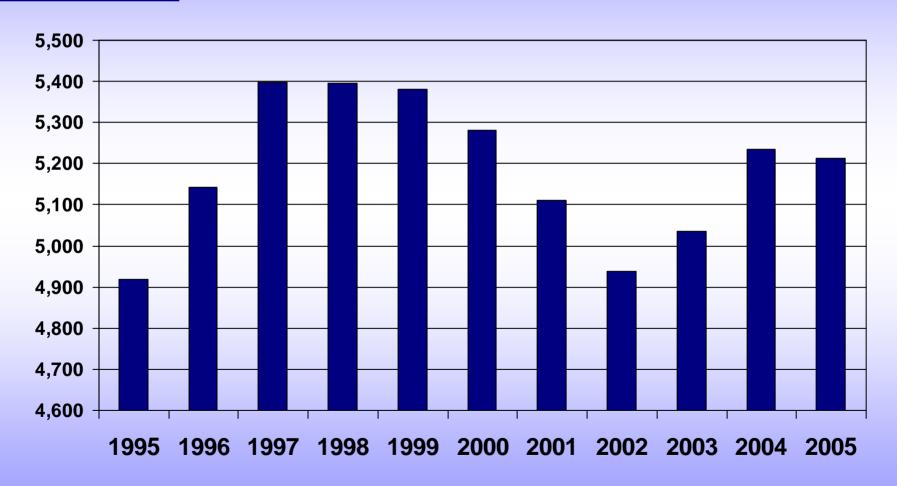
110,000 Injured Persons

400,000 Police Reported Crashes

\$35 Billion Cost to Society



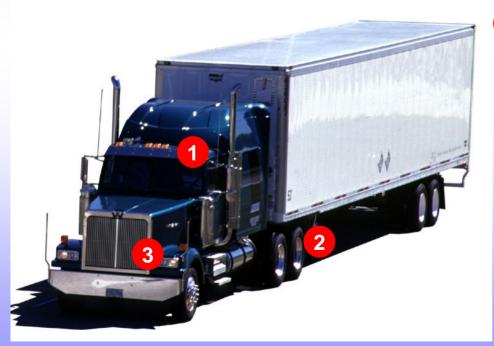
## Large Truck Fatalities





## On-Board Technology Initiatives

During the past several years, FMCSA has tested, evaluated, and encouraged the deployment of on-board safety systems to improve safety



- 1 Lane Departure Warning Systems
- Roll Stability Systems and Electronic Stability Systems
- Forward Collision
  Warning Systems with
  Adaptive Cruise Control



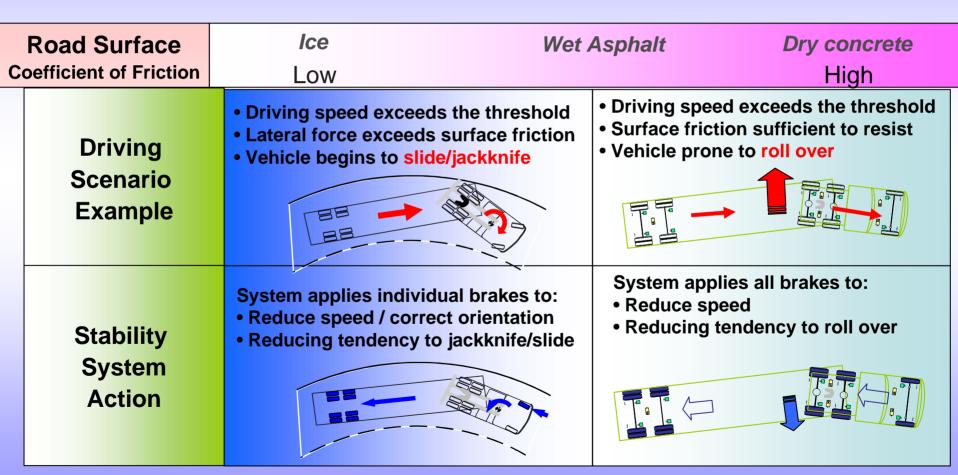
# Lane Departure Warning Systems

- Camera watches road ahead not driver
- Tracks road and vehicle position in lane
- Monitors for weaving and lane drifts
- Alerts driver before road departure
- Blocks warning automatically if:
  - Turn signal is used
  - Speed is less than threshold
- Mack FieldOperationalTest Results





## Stability Control Systems





# Forward Collision Warning Systems

- Detection within 500 ft.
  - Lead vehicle within 3 seconds following distance; no tones, yellow light
  - Lead vehicle within 2 seconds following distance; distance closing = tone, orange light
  - Lead vehicle within 1 second following distance; distance closing = tone, red light
  - Lead vehicle within ½ second following distance; continuous tone, red light













### **Adaptive Cruise Control**



- Use data from the CWS and truck through SAE J1939
- Work to maintain separation of 2¼ to 3¼ seconds behind followed vehicle
- Decelerates truck by de-fueling the engine, engaging the engine retarder, allowing an automatic transmission to downshift



### Deployment Planning

- Work in partnership opportunities
- Support decision-making by providing additional information and data
  - Voluntary functional specifications
  - Technology and Maintenance Council Recommended Practices
  - FMCSA Website Safety and Security System Technology Product Guides
- ATRI/FMCSA On-Board Safety Technology Webinars



#### What's Next?

- Assess integration issues
- Continue industry collaboration and information sharing
- Compute costs and benefits for industry
- Future testing for more rigorous evaluations

#### Safety is Good Business



## National Commercial Motor Vehicle Technology Corridor

#### Tennessee I-40/I-81/I-26 Corridor:

Fixed and mobile state-of-the-art facilities for testing and evaluation of CMV enforcement technologies





#### Benefits

- National Showcase for CMV Enforcement Technologies
- Builds on TDOS' recent 2006 Motor Carrier Safety Leadership Award
- Venue to test and prove technologies in an actual roadside environment
- Ready location for future field operational tests and implementation

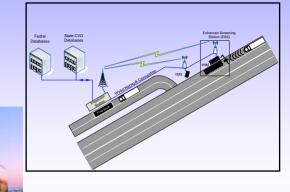






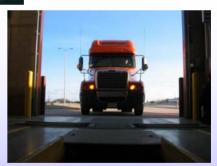
Overview of Projects

Wireless Truck and Bus Inspections



Performance-Based Brake Tester





Smart InfraredInspection System







## CMV Roadside Technology Corridor Ribbon-Cutting Event

- Date: August 7, 2007
- Technologies
  - WRI
  - PBBT
  - SIRIS
  - CVISN
  - Current inspection tools
- Invited Participants
  - DOT and FMCSA Senior Staff
  - TDOS and TDOT Commissioners Senior Staf
  - Congressional Staff





# Motor Carrier Efficiency Study (SAFETEA-LU, 5503)

- Study to identify freight inefficiencies; evaluate the safety and productivity benefits of wireless technologies and conduct, as appropriate, field tests
- Program Elements
  - Fuel monitoring and management systems
  - Radio frequency identification technology
  - Electronic manifest systems
  - Cargo theft prevention
  - Roadside inspection systems
- Phase I, Freight Study, awarded in September 2006
- Phase II, Field Operational Tests, December 2007





## Enhanced Rear Signaling for Commercial Motor Vehicles

- Rear-end crashes are one of the most frequent accident configurations in heavy vehicles
- Countermeasures will be evaluated by installing them on a test truck and observing driver behavior
- Final report (November 2006)



# SmartPark: Real-Time Truck Parking Information

- Demonstrate technology to provide information on parking availability in real time to truckers
  - Disseminating parking availability information
  - Forecasting availability based on history
  - Diverting truckers from filled parking areas to parking areas with available capacity along a corridor or within a region
- FMCSA awarded contract in late Spring





## Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems

#### Goals

- Update/expand previous market research study
- Design/conduct field operational test
- Hold a symposium and public meeting (late 2007)

#### Outcomes

- Determine effectiveness of system in real-world
- Document costs and benefits
- Encourage deployment of systems



### **Driver Related Projects**

- Employer Notification Service
  - Burden to discover driver history is on motor carriers
  - Design and prototype national ENS System
  - Started pilot test in Colorado and Minnesota (Dec. 2006)
- Commercial Drivers' License 3rd Party Testing Anti-Fraud
  - Goal reduce fraud in CDL process
  - Develop IT-based strategies to monitor testing
  - Pilot test software (Summer 2006)
  - Finished final report (Dec. 2006)



### **CVISN Deployment Program**

- CVISN is a nationwide initiative managed by FMCSA designed to:
  - Improve safety and productivity of commercial vehicles and drivers
  - Improve efficiency and effectiveness of commercial vehicle safety programs through targeted enforcement
  - Improve commercial vehicle data sharing within states and between states and FMCSA
  - Reduce state and industry regulatory costs



## CVISN Deployment Program Funding

- SAFETEA-LU provides FMCSA \$25 million/year
- Deploy "Core" capabilities nationwide
  - States must have accepted CVISN Program Plan
  - Receive no more than \$2.5 million
- Define, develop, and implement "Expanded" capabilities
  - Certified by FMCSA as completing Core deployment
  - Receive no more than \$1 million
- FY'06: \$24.75 million
- ♦ FY'07: \$25 million



### Core CVISN - Expanded CVISN

#### **Core CVISN**

**Expanded CVISN** 

Safety Information Exchange

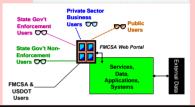


Driver Information
Sharing

**Expanded Safety Information Sharing** 







**Electronic Screening** 



Smart Roadside



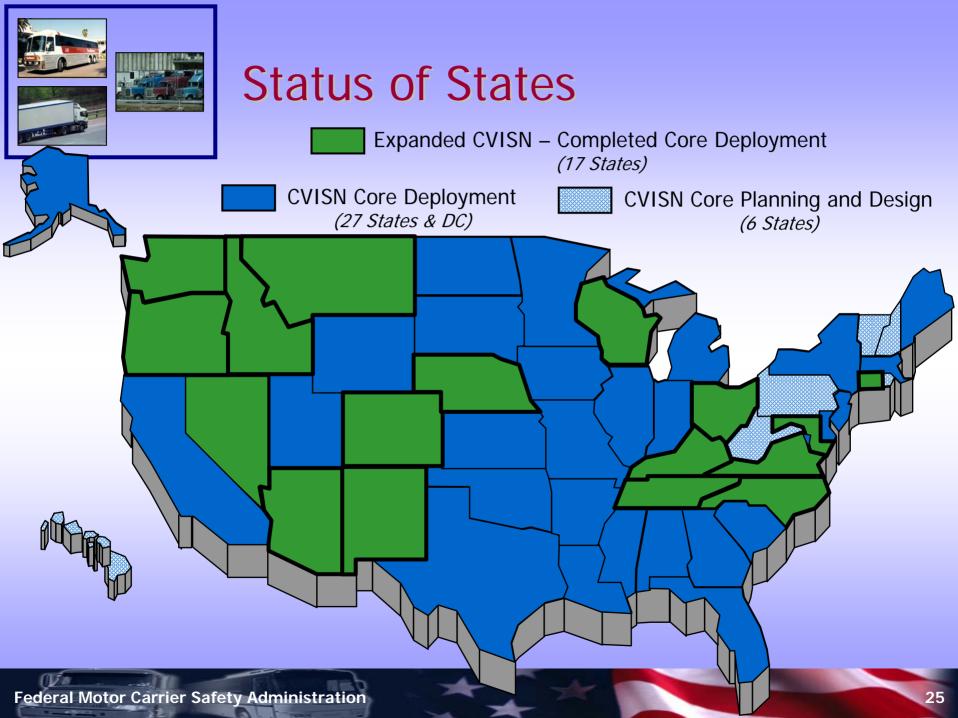
Credentials Administration



Expanded E-Credentialing









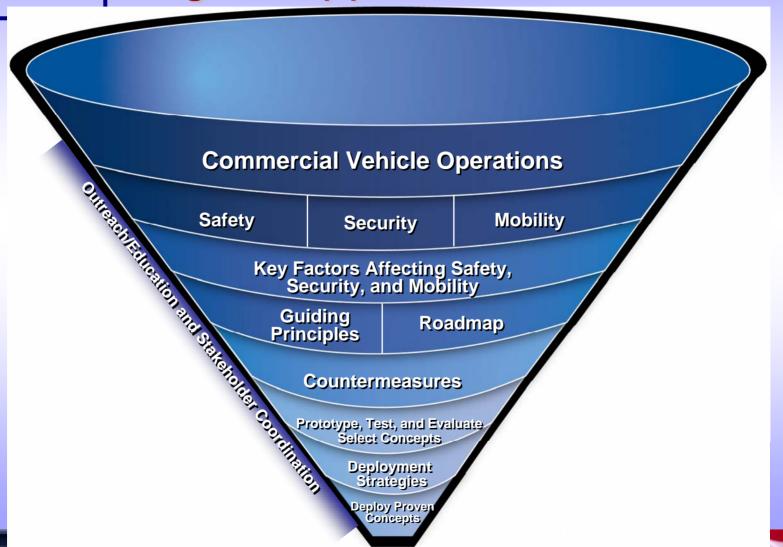
## Smart Roadside for Commercial Vehicle Operations – Vision

- Through the application of vehicle- and infrastructurebased technologies:
  - Commercial motor vehicles operate more safely, efficiently, and securely
  - Roadside enforcement and compliance operations are streamlined and/or improved
  - Commercial vehicles/freight moves efficiently across domestic and international boundaries, as well as into, out of, and through freight facilities
  - Infrastructure is preserved and construction resources are targeted more effectively





# Smart Roadside Initiative Logical Approach





### **Future Projects**

- Advance FMCSA's safety mission
- Adopt, test, and deploy technologies and best practices
- Focus on driver, commercial vehicle, and motor carrier operations
- Contribute to a safe and secure commercial transportation system



### Thanks for your attention!

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