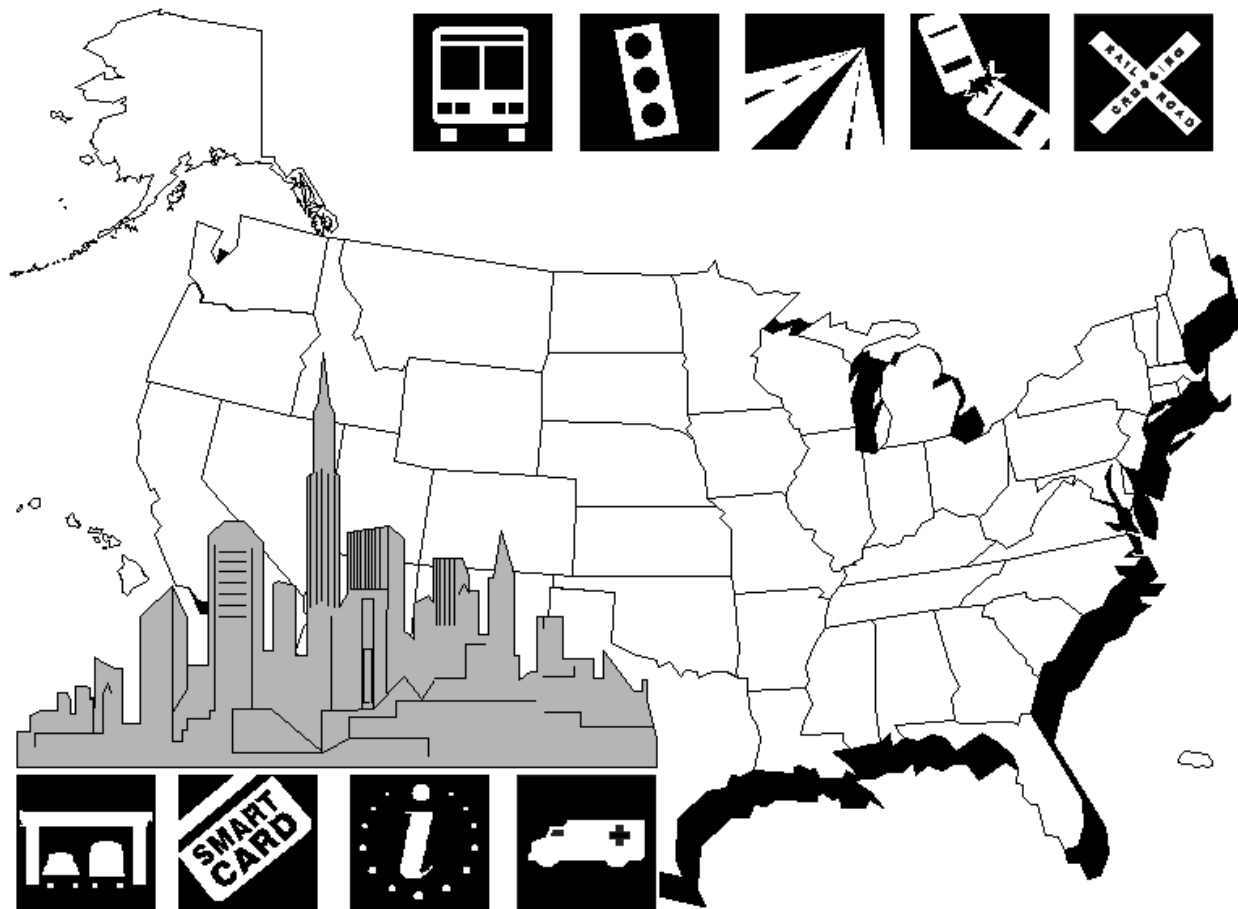


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## **Preface**

This report presents an update of a major nationwide data gathering effort tracking the deployment of the metropolitan Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology in metropolitan areas in the United States. This report documents results of a survey conducted in 2004. This survey was conducted in two parts, one covering 78 major metropolitan areas and the other 30 medium sized metropolitan areas, was an update to an on-going survey effort, last carried out in 2002. Tracking the deployment of ITS infrastructure is an important element of ITS program assessment, as implementation of ITS technology is an indirect measure of effectiveness of the ITS program. Information regarding deployment activities provides feedback on progress of the program that can help stakeholders establish strategies for continued market growth. Understanding the rate of ITS deployment in various metropolitan areas can lead to insights regarding future program changes, redefinition of goals, or maintenance of current program direction.

The methodology followed to complete this effort is based on the development of deployment indicators designed to capture the most important functions provided by a particular ITS infrastructure component. The nine components tracked include: Freeway Management, Incident Management, Arterial Management, Transit Management, Electronic Fare Payment, Electronic Toll Collection, Highway-Rail Intersections, Emergency Management, and Regional Multimodal Traveler Information. In addition, indicators were developed to capture the level of integration of these components.

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## Executive Summary

In January 1996, former Secretary Peña set a goal of deploying the integrated metropolitan Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) infrastructure in 75<sup>1</sup> of the nation's largest metropolitan areas by 2005:

*"I'm setting a national goal: to build an intelligent transportation infrastructure across the United States to save time and lives, and improve the quality of life for Americans. I believe that what we do, we must measure . . . Let us set a very tangible target that will focus our attention . . . I want 75 of our largest metropolitan areas outfitted with a complete intelligent transportation infrastructure in 10 years."*<sup>2</sup>

-- Former Secretary Peña, 1996

In order to track progress toward fulfillment of the former Secretary's goal for deployment, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Joint Program Office (JPO) developed the metropolitan ITS deployment tracking methodology in 1997. This methodology tracks deployment of the nine components that make up the ITS infrastructure: Freeway Management; Incident Management; Arterial Management; Emergency Management; Transit Management; Electronic Toll Collection; Electronic Fare Payment; Highway-Rail Intersections; and Regional Multimodal Traveler Information. Information is gathered through a set of surveys distributed to the state and local agencies involved with these infrastructure components. The surveys gather information on the extent of deployment of the infrastructure and on the extent of integration between the agencies that operate the infrastructure. Deployment is measured using a set of indicators tied to the major functions of each component. Integration is measured by assessing the extent to which agencies share information and cooperate in operations based on a set of defined links between the infrastructure components. The details of the methodology are explained in a separate report.<sup>3</sup>

In FY97, the ITS JPO undertook a baseline survey of deployment in 78 of the nation's largest metropolitan areas following the metropolitan ITS deployment tracking methodology and published the results in a series of site reports and a nationwide summary report. During the summer and fall of 1999, the ITS JPO undertook a new data collection effort for the purpose of updating the 1997 survey results. This process was repeated in 2000, 2002, and 2004. In 2002, the scope of the national survey was expanded to include additional metropolitan areas and to track deployments in rural areas. A total of three national surveys were conducted in 2004. The first was an update of the 78 metropolitan areas that had been surveyed previously. The second was an update to the survey of 30 additional metropolitan areas, smaller in population than the original 78 and reporting

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<sup>1</sup> Since former Secretary Peña's speech, the number of metropolitan areas that DOT will measure has been increased from 75 to 78. However, to maintain reporting consistency across the 10-year goal period, this report considers only the original 75 metropolitan areas.

<sup>2</sup> Excerpt of a speech delivered by former Secretary of Transportation Peña at the Transportation Research Board in Washington, DC on January 10, 1996.

<sup>3</sup> Additional Resources: "Measuring ITS Deployment and Integration" [http://www.itsdocs.fhwa.dot.gov/jpodocs/repts\\_te/3dg01!.pdf](http://www.itsdocs.fhwa.dot.gov/jpodocs/repts_te/3dg01!.pdf) (also see: Electronic Document Number: 4372). U.S. Department of Transportation, Joint Program Office for Intelligent Transportation Systems, 400 Seventh St., SW (HVH-1), Washington, DC 20590, Phone: 202-366-9536, Fax: 202-366-3302, Web: <http://www.its.dot.gov>.

relatively high levels of congestion. These areas are called ‘medium-sized cities’ throughout this report. The third survey targeted each of the 50 states and gathered data on statewide and rural deployments. This report is a national summary of the FY2004 results for the two metropolitan surveys. The statewide results will be reported separately<sup>4</sup>. This report is a summary of a large amount of data. For those interested in additional details, access to the complete data set, including results from previous surveys, is available on-line at: <http://www.itsdeployment.its.dot.gov/>.

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<sup>4</sup> US DOT (2005) *Statewide/Rural Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) 2004 Summary Report*. [http://www.itsdeployment.its.gov/its2004/pdf/statewide\\_rural\\_summary\\_report2004.pdf](http://www.itsdeployment.its.gov/its2004/pdf/statewide_rural_summary_report2004.pdf).

### Summary Deployment Indicators for Large Metropolitan Areas

As will be seen in Section 2 of this report, the level of deployment of each of the ITS infrastructure components is described by a number of indicators. These indicators have been chosen to serve as estimators of the extent of technology deployment supporting critical functions. For each component, one of these indicators has been designated to serve as a summary for the whole component, allowing national results to be portrayed in a single graph. Figure 1 presents the 78 largest metropolitan areas summary indicators. The FY2004 results are compared to results from 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2002. In addition, responders were asked to estimate deployment levels in the year 2005 as part of the 2004 survey and these projections are included in the figure. The indicators developed for deployment tracking are surrogates that do not necessarily reflect the full breadth of deployment. Because deployment goals have not been established at the metropolitan area level, these indicators should not be read as a comparison of what is deployed versus eventual deployment goals. Instead, these indicators only reflect what is deployed in each metropolitan area compared to full market saturation (i.e., the full deployment opportunity).

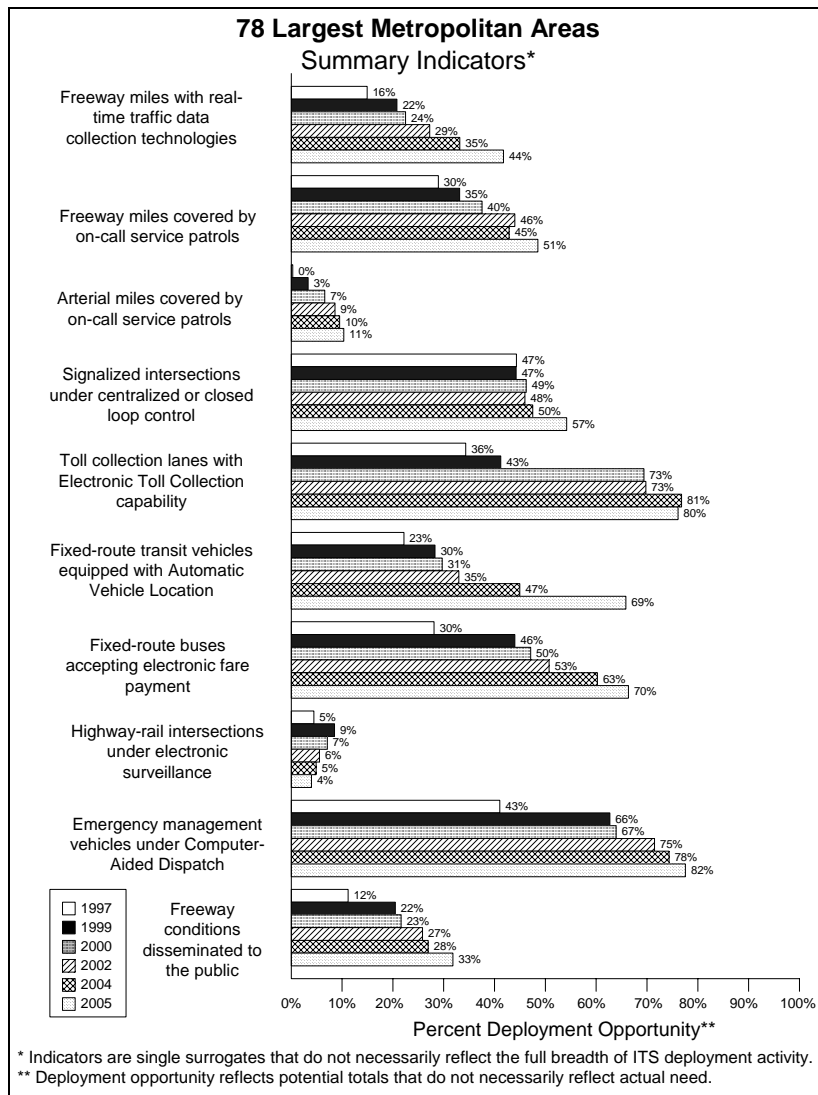
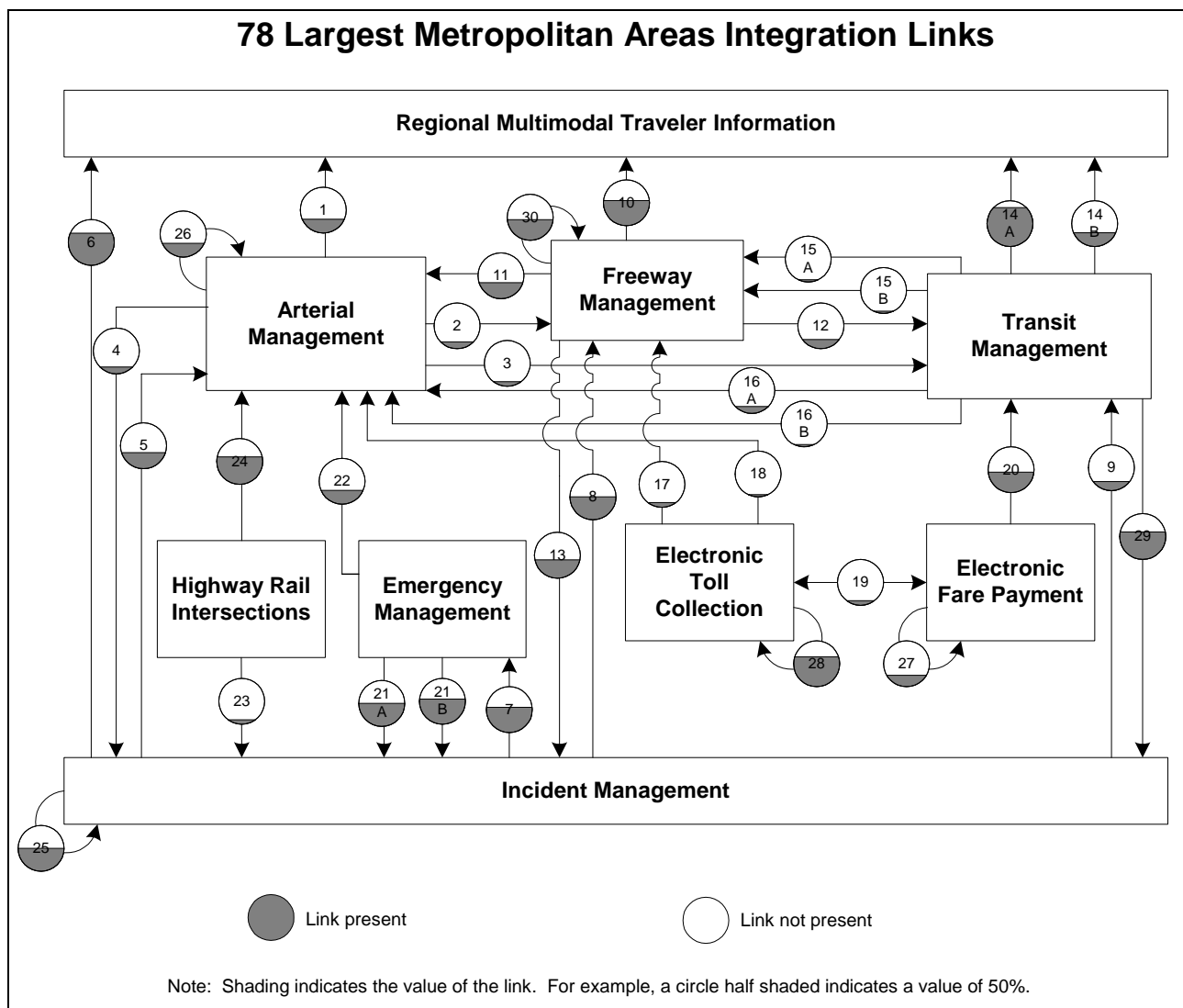


Figure 1 78 Large Metropolitan Areas Summary Indicators

### Integration Indicators for Large Metropolitan Areas

ITS integration is measured using 34 links that have been defined within the ITS infrastructure. These links are both inter-component (e.g., the sharing of arterial and freeway traffic condition information between freeway and arterial management agencies) and intra-component (e.g., the sharing of traffic signal timing information between arterial management agencies). The measure of integration is the simple calculation of the number of agencies that participate in integration compared to the total number of agencies that possibly could. As with the deployment indicators, this measure does not make a distinction between those agencies that should be linked and those that should not. Figure 2 presents the national summary of integration results for the FY2004 survey.



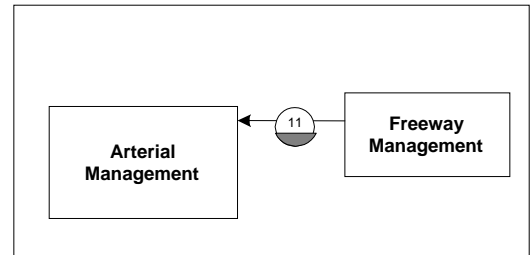
**Figure 2 78 Large Metropolitan Areas Integration Links**

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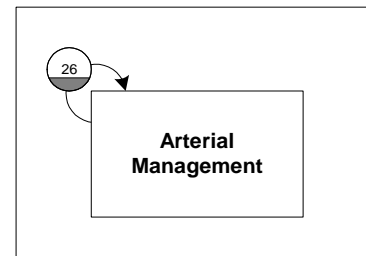
Figure 2 portrays the national summary indicators for integration. Indicators were developed to measure the level of integration between infrastructure components using a set of defined links (both inter- and intra-component).

A total of 34 individual integration links were specified. Each integration link has been assigned a number and an origin/destination path from one ITS infrastructure component to another. Both inter- and intra-agency links are considered.

For example, the number “11” identifies the integration of information from the Freeway Management component to the Arterial Management component. Each link represents the real-time sharing of information flowing in a particular direction. In the example, freeway management agencies within a metropolitan area share information gathered on traffic conditions with arterial management agencies to improve coordination of traffic control.



Another type of integration link defines the integration of agencies in the same infrastructure component. In this example, at least one arterial management agency in a metropolitan area shares information on signal timing with another to support regionally coordinated signal control. The extent of integration is reported in the diagram for each link through the level of shading in the circle.



The measurement of integration associated with each of the links is agency-based. The calculation is simple and is an expression of the number of agencies that share data divided by the total number of agencies that possibly could. Therefore, for each of the integration links, a percentage integration score, ranging from zero to one hundred, is assigned. The circle is shaded accordingly to reflect this percentage. As with the deployment indicators, this rating system is based on the maximum possible integration without consideration of whether it is needed in every case.

## Measuring Progress in Integrated Deployment

Deployment tracking data were used to develop a methodology for developing and tracking goals for integrated deployment to support monitoring of progress toward the former Secretary's 10-year goal. Deployment is measured using a set of threshold values for the major infrastructure components. A metropolitan area is assigned a rating of low, medium, or high based on the number of thresholds attained. Integration is measured by evaluating the existence of integration links between a subset of the infrastructure--freeway management, arterial management, and transit management. An integration rating of low, medium, and high is assigned and combined with the deployment rating to produce a single overall rating for integrated deployment. Crossing a threshold value for either deployment or integration means that a metropolitan area has made a significant commitment to deploy and integrate the metropolitan ITS infrastructure. *However, it does not mean that deployment or integration is complete.* The 10-year goal will be met if all of the 75 metropolitan areas are rated medium or high for integrated deployment. This methodology is explained in detail in section 4. Figure 3 summarizes the level of deployment in 75 of the nation's largest metropolitan areas for 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002, and 2004. A detailed description of the methodology and results for each metropolitan area is available in a separate report<sup>5</sup>.

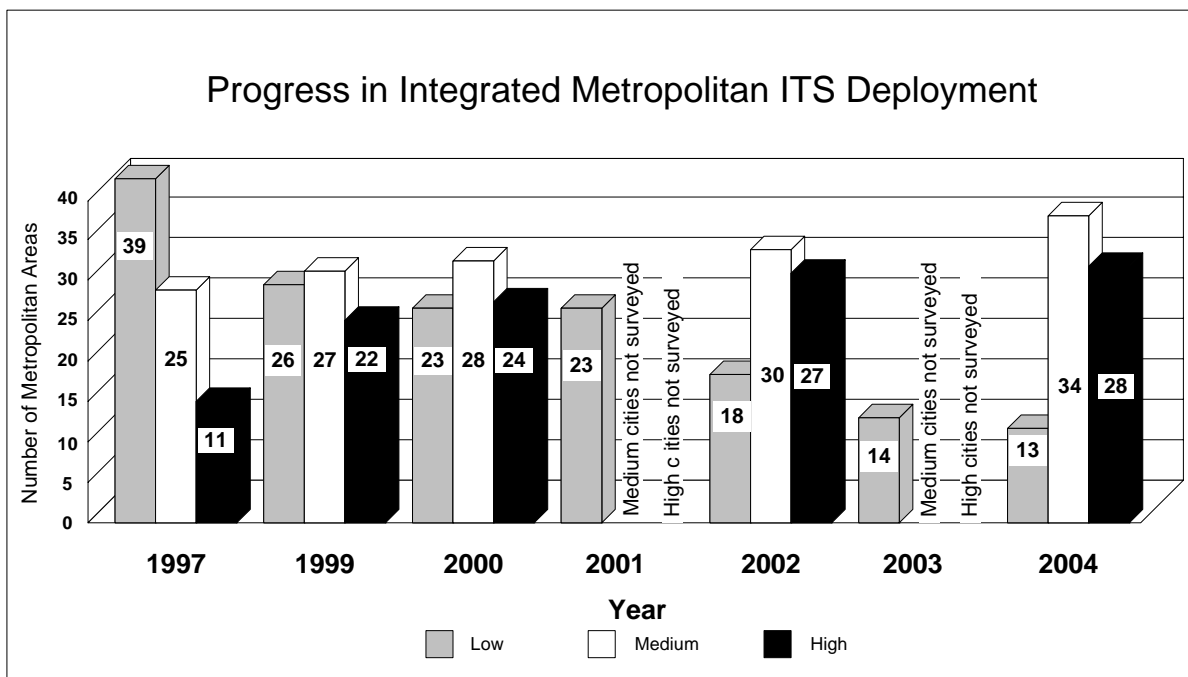
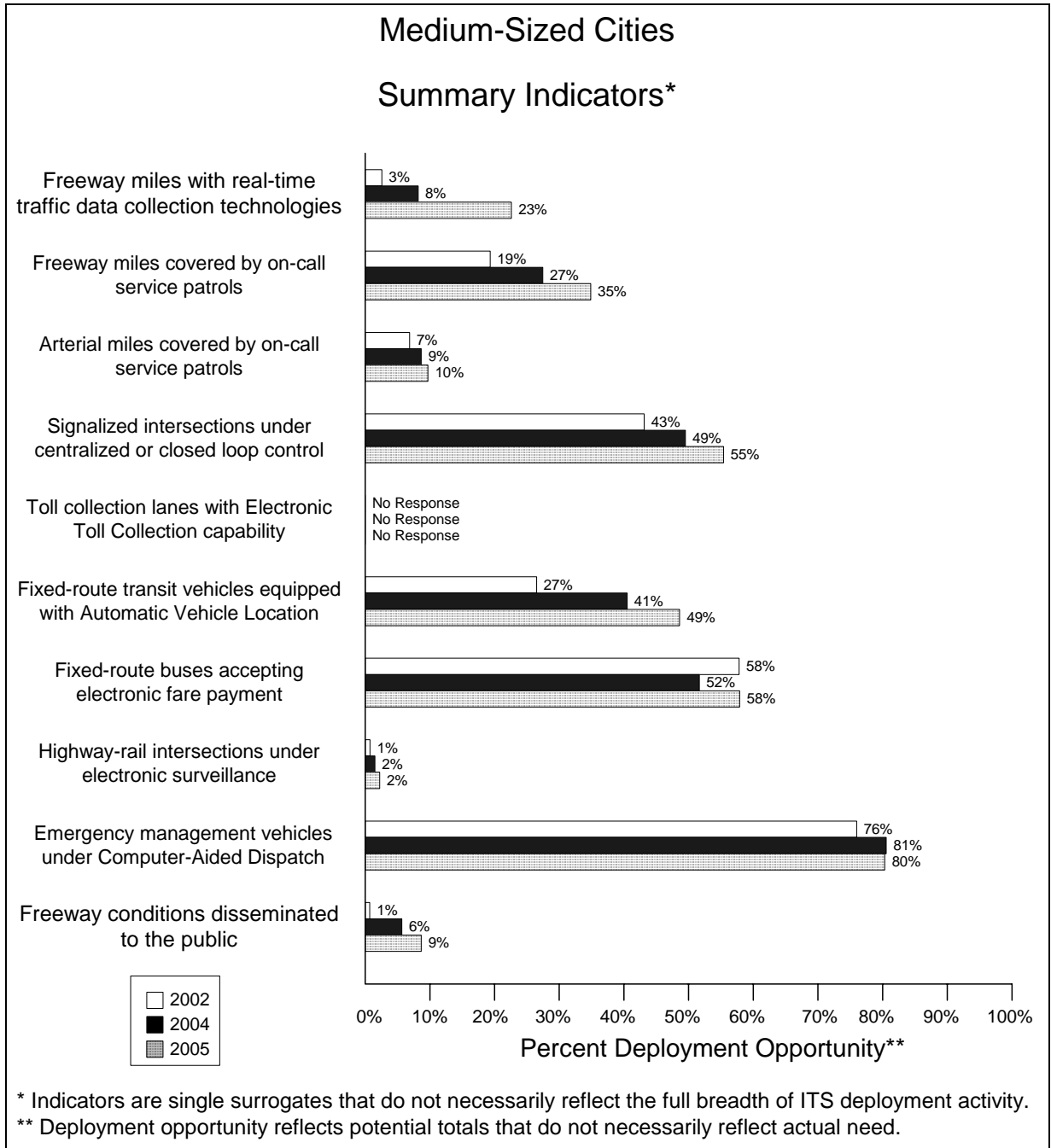


Figure 3 Progress in Integrated Metropolitan ITS Deployment

<sup>5</sup> US DOT (2005). *Deploying the Integrated Metropolitan Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Infrastructure: FY 2004 Report*. [http://www.itsdeployment.its.dot.gov/its2004/pdf/goals\\_report2004.pdf](http://www.itsdeployment.its.dot.gov/its2004/pdf/goals_report2004.pdf).

**Summary Deployment Indicators for Medium-Sized Cities**

The summary indicators for the medium-sized cities surveyed are presented in Figure 4. Compared to the same indicators shown in Figure 1, arterial, transit, and emergency management agencies in medium-sized cities have deployed ITS similarly to those in major metropolitan areas. However, freeway deployment in medium-sized cities, in the form of traffic data collection and service patrols, is substantially lower than in the larger cities.



**Figure 4 Medium-Sized Cities Summary Indicators**

## Introduction

### *Background*

This report describes the state of Intelligent Transportation System deployment in the nation's metropolitan areas. The data presented are based on the results of a nationwide survey conducted in 2004 using the tracking methodology developed by the United States Department of Transportation's ITS Joint Program Office. This methodology tracks deployment of nine components that make up the metropolitan ITS infrastructure: Freeway Management; Incident Management; Arterial Management; Emergency Management; Transit Management; Electronic Toll Collection; Electronic Fare Payment; Highway-Rail Intersections; and Regional Multimodal Traveler Information. Through a set of indicators tied to the major functions of each component, the level of deployment is measured for the nation's largest metropolitan areas. In addition, the integration links among agencies operating the infrastructure are also tracked. The details of the methodology are explained in a separate report.<sup>6</sup>

In FY97, the ITS JPO undertook a baseline survey of deployment in 78 of the nation's largest metropolitan areas following the metropolitan ITS deployment tracking methodology and published the results in a series of site reports and a nationwide summary report. During the summer and fall of 1999, the ITS JPO undertook a new data collection effort for the purpose of updating the 1997 survey results. This process was repeated in 2000, 2002 and 2004. In 2002, the scope of the national survey was expanded to include additional metropolitan areas and to track deployments in rural areas. A total of three national surveys were conducted in 2004. The first was an update of the 78 metropolitan areas that had been surveyed previously. The second was an update to the survey of 30 additional metropolitan areas, smaller in population than the original 78 and reporting relatively high levels of congestion. The third survey targeted each of the 50 states and gathered data on statewide and rural deployments. Overall, the 2004 data gathering involved 2300 agencies with a 94% response rate.

This report is a national summary of the FY2004 results for the two metropolitan surveys. Where possible, 2004 data are reported along with earlier data to show deployment trends. The statewide results are summarized in a separate report. For those interested in additional details, access to the complete data set, including results from previous surveys, is available on-line at:

<http://www.itsdeployment.its.dot.gov/> .

The first section of this report covers the results for the survey of the country's 78 largest metropolitan areas. Initially, these results are described through a set of summary indicators for deployment and integration that provide a high level view of the overall results, followed by a detailed breakout of individual deployment indicators for each infrastructure component. Trend information from earlier surveys is also included. Integration is also covered in detail, and instead of individual components, the results are grouped according to major functions: traffic

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<sup>6</sup> Additional Resources: "Measuring ITS Deployment and Integration"  
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management, traveler information, transit, and emergency management. Following these results, the 2004 results for the 30 medium-sized cities are presented.

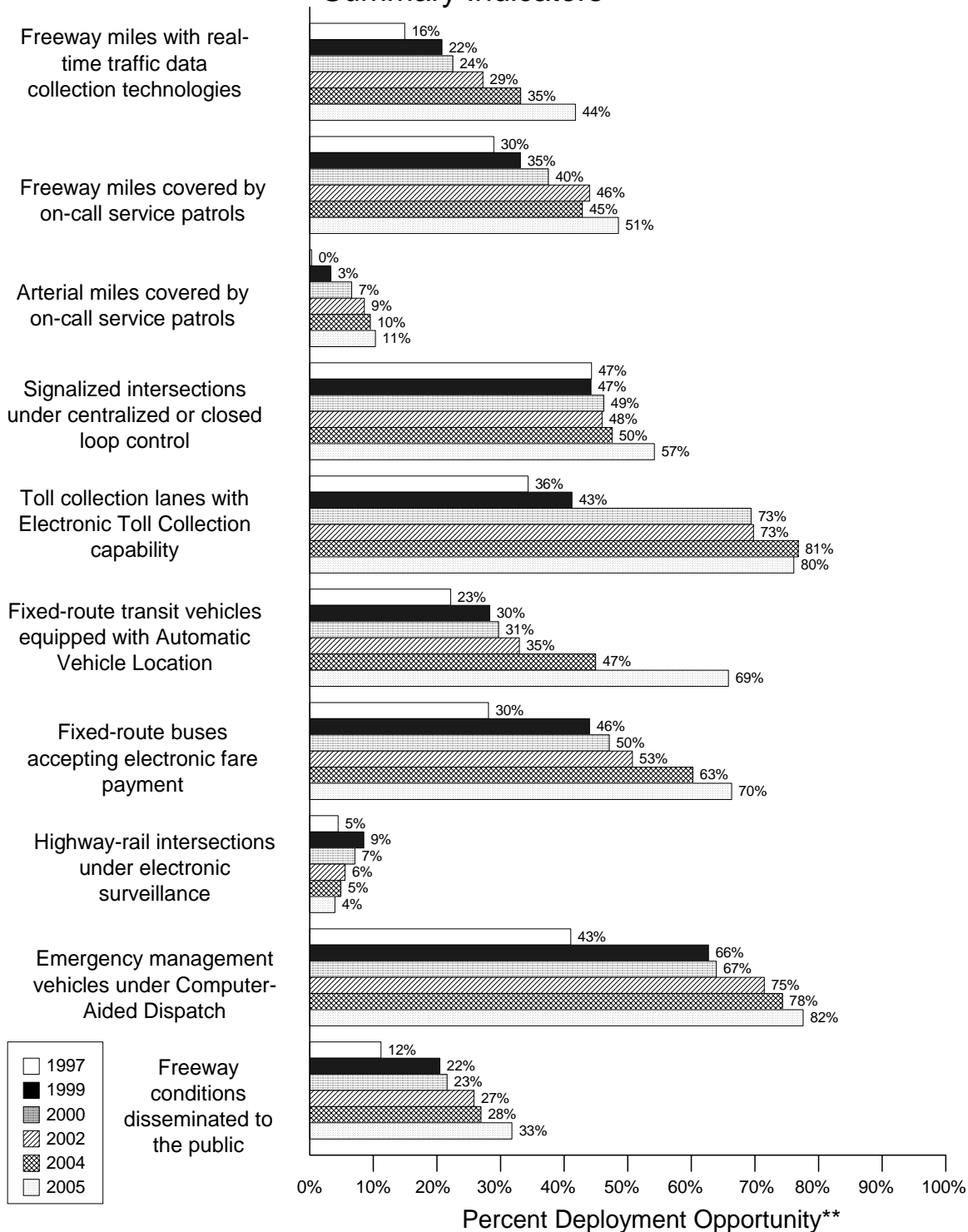
### **National Summary Indicators for 78 of the Nation's Largest Metropolitan Areas**

Several deployment indicators have been developed for each component. However, a single indicator has been selected for the purpose of summarizing the level of deployment for a particular component. The summary indicators are expressed as a percentage; however, because deployment goals have yet to be established, these indicators should not be read as a comparison of what is deployed versus eventual deployment goals. Instead, they only reflect what is deployed compared to full market saturation (i.e., opportunity for deployment). Further, it must be kept in mind that the indicators are surrogates that do not necessarily reflect the full breadth of metropolitan ITS deployment. Figure 5 includes the summary indicators developed from the 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002, and 2004 survey results. The 2004 survey asked respondents to estimate 2005 levels of deployment, and this projection of deployment indicators is also presented in this figure. The information presented in this figure suggests the following:

- Summary deployment indicators have increased across all components during the period 1997 to 2004 with one exception: Highway-Rail Intersections, which as remained fairly static.
- The highest levels of deployment are observed for Emergency Management (computer aided dispatch), and Electronic Toll Collection, which are approaching complete deployment.
- The deployment of Incident Management on arterials lags significantly behind that reported for freeways, but has shown a steady rate of increase for the period of the surveys. The rate of growth in the deployment of incident management slowed somewhat in 2004.
- Transit agencies are deploying technology on a significant portion of their fleets, with a major increase projected for 2005.
- The deployment of centralized or closed loop control of traffic signals appears to be reaching a steady state at about 50% of traffic signals.
- Freeway deployment, in the form of traffic surveillance and service patrols, has been increasing steadily and projections indicate this trend will continue in the future.

# 78 Largest Metropolitan Areas

## Summary Indicators\*

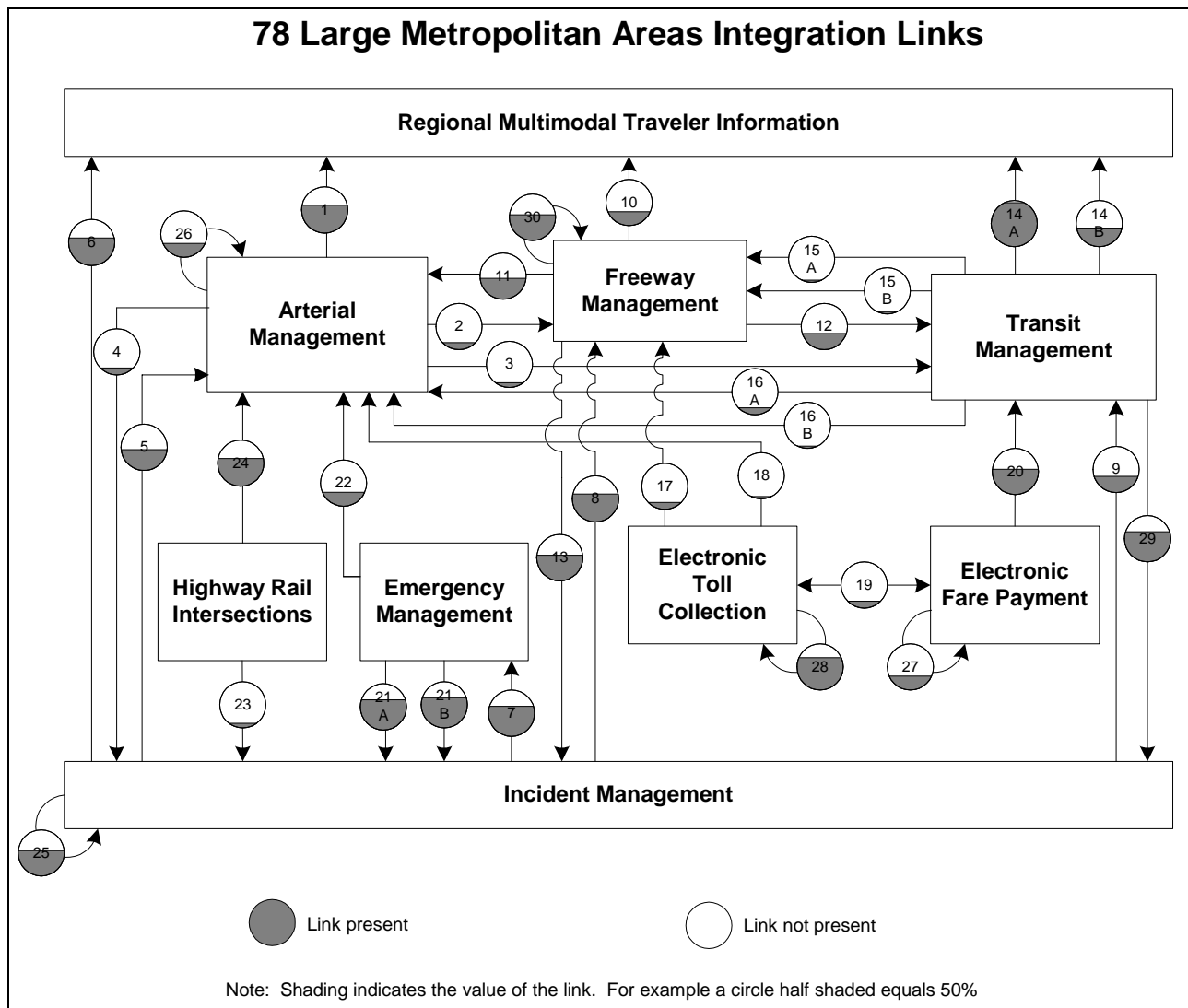


\* Indicators are single surrogates that do not necessarily reflect the full breadth of ITS deployment activity.  
 \*\* Deployment opportunity reflects potential totals that do not necessarily reflect actual need.

Figure 5 78 Large Metropolitan Areas Summary Indicators

Figure 6 portrays the metropolitan national summary indicators for integration. See page 5 for an explanation of this figure.

The results show that information dissemination varies widely among the links between different infrastructure components, but that some components, such as incident and emergency management, are fairly well integrated. Information dissemination to the public is also generally well established. A disturbing finding is the low levels of integration between transit, arterial and freeway agencies. The fact that this low level of integration in no way reflects the generally high level of deployment of ITS technology by the individual agencies indicates the cause may be institutional rather than technical.



**Figure 6 78 Large Metropolitan Areas Integration Links**

## **Infrastructure Component Description and Survey Results for Major Metropolitan Areas**

This section presents deployment-tracking indicators for each of the nine metropolitan ITS components for the 78 major metropolitan areas. The following information is provided for each component:

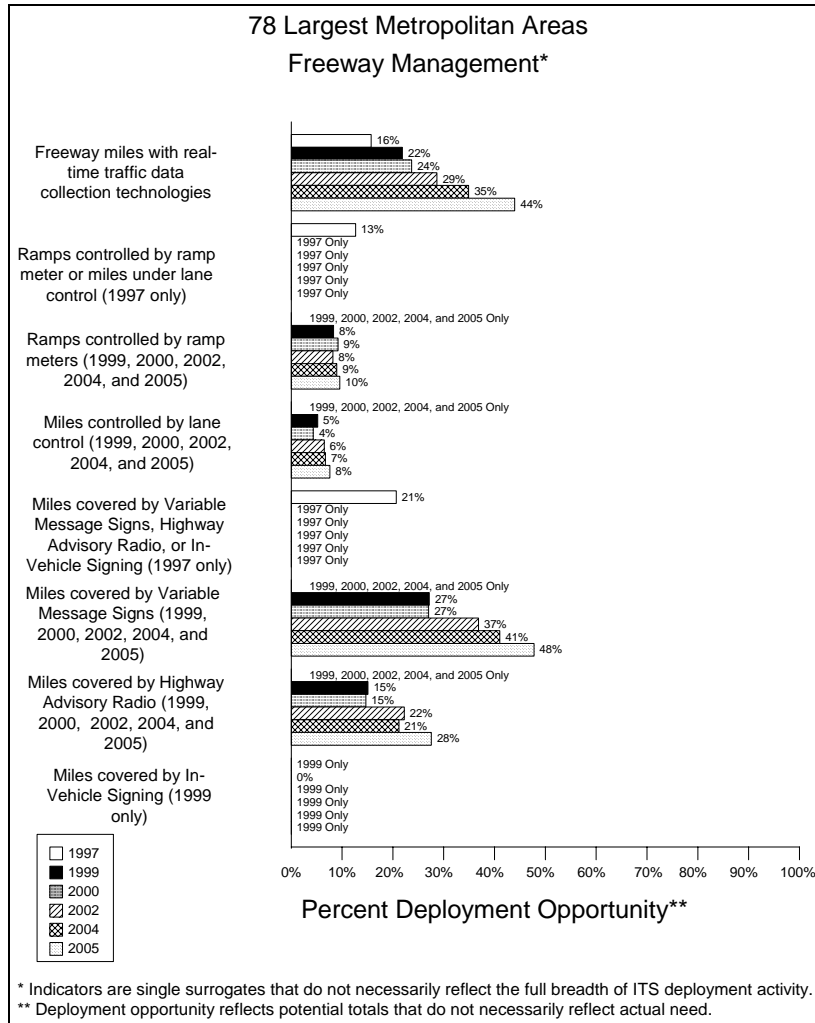
1. A description of the basic functions performed by each component.
2. Data gathering results for each indicator displayed in a set of graphs. The horizontal bar graph that portrays results is expressed as a percent of deployment opportunity achieved for each indicator. The deployment opportunity reflects the total potential deployment and does not necessarily reflect actual need. For example, freeway management indicators are compared to a deployment opportunity consisting of the entire freeway system and are not corrected for any assessment of how local conditions might limit the scope of deployment to a portion of the freeway system. These indicators are single surrogates that do not necessarily reflect the full breadth of ITS deployment activity. Where possible, FY2004 results are compared to FY1997, 1999, 2000, and 2002 results and estimates for FY2005. In some cases, a decrease in deployment or integration over time occurs. This reduction may be due to agencies responding one year and not the other, or an actual decrease in the level of deployment.
3. Additional survey results are used to evaluate the extent that individual metropolitan areas have adopted technologies. This information is displayed in graphs that show the number of metropolitan areas reporting the presence of a particular technology that supports a component. In many cases, metropolitan areas have more than one of these technologies. As with the indicators, FY2004 results are compared to FY1997, 1999, 2000, and 2002 results, and 2005 estimates.

## Freeway Management

Freeway Management provides the following traffic management functions:

1. Surveillance: Capability to monitor traffic conditions on the freeway system in real-time
2. Control: Capability to implement appropriate traffic control and management strategies (such as ramp metering and lane control) in response to recurring or non-recurring flow impediments.
3. Information dissemination. Capability to provide critical information to travelers through infrastructure-based dissemination methods such as Variable Message Signs (VMS), Highway Advisory Radio (HAR), or In-Vehicle Signing (IVS).

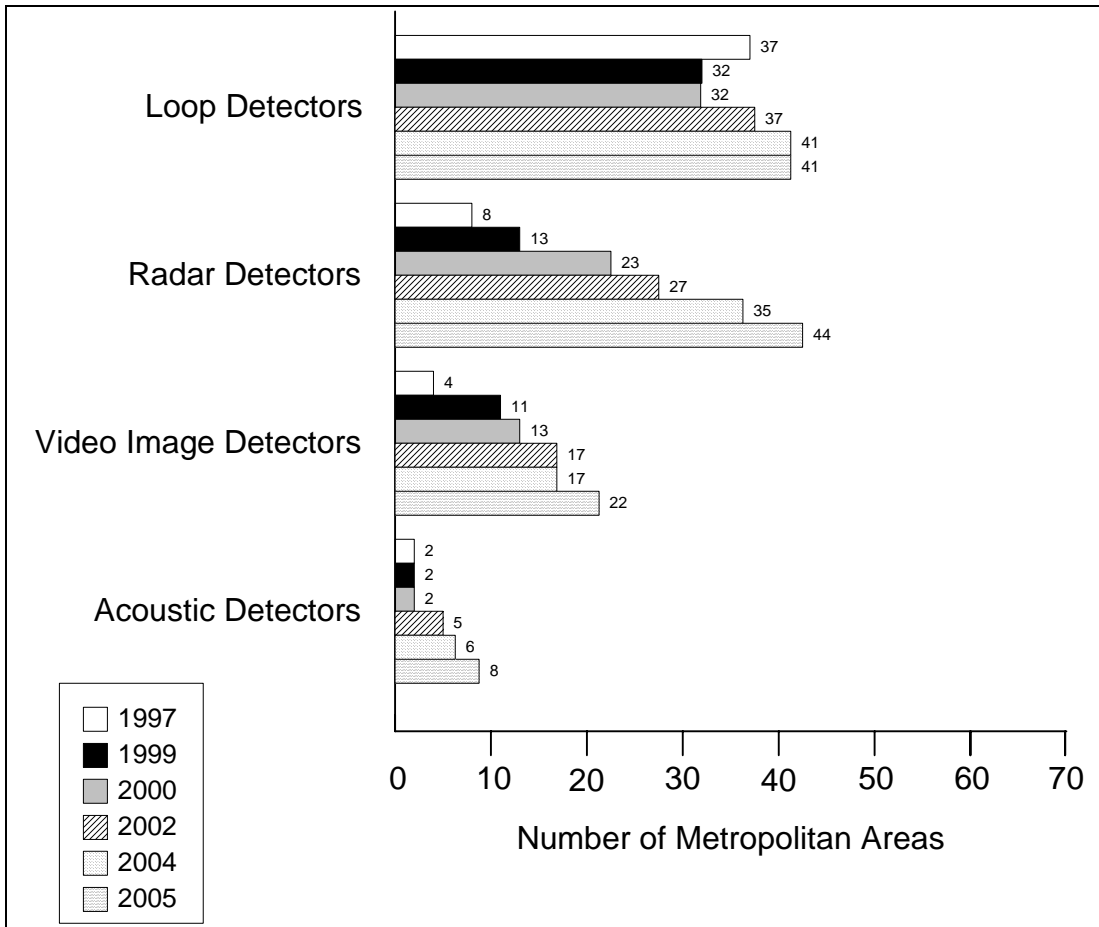
The Freeway Management component indicators are shown in Figure 7. Traffic surveillance has shown steady growth since 1997, a trend that is projected to continue to 2005. Traveler information systems are also projected to increase through 2005, with the rate of growth for variable message signs exceeding that for highway advisory radio. On the other hand, deployment of traffic control systems, either through ramp metering or lane control is virtually static.



**Figure 7 Freeway Management in the Largest 78 Metropolitan Areas**

*Traffic Surveillance*

Figure 8 contains the number of metropolitan areas that use various surveillance technologies. The most frequently used electronic surveillance technology is loop detectors, but adoption by new metropolitan areas is limited. On the other hand, although radar detectors and video image detectors are less widely deployed, both technologies show substantial growth, a trend that is projected to continue in the future.

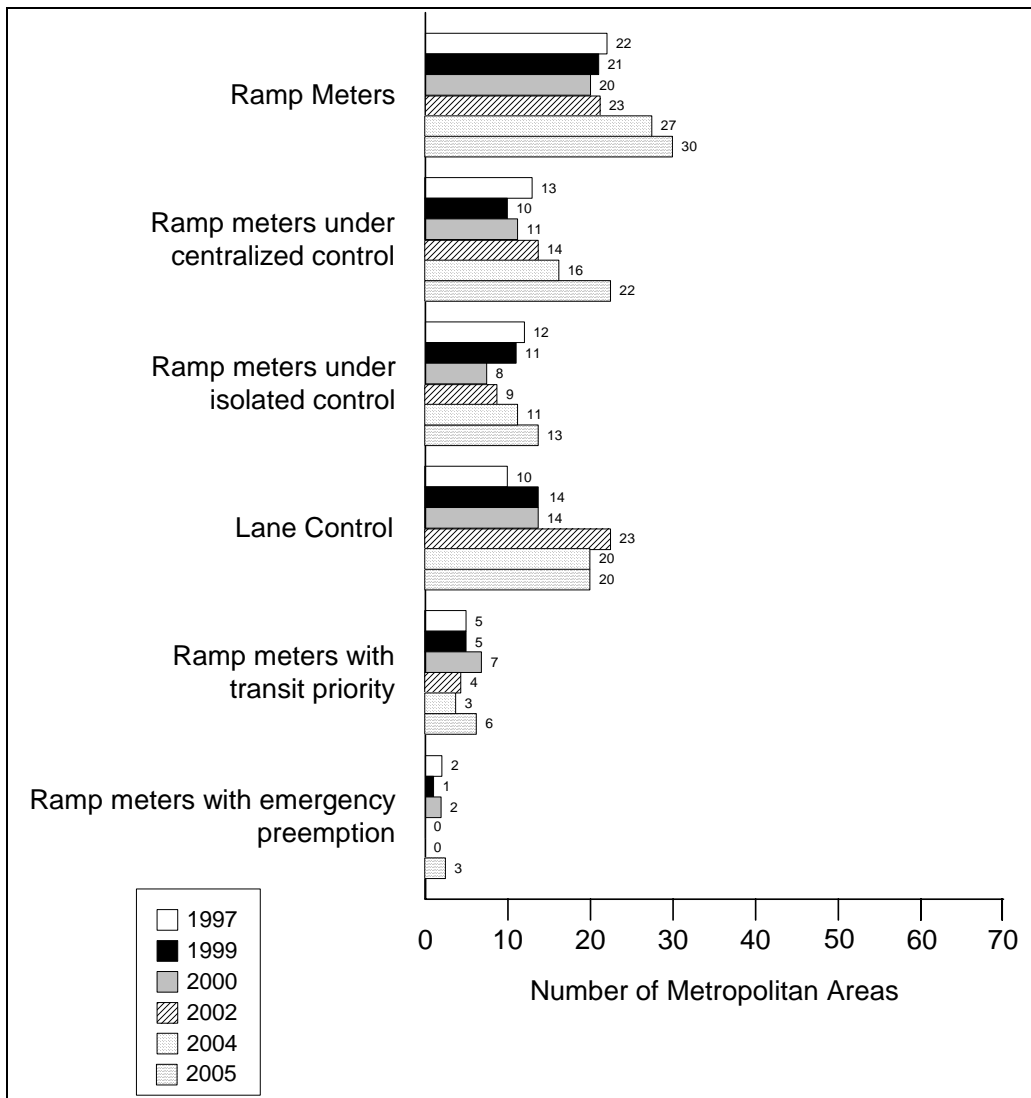


**Figure 8 Surveillance Technologies**

*Traffic Control*

Traffic condition data are analyzed to identify the cause of a flow impediment and to formulate an appropriate response in real-time. Traffic control devices, such as ramp meters or lane control devices, may be applied to provide a better balance between freeway travel demand and capacity during congested conditions.

Figure 9 shows the number of metropolitan areas that use lane control or ramp metering, the type of ramp meter control used, and the number of metropolitan areas that have ramp meter preemption for emergency vehicles and priority for transit vehicles. The deployment of ITS technology to control traffic on freeways, in the form of either ramp metering or lane control, is not expanding at the same rate as the surveillance and information dissemination functions of freeway management. Although the use of lane control has recently expanded, ramp metering has been basically static.

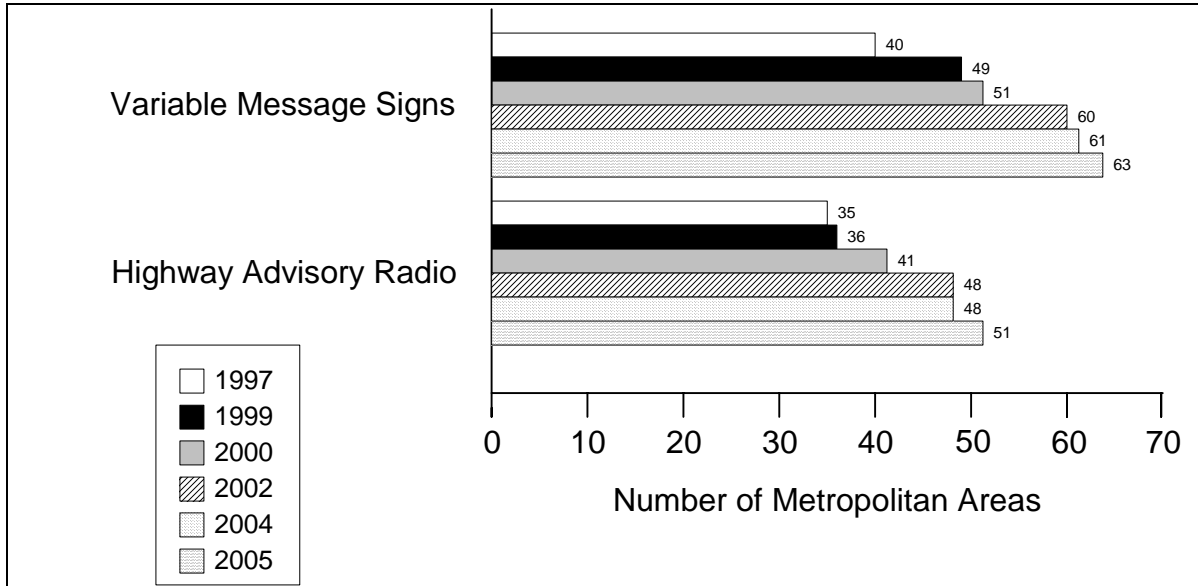


**Figure 9 Traffic Control Devices**

*Information Display*

Information may be provided to travelers through roadside traveler information devices such as VMS, HAR, and IVS.

Figure 10 contains a summary of the number of metropolitan areas reporting the use of information display technologies. The most frequently used technology is VMS, followed by HAR. The use of both technologies has shown steady growth. No metropolitan area reports using IVS.



**Figure 10 Information Dissemination**

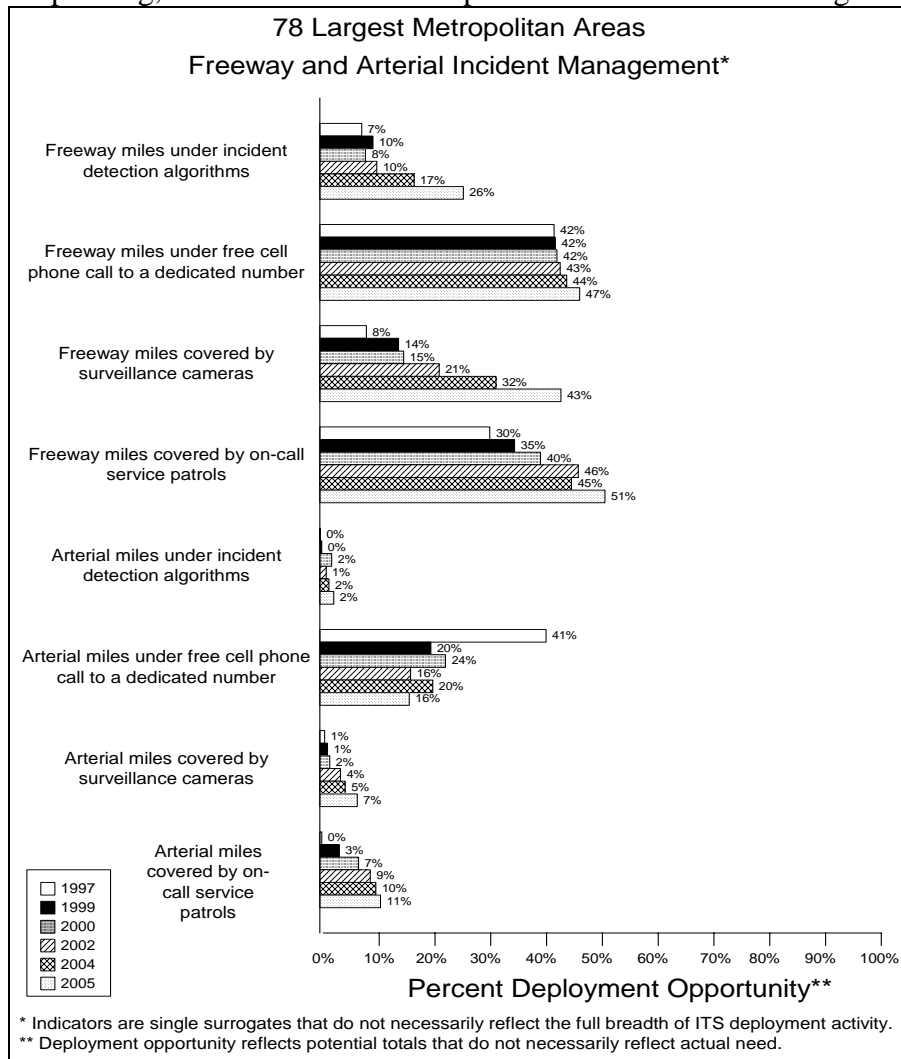


## Incident Management

Incident Management provides the following traffic management functions in real-time:

1. Incident detection. Capability to detect incidents on freeways and arterial roadways.
2. Incident verification. Capability to verify incidents on freeways and arterial roadways.
3. Incident response. Capability to respond to incidents on freeways and arterial roadways.

The Freeway and Arterial Incident Management component indicators are shown in Figure 11. The use of free cellular phone call numbers is the primary means of detection of incidents. There has been steady, rapid growth in the deployment of closed circuit television to assist in incident verification. Growth in the coverage of freeway on-call service patrols to respond to incidents is slowing and may be approaching a steady state of about 50% coverage. Arterial incident management is expanding, but remains much less prevalent than incident management on freeways.

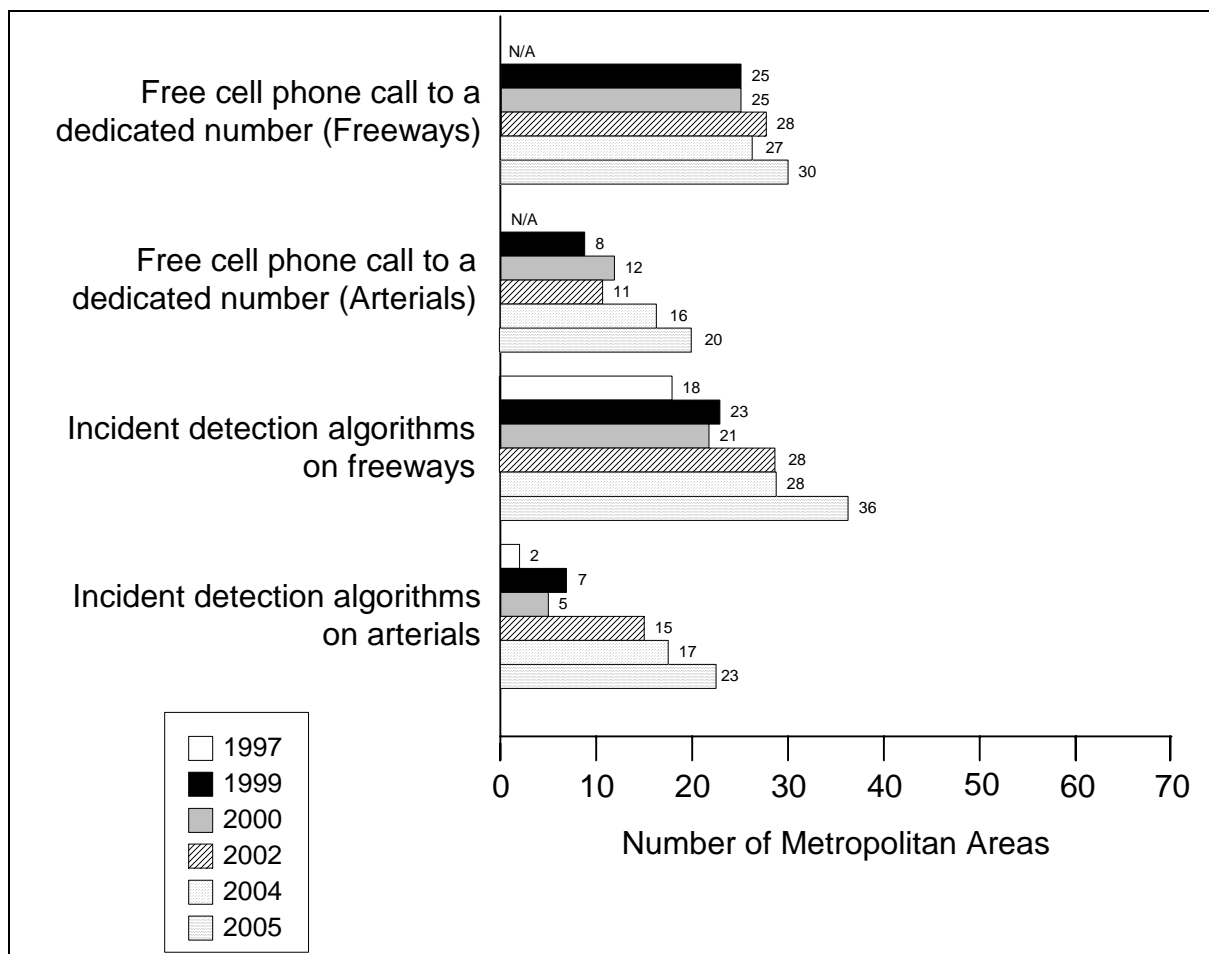


**Figure 11 Freeway and Arterial Incident Management in the Largest 78 Metropolitan Areas**

*Incident Detection*

Monitoring of freeway conditions for the purpose of incident management is usually integrated with Freeway Management, with notification of the presence of an incident provided to the Incident Management component.

Figure 12 shows the number of metropolitan areas that use various incident detection methods. Use of free cellular phone calls to a dedicated number is about as common as the use of incident detection algorithms. These technologies are deployed on both freeways and arterials with a significant expansion for both categories reported in 2004 and even greater growth projected for 2005.



**Figure 12 Incident Detection**

### Incident Verification

Incident verification is typically accomplished through observation by closed circuit television cameras. Figure 13 shows the number of metropolitan areas that use surveillance cameras for incident verification on arterials and freeways. This technology is widely deployed.

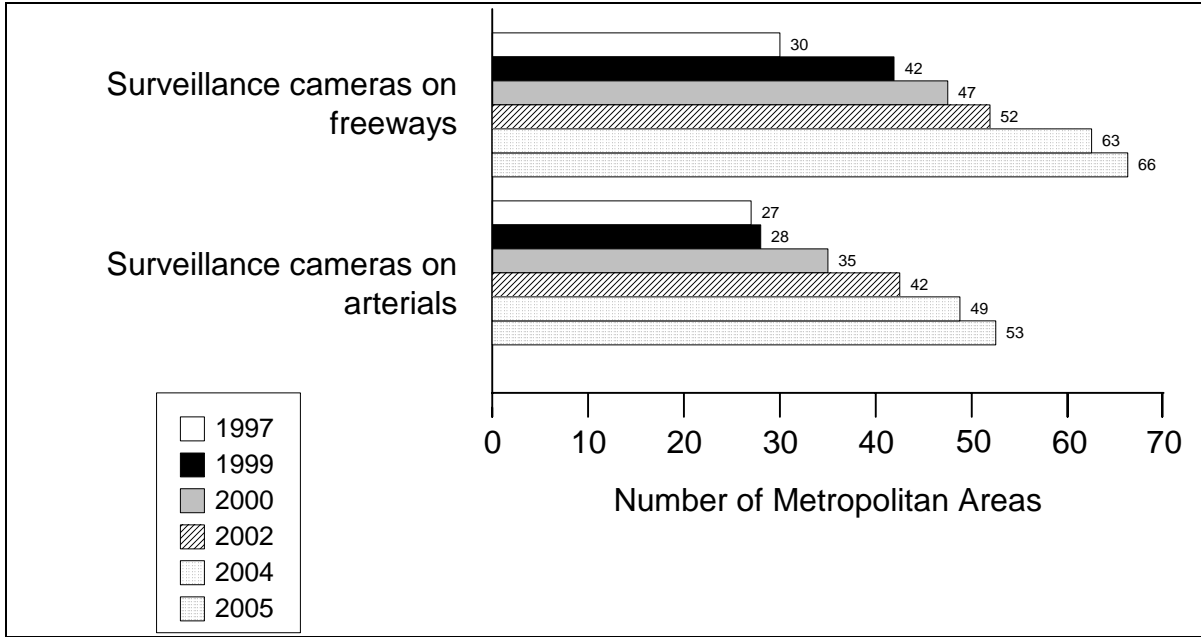
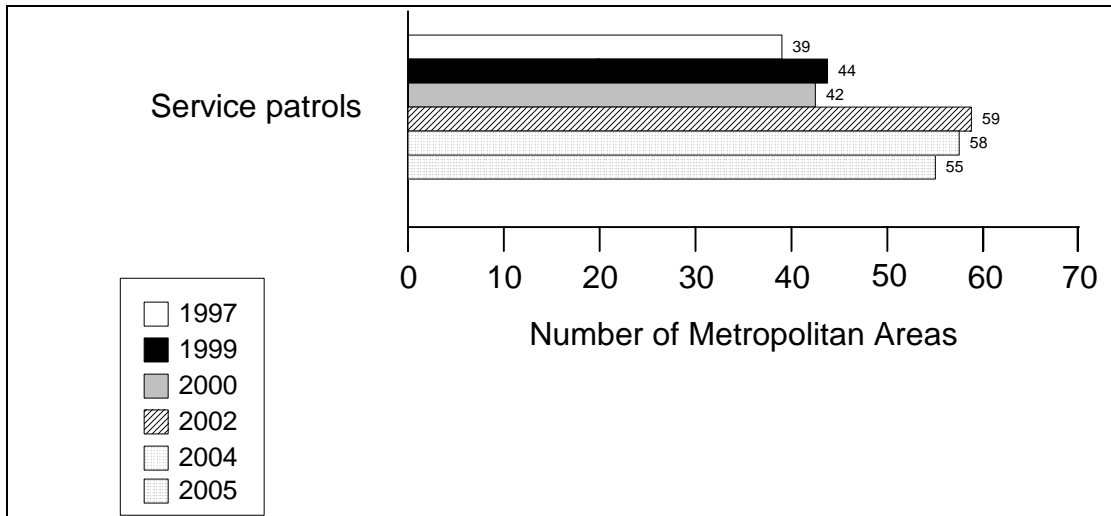


Figure 13 Incident Verification

### Incident Response

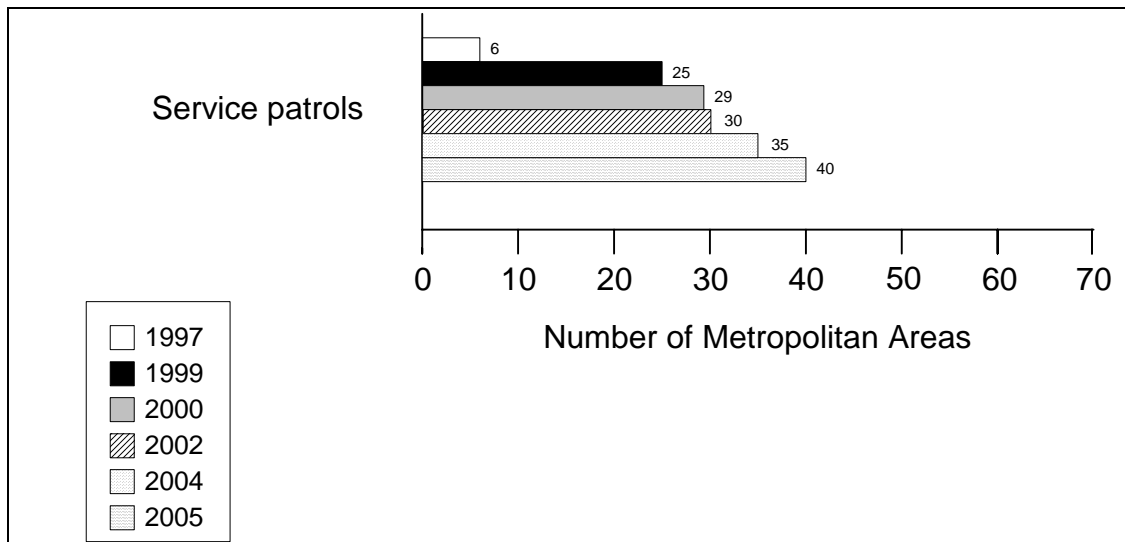
Roadways are cleared and flow restored as rapidly as possible, minimizing frustration and delay to travelers while at the same time meeting the requirements and responsibilities of the agencies involved.

Figure 14 shows the number of metropolitan areas that use various incident response methods in freeways. More than half of the metropolitan areas reporting use publicly operated service patrols. The growth in new deployments has slowed and is projected to decrease in 2005.



**Figure 14 Incident Response on Freeways**

Figure 15 shows the number of metropolitan areas reporting the use of publicly operated service patrols for incident response on arterials. Although the coverage of these service patrols is limited, as was shown above in Figure 11, nearly half of the metropolitan areas report some level of deployment.



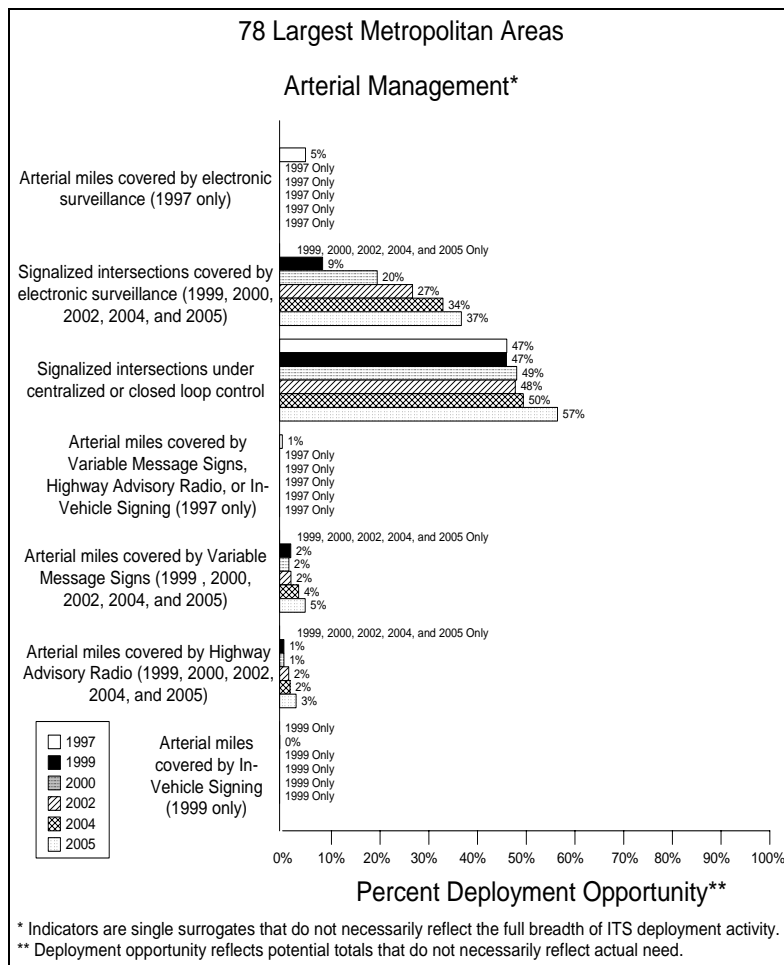
**Figure 15 Incident Response on Arterials**

## Arterial Management

Arterial Management provides for the following traffic management functions:

1. Capability to monitor traffic flow conditions on arterials in real-time (i.e., traffic surveillance).
2. Capability to implement traffic signal timing patterns that are responsive to traffic flow conditions (i.e., traffic control).
3. Capability to provide critical information to travelers through infrastructure-based dissemination methods such as VMS, HAR, or IVS (i.e., information display).

The Arterial Management component indicators are shown in Figure 16. The deployment of surveillance at signalized intersections has shown rapid growth and is projected to cover over one-third of these intersections by 2005. The use of centralized traffic signals is well established and is projected to include more than half of all signals by 2005; however the rate of growth is slowing and deployment may be approaching a steady state at about 50% of signals. Traveler information systems are still only lightly deployed on arterials.



**Figure 16 Arterial Management in the Largest 78 Metropolitan Areas**

### Traffic Surveillance

Traffic signal control may incorporate peripheral elements that are not essential to the task of traffic control per se, but which may enhance overall traffic management capabilities in an area. These elements could include closed circuit television (CCTV) surveillance, motorist information and/or traveler information components, a database management system to support analysis and development of management strategies, and data exchange with other traffic management systems including freeway management and incident management.

Figure 17 shows the number of metropolitan areas that use electronic surveillance on arterials. This technology is widely deployed and almost all of the major metropolitan areas report having some level of deployment.

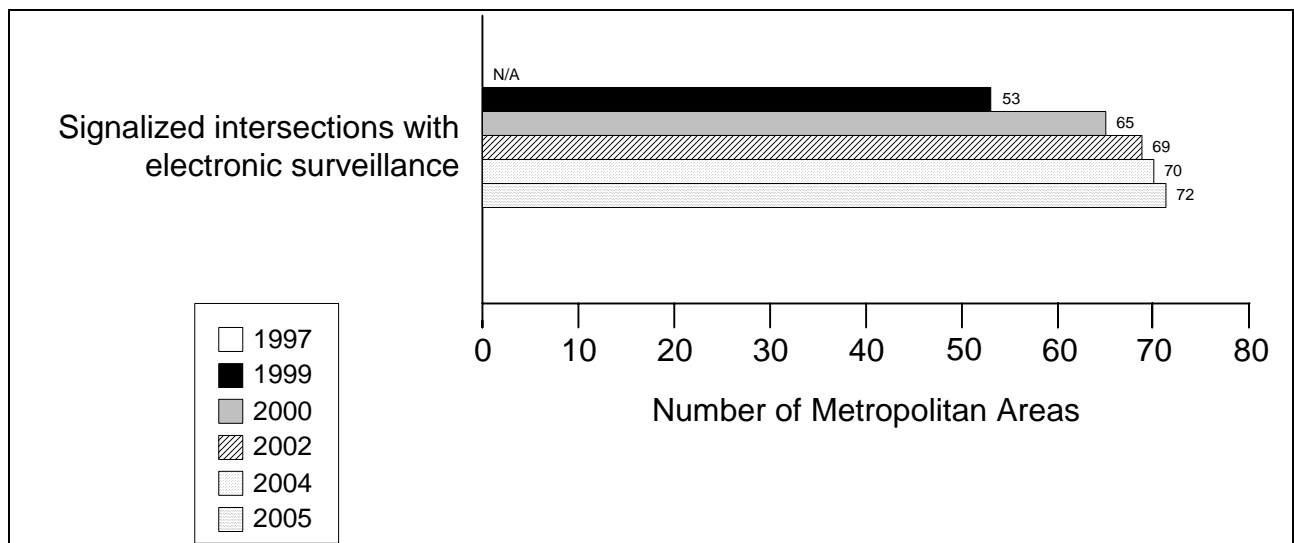


Figure 17 Traffic Surveillance

### Traffic Control

Arterial Management is responsible for the coordinated control of traffic signals along urban arterials, networks, and the central business district. Arterial Management provides the capability to adjust the amount of green time for each street and coordinate operation between each signal in response to changes in demand patterns. Traffic signal timing patterns may be executed in response to pre-established "time of day" or "special event" plans, based on historical traffic conditions, or may be executed in response to real-time traffic conditions using "traffic-adaptive" algorithms. Coordination can be implemented through a number of techniques, including time-based and hard-wired interconnection methods. Coordination of traffic signals across agencies requires development of data sharing and traffic signal control agreements. Therefore, a critical institutional component of Arterial Management is the establishment of formal or informal arrangements to share traffic control information as well as actual control of traffic signal operation across jurisdictions.

Figure 18 contains a summary of metropolitan areas that use various control technologies. All of the metropolitan areas that have responded report signalized arterial intersections under centralized or closed loop control. The deployment of signals with emergency preemption is also widely deployed, and is reported by more than twice as many metropolitan areas as deploy signal priority for transit.

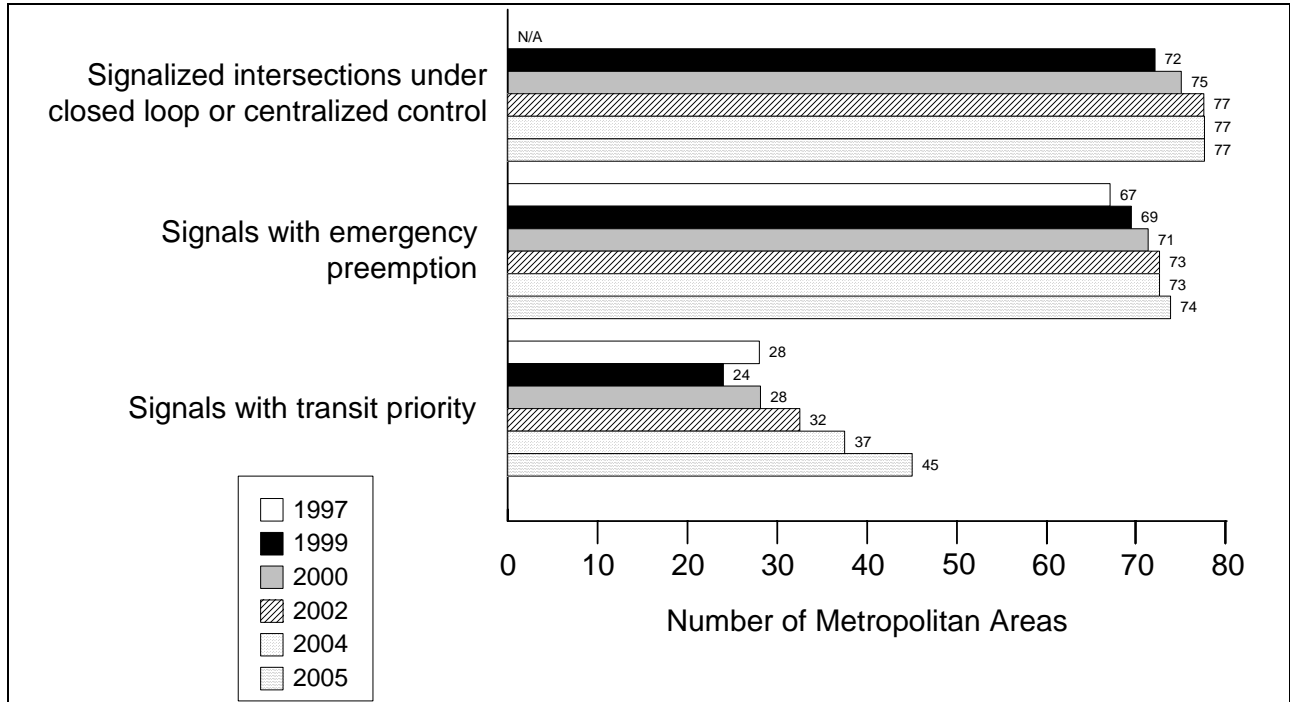
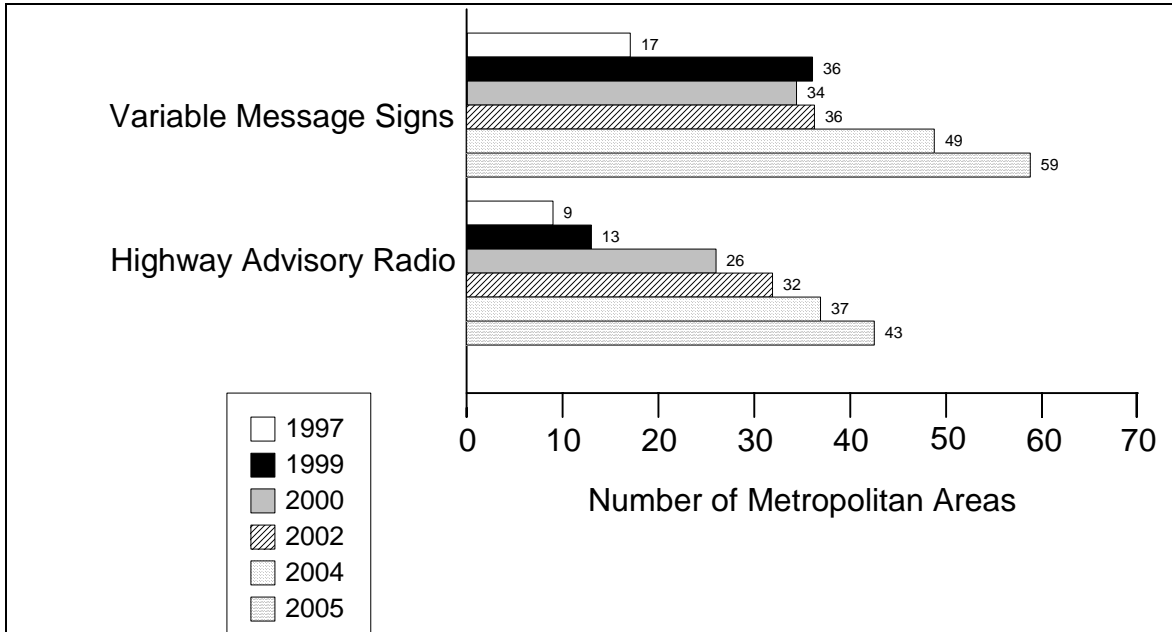


Figure 18 Traffic Control

*Information Display*

Information may be provided to travelers on arterials through roadside traveler information devices such as VMS and HAR.

Figure 19 contains a summary of metropolitan areas that use various display technologies on arterials. Nearly half of the large metropolitan areas employ variable message signs and/or highway advisory radio. While variable message signs had the early lead in deployment, highway advisory radio is catching up.



**Figure 19 Information Dissemination**

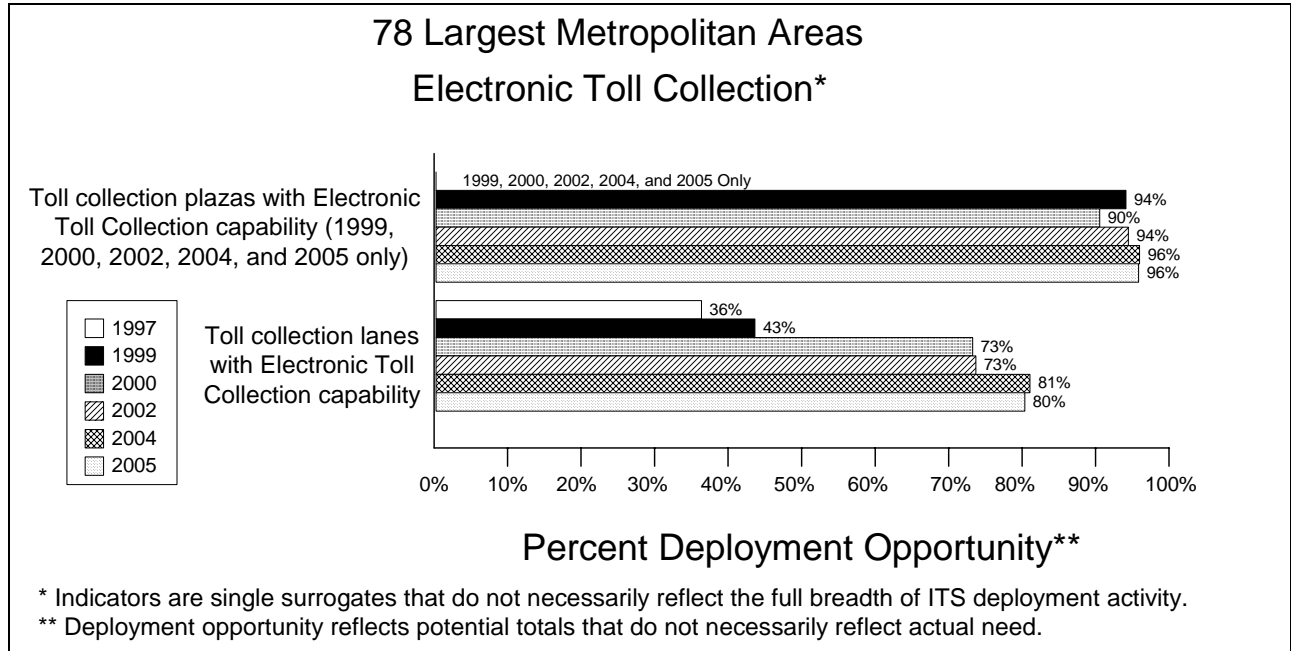


**Electronic Toll Collection**

Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) provides for the following traffic management function:

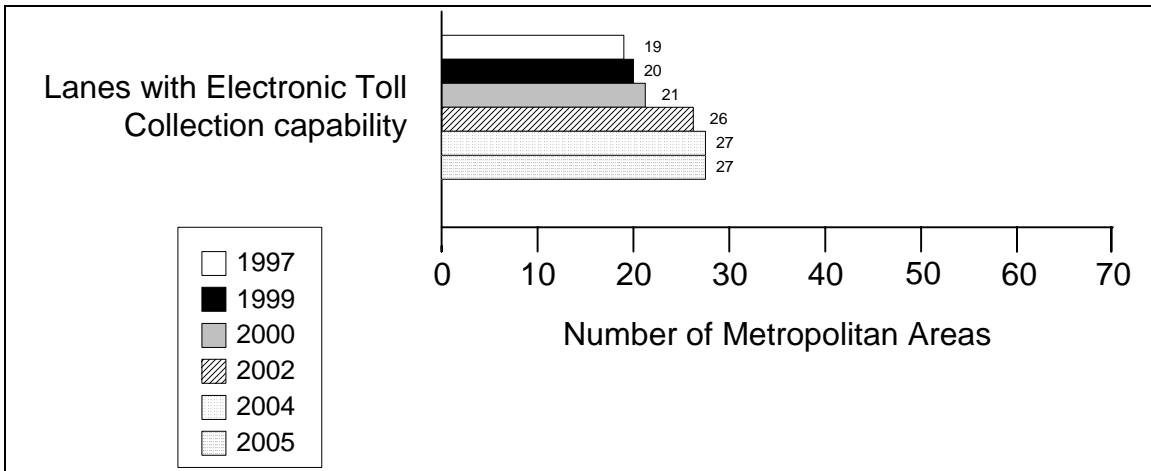
1. Electronically collect tolls. Automatically collect toll revenue through the application of in-vehicle, roadside, and communication technologies to process toll payment transactions.

The Electronic Toll Collection component indicators are shown in Figure 20. This technology is so widely reported that its deployment is essentially complete.



**Figure 20 Electronic Toll Collection in the 78 Largest Metropolitan Areas**

Figure 21 contains the number of metropolitan areas that have toll collection lanes with ETC capability. The deployment of this technology has not increased very much over time, reflecting the limited number of metropolitan areas collecting tolls.



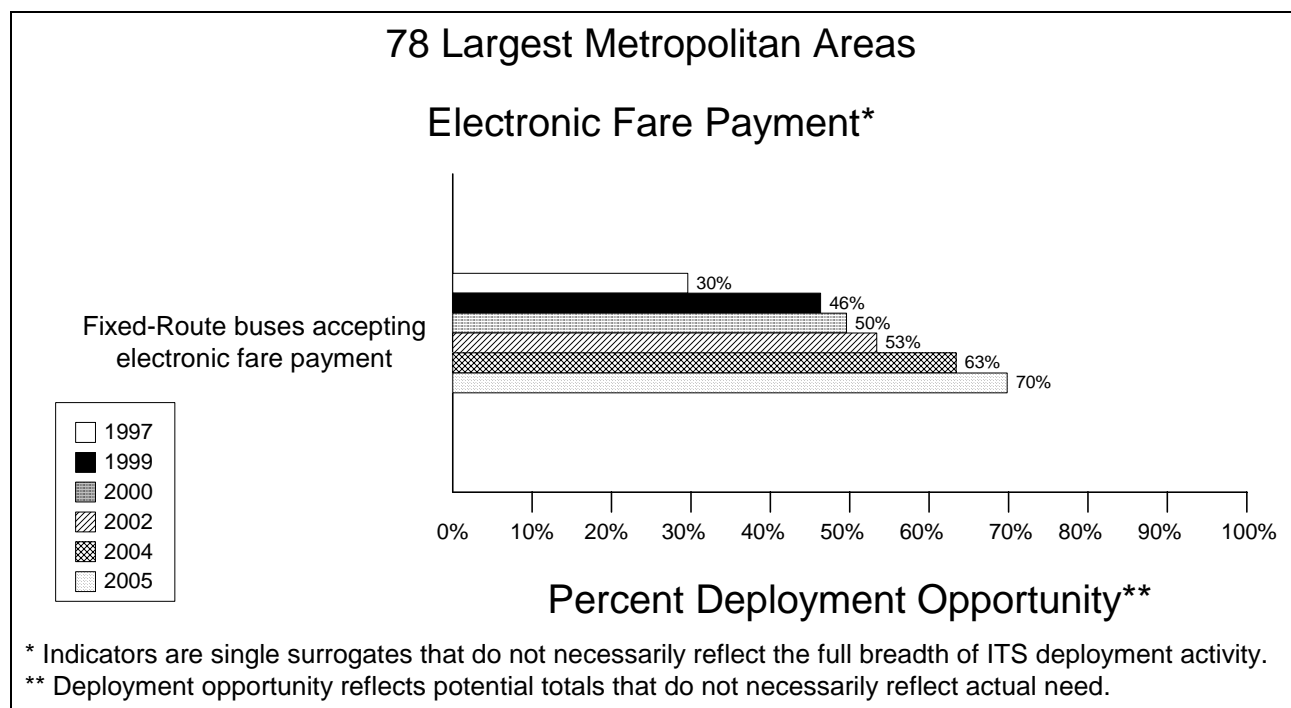
**Figure 21 Lanes with ETC Capability**

## Electronic Fare Payment

Electronic Fare Payment (EFP) provides for the following fare payment functions:

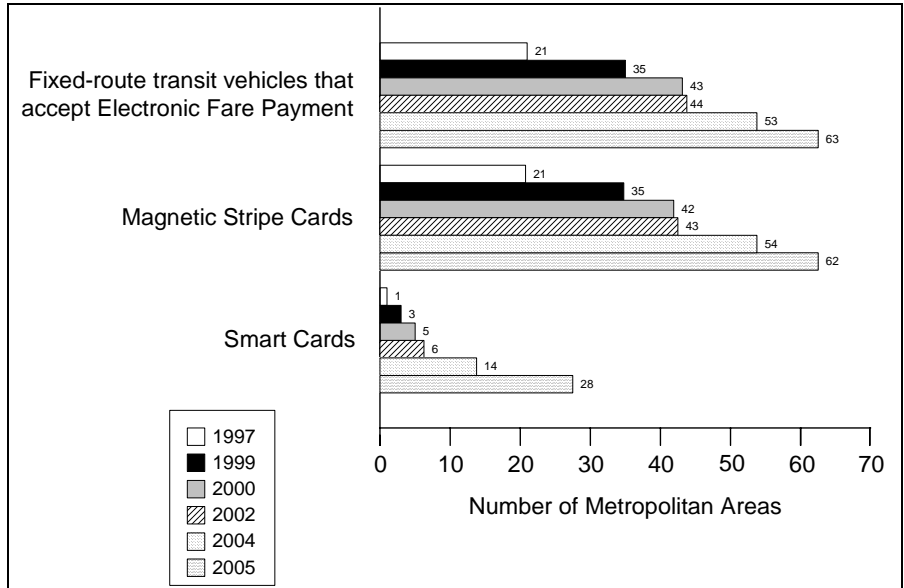
1. Electronic payment of fares in vehicles. Capability to pay public transit fares on fixed-route bus and light-rail transit vehicles using EFP media.
2. Electronic payment of fares in stations. Capability to pay public transit fares at heavy-rail transit stations using EFP media.

The Electronic Fare Payment component indicators are shown in Figure 22. This technology has shown steady growth in adoption on fixed-route buses, with the coverage more than doubling since the start of the survey in 1997. Nearly two-thirds of the buses have this capability in 2004.



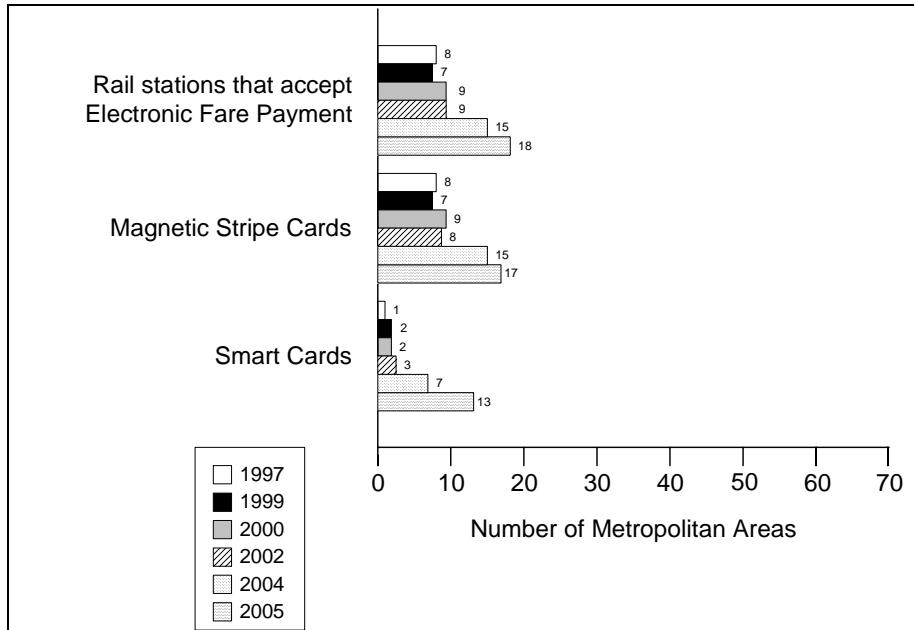
**Figure 22 Electronic Fare Payment in the Largest 78 Metropolitan Areas**

Figure 23 contains the number of metropolitan areas that use electronic fare payment media for fixed-route bus services. Magnetic stripe cards are the most widely accepted media. The number of metropolitan areas using smart cards doubled in 2004 and this rapid rate of growth is projected to continue in 2005.



**Figure 23 Fixed Route Vehicles Accepting EFP**

Figure 24 shows the number of metropolitan areas that use electronic fare payment for heavy-rail stations. This type of deployment showed substantial growth in 2004, and this is projected to continue through 2005.



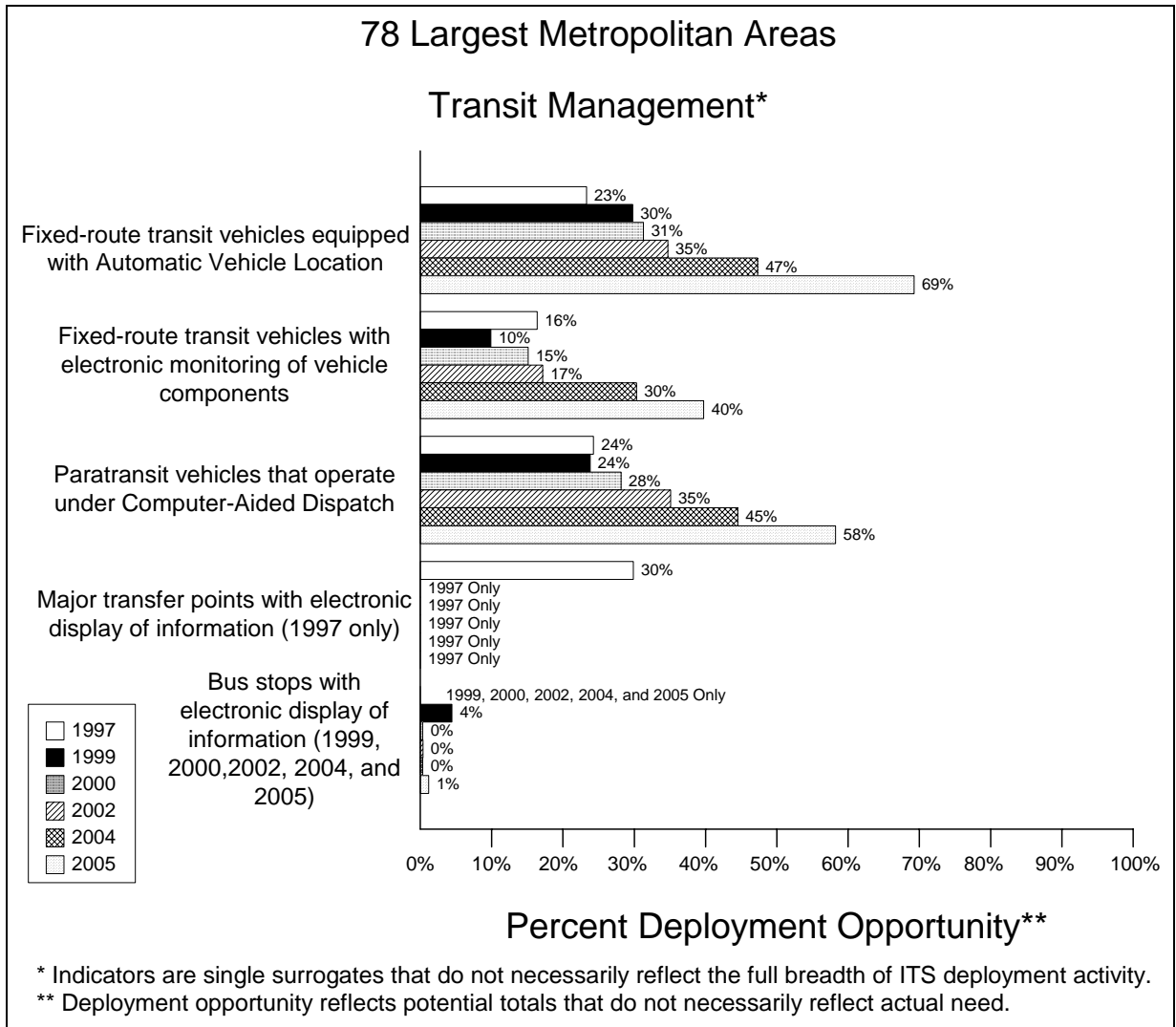
**Figure 24 Rail Stations Accepting EFP**

## Transit Management

Transit Management provides for the following functions:

1. Capability to monitor the location of transit vehicles to support schedule management and emergency response (i.e., Automatic Vehicle Location [AVL]).
2. Capability to monitor maintenance status of the transit vehicle fleet.
3. Capability to provide demand responsive flexible routing and scheduling of transit vehicles.
4. Capability to provide real-time, accurate transit information to travelers.

The Transit Management component indicators are shown in Figure 25. The use of automatic vehicle location systems is well established and is reported in nearly half of the transit vehicles. Computer aided dispatch is similarly well established in the management of paratransit vehicles. The use of electronic monitoring of transit vehicles showed a large increase in 2004.



**Figure 25 Areas Transit Management in the Largest 78 Metropolitan Areas**

### Automatic Vehicle Location

Transit Management supports management of the transit fleet by electronically monitoring vehicle locations in real-time. Transit vehicles equipped with AVL technology provide the basis for vehicle tracking. Information on the current location of a transit vehicle is transmitted to a centralized dispatcher who then compares the actual location with the scheduled location. Depending on the variance between the actual and scheduled locations, actions may be taken to improve schedule adherence and to transfer information to travelers. This technology also supports emergency response by providing real-time information on vehicle locations in emergency situations.

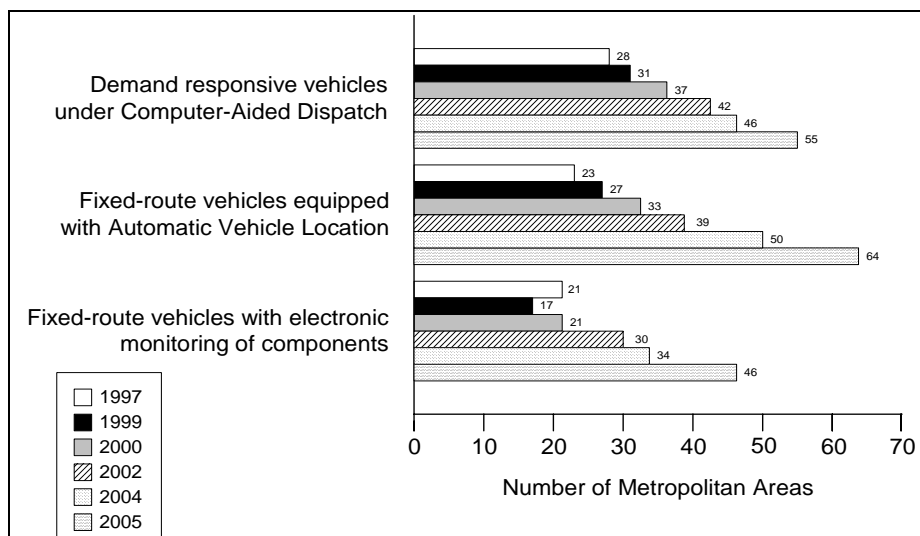
### Vehicle Maintenance Monitoring

Transit Management includes electronic monitoring of vehicle performance parameters using in-vehicle sensors. This involves monitoring of usage statistics such as mileage and status of routine scheduled maintenance. In addition, this permits automatic monitoring of vehicle conditions including key parameters such as oil and fuels levels and tire pressure.

### Paratransit Vehicle Dispatching

The use of AVL also supports advanced demand-responsive computer-aided routing and scheduling. Transit dispatchers can combine real-time information on vehicle location and status with advanced Computer Aided Dispatching (CAD) systems to provide optimal vehicle assignment and routing to meet non-recurring public transportation demand.

Figure 26 shows the number of metropolitan areas reporting the use of AVL on fixed-route services, the use of electronic vehicle maintenance monitoring systems, and the use of a CAD system for demand-responsive vehicle dispatching. All are well established and show strong growth in the 2004 results.



**Figure 26 Metropolitan Areas Employing Transit Management Technologies**

## Highway-Rail Intersection

Highway-Rail Intersection provides for the following function:

Electronically monitor Highway-Rail Intersections to: (a) coordinate rail movements with the traffic control signal systems, (b) provide travelers with advanced warning of crossing closures, and (c) improve and automate warnings at highway-rail intersections.

The Highway-Rail Intersection component indicator is shown in Figure 27. Deployment of this technology is basically static.

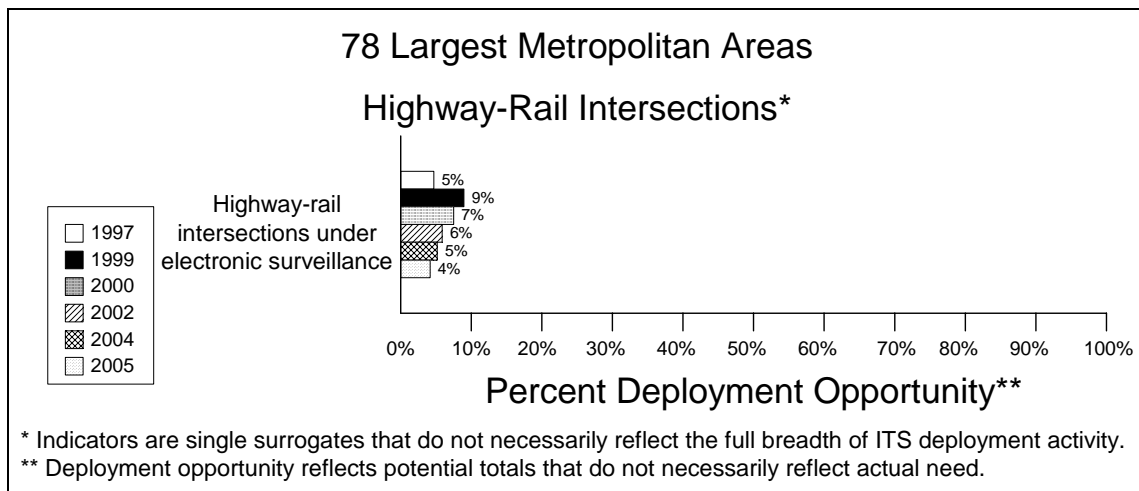


Figure 27 Highway-Rail Intersection in the Largest 78 Metropolitan Areas

## Electronic Surveillance

The at-grade highway-rail intersection is a special form of roadway intersection where a roadway and one or more railroad tracks intersect. At a Highway-Rail Intersection, the right-of-way is shared between railroad vehicles and roadway vehicles, with railroad vehicles typically being given reference. Railroad trains, which travel at high speeds and can take up to a mile or more to stop, pose special challenges. As a result, automated systems are now becoming available that allow the deployment of safety systems to adequately warn drivers of crossing hazards.

The Highway-Rail Intersection component involves electronic surveillance of grade crossings to detect vehicles within the crossing area, either through video or other means such as loop detectors. These systems may eventually support real-time information on train position and estimated time of arrival at a crossing and interactive coordination between roadway traffic control centers and train control centers.

Figure 28 contains the number of metropolitan areas reporting the use of electronic surveillance at highway rail intersections, which is reported by nearly half of the major metropolitan areas, as well as intrusion detection devices.

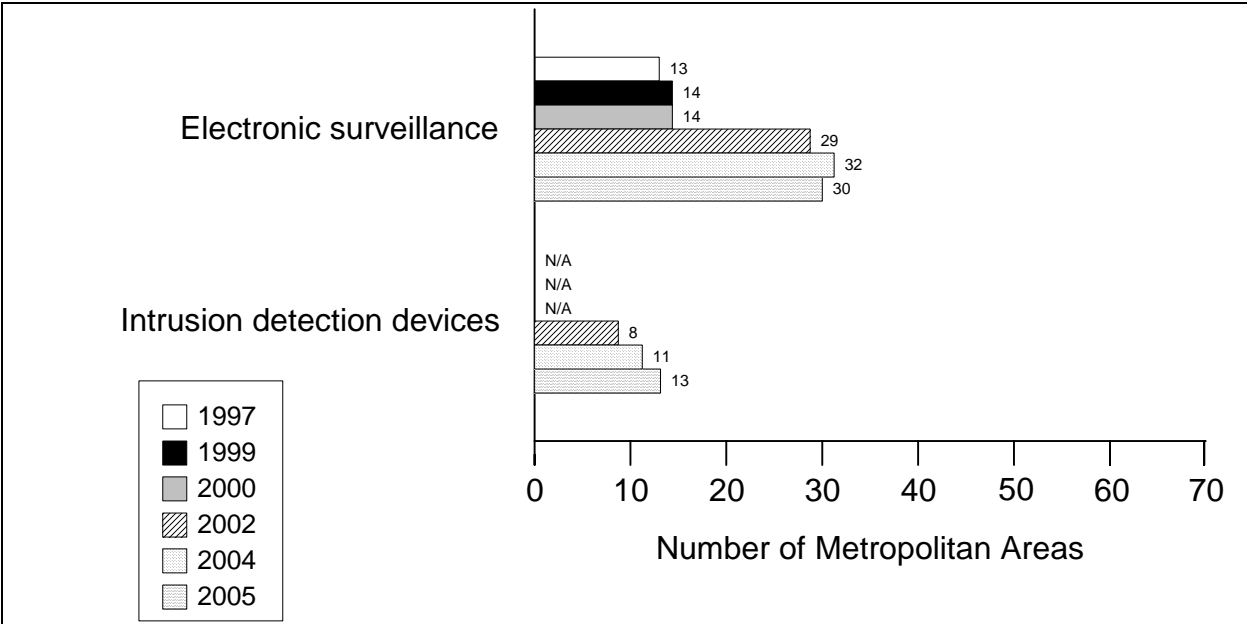


Figure 28 HRI Surveillance

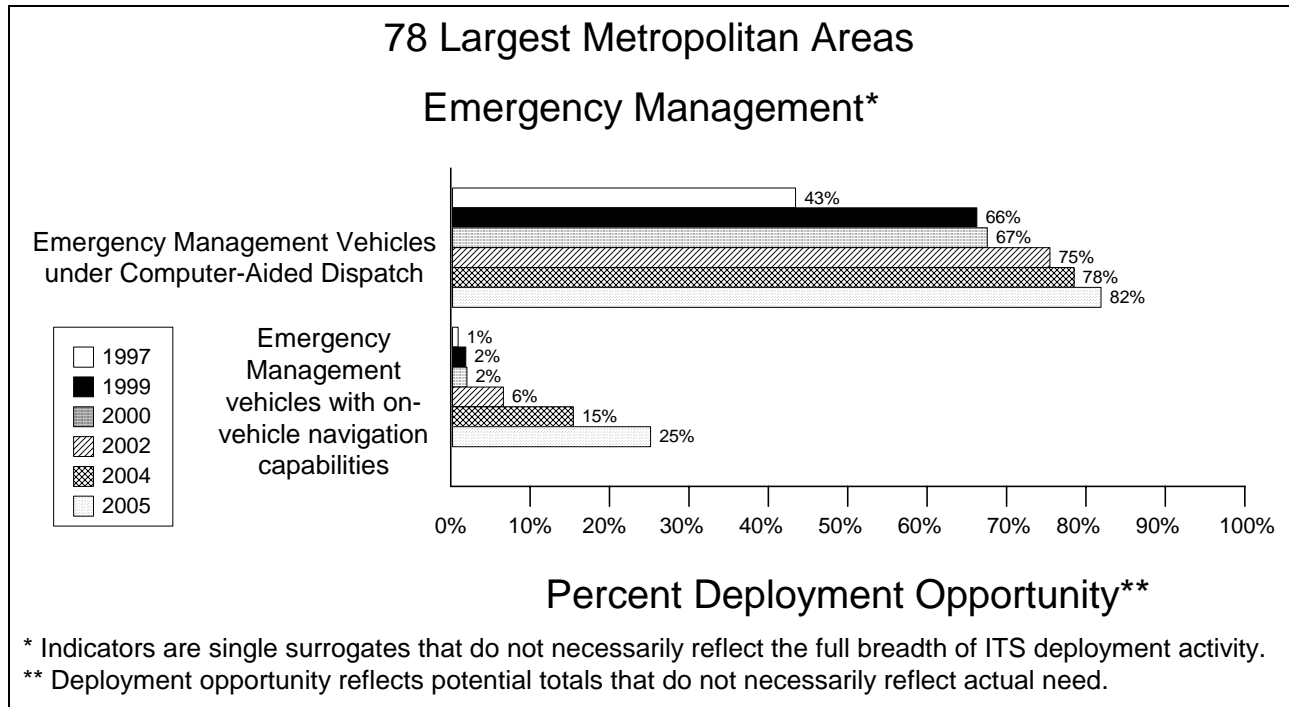


## Emergency Management

Emergency Management provides the following capabilities:

1. Vehicle dispatch. Capability to operate public sector emergency vehicles under CAD.
2. Route guidance. Capability to provide public sector emergency vehicles with in-vehicle route guidance capability.

The Emergency Management component indicators are shown in Figure 29. The use of computer aided dispatch is widespread and is reported in three fourths of the emergency vehicles. Deployment of in-vehicle navigation systems is expanding rapidly and more than doubled in 2004.



**Figure 29 Emergency Management in the Largest 78 Metropolitan Areas**

### Computer-Aided Dispatch

Emergency vehicle fleet management utilizes AVL equipment to provide CAD of vehicles. Through the use of real-time information on vehicle location and status, emergency service dispatchers can make optimal assignment of vehicles to incidents.

### Route Guidance

The installation of route guidance equipment in emergency service vehicles provides improved directional information for drivers and improves responsiveness of emergency services.

Figure 30 contains the number of metropolitan areas with emergency management vehicles under computer aided dispatch and route guidance technologies. Computer aided dispatch is universally reported. In-vehicle route guidance is expanding rapidly to new metropolitan areas and is widely adopted.

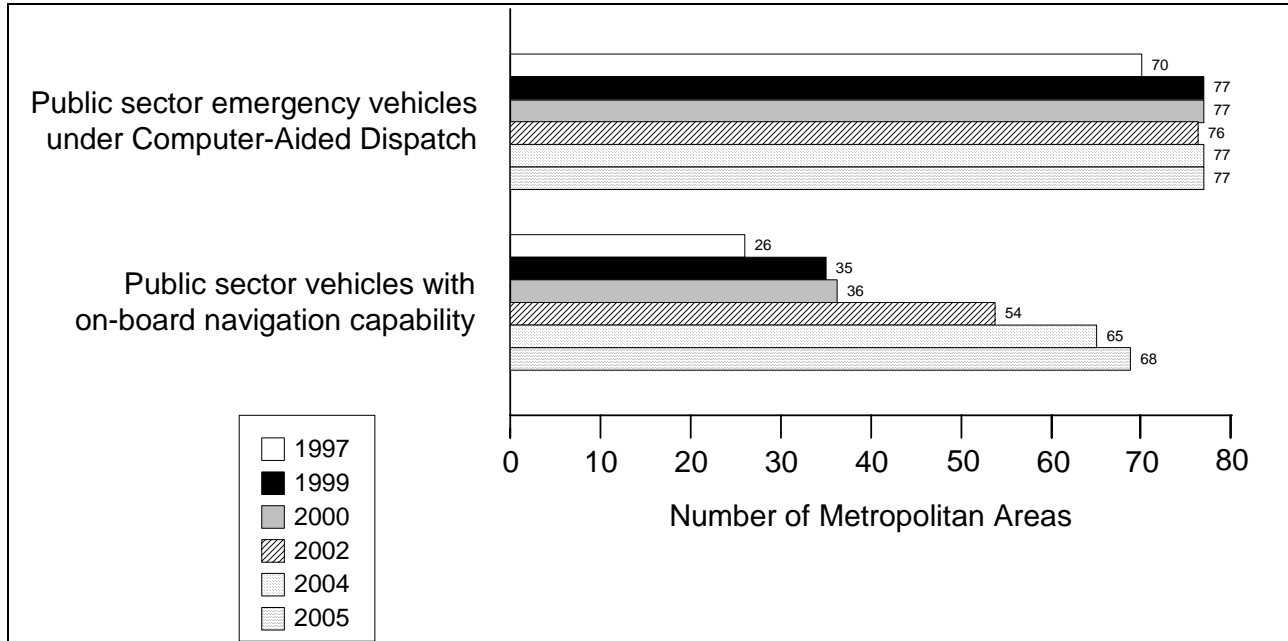


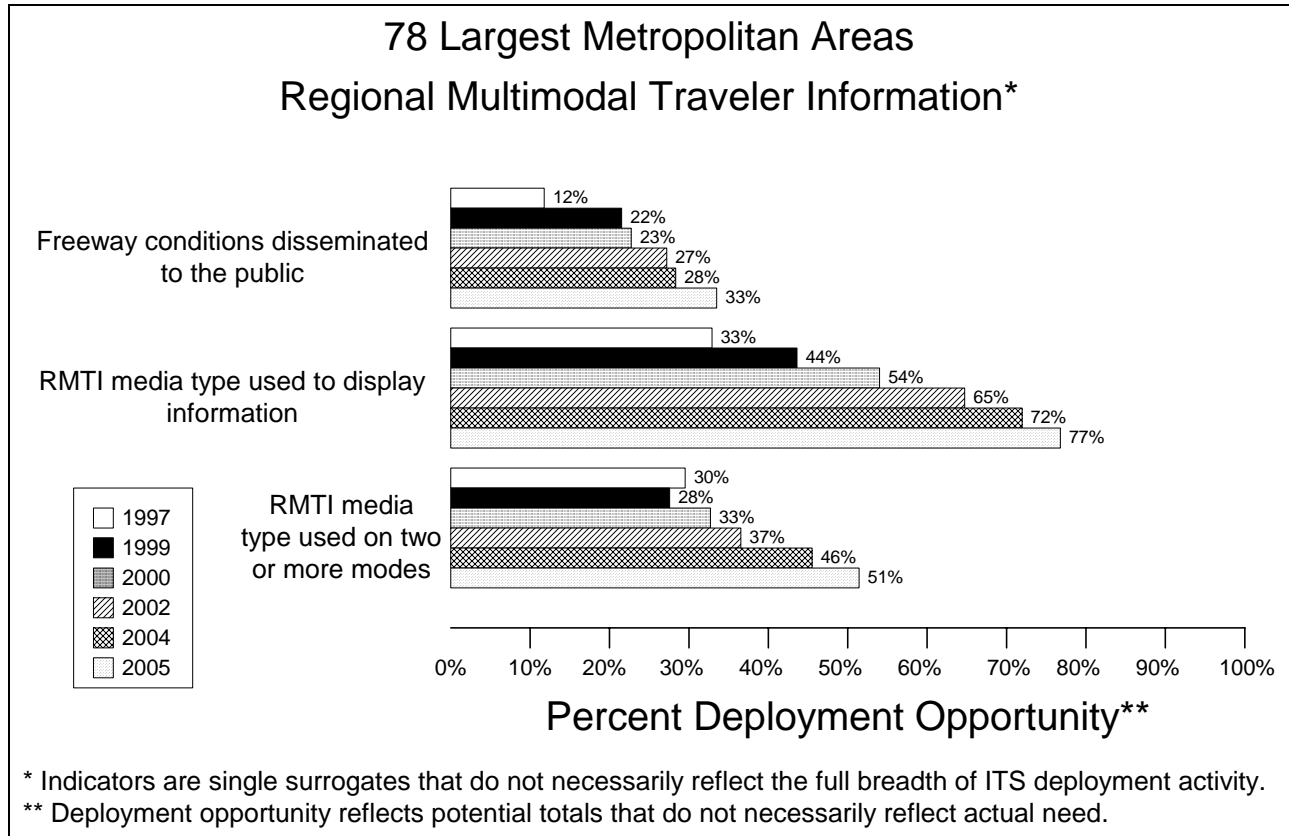
Figure 30 EMS Vehicles Technologies

**Regional Multimodal Traveler Information**

Regional Multimodal Traveler Information provides for the following capabilities:

1. Collection of data. Collect current, comprehensive, and accurate roadway and transit performance data for the metropolitan area.
2. Data dissemination. Provide traveler information to the public via a range of communication techniques (broadcast radio, FM subcarrier, the Internet, cable TV) for presentation on a range of devices (home/office computers, television, pagers, personal digital assistants, kiosks, radio) (i.e., media).
3. Multimodal support. Provide multimodal information to the traveler to support mode decision-making.

The Regional Multimodal Traveler Information component indicators are shown in Figure 31. Traveler information capability covered nearly one third of freeway miles in 2004. The use of a variety of media to disseminate information is growing steadily. Traveler information is becoming multi-modal, with nearly one-half of the traveler information systems incorporating two or more modes.



**Figure 31 Regional Multimodal Traveler Information in the Largest 78 Metropolitan Areas**

### *Freeway Conditions Disseminated to the Public*

The Regional Multimodal Traveler Information component of the metropolitan ITS infrastructure involves information dissemination by a number of agencies. The indicator tracks the percentage of freeway miles in each metropolitan area for which data are gathered through surveillance systems and traffic information made available to the public.

### *Media Employed to Disseminate Traveler Information*

Agencies or organizations use many methods to disseminate traveler information to the public. Indicator calculations are based on a deployment opportunity of eight media: dedicated cable TV, telephone systems, web sites, pagers, interactive TV, kiosks, e-mail, and in-vehicle navigation. The indicator assigns a percentage for each metropolitan area based on the number of these eight media employed to distribute traveler information.

### *Media Displaying Information on More Than One Transportation Mode*

Traveler information on more than one transportation mode may be displayed on a single medium. For example: Transit schedules and fares as well as freeway travel times, speeds, or conditions may be displayed on a Web site. This indicator tracks the percentage of the eight possible media for which information on more than one mode is disseminated.

## Integration in Large Metropolitan Areas

A critical aspect of the deployment of ITS technology that provides much of its capability is the integration of individual components to form a unified regional traffic control system. Individual ITS components routinely collect information that is used for purposes internal to that component. For example, the Arterial Management component monitors arterial conditions to revise signal timing and to convey these conditions to travelers through such technologies as VMS and HAR. Agencies operating other ITS components can make use of this information in formulating control strategies. For example, Transit Management agencies may alter routes and schedules based on real-time information on arterial traffic conditions, and Freeway Management agencies may alter ramp metering or diversion recommendations based on the same information.

Figure 32 portrays the national summary indicators for integration. See page 5 for an explanation of this figure.

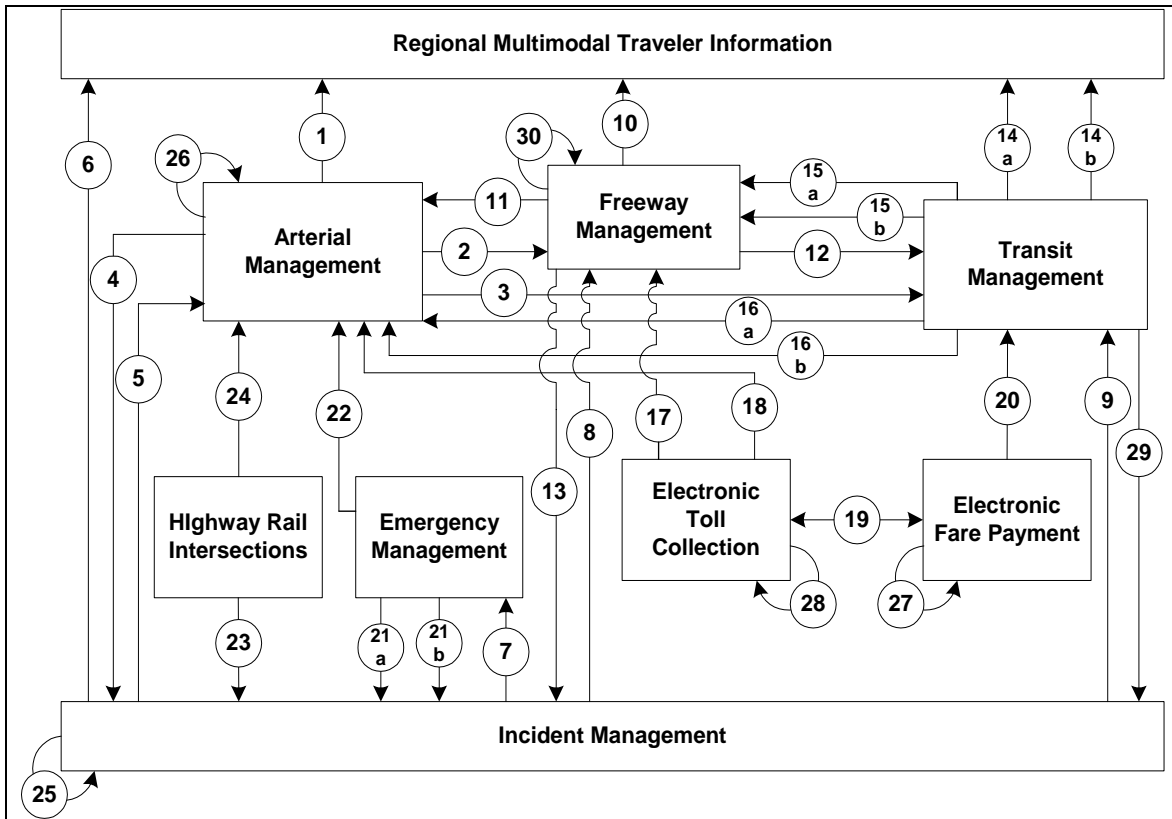


Figure 32 Integration Links

In order to make the discussion of individual links clearer, links have been grouped into four broad categories: (1) Traffic Management Integration, (2) Traveler Information Integration, (3) Transit Management Integration, and (4) Emergency Management Integration. The integration rating is indicated by the shading in the circles associated with each link in Figures 33 to 36.

### Traffic Management Integration

Traffic Management Integration enables the implementation of coordinated traffic management strategies among operating agencies responsible for Freeway Management, Incident Management, and Arterial Management within a metropolitan area. Key characteristics of Traffic Management Integration include the following:

1. Collection of real-time traffic and incident data on the freeway and arterial street network.
2. Coordination of management actions in response to changes in traffic flow.
3. Collaboration among operating agencies to optimize the strategies available to improve traffic flow.

Figure 33 presents an overview of the integration links that define Traffic Management Integration. Freeway management and incident management are well integrated. Other interagency integration is more limited, however. In particular, integration between freeway, arterial, and transit management is quite limited.

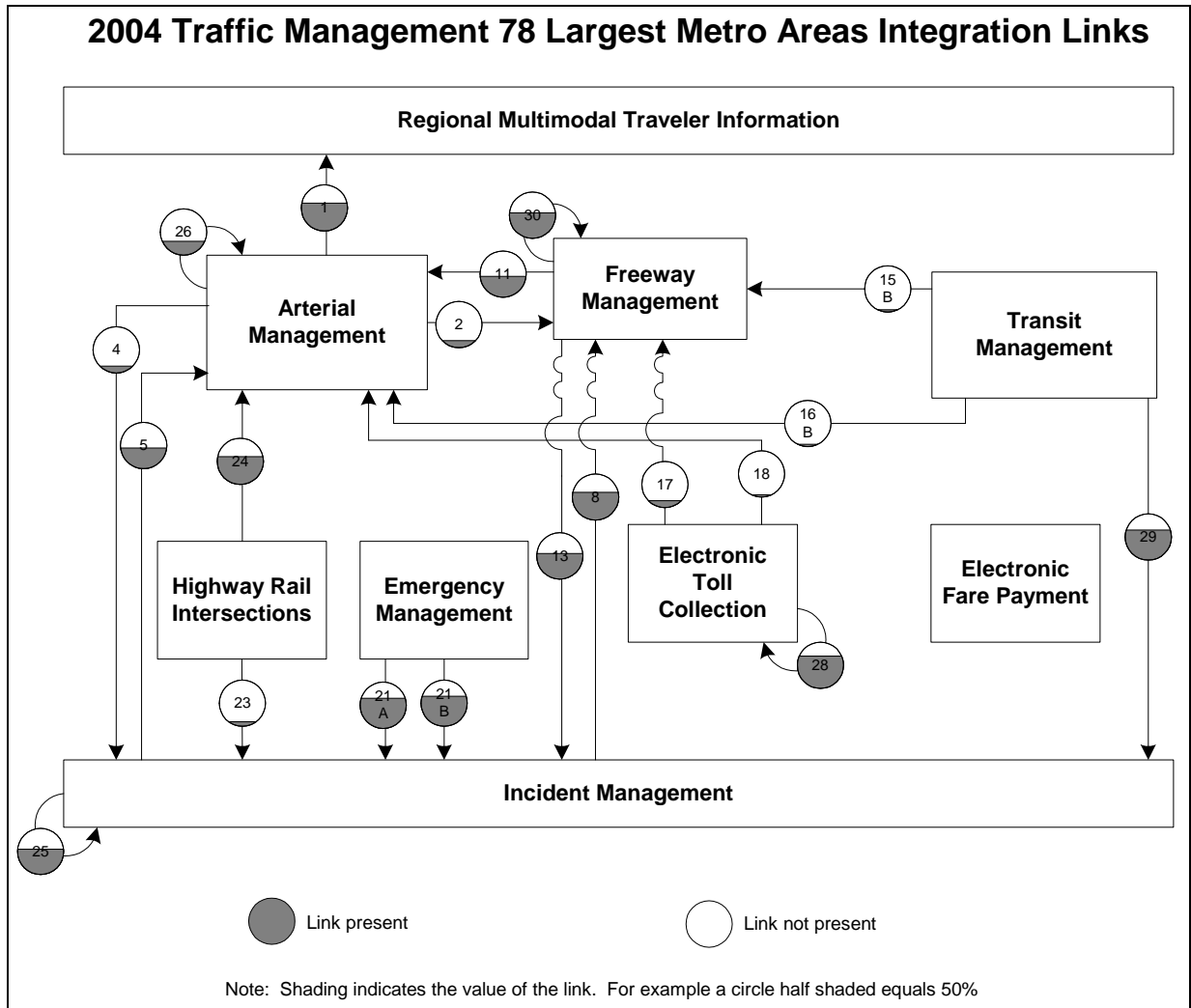


Figure 33 Traffic Management Integration Links

Table 1 presents a description of each of these links along with a summary of the survey results for each link.

**Table 1 Traffic Management Integration Links**

<b>Link</b>	<b>From/To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Survey Response</b>
2	Arterial Management to Freeway Management	Freeway Management Center monitors arterial travel times, speeds, and conditions using data provided from Arterial Management to adjust ramp meter timing, lane control or HAR in response to changes in real-time conditions on a parallel arterial.	Traffic condition information is sent from 61 of the 448 (14%) Arterial Management agencies to a Freeway Management agency.
4	Arterial Management to Incident Management	Incident Management monitors real-time arterial travel times, speeds, and conditions using data provided from Arterial Management to detect arterial incidents and manage incident response activities.	Traffic condition information is sent from 65 of the 448 (15%) Arterial Management agencies to an Incident Management agency.
5	Incident Management to Arterial Management	Arterial Management monitors incident severity, location, and type information collected by Incident Management to adjust traffic signal timing or provide information to travelers in response to incident management activities.	Incident severity, location, and type data are sent from 49 of the 113 (43%) Incident Management agencies to an Arterial Management agency.

<b>Link</b>	<b>From/To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Survey Response</b>
8	Incident Management to Freeway Management	Incident severity, location, and type data collected by Incident Management are monitored by Freeway Management for the purpose of adjusting ramp meter timing, lane control or HAR messages in response to freeway or arterial incidents.	Incident severity, location, and type data are sent from 66 of the 113 (58%) Incident Management agencies to a Freeway Management agency.
11	Freeway Management to Arterial Management	Freeway travel time, speeds, and conditions data collected by Freeway Management are used by Arterial Management to adjust arterial traffic signal timing or arterial VMS messages in response to changing freeway conditions.	Freeway travel time, speeds, and condition data are sent from 49 of the 113 (43%) Freeway Management agencies to a Arterial Management agency.
13	Freeway Management to Incident Management	Incident Management monitors freeway travel time, speed, and condition data collected by Freeway Management to detect incidents or manage incident response.	Freeway travel time, speeds, and condition data are sent from 58 of the 113 (51%) Freeway Management agencies to an Incident Management agency.
15b	Transit Management to Freeway Management (transit vehicles equipped as probes)	Transit vehicles equipped as probes are monitored by Freeway Management to determine freeway travel speeds or travel times.	Transit vehicle probe data is sent from 6 of the 211 (3%) Transit Management agencies to a Freeway Management agency.
16b	Transit Management to Arterial Management (transit vehicles equipped as probes)	Transit vehicles equipped as probes are monitored by Arterial Management to determine arterial speeds or travel times.	Transit vehicle probe data is sent from 9 of the 211 (4%) Transit Management agencies to an Arterial Management agency.

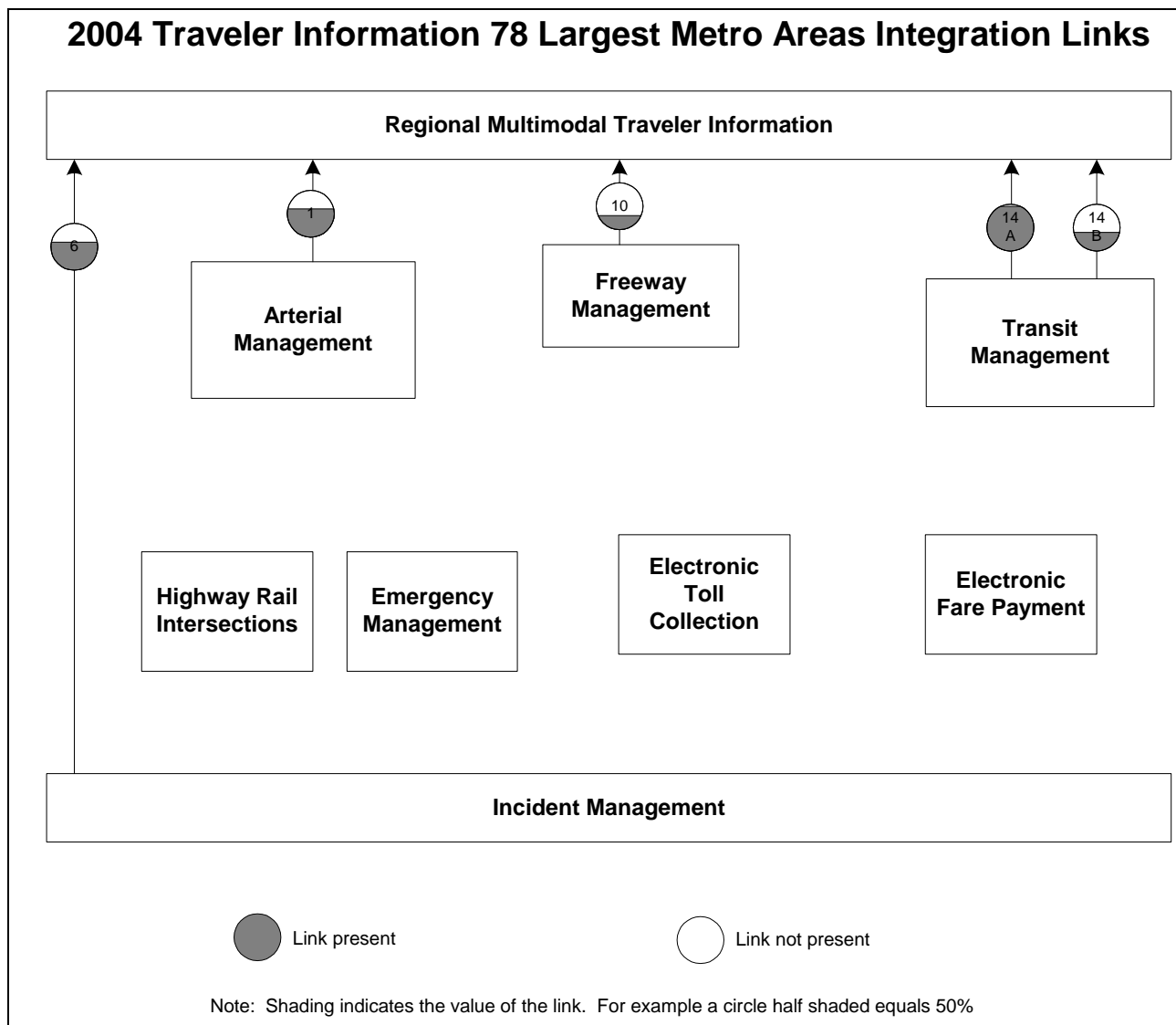


<b>Link</b>	<b>From/To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Survey Response</b>
17	Electronic Toll Collection to Freeway Management (ETC-equipped vehicles as probes)	Vehicles equipped with ETC tags are monitored by Freeway Management to determine freeway travel speeds or travel times.	ETC-equipped vehicles are used as probes by 12 of the 113 (11%) Freeway Management agencies.
18	Electronic Toll Collection to Arterial Management (ETC equipped vehicles as probes)	Vehicles equipped with ETC tags are monitored by Arterial Management to determine arterial travel speeds or travel times.	ETC equipped vehicles are used as probes by 5 of the 448 (1%) Arterial Management agencies.
21a	Emergency Management to Incident Management (Incident location, severity, and type)	Incident Management is notified of incident location, severity, and type by Emergency Management to identify incidents on freeways or arterials.	Emergency Management agencies provide notification of incident location, severity, and type to 68 of the 113 (60%) Incident Management agencies.
21b	Emergency Management to Incident Management (Incident clearance activities)	Incident Management is notified of incident clearance activities by Emergency Management to manage incident response on freeways or arterials.	Emergency Management agencies provide notification of incident clearance to 69 of the 113 (61%) Incident Management agencies.
23	Highway-Rail Intersections to Incident Management	Incident Management is notified of crossing blockages by Highway-Rail Intersection to manage incident response.	Highway-Rail crossing blockage data are provided to 36 of the 448 (8%) Arterial Incident Management agencies (Arterial Management agencies).
24	Highway-Rail Intersections to Arterial Management	Highway-Rail Intersection and Arterial Management are interconnected for the purpose of adjusting traffic signal timing in response to train crossing.	254 of the 448 (57%) Arterial Management Agencies have signals that adjust timing in response to train crossing.

<b>Link</b>	<b>From/To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Survey Response</b>
25	Incident Management intra-component	Agencies participating in formal working agreements or Incident Management plans coordinate incident detection, verification, and response.	411 of the 810 (51%) Emergency Management agencies participate in a formal Incident Management program.
26	Arterial Management intra-component	Agencies operating traffic signals along common corridors sharing information and possibly control of traffic signals to maintain progression on arterial routes.	126 of the 448 (28%) Arterial Management agencies share data with another Arterial Management agency.
28	Electronic Toll Collection intra-component	ETC agencies share a common toll tag for the purpose of facilitating “seamless” toll transactions.	44 of the 67 (66%) Toll Collection agencies use a common toll tag.
29	Transit Management to Incident Management	Transit agencies notify Incident Management agencies of incident locations, severity, and type.	Incident information is provided by 135 of the 211 (64%) Transit Management agencies to an Incident Management agency.
30	Freeway Management intra-component	Agencies operating freeways within the same region share freeway travel time, speeds, and condition data.	59 of the 113 (52%) Freeway Management agencies send data to another Freeway Management agency.

## Traveler Information Integration

The collection, processing, and distribution of timely information related to the performance of the transportation system is a by-product of integrating selected metropolitan ITS components. Information gathered by Freeway Management, Incident Management, Arterial Management, and Transit Management components is fused to create a region-wide traveler information database. Information in the database is then transferred to various media for display to travelers. Travelers receiving this information can make better-informed decisions regarding if, when, where, and how to travel, which may lead to an increase in travel efficiency and a reduction in travel congestion and delay. Figure 34 presents an overview of the integration links that define Traveler Information Integration. Arterial management information is only rarely made available to travelers. On the other hand, transit information, particularly schedule information, is widely available. Information on incidents is also widely disseminated.



**Figure 34 Traveler Information Integration Links**

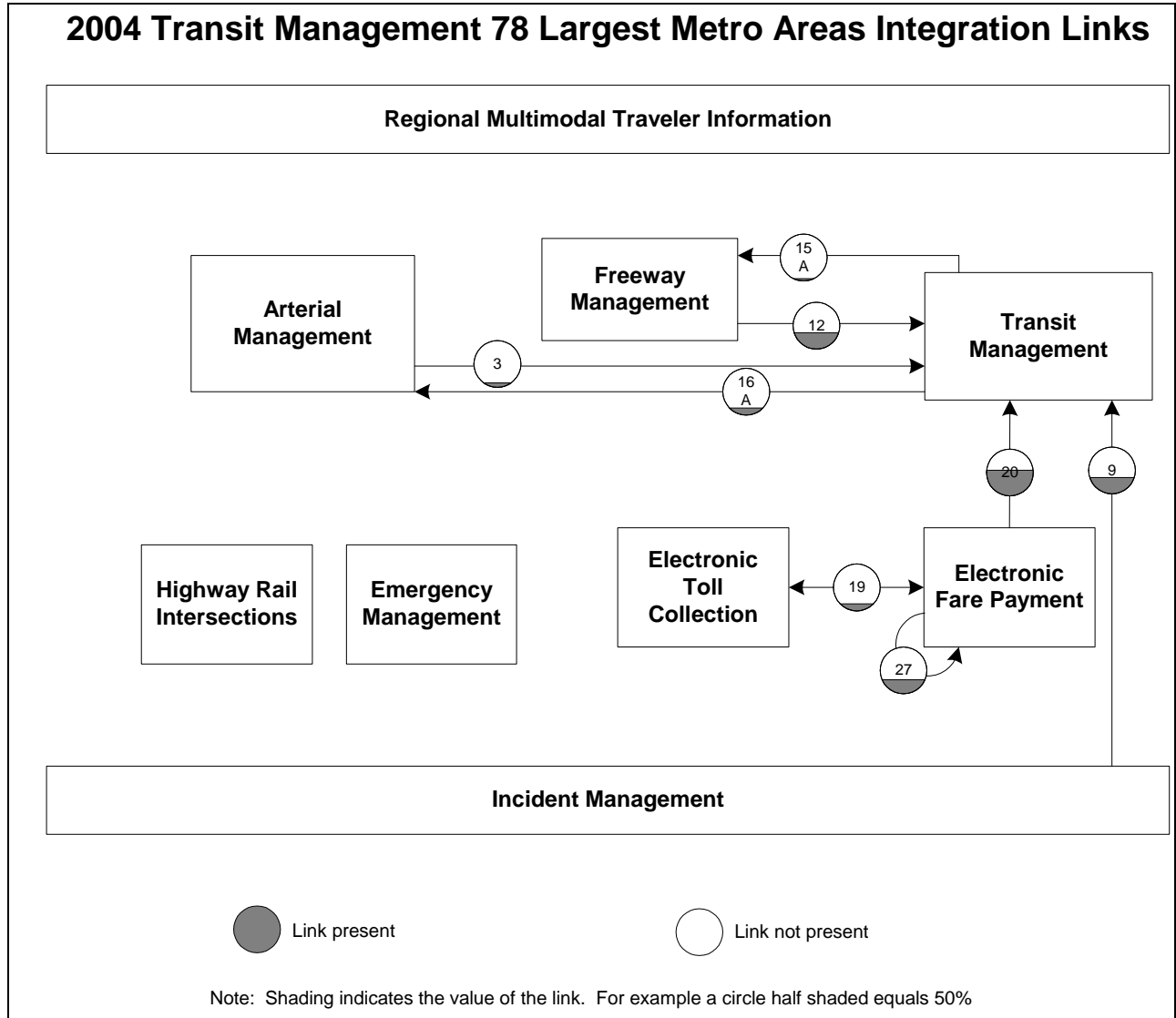
Table 2 presents a description of each of these links along with a summary of the survey results for each link.

**Table 2 Traveler Information Integration Links**

<b>Link</b>	<b>From/To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Survey Response</b>
1	Arterial Management to Regional Multimodal Traveler Information	Arterial travel time, speed, and condition information are displayed by Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media.	Arterial travel time, speed, and condition information are displayed by Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media for 261 of the 448 (58%) of the Arterial Management agencies.
6	Incident Management to Regional Multimodal Traveler Information	Incident location, severity, and type information are displayed by Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media.	Incident location, severity, and type information are displayed by Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media for 67 of the 113 (59%) Incident Management agencies.
10	Freeway Management to Regional Multimodal Traveler Information	Freeway travel time, speed, and condition information are displayed by Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media.	Freeway travel time, speed, and condition information are displayed by Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media for 32 of the 113 (28%) Freeway Management agencies.
14a	Transit Management to Regional Multimodal Traveler Information (transit routes, schedules, and fares)	Transit routes, schedules, and fare information are displayed on Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media.	Transit routes, schedules, and fare information are displayed on Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media for 192 of the 211 (91%) Transit Management agencies.
14b	Transit Management to Regional Multimodal Traveler Information (schedule adherence)	Transit schedule adherence information is displayed on Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media.	Transit schedule adherence information is displayed on Regional Multimodal Traveler Information media for 84 of the 211 (40%) Transit Management agencies.

**Transit Management Integration**

Transit Management Integration provides public transit operators with information and control capabilities to better manage transit system on-time performance. Transit Management Integration also exploits the use of EFP media to improve the efficiency of route planning and financial management. Figure 35 presents an overview of the integration links that define Transit Management Integration. Overall, transit agencies are not well integrated into the ITS information infrastructure.



**Figure 35 Transit Management Integration Links**

Table 3 presents a description of each of these links along with a summary of the survey results for each link.

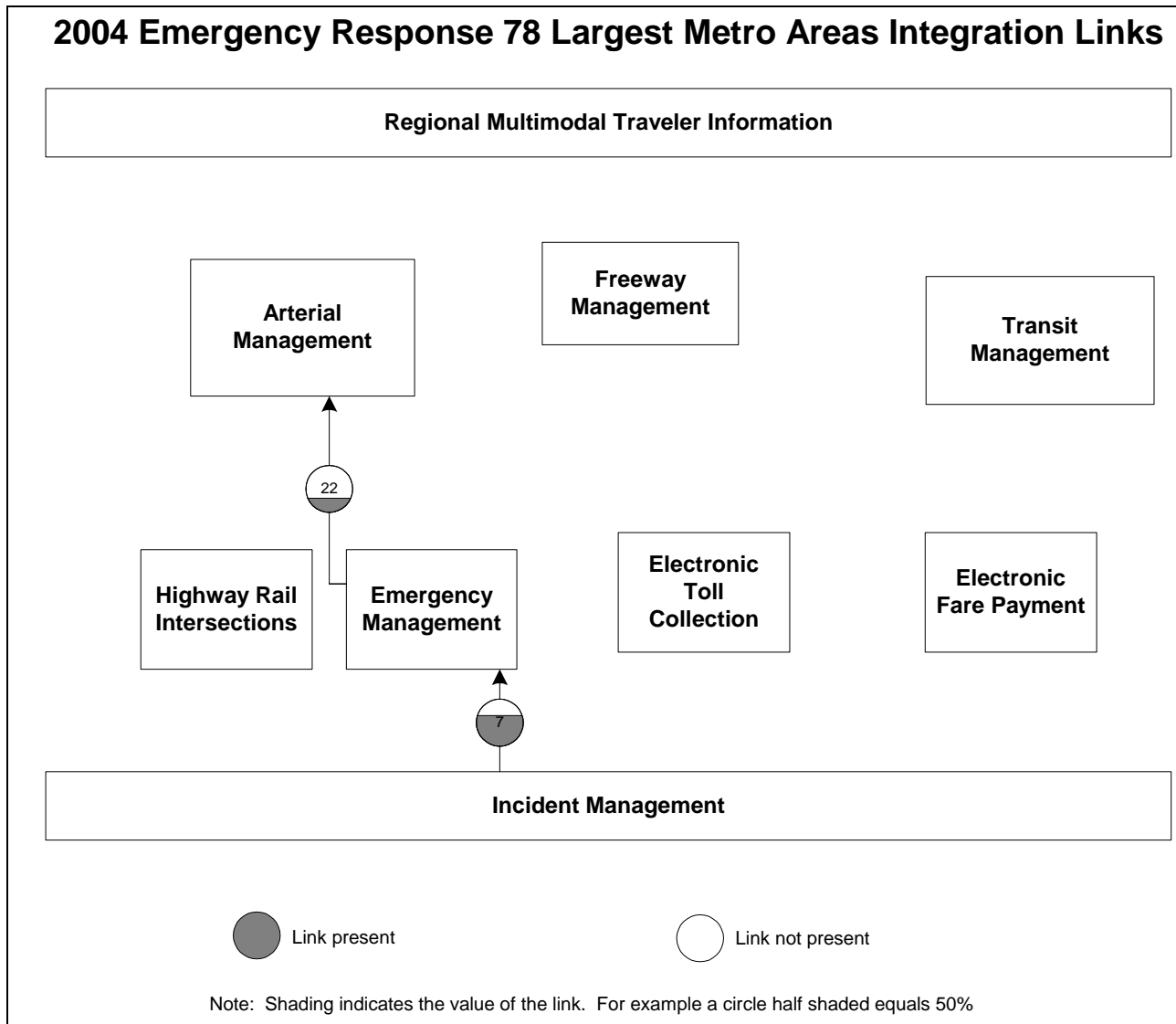
**Table 3 Transit Management Integration Links**

<b>Link</b>	<b>From/To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Survey Response</b>
3	Arterial Management to Transit Management	Transit Management adjusts transit routes and schedules in response to arterial travel times, speeds, and conditions information collected as part of Arterial Management.	Traffic condition information is sent from 41 of the 448 (9%) Arterial Management agencies to a Transit Management agency.
9	Incident Management to Transit Management	Transit Management adjusts transit routes and schedules in response to incident severity, location, and type data collected as part of Incident Management.	Incident severity, location, and type data are sent from 35 of the 113 (31%) Incident Management agencies to a Transit Management agency.
12	Freeway Management to Transit Management	Transit Management adjusts transit routes and schedules in response to freeway travel times, speeds, and conditions information collected as part of Freeway Management.	Freeway travel time, speeds, and condition data are sent from 34 of the 113 (30%) Freeway Management agencies to a Transit Management agency.
15a	Transit Management to Freeway Management (ramp meter priority)	Freeway ramp meters are adjusted in response to receipt of transit vehicle priority signal.	Transit vehicle receives ramp meter priority for 5 of the 211 (2%) Transit Management agencies.
16a	Transit Management to Arterial Management (traffic signal priority)	Traffic signals are adjusted in response to receipt of transit vehicle priority signal.	Transit vehicle receives traffic signal priority for 27 of the 211 (13%) Transit Management agencies.
19	Electronic Toll Collection to Electronic Fare Payment	Transit operators accept ETC-issued tags to pay for transit fares.	22 of the 211 (10%) Transit Management agencies accept ETC tags for payment of transit fares.
20	Electronic Fare Payment to Transit Management	Rider ship details collected as part of EFP are used in transit service planning by Transit Management.	EFP data are used by 111 of the 211 (53%) Transit Management agencies.

<b>Link</b>	<b>From/To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Survey Response</b>
27	Electronic Fare Payment intra-component	Operators of different public transit services share common EFP media.	59 of the 211 (28%) Transit Management agencies have a common fare media that can be used on more than one transit service (within that transit operator or with another transit operator).

**Emergency Response Integration**

Emergency Response Integration increases emergency response capabilities through improved incident notification from Incident Management and traffic signal preemption provided by Arterial Management. Figure 36 presents an overview of the integration links that define Emergency Response Integration.



**Figure 36 Emergency Response Integration Links**



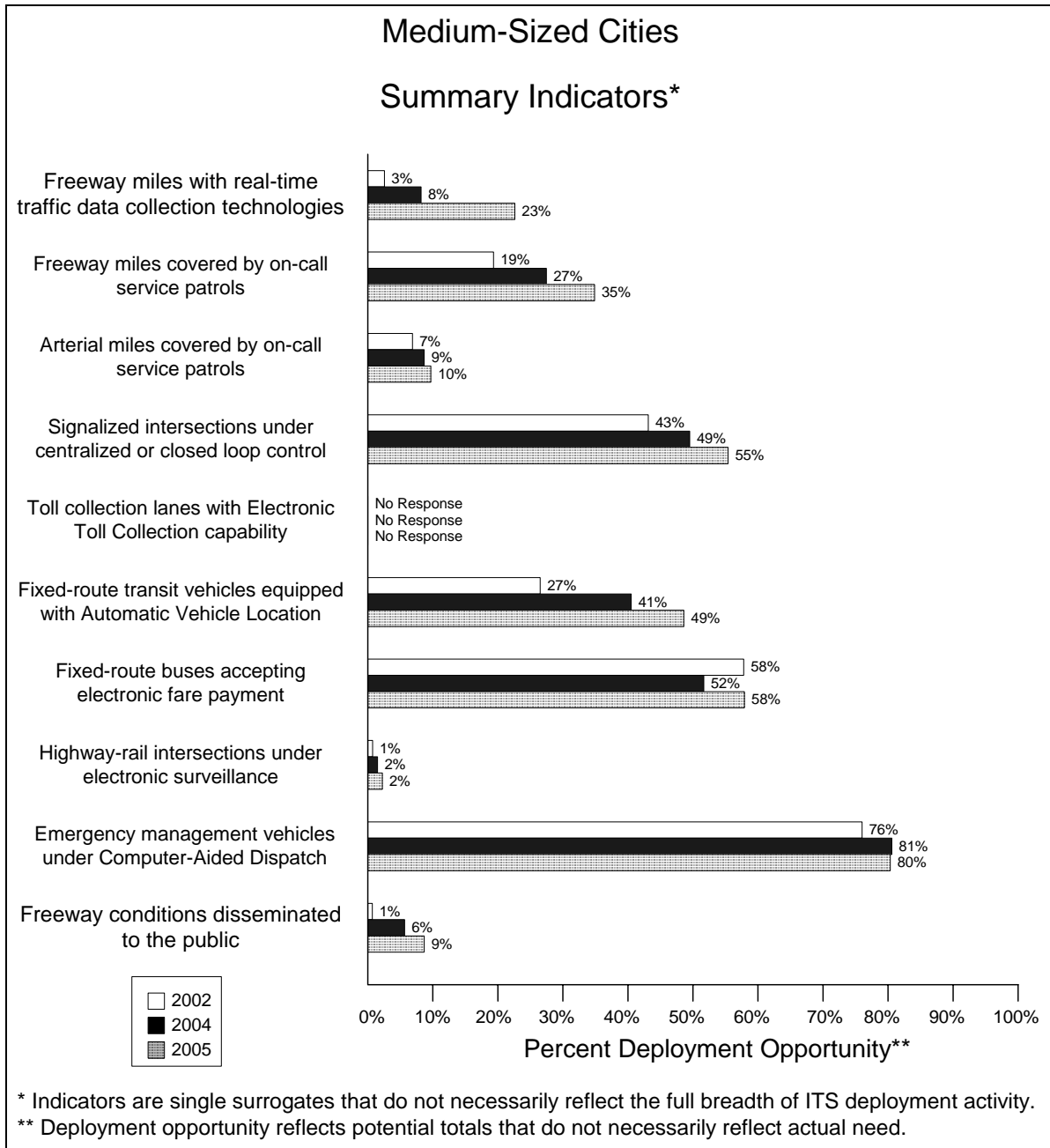
Table 4 presents a description of each of these links along with a summary of the survey results for each link.

**Table 4 Emergency Response Integration Links**

<b>Link</b>	<b>From/To</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Survey Response</b>
7	Incident Management to Emergency Management	Incident severity, location, and type data collected as part of Incident Management are used to notify Emergency Management for incident response.	Incident severity, location, and type data are sent from 68 of the 113 (60%) Incident Management agencies to an Emergency Management agency.
22	Emergency Management to Arterial Management	Emergency Management vehicles are equipped with traffic signal priority capability.	Emergency response vehicles receive traffic signal priority for 240 of the 810 (30%) Emergency Management agencies.

## Summary Deployment Indicators for Medium-Sized Cities

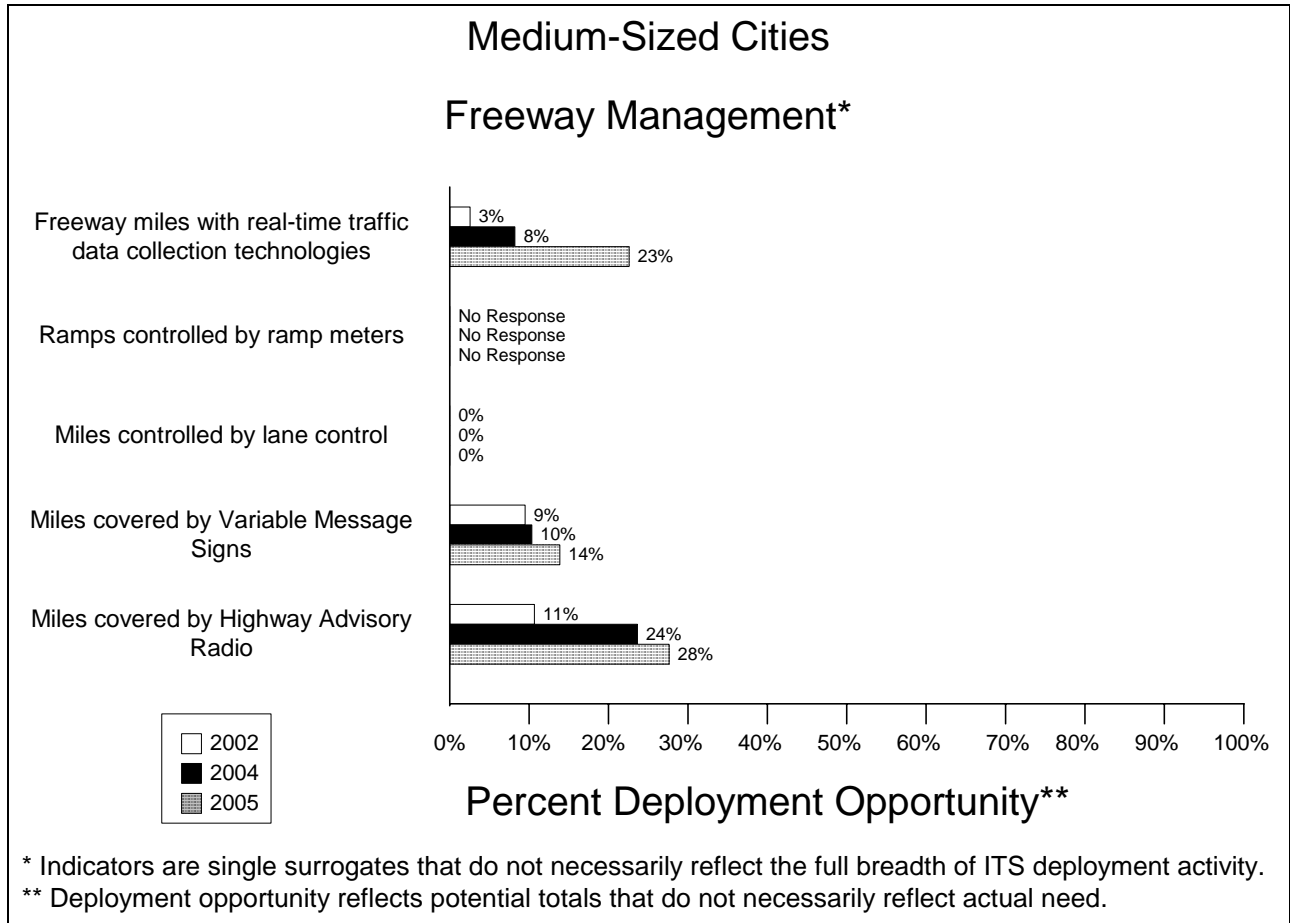
The summary indicators for the medium-sized cities surveyed are presented in Figure 37. The highest rate of deployment is for Emergency Management, followed by Transit Management, and Arterial Management. Surveillance on freeways is lightly deployed in medium-sized cities, but is expanding rapidly, with substantial growth projected. Incident Management on-call service patrols covered more than one quarter of the freeway miles in medium sized cities in 2004 and are projected to cover more than one-third by 2005.



**Figure 37 Medium-Sized Cities Summary Indicators**

**Freeway Management**

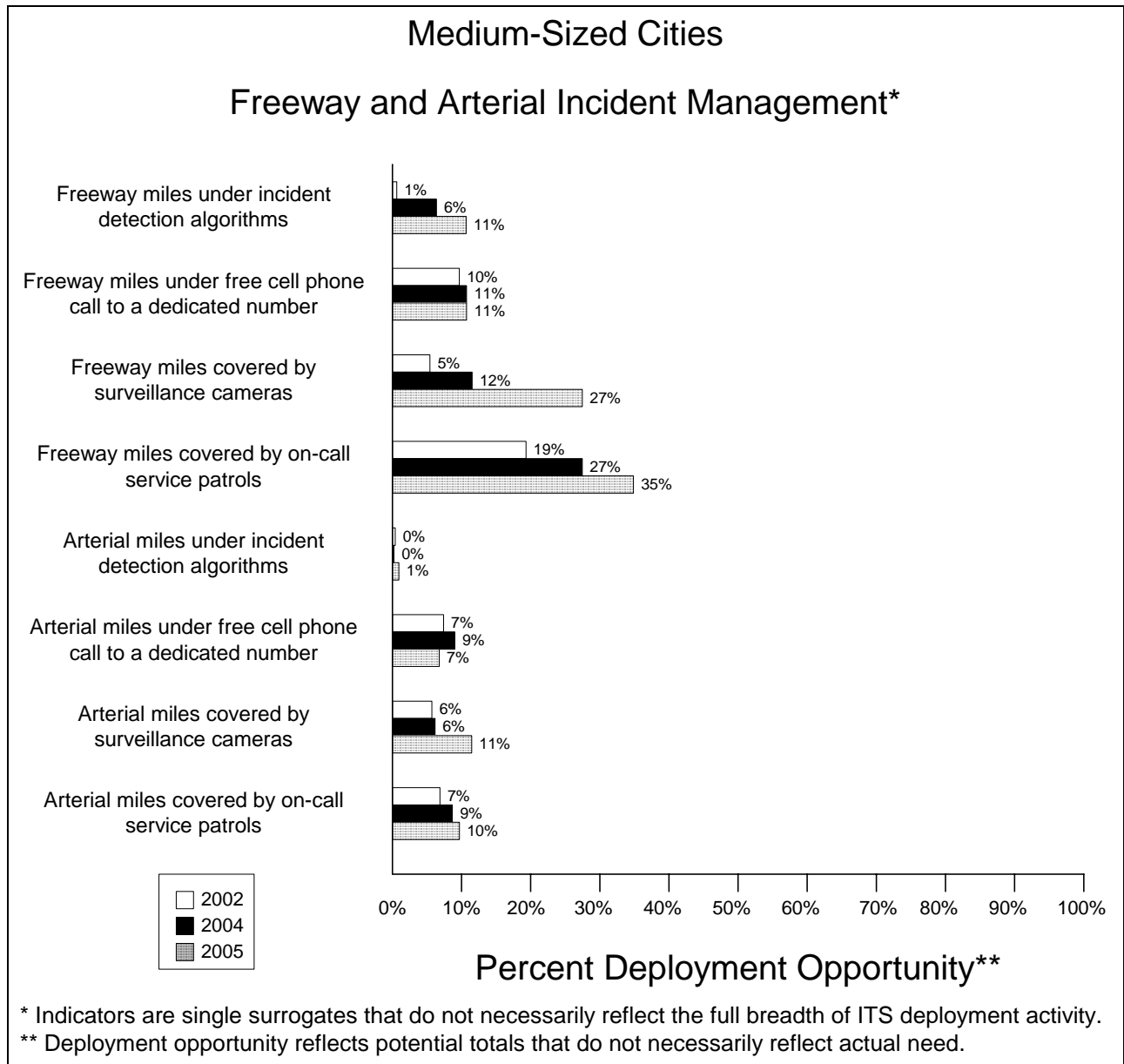
Figure 38 summarizes the level of Freeway Management in the medium-sized cities surveyed. The results indicate that only a limited level of freeway deployment is present in these areas. The most widely deployed technology is Highway Advisory Radio, followed by Variable Message Signs.



**Figure 38 Medium-Sized Cities Freeway Management Indicators**

**Incident Management**

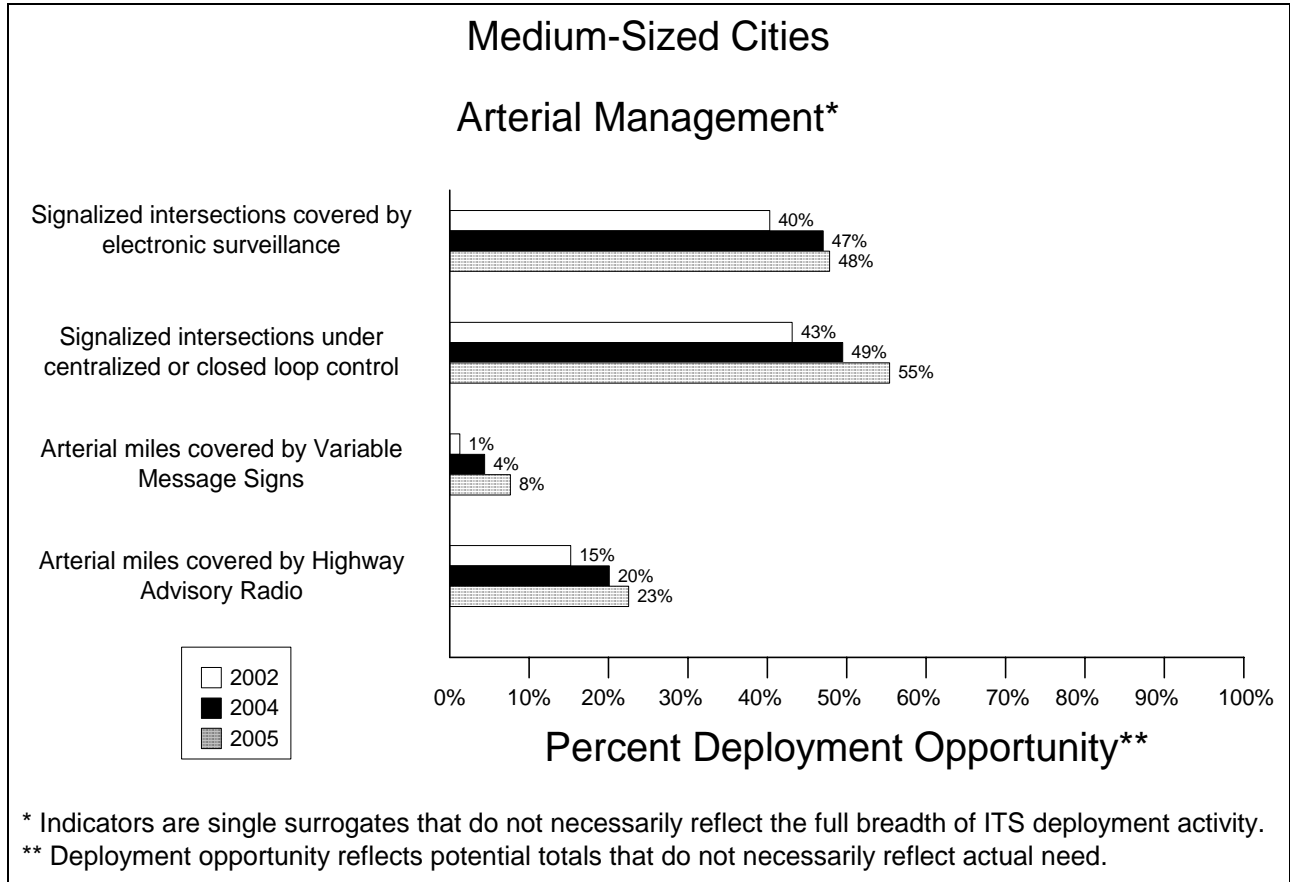
Figure 39 summarizes the level of incident management in the medium-sized cities surveyed. Freeway Survey Patrols are deployed on nearly 20% of the freeway miles in these areas. Arterial incident management is lightly deployed in these areas, a result that is similar to that observed in the larger areas. The deployment of ITS on freeways in general is projected to increase markedly by 2005 in the medium-sized cities.



**Figure 39 Medium-Sized Cities Freeway and Arterial Incident Management Indicators**

**Arterial Management**

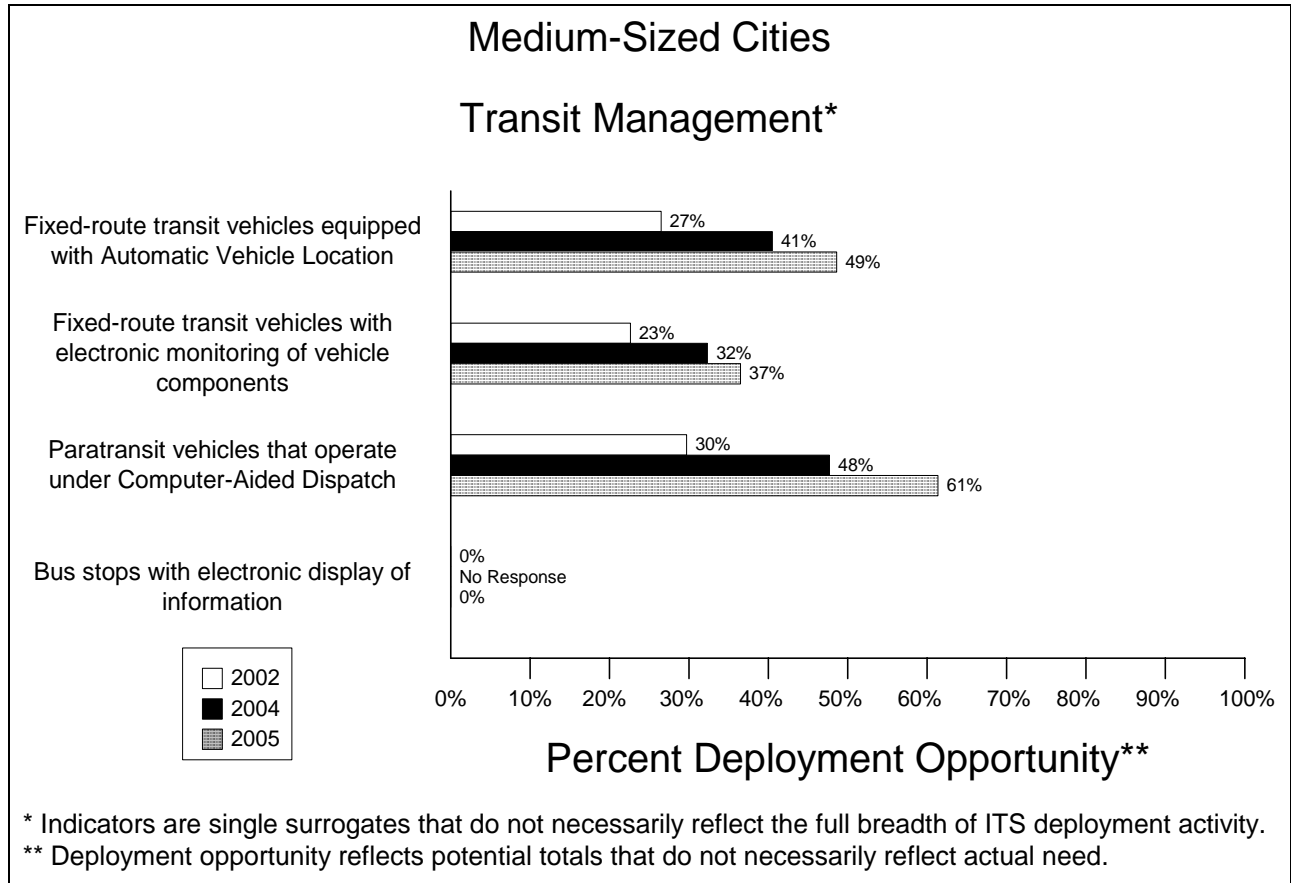
Figure 40 indicates that Arterial Management is widely deployed in the medium-sized cities surveyed. A significant proportion of traffic signals are under centralized or closed loop control and a high proportion of intersections are covered by electronic surveillance.



**Figure 40 Medium-Sized Cities Arterial Management Indicators**

**Transit Management**

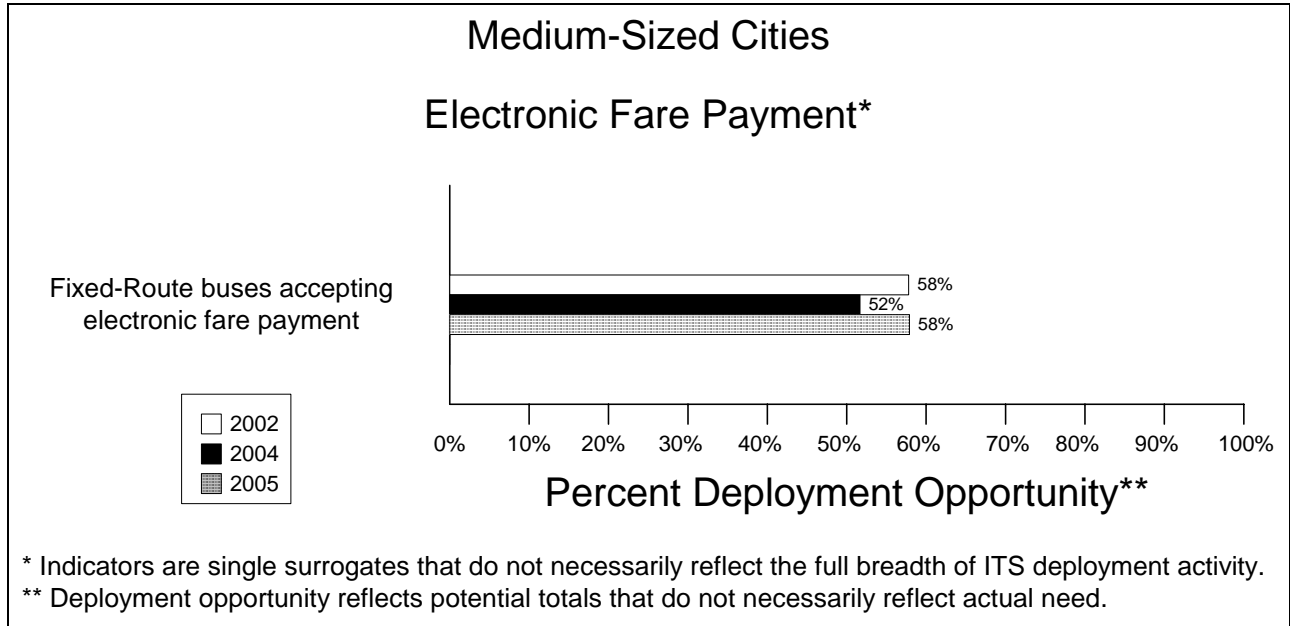
Figure 41 summarizes the level of Transit Management in the medium-sized areas. 2004 results show rapid growth. Nearly one-half of the paratransit vehicles operate under Computer-Aided Dispatch. Almost one half of the vehicles are equipped with Automatic Vehicle Location as well. There is a large increase in deployment of ITS for transit projected for 2005 in medium sized cities.



**Figure 41 Medium-Sized Cities Transit Management Indicators**

**Electronic Fare Payment**

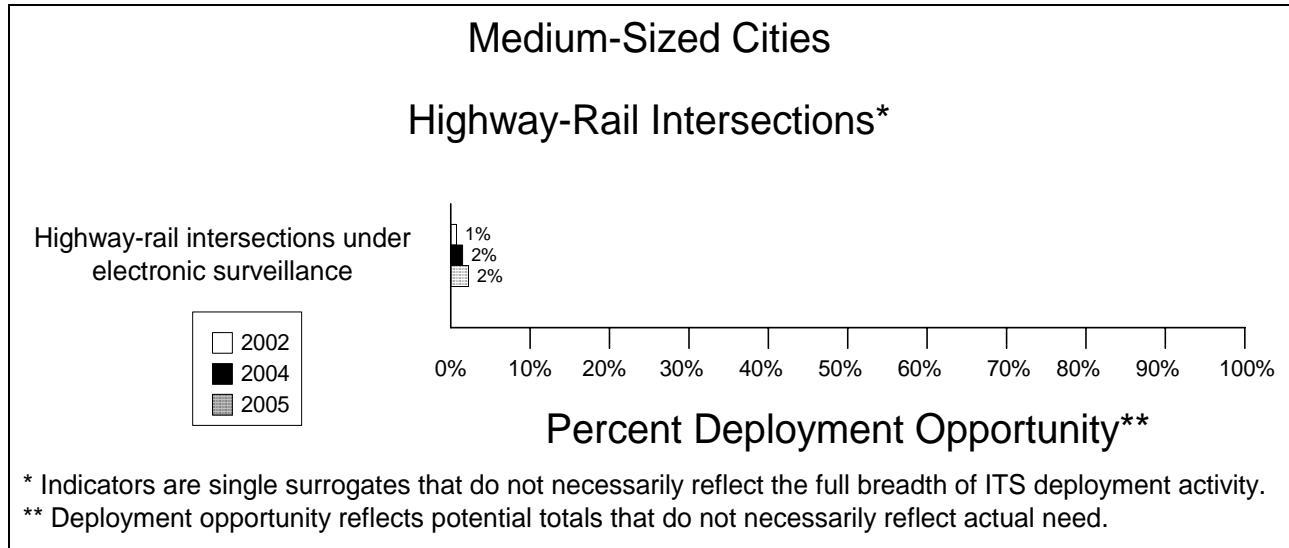
Figure 42 indicates that a significant proportion of vehicles are equipped with electronic fare payment capability in the medium-sized cities.



**Figure 42 Medium-Sized Cities Electronic Fare Payment Indicators**

## Highway-Rail Intersections

As presented in Figure 43, very few highway-rail intersections are under electronic surveillance in the medium-sized cities surveyed.

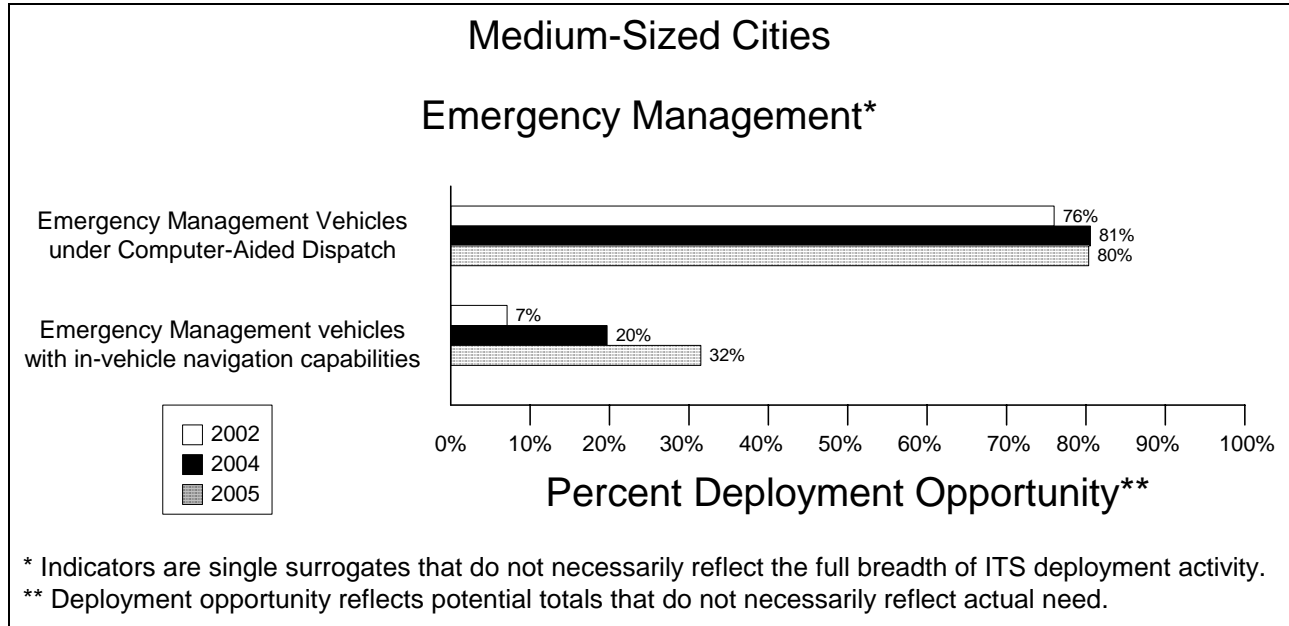


**Figure 43 Medium-Sized Cities Highway-Rail Intersections Indicators**



## Emergency Management

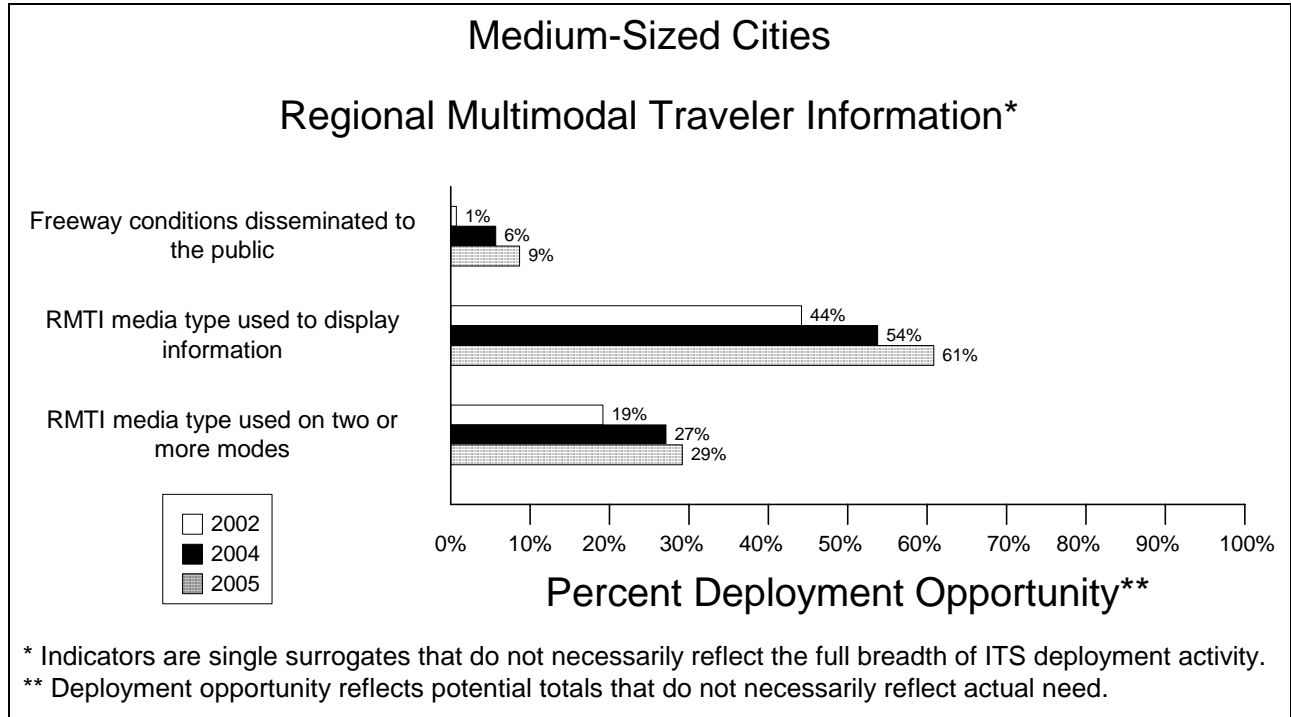
Figure 44 shows that a large proportion of emergency management vehicles are equipped with Computer Aided Dispatch in the medium-sized areas. The use of in-vehicle navigation units is expanding rapidly.



**Figure 44 Medium-Sized Cities Emergency Management Indicators**

**Regional Multimodal Traveler Information**

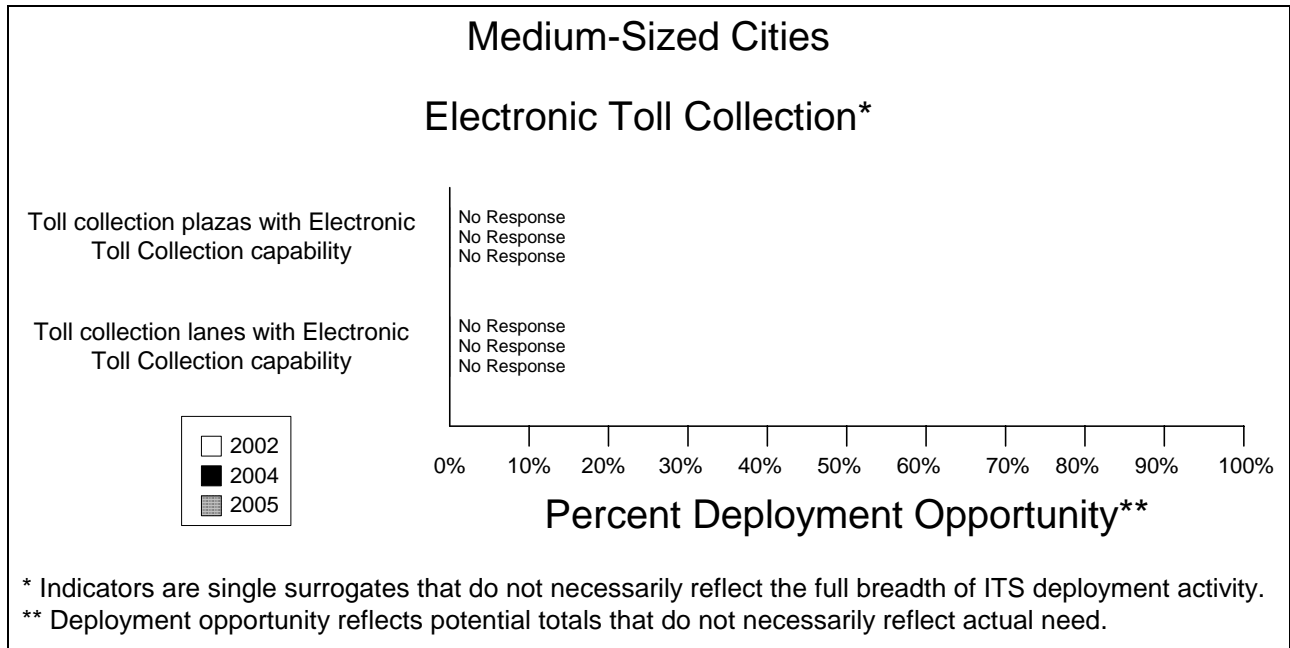
Figure 45 summarizes the level of Regional Multimodal Traveler Information in medium-sized areas surveyed. The results show that traveler information is expanding rapidly in medium-sized cities.



**Figure 45 Medium-Sized Cities Regional Multimodal Traveler Information Indicators**

**Electronic Toll Collection**

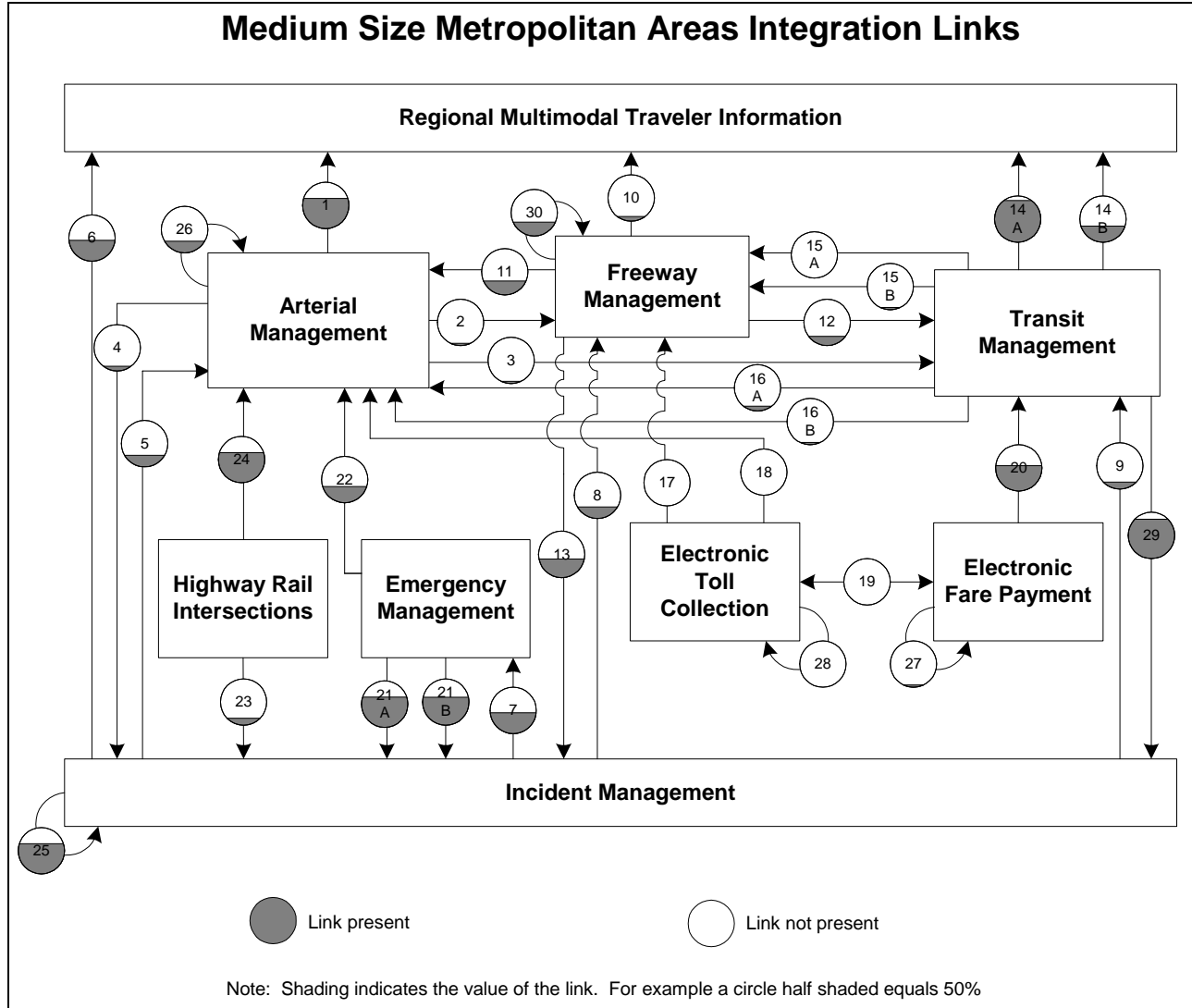
No toll collection agencies operate in the medium-sized areas surveyed.



**Figure 46 Medium-Sized Cities Electronic Toll Collection Indicators**

## Integration Indicators for Medium-Sized Cities

Figure 47 summarizes the level of integration in the medium-sized areas surveyed. The highest levels of integration appear between Incident Management and Emergency Management. The results are comparable to those seen for the major metropolitan areas, including the poor integration between transit, arterial, and freeway agencies.



**Figure 47 Medium-Sized Cities Integration Indicators**

## Comparison of Medium-Sized and Major Metropolitan areas

Overall, how do these results compare to those for major metropolitan areas? Table 5 shows a comparison of the deployment summary indicators for the 78 major metropolitan areas and the 30 medium-sized areas for 2004. These results show that agencies involved with emergency management, arterial management, and transit in medium-sized cities deploy similarly to those in larger cities. There is a marked difference, however, in the level of deployment of technologies on freeways. This is clear for both electronic surveillance as well as service patrols on freeways.

**Table 5 Comparison of Large and Medium-Sized Metropolitan Areas**

System/ Component	Large	Medium	Similar?
	% Deployed		
EMS vehicles under CAD	78%	81%	YES
Buses equipped with Electronic Fare Payment	63%	52%	YES
Freeway miles covered by service patrols	45%	27%	NO
Number of signalized intersections under computer control	50%	49%	YES
Buses equipped with Automatic Vehicle Location	47%	41%	YES
Freeway miles under electronic surveillance	35%	8%	NO
Freeway conditions disseminated to the public	28%	6%	NO
Arterial miles covered by service patrols	10%	9%	YES
HRI under electronic surveillance	5%	2%	YES

## **Conclusions**

The 2004 survey results indicate that the adoption and deployment of key ITS technologies continue to advance in major cities. Deployment of freeway surveillance and closed circuit television cameras is advancing rapidly. The use of technology to support transit, public safety, arterial traffic management, and toll collection is also advancing apace. However, this good news is balanced by the lack of integration between key metropolitan agencies, which is the continuation of a long standing and disturbing trend. These results indicate that ITS technology is being deployed to improve efficiency and effectiveness of individual agencies, with less emphasis on using the real-time data and flexible control capabilities from ITS to create a regionally integrated transportation management system. The addition of medium cities to the survey makes it possible to draw additional conclusions. One of these conclusions is that deployment on freeways is closely tied to city size, with a marked difference shown between large and medium-sized metropolitan areas. The second conclusion is that with the exception of freeway management, agencies generally deploy similarly, regardless of the size of the metropolitan area in which they are located.

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