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36,560 Lives lost on U.S. roads in 2018 and families shattered.

Vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V), vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) and vehicle-to-pedestrian (V2P) communications can change that number. These applications provide drivers with *instant, highly accurate alerts* (basic safety messages shared 10 times a second from the vehicles or immediately from nearby pedestrian or cyclists) so that the driver can take action to avoid a crash or reduce the severity of injuries or damage to vehicles and infrastructure. By providing drivers with timely warnings of impending crash situations, vehicle-to-everything (V2X) could reduce the number and severity of unimpaired motor vehicle crashes by up to 80% (NHTSA). With two million people injured in 2016 alone and hundreds of billions of dollars in economic costs each year due to motor vehicle crashes (NHTSA), V2X is helping address the scourge of lives lost and ruined on U.S. roads.

V2X Powered by the 5.9 GHz Safety Spectrum

Throughout the United States, auto manufacturers, cities and states and others are actively working and investing millions in the research, standardization and development of V2X technologies – all of which rely on the 5.9 GHz Safety Spectrum as the backbone for communication between vehicles, infrastructure and all other road users. The V2X ecosystem works when:

- 1. Vehicles talk to each other. The automotive industry, including ITS America members below, is deploying commercial scale V2X technologies into vehicles equipped with advanced safety features.
- 2. Road operators listen to these vehicles and talk directly to them to better operate their transportation system. Road operators are deploying road side units, fiber and data ecosystems to make that happen.



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80% crash reduction
80% crash reduction
40% roadway capacity increase
10% emissions and fuel waste reduction

Connected Versus Automated



Automated vehicles benefit from connectivity as the situational awareness of the automated driving system goes beyond its radar, lidar and camera system to "see" and engage with the connected vehicles and infrastructure around them.

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1/2 of U.S. Deploying V2X

Vehicle-to-everything (V2X) technologies are deployed in more than half of the states and dozens of cities for the purposes of improving road safety and saving lives. Connected vehicle technologies offer the U.S. a powerful set of tools to save lives, but only if these technologies are given the certainty of the 5.9 GHZ Safety Spectrum needed for progress to continue.

A snapshot of deployments around the country include:

Powering Freight Safety in Wyoming

Wyoming DOT is deploying V2V and V2I connectivity to provide enhanced monitoring like work zone warnings, distress notifications, forward collision warnings, and spot weather impact warnings to vehicles on I-80. Weather impact warnings can serve to mitigate truck blow-overs along I-80 during harsh winter conditions.

Accelerating Transit in Utah

Utah's Redwood Road Connected Vehicle project allows the traffic signal network to give conditional transit signal priority to buses that are running behind schedule. The project has been operational since November of 2017 and has already succeeded in increasing schedule reliability by 6%.

Connecting Mobility Users in Florida

The Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority is pairing streetcars, buses, and hundreds of private vehicles with V2V and V2I technology. Features include the mitigation of morning rushhour backups and transit delays, as well as warning wrong-way drivers on city roads.

Negating Gridlock in New York

The NYCDOT is planning to deploy V2V and V2I technology in up to 8,000 vehicles, which will warn drivers about red-light or speeding violations, as well as the presence of pedestrians in crosswalks. It can also indicate to connected drivers when sudden breaking is taking place ahead of them.

Protecting Pedestrians in Ohio

The city of Marysville, Ohio is underway with a project to improve intersections by pairing connected traffic signals and vehicles, allowing them to communicate about the presence of pedestrians, alert to oncoming emergency vehicles, and warn of possible crashes.

Evolving Connected Tech in Colorado

Colorado is deploying C-V2X technology along the I-70 mountain corridor to relay safety messages to drivers, including real-time warnings of crashes ahead. This technology can also communicate crash alerts to a local data center, which can immediately deploy emergency personnel.

