



W E L C O M E



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
Research and Technology

# Module: 17



ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES  
RESEARCH INITIATIVE

# Instructor



**Bruce Eisenhart**

**Vice President, Operations**

**Consensus Systems**

**Technologies**

# Learning Objectives

**Understand Background, Vision and Objectives of ATTRI**

**Discuss the ATTRI Focused Technology Areas**

**Describe ATTRI Foundation Considerations, Application Areas, and Applicable Standards**

# Learning Objective 1

Understand  
Background, Vision,  
and Objectives of  
ATTRI

# What is the Background of ATTRI?

## What is ATTRI?

- U.S. DOT Multimodal **Research and Development Effort**
  - Co-led by FHWA and FTA with support from ITS-JPO
- Solve door-to-door **accessible transportation** issues for **persons with disabilities**



Source: Thinkstock/USDOT

# What is the Background of ATTRI?

## Who is ATTRI meant for?

- Persons with Disabilities
  - 56.7 million or **19%** U.S. population
  - **Older adults** growing proportion of total

### Targeted Populations



Persons with Disabilities



Veterans with Disabilities



Older Adults

### Types of Disabilities



Vision



Mobility



Hearing

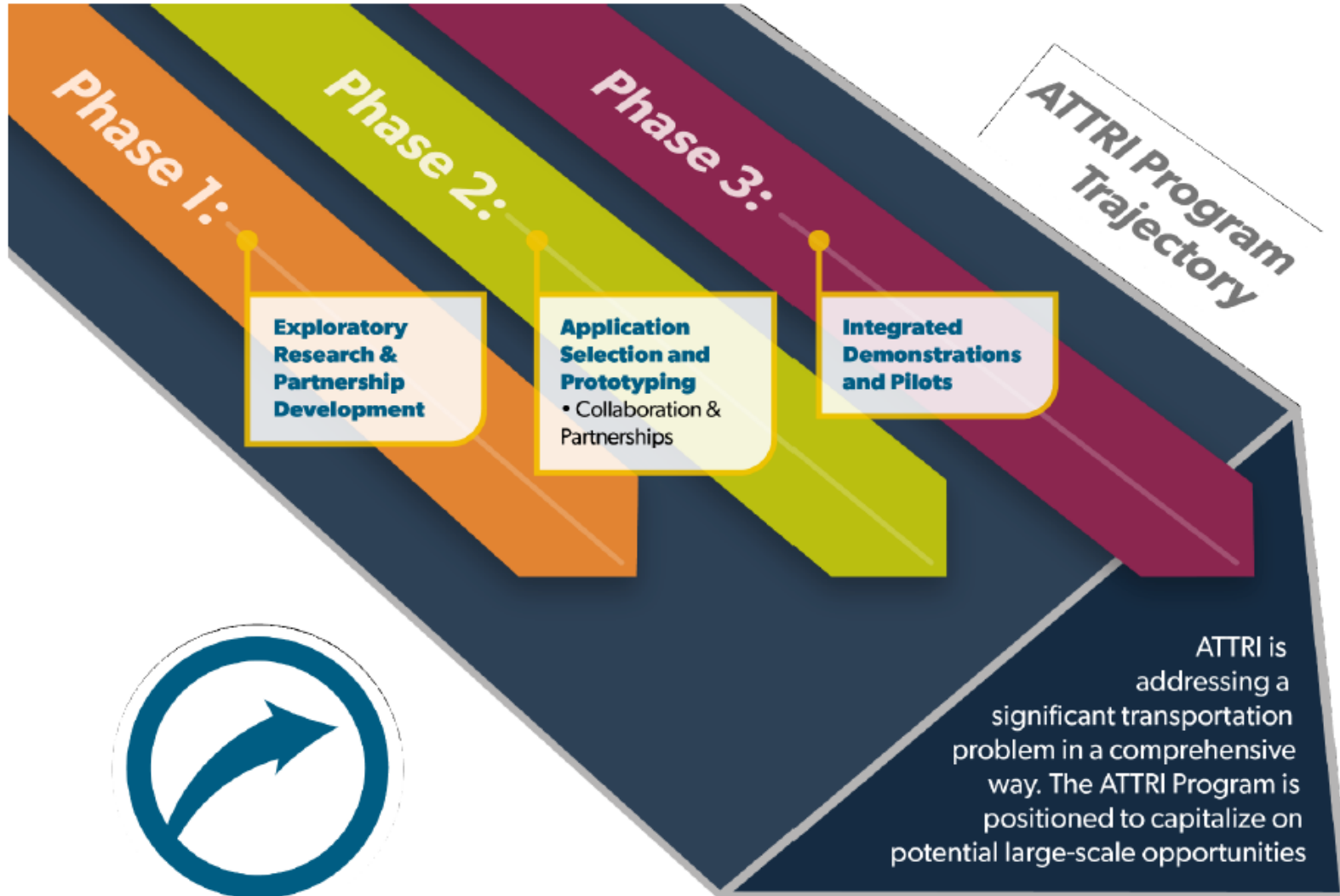


Cognitive



# What is the Background of ATTRI?

## Program Trajectory





# ATTRI Vision

## Enhance Mobility for Disabled Travelers

ATTRI seeks to **remove barriers** to transportation by leveraging **advanced technology** to enable people to **travel more easily, affordably, and effectively**, regardless of their individual abilities



Source: USDOT



Source: Thinkstock/USDOT

# ATTRI Objectives

- Explore state of the art **technology solutions** in the U.S. and Europe
- Gather **stakeholder input on needs and solutions** from users for incorporation in ATTRI's future efforts
- Identify **application areas** for prototyping

# ACTIVITY



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
Research and Technology

# Question

**Which one is NOT a key population meant to be served by ATTRI?**

## Answer Choices

- A) Older Adults
- B) Children
- C) Persons with Disabilities
- D) Veterans with Disabilities

The correct answer is:

You did not answer this

You must answer the question  
before continuing

Submit

Clear

press Control Y to continue

press Control Y to continue

# Review of Answers



a) Older Adults

*Incorrect. Older adults are considered because of possibility of reduction in all 4 dimension.*



b) Children

***Correct! Considering the needs of children is not a part of ATTRI.***



c) Persons with Disabilities

*Incorrect. Persons with disabilities are a key population.*



d) Veterans with Disabilities

*Incorrect. Veterans with Disabilities are a key subset of Persons with Disabilities.*

## Learning Objective 2

Discuss the ATTRI  
Focused Technology  
Areas

# ATTRI Technology Areas

## Wayfinding & Navigation Solutions



- Indoor/Outdoor navigation & orientation Apps
- Situational awareness and text recognition devices

## ITS & Assistive Technologies



- Travel and emergency announcements with captioning and haptic/flashing alerts
- V2V, V2I and V2P apps for pedestrians

## Automation & Robotics



- Personal mobility vehicles for first/last mile
- Virtual caregivers/concierge services with machine vision/AI, V2X

## Data Integration



- Accessibility data and information systems
- Interoperability and data needs

## Enhanced Human Services Transportation



- Real-time multimodal trip planning & services
- Inclusive one-fare payment application for all travelers
- Paratransit to Fixed-route

# ATTRI Technology Areas

## Wayfinding and Navigation Solutions

- Navigation Systems
  - Smartphone-based navigation systems
  - Beacons or electronic tags
  - Multiple communication formats
- Wearable Technologies
- Community Navigators

### Wayfinding & Navigation Solutions



- Indoor/Outdoor navigation & orientation Apps
- Situational awareness and text recognition devices



# ATTRI Technology Areas

## Wayfinding and Navigation Solutions

- Technology Examples
  - Indoor Wayfinding Device
  - Wearable Device to provide guidance



Source: USDOT



Source: Thinkstock/USDOT

# ATTRI Technology Areas

## ITS and Assistive Technologies

- ITS provides a broad range of wireless and sensor-based communications and information technology
  - Real-Time situational awareness
  - Accessible, assistive, and adaptive devicesInformation in accessible communication formats
- Connected vehicle technologies support applications for Pedestrians
  - Adaptive Pedestrian Signal Timing
  - Emergency vehicle and safety alerts

### ITS & Assistive Technologies



- Travel and emergency announcements with captioning and haptic/flashing alerts
- V2V, V2I and V2P apps for pedestrians

# ATTRI Technology Areas

## ITS and Assistive Technologies

- Technology Examples
  - Connected Vehicle Technologies
    - Smartphones, watches or glasses to **interface with vehicles, infrastructure, and pedestrians**




Source: USDOT

# ATTRI Technology Areas

## Automation and Robotics

- Vehicle automation technology to solve first mile/last mile mobility issues
- Collaborative robots
  - Provide concierge services
  - Assist with activities such as walking
- Machine Vision, artificial intelligence, assistive robots

**Automation & Robotics**



- Personal mobility vehicles for first/last mile
- Virtual caregivers/concierge services with machine vision/AI, V2X

# ATTRI Technology Areas

## Automation and Robotics

- Technology Examples
  - Shared Autonomous Vehicles (SAV)
  - Assistive Robots



Source: USDOT




Source: USDOT

**EXAMPLE**

# ATTRI Technology Areas

## Data Integration

- Enable the **integration** of data and information systems
  - **In-depth** accessibility information
  - Expanded **user profile** for persons with accessibility needs usable by service providers to customize service



**Data Integration**

- Accessibility data and information systems
- Interoperability and data needs

# ATTRI Technology Areas

## Data Integration

- Technology Example
  - Mobile App that can integrate the user mobility profile with accessibility needs



Source: USDOT

# ATTRI Technology Areas

## Enhanced Human Service Transportation

- Real-time, multimodal trip and services planning and traveler decision support
- Paratransit to Fixed-route
- Integrated Payment Systems

### Enhanced Human Services Transportation



- Real-time multimodal trip planning & services
- Inclusive one-fare payment application for all travelers
- Paratransit to Fixed-route



# ATTRI Technology Areas

## Enhanced Human Service Transportation

- Technology Examples
  - Smart Card or Mobile App to pay for transit services
  - Applications to link various transit services



# ACTIVITY



# Question

**Which area was NOT identified as one of the ATTRI Technology Areas?**

## Answer Choices

- A) Wayfinding and Navigation Solutions
- B) Integrated payment
- C) Automation and Robotics
- D) Data Integration

Your answer:

press Control Y to co

You did not answer this

You must answer the question  
before continuing

Incorrect - Click anywhere or  
press Control Y to continue

Submit

Clear

# Review of Answers



a) Wayfinding and Navigation Solutions

*Incorrect. This is one of the 5 technology areas.*



b) Integrated payment

***Correct! Integrated Payment is not a technology area, but is a foundational consideration.***



c) Automation and Robotics

*Incorrect. This is one of the 5 technology areas.*



d) Data Integration

*Incorrect. This is one of the 5 technology areas.*

# Learning Objective 3

Describe ATTRI  
Foundational  
Considerations,  
Application Areas, and  
Applicable Standards

# ATTRI Foundational Considerations

## Considerations Overview

- All ATTRI applications should include four “**cross-cutting**” considerations



# ATTRI Foundational Considerations

## Standard Accessible Data Platform

- Access to real-time, situational data sources
- Data standardization and interoperability

# ATTRI Foundational Considerations

## Universal Design Standards

- New Applications or leveraging of existing solutions
  - Applicability of technical solution applies to the needs of all user groups
- Multiple accessible communication formats and user interfaces





# ATTRI Foundational Considerations

## Integrated Mobile Payment

- Payment for transportation
- Usable by travelers **of any abilities**
- **Interoperability** across modes



# ATTRI Foundational Considerations

## Leverage Existing Technologies

- Apply existing technologies to user needs
  - ITS
  - On-Demand
  - Data Standards
  - Mobile Technology
  - Wearables
  - Assistive Technologies
- Either currently available or already under development

# Focused Application Areas

## How Chosen?

- ATTRI project obtained inputs on Application Areas in three different ways:
  - User Needs Webinars
  - Technology Scan
  - Request for Information

# Focused Application Areas

## Top application areas identified

1. Pre-Trip Concierge and Visualization
2. Smart Wayfinding and Navigation Systems
3. Shared Use, Automation and Robotics
4. Safe Intersection Crossing



# Focused Application Areas

## Pre-Trip Concierge and Visualization

- Pre-Trip Concierge
  - Provide **pre-trip and en-route** traveler information
  - Design for people with blindness, low vision, cognitive and mobility issues
- Visualization
  - Passengers **“see” their entire routes** on an app with landmarks
  - Virtual caregiver helps plan routes and track travelers movement
  - Connectivity to caregiver or family member



Source: Thinkstock/USDOT

# Focused Application Areas

## Pre-Trip Concierge and Visualization

- Application Examples
  - Assist for everyday activities: walking or getting to work
  - Ability to learn and remember routes
  - Integrating different modes with accessibility accommodations
  - Virtual exploration devices to help visually impaired
  - Voice overlay including family members
  - Emoji's for accessible transportation



Source: AIGA

# Focused Application Areas

## Pre-Trip Concierge and Visualization-Standards

- ITS Data Standards apply to static and real time transportation data
- Transit Static Data
  - GTFS
  - TCIP
- Transit Real Time Data
  - GTFS-realtime
  - SIRI
- Traffic Conditions
  - TMDD

# Focused Application Areas

## Transit Static Data Standards - General Transit Feed Specification (GTFS)

- Transit Static Data
  - Routes and Schedules
- Originally developed, still maintained by Google
- Specification, not a standard
- Now used by 1000's of Transit Agencies
- Primarily to support trip planning





# Focused Application Areas

## Transit Static Data Standards – Transit Communications Interface Profiles (TCIP)

- Published by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA)
- ITS standard for exchanging information among transit ITS systems and components
- Primarily designed for intra-agency use
- Includes passenger information for static schedules and routes



# Focused Application Areas

## Transit Real Time Data- GTFS-realtime

- **Real time** version of the **GTFS**
- Launched in 2011- 6 cities initially
- Maintained by Google
- Primarily to support en-route traveler information
- Information included
  - **Trip Update: When** will the vehicle arrive/depart?
  - **Vehicle Position: Where** is the vehicle?
  - **Alerts:** Are any planned or unplanned **events** affecting service?



# Focused Application Areas

## Transit Real Time Data- SIRI

- Service interface for real-time information relating to public transport operations (SIRI)
- European Committee for Standardization (CEN) standard.
- Functional Services covered
  - Production Timetable
  - Estimated Timetable
  - Stop Timetable/ Monitoring
  - Vehicle Timetable/ Monitoring
  - Connection Timetable/ Monitoring
- Increasing deployment in US



# Focused Application Areas

## Traffic Data Standards- TMDD

- Traffic Management Data Dictionary (TMDD)
- Developed and maintained by ITE and AASHTO
- Center-to-center standard for exchanging transportation information **between a traffic management center and other centers**
- Provides real-time information about road network conditions and Incidents
- Widely deployed by state transportation departments
- Supports trip planning

SUPPLEMENT

# Focused Application Areas

## Smart Wayfinding and Navigation Systems

- Navigation Systems
- Wearable Technologies
- Community Navigators



# Focused Application Areas

## Smart Wayfinding and Navigation Systems

- Application Capabilities
  - Recognize and detect stationary objects
  - Read and recognize important text and signage
  - Detect, track, represent moving objects
  - One button push notification of location
  - Wearable sensors

# Focused Application Areas

## Smart Wayfinding & Navigation Systems-Standards

- Navigation Systems are supported by same set of ITS standards previously mentioned
  - GTFS
  - GTFS-realtime
  - SIRI
  - TMDD
- Wearable Technologies
  - ISO developing standards for haptic and tactile interactions

# Focused Application Areas

## Smart Wayfinding & Navigation Systems-Standards

- Wearable Technology Standard
  - ISO developing a set of standards relating to tactile and haptic interactions (ISO 9241-9xx)
  - Ergonomics of human-system interaction — Part 910: Framework for tactile and haptic interaction
  - Only published standard contains
    - Terms
    - Interactions
    - Devices



# Focused Application Areas

## Smart Wayfinding & Navigation Systems-Standards

- Wayfindr Standard
  - Open standard for digital wayfinding on mobile devices through audio-based navigation
  - Developed by not-for-profit venture of ustwo and RLSB
  - Standard contains
    - Design principles
    - Guidelines for navigation instructions
    - Technology best practices
    - Wayfindr demo mobile app



# Focused Application Areas

## Shared Use, Automation and Robotics

- Assistive and collaborative robotics to enhance mobility
- Ability to plan and execute trips, associated services
- Transformative transportation alternatives



Source:USDOT



Source:Google



Source:USDOT

# Focused Application Areas

## Shared Use, Automation and Robotics-Standards

- Application of Autonomous Vehicles to Transit
  - Address first/last mile
  - Application in controlled areas



# Focused Application Areas

## Shared Use, Automation and Robotics-Standards

- **Automated** (vs Autonomous) Vehicles
  - Automation is a continuum of advances
  - Autonomous is the end state where vehicle is “self-driving”
  - DSRC **Connected Vehicle** Standards (SAE J2735 and J2945) apply for **data into and out of the vehicle**
  - Many other activities underway, but not completed yet
    - IEEE P2040 - Standard for Connected, Automated and Intelligent Vehicles: Overview and Architecture
    - SAE On-Road Automated Vehicle Systems (ORAV)
    - FHWA Automated Vehicle Research Program

SUPPLEMENT

# Focused Application Areas

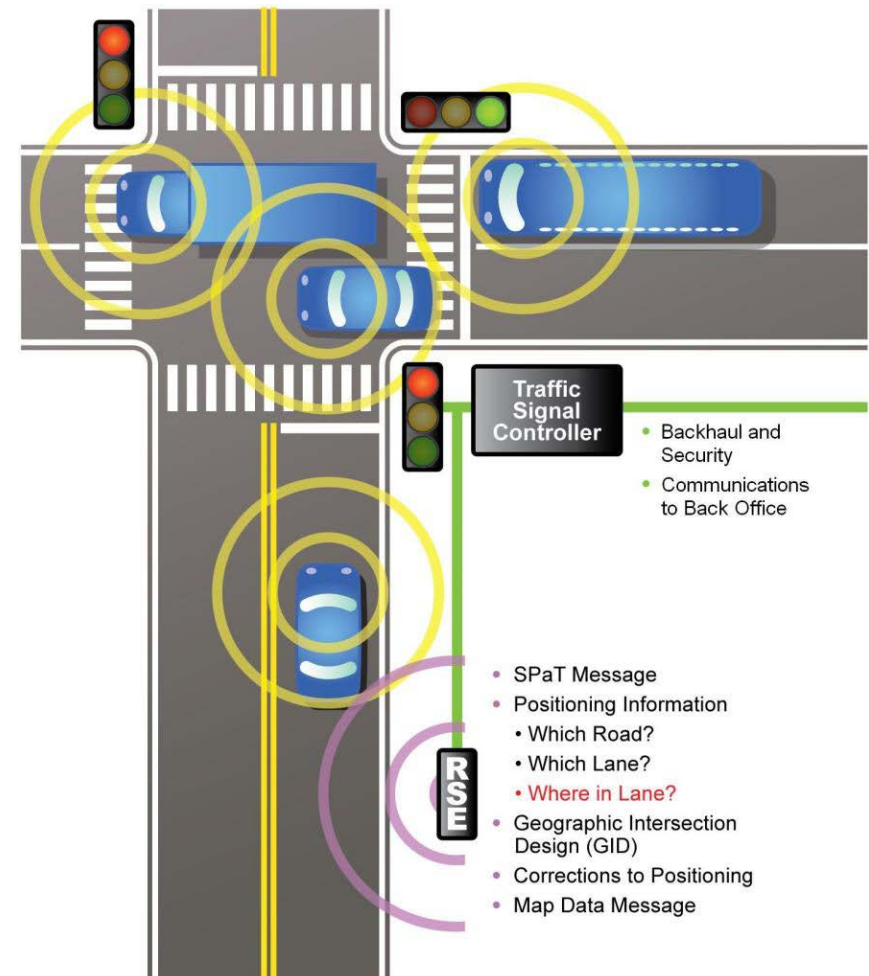
## Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC)

### On-Board Unit (OBU):

- Broadcasts a set of “basic” data such as vehicle location, speed, and direction of travel; AND/OR
- Receives data from other vehicles or the infrastructure

### RoadSide Unit (RSU):

- Receives a set of “basic” data from an OBU on vehicles; AND/OR
- Broadcasts information to vehicles or other mobile devices



# Focused Application Areas

## Connected Vehicle Standard: SAE J2735 DSRC Message Set Dictionary

- Developed and published by the Society of Automotive Engineers
- Defines messages and data elements for connected devices
  - Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V)-
    - Basic Safety Message
  - Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I)
    - Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT)
    - Traveler Information Message (TIM)

# Focused Application Areas

## Connected Vehicle Standard: SAE J2945 DSRC Minimum Performance Requirements

- Series of standards being developed to define performance requirements for different messages defined in SAE J2735
  - J2945/0 will define common requirements for DSRC
  - J2945/1 Performance Requirements for V2V Safety Applications
  - J2945/6 Performance Requirements for Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control and Platooning
  - J2945/9 Performance Requirements for Safety Communications to Vulnerable Road Users

# Focused Application Areas

## Safe Intersection Crossing

- Intersection crossing assistance for all travelers
- Pedestrians interface with traffic signals, vehicles and nomadic devices
- Guidance, notifications and alerts





# Focused Application Areas

## Safe Intersection Crossing-Standards

- Connected Vehicle and Mobile Device Standards
  - DSRC Standards currently focus on vehicles
    - SAE J2735/ SAE J2945
  - DSRC committee currently extending standards for mobile device interfaces (J2945/9)
- Connected Intersections
  - NTCIP Standards being updated to address

# Focused Application Areas

## Safe Intersection Crossing Standards: NTCIP 1202

- National Transportation Communications for ITS Protocol (NTCIP)
  - Series of standards addressing primarily field device interfaces
  - Created and maintained by AASHTO, ITE, and NEMA
- NTCIP 1202- Object Definitions for Actuated Signal Controllers (ASC)
  - Being updated to address connected intersections

# Focused Application Areas

## The Road Ahead

- Prototyping of Application Areas
  - FHWA/FTA BAA
    - Addresses three application areas
  - HHS National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)
    - Addresses automation and robotics to enhance accessible transportation
- Integrated Demonstrations and Pilots

# Focused Application Areas

## The Road Ahead

- Additional Implementation Issues
  - Integration into Planning Process
  - Include in strategies to improve mobility
  - New/ expanded standards to support implementation

# ACTIVITY



U.S. Department of Transportation  
Office of the Assistant Secretary for  
Research and Technology

# Question

Which of the following standards, relevant to ATTRI is NOT a formal standard?

## Answer Choices

- A) Google GTFS
- B) APTA TCIP
- C) CEN SIRI
- D) SAE J2735

Incorrect - Click anywhere or

Correct - Click anywhere  
press Control Y to continue

Your answer:

You did not answer this

You must answer the question  
before continuing

Submit

Clear

The correct answer is:

# Review of Answers



a) Google GTFS

***Correct! While GTFS is often considered the de facto standard for transit, it does not undergo a formal standardization process.***



b) APTA TCIP

*Incorrect. APTA TCIP undergoes a formal standardization process.*



c) CEN SIRI

*Incorrect. CEN SIRI undergoes a formal standardization process.*



d) SAE J2735

*Incorrect. SAE J2735 undergoes a formal standardization process.*

# Module Summary

## What We Learned about ATTRI

1. It is a multiyear effort to identify solutions to solve **door-to-door accessible transportation** issues for **persons with disabilities**.
2. Defined 5 technology areas
3. Which, based on user inputs, has been used to define 4 application areas that will be prototyped



**Thank you for completing this module.**

## **Feedback**

Please use the Feedback link below to provide us with your thoughts and comments about the value of the training.

Thank you!