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ITS4US Deployment Program Phase 2 Webinar:

NFTA Low-Speed Self-Driving Shuttles (05-16-23)

Carlos Alban (ITS America): Thank you for joining today's NFTA webinar. We will be getting started at 2:00pm ET. If you have any questions, please feel free to use this chat.

Norman C Schenck: Had a hard time logging in, the link on the calendar invite didn't work

Nicole Hill: Is anyone else having choppy audio?

Jenny Sykes: yes

Pricila Roldan: Hi all- I am having trouble listening to the speaker, is it my audio or a larger problem?

Amanda Greenwood- POCO Labs: yes, I can hardly understand

Pricila Roldan: Its choppy :(

Jenny Sykes: not vey well - choppy reception

Amanda Greenwood- POCO Labs: Audio is very choppy

Norman C Schenck: elina is very clean on my speakers

Nayel Urena Serulle: Same here. Could be clearer, but I can understand fine.

Matthew Katzmann CA DMV: I switched my audio to my phone, and it seems to be better than coming from the computer... much less choppy

Bruce Eisenhart: Same here- phone audio working fine

Nicole Hill: ^^ thank you

Pricila Roldan: Thank you!! ^^^

Richard Mai, NYSERDA: Will a copy of this presentation be shared afterwards?

Carlos Alban (ITS America): Hello Richard, the presentation will be posted to the IT4US Program Website, yes.

Shahin Sotoudeh 2: IT4US Program
Website: https://www.its.dot.gov/its4us/htm/webinars.htm

Ferdous Intaj: Thank you for organizing the event. How do the safety rates change when the driverless cars are in a platoon of both driverless and manual driven cars?

Matthew Lesh: Option 3 I would add professional operators with experience!

Norman C Schenck: Operate 4 - 6 hours with what ambient temperature. 70 degrees is a lot different than 7 degrees with a strong lake Erie wind

Matthew Lesh: Curious if level boarding is acceptable to meet user needs?

Dan Rowe: I believe Navya is in liquidation now in the USA

Ferdous Intaj: How does the deployment work? Is it done by collaborating with different universities or DOTs or both?

Jackvalanh Ndokayoondze: As well as in France too.

Jenny Sykes: What work is being done to ensure the Accessibility of drop off and pick up areas for persons with disabilities?

Scott Meier (MNDOT CAV-X): From our CAV group updates since we do have a Navya shuttle system being tests in MN "The NAVYA bankruptcy process continues. A company named Gaussin has been selected to partially takeover the NAVYA parent company and Gaussin had agreed to that takeover. We have established communications with the NAVYA staff that are going to remain as Gaussin employees. A new contact person has been named. Antoine Claudepierre is that new person and is based in France. He has informed us that Gaussin intends to keep and support existing contracts including our projects contract with AECOM. He also told us that NAVYA USA is not going to exist any longer and will close on 4/30/23."

Alexis Zubrow: Adding to the accessibility of drop off and pickup question above-- how will you address snow banks which may change that accessibility?

Jack Dean 2: are others receiving choppy audio?

Scott Meier (MNDOT CAV-X): several folks did state earlier that the audio was choppy

Ferdous Intaj: Will the deployment of automated/ driverless vehicles change the traffic signal timings?

Jenny Sykes: Thank you for placing so much emphasis on access for individuals with disabilities! I've been on many programs that didn't address them at all.

Adam Moser: Any estimated operating budget information?

Alexis Zubrow: Do you plan to share detailed data from the project to the public so that additional analysis or research can be done on any of the subsystems?

Jack Dean: Can you clarify 1) has the procurement been finalized and vehicles received and commissioned? If not, what's the timeline?   2) the team plans to test 12 driving maneuvers? How are they evaluated and reported out? thanks

Elina Zlotchenko: @Alexis Zubrow - yes, this is a standard practice and is a part of the requirements for all our projects. in the ITS JPO.

Jenny Sykes: The question about accessibility is based on many current bus stops not being accessible despite requirements. Will you work with local Public Works and transit to fix noncompliant stops?

Nayel Urena Serulle: Jenny, thanks for the very important question. Infrastructure improvements are outside of the scope of our project. However, we will certainly monitor and highlight any factors/elements that limit accessibility to our services. At the end, addressing any issues is the responsibility of the local Public Works. But we will certainly look to help them ID issues the best we can within the scope of our work.

Jeff Barghout, Robocist / Road Triage: thank you, it was very informative.

Jackvalanh Ndokayoondze: thanks

Lu: Thank you all very much! This is a very informative session. Looking forward to more information on this project!