## ROLE OF CONNECTED AND AUTOMATED VEHICLES IN PLANNING

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# Role of Connected and Automated Vehicles in Transportation Planning

#### **Recent CV/AV Planning Research Projects**

- ➤ Incorporating CV/AV in Transportation Planning Processes and Products
- > Scenario Planning for Connected and Automated Vehicles

# Incorporating Connected/Automated Vehicles in Transportation Planning

#### **Purpose of the Study**

The study aimed to help facilitate the consideration of C/AV in transportation planning processes and products by States, MPOs and local agencies by reviewing:

- 1) Impacts on planning processes and products
- 2) Impacts on roles and responsibilities
- 3) Impacts on tools, techniques and data
- 4) Impact on organizational skills and expertise

### Impacts on Processes

#### **General Considerations**

- ➤ Understand the technology and its dimensions
- > Track technology advancements
- ➤ Understand market penetration & efficacy rates for technology and applications
- > Forge partnership with new stakeholders
- ➤ Utilize ITS approach as a platform for incorporating C/AV in planning processes
- ➤ Incorporate Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC) into arterial and intersection improvement projects and for data gathering
- Consider data collection opportunities that require small smart technology market penetration
- ➤ Plan to manage "Big Data"

#### **Long Term impacts:**

- ➤ Incorporate potential changes in physical infrastructure requirements
- Considerate shortened project life cycles with more focus on communications
- Prepare for rapid technology changes
- ➤ Prepare for change in travel behavior & travel patterns and thereby on transportation planning tools and models
- > Plan for multifaceted fleet composition
- Consider potential impact on transportation, land use, and economy

# Impacts on Roles and Responsibilities

#### **Summary of Recommendations**

#### **New stakeholders**

- > Communications companies
- ➤ Vendors of C/AV equipment and systems
- > Vendors providing data management and analytical services
- > Companies that will provide security
- > Educational institutions
- ➤ New niche organizations that have not yet emerged

#### **New Expertise**

- ➤ Data analyst and data "scientist" to manage "Big Data"
- > Hardware, software and communications technology specialists
- > Potential shift of analytical responsibilities from the public sector to the private sector

# Impacts on Tools, Techniques and Data

#### Factors to consider in evaluating the effectiveness of tools

- > Levels of automation
- ➤ Market penetration
- > Efficacy rates
- ➤ Impact on fleet composition
- Availability of empirical data representing gains in capacity, delay, travel time, speed, and emissions under different market penetration rates

#### Tools must be revisited and revised to account for

- Changes in infrastructure criteria
- ➤ Changes in driver behavior
- ➤ New capabilities

## Deliverables

Impact on planning processes and products

http://ntl.bts.gov/lib/55000/55700/55711/FHWA-JPO-16-246.pdf

Impact on tools, techniques and data

http://ntl.bts.gov/lib/55000/55700/55712/FHWA-JPO-16-247.pdf

11 illustrative case studies

Workforce skills and Training

http://ntl.bts.gov/lib/59000/59100/59173/FHWA-JPO-16-364.pdf

Primer

Outreach materials

Highway Capacity Manual Tech Memo

http://ntl.bts.gov/lib/59000/59300/59316/FHWA-JPO-16-365.pdf

Modeling Tech Memo

http://ntl.bts.gov/lib/59000/59200/59249/FHWA-JPO-16-412.pdf

- Planning Community Outreach Tech Memo
- Desk Reference

### Scenario Planning for Connected and Automated Vehicles

#### **Background**

- Scenario planning is a tool used by planner to develop plausible futures and highlights major forces that can shape the future
- > Helps decision makers to prepare for tomorrow

#### **Purpose of the Study**

- Develop several futures
- ➤ Document and describe the process for conducting CV / AV scenario planning

# Scenario Planning for Connected and Automated Vehicles

#### Scope

- > Technology scan
- Scenario planning workshops
  - ➤ Workshop #1 on technology
  - Workshop #2 Testing Scenario Implications
- > Policy implications
- > Outreach materials

#### **Schedule**

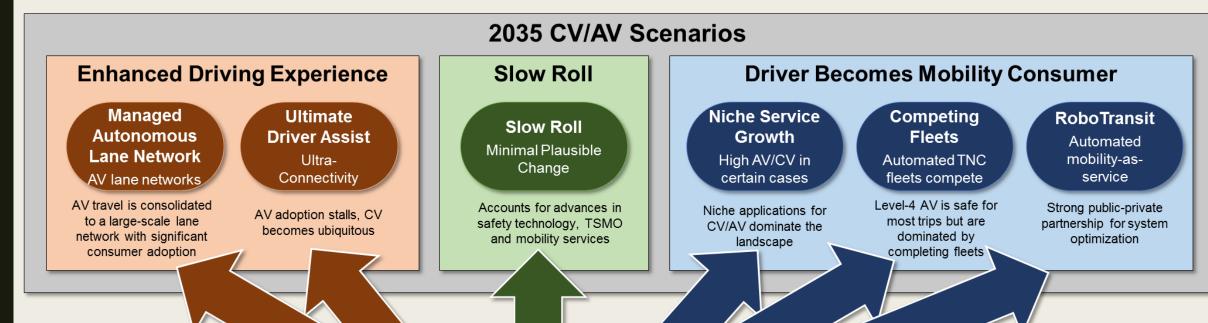
This study was initiated in December 2016 and will be completed in spring 2018.

#### **Scenario Planning for Connected and Automated Vehicles**

#### Workshops 1

- ➤ Conduct in August 2017
- > Panel of Experts
- ➤ Target Year 2035
- > Focused on Emerging Technology
  - > Automation
  - > Connectivity
  - > Cooperation
- ➤ Developed 6 Scenarios
  - ➤ Drivers External Forces (Market Actions, Consumer Preferences, Innovation)
  - Levers Internal Actions (Public policies, Infrastructure Investment, Subsidies, Restrictions)

# Six Potential CV/AV Scenarios Developed in Workshop #1



Trajectories towards CV/AV Advancements

TODAY