Real-Time Data Capture and Management (DCM) Program

Update on Program Status

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Fully Connected Vehicle

**Vehicle Data**
- latitude, longitude, time, heading angle, speed, lateral acceleration, longitudinal acceleration, yaw rate, throttle position, brake status, steering angle, headlight status, wiper status, external temperature, turn signal status, vehicle length, vehicle width, vehicle mass, bumper height

**Infrastructure Messages**
- Signal Phase and Timing,
- Fog Ahead
- Train Coming
- Drive 35 mph
- 50 Parking Spaces Available
Mobility Program

Real-time Data Capture and Management

- Vehicle Status Data
- Infrastructure Status Data
- Weather Data
- Truck Data
- Transit Data
- Location Data

Dynamic Mobility Applications

- Reduce Speed 35 MPH
- Transit Signal Priority
- Weather Application
- Fleet Management/Dynamic Route Guidance
- Signal Phase & Timing Adjusts Real-Time Conditions
- Safety Alerts and Warnings

Data Environment
Key Research Questions for the Mobility Program

- What are the benefits of applications enabled by connected vehicle and connected traveler data?
- What testing is required to prepare applications for eventual demonstration and deployment?
- What are the cross-cutting data and communication needs among DMA bundles?
- What is the role of Basic Safety Message (BSM)?
- How do we successfully implement Open Data and Open Source concepts within the program?
FOUNDATIONAL ANALYSIS
PHASE 1
Organizing and Utilizing Connected Vehicle Data
- Data Capture and Management and Dynamic Mobility Applications Programs: Integrated Roadmap
- Decision Point

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & TESTING
PHASE 2
Defining, Prototyping and Testing Applications
- Applications Identification
- Application Prototyping and Testing

DEMONSTRATION
PHASE 3
Real-World Application Demonstrations
- Demo Coordination Planning
- Other Demonstrations (e.g., FDOT)
- Mobility Demo Planning

Role of Standards
- Standards Planning and Development
- Standards Testing and Assessment

Mobility Benefits Evaluation
- Define Mobility Measures
- Develop and Refine Tools/Analytics For Impacts Assessment

BSM Assessment
- BSM Assessment/OEM Engagement

LEGEND:
- RDE Data Feed
- Mobility Applications
- Research Data Exchange
- Data Environment
- Decision Point
- Key Activity　Informing BSM Assessment
- Preliminary BSM Assessment Papers
- Final BSM Assessment Papers

DCM/DMA Integrated Roadmap v1.1 (11/26/2012)
Real-Time Data Capture and Management (DCM) Program

Background
Data Capture and Management Program (DCM): Vision and Program Objectives

Vision
- Active acquisition and systematic provision of integrated, multi-source data to enhance current operational practices and transform future surface transportation systems management

Objectives
- Enable systematic data capture from connected vehicles (automobiles, transit, trucks), mobile devices, and infrastructure
- Develop data environments that enable integration of data from multiple sources for use in transportation management and performance measurement
- Reduce costs of data management and eliminate technical and institutional barriers to the capture, management, and sharing of data
- Determine required infrastructure for transformative applications implementation, along with associated costs and benefits

Program Partners
- ITS JPO, FTA, FHWA R&D, FHWA Office of Operations
- BTS, FMCSA
Data Environments

Data environment:
- well-organized collection of data of specific type and quality
- captured and stored at regular intervals from one or more sources
- systematically shared in support of one or more applications
Each Data Environment Supports Multiple Apps

Overlapping data needs and synergy between application concepts

- Pedestrian detection
- Intersection vehicle control
- Connected Eco-driving
- Smart transit signal priority
- Dynamic transit dispatching
- Signal optimization

Arterial + Transit Data Environment
Real-Time Data Capture and Management Program

Progress To Date Against Program Objectives
DCM Program Progress Against Objectives: Enable Systematic, Multi-Source Data Capture

- **OBJECTIVE**: Enable systematic data capture from connected vehicles (automobiles, transit, trucks), mobile devices, and infrastructure

- **PROGRESS TO DATE**: Significant Progress in Data Management
  - Completed exploration in nature of data management most likely to support application research and development
  - Original notion of a static database of well-organized research data replaced by a cloud-based Research Data Exchange (RDE) concept supporting real-time feeds and facilitating stakeholder interaction
  - Joint DCM+DMA effort has described the landscape of relevant standards and established a set of next steps in standards development

- **WHAT'S STILL NEEDED**: Characterization of Data Capture Alternatives
  - Coordinated field tests and simulation analysis characterizing alternative capture protocols and communications technologies
    - Basic Safety Message (BSM) and Basic Mobility Message (BMM)
    - Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) and Cellular
Evolution from Independent Data Sets to Research Data Exchange

- The Research Data Exchange (RDE) is the connected system of data environments supporting application research and development.
- The RDE is *not* a single, centralized repository.
  - but rather a *system of systems* linking multiple data management systems
  - some of which will be maintained and controlled outside of the USDOT, through a common web-based Data Portal
- Some data will be archived at USDOT within the RDE, other data will be archived outside of USDOT and federated with the RDE
RDE Release 1: Current and Near-Term Contents

- Data environment
- Portal
- Real-time data
- Currently unavailable due to architecture reengineering

Available Now
- Test Data Sets
- FHWA Saxton Lab (Virginia) Real-Time Data Feed
- Michigan Test Bed: Test Data, Simulation and Real-Time Data Feed

Near-term Additions
- Seattle Real-Time Transit Feed
- Sample Vehicle Awareness Device Data
- Maricopa County M-ISIG Demo
- Mobile Weather Data
- Safety Pilot Data
- Related Demonstration Data
- Mobility Application Data/Other Tests

Future Research Data
- 10/10

2/13

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Potential Research Supported by Near-Term RDE Data Sets

- What are the key differences between current probe data and BSM connected vehicle probe data?
- How can probe data be used in conjunction with other forms of data to enable new transformative applications?
- Can multi-modal data be fused and utilized for traveler information and systems management?
RDE Release 1 Demonstration
Welcome to the Research Data Exchange

The Research Data Exchange (RDE) is developed as a transportation data sharing system that promotes sharing of both archived and real-time data from multiple sources (including vehicle probes) and multiple modes. This new data sharing capability will better support the needs of ITS researchers and developers while reducing costs and encouraging innovation.

The primary purpose of the DCM (Data Capture and Management) Research Data Exchange is to provide a variety of data-related services that support the development, testing, and demonstration of multi-modal transportation mobility applications being pursued under the USDOT ITS Dynamic Mobility Applications (DMA) Program and other connected vehicle research activities. Data accessible through the Research Data Exchange will be well-documented and freely available to the public. The vision of the DCM Program is to enhance current operational practices and transform future transportation systems management through the active acquisition and systematic provision of integrated data from infrastructure, vehicles, and travelers. This data is available to researchers, application developers, and others.

Basic information, including the list of data environments, is available to all site visitors. Registered users may also...
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## Leesburg VA Vehicle Awareness Device

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**Start Date:** 2012-10-18  
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**Start Date:** 2012-10-22  **End Date:** 2012-10-22

**Total data files:** 7

**Tags for this data set:**
- All roads
- Arterial
- Freeway
- Leesburg
- Less than 1 min.
- Onboard Equipment (OBE)
- Vehicle location

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Vehicle Awareness Device Data from Leesburg, Virginia

Identification Information

Citation

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Publication Date: 20130131
Title: Leesburg Vehicle Awareness Device Data
Edition: Version 1
Geospatial Data Presentation Form: Latitude and longitude

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Description

Abstract The files in this data environment were produced using the Vehicle Awareness Device (VAD) installed on one test vehicle over a two month period. The VAD installed in the test car is identical to the VADs installed in over 2000 vehicles participating in the Safety Pilot Model Demonstration conducted from August 2012 through August 2013 by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Activities included numerous repetitive trips by one individual in and around Leesburg, Virginia and one long road trip from Ann Arbor, Michigan to Leesburg, Virginia by way of eastern Indiana. No Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is included in the files. Data records for trip beginnings and endings were deleted to prevent possible determination of PII by analysis of these data files.
Research Data Exchange

View Research Project

Project Owner: Gene McHale

Research project name: Sample Research Project

Research project description: This is a sample research project. A research project on the RDE is a mechanism for researchers to share information on research they are conducting that is supported by data available on the RDE.

This area would provide a description of the research project.

Research project RDE relevance: This area would describe how the research project is using the RDE. Once a researcher creates a research project on the RDE, he or she can associate individual RDE data sets with the research project.

Additional Resources: This area would allow a researcher to include a URL link for further information on his or her research project or program.

Date Created: 2/12/13
Project Status: PLANNED
Data Sources: Leesburg VA Vehicle Awareness Device
[1] VAD_data_in_csv_format

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**Research Data Exchange**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

### Research Data Exchange (RDE)

1. **What is the Research Data Exchange?**
   - The Research Data Exchange is a core element of the USDOT’s Data Capture and Management Program. The Research Data Exchange is intended to support research, analysis, application development, and testing. As a research tool, it does not directly support operations of traffic management or other operational systems. However, the concepts and lessons learned from the project will be useful in developing operational systems exploiting concepts of mobile communications and connected vehicles.

2. **What is the USDOT Data Capture and Management Program?**
   - The USDOT Data Capture and Management Program is part of a broader research program on connected vehicle technologies. The vision of this broader program is to expedite development and deployment of wireless technologies in vehicles, infrastructure, and mobile devices to improve safety, mobility, and environmental impacts of our surface transportation system. One role of the Data Capture and Management Program is to make research data accessible to the broad transportation community to facilitate application development and testing. The Research Data Exchange is the tool developed to access this research data.

3. **How do the different levels of data collections on the RDE relate to each other?**
   - Each major collection of related data from a single location and obtained under the same contract or agreement is called a data environment. Within each data environment are multiple data sets. Each data set contains a certain type of data, such as highway detector data or traffic signal timing data or weather data. Within each data set are one or more data files that contain data for a common time period and/or local area. All files within a data set have the same data element contents and the same format. Individual data files may be downloaded by registered users. Documentation or metadata files may be found at the data environment or data set level.

4. **What is a Data Environment?**
   - A data environment is a logical collection or grouping of data sets which were obtained under the same contract or agreement. All the data environments on the RDE are described by metadata documents.

5. **What is a Data Set?**
   - A data set contains a certain type of data, such as highway detector data or traffic signal timing data or weather data. There are two data set types, archive and real-time. An archive data set contains at least one data file and might contain a metadata document describing the data set. No real-time data set is currently available from the RDE. Once the real-time data feed is available the USDOT users will be able to use the sample RDE API application to stream the data into the desired destination.

**Data Arrangement**

4. **What is a Data Environment?**
5. **What is a Data Set?**
6. **What is a Data File?**
7. **What is a tag?**

**Registration**

8. **Why should I register?**

**Data Specific**

9. **Why can’t I download data or access a research project?**
10. **What kind of documentation is provided on data available in the RDE?**
11. **What is the difference between “Explore Data” and “Search Data” on the Data pull-down menu?**
12. **What can I do if I see mistakes in a data file?**
13. **How can I comment on data sets?**
14. **What do I do if I have data that I want to offer to the RDE?**

**Research Topics**

15. **What is a research project?**
16. **How do I register my research project?**
17. **How should I reference data obtained from the RDE in my research work?**
18. **Where can I find out more about Connected Vehicle research?**
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## RDE Release 1 Data Environments

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DCM Program Progress Against Objectives:
Develop and Deploy Relevant Data Environments

- **OBJECTIVE**: Develop data environments that enable integration of data from multiple sources for use in transportation management and performance measurement

- **PROGRESS TO DATE**: *Eight Data Environments Deployed on the RDE*
  - The DCM program has demonstrated it is possible to assemble multiple integrated data environments to support research
  - Developed guidelines for consistent meta-data
  - Diverse data can be combined and organized in a logical way

- **WHAT'S STILL NEEDED**: *Explore Integrated Real-Time Data Environments*
  - Move beyond archival environments of pre-connected vehicle/traveler data
  - Create integrated data environments focused on competing alternative capture protocols and communications media to address key research questions
  - Support real-time data provisioning for application prototypes

RDE Website: [www.its-rde.net](http://www.its-rde.net)
DCM Program Progress Against Objectives: Eliminate Technical and Institutional Barriers

- **OBJECTIVE:** Reduce costs of data management and eliminate technical and institutional barriers to the capture, management, and sharing of data

- **PROGRESS TO DATE:** *Promising Innovations Identified*
  - Cloud-based data management structures and federated data are practical elements of the RDE implementation strategy
  - Crowdsourcing may be key in making broadly implementable data capture possible
  - Dynamic Interrogative Data Capture (DIDC) concept has potential to reduce data-to-information ratio by two orders of magnitude versus fixed element, fixed interval capture and communication protocols
  - Institutional issues surfaced but not resolved (e.g., governance, privacy, IP)

- **WHAT'S STILL NEEDED:** *Test Innovations and Address Institutional Barriers*
  - Systematic assessment of innovations (e.g., DIDC) and projected costs
  - Practical solutions to institutional barriers
DCM Program Progress Against Objectives: Determine Infrastructure, Costs, Benefits

★ OBJECTIVE: Determine required infrastructure for transformative applications implementation, along with associated costs and benefits

★ PROGRESS TO DATE: *Foundational Research Completed*
- Completed research on data management practices and technologies
- Joint DCM+DMA assessment of potential Basic Safety Message (BSM) role by application bundle completed
- Mapped BSM data elements to anticipated mobility application needs

★ WHAT'S STILL NEEDED: *Targeted Field Testing*
- Cross-cutting research to assess alternatives focusing on regulatory BSM message via DSRC and other market-driven messages via wide-area communications (cellular)
- Systematic evaluation of costs and benefits of alternative approaches
- Assess private and public sector roles
What We’ve Learned Regarding Cross-Cutting Data and Communications Needs

Data/Comm Needs:
- TACTICAL
  - LOCAL
  - LOW LATENCY
  - FIXED CONTENT
  - REGULATORY
- STRATEGIC
  - WIDE AREA
  - HIGH LATENCY
  - DYNAMIC CONTENT
  - MARKET-DRIVEN

- **BSM Part 1 Via DSRC Not Sufficient For All DMAs Data Needs**
  - Basic Safety Message (BSM) helpful for some tactical, low-latency DMAs
  - A wide-area message, e.g., the Basic Mobility Message (BMM), may be able to address other data needs, but has intrinsically different characteristics

- **BSM Messaging Can Be Regulated, but BMM Likely Market-Driven**
  - No regulatory authority at NHTSA beyond safety application needs
  - Business model must accompany a BMM (or surrogate) solution, multiple contenders

- **Need to Evaluate Alternative Message Protocols and Communications Media**
  - Are these alternatives better than a “do nothing” case?
Near-Term DCM Focus: Cross-Cutting Tests and Sharing Data

- **Initiate Cross-Cutting Tests**
  - Examine technical feasibility of messaging concepts, e.g., dual-mode devices
  - Characterize fundamental data and communications options
  - Engage private sector data and information providers as well as OEMs

- **Identify Practical Policy Solutions, Support NHTSA 2013 Decision**
  - Consider mechanisms to create or influence data-to-information market
  - Clarify public sector and private sector role in operational system
  - Provide input to NHTSA regarding BSM and mobility apps

- **Continue to Share Data Through the Research Data Exchange**
  - Allow users to create projects and collaborate
  - Create real-time feeds of connected vehicle/traveler data
  - Begin to integrate connected vehicle/traveler data with concurrent sensor data
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- The Research Data Exchange supports research related to applications enabled by new forms of data.

- The RDE does not itself represent a prototype operational data environment, however, research supported by the RDE:
  - Identifies and characterizes the minimum data set and data characteristics required to realize each application.
  - Reveals implications for related standards, IPR, data ownership, and privacy issues.
  - Provides lessons learned in terms of balancing data federation and centralization for operational deployments.

- Well-formed and described minimum data sets and characteristics can be used to guide the integration of applications into legacy data systems.

- In Phase 3 our goal is to demonstrate how new forms of data from wirelessly connected vehicles and data can be incorporated into deployed systems supporting new applications.
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