



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

