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# Connected and Automated Vehicles

What are they and what are the opportunities?

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# Agenda

- Defining
  - Automated vehicles (AV)
  - Connected vehicles (CV)
  - Connected and automated vehicles (CAV)
- Current state of CAV – industry and government
- Rail considerations
- Your 3 takeaways

# Definitions

# What are automated vehicles?

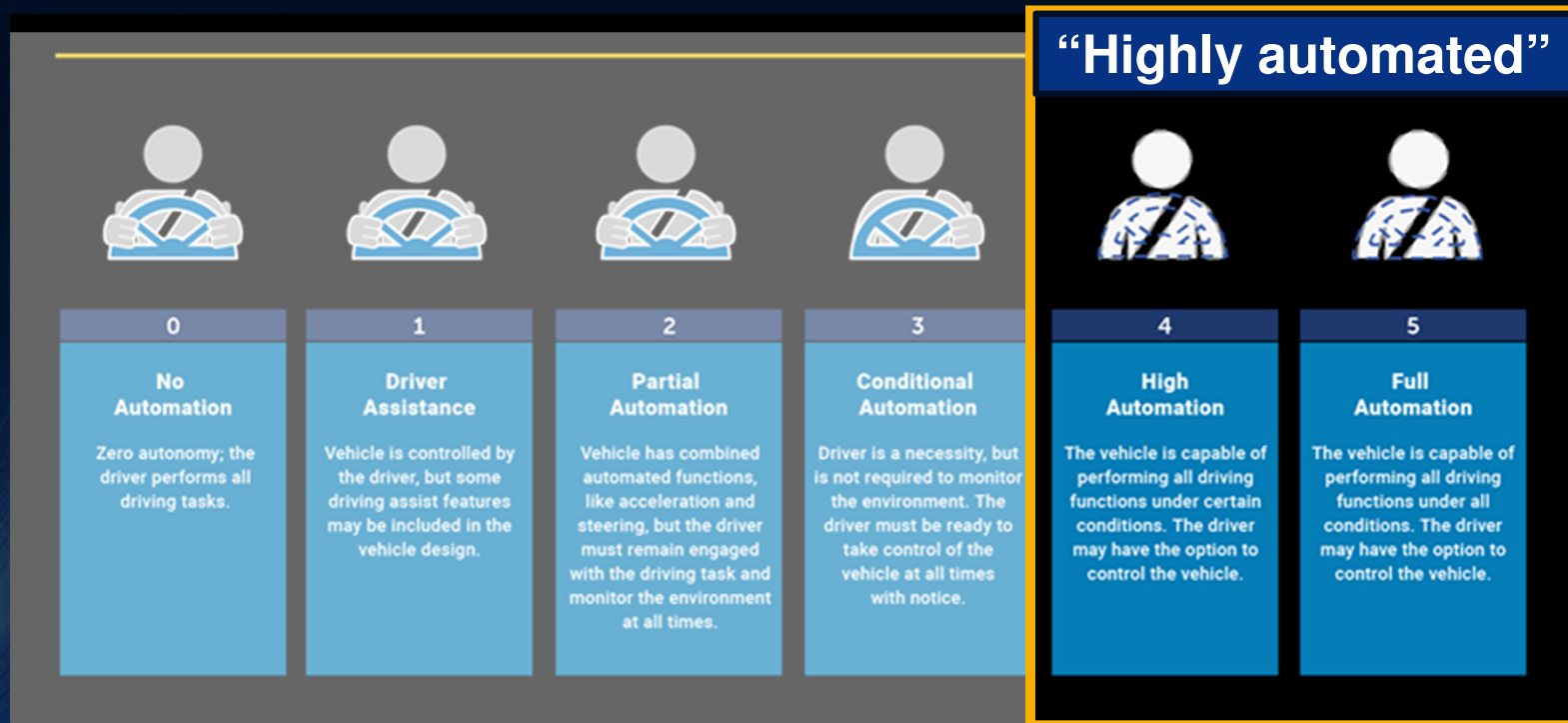
An Automated Vehicle (AV) is capable of driving itself by sensing the environment and navigating through:

- Radar
- LiDAR
- GPS
- Computer vision

*No driver is needed with a fully autonomous vehicle*



# Automated Vehicle – Levels of Automation



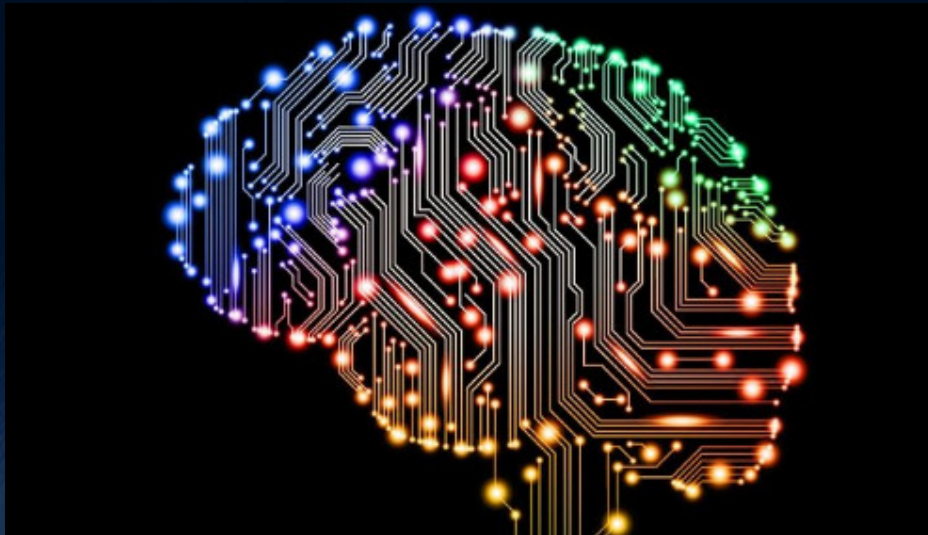
Source: NHTSA

# Pilot AV Deployments – Frisco, TX

Drive AI

- 10,000 free rides
- On-demand, fixed stop
- 1 million miles
- Geo-fenced routes

# The Latest in AV Technology



## Industry Activities in AV

- Shuttles or “shared autonomous vehicles” SAV





# Market Activity in Automated Vehicles

Claimed introduction of  
L4

Industry activities in  
AV



2019



TOYOTA



Audi

2020

DAIMLER



2021



Volkswagen



HONDA

2025

Year of AV introduction

# What are connected vehicles?

A Connected Vehicle (CV) communicates with other connected vehicles, advanced roadside infrastructure, and cloud-based analytics:

- Traffic signal phase and timing
- Work zones
- Communicates over a secure network

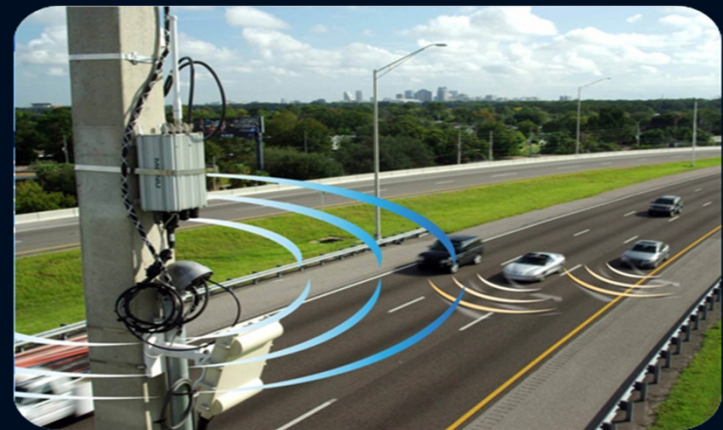
*In-vehicle devices capture vehicle data*



**Location, speed,  
brake status,  
vehicle dimensions,  
and bumper height**

# Connected Vehicle Technology

- 5.9 Ghz Dedicated Short Range Radio (DSRC)
  - Dedicated FCC radio spectrum
  - 300m reliable range
- Basic Safety Message v1 (BSM)
  - Vehicle Position
  - Speed
  - Heading
  - Acceleration



# Cellular Makes a Vehicle Connected



Source: Hackaday.com




Source: The Gazette

# Characteristics of 5G

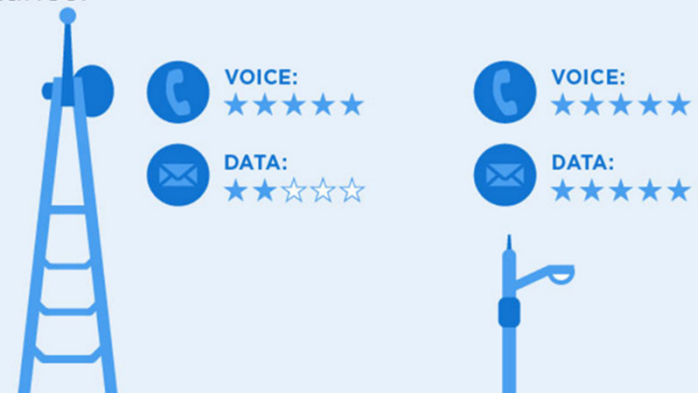
**Towers**  
Tall. Visually prominent.

**Small cells**  
Discreet. Lower to the ground.



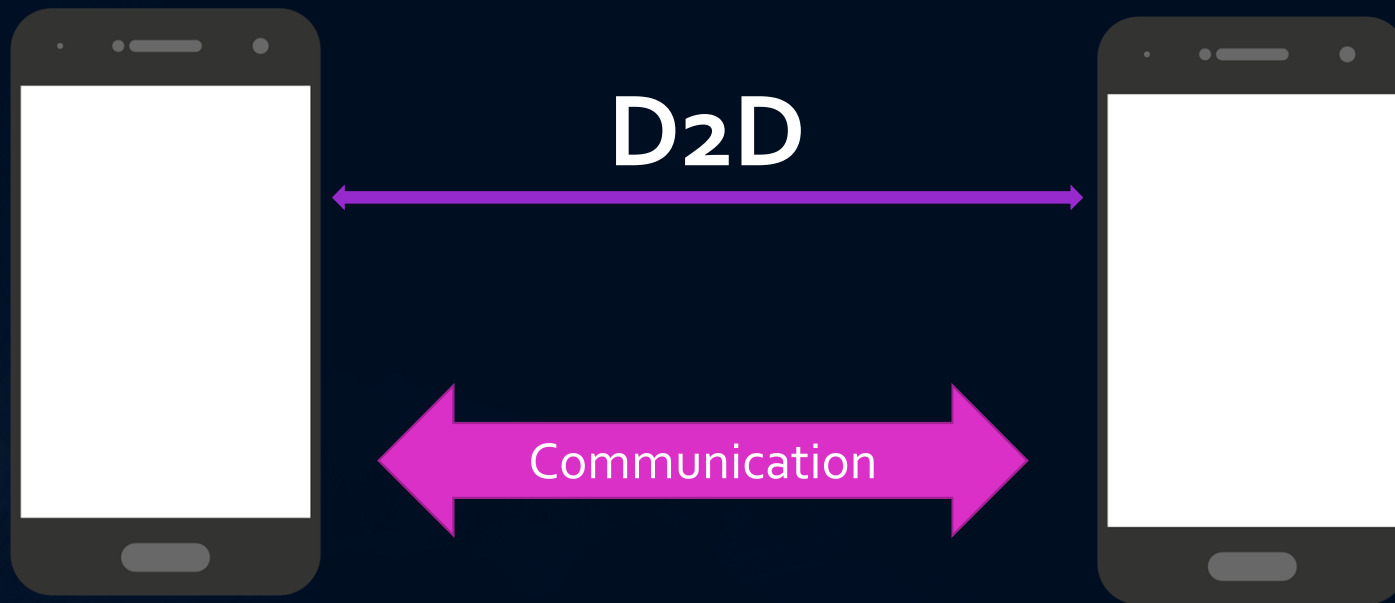
**Towers**  
Good for voice. Data signal can degrade over distance.

**Small cells**  
Good for voice and data.



Structure	VOICE	DATA
Towers	★★★★★	★★☆☆☆
Small cells	★★★★★	★★★★★

# Characteristics of 5G

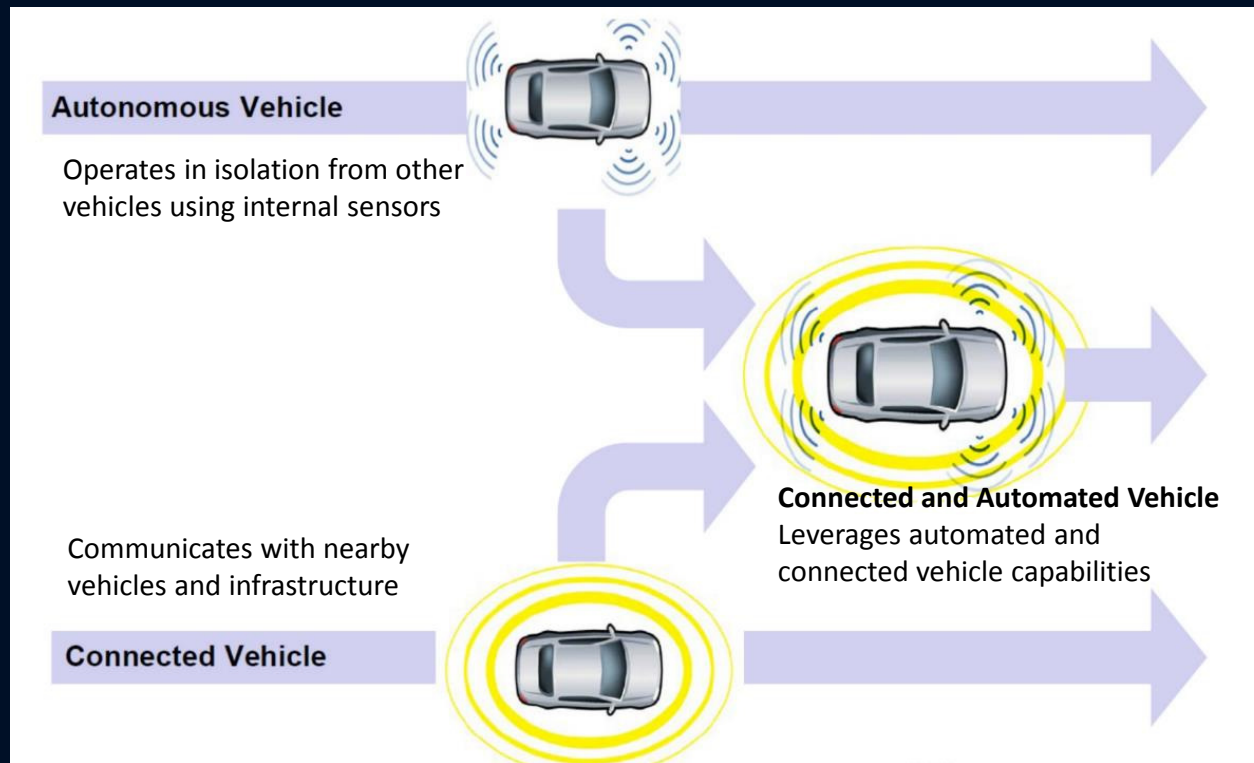


# VHS vs. Betamax . . .again!



Background Image Source: Autotalks

# Connected and automated vehicles (CAV) leverage capabilities of both



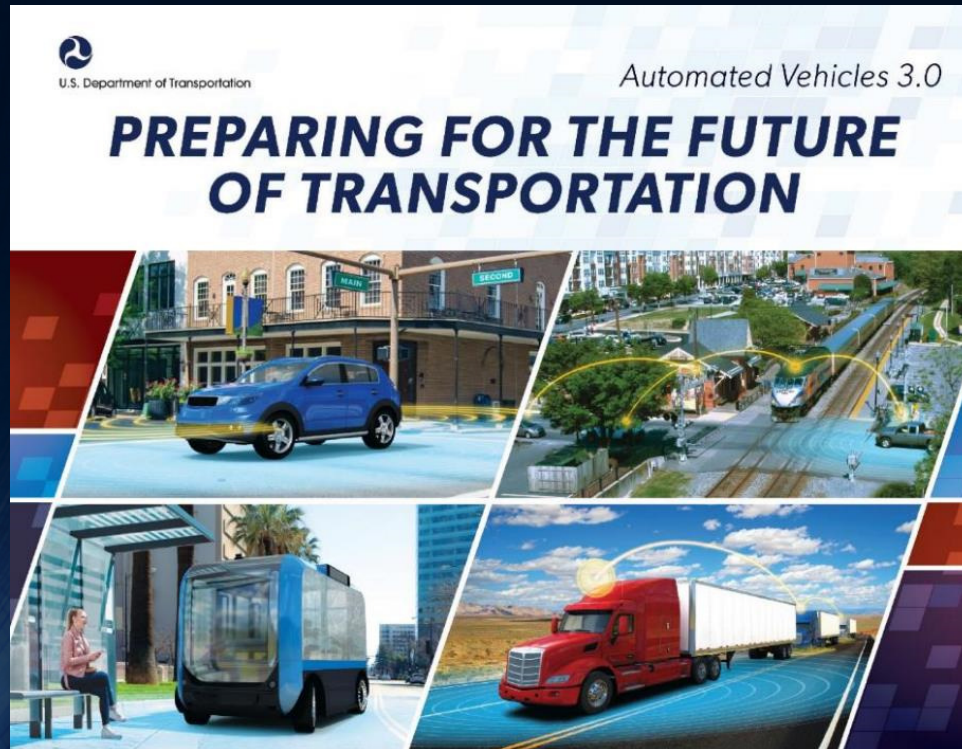


# Current state of CAV – Government and Industry

# US Government Activities in AV



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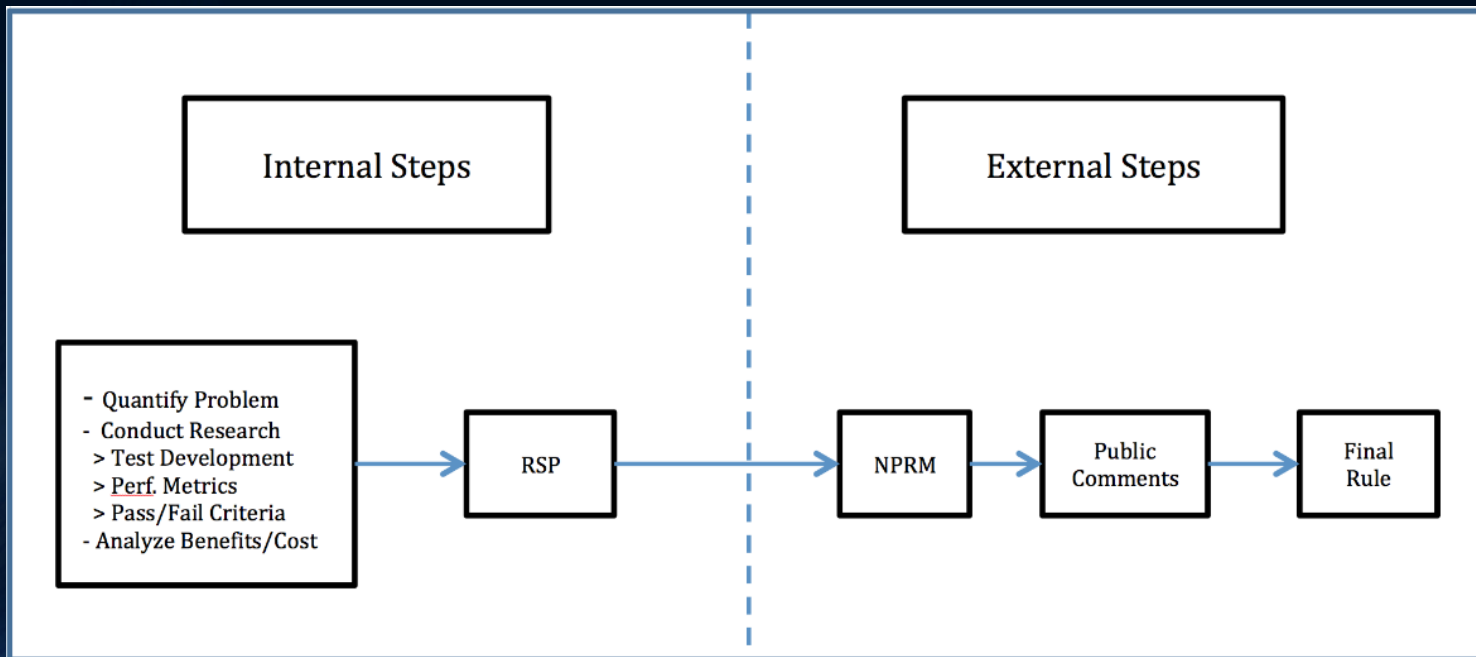


- Released October 4, 2018
- Voluntary guidance
- Not a regulation
- (Future) Updating the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD)
- (Future) Process changes to NHTSA to allow acceleration of AV

# US Government Activities in CV



Federal Rulemaking for V2V began in December 2016



Source: Eno Center for Transportation

# US Government Activities in CV(Take Note)

## Rulemaking uncertain

- White House not interested in moving forward with “mandates”
- USDOT has stated it’s moving on it’s current timeline

# US Government Activities in CV



# US Government Activities in CV

Connected Vehicles

Connected Vehicle Pilot Deployment Program



NYCDOT Pilot

New York City DOT  
Pilot



THEA Pilot

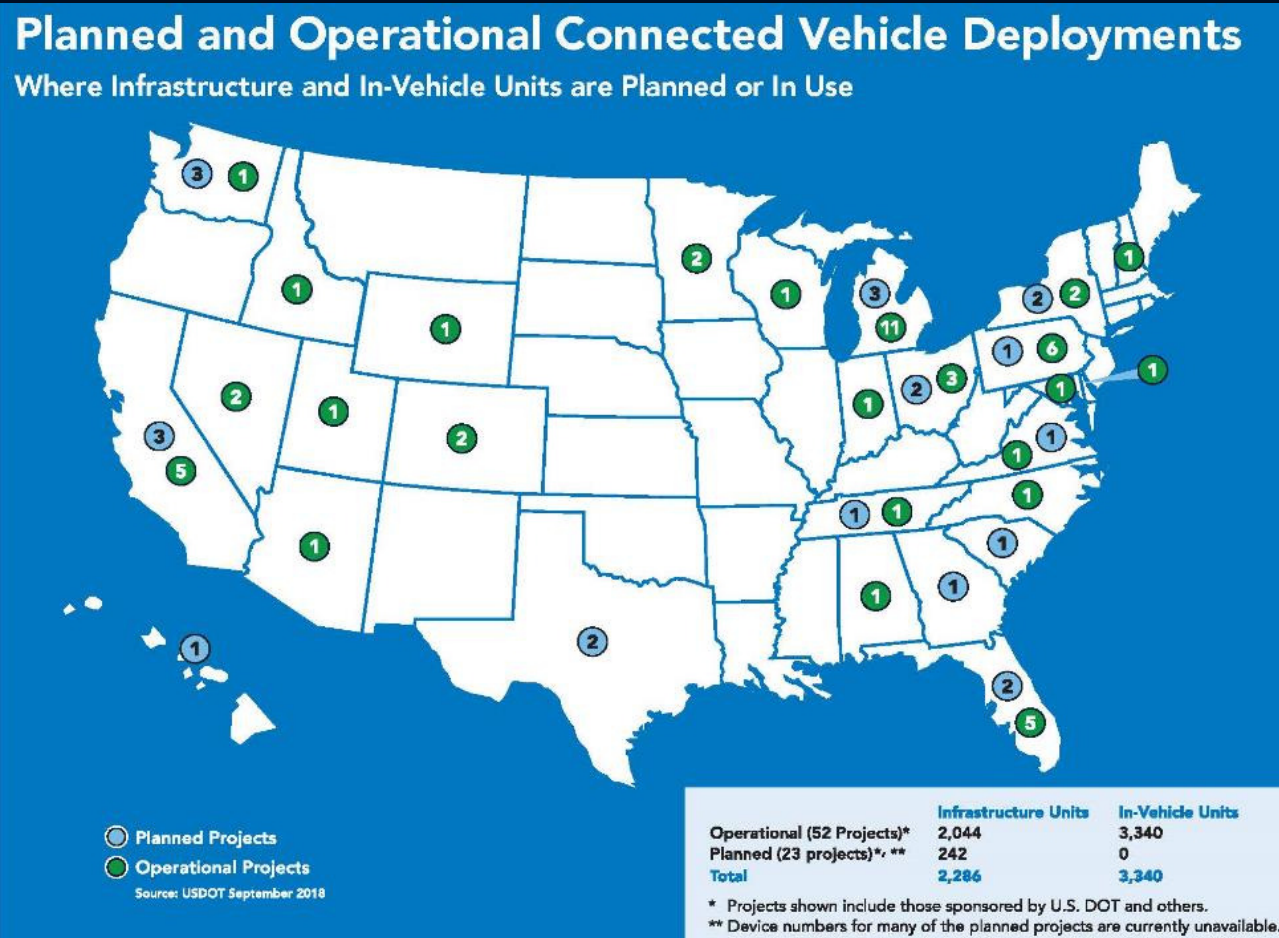
Tampa-Hillsborough  
Expressway Authority Pilot



WYDOT Pilot

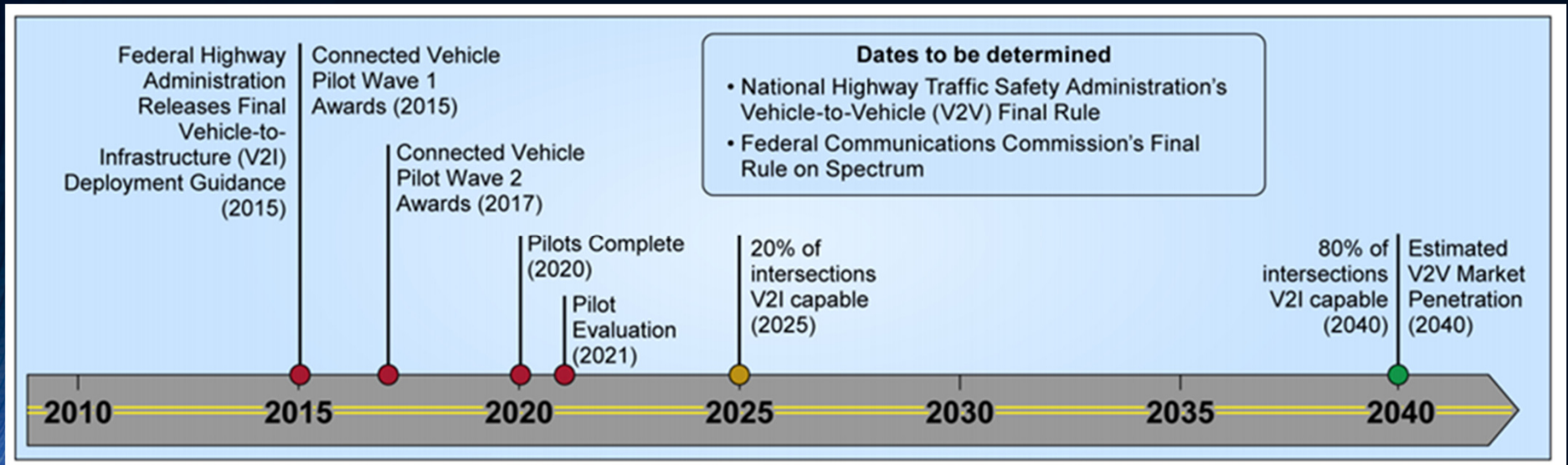
Wyoming DOT Pilot

# State Government Activities in CV





# US Government Timeline for CV



Source: GAO

# CAVs have the potential to

- Improve public safety
- Reduce travel time
- Improve mobility
- Improve the environment
- Improve energy efficiency
- Enable new models for vehicle ownership
- Enable new models for mobility



# Rail Considerations

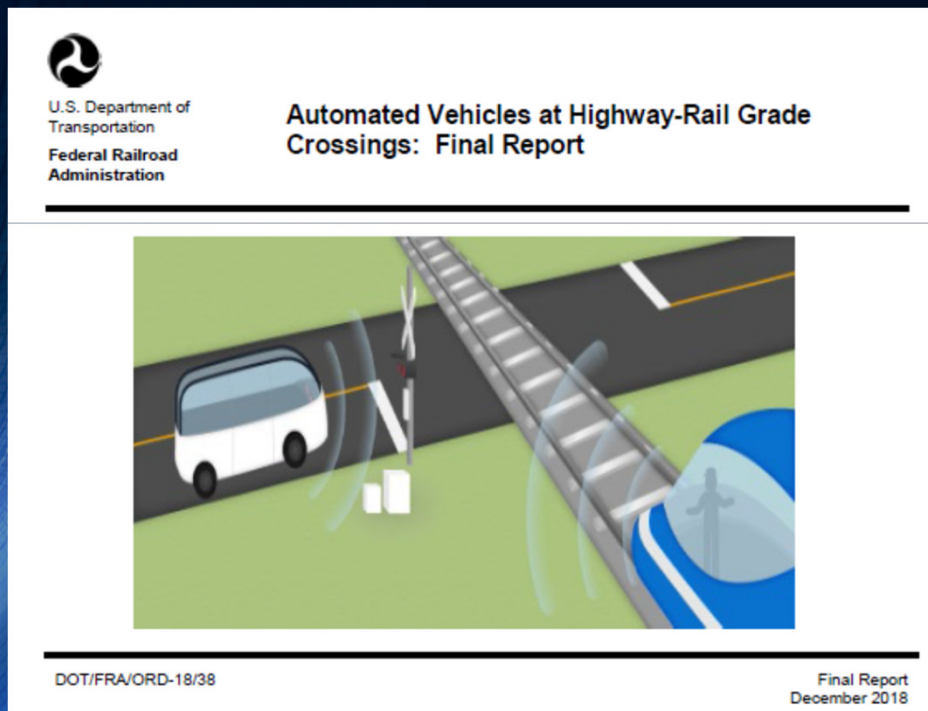
# Rail Considerations for AV

- Per latest AV 3.0 guidance, FHWA will update its Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and review existing standards for traffic control devices.
  - May result in the roll out of changes/improvements to current signage and markings
  - May result in changes in standards
- NCHRP 20-102(6) study, “Road Markings for Machine Vision”
  - Suggests that contrast ratio of reflected luminance = 3x pavement markings
  - “Broken markings” should have higher contrast
  - Raised markings not suitable

# Rail Considerations for AV

- USDOT AV at Grade Crossing – Dec 2018
  - Outlines scenarios in which AVs and CAVs should be able to act

- Association of American Railroads filed comments to AV3.0 in Dec 2018
  - Call for need for AV's to account for crossings



# Rail Considerations for CV

- Major conclusion of AV reports:
  - AVs are only as good as they are CAVs.
  - Connectivity address uncertainty and inconsistency of AV recognition
  - Cornerstone is roadside to vehicular communication – similar to Signal, Phase and Timing (SPaT) messaging

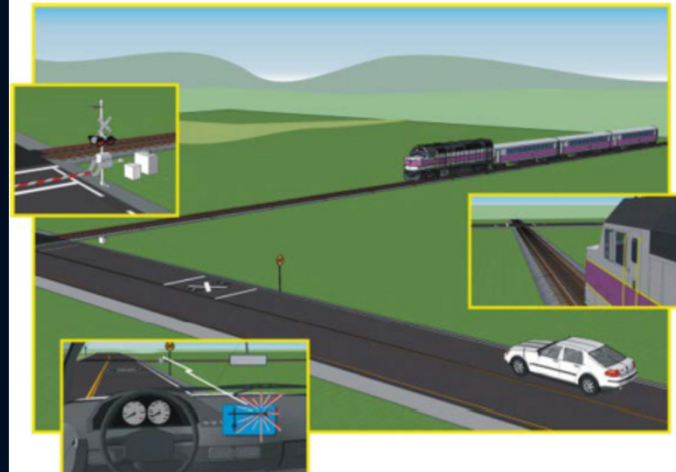
## Vehicle-to-Infrastructure Rail Crossing Violation Warning

### Concept of Operations

[www.its.dot.gov/index.htm](http://www.its.dot.gov/index.htm)

Revision F Report — March 31, 2016

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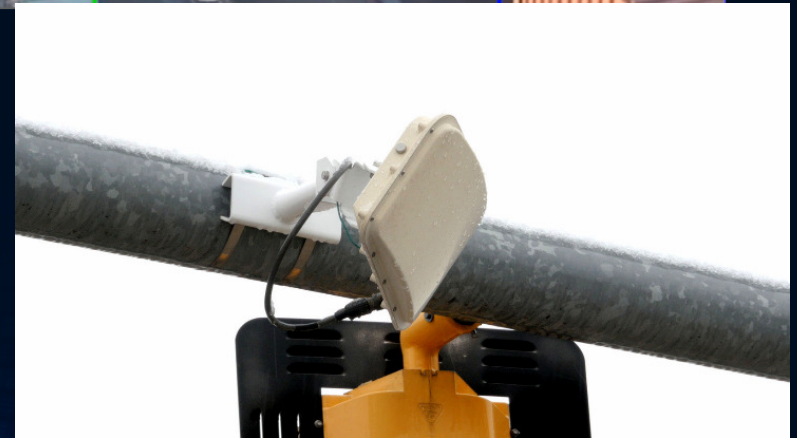
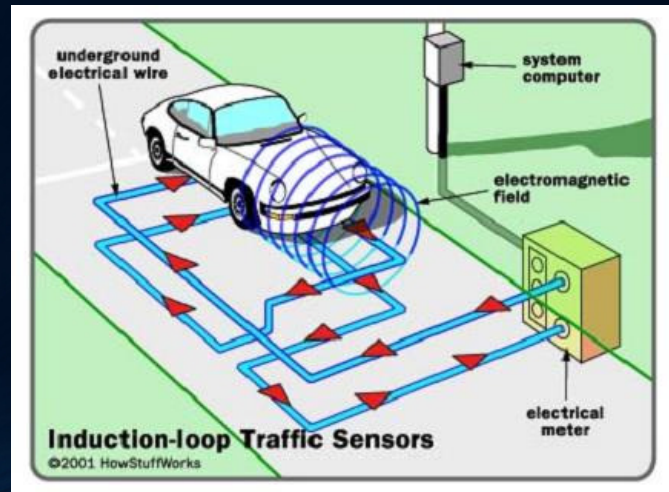
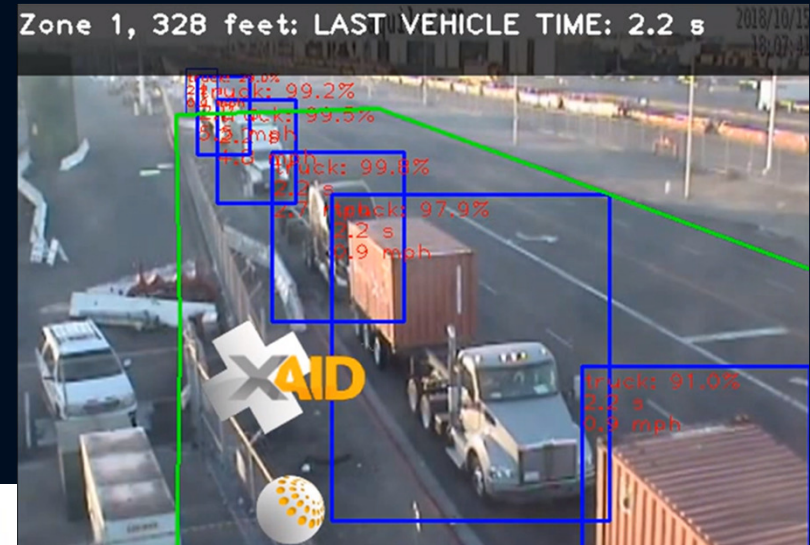
# Basic infrastructure to implement CV

- Signal System Integration
  - Broadcast static message of crossing in open state
  - Broadcast new message when crossing closed
  - Use existing messaging at signal controller
  - Can use cellular for long-range messaging
  - DSRC used for localized communication at highway-rail intersection



# Basic infrastructure to implement CV

- Passive System
  - Make use of other train detection means
    - Video detection
    - “Traditional” inductive loops or “side fire”
    - Placed off railroad right-of-way
    - Maintained by local DOT jurisdiction
  - Can be used as failsafe to active signal system integration





# 3 takeaways

## 1. Safety opportunities are tremendous

- Capitalize on machine learning strengths for AVs
- Advocate for OEM adoption of standards
- Capitalize on ability to speak to driver and the car directly

## 2. CAV will be here

- AVs will need standardized method of recognition
- CVs will be able to communicate with rail infrastructure one way or another – (cellular or DSRC)

## 3. What to do now

- Should be preparing for this now in long-term capital improvement plans
- More pilots needed for CV solutions at highway-roadway intersections

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