

New England Connected Automated Vehicles







New England Transportation Consortium (NETC)

- Established in 1994
- Research cooperative between New England state DOTs
- Financial leveraging opportunities and regional partnerships
- Opportunities for research dissemination and training to practitioners in the field
- Currently led by UVM



New England Transportation Consortium



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Problem & Methodology

How can the six New England States best work together to ensure connected and automated vehicles (CVs/AVs) operate safely and seamlessly in our region?



Examine Existing Infrastructure



Review Relevant Studies

Percentage of U.S. drivers that would be afraid to ride in a fully self-driving vehicle





Determine the New England States' CV/AV Status

CV/AV Item	Status	СТ	ME	MA	NH	RI	VT
AV Committee or Task	Pending				•		
Force	Established	•	•	•		•	•
CV/AV Legislation or Executive Order	Pending			•	•		
	Passed/Issued	•	•				•
	Executive Order		•	•			
CV Pilot Testing or Deployment	Planning	•		•			•
	Underway				•		
AV Pilot Testing	Planning	•				•	
	Underway			•			



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Assess Comparable Regional Efforts

Determine Cross-Border Issues with Stakeholders



Result: Regional Roadmap of Actions

New England Status

- 1. Existing Infrastructure
- 2. Overview of Each State
- 3. Summary Status

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Relevant Studies and Reports 3

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- 1. I-95 Corridor Coalition list of priorities for regional collaboration
- 2. AAMVA legal, administrative, policy, operational, etc. recommendations
- 3. AAA public perception
- 4. USDOT CV Pilots real world technical projects



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Comparable Collaborative Efforts

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- 1. CV Pooled Fund field demonstrate and deploy CV technologies
- 2. Smart Belt Coalition research, testing, policy, funding, deployment, and data
- 3. I-10 Corridor Coalition connected corridor focused on freight
- 4. North/West Passage pooled fund and platooning pilot









Stakeholder Workshop



- June 11, 2018 with the Northeast CV/AV Summit in Windsor, CT
- All 6 states, DOTs, DMVs, Universities, Volpe, I-95 Corridor Coalition
- Discussed Cross-Border Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities





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Challenges	Opportunities			
	Define a Regional Mission, Goals and Objectives			
	Collective Bargaining			
Coordination Datuman Six States	Economies of Scale			
Coordination Between Six States	Peer Exchanges			
	Seamless CV/AV Operations Across State Lines			
	Consistent Emergency Response and Crash Investigation			
Executive Purch	Focus on Initiatives, Return on Investment			
Executive Buy-In	Participate in Regional Meetings			
Lack of Agency Mid-Level Understandir	Internal Agency Education Programs			
	Demonstrations			
Public Perception	Coordinating with Stakeholder Groups			
	Marketing and Public Outreach			



Cross-Border Issues



1. Legal and Regulatory

- Insurance
- Registration
- Licensing
- Crash Investigation
- Freight
- Pilot Testing

2. Infrastructure

- Communications Network
- Roadside Units
- Standards

3. Operations

- Highway Operations Center Role
- Crossing State Lines
- International Vehicles
- Outreach, Education, Driver Behavior

4. Data and Technology

- Data Gathering & Sharing
- Network Resilience / Cybersecurity



Roadmap of Actions

An actionable timeline of regional initiatives to prepare New England for widespread uses of connected and automated vehicles

Mission, Goals and Objectives

Legal and Regulatory

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Education

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Funding

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- 1. Internal Resources
- 2. Federal Grants
- 3. Formula Funding

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Name	Agency	State Match	Max. Amount
ATCMTD Grants	FHWA	50%	\$12M/yr.
Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grants	USDOT	20% (urban) 0% (rural)	\$25M
Bus & Bus Facilities Infrastructure Investment Program	FTA	20%	\$36.6M
Low or No Emission (LoNo) Program	FTA	10-15%	N/A
Accelerating Innovation Deployment (AID) Grants	FHWA	None	\$1M
Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant	USDOT	20-40%	≥\$25M
High Priority Innovative Technology Deployment (ITD) Grant Program	FMCSA	≤15%	N/A
Highway Safety Grant Programs	NHTSA	N/A	N/A
Automated Transit Buses	FTA	TBD	TBD
Highly Automated Vehicle Research and Development Program (To Be Announced)	FHWA	None	\$10M
NCHRP Grants	TRB	None	\$600K
Smart and Autonomous Systems Program	National Science Foundation	None	\$1M
Data Science Research Grant Program	Bloomberg	None	\$70K

THANK YOU

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Implementing the NETC CAV Roadmap

Ginna Reeder, I-95 Corridor Coalition

NETC Webinar February 26, 2020



I-95 Corridor Coalition A partnership of transportation agencies to accelerate transportation system improvements

The Coalition is..... more than I-95

Multi-modal • Multi-jurisdictional • Multi-disciplinary



Formed in 1993, the I-95 Corridor Coalition is a partnership of multi-state, multi-modal public agencies working together to create a seamless and efficient transportation system.

What we do...



TOOLS & DATA: Support data acquisition and tool development



PEOPLE

- Create a forum for public agencies to address
 transportation issues of common interest
- Establish a key network of transportation professionals
- Provide training (e.g., Freight Academy)





RESOURCES

- Compete for grants
- Extension of agency staff
- Partner with FHWA to explore policy implementation

In short, the I-95CC helps agencies tackle the sticky issues and get solutions across the finish line.

The Coalition and CAV

What should we be doing today for the CAV future of tomorrow?

- 1. Learn from each other
- 2. Separate the noise
- 3. Leverage regional interoperability and transferability



Why is it so important to work at the regional level?

- Benefit from different approaches
- Make sure it works
- Avoid unintended consequences
- Coordination can lay the foundation

The New England CAV Roadmap







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The NE CAV Mission, Goals and Objectives

VISION

Seamless operation of connected and automated vehicles (CAV) across New England States and surrounding regions of the United States and Canada.

MISSION

To share resources and information and work collaboratively with neighboring transportation agencies and other stakeholders to facilitate the deployment of CAVs in New England and its surrounding region for freight and passenger movement.

The NE CAV Mission, Goals and Objectives

GOALS AND ACTIONS

Legal and Regulatory: Identify opportunities to align relevant policies, regulations and laws where appropriate.

- 1. Prepare a legal and regulatory assessment report for the region that can be used as a resource for individual states to:
 - Engage local and elected officials using consistent terminology and framing
 - Propose and coordinate policy and legislation

Technical Projects: Support the development of the technology and infrastructure to facilitate cross-border operation of CAVs.

- 1. Conduct CAV infrastructure readiness assessment for the NHS in New England
- 2. Develop a regional ITS architecture
- 3. Develop regional concept of operations for highway connected vehicle deployments
- 4. Develop regional concept of operations for arterial connected vehicle deployments
- 5. Develop regional winter weather standard operating procedures
- 6. Data management and sharing
 - a) Identify CAV data that could be useful/beneficial to state DOTs
 - b) Identify data collection, storage and sharing capabilities
- 7. Implement cross-border CAV pilot(s)
- 8. Complete a communication study
- 9. Develop a regional qualified products list (QPL)

Education and Training: Coordinate the development of consistent CAV education and training opportunities across the New England Region.

1. Develop educational materials tailored to specific audiences (Governors/Legislators/DOT CEOs, Agency Staff, emergency responders, Public, etc.)

A new project?

Five project ideas developed:

 Education and Training
 New England Connected and Automated Vehicle Legal and Regulatory Assessment
 Data Management and Sharing

4. Infrastructure Readiness Assessment

5. Concept of Operations



Figure: Regional Initiatives Workflow and Timeline

Recent Activities

Peer-exchange in person meeting - October 2019

- First responder training
- Data sharing

Quarterly conference call – January 2020

- Terminology discussion
 - Kelly Funkhouser, Consumer Reports
- Safety band discussion

What's on the horizon?



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Thank you!

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