Planning for CAVs in Small Cities

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Valdosta is a Small City

- 56,095 in City
- 125 Smart Signals in Valdosta
How is your City planning for CAVs?

• Addressed in Transportation Plan?
• Activities in Annual Budget?
• Have you talked with other departments?
• Are you working with MPO?
AVs

Five Levels of Vehicle Autonomy

Level 0: No automation; the driver is in complete control of the vehicle at all times.

Level 1: Driver assistance; the vehicle can assist the driver or take control of either the vehicle’s speed, through cruise control, or its lane position, through lane guidance.

Level 2: Occasional self-driving; the vehicle can take control of both the vehicle’s speed and lane position in some situations, for example on limited-access freeways.

Level 3: Limited self-driving; the vehicle is in full control in some situations, monitors the road and traffic, and will inform the driver when he or she must take control.

Level 4: Full self-driving under certain conditions; the vehicle is in full control for the entire trip in these conditions, such as urban ride-sharing.

Level 5: Full self-driving under all conditions; the vehicle can operate without a human driver or occupants.

Source: SAE & NHTSA
CVs - Vehicle to Everything (V2X)

DIRECT VEHICLE COMMUNICATION
Ubiquitous connectivity can facilitate automation and autonomy among cars on the road.

V2P Vehicle to Pedestrian
V2N Vehicle to Network
V2I Vehicle to Infrastructure
V2V Vehicle to Vehicle
V2P Vehicle to Pedestrian

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Current CAV Infrastructure Technologies

• Infrastructure
  • Smart Signals
  • EV Charging Stations
  • 5G Communications

• Vehicles
  • Sign Recognition
  • Lane Warning Departure

What technologies have been deployed in your community?

What do cities need to plan for now to address current technologies?
How should your city be planning for CAVs?
AMPO Framework

• V2I, V2V, V2P
• Potential Impacts
  • Benefits/Opportunities
  • Challenges/Risks
  • Planning Process Considerations
• Recommendations and Resources
• Worksheet
### Impact Areas Worksheet

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<th>Impact Area</th>
<th>Issue</th>
<th>Opportunity/benefit</th>
<th>Likelihood within 10 years</th>
<th>Likelihood beyond 10 years</th>
<th>Alignment with regional needs, vision, goals, and objectives</th>
<th>Conflicts with regional needs, vision, goals, and objectives</th>
<th>Potential MPO actions</th>
<th>Specific MPO Actions</th>
<th>Resources Needed</th>
<th>Plausible Alternate Scenarios?</th>
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<td>Improved safety by reducing driver error and connecting vehicles to other vehicles, infrastructure, and road users</td>
<td>Opportunity/benefit</td>
<td>Medium</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Regional Leadership...Coordinated Planning and Delivery of Transportation Projects</td>
<td>% of CVs with safety features in fleet mix</td>
<td>Educate local governments and the public on connected vehicles</td>
<td>Locals will need to install infrastructure that communicates with vehicles</td>
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<td>Vehicle connectivity and automation used to “gamify” the system and enhance personal advantage at the expense of public safety or efficient system operation</td>
<td>Challenge/risk</td>
<td>Low</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Coordinate with Emergency Responders to Develop Resilient, Well Maintained Transportation Infrastructure</td>
<td>Government Cybersecurity Implementation Delays</td>
<td>Promote local governments cyber security awareness and the need to include this in budgets</td>
<td>Increase cyber security budget to address transportation system</td>
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<td>Stakeholder acceptance of fatalities and serious injuries in crashes where the cause is not human error or mechanical failure</td>
<td>Challenge/risk</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>Regional Leadership...Coordinated Planning and Delivery of Transportation Projects</td>
<td>public education, technology rollout, insurance companies?</td>
<td>Promote awareness of safety features and limitations of CVs</td>
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VLMPO CAV Approach

• What do our local governments need to be doing?
  • Local Infrastructure
  • Local Policies
  • Reactionary vs. Proactive
  • Public Education

• What role can the MPO play in CAV deployment?
  • Policy and Project Development
  • Research and Analysis
  • Public Education

• Priority: Short Range Likelihood
• Challenges: Technology Unknowns

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Priority Activities

• **Users/Public**
  - Users develop a false sense of security at lower levels of automation
  - Tension between data access, privacy, safety, and security concerns related to any personally identifiable information contained in the data
  - Public concerns over privacy, safety, and other potential challenges slow adoption

• **Scenario Planning**
  - Long term infrastructure planning difficult to gauge as capacity needs outside of traditional markets may emerge to accommodate demand
  - Additional infrastructure and operational capacity needed to meet demand

• **Local Awareness of Costs**
  - Ensuring proper use and maintaining accuracy in data sharing
  - Cost of managing large amounts of data
  - The proprietary nature of private sector data sources

• **Local Partnerships and Awareness**
  - Building partnerships with local, state, transit, and federal agencies, industry, academia, and stakeholder associations
  - Wide range of knowledge and perceptions of vehicle connectivity and automation
How are cities raising awareness of CAVs in their communities?
How do cities mitigate drivers from developing a false sense of safety/security in early phases of CAV deployments?
How are cities responding to concerns about personal data privacy?
How are cities using Scenario Planning to address CAVs in 2050 and beyond?
How are cities educating local elected officials about CAVs and non-traditional infrastructure needs?
How are cities building relationships with partners to build awareness of CAVs and V2I?
What are going to do differently in your city after attending this session?