

# 2023 Freeway Survey Instrument

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## Welcome to the Freeway Management Survey!

Before you get started, please review the following definitions:

**Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)** encompass the electronic, communication, and information processing technologies that enable transportation agencies to collect and transmit data in real time (or near real time) for use in transportation operations. ITS are deployed to support safety, mobility, environmental, and other goals.

This survey asks about ITS deployed on **Freeways**, which include **controlled access roads, such as interstates and other freeways and expressways** (i.e., functional classifications 1 and 2 of Federal Highway Administration's Highway Functional Classification). For more information click: [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/statewide/related/highway\\_functional\\_classifications/section00.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/processes/statewide/related/highway_functional_classifications/section00.cfm)

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## Real-Time Traffic Data Collection on Freeways

1. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency deploy any roadside infrastructure technologies to collect real-time traffic data on freeways? Please select all that apply.

- Inductive Loop
- Radar/microwave detection
- Video imaging detection
- Magnetometers
- Infrared/thermal detection
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No roadside infrastructure technologies are deployed

### DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:

**Inductive loop** detectors are comprised of a series of wired loops that sense the presence of a vehicle on the roadway and transfer the signal to an electronic unit housed in a controller cabinet on the side of the roadway.

**Radar/microwave detection** identifies vehicles by transmitting an electromagnetic signal that is reflected to the radar sensor once a vehicle passes through the area.

**Video imaging detection** (e.g., traffic and infrared cameras) uses cameras above traffic to capture images of passing vehicles. These images are analyzed by a vision processor using application specific algorithms to detect vehicles and monitor traffic.

**Magnetometers** detect a vehicle whenever a sufficient portion of its magnetic shadow falls on a sensor probe.

**Infrared/Thermal detection** identifies vehicles by transmitting infrared light or heat from a transmitter to a receiver placed on the opposite side of the road perpendicular to the direction of travel.

2. **[ASK ALL]** Has your agency deployed any vehicle probe readers to collect real-time traffic data on freeways? Please select all that apply.

*Please note that your response should include your agency's deployed equipment only; please **do not** include vehicle probe reader data purchased or obtained from an external source.*

- Toll tag readers
- License plate readers
- Bluetooth readers
- Cellular/mobile phone readers
- In-vehicle GPS readers
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No vehicle probe readers are deployed

### DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:

**Toll tag readers** match tag numbers read at the starting and ending points of the segment of road to estimate travel times.

**License plate readers** use optical cameras to capture images of oncoming or receding traffic and use video image processing to "read" the license plates. License plate numbers can also be matched at sensor locations downstream.

**Bluetooth** readers work by actively searching for in-range Bluetooth devices and capturing the unique address of each device.

**Cellular/mobile phone readers** automatically and anonymously downloaded phone location information from cellular network switching centers in real time. The location of a cell phone on a roadway is determined by cell phone network handoff or signal tower triangulation and compared to a map database.

**In-vehicle GPS readers** are used in vehicles equipped with GPS to transmit positional information via GPS signal to a central control center.

3. **[ASK ALL] Does your agency use any external data sources (i.e., collected outside of your agency) for freeway management (e.g., incidents, road weather, traffic)? Please select all that apply.**

- Notifications from the public via social media, emails, texts, phone calls, etc.
- Publicly available mapping and traffic information apps (e.g., Google Maps, Waze, etc.)
- Purchased third party commercial data (e.g., Inrix, HERE, TomTom)
- Other transportation agency data (e.g., Other State DOTs or districts, MPOs, etc.)
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No external data sources are used – **SKIP TO Q6**
- Don't know – **SKIP TO Q6**

4. **[IF Q3 = RESPONSES 1,2, 3, 4, or 5] How is your agency using the freeway data obtained from external sources? Please select all that apply.**

- Traffic incident management
- Work zone management
- Road weather management
- Traveler information
- Freeway management
- Performance management/measurement
- Road/ITS asset management
- Emergency management
- Traffic studies and/or project prioritization
- Safety analytics/management
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

5. **[IF Q3 = PURCHASED THIRD PARTY COMMERCIAL DATA] You indicated that your agency purchases third party commercial data. What type(s) of freeway data is your agency purchasing? Please select all that apply.**

- Vehicle probe data
- Connected vehicle data
- Multimodal probe data
- Origin-destination (trip) data
- Non-recurring event data (e.g., incidents, closures, road weather events)
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### **Ramp Metering Control**

6. **[ASK ALL] Has your agency deployed freeway entrance ramp metering? Please select one.**

- Yes
- No – **SKIP TO Q9**
- Not applicable (agency does not manage ramps) – **SKIP TO Q9**

7. **[IF Q6 = YES] Which of the following capabilities applies to your agency's freeway ramp metering system?**

- Fixed/pre-timed (e.g., based on historical data) – **SKIP TO Q9**
- Local adaptive/responsive based on real time traffic conditions in local vicinity of the ramp
- Corridor or system-wide adaptive/responsive based on real time traffic conditions along a facility, corridor, or system
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ – **SKIP TO Q9**

**DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:**

**Ramp metering** uses traffic signals installed on freeway on-ramps to control the frequency at which vehicles enter the flow of traffic on the freeway.

**Fixed/pre-timed** ramp metering controls the frequency of vehicles at fixed times. Does not use traffic detection or respond to real-time conditions.

**Local adaptive/responsive** ramp metering relies on real-time surveillance of traffic present on the freeway on-ramp and adjacent freeway location(s) to select metering rates.

**Corridor or system-wide adaptive/responsive** ramp metering relies on real-time traffic surveillance of traffic upstream and downstream from the ramp to calculate a metering rate.

8. **[IF Q7 = LOCAL ADAPTIVE OR CORRIDOR/SYSTEM ADAPTIVE]: Does your agency deploy any advanced ramp metering technologies (i.e., ramp metering integrated with other traffic management tools/strategies)? Please select all that apply.**

- Dynamic bottleneck identification
- Automated incident detection
- Integration with adjacent arterial traffic signals
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No advanced metering technologies are deployed

**DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:**

**Dynamic bottleneck identification** sets ramp metering rates for a series of ramps based on an algorithm that identifies active bottlenecks on the freeway, and those metering rates are adjusted based on changes to the bottlenecks (i.e., location and time).

**Automated incident detection** sets ramp metering rates based on an automated incident detection algorithm that uses traffic monitoring equipment (e.g., detectors and CCTV cameras) to identify freeway incidents in real-time. If an incident is detected, the metering rates will adjust to account for the loss of capacity at the incident location.

**Integration with adjacent arterial traffic signals** occurs when ramp meter signals are integrated with adjacent arterial traffic signals based on ramp and adjacent arterial queues and volumes. Ramp metering rates and/or arterial traffic signals will adjust to reduce backups on the ramps and adjacent arterials for vehicles entering the freeway.

## Managed Lanes

9. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency and/or another entity (e.g., public/private partnership) operate managed lanes on freeways? Please select all that apply.

- Yes, my agency
- Yes, other entity (e.g., public/private partnership)
- No, neither – **SKIP TO Q11**

### DEFINITION SHOWN IN HOVER BOX:

**Managed lanes** is a concept where a “freeway-within-a-freeway” is created by separating a set of lanes within the freeway cross section from the general-purpose lanes. The operation of and demand on the facility is managed using a combination of tools and techniques (e.g., pricing, vehicle eligibility, and access control) in order to continuously achieve an optimal condition, such as free-flow speeds.

10. **[IF Q9=YES]** Which managed lane strategies are used on freeways? Please select all that apply.

- Hard shoulder running
- High Occupancy Toll (HOT)
- High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)
- Lane use control (open/closed/direction arrow or chevron)
- Reversible flow
- Transit only
- Truck only
- Variable speed limits
- Other congestion pricing strategy
- Other managed lane strategy (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## Automated Enforcement

11. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency deploy automated enforcement on freeways? Please select one.

- Yes
- No – **SKIP TO Q13**

12. **[IF Q11 = YES]** What automated enforcement technologies does your agency use on freeways? Please select all that apply.

- License plate recognition
- Cameras
- Toll tag readers
- Radar
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:

**License plate recognition** uses optical cameras to capture images of oncoming or receding traffic and use video image processing to “read” the license plates. License plate numbers can also be matched at sensor locations downstream.

**Toll tag readers** match tag numbers read at the starting and ending points of the segment of road to estimate travel times.

**Radar** detects vehicles by transmitting an electromagnetic signal that gets reflected to the radar sensor once a vehicle passes through the area.

## Safety and Road Weather Management

13. **[ASK ALL]** Has your agency deployed any Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) safety systems on freeways? Please select all that apply.

- Automated and/or manual freeway ramp gate
- Automated visibility warning system
- Downhill truck speed warning
- Dynamic curve warning system
- Lane use control on general purpose lanes
- Over-height warning system (e.g., bridge, tunnel, gantries)
- Queue warning system
- Reference location sign
- Variable speed limit
- Wildlife warning system
- Wireless truck roadside inspection
- Wrong way driving detection system
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No ITS safety systems are deployed

### DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:

**Automated and/or manual freeway ramp gate** controls access to selected ramps to all traffic or specific vehicle classes, limiting the periods of access or permanently restricting access.

**Automated visibility warning system** uses weather sensors to detect reduced visibility conditions and then triggers a dynamic message sign with a warning indicating the adverse driving conditions.

**Downhill truck speed warning** alerts drivers (e.g., illuminated signs) to slow down if their vehicle speed is too high to travel safely downhill.

**Dynamic curve warning system** detects vehicles approaching a curve and activates a warning to drivers (e.g., illuminated signs, flashing beacons, etc.) to slow down if their vehicle speed is too high to travel safely through the curve.

**Lane use control on general purpose lanes** dynamically closes individual lanes during incidents or opens shoulders for part-time travel to increase capacity during congestion periods.

**Over-height warning system** detects vehicles and activates a warning to drivers (e.g., illuminated signs, flashing beacons, etc.) identifying upcoming tunnels, bridges, or other obstacles that may limit the size of the vehicle that can pass.

**Queue warning system** uses sensors to display messages on dynamic message signs to warn drivers about stopped or slowed traffic ahead.

**Variable speed limit** uses current traffic conditions to determine the appropriate speed at which drivers should be traveling and displays this information on dynamic message signs.

**Wildlife warning system** detects the presence of an animal on or near the road and activates a warning to drivers (e.g., illuminated signs, flashing beacons, etc.).

**Wireless truck roadside inspection** wirelessly and electronically assesses the safety of a truck and its driver without requiring them to stop.

**Wrong way driving detection system** detects vehicles traveling in the wrong direction and alerts the driver. May also have a traffic or CCTV camera to record the incident.

14. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency use any ITS **Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS)/Environmental Sensor Stations (ESS)** to collect weather and road condition data on freeways? *Please select all that apply.*

- Mobile (vehicle-mounted)
- Permanent (stationary)
- Transportable (temporary use for work zones, recurring problem spots, etc.)
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No ITS (RWIS/ESS) are deployed to collect weather and road condition data

**DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:**

**Environmental sensor stations (ESS)** are at a fixed roadway location with one or more sensors measuring atmospheric, pavement, and/or water level conditions.

**Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS)** are comprised of environmental sensor stations (ESS), a communication system for data transfer, and a central system to collect and process the field data. The data is used to disseminate road weather information.

15. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency use any tools and/or strategies for managing adverse road weather impacts on freeways? *Please select all that apply.*

- Automated vehicle location (AVL)
- Decision support systems
- Dynamic message signs (permanent and/or portable)
- Pathfinder
- Queue warning systems
- Ramp metering
- Resource pre-positioning (e.g., pre-positioning trucks for plowing)
- Route optimization
- Traffic modeling and/or analysis
- Variable speed limits
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No tools or strategies are used to manage adverse road weather impacts

**DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES**

**Pathfinder** is a communication and collaboration strategy developed by Federal Highway Administration and supported by National Weather Service. For more information, see: <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop18034/index.htm>.

**Route Optimization** is a static or adaptive routing response tool and/or strategy based on road weather conditions, incidents, recurring problem areas, etc.

**Incident Detection**

16. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency use any incident detection/verification methods on freeways? *Please select all that apply.*

- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)
- Call boxes
- Computer algorithms to detect incidents
- External data (e.g., data provided by crowdsourcing, commercial providers, or citizen-reported)
- Other (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No incident detection/verification methods are used



## Work Zone Management

17. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency deploy Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technology at work zones on freeways? *Please select one.*

- Yes
- No – **SKIP TO Q19**

18. **[IF Q17 = YES]** Which ITS technologies does your agency deploy at work zones on freeways? *Please select all that apply.*

- Dynamic lane merge system
- Intrusion alarm
- Portable CCTV
- Portable dynamic message sign
- Portable dynamic speed feedback/speed radar trailer
- Portable traffic monitoring device
- Queue detection and alert system
- Route guidance around work zones
- Travel time system
- Temporary ramp metering
- Variable speed limit
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

### DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:

**Dynamic lane merge system** uses dynamic message signs and other devices to control vehicle merging behavior.

**Intrusion alarm** detects errant vehicles entering the work zone and alerts workers.

**Portable CCTV** system provides visual surveillance and is typically mounted in a light truck or van or on a trailer.

**Portable dynamic message sign (DMS)** displays a variety of messages to inform motorists of unusual driving conditions.

**Portable dynamic speed feedback/speed radar trailer** systems are portable traffic control devices that display a driver's speed or provide a message to drivers exceeding a certain speed threshold.

**Portable traffic monitoring device** uses radar or microwave detection to collect traffic-related data and communicates this information in real-time to a central server, which can also be automatically conveyed to motorists via a public website or portable dynamic message signs.

**Queue detection and alert system** uses sensors upstream of a work zone and displays messages on dynamic message signs to warn drivers about stopped or slowed traffic ahead.

**Route guidance around work zones** advises drivers of alternative routes when work zones necessitate lane closures or other types of diversions.

**Travel time system** measures actual traffic flow conditions using vehicle travel time detectors and displays current travel time information (e.g., on messaging signs, websites, etc.).

**Temporary ramp metering** involves temporarily installing signals on freeway on-ramps to control the frequency at which vehicles enter the flow of traffic on the freeway.

**Variable speed limit** uses current traffic conditions to determine the appropriate speed at which drivers should be traveling and displays this information on dynamic message signs.

## Traveler Information

19. **[ASK ALL]** What methods does your agency use to disseminate real-time traveler information about freeways? Please select all that apply.

- 511
- Social media
- Email or text/SMS alert
- Agency-branded mobile application (e.g., white-label commercial app, custom built)
- Third party mobile app (e.g., Google Maps, Waze)
- Dynamic message signs (permanent and/or portable)
- Website
- Highway Advisory Radio
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- No real-time traveler information about freeways is disseminated

20. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency provide an open data feed that shares real-time transportation-related data using data standards/specifications? Please select one.

- Yes
- No, but my agency is working on this
- No current plans for an open data feed

20a. **[IF Q20=YES]** What data standards/specifications are used to share real-time transportation-related data in your agency's open data feed?

- Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) specification
- Traffic Management Data Dictionary (TMDD) standard
- PC5-based C-V2X specification (5.9GhZ)
- Other communications interface, data format, and/or protocol (please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Don't know

### DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:

**Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) specification** enables infrastructure owners and operators (IOOs) to make harmonized work zone data available for third party use. The goal of WZDx is to enable widespread access to up-to-date information about dynamic conditions occurring on roads such as construction events.

**Traffic Management Data Dictionary (TMDD) standards** were developed to support center-to-center communications. TMDD provides the dialogs, message sets, data frames, and data elements to manage the shared use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) devices and the regional sharing of data and incident management responsibility.

**PC5-based C-V2X specification (5.9GhZ)** uses device-to-device radio access technology for direct low latency connectivity between user equipment within a wide-area network independent of the traditional cellular network.

## Connected Vehicle Technologies

This section includes questions about your agency's deployment of connected vehicle (CV) technologies. Your responses should only include CV technologies deployed on **freeways** (i.e., do not include CV deployment on arterial roads).

21. **[ASK ALL]** Is your agency currently developing, testing, or deploying connected vehicle (CV) technology on freeways? Please select one.
- Yes – **SKIP TO Q24**
  - No, but my agency is planning for CV
  - No plans for CV – **SKIP TO Q29**
  - Don't know – **SKIP TO Q29**

### DEFINITION SHOWN IN HOVER BOX:

**Connected vehicle (CV) technologies** enable vehicles, roadway infrastructure, and mobile devices to wirelessly exchange data and “talk” to one another. Connected vehicles encompass vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V), vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I), and vehicle-to-pedestrian (V2P) communications, collectively known as “V2X.” When integrated into a vehicle, roadway infrastructure, or mobile device, these technologies can deliver significant transportation safety, mobility, and environmental benefits.

22. **[IF Q21 = NO, BUT PLANNING FOR CV]** Does your agency have any documented plans (e.g., internal planning documents, State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), etc.) to develop, test, or deploy connected vehicle technology on freeways? Please select one.
- Yes
  - No
  - Don't know
23. **[IF Q21 = NO, BUT PLANNING FOR CV]** When do you expect to begin developing, testing, or deploying connected vehicle technology on freeways? Please select one.
- Within the next 3 years – **SKIP TO Q29**
  - In 3 to 6 years – **SKIP TO Q29**
  - In 7 or more years – **SKIP TO Q29**
  - Don't know – **SKIP TO Q29**
24. **[IF Q21 = YES]** Is your agency deploying roadside units (RSUs) on freeways to support connected vehicle and/or automated vehicle testing/deployment? Please select one.
- Yes
  - No – **SKIP TO Q27**
  - Don't know – **SKIP TO Q27**
25. **[IF Q24 = YES]** Approximately how many roadside units (RSUs) is your agency currently testing or deploying on freeways? Please select one.
- 1-10
  - 11-50
  - 51-150
  - 151 or more

26. **[IF Q24 = YES]** On freeways, what standard data structures are being transmitted for your connected vehicle system (e.g., from your roadside units, connected vehicles, etc.)? Please select all that apply.

- Basic Safety Message (BSM)
- MAP data (e.g., ramp metering)
- Position Correction Message (RTCM)
- Roadside Safety Message (RSM)
- Sensor Data Sharing Message (SSDM)
- Signal Phase and Timing (SPaT) (e.g., ramp metering)
- Traveler Information Messages (TIM)
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know

27. **[IF Q21 = YES]** Is your agency developing, testing, or deploying any connected vehicle applications for use on freeways - (i.e., using an in-vehicle onboard unit (OBU), Human Machine Interface (HMI), handheld device, or similar)? This may include applications that your agency is testing either on its own fleet or in partnership with automakers/original equipment manufacturers.

- Yes
- No – SKIP TO Q29
- Don't know – SKIP TO Q29

28. **[IF Q27 = YES]** Which connected vehicle (CV) applications is your agency developing, testing, or deploying on freeways? This may include applications that your agency is testing either on its own fleet or in partnership with automakers/original equipment manufacturers. Please select all that apply.

**Safety Applications (Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I)):**

- Curve Speed Warning (CSW)
- Reduced Speed/Work Zone Warning (RSWZ)

**Safety Applications (Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V)):**

- Blind Spot/Lane Change Warning (BSW/LCW)
- Emergency Electronic Brake Lights (EEBL)
- Forward Collision Warning (FCW)

**Mobility Applications:**

- Queue Warning (Q-WARN)

**Environment Applications:**

- Dynamic Eco Routing

**Agency and Road Weather Applications:**

- Agency Data Applications (e.g., probe data collection, CV-enabled data collection etc.)
- Road Weather Warnings (e.g., Motorist Advisories and Warnings (MAW); Enhanced Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS))

**Other CV applications being developed, tested, deployed:**

- Please specify any other CV applications: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:**

**Curve Speed Warning (CSW)** alerts a driver if current speed is too fast for an approaching curve.

**Reduced Speed/Work Zone Warning (RSWZ)** alerts a driver to use caution when traveling through a work zone.

**Blind Spot/Lane Change Warning (BSW/LCW)** alerts a driver changing lanes if there is a vehicle in the driver's blind spot.

**Emergency Electronic Brake Lights (EEBL)** application notifies a driver if there is a sudden-braking vehicle ahead (or several vehicles ahead).

**Forward Collision Warning (FCW)** alerts a driver when a vehicle ahead is stopped or traveling slower and there is a risk of a rear-end collision.

**Queue Warning (Q-WARN)** provides a vehicle operator with sufficient warning of an impending queue backup, allowing the operator to brake safely, change lanes, or modify the route such that secondary collisions can be minimized or even eliminated. It is distinct from collision warning, which pertains to events or conditions that require immediate or emergency actions.

**Dynamic Eco-Routing** application determines the most eco-friendly route, in terms of minimum fuel consumption or emissions, for individual travelers. This application recommends routes that produce the fewest emissions or reduce fuel consumption based on historical, real-time, and predicted traffic and environmental data (e.g., prevailing weather conditions).

**Agency Data Applications** include applications used to collect, transmit, analyze, or report local data related to traffic conditions, road conditions, travel patterns, or other metrics. Examples include: Probe-based Pavement Maintenance, Probe-based Traffic Monitoring, CV-enabled Origin-destination Studies, Work Zone Travel Information applications, etc.

**Road Weather Warnings** issue alerts and advisories to travelers about deteriorating road and weather conditions on specific roadway segments.

**Automated Vehicle Technologies**

This section asks about automated vehicle tests and deployments **on freeways**; your responses should also include any pilots or demonstrations related to automated vehicles.

**29. [ASK ALL] Has your agency participated in any automated vehicle (AV) tests or deployments on freeways in the last five years? Please select all that apply.**

- Yes, my agency is leading or has led AV testing/deployment (i.e., completed or in progress) – **SKIP TO Q32**
- Yes, my agency is supporting or has supported the planning or execution of the AV testing/deployment – **SKIP TO Q32**
- No, my agency is not participating in any AV testing or deployment
- Don't know

**DEFINITION SHOWN IN HOVER BOX:**

**Automated vehicles (AVs)** are those in which at least some aspect of a safety-critical control function (e.g., steering, throttling, or braking) occurs without direct driver input. AVs may include light duty vehicles, transit vehicles, commercial motor vehicles, and small delivery devices, among others. Automated vehicles are widely categorized by their levels of driving automation defined by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). These levels begin with Level 0 (no driving automation) and conclude with Level 5 (full driving automation).

30. **[IF Q29 = NO or DON'T KNOW]** Does your agency have any documented plans (e.g., internal planning documents, State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), etc.) to participate in automated vehicle (AV) testing or deployment on freeways in the future? *Please select one.*

- Yes, my agency has a documented plan
- No, but my agency is considering AV testing or deployment
- No, my agency is not considering AV testing or deployment – **SKIP TO Q35**
- Don't know – **SKIP TO Q35**

31. **[IF Q30 =YES HAS DOCUMENTED PLAN OR CONSIDERING]** When does your agency expect to participate in automated vehicle testing or deployment on freeways? *Please select one.*

- Within the next 3 years – **SKIP TO Q35**
- In 3 to 6 years – **SKIP TO Q35**
- In 7 or more years – **SKIP TO Q. 35**
- Don't know – **SKIP TO Q. 35**

32. a. **[IF Q29 = AGENCY SUPPORTING (OPTION 2 ONLY)]** Which entity(ies) are/were leading the automated vehicle testing or deployment on freeways? *Please select all that apply.*

32. b. **[IF Q29 = AGENCY LEADING (OPTION 1 ONLY OR BOTH OPTIONS 1 AND 2)]** For the automated vehicle testing or deployments on freeways that your agency is/was leading, what other entity(ies) are/were you partnering with? *Please select all that apply.*

- Automakers or Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), including Transit Vehicle Manufacturers
- Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) Developers (or Driver Support Features Developers)
- Automated Driving Systems (ADS) Developers
- Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) (e.g., Uber or Lyft)
- State agencies
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Universities
- Transit agencies
- Other local agencies
- Private sector consultants (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_,
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know

33. **[IF Q29 = AGENCY LEADING OR SUPPORTING] Which of the following automated vehicle (AV) tests or deployments on freeways has your agency led or supported in the last five years?**  
Please include Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) or Automated Driving Systems (ADS) tests or deployments. *Please select all that apply.*

**Automated Transit/On-Demand Tests/Deployments:**

- Automated Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Automated Passenger Fixed Route
- Automated Passenger On-Demand
- Automated Maintenance and Bus Yard Operations

**Automated Delivery/Freight/Commercial Motor Vehicle Tests/Deployments:**

- Automated Last Mile Delivery (e.g., light duty vehicle) – OMIT FROM Q34
- Automated Regional or Long-Haul Trucking – OMIT FROM Q34
- Truck Platooning – OMIT FROM Q34
- Automated Logistics Yard Operations (e.g., automated yard trucks) – OMIT FROM Q34
- Construction or Maintenance Operations (e.g., automated truck-mounted attenuators) – OMIT FROM Q34

**Automated Light Duty Passenger Vehicle Tests/Deployments:**

- Automated light duty passenger vehicle test/deployment – OMIT FROM Q34

**Other AV Test/Deployments on freeways:**

- Other AV test/deployment (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ – OMIT FROM Q34

**DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:**

**Automated Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** applies rail transit concepts to automated buses to deliver fast and efficient service. These concepts focus on eliminating causes of delay that typically slow regular bus services and may include dedicated lanes, busways, traffic signal priority, off-board fare collection, platforms, and enhanced stations.

**Automated Passenger Fixed Route** service provides rides along a single route with pre-defined stops and a set schedule. The route may be limited to closed environments, such as parking lots, busways, campuses, and retirement communities, or it may operate in mixed traffic on public roads in areas, such as business parks or downtown districts.

**Automated Passenger On-Demand** provides on-demand service between any two addresses within a defined service area. The concept is similar to the automated passenger fixed route service; however, it is not restricted to predefined routes or schedules - users can request pick-ups and drop-offs on demand (e.g., using an application on a smartphone, tablet, or kiosk).

**Automated Maintenance and Bus Yard Operations** is the deployment of automated driving systems (ADS) on transit vehicles for use within the domain of the bus yard. Use cases may include precision movement for fueling/recharging, maintenance, disinfection/bus wash, or automated parking and recall.

**Automated Last Mile Delivery (e.g., light duty vehicle)** uses automation to deliver goods over short distances on local roadways from business to consumer.

**Automated Regional or Long-Haul Trucking** applies automation to trucking. Automated trucking generally refers to SAE Level 3-5 automation, where the automated driving system is primarily responsible for monitoring the driving environment.

**Truck Platooning** incorporates on-board computers, vehicle sensors, and automated driving technology, allowing equipped long-haul trucks to communicate with each other and travel closely together on the highway (40 to 50 feet apart) to improve fuel efficiency and reduce vehicle emissions.

**Automated Logistics Yard Operation** is the deployment of automation (e.g., robots, yard trucks with automated driving systems) to perform logistics tasks in the yard. For example, this may include moving trailers from one part of the yard to another.

**Construction or Maintenance Operations (e.g., automated truck mounted attenuator)** is the deployment of automated driving systems (ADS) on commercial vehicles for the purpose of performing construction and maintenance activities on the road.

**Automated light duty passenger vehicle test/deployment:** Use this category for any light-duty passenger vehicle test/deployment not covered in other categories.

**34. For your [Q33 = AUTOMATED BUS RAPID TRANSIT / AUTOMATED PASSENGER FIXED ROUTE / AUTOMATED PASSENGER ON DEMAND / AUTOMATED MAINTENANCE AND BUS YARD OPERATIONS] test or deployment, which type of vehicle is being used? Please select all that apply.**

- Full-sized transit bus
- Articulated bus
- Motorcoach (over the road bus)
- Cutaway bus or minibus
- Novel-design low-speed shuttle
- Light-duty passenger vehicle (e.g., car, van, SVU)
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know



## Telecommunications

35. [ASK ALL] What type of telecommunications technologies does your agency use to enable ITS on freeways? Please select all that apply.

### Wired:

- Coaxial – OMIT FROM Q36
- Fiber optic cable – OMIT FROM Q36
- Twisted copper pair/Twisted wire pair
- Digital subscriber line (DSL)
- Data cable over modem

### Wireless:

- 5G New Radio and Small cell infrastructure
- Cellular (LTE-4G)
- Cellular (GPRS – 2G or 3G)
- LTE-Cellular V2X (LTE-CV2X)
- Dedicated short range communications (DSRC)
- Wi-Fi
- Mobile or Fixed service satellite (FSS) – OMIT FROM Q36
- Ultra-wideband (UWB)
- Microwave – OMIT FROM Q36
- Other telecommunications (wired and/or wireless) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_ – OMIT FROM Q36
- Don't know – SKIP to Q37
- No telecommunications used to enable ITS on freeways – SKIP to Q37
- Not applicable, no ITS infrastructure or devices are deployed – SKIP to Q37

### DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:

**Coaxial cable** is mainly used to provide communications between field controllers and a central controller. Coaxial cables have an inner conductor, insulating layer, conductive shielding, and protective outer jacket.

**Fiber-optic cables** are made up of many super thin strands of optical glass fiber that make it possible to transmit large amounts of information over long distances (e.g., camera images).

**Twisted copper pair/Twisted wire pair** is composed of two insulated copper wires twisted around one another. This is mainly used to provide basic telephone services and ethernet over short distance.

**Digital subscriber line (DSL)** is a wireline transmission technology that uses existing infrastructure to provide integrated traffic video and field device communications. This includes all forms of DSL (e.g., ADSL, RADSL, HDSL, SDSL).

**Data cable over modem** service enables operators to provide broadband using standard cable lines (e.g., 56 kilobits/second).

**5G New Radio and 5G small cell infrastructure** (which communicates over very short distances) represents the newest generation of cellular data communication. The 5G New Radios can operate within and share existing 4G LTE infrastructure in non-standalone (NSA) mode (e.g., cell towers). The other critical component of 5G, small cell infrastructure, consists of small antennae placed in the public right-of-way to act as a high-speed intermediary between a field device and the larger cell tower.

**Cellular (LTE-4G)** is the fourth generation of cellular data communication. LTE (Long Term Evolution) is standard to 4G and is both forward and backward compatible. Cellular LTE 4G operates in: 600 MHz, 700 MHz, 850 MHz, 1.7 GHz, 1.9 GHz, 2.3 GHz, 2.5 GHz spectrum.

**Cellular GPRS – 2G or 3G** are the older generations of cellular data communications and are being phased out. These generations of cellular rely on radio signals in a digital format and operate in the 470-690 MHz, 690-805 MHz, 1.850-1.995 GHz spectrum.

**LTE-Cellular V2X (LTE-CV2X)** operates in the reduced 5.895-5.925 GHz spectrum, known as the Safety Band (dedicated for safety-of-life and public benefit transportation purposes). LTE-CV2X is intended to service connected vehicle technology.

**Dedicated short range communications (DSRC)** is two-way radio communication operating in the reduced 5.895-5.925 GHz spectrum, currently known as the Safety Band (dedicated for safety-of-life and public benefit transportation purposes). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is planning to phase out DSRC in the future.

**Wi-Fi** provides wireless high-speed internet access or communications between devices (point-to-point or point-to-multipoint). It includes agency-installed Wi-Fi access points and client devices, or subscription-based Wi-Fi in the 2.4 GHz, 5.8 GHz, and (recently) 6 GHz spectrum.

**Mobile or Fixed service satellite (FSS)** provides radio communication between two or more fixed or mobile receivers. MSS or FSS allows uploading/downloading data across a wide range (137 MHz-51.4 GHz) of spectrum in the form of space-to-earth, earth-to-space, or broadcast communications.

**Ultra-wideband (UWB)** is a short-range communication technology ideal for transmitting data at high speeds between devices 10 to 30 meters apart, using any spectrum as unlicensed communications (similar to radar).

**Microwave** (also known as Ultra High Frequency (UHF) or Extremely High Frequency (EHF)) communicates as fixed point-to-point backhaul or as very short-range, line-of-sight radar/Lidar communications, typically between 300 MHz and 300 GHz spectrum.

**36. [IF Q35 = EACH TELECOM TECH CHECKED EXCEPT FOR COAXIAL, FIBER OPTIC CABLE, FSS, and MICROWAVE OPTIONS] Please indicate how your agency is using the telecommunication technology(ies) shown below to enable ITS on freeways.**

Each of the use cases listed is based on Architecture Reference for Cooperative and Intelligent Transportation (ARC-IT) service packages. Click this link for more information: <https://www.arc-it.net/html/servicepackages/servicepackages-areasort.html>. Please select all that apply in each column.

- Commercial Vehicle Operations
- Data Management
- Maintenance and Construction
- Parking Management
- Public Safety
- Public Transportation
- Support
- Sustainable Travel
- Traffic Management
- Traveler Information
- Vehicle Safety
- Weather
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know

**EXAMPLES SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:**

**Commercial Vehicle Operations:** Examples include commercial vehicle parking, smart roadside and weigh in motion, roadside commercial vehicle operator safety, freight-specific dynamic travel planning, hazmat management, etc.

**Data Management:** Two relevant service packages are ITS data warehouse and performance monitoring.

**Maintenance and Construction:** Examples include maintenance and construction vehicle maintenance, winter maintenance, roadway maintenance and construction, work zone management, asset tracking, etc.

**Parking Management:** Examples include parking space management, smart park and ride system, parking electronic payment, regional parking management, etc.

**Public Safety:** Examples include emergency response, mayday notification, incident scene safety monitoring, disaster response and recovery, disaster traveler information, etc.

**Public Transportation:** Examples include dynamic transit operations, transit fare collection management, transit security, transit fleet management, transit signal priority, intermittent bus lanes, etc.

**Support:** Examples include connected vehicle system monitoring and management, map management, ITS communications, location and time, security and credentials management, field equipment maintenance, etc.

**Sustainable Travel:** Examples include emissions monitoring, eco-traffic metering, roadside lighting, electric charging stations management, HOV/HOT lane management, eco-lanes management, etc.

**Traffic Management:** Examples include infrastructure-based traffic surveillance, vehicle based traffic surveillance, connected vehicle traffic signal system, traffic incident management system, electronic toll collection, variable speed limits, speed harmonization, etc.

**Traveler Information:** Examples include broadcast traveler information, dynamic route guidance, infrastructure- provided trip planning and route guidance, dynamic ridesharing, and shared use transportation, etc.

**Vehicle Safety:** Examples include autonomous vehicle safety systems, V2V basic safety, situational awareness, curve speed warning, queue warning, restricted lane warnings, automated vehicle operations, etc.

**Weather:** Examples include weather data collection, weather information processing and distribution, spot weather impact warning, etc.

37. **[ASK ALL]** If your agency has any notes or additional information about its use of telecommunications, please provide below.

### Maintenance of Freeway ITS Technology

38. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency utilize an asset management system to track Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) inventory and/or ITS maintenance and operations activity on freeways? Please select all that apply.

- Yes, system tracks inventory of ITS field devices
- Yes, system tracks inventory of ITS central systems / software
- Yes, system tracks maintenance and operations of ITS field devices
- Yes, system tracks maintenance and operations of ITS central systems / software
- No, my agency does not have an ITS asset management system
- Not applicable, my agency has not deployed ITS – **SKIP TO Q40**

### DEFINITION SHOWN IN HOVER BOX:

An ITS **asset management system** is a software system, procedure, or tool that assists an agency in managing and maintaining data on ITS assets across the entire lifecycle of these assets, from acquisition to disposal. For more information see: <https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/fhwahop20047/chap4.htm>.

39. **[EXCLUDE IF Q38 = OPTION 6 NO ITS]** What is your agency's primary approach for conducting maintenance activities on freeway ITS assets? Please select one.

- My agency primarily schedules maintenance based on the regularly monitored condition of freeway ITS assets.
- My agency primarily schedules maintenance of freeway ITS assets based on regular intervals.
- My agency primarily conducts maintenance in response to reported freeway ITS asset failures or events, such as a vehicle collision or component failure.
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know

## Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Plan

40. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency have a Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) Plan? *Please select one.*

- Yes
- No, but my agency plans to develop a TSMO Plan
- No current plans to develop a TSMO plan

## Cybersecurity

41. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency have a documented cybersecurity policy that explicitly addresses Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies/equipment? *Please select one.*

- My agency has a cybersecurity policy which explicitly addresses ITS. – **SKIP TO Q43**
- My agency's general cybersecurity policy (i.e., for information technology (IT)) is applied to ITS.
- My agency's ITS is not covered by a cybersecurity policy.
- My agency has not deployed ITS technologies/equipment. – **SKIP TO Q44**
- Don't know – **SKIP TO Q43**

42. **[IF Q41 = OPTIONS 2 or 3]** Is your agency planning to develop a cybersecurity policy that explicitly addresses ITS? *Please select one.*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

43. **[EXCLUDE IF Q41=OPTION 4 (NO ITS)]** In the last five years, has your agency conducted incident response exercises that include ITS equipment/technologies to prepare for ITS cybersecurity events? *Please select one.*

- Yes, my agency's incident response exercises have included ITS equipment/technologies
- No, my agency's incident response exercises have **not** included ITS equipment/technologies
- No, my agency has not conducted incident response exercises in the last five years
- Don't know

### DEFINITION SHOWN IN HOVER BOX:

**Incident response exercises** are agency-run tests of protocols that mitigate violations of security policies and recommended practices.

**44. a. [EXCLUDE IF Q 41 = OPTION 4 (NO ITS)]** In the last three years, has your agency had any cybersecurity events or attacks (e.g., ransomware, data breach) that affected its information technology (IT) system and/or ITS technologies/equipment on freeways? Please select all that apply.

*If your agency has experienced multiple events or attacks, please respond based on all experiences.*

- Yes, affecting IT system
- Yes, affecting ITS technologies/equipment
- No – SKIP TO Q47
- Don't know – SKIP TO Q47

**44 b. [ASK IF Q 41= OPTION 4 (NO ITS)]** In the last three years, has your agency had any cybersecurity events or attacks (e.g., ransomware, data breach) that affected its information technology (IT) system? Please select one.

*If your agency has experienced multiple events or attacks, please respond based on all experiences.*

- Yes – SKIP TO Q46
- No – SKIP TO Q47
- Don't know – SKIP TO Q47

**DEFINITION SHOWN IN HOVER BOX:**

**Information technology (IT) systems** include personal computers or commercial servers along with the network equipment to connect this equipment together.

**45. [IF Q44a = YES (OPTIONS 1 OR 2)]** What was (or were) the initial point(s) of entry for the cybersecurity event(s) or attack(s)? Please select all that apply.

*If your agency has experienced multiple events or attacks, please respond based on all experiences.*

- IT system
- ITS equipment/technologies
- Don't know

**46. [IF Q44a = YES (OPTIONS 1 OR 2) OR Q44b = YES]** Did any of the cybersecurity event(s) or attack(s) affect transportation system operations on freeways? Please select one.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

## Regional ITS Architecture

47. **[ASK ALL]** Is your agency/region covered by a **Regional (or State) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture**? Please select one.

- Yes
- No – **SKIP TO Q50**
- Don't know – **SKIP TO Q50**
- Not familiar or never heard of a Regional ITS Architecture – **SKIP TO Q50**

### DEFINITIONS SHOWN IN HOVER BOXES:

A **Regional ITS Architecture** is a plan for institutional and technical integration of ITS in a region or state. A Regional ITS Architecture uses the National ITS Architecture (which provides a common framework for planning, defining, and integrating ITS deployments) as the template for its definition, including only the systems and services that are planned for implementation in the local area or state. For more information about the Regional ITS Architecture, see: [https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/its\\_arch\\_imp/index.htm](https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/its_arch_imp/index.htm). For more information about the National ITS Architecture see: <https://www.arc-it.net/>.

48. **[IF Q47 = YES]** Is your agency using your Regional (or State) ITS Architecture to support ITS deployments on freeways? Please select one.

- Yes, for all ITS deployments – **SKIP TO Q50**
- Yes, for some ITS deployments – **GO TO Q49b**
- No, my agency does not use our Regional ITS Architecture – **GO TO Q49a**
- Not applicable (i.e., my agency does not use federal funds for ITS deployment OR my agency has not deployed ITS) – **SKIP TO Q50**
- Don't know – **SKIP TO Q50**

49. a. **[IF Q48=OPTION 3 (NO DOES NOT USE)]** What are key reasons for NOT using your Regional (or State) ITS Architecture to support freeway ITS deployments? Please select all that apply.

49. b. **[IF Q48= OPTION 2 (YES FOR SOME ITS DEPLOYMENTS)]** What are key reasons for NOT using your Regional (or State) ITS Architecture to support all of your freeway ITS deployments? Please select all that apply.

- Lack of experience/technical expertise with the Regional ITS Architecture
- The Regional ITS Architecture is out of date
- The scope and/or scale of my agencies' ITS projects are generally too small
- No perceived technical or operational benefit to using the Regional ITS Architecture
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

## Integrated Corridor Management

This question focuses on Integrated Corridor Management (ICM). ICM is an approach that manages a transportation corridor as a multimodal system (freeway, arterial, and public transit), integrating operations such as traffic incident management, work zone management, traffic signal timing, managed lanes, real-time traveler information, and active traffic management to maximize the capacity of all facilities and modes across the corridor.

For the purposes of this survey, a corridor is defined as: a largely linear geographic band and a bounded travel shed of (mostly) commute and daily trips. The corridor must include **freeway**, **arterial**, and **public transit facilities**, with cross-facility connections.

You can find more information about ICM at <https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/38816>.

50. **[ASK ALL]** Has your agency deployed Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) in one or more corridors (i.e., integrating operations across freeway, arterial, and public transit networks) to actively manage travel demand and capacity in the corridor as a whole? *Please select one.*

- Yes, my agency has deployed ICM
- No, but my agency plans to deploy ICM
- No, my agency has no plans to deploy ICM

## Agency Coordination

51. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency RECEIVE the following incident information in real-time from any public safety agency? *Please select one response for each item.*

	Yes	No
Incident clearance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Incident severity and type	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

52. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency PROVIDE real-time incident information (e.g., type, severity) to the following types of agencies? *Please select one response for each agency type.*

Freeway Incident Information		
	Yes	No
Freeway management agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arterial management agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transit agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Law enforcement public safety agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire rescue public safety agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other agencies (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



53. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency **PROVIDE** real-time freeway traffic information (e.g., travel times, speed, and condition) to the following types of agencies? *Please select one response for each agency type.*

**Freeway Traffic Information**

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Freeway management agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arterial management agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public transit agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Law enforcement public safety agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire rescue public safety agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other agencies (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Future Deployment Planning**

54. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency plan to expand or upgrade current ITS on freeways during the next three years (2024 through 2026)? *Please select one.*

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Not applicable, my agency has not deployed ITS

55. **[ASK ALL]** Does your agency plan to invest in new or emerging ITS on freeways during the next three years (2024 through 2026)? *Please select one.*

- Yes
- No – **SKIP TO Q57**
- Don't know – **SKIP TO Q57**

56. **[IF Q55 = YES]** Please describe new or emerging ITS technologies your agency plans to invest in:

**Additional Comments**

57. Please use the space below to provide any additional comments regarding your agency's deployment, operations, or maintenance of ITS. Please be as specific as possible when commenting on particular ITS technologies.

58. Can we contact you if we have any follow-up questions about your agency's experience deploying ITS? *Please select one.*

- Yes
- No – **SKIP TO Q60**

How can we best reach you if we have follow-up questions about your agency's experience deploying ITS?

59. a. The phone number we have on file is [RESPONDENT PHONE]. If this is not your preferred phone number, please provide your preferred phone number below:

59. b. The email address we have on file is [RESPONDENT EMAIL]. If this is not your preferred email, please provide your preferred email address below:

60. Please confirm if you are ready to submit your responses. *Please select one.*

- Yes, I have completed the survey and I would like to submit my final responses (Note: if you click this button, you will not be able to return to the survey).
- No, I am still working on the survey and will complete it later.

**Thank you for your time and effort in completing this survey!**