MITIGATING LARGE TRUCK INVOLVEMENT IN CRASHES

A RECAP OF SOME TEXAS EFFORTS...

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Why Do We Do This?



Work Zone Traveler Information



End of Queue









ITS IN WORK ZONES

- Work zones create congested conditions
- Often unexpected (mid-day, night)
- Coincides with high truck travel
- Apply ITS to mitigate work zone crashes
- Has evolved significantly in recent years
 - Reliability
 - Capability





WORK ZONE ITS GOAL

- Provide the right information
 - to the right people
 - at the right time
 - to improve driving decisions, behaviors, and outcomes
- The challenge is proper application to meet user needs





SAMPLE ITS WZ APPLICATIONS

- Speed management
- Travel information (en-route / pre-trip)
- Over height detection
- Automated ingress/egress warnings
- Intrusion alarms
- End-of-queue warning systems
- Dynamic lane merge
- Variable speed limit
- Ramp metering





KEY IMPLEMENTATION ITEMS

- Define the key question(s)
- Determine stakeholders
- Identify user needs
- Identify potential solutions
- Understand operational scenarios
- Track performance







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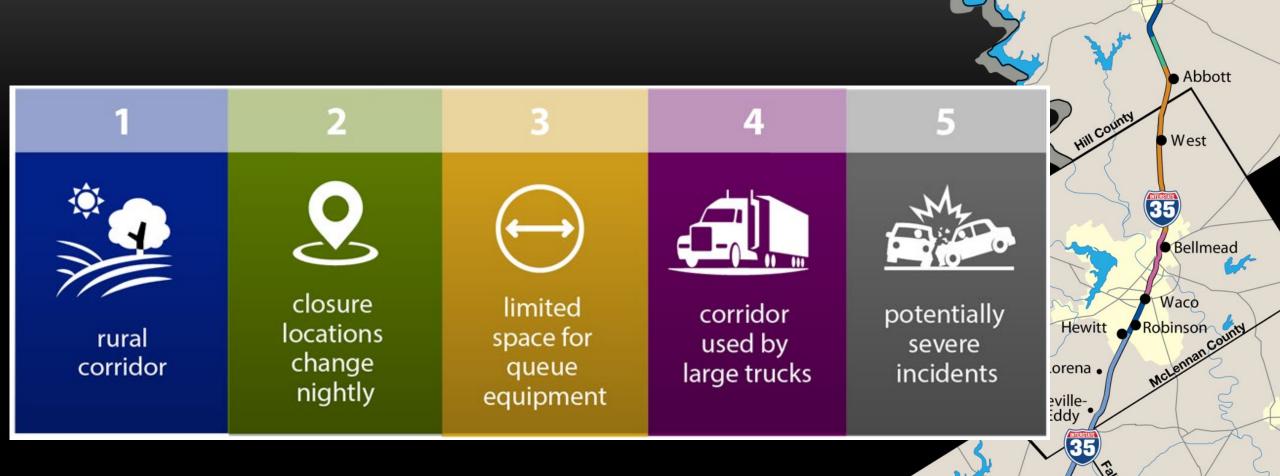
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I-35 CHALLENGES



Hillsboro

Troy

Temple

Belton

•Salado

- "What are traffic conditions like now?"
- "What will traffic conditions be like on any portion of my drive?"
- "Where might I be delayed by work zone lane closures?"

FHWA CONNECTED WORK ZONE PROJECT

- Regional carrier
 - Receives information via email alerts
 - Closures (with impacts), incidents, delays

- National carrier
 - Specialized web site
 - Freight solver





REGIONAL CARRIER



LISTING COVERS 7AM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24 THROUGH 7AM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

This listing is subject to change due to inclement weather or other unforeseen events that may occur.





SB SOUTHBOUND CR CROSS ROAD





HIGH IMPACT CLOSURE

HILLSBORO THRU WAXAHACHIE (I-35E)

	DATES/TIMES		LOCATION			ROADWAY			CLOSED		MAP		
MB	11/27 - 11/28, 9PM - I-35 at US-287, 6AM Waxahachie		I-35 E Mainlanes (MM 402.0)			All lanes closed		LINK					
DEL	.AY	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM
11/2	27										10	15	15
MB			I-35 at US-287, Waxahachie		I-35 E Mainlanes (MM 402.0)			All lanes closed		LINK			
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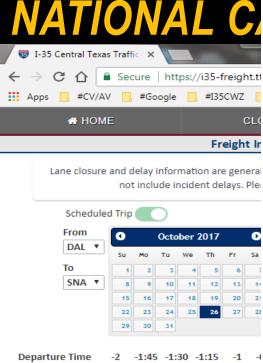
SB ▼	O Current Delay as of 3:30 PM	NB		
0 min	Hillsboro (MM 368) to Waco (MM 334)	0 min		
75 min	Waco (MM 334) to Temple (MM 301)	5 min		
0 min	Temple (MM 301) to Salado (MM 279)	5 min		



11/30

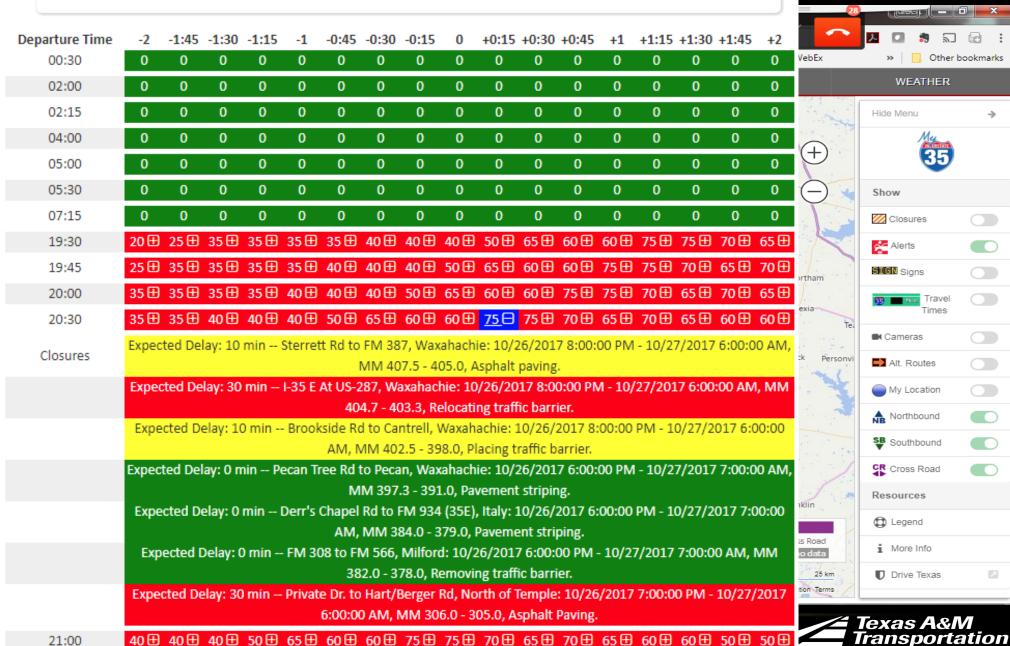


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	29	30	31			
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04:00	0	0	0	0	0	
05:00	0	0	0	0	0	
05:30	0	0	0	0	0	
07:15	0	0	0	0	0	
19:30	20 ⊞	25 ⊞	35 ⊞	35 ⊞	35 ⊞	3
19:45	25 ⊞	35 ⊞	35 ⊞	35 ⊞	35 ⊞	4
20:00	35 ⊞	35 ⊞	35 ⊞	35 ⊞	40 ⊞	4
20:30	35 ⊞	35 ⊞	40 ⊞	40 ⊞	40 ⊞	5
21:00	40 ⊞	40 ⊞	40 ⊞	50 ⊞	65 ⊞	6
21:30	40 ⊞	50 ⊞	65 ⊞	60 ⊞	60 ⊞	7
22:00	65 ⊞	60 ⊞	60 ⊞	75 ±	75 ±	7
22:30	60 ⊞	75 ±	75 	70 ±	65 ⊞	7
23:30	65⊞	70 ⊞	65⊞	60⊞	60 ⊞	5

Lane closure and delay information are generally available for the next 7 days and may change frequently. Trip times do not include incident delays. Please consider all information sources in your trip planning.



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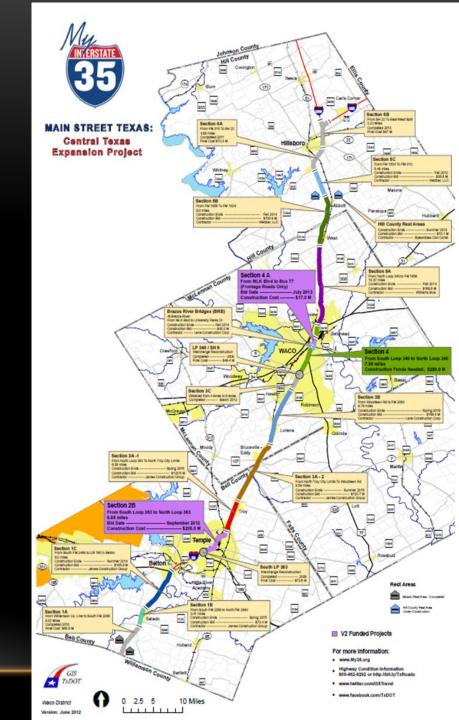
THE I-35 CENTRAL TEXAS CORRIDOR

Concerns:

- Nighttime lane closure queuing potential
- Minimal lane closure frequency at any one location
- Keeping equipment out of contractor's way

• Answer:

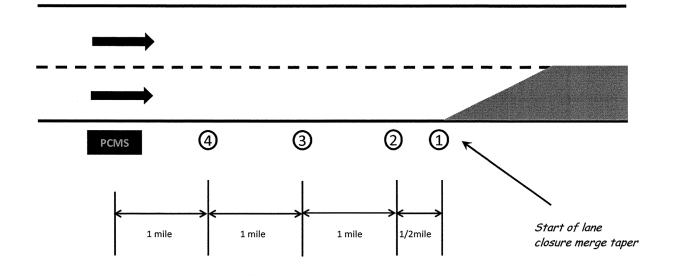
- Highly-portable end-of-queue warning system
- Deploy during lane closure TTC set-up when needed
- Pick up during TTC takedown





PCMS Operations Rules: Deployment Plan 1 (Max Design Queue ≤ 3.5 Miles)

PCMS	Last 5-Minute Average Speed V (mph)							
Message	4	3	0	1				
ROAD	V > 55	V > 55	V > 55	V > 55				
WORK	OR	OR	OR	OR				
AHEAD	V = 0.0	V = 0.0	V = 0.0	V = 0.0				
SLOW	V > 55	V > 55	V > 55	40 ≤ V < 55				
TRAFFIC	OR	OR	OR					
3 MILES	V = 0.0	V = 0.0	V = 0.0					
SLOW	V > 55	V > 55	40≤ V< 55	V > 40				
TRAFFIC	OR	OR		OR				
2 MILES	V = 0.0	V = 0.0		V = 0.0				
SLOW	V > 55	40≤ V< 55	V > 40	V > 40				
TRAFFIC	OR		OR	OR				
1 MILE	V = 0.0		V = 0.0	V = 0.0				
SLOW	40≤ V< 55	V > 40	V > 40	V > 40				
TRAFFIC		OR	OR	OR				
AHEAD		V = 0.0	V = 0.0	V = 0.0				
STOPPED	V > 40	V > 40	V > 40	0.0 ≤ V < 40				
TRAFFIC	OR	OR	OR					
3 MILES	V = 0.0	V = 0.0	V = 0.0					
STOPPED TRAFFIC 2 MILES	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	0.0 ≤ V < 40	Any value				
STOPPED TRAFFIC 1 MILE	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	0.0 ≤ V < 40	Any value	Any value				
STOPPED TRAFFIC AHEAD	0.0 ≤ V < 40	Any value	Any value	Any value				





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Non-Intrusive Traffic Speed Detector

PCMS

Portable Changeable Message

LANE CLOSURE MONITORING SYSTEM PLAN 1

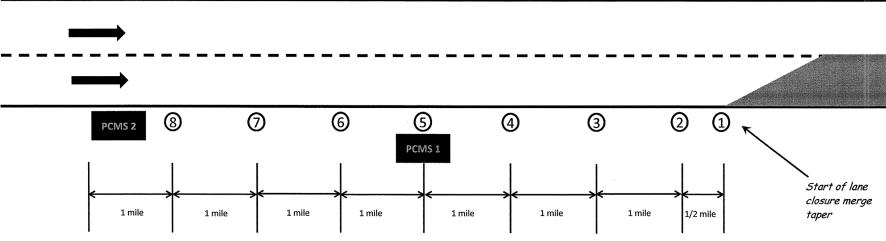
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SHEET 1 of 2

DW.: - DN

Note: Location of the sensors and the PCMS can be adjusted



PCMS Operations Rules: Deployment Plan 2 (Max Design Queue ≤ 7.5 Miles)

PCMS 2	PCMS 1	Last 5-Minute Average Speed V (mph)								
Message	Message	8	0	6	(5)	4	3	2	1	
WATCH YOUR SPEED	ROAD WORK AHEAD	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	
WATCH YOUR SPEED	SLOW TRAFFIC 3 MILES	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	40 ≤ V < 55	
WATCH YOUR SPEED	SLOW TRAFFIC 2 MILES	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	40≤ V< 55	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	
WATCH YOUR SPEED	SLOW TRAFFIC 1 MILE	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	40≤ V< 55	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	
WATCH YOUR SPEED	SLOW TRAFFIC AHEAD	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	40≤ V< 55	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	
WATCH YOUR SPEED	STOPPED TRAFFIC 3 MILES	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	0.0 ≤ V < 40	
WATCH YOUR SPEED	STOPPED TRAFFIC 2 MILES	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	0.0 ≤ V < 40	Any value	
WATCH YOUR	STOPPED TRAFFIC	V > 40 OR	V > 40 OR	V > 40 OR	V > 40 OR	V > 40 OR	0.0 ≤ V < 40	Any value	Any value	

PCMS 2	PCMS 1	Last 5-Minute Average Speed V (mph)								
Message	Message	8	7	6	(5)	4	3	2	1	
SLOW TRAFFIC 3 MILES	LANE CLOSED 3 MILES	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	40 ≤ V < 55	V > 40 OR V = 0.0				
SLOW TRAFFIC 2 MILES	LANE CLOSED 3 MILES	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	40 ≤ V < 55	V > 40 OR V = 0.0					
SLOW TRAFFIC 1 MILE	LANE CLOSED 3 MILES	V > 55 OR V = 0.0	40 ≤ V < 55	V > 40 OR V = 0.0						
SLOW TRAFFIC AHEAD	LANE CLOSED 3 MILES	40 ≤ V < 55	V > 40 OR V = 0.0							
STOPPED TRAFFIC 3 MILES	LANE CLOSED 3 MILES	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	0.0 ≤ V < 40	Any value	Any value	Any value	Any value	
STOPPED TRAFFIC 2 MILES	LANE CLOSED 3 MILES	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	0.0 ≤ V < 40	Any value					
STOPPED TRAFFIC 1 MILE	LANE CLOSED 3 MILES	V > 40 OR V = 0.0	0.0 ≤ V < 40	Any value						
STOPPED TRAFFIC	LANE CLOSED	0.0 ≤ V < 40	Any value							

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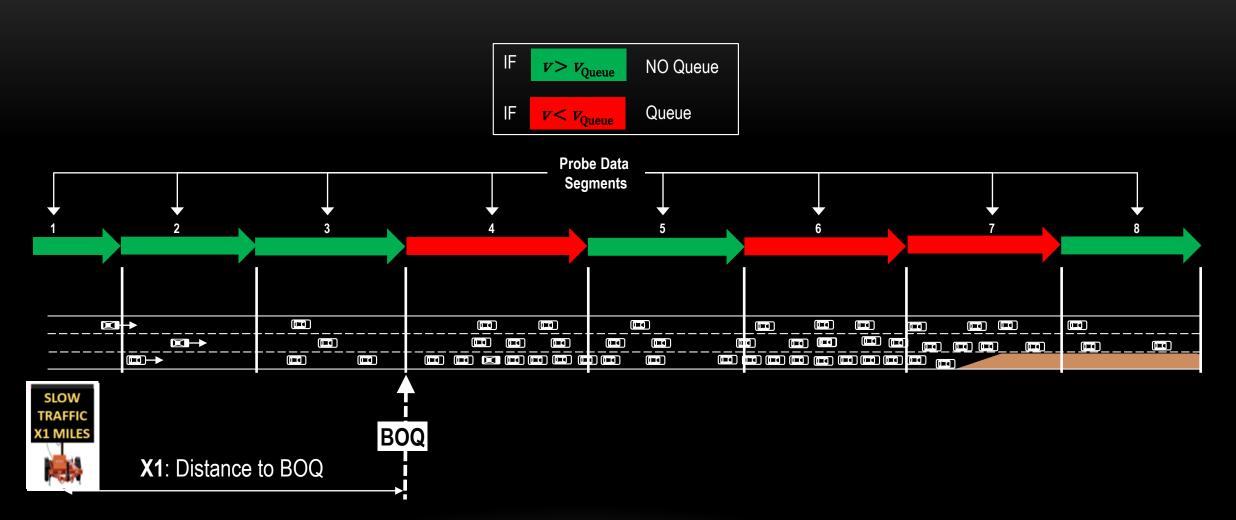
LANE CLOSURE MONITORING SYSTEM PLAN 2







Queue Detection Using Crowd-Sourced Probe Data







I-35: SAMPLE RESULTS

- <5% of closures resulting in delays more than 30 minutes (+2800 closures to date)
- 87% think information is nearly always accurate
- 62% have changed plans based on the information
- 50% reduction in crashes over what would have occurred if EOQ systems not in place







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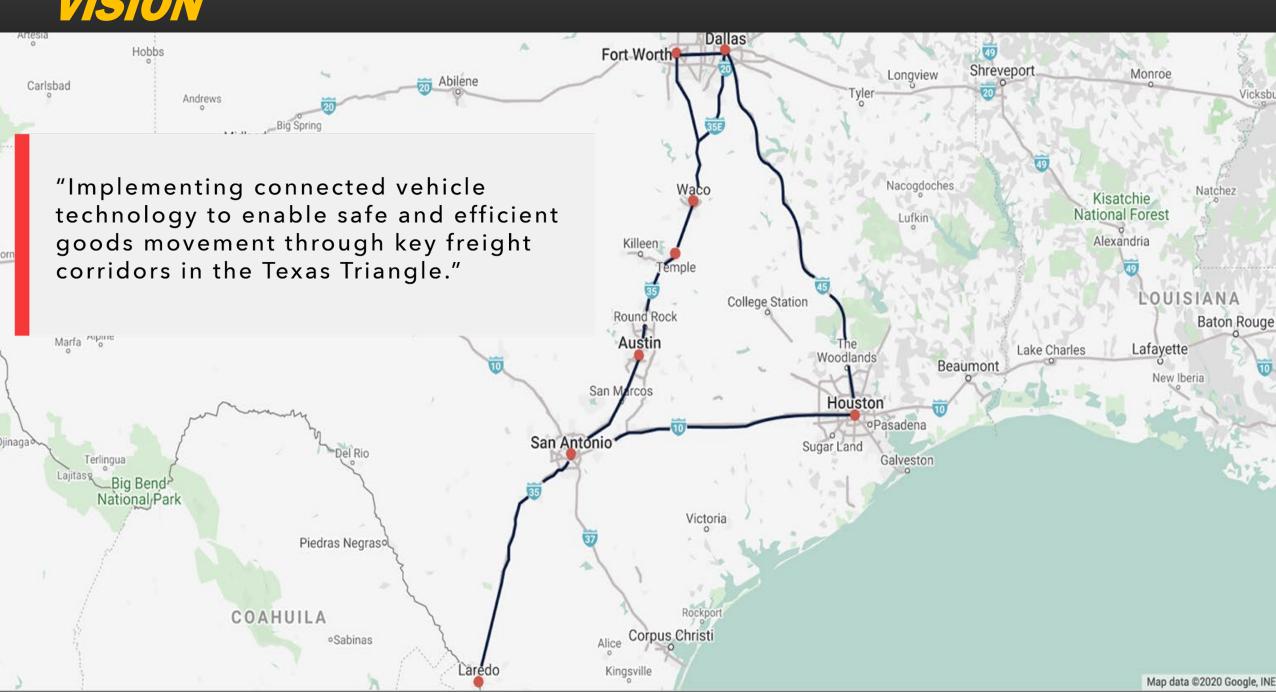
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APPLICATION AREAS

TIERS

01

Work Zone Warning



Queue Warning



Wrong-Way Drivers



Advanced Traveler Information System (ATIS)

02

Freight Signal Priority



Road Weather Warning



Truck Parking **P** Availability

Bridge Height Warning



03

Emergency Electronic Brake Light

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Pedestrian & Animal Warning Eco-Dynamic Routing



Border Wait Times



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