

Demonstrating AV Readiness with Rural Hazard Alerts

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Why is Rural Safety Important?

- While 19% of Americans live in rural areas, nearly 50% of traffic fatalities occur on rural roads.
- Higher speeds, sharp curves, narrow roads/shoulders and slower vehicles are contributing factors.



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How Can Connected and Automated Technologies Help?

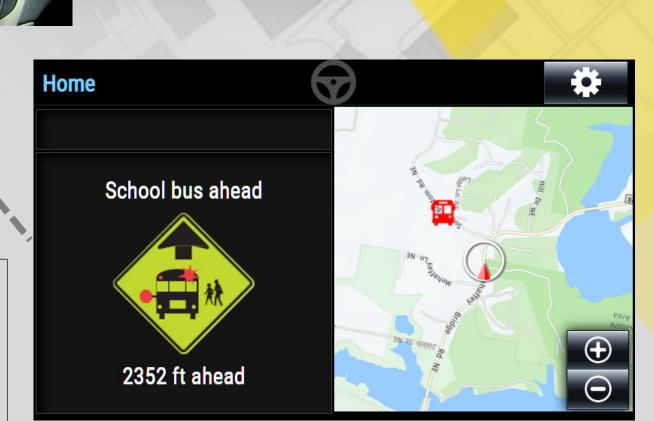
- V2X technologies communicate road hazards
- Alerts can be delivered to drivers or automation to inform decision making

Our Demonstration

- Utilize digital cloud-based infrastructure
- Instrument slow-moving cohort vehicles (school buses and tractors) with transponders
- Display hazard alerts about slow moving vehicles on vehicle infotainment displays



Special Acknowledgment



Our Findings

- Cellular-based V2X enables detection of slower moving vehicles at farther distances in high speed differential settings.
- Intermediary between vehicles allowed us to verify trusted data signals.
- Demonstrations on public roadways require early and regular communications with stakeholders / local community.

Link to Demonstration Videos

Tractor Blind Corner



Tractor Merge Onto Roadway



Stopped **School Bus**





