The Intelligent Transportation Society of America Praises National Transportation Safety Board Report on Reducing Fatal Vehicle Accidents Caused by Speeding

Washington D.C. - The Intelligent Transportation Society of America welcomes the National Transportation Safety Board report on "Reducing Speeding-Related Crashes Involving Passenger Vehicles" as a valuable resource for government leaders, law enforcement, the public, and others seeking to address the shocking number of fatal vehicle accidents on our nation’s roads caused by speeding. The NTSB report says nearly 113,000 people died in speed related crashes from 2005 to 2014, and that is almost identical to the number who died in alcohol-involved crashes in the same period.

ITS America is particularly pleased that the benefits of Intelligent Transportation technologies--specifically, intelligent speed adaptation--were highlighted among the NTSB’s recommendations to government agencies and law enforcement agencies on how to reduce the number of speed-related accidents and make our roads safer. ITS America's Public Policy Roadmap 2017 outlines a number of ways our roads and highways can be made safer with intelligent transportation, which ultimately will reduce the number of people killed.

As a nation, we can make our transportation system safer. Consider this, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported in 2016, more than 35,000 people died in vehicle crashes, a 7.2% increase since 2015 and the largest percentage increase in nearly 50 years. The estimated number of people injured on the Nation’s roads increased in 2015, rising from 2.34 million to 2.44 million injured people. New vehicle technology such as connected and autonomous crash avoidance and driving automation systems are game changers. Next generation driver-vehicle interfaces, such as artificial intelligence-based natural language processing can ensure drivers can retrieve critical traffic, weather, navigation and dispatch information they need, without distracting from the critical task of driving. Advanced traffic management infrastructure and Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I) communications can smooth traffic flow as well as reduce pollution and crashes.

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