ITS America Urges Congress to Support Increased Investment in Intelligent Transportation Technology

Washington D.C. – In a letter sent to the leadership of the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies for its May 18, 2017 hearing on “Emerging Transportation Technologies,” the Intelligent Transportation Society of America is urging the rapid deployment of intelligent transportation technologies throughout the transportation system. ITS America believes intelligent transportation can solve many of our nation’s most critical transportation challenges. Integrating technology on a large scale into both existing and new infrastructure will create safer, more efficient, sustainable, accessible and equitable mobility.

Along with 10 other organizations, ITS America also signed onto the Safety Spectrum Coalition letter sent to the Subcommittee urging deployment of Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC), supported by the 5.9 GHz safety spectrum band. The 5.9 GHz band can be used by cars, trucks, public transit, and other road users to communicate with each other and with the surrounding infrastructure. The communication system will save lives and significantly reduce the injuries, damage and congestion caused by motor vehicle crashes.

Copies of the two letters are attached with this news release.

ITS America THUD Letter for Emerging Transportation Technologies Hearing

Safety Spectrum Coalition THUD Letter May 17 2017

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About ITS America

ITS America is the nation’s leading advocate for the technological modernization of our transportation system by focusing on advancing research and deployment of intelligent transportation systems. Its unique membership brings together all key stakeholders in the intelligent transportation movement— including established and emerging private companies, public agencies and state DOT officials as well as leaders in the academic and research communities.