Policy Rundown

For ITS America Advocacy Trust and Innovation Trust

Legislative News

As the Policy Rundown heads to press, it remains likely that the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation’s automated vehicle legislation will be introduced today, September 27. ITS America will publish a special edition of the Policy Rundown shortly after the “American Vision for Safer Transportation through Advancement of Revolutionary Technologies Act” or the "AV START Act” is introduced.

Administration and Regulatory Affairs

FHWA reverses on Highway Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Rule Delay as a part of their Performance Measures rules issues in Spring.

The Federal Highway Administration in a letter to a New York federal judge on Monday agreed to reinstate deadlines for a regulation designed to curb greenhouse gas emissions on national highways. FHWA suspended the GHG measure pending further rulemaking last May.

Effective on May 20, 2017, sets forth measures that State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) will use to report on the following characteristics within their jurisdiction:
National Highway System (NHS) to carry out the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP); freight movement on the Interstate system; and traffic congestion and on-road mobile source emissions for the purpose of carrying out the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program.
Trump Nominates Raymond P. Martinez To Lead Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

President Donald Trump will nominate the chairman and chief administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission to be the head of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the nation’s safety regulator for commercial motor vehicles

Technology Opportunities - TIGER Grants Open - Deadline for Application October 16, 2017

USDOT last week announced the opportunity for state and local stakeholders to apply for $500 million in discretionary grant funding through the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program. Grants may not be less than $5 million and not greater than $25 million, except that for projects located in rural areas. Minimum size grant is $1M. Technology pilots and research projects are eligible—“Research, demonstration, or pilot projects are eligible only if they result in long-term, permanent surface transportation infrastructure that has independent utility.”

As a reminder, INFRA grants are also available and dynamic signaling or pricing systems and connected vehicle technology are eligible. For a large projects, the INFRA grant must be at least $25 million. For a small project, the grant must be at least $5 million. Proposals are due November 2, 2017

State and Local Policy Developments

ITS America Participates in Virginia Smart Communities Work Group

On September 18, 2017, Jason Goldman—ITS America VP for External Affairs and Stakeholder Engagement—participated in the first meeting of the Virginia Smart Communities Work Group. The Work Group was established last month by Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe who issued an Executive Directive directing the Virginia Secretary of Technology to bring public and
private sector experts together to make recommendations on how to make Virginia the national leader in smart communities. The Work Group is charged with preparing a draft report to Gov. McAuliffe by the end of October (before the elections) with the final due in December.

George Thomas, Founder of New Urban Informatics, LLC, is the lead for the Work Group’s Transportation Committee. The Committee has been tasked with answering the following questions to help develop the content and structure of the report.

1. What major activities and assets are already underway across Virginia? Or nationally that Virginia should be aware of?
2. How can Virginia leverage federal and state agency efforts?
3. Produce a prioritized set of opportunities for investment, adoption, or expansion?
4. What are the major hurdles within your (GCTC) SuperCluster?
5. How can coordination across stakeholders (government, industry, academia, other) be best facilitated?
6. List key stakeholders, partners, and collaborators?
7. Develop a framework for implementation.

For more information on the ITS America’s activities on smart communities, please contact ITSA’s Vice President of External Affairs and Stakeholder Engagement Jason Goldman at jgoldman@itsa.org.

**NY Gov. Cuomo Announces Launch of First Hands-Free Cross-Country Drive**

On September 25, 2017, New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that Cadillac is embarking on the “nation's first cross-country, hands-free drive” which launched from the company’s new global headquarters in New York City. Gov. Cuomo said, "By encouraging businesses to reimagine driving technology in New York, we are spearheading the creation of new, safe travel options for current and future generations of New Yorkers."
According to the Cadillac press release, 12 Cadillac CT6 vehicles with Super Cruise—a technology that uses a driver attention system and precision LiDAR map data—will travel from New York City to Los Angeles, crossing through 16 states plus the District of Columbia. The release notes that this drive marks the first time that Super Cruise technology will be demonstrated on New York City freeways and that Cadillac has been granted a New York automated vehicle testing license.

Communications

**ITS America Announces Transfer of ISO/TC 204 from ITS America to SAE International**


The International Standards Organization Technical Committee 204 (ISO/TC 204) is responsible for the overall system and infrastructure aspects of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). TC 204 oversees the coordination of the ISO program in this field, which includes setting the schedule for standards development and taking into account the work of existing international standardization bodies.

The ISO/TC 204 program is critical because of the wide range of areas it oversees including:

- Standardization of information, communication and control systems in the field of urban and rural surface transportation, including intermodal and multimodal aspects.
- Traveler information
- Traffic management
- Public and commercial transport
- Emergency and commercial services

Since 2011, in cooperation with the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), ITS America has served as the official Secretariat for ISO/TC 204 to provide staff support to the program, which is responsible for a large number of ITS standards activities in the United States and around the world. ITS America is recognized as
a good partner with ISO and USDOT in this endeavor and its contributions to the development of viable, harmonized standards for the ITS industry.

“ITS America has been a great partner as the manager of the ISO/TC 204 program. It has been in good hands under ITS America’s leadership,” said ISO/TC 204 Chairman Dick Schnacke.

“The ISO/TC 204 program plays a critical role in providing standardization in our infrastructure systems, and on behalf of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group we thank ITS America for the job it has done,” said Koorosh Olyai, the Chairman of the United States Technical Advisory Group to ISO/TC 204.

“ITS America’s team will make sure the transition to SAE is seamless and we are honored to have been the ISO/TC 204 Secretariat for the past six years,” said ITS America’s Interim President and CEO David St. Amant

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