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ITS America Files Reply Comments Regarding Phase I Testing in 5.9 GHz Band

The Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) decision to allocate the 5.9 GHz Band to ITS was visionary. Without that decision, the status of life-saving transportation technologies that rely on wireless communications would be far behind where it is today.

NCTA’s comments in the proceeding have revealed its utter lack of understanding of both the actual state of development of connected vehicle communications and, even more importantly, of the complexity involved in developing and deploying an ITS architecture in the U.S. national transportation network.

NCTA urged the FCC and the Departments of Transportation and Commerce - in a joint letter with the Auto Alliance, Global Automakers, Intelsat, SES and Qualcomm only two years ago - that the “testing of various 5.9 GHz unlicensed sharing proposals should be conducted in a way that allows test proposals, results, and underlying data to be meaningfully compared and evaluated.”

This technology is saving lives. We urge the Commission to stay the course that was agreed upon previously by the parties, including NCTA, and complete the testing as planned.

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