

# NEW YORK CITY CONNECTED VEHICLE PILOT PROJECT

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**NYC Connected Vehicle Project**  
*For Safer Transportation*



# PROJECT GOALS



New York City is aggressively pursuing “Vision Zero”  
“Traffic Death and Injury on City streets is not acceptable”  
Vision Zero Goal : to eliminate traffic deaths by 2024

## *NYC CV Pilot will evaluate*

- *Safety benefits of CV technology*
- *Address CV deployment challenges*
  - *With a Large number of vehicles & types*
  - *Issues associated with the dense urban environment*

# LOCATIONS (MANHATTAN, BROOKLYN)



V2I applications work where **infrastructure is installed** (along highlighted streets).

*The CV project leverages the City's transportation investments*

V2V applications work **wherever** equipped vehicles encounter one another.

Traffic Control System

NYCWiN

Advanced Traffic Controller (ATC)



# CV STAKEHOLDER/USER DEPLOYMENT



## Vehicles

- Up to 8,000 **fleet vehicles** with Aftermarket Safety Devices (ASDs):
  - ~5,800 Taxis (Yellow Cabs)
  - ~ 700 MTA Buses
  - ~ 1,050 Sanitation & DOT vehicles
  - ~ 400 DCAS vehicles

### Operating Statistics:

*Vehicles are in motion or active ~14 hours per day!*  
*Average taxi drives 197 miles per day*  
*Fleet total Vehicle Miles Traveled:*  
**>1.3 Million Miles per day**  
**~40 Million Miles per month**

## Revenue Vehicles

## Pedestrians

- Pedestrian **PIDs**
  - Visually Impaired
  - 100 Subjects – PID
- PED in Crosswalk
  - 10 Fully Instrumented Int.



# SAFETY APPLICATIONS



## Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) Safety Applications

- Vehicle Turning Right in Front of Bus Warning
- Forward Collision Warning
- Emergency Electronic Brake Light
- Blind Spot Warning
- Lane Change Warning/Assist
- Intersection Movement Assist

## Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I) Safety Applications

- Red Light Violation Warning
- Speed Compliance
- Curve Speed Compliance
- Speed Compliance/Work Zone
- Oversize Vehicle Compliance
  - Prohibited Facilities (Parkways)
  - Over Height
- Emergency Communications and Evacuation Information (Traveler Information)

# ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS



## Pedestrian

- Mobile [[Visually Impaired](#)] Ped Signal System – *navigation assistance*
- Pedestrian in Signalized Intersection Warning – *to vehicles*

## Traffic Management

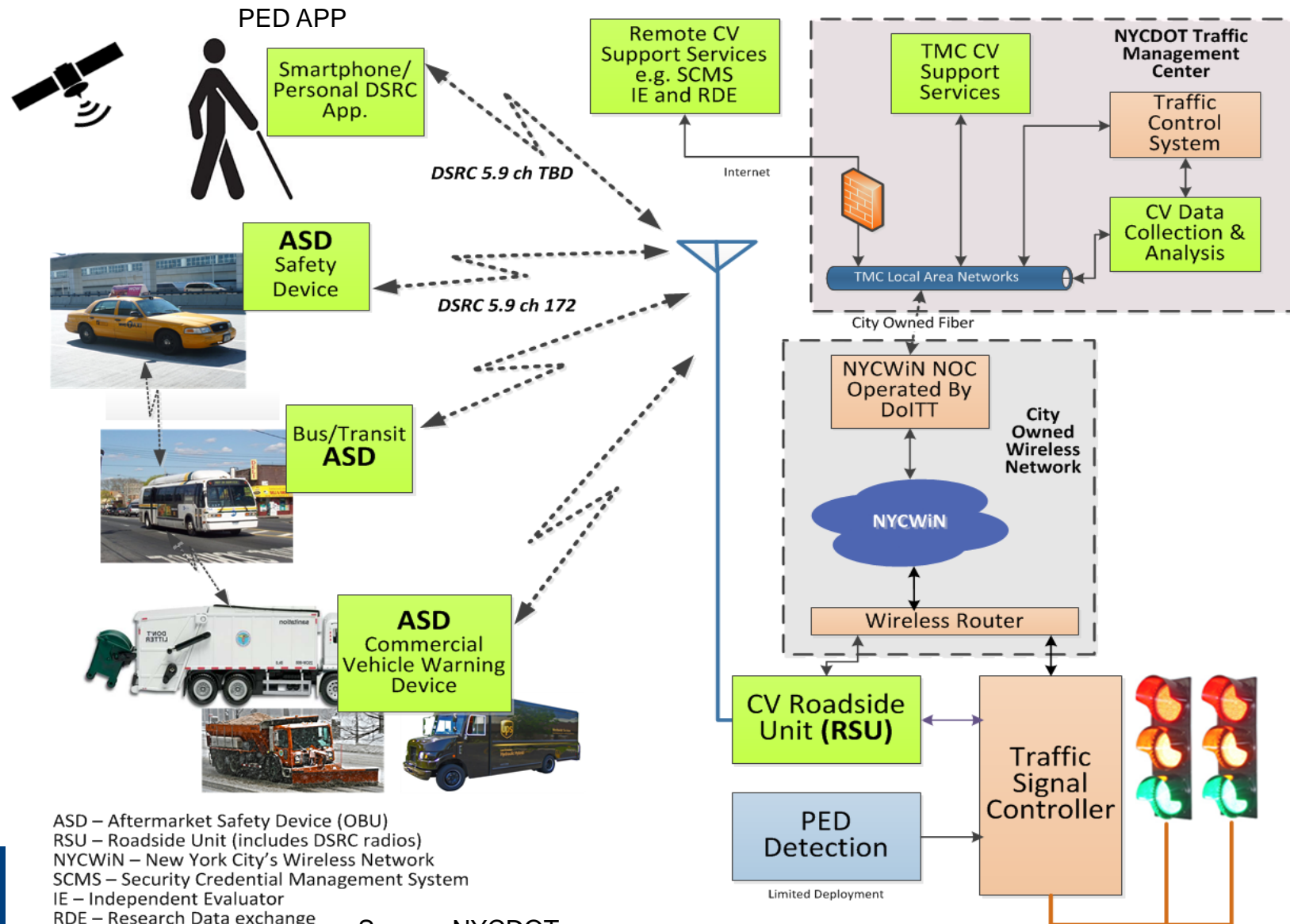
- CV Data for Intelligent Traffic Signal System *Roadway segment travel times*

## Operations, Maintenance, and Performance Analysis

- RF Monitoring
- OTA Firmware Update
- Parameter Up/Down Loading
- **Traffic data collection**
- *Event History Recording*
- *Event History Up Load*

*To Evaluate the benefits*

# OVERALL PROJECT CONCEPT



ASD – Aftermarket Safety Device (OBU)  
 RSU – Roadside Unit (includes DSRC radios)  
 NYCWiN – New York City’s Wireless Network  
 SCMS – Security Credential Management System  
 IE – Independent Evaluator  
 RDE – Research Data exchange  
 TMC – Traffic Management Center

Source: NYCDOT



# Where are we now ?



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# PROTOTYPE INSTALLATION AND TESTING



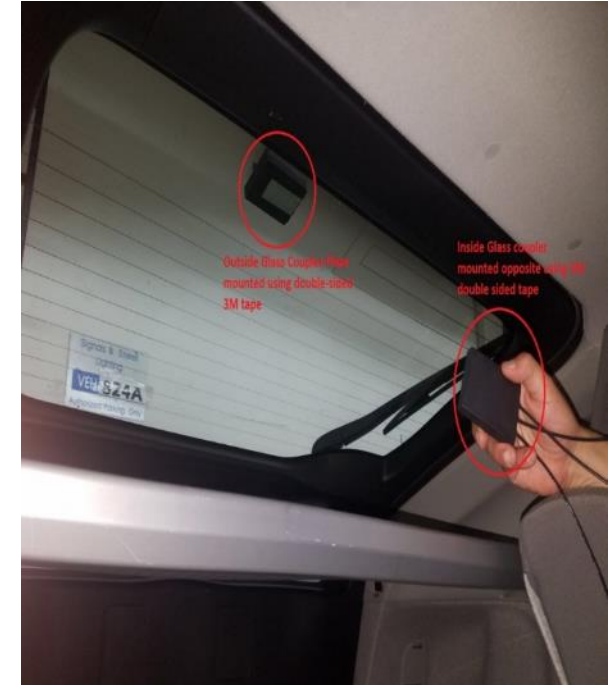
- Developing MAP message Content (USDOT tool)
- RSU - Planning installation sites
  - Establishing Installation “partners”
  - Optimizing for triangulation and location accuracy testing
- ASD - Developing vehicle installation kit designs
  - Working with vendors – NY Specific Software
  - Working with Fleet owners – Establish installation procedures
  - Running samples – awaiting prototypes – checking coverage and interference



**~360 Roadside Units**  
**36 Units at key locations**



# VEHICLE INSTALLATION



- 80 Samples installed in fleet vehicle
- Testing through the glass and drilled mountings
- Working with various different vehicle types
- Verifying calibration and RF radiation patterns

# NYC DOT INSTALLATIONS



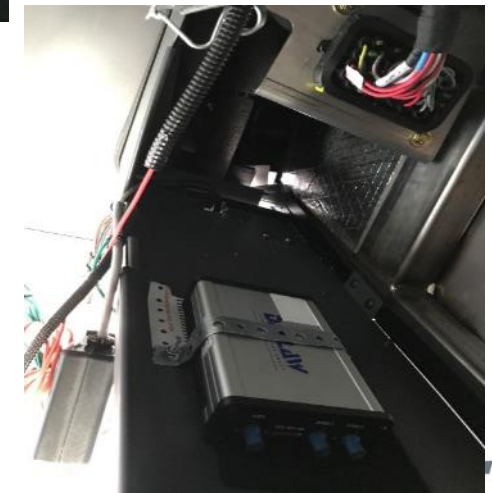
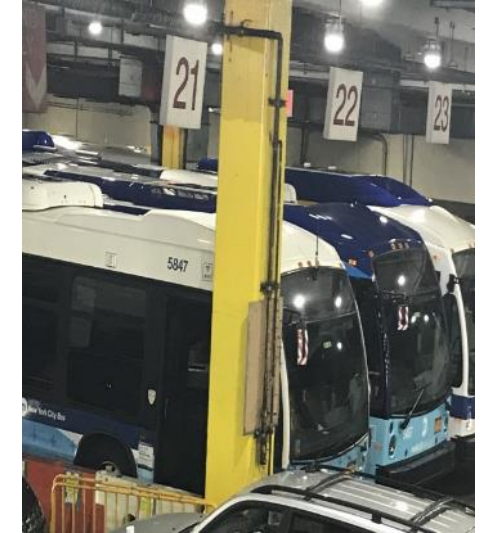
- NYC DOT Installation
  - Various Makes/Models/Year NYC DOT vehicles are being equipped with prototype ASDs in order to fine tune and optimize installation methods and approaches
  - NYC DOT Vehicles 770
    - Toyota
      - Prius, RAV4
    - Ford
      - Fusion
      - F-150 – F-550
    - Chevrolet
      - Silverado
      - HD3500
      - Economy



# MTA INSTALLATION



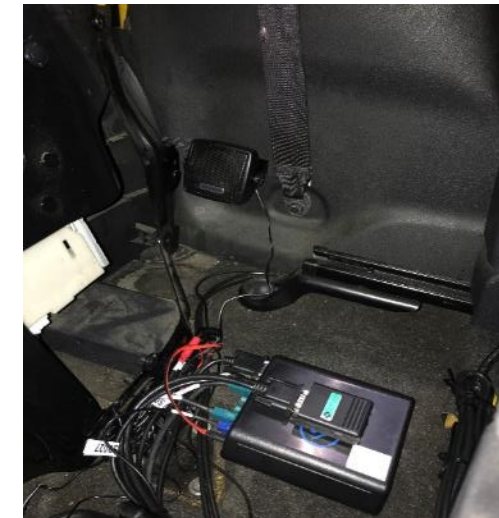
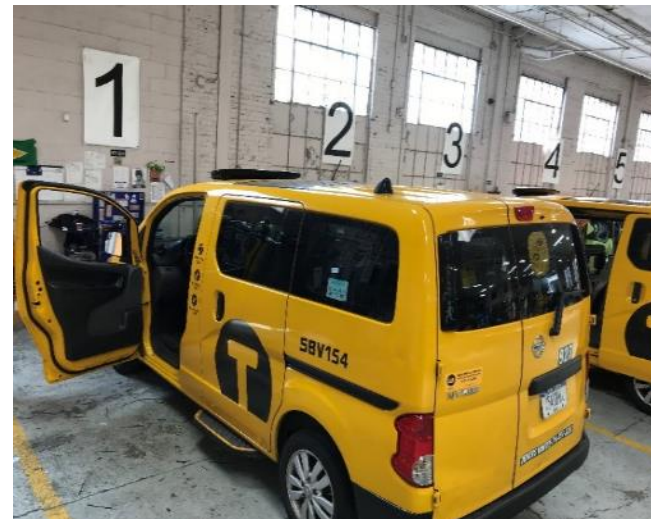
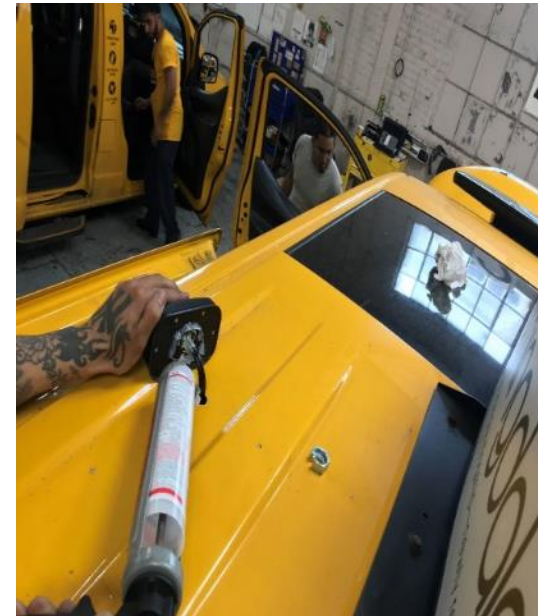
- The buses were installed to test RF DSRC communication with light vehicles, and to develop an installation template
- Key element for MTA – **Through the glass Antenna**





# TAXI INSTALLATION

- Taxi Installations are estimated at 5000 vehicles between the participating fleet owners
- 2 authorized technology installers
- Taxi fleet is expected to include:
  - Toyota
  - Prius
  - Sienna
  - RAV4
  - Nissan NV 200





# Some Lessons Learned and Challenges

# PILOT VS. DEPLOYMENT



- Ambiguities within the standards
  - Need for “how to use” in many cases!
  - Complexity of deploying the security (1609.2) is significant
  - Protocols & Data elements must be the same for interoperability
  - Three pilots worked together
    - Review of all standards
      - insure same “objects” for the same purpose and meaning
    - Requirements for messages all the same
      - Optional vs. Mandatory
- Product certification (US DOT Requirement) – OmniAir and their program
  - Trusted devices - - protect the integrity of the trusted environment
  - Fundamentals – messages, channel usage, security usage, timing, etc.

Interoperable  
Incremental  
Deployment

# NEED STANDARDS FOR THE APPLICATIONS



- “Demonstrations” by 6 vendors
  - Fundamental operation ~same
  - **BUT** – Differences
    - Configuration management
    - Operating parameter management
      - “Intensity” of application
  - “Need for ability to test applications
    - Controlled environment
    - Need “testable” requirements for applications – Precision!
  
- **Need more extensive “certification” that applications meet some minimum?**





## ***CV depends on a “trusted” environment - vehicles & infrastructure***

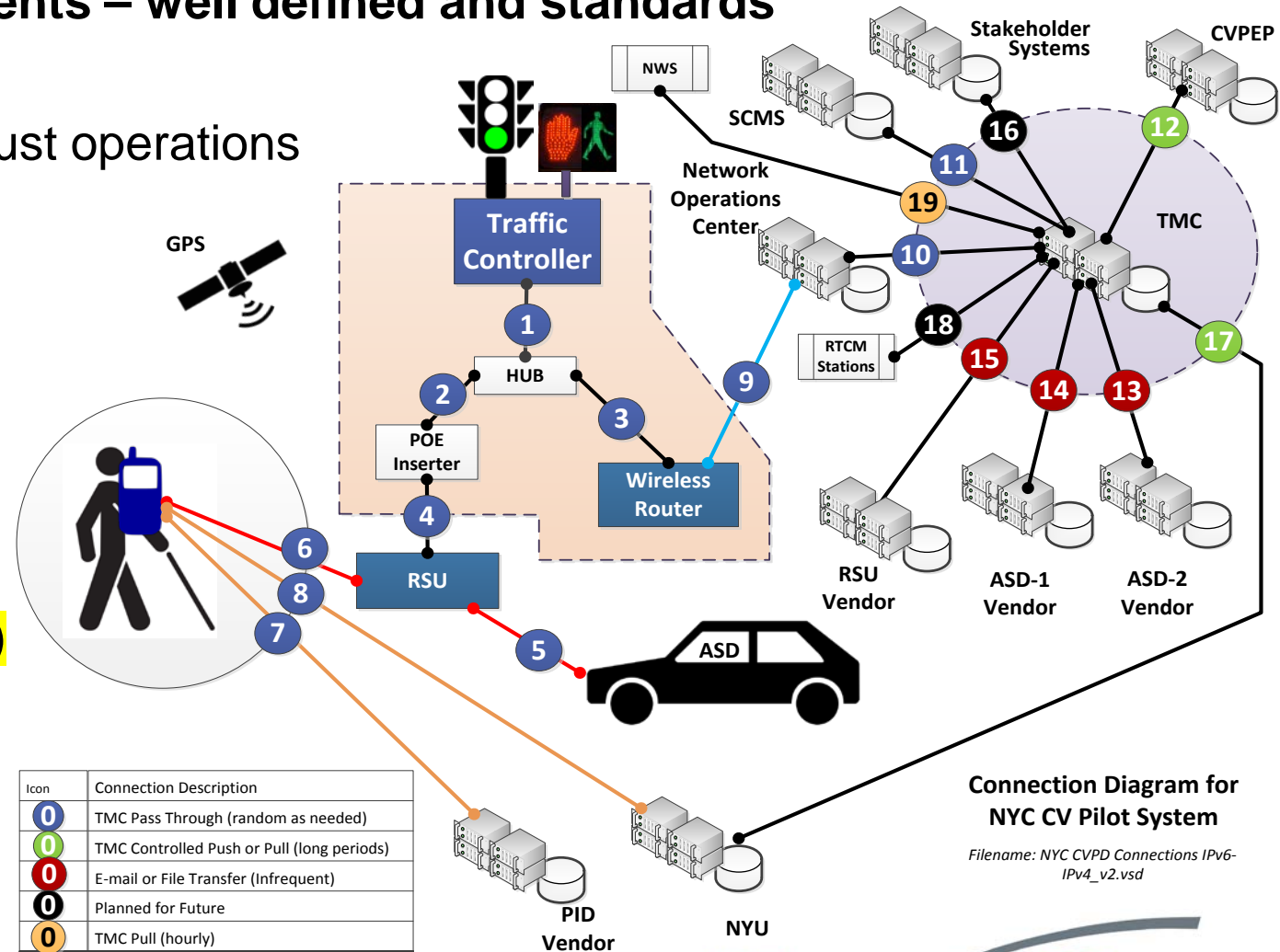
- Message authentication (BSM, SPaT, MAP, TIM, etc....)
- Data encryption of (To preserve privacy)
  
- Requires Equipment Certification
- Organizational IT security
  - Physical security of the TMC systems
  - Agency login and security practices
- **Protection for all connections and data exchanges – need to Secure**
  - **TMC-ATC, ATC-RSU, TMC-RSU - - DTLS with X.509 Certificates**
- CV Hardware Impact
  - Hardware Security Module (HSM) for the TMC system
  - HSM inside the ASD/OBU and RSU

# SECURITY ISSUES – EXTEND EVERYWHERE



## Connected Vehicle has security requirements – well defined and standards

- Issue
  - All of the ITS and IT systems need to adjust operations
  - Classic ITS – adopted security measures
  - Certificate management
  - **Certificate Revocation Lists**
  - Need for real time access to SCMS
  - Secure Boot of all field devices
    - OBU, RSU - - Traffic Controller?
  - Physical security **re-visited (cabinet keys)**
  - **Password policies**
  - **Firewall rules - - etc.**
  - **Misbehavior detection coming soon!**



# SCALEABLE AND RELIABLE DEPLOYMENT



- 100 vehicles – no problem
- 8,000 revenue generating vehicles
  - Cannot physically access - \$\$\$ per minute/hour etc.
  - Project specifications stressed reliability and un-manned recovery
  - Work with the “experts” for installation
- Applications subject to changes
  - Schedule cannot wait until everything is “perfect”
    - 23 weeks to deploy
  - Needed reliable means to update and add applications
  - Needed reliable means to “tune” the applications
  - Likely future changes in communications media and standards

# CHALLENGE – SCALABLE OTA DATA EXCHANGES



- Push (20 MB+) software updates to 8,000 vehicles efficiently over **DSRC**
  - **No WiFi and No LTE/4G**
  
- Developed Scheme to support broadcast updates
  - ASD's read WSA from Control Channel
  - Directed to Service Channel if RSU supports Updates
  - RSU **broadcasts** available updates
    - Some updates broadcast (continuous) some available by unicast
    - Vehicles initiate update using unicast or monitor broadcast streams
    - Using licensed software to manage the efficient breakdown and assembly
    - Efficient Channel Use
    - Privacy is maintained

# CHALLENGE – LOCATION ACCURACY



## ▪ **Location Accuracy –**

- Urban Canyons pose issues (*both relative V2V and absolute V2I*)
  - Dropout at underpasses
  - Loss of GPS lock
- **ASD vendor demonstrated RSU triangulation**
- Established Compound ASD requirements:
  - Dead reckoning,
  - Triangulation with static DSRC locations,
  - Map matching,
  - Tethered to the vehicle - vehicle interface
- **Testing is ongoing 10 RSU's worst locations**

# RSU TRIANGULATION

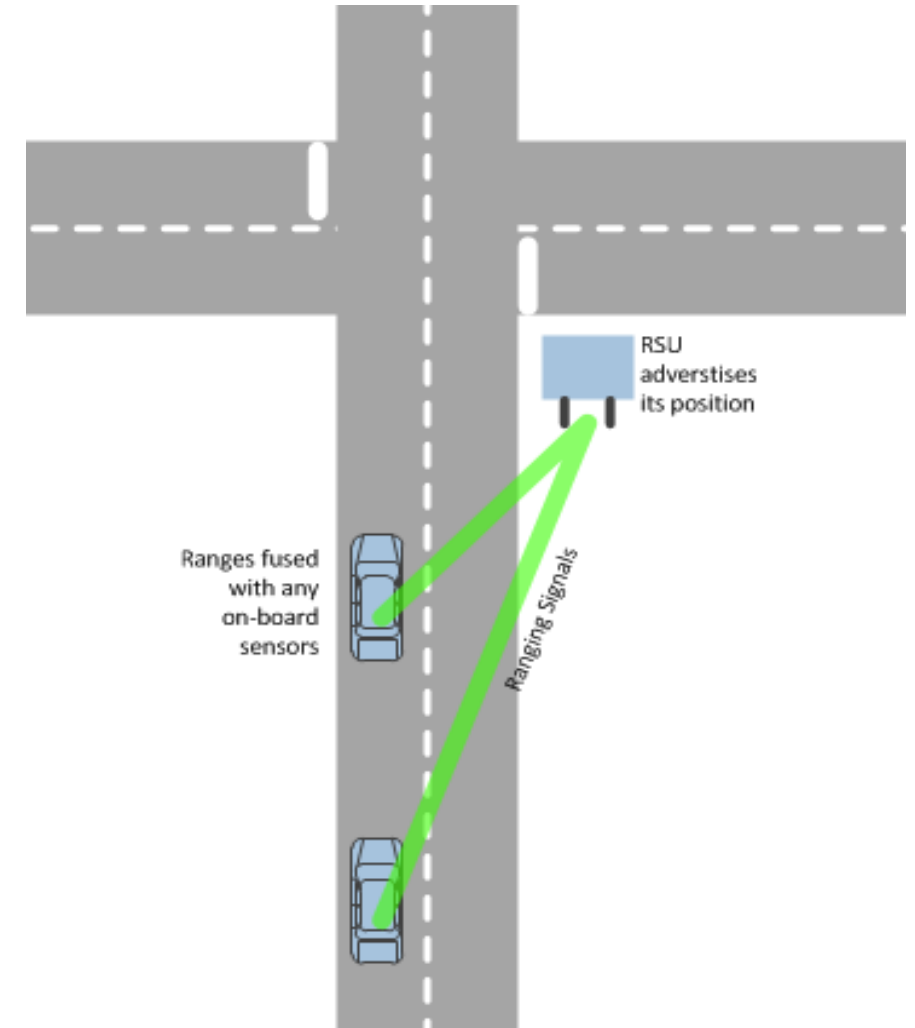


V2X Locate uses

- standard RSUs and OBUs
- standard V2X over the air messages to determine position of vehicle by ranging

RSU location known \_ Requires High Accuracy!  
thanks to standard advertisements

Fuses vehicle sensors and GNSS  
when available.



\* Based on recommended deployment set-up

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# OTHER TECHNICAL CHALLENGES



- Adjusting the applications for 25 MPH and Freeway speeds
  
- CAN/J (vehicle) Bus Interface –
  - **Vendor (OEM) resistance to providing necessary information**
  - Purchasing a gateway device
  
- Many different vehicle types and model years
  - Varied installation kits
  - Fortunately – they are fleets – we drill holes! – and - - -
    - Agency can establish terms and conditions of support!

# FLEETS VS. OEMs



- There is a need for standard [secure] vehicle interface
  - Steering Wheel Angle, Yaw Rates, “hard breaking”
  - Speed, roadway friction, etc.
- Aftermarket devices **NEED** access to the vehicle data bus
  - Speed, directional, minimum – location enhancement
  - Transitional period to embedder safety systems
- Instead – OEMs reacting to “security” scares – making it harder!
- Future: CV can augment AV –
  - Regulations, Intersection operation, Map Dynamics (lane changes, construction, crash/incident/special event mitigation)
- NYC – vehicle manufacturer cooperation (data interface and design sharing) – non existent!
- 2 Vendors – 2 different approaches – headache for everyone!



# DATA RECORDING ISSUES



**NYC was not an R&D project!**

## ***What to collect***

- What could I collect?
  - What is the raw data available
- What Do I need?
  - What is the intended use of the data?
- What should I collect?
  - To Justify the costs!

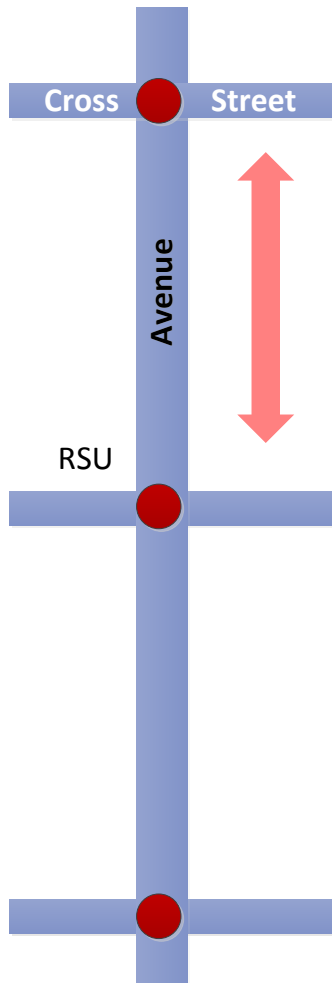
## ***What are the costs***

- Backhaul communications
- Storage
- Processing
- FOIA requests
- Subpoena

## ***Privacy Issues***

- Prohibition of keeping PII
- Combination with other sources.
- Data Ownership

# EXAMPLE – TRAVEL TIME



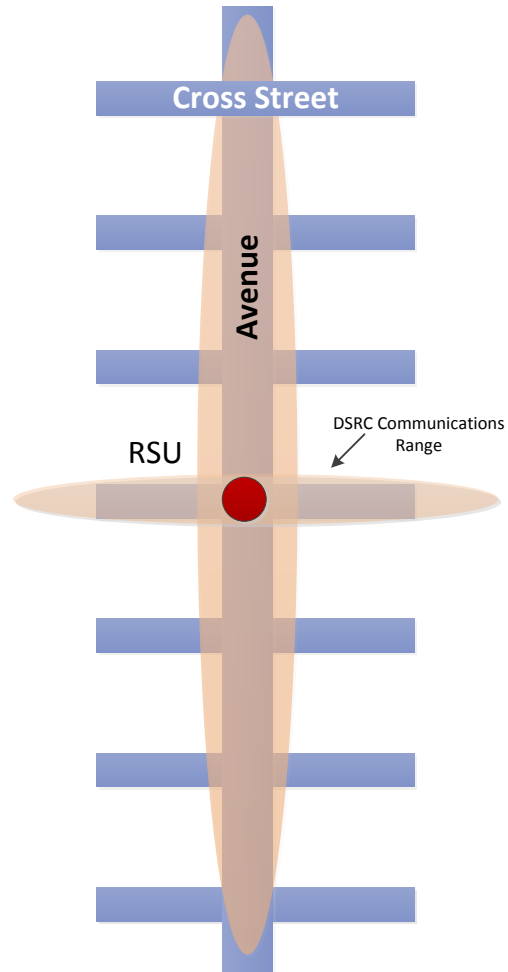
- Block Spacing ~70M Feet (230')
- 20 MPH – 30 feet per second
- DSRC Range ~300M (1000')
- BSMs Xmit @ 10 Hz
- Time between blocks ~8 seconds
- BSMs transmitted 80
- BSMs needed 2 - 3% **a 97% reduction**
- **Edge computing @ RSU**
  - RSU looks for vehicle entry to Intersection
  - Transmits one BSM to TMC per vehicle
  - TMC matches BSM – Vehicle ID
  - TMC computes travel time
  - Or TMC data times out - -

# OPTIMIZED INTERSECTION CONTROL



- Edge computing @ traffic controller
  - Queue length - Stopped Vehicles
  - Vehicle speeds – Reported in local BSM
  - Priority and preemption – With local communications
  - Incident detection – deviation around obstacle
  - Pedestrian presence
  
- Send to TMC only what needs to be used
  - Platoon management (Freight priority)
  - Alternate route management/diversion
  - Incident detection
  - Travel Times (average link speed)
  - EVP progress (if not provided directly by the vehicle)

# PRACTICAL DATA COLLECTION - INCIDENTS



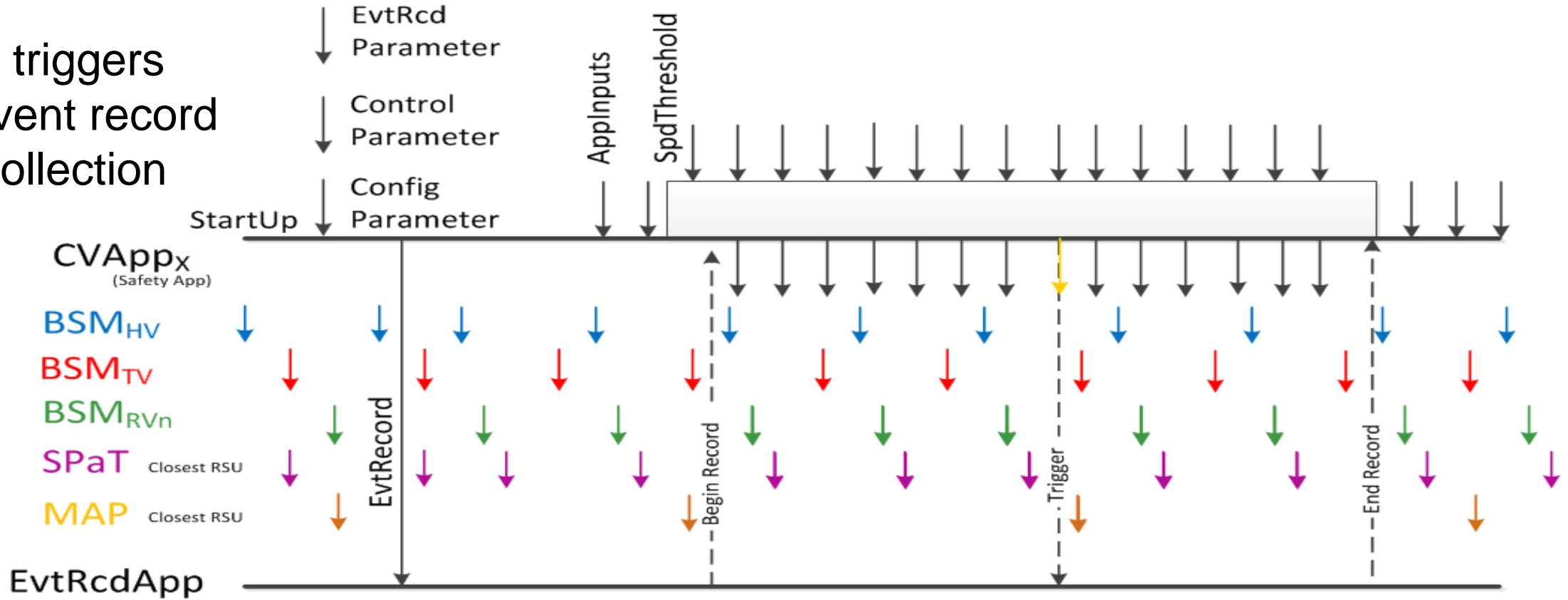
- 1.2 M vehicles in NYC broadcast **83 TB/day**
- 13,000 NYC intersections broadcast **3 TB/Day SPaT & Map**
- 8,000 vehicles collect **2 TB BSM data/day**
- Data ***needed*** for benefits analysis:
  - How many crashes per day did we prevent
  - How many crashes per day did we mitigate
- Edge computing – Onboard Unit (OBU)
  - OBU monitors vehicle operation (S, Yaw, etc.)
  - OBU monitors surrounding vehicles' operation
  - OBU assesses threats
  - OBU alerts driver to mitigate threat
  - **OBU records what the caused alert and driver actions**

# SOLUTION "INCIDENT DATA"



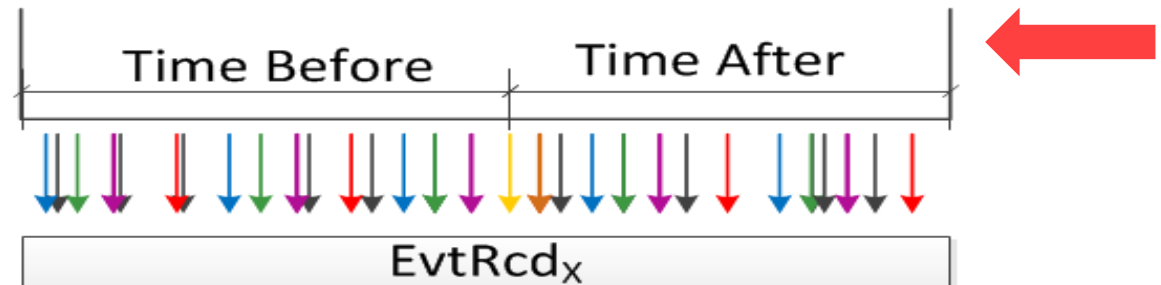
## INTERMITTENT LOGGING

"Alert" triggers  
and event record  
data collection



HV – Host Vehicle  
TV – Target Vehicle  
RV – Remote Vehicle  
n – Vehicle 1...n

All of the data collected during  $T_B$  is transferred to the event record, and after the trigger the data is collected and added to the record until  $T_A$  expires.



# DATA REDUCTION AND PRIVACY PROTECTION



## Magnitude of Data

- Instead of 2 TB – only 116 GB per day
  - 17 times less – and more useful detail (@4 events/hour)
  - Includes SPaT and MAP information
  - @1 event / hour /vehicle = 29 GB/day or **67x** reduction!

## Privacy Concern

- If BSM data were to be collected - -
  - Provides vehicle locations at 0.1 second intervals
  - Time-of-day Stamped to 0.1 second accuracy
  - Police Records indicate “final position” of vehicles and time of day
  - CV data could be used to recreate the accident scene
- Even though CV vehicle ID is randomly changed – the raw data can be tracked to an individual vehicle

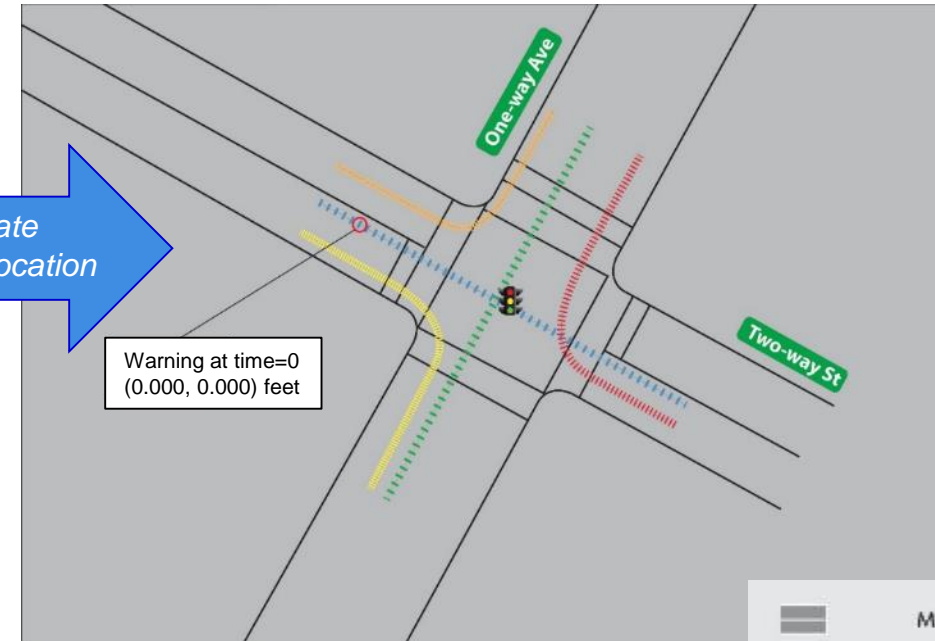
# OBFUSCATION OF OBU ACTION LOGS



Raw ASD Action Log Data

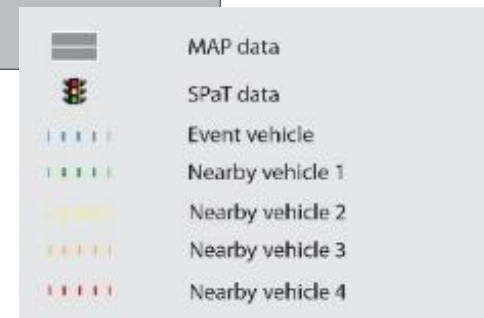


Obfuscated ASD Action Log Data



Obfuscate  
Time and Location

- Obfuscation process to scrub precise time and location data
  - Relative details retained
- Non-obfuscated data will be destroyed following the obfuscation process



# OTHER EXAMPLES – OPERATIONS DATA



- RF Data – Proactive Analysis
  - Records first and Last BSM heard from each OBU
  - Time-out to find dropouts
  - At 1000 ft. vehicle “hears” RSU for 50 seconds
  - Actual BSMs from that vehicle – 500
  - Assuming 4 dropouts – actual BSMs needed – 8 or 2%
  - Edge computing RSU – monitor OBU keep first/last
  - Same for OBU – 98% bandwidth reduction!
  - Only 8 BSMs actually captured
  
- Guess who I saw today
  - Track other OBUs seen throughout the City
  - Approximately 2 bytes per encounter



# DATA COLLECTION - SUMMARY



- The CV technology *could* make “mountains of data” available
  - but there is a cost
    - DSRC Channel time
    - Cellular media monthly limitations
    - Processing and storage
    - Retrieval (FOIA) & Subpoena
- NYC pilot deployment project
  - Tailored data collection to meet needs
  - Concept is to distribute processing to the edge
  - Added RSU locations to collect data

 **NYC System – DSRC only V2I**

# THANK YOU



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