

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPORTATION

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DISNEY'S MAGIC HIGHWAY - 1958

OUTLINE

- Improving access to transportation-related information
- Improving transportation safety
- Improving transportation system monitoring & management
- Challenges

IMPROVING ACCESS TO TRANSPORTATION-RELATED INFORMATION

- Navigation
- Realtime info
- Collaboration/sharing
- Location based services

Système d'Information en Ligne (SIEL) - Paris



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IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION SAFETY - IntelliDriveSM

- **Benefits**

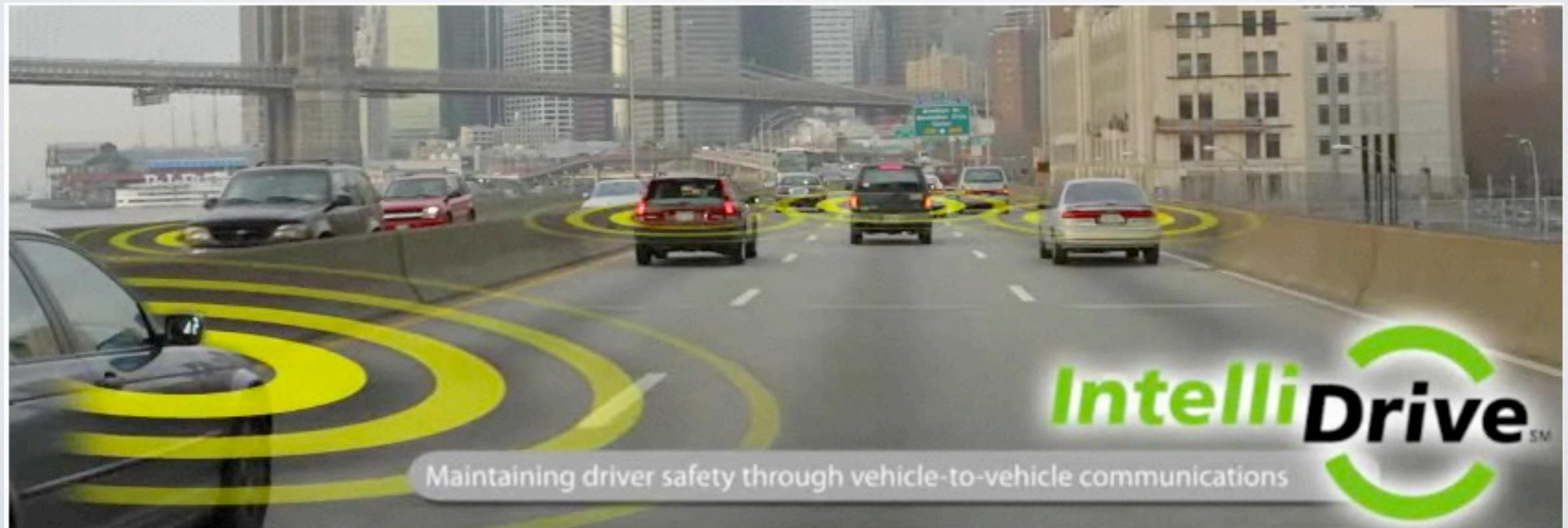
- Situational awareness
- Collision avoidance
- Crash information announcement
- Cost savings (single device)

- **Applications**

- Vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V)
- Vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I)
- Vehicle-to-handheld device (V2D)

- **Technologies**

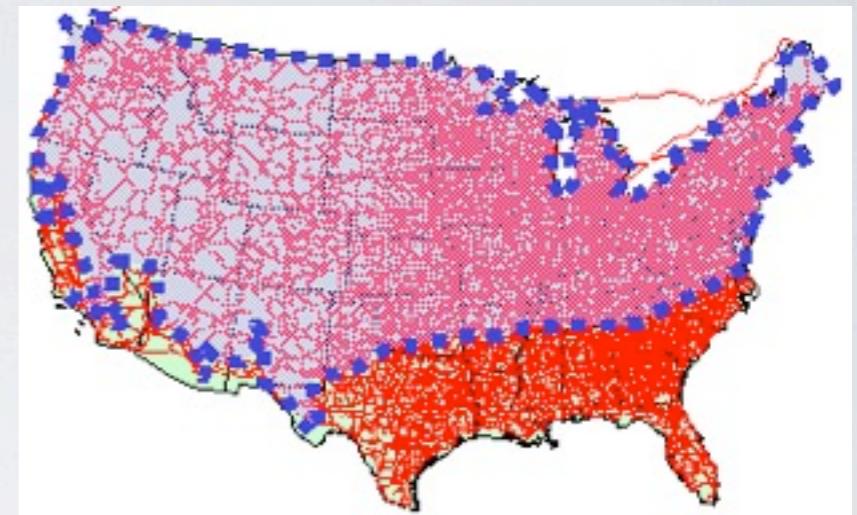
- Advanced wireless communication
- On-board computer processing
- Advanced vehicle sensors
- GPS navigation
- Smart infrastructure



IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

- **Road Weather Information Systems (RWIS)**

- Rain, flooding, snow, ice, visibility, hurricanes, high winds
- “Anytime, anywhere” road weather information
- Road users, operating agencies, value added companies



IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MONITORING & MANAGEMENT

- Traffic signal timing
 - 272,000 signals in U.S.
 - Most use outdated data
 - Causes 5-10% congestion
- Benefit
 - Low cost traffic data
 - Update signals from office
- Electronic payment
 - Avoids congestion at toll booths
 - Enables expanded tolling, variable tolling (time of day, direction, vehicle type)

TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

- Standards - U.S. & International
- Procurement & joint procurement
- Obsolescence
- Legacy systems

INSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES

- **Jurisdictional**

- Mode: highway, transit, rail, airport
- Function: planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations, police, fire, emergency
- Level of government: Federal, state, county, city, public authority, interstate compact, ...

- **Organizational**

- Sharing information
- Establishing/maintaining common plans, funding priorities, schedules
- Funding
- Technical expertise

- **Behavioral**

- Privacy
- Adaptive behavior

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