Materials and Maintenance Considerations for Infrastructure Critical to Connected and Autonomous Vehicles

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Materials ??

- Sign Sheeting
- Pavement Marking
  - RPM
  - Temporary Tape
  - Temporary Paint
  - Permanent Paint/Thermo
Existing Materials -- Human Driver

Vision:
• Emergency Vehicles
• Flashing Lights, strobe, LED flash, arrow board
• Work ahead signs
• “Penalty Signs”

Sound:
• Flashing Lights – strobe, LED flash, arrow board
• Work ahead signs
• “Penalty Signs”

Strength:
• Rapid Interpretation of Existing Technology (Hand Signals from Flagger)
• Complex situational awareness – “wide turns for trucks”
Existing Materials -- Autonomous Vehicle

- LIDAR

Strength:
- Constant Vigilance !!!
- No Distractions – Texting/Calls
Perception Differences

A: Human Perception:
- Eyes (Distant fire outside of R/W)
- Ears (Emergency Vehicles/Weather Warning ??)
- Nose (Smell of Smoke ??)
- Feel (slipping, rutting, potholes ???)

B: Computer “Perception”:
- LiDAR (reflective vs. non-reflective materials)
- Video Processing (visual only)
- Infra-Red Video
- Accelerometers
- Anti-Lock/Anti-Roll Systems
- “Crowd Source Data” – V2V
- DRSC – V2I
Maintenance Considerations

Roadway Maintenance Operations
- Lane Closures for repair work
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Mobile Maintenance Operations
- Lane Closures for mobile repair work
Winter Operations –
How will AV’s identify and avoid snowplows? Do we need to apply retroreflective tape to the back edge of plows?

New Communications Technology to Ensure AV compliance

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Maintenance Considerations

Outreach and Engagement with Local Agencies to Support AV compliance

92 County Highway Departments

What about Utility Companies???

200+ Cities and Town Street Departments
Thank You

Questions??