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- Describe general DOT practices for smart work zone technologies
- Identify available tools to support implementation of smart work zone technologies
- Identify emerging smart work zone technologies

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# Overview of DOT Practices for Smart Work Zone Technologies

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(Courtesy of Minnesota DOT)

#### Have you ever wondered?

- How extensively do DOTs use smart work zone technologies?
- Do smart work zone technologies improve work zone safety?
- What are the latest smart work zone technologies?

#### **Presentation Outline**

- Introduction
- Guidance and evaluation studies
- DOT policies and standards
- DOT practices
- Conclusion

## Motivation, Objective, and Methodology

# Motivation

- Growth in implementation of smart work zone technologies
- Need greater understanding of DOT practices

# Objective

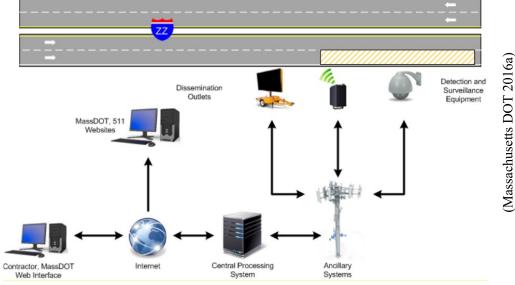
Document DOT policies/procedures

# Methodology

- Literature review
- DOT survey and case examples (interviews)

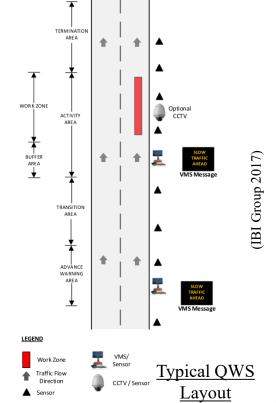
#### What are Smart Work Zone Technologies?

Systems that use specialized components (e.g., sensors, communications, software, and electronic equipment) to manage traffic and operations and disseminate information to improve work zone safety and operations



## Types of Smart Work Zone Technologies

- Traveler information systems (TIS)
- Queue warning systems (QWS)
- Dynamic lane merge systems
- Dynamic speed limit (variable speed limit) systems)
- Work zone data collection technologies
- Work zone location technologies
- Notification of construction equipment entering/exiting systems
- Other



#### General Resources for Smart Work Zone Technologies

- FHWA Work Zone ITS Implementation Guide and Tool (Ullman et al. 2014, Github 2020)
  - Key steps
  - Characteristics suitable for different technologies
- Framework to evaluate effectiveness (Edara et al. 2013a)
  - Five performance measures
  - Benefit-cost ratio 2.1:1 to 6.9:1



Implementation Process for Smart Work Zone Technologies

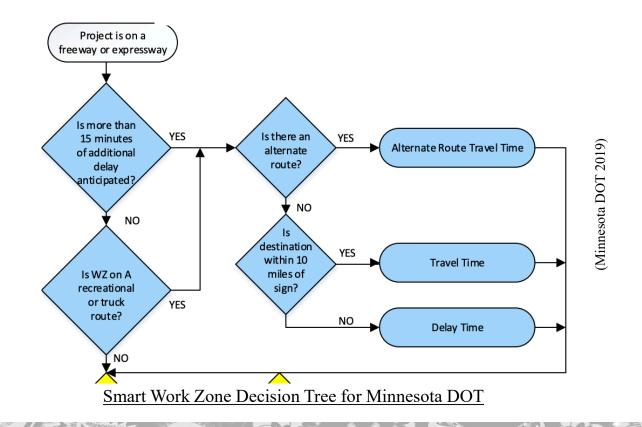
#### DOT Resources for Smart Work Zone Technologies

- Toolboxes (e.g., New Hampshire DOT 2011)
- Scoring worksheets (e.g., Massachusetts DOT 2016b)
- Spreadsheet tools (e.g., Texas DOT 2020)
- Guides (e.g., IBI Group 2017 Connecticut DOT)
- Standard operating procedures (e.g., Massachusetts DOT 2016a)
- Special provisions (e.g., Missouri DOT 2018)
- Typical applications (e.g., Minnesota DOT 2021)
- Standard drawings (e.g., Washington State DOT 2021)

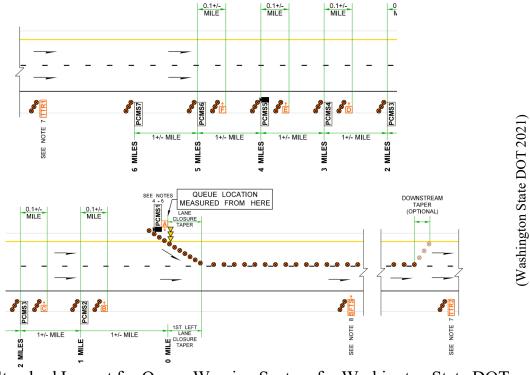
Smart Work Zone Go/No-Go Decision Tree - A criteria based tool for selecting Smart Work Zone Systems						
Temporary Over-height Vehicle Warning System						
Project Number:						
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Letting:						
Date Form Completed:						
Completed by:	Completed by:					
Scoring Factors	Scoring Range	Score				
Over-height vehicle/Low Clearance Structure						
Raw Scores						
Max Possible score						
Normalized Scores (0 to 100)						
Normalized Score is calculated by Raw Scores*100/Max Possible Score						

Go/No-Go	Decision	Tool for	Texas DOT

#### Example DOT Resource: Decision Tree



#### **Example DOT Resource: Standards**



Standard Layout for Queue Warning System for Washington State DOT

#### Example Evaluations for Smart Work Zone Technologies

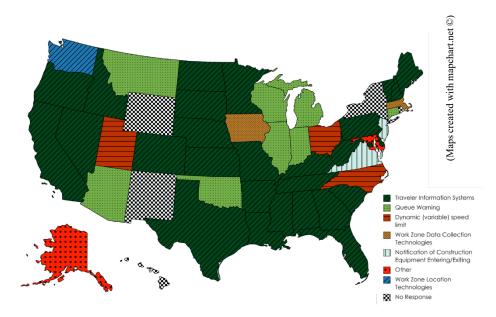
- Reduced vehicle speeds (1.25 mph to 3.64 mph for dynamic message signs (DMSs) (Edara et al. 2011)
- Crash Modification factors (CMFs) for nighttime lane closures with QWS and portable rumble strips: 0.717 (non-queuing conditions) and 0.468 (queueing conditions) (Ullman et al 2018)
- Dynamic lane merge: Maximum queue length reduced from 8 to 2 miles (North Carolina DOT 2019)
- Dynamic (variable) speed limit: Maximum reduction in mean speed of 4.7 mph (Mekker et al. 2016)
- Waze identified incidents 10 minutes earlier than traditional approaches (Amin-Naseri et al. 2018)

#### Survey Overview

- 18 questions
- Reviewed by topic panel
- Administered online (50 states + D.C.)
- Topics covered
  - Use of smart work zone technologies
  - Performance of smart work zone technologies
  - Components for smart work zone technologies
  - Implementation of smart work zone technologies
- 100 percent response rate

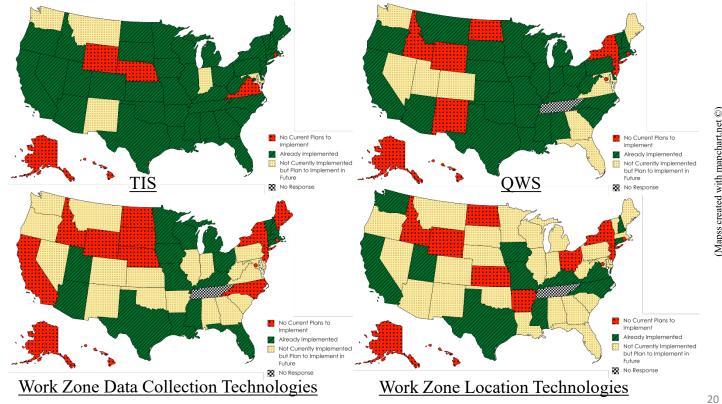
#### DOT Practices for Smart Work Zone Technologies

- Most frequently used
  - TIS
  - QWS
- Factors considered
  - Traffic volumes
  - Type of work
  - Duration/length of work zone
- Perceived performance
  - Highest: TIS, QWS
  - Lowest: Notification of equipment entering/exiting, work zone intrusion alarm



Most Frequently Used Technology by DOT

#### DOT Implementation of Smart Work Zone Technologies



(Mapss created with mapchart.net  ${}^{\odot}$ )

## Other Survey Findings

- Use of multiple technologies
- Evaluations completed by 6 DOTs
- Use of performance measures
  - Crash statistics
  - Queue length
- Dissemination of information: CMS
- Detection: cameras, sensors
- Use of crowdsourcing data
- Challenges
  - Funding constraints
  - Staffing shortages
- Use of contract special provisions

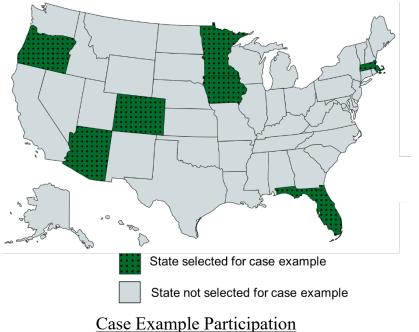


Use of Changeable Message Signs (CMSs)

Boudreau 2021a)

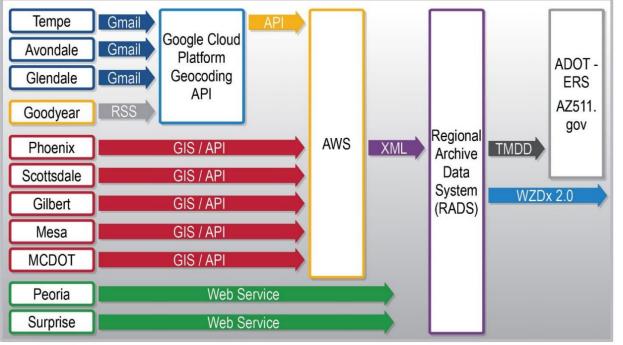
## Overview of Case Examples

- Criteria for selection
  - Diversity (e.g., climate, level of experience)
  - Use of innovative technologies
  - Survey responses
  - Preference to panel member states
  - Willingness to participate
- Interview topics
  - General approach and experience
  - Development of implementation resources
  - Future plans
  - Implementation challenges
  - Project examples



## Case Examples: Arizona DOT Partnerships

- Collaboration with Maricopa County DOT
- Integration of data sources
- Create county-wide
   WZDx feed



#### Case Examples: Colorado DOT Autonomous TMA

- Striping operations
- AADT < 5,000 vpd
- Regions 4 and 5



Leader and Follower Vehicles for Autonomous TMA

## Case Examples: Florida DOT Queue Warning System (QWS)



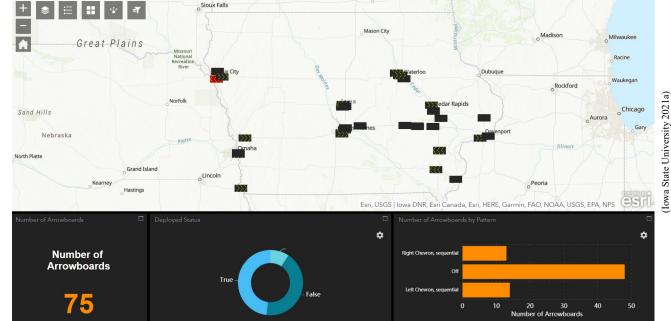
Device Layout for QWS at I-4 and I-95

(Map data © 2016 Google)

(Florida DOT 2016)

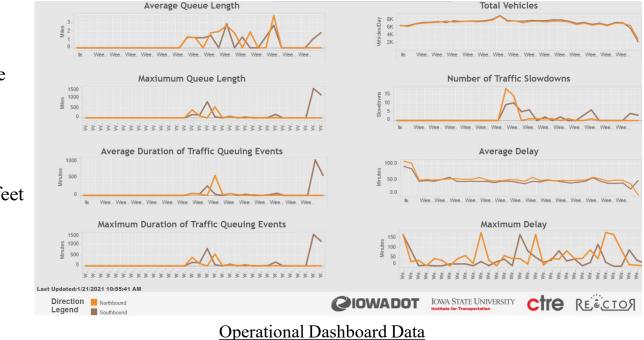
#### Case Examples: Iowa DOT Smart Arrow Board

- Required for all ٠ Interstate lane closures
- Collect data for • lane closures
- Retrofit to existing ٠ equipment
- Dashboard ٠



#### Dashboard for Smart Arrow Boards

#### Case Examples : Iowa DOT Performance Dashboard



- Over 30 performance measures
- Eight published on dashboard
- Crashes within 500 feet of work zone

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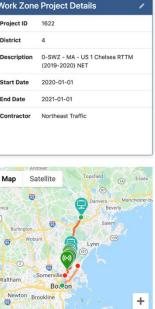
(Iowa State University 2021b)

#### Case Examples : Massachusetts DOT SWZ Manager

Dashboard Overview Road Events Field Devices Notifications (0) Video Wall Admin

- Interface between different vendor software
- Central control and monitoring
- Access to data feeds

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#### Screenshot from SWZ Manager

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#### Case Examples: Massachusetts DOT Dynamic Ramp Meter

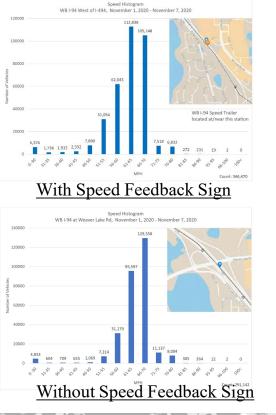
- Regulate traffic from mainline and ramp
- Components
  - Portable traffic signal
  - Temporary signs
  - Temporary pavement markings
  - Video camera image detection system
  - Portable changeable message signs (PCMSs)
  - Message board interface
  - Wait time display



Dynamic Ramp Meter at Sagamore Bridge

## Case Examples: Minnesota DOT Speed Feedback Signs

- I-94 (Maple Grove to Rogers)
- Locations: Two EB, Three WB
- Also QWS, TIS



(Courtesy of Minnesota DOT, Map data © 2021 Google)

## Case Examples: Oregon DOT Traveler Information System (TIS)

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#### **Road Camera**



#### **Detailed Information**

#### MP 163 - 154 I-5, 11 miles South of Cottage Grove

#### SB Estimated Delay 1 minutes.

#### **NB Estimated Delay** 0 minutes.

#### Construction Work

Lanes Affected: (Northbound) 2 Lanes (Southbound) 2 Lanes, Shoulder Comments: Between milepoint 154-157 limited to one lane in each direction. Intermittent rolling slow downs, Exit 154 northbound closed until March. Expect rolling slow downs northbound and southbound during daylight hours. Lane closures and 19' width restrictions in both the northbound and southbound directions. Starting Wednesday February 10th the northbound on ramp at Exit 154 Elkhead Road will be closed for approximately 6

## Summary of Key Findings

- Varying levels of deployment
- Typically implemented at project level
- TIS most frequently used
- Best performance: TIS, QWS
- Growing use of work zone data collection technologies
- Data integration
- Challenges: funding constraints and staff shortages
- Smart work zone technologies improve safety



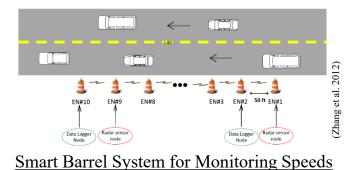
QWS on I-35W in Minnesota

#### Looking to the Future

- DOT interest in work zone location technologies
- DOT exploration of other technologies
  - License plate readers
  - Temporary overheight detection
  - Downstream speed notification
  - Electronic workers present speed limit
  - Connected traffic signals
  - Applications for CAVs and CVs
- Possible future technologies
  - Smartphone based alert systems
  - Connected vehicle applications
  - Proximity alert systems for construction equipment and workers
  - Automatic devices for cone placement



Temporary Connected Traffic Signal



## Challenges and Suggestions for Future Research

#### Challenges

- Funding constraints
- Staffing shortages
- Monitoring and maintenance
- Making equipment simple to use
- Building expertise
- Data on technology performance

#### **Research Needs**

- Performance evaluations and economic analysis
- Handbook on field implementation
- Research on supplemental warning systems
- Technologies for marking work zone locations
- Guidance on performance measures
- National clearinghouse with deployment data



Variable Advisory Speed Limit Sign

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# Smart Work Zone Deviceslowa DOT

USING SMART WORK ZONE TECHNOLOGIES TO IMPROVE SAFETY

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# Intelligent Work Zones

Intelligent Work Zones – Using technology to improve safety or traveler awareness within or leading up to a work zone.

IWZ provides detailed traffic data near, within, and throughout a work zone area.

Iowa DOT procures IWZ systems through a single vendor to cover projects state-wide.

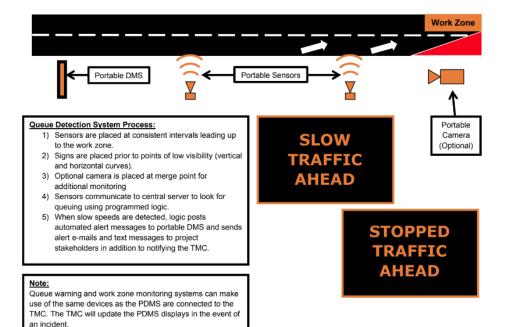
IWZ Team works with District Offices to determine appropriate IWZ deployment for each project.

## Intelligent Work Zones Team

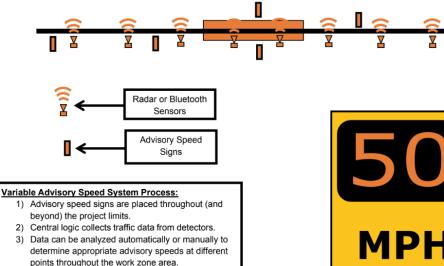
- DOT Personnel (Operations, Traffic & Safety, Construction)
- Traffic Management Center (TMC) Staff
- Consultant Support Staff
- System Integration Staff
- IWZ Vendor
- Permanent Devices ITS Maintenance Vendor
- University



#### Queue Warning System



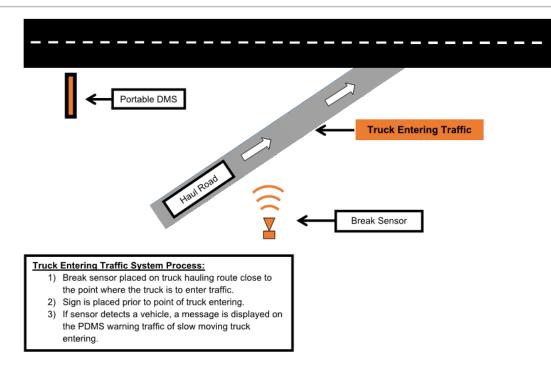
#### Variable Advisory Speed System



4) Variable advisory speed signs are adjusted to harmonize speeds throughout the project area, limiting hard braking situations in and around the work zone.



#### Truck Entering Warning System



#### Work Zone Data Hub

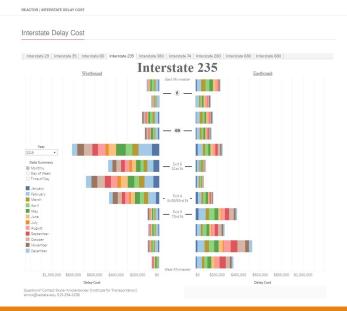
Iowa DOT actively collects WZ data from connected devices

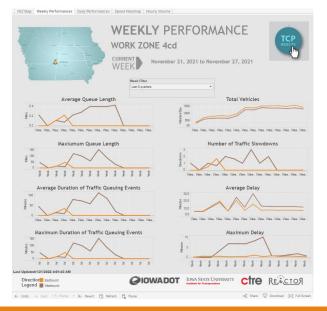
- Smart Arrow Boards
- Permanent and IWZ Sensors
- Connected Temporary Traffic Signals
- Additional devices as they become available



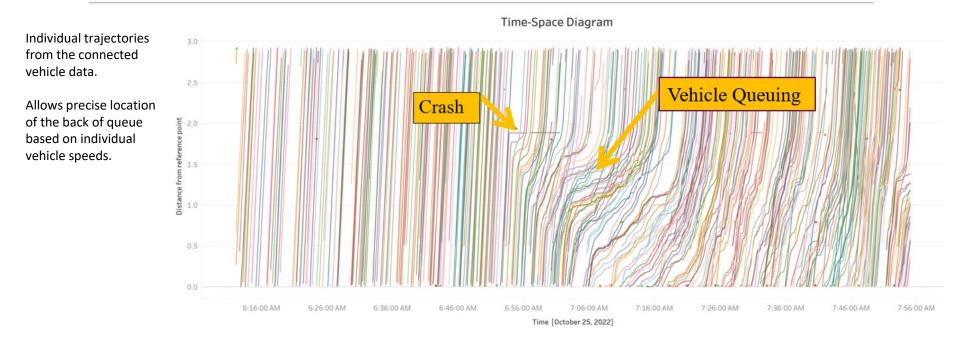
### Work Zone Data Hub

#### Institute for Transportation at Iowa State University works with Iowa DOT to collect and analyze work zone activity data





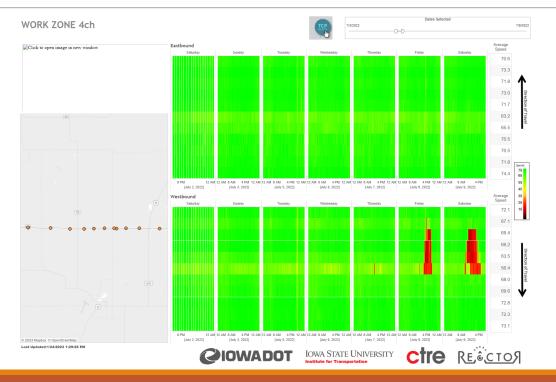
#### Connected Vehicle Data



Sensor Data

Speed heat-map using sensor data.

Limited by the number and spacing of sensors



### Probe Data

Speed heat-map using probe data.

Limited based on the length of segments ~1 mile.

Average speeds of traffic flow.



#### Data-driven metrics

Use data to better analyze current and historical conditions

Identify outlier projects that over/under perform

Iowa participated in FHWA Data-Driven Process Review

- Learned to integrate existing data sources
- Helped to identify data gaps

### Work Zone Field Reviews

Continue work zone field reviews guided by data

• I.D. outlier projects

Electronic GIS-based evaluation form (Survey 1-2-3)

Develop new Dashboard to evaluate survey results



### Connected Work Zone Devices

Smart Arrow Boards

Connected Temporary Traffic Signals

Other Connected Devices (experimental)

- Portable Rumble Strips
- Sequential Flashers
- Worker Presence

#### Requirements

Functional without additional effort by workers

Able to modify older equipment to function as SAB

Simple communication protocol to minimize data stream

#### Remote monitoring of

- Location,
- Orientation, and
- Operation mode
- Two options for data communication
- Option 1 data received from intermediary server
- Option 2 data polled directly from Arrow Board

Arrow board should update SABP on pattern change within 2 minutes

Device should update SABP within 2 minutes if moved 500'

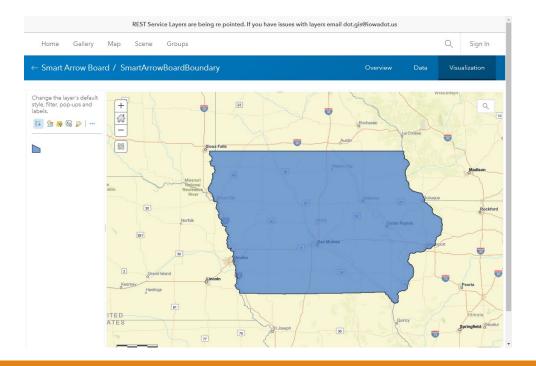
Device should provide a health check every 30 minutes

SABP should contain all arrow boards that fall within the State of Iowa border including a 1 mile buffer.

Info at the Work Zone Reference Library

- <u>https://iowadot.gov/workzonereferencelibrary</u>
- <u>https://iowadot.gov/workzonereferencelibrary/docs/Specifications-Requirements.pdf</u>

#### Smart Arrow Board Boundary

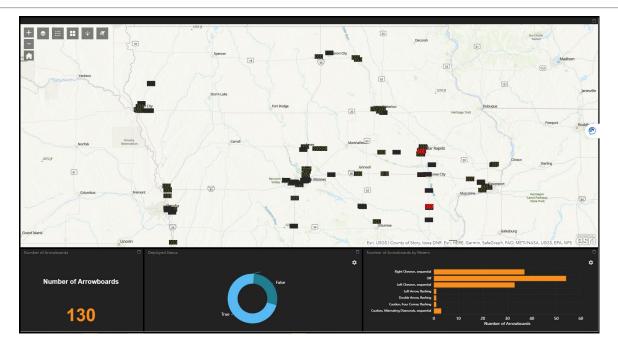


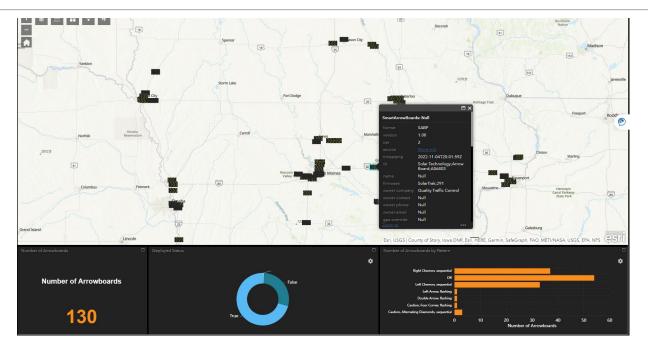
2021 require SAB on all interstate lane closures

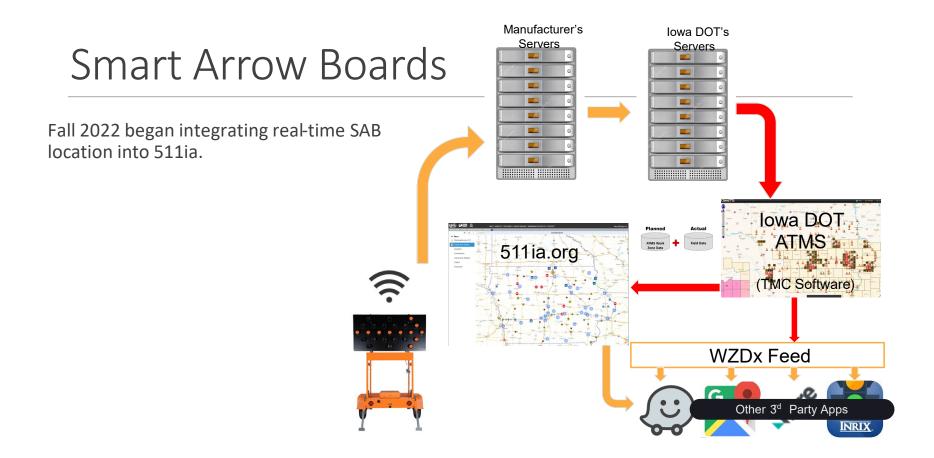
2022 require SAB on all primary lane closures

2023(?) convert all DOT Maintenance mobile units

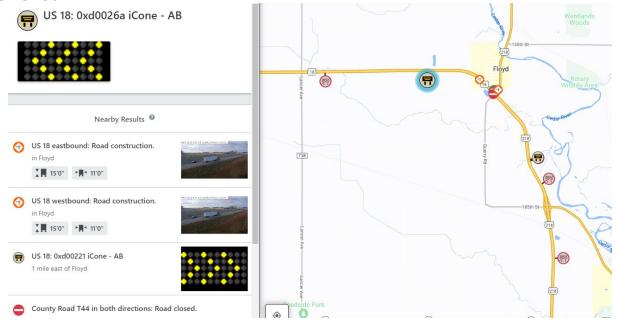
DOT chose to use existing AVL system to collect arrow board data







511ia Screen Shot



## Connected Temp Traffic Signals

Remote monitoring of:

Location

Orientation

Traffic Signal Operation Mode

# Connected Temp Traffic Signals

#### **CTTS** Deployment Schedule

#### Proposed Connected Temporary Traffic Signal Project Schedule

Year		2023											2024													
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8	Evaluation																									
9	CTTS Specifications																									
10	Construction Specifications																									
11	Supplemental Specifications																									
12	Establish MAPLE																									
13	Two Lane Deployment																									
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## Connected Temp Traffic Signals

2023

Draft new specification for temporary traffic signals

Assess existing contractor inventory

Ability to retrofit existing signals w/o communication capability

Develop approved products list for new signal systems and retrofit kits.

#### Connected AFAD's

Currently Iowa does not require AFAD's

Reduce the use of flaggers

- Temporary Signals
- AFAD's to move flaggers off the roadway

When we start to require AFAD's then they will be connected

#### Portable Temporary Rumble Strips





#### Sequential Flashers (Pi-Lit)









#### VA Tech Worker Protection System









Iowa DOT AVL Data

• Data feed into ATMS to notify the TMC when and where Maintenance Operations are occurring.



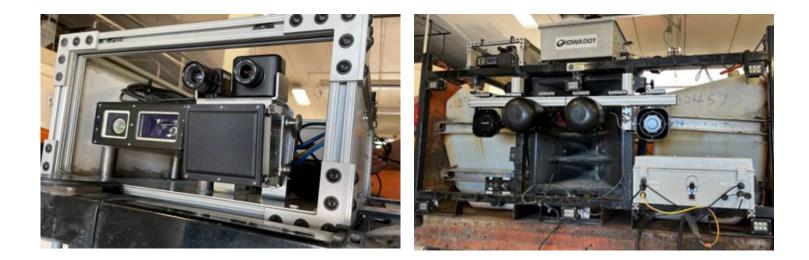


Automated Audible Warning System



### Other Connected Devices

Automated Audible Warning System

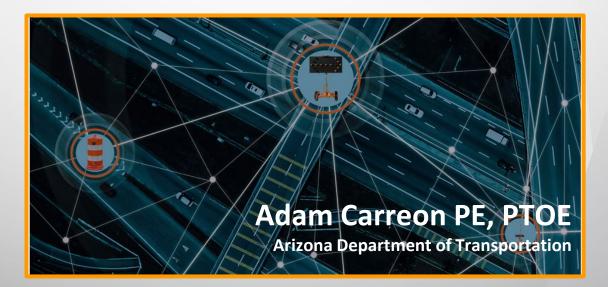


#### **Thank You**

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### Using Smart Work Zone Technologies to Improve Safety



## Why?

#### FHWA Data Requirements (23 CFR 630.1012d2)

- Number of crashes within the work zone
- Speed
- Travel time through work zone
- Incident response and clearance criteria

- Queue length
- Traffic volume
- Delay
- Work duration criteria

#### ADOT Work Zone Policy

• Monitor and measure work zone impacts during construction and *take corrective action* to manage mobility and safety *based on criteria such as travel delay, queue lengths, and crash occurrences.* 

### Defined

### A "**smart work zone system**" is a reliable automated application of real-time data, communications, and portable sensor technology.

#### **Primary Types:**

- 1. Travel Time / Delay
- 2. Oueue Management
- 3. Variable Speed Limits
- 4. Work Zone Intrusion / Worker Protection
- 5. Asset Management / 3rd Party Data
- 6. Automation

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#### Smart Work Zones (SWZ)

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is developing and implementing Smart Work Zones (SWZ) for use on statewide construction projects.

As part of ADOT's Implementation Guidelines for Work Zone Safety & Mobility process review, ADOT is continually looking at ways to expand and enhance existing practices within work zones (WZs). ADOT is working to develop and implement Smart Work Zone (SWZ) operational concepts using an intelligent combination of technologies that are effective and efficient at improving the safety of highway workers and traveling public, and optimize WZ traffic operations while minimizing congestions delays throughout the state.

The overall objective of this study is to improve safety, enhance, and optimize operations within work zones throughout the state. This study will help identify various methods that will aid professionals throughout the state select the appropriate measures to implement on projects, especially larger, more complex projects to maximize safety for our employees, contractors and the traveling public at large. These methodologies will also help reduce delays and driver frustration as they approach and travel through work zones.

SWZ Work Plan

 Working Paper 1 - Nationwide Review of SWZ Technologies

 Working Paper 2 - Challenges to Implementation

🔁 SWZ Phase One - Final Report

ADOT Smart Work Zone (ITS) Criteria Worksheet.xls

ADOT Smart Work Zone (ITS) Criteria Worksheet.pdf

SWZ Oty Tool

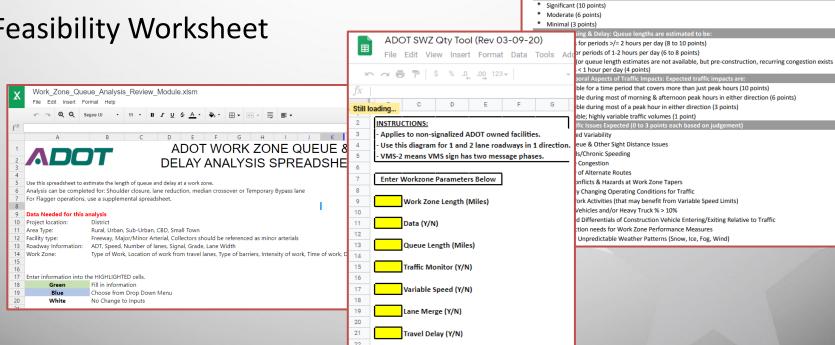
Work Zone Queue and Delay Analysis Review Module

2 Work Zone Queue and Delay Analysis Review Module Presentation

Work Zone Queue and Delay Analysis Training Video

### Tools available online

- SWZ Device Quantities & Locations Tool
- Work Zone Queue Analysis Tool
- Feasibility Worksheet



Smart Work Zone Feasibility Worksheet

\* < 4 months; procurement & installation timeline is available prior to work starting (3 points)</p>

f speed variability, access issues) for the duration of work is expected to be:

\* >1 Construction Season (10 points) \* 4-10 months (6 points)

Score

Criteria

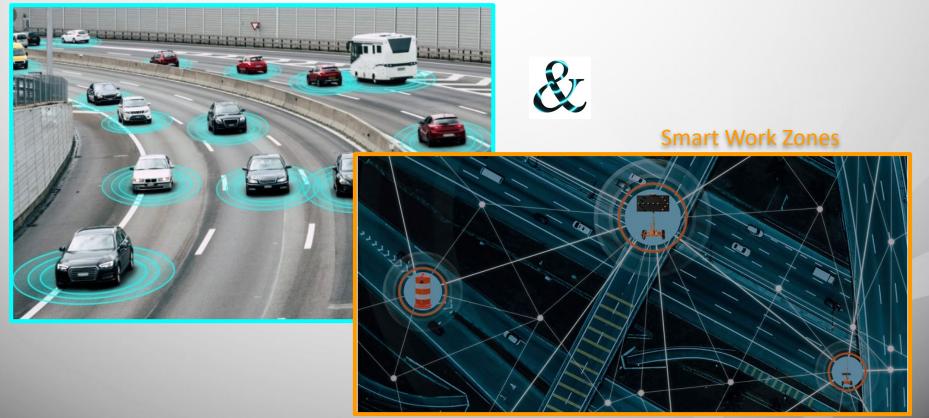
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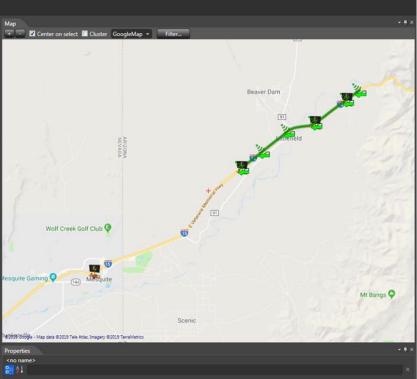
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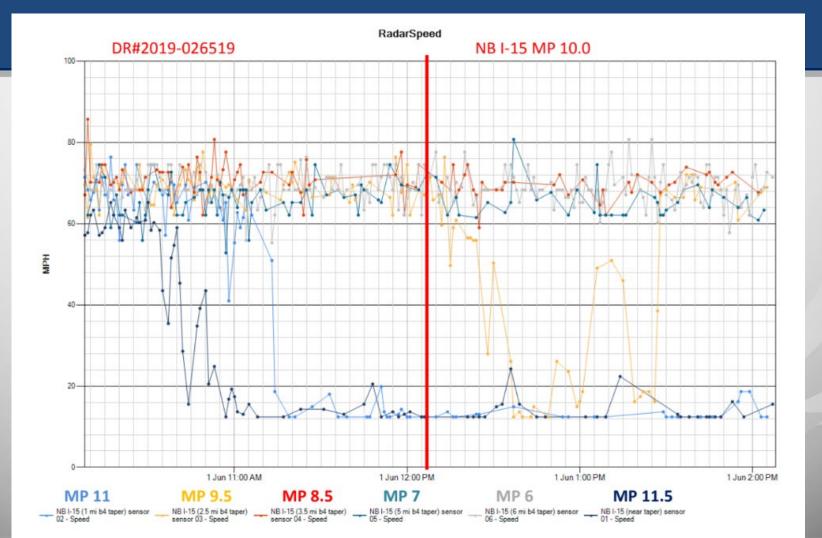
### CV-AV & SWZs with WZDx

#### **Connected and Autonomous Vehicles**

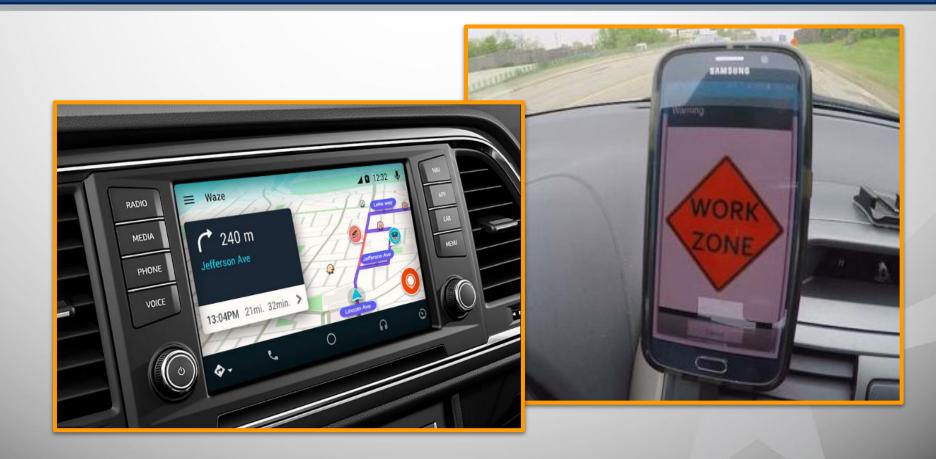


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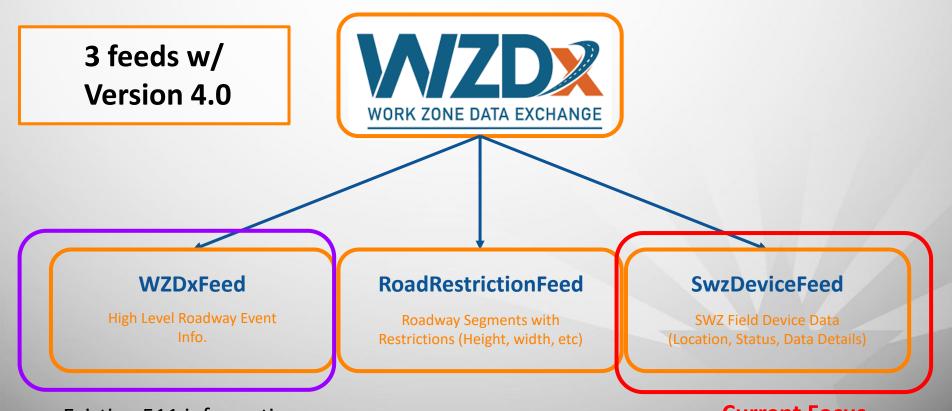
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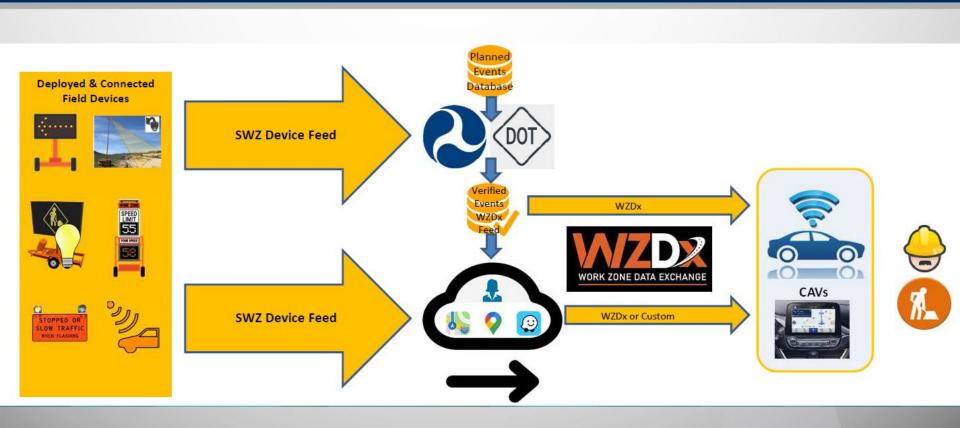
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#### Why work zones?



Existing 511 information

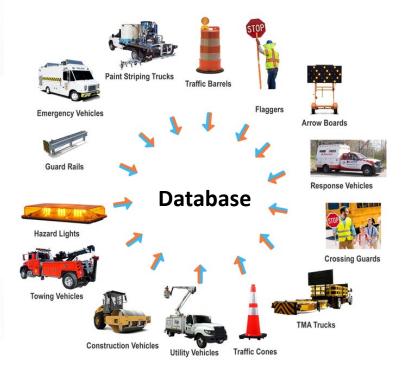
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# Next Steps Expanding Device Data



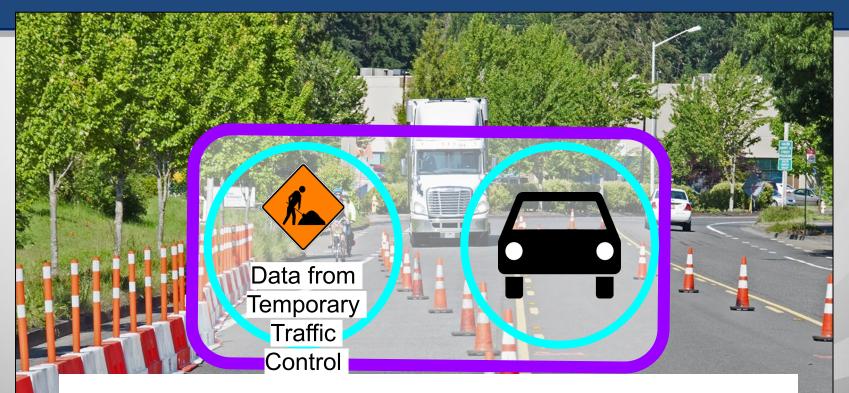




### **Smart Work Zones in Arizona and WZDx**

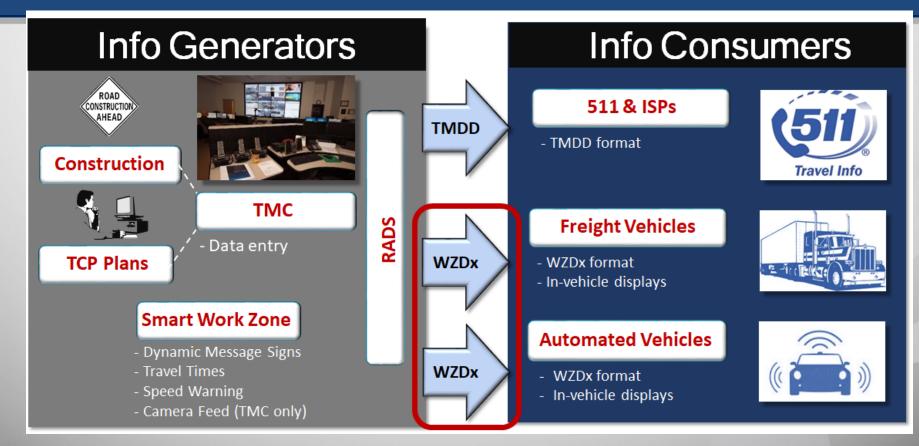
#### Help bridge the gap in levels of autonomy





Does the information from the Work Zone match what the car is detecting?

#### U.S. DOT Work Zone Data Exchange Demonstration Project



### **Smart Work Zones in Arizona and WZDx**



<u>Purpose</u>: Effective coordination of work zone activities for enhanced mobility and safety.

Development of a standardized approach for collecting, organizing, and sharing Work Zone Event Data (WZED).

# Challenges



# Whats Next?

- No Federal guidelines or framework for AV testing and/or deployment
- Each state approach is different
- How safe is safe?

### Grants



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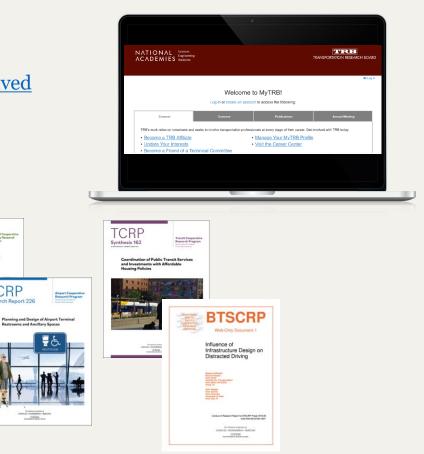
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