



Presentation to Team Florida

Critical Issues in Occupancy
Enforcement and the I-15 ML Test

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Overview of Presentation

- Background on Occupancy Enforcement and Managed Lanes
- Key Needs for Effective Enforcement
- Options and Plans for Occupancy Enforcement Strategies
- Recent Occupancy Camera Test at SANDAG
- Test Results
- What's Next?



Background on Managed/ HOT Lanes Enforcement Issues

- Number of planned or implemented projects now include 23 metropolitan areas
- Goals: mobility management and increasingly revenue generation
- Toll technology not an issue but HOV enforcement is the major issue.
- How to effectively enforce occupancy without major barriers to HOV participation

What are the Enforcement Issues?

- More lanes and longer roadways and networks
- Multiple entry and exit points
- Labor intensive and costly manual enforcement
- Need more automated methods to enforce HOV occupancy requirements



What Are Our Enforcement Options?

1. Manual enforcement
2. Manual enforcement with technology assist
3. Fully automated enforcement technology



What are the Fully Automated Enforcement Options?

- No options are currently in production
- “Connected vehicle” (formerly Intellidrive) offers opportunities in the medium to long term
- Biometrics still a future vision
- Occupancy enforcement camera prototype

Vehicle Occupancy Camera

- Lane based camera system
- Aimed at interior of vehicle
- Infrared wavelength based
- Images of occupants obscured to avoid privacy issues
- Ties an image to an occupancy record



I-15 Managed Lanes San Diego



SANDAG VOL Occupancy Camera Test Summer 2010

- FHWA VPP based project for Violation Enforcement
- RFP in 2009 for testing on I-15 ML
- Delcan System Integrator with Vehicle Occupancy Limited (VOL) camera selected
- Controlled tests took place weekend of July 30, 2010
- Test Team: Delcan, SANDAG, HNTB, PATH/CCIT SMG, Caltrans and CHP and volunteers



Description of VOL Technology

- External trigger signal detects presence of vehicle.
- Camera then illuminates the windshield area with two different wavelengths of infrared light.
- Two digital infrared pictures are taken of the windshield at the instant of illumination.
- Near real time processing of images through VOL's algorithm
- Record created with number of occupants
- The system obscures the images of occupants in the vehicle by placing a green blob over their faces.

Miramar Way Test Site Looking South



Miramar Way Test Site Equipment Close-up



Planned P90 Versus Working Prototype P30



Automated Occupancy Camera at Work



Summary of Testing:

- 552 controlled test points/runs
- Focus on all possible scenarios
- 48 Semi-Controlled Runs
- Multiple days data available from uncontrolled testing



Controlled Tests Results

Outcome	Including Default Cases		Excluding Default Cases	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent
Pass (<i>dtect</i> occupancy = known occupancy, including SOV)	77	14 %	18	4 %
Fail - Undercount (<i>dtect</i> occupancy less than known occupancy)	466	84 %	466	95 %
Fail - Overcount (<i>dtect</i> occupancy more than known occupancy)	3	1 %	3	0 %
Missing (<i>dtect</i> image not found)	6	1 %	6	1 %
TOTAL	552	100 %	493	100%

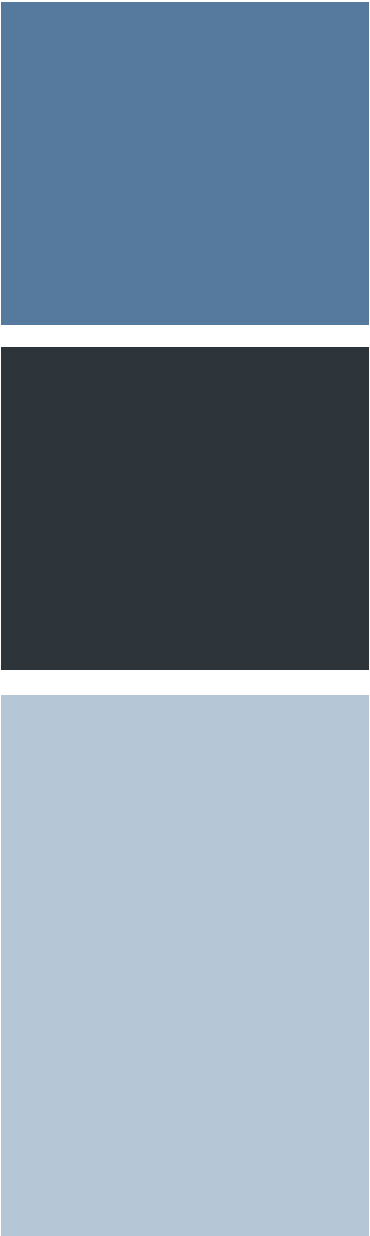
Controlled Tests Results

- Day time tests better than nighttime (17% versus 10% accuracy)
- SUV and small truck accuracy best (30% and 14%)
- Performance was not particularly speed sensitive
- The higher number of occupants, the lower the performance
- Triggering by toll system scanners 99% performance
- Issues were identified regarding the proper obscuration of occupants' faces for privacy and the correct capture of proper image area.

Controlled Tests Results

- If the detection of each occupant is treated as an event, accuracy is approximately 20%.

Controlled Tests excluding Dummy	Total events	Pass	Fail	Passing rate (%)
Driver	546	180	366	32.97%
1 st row middle	20	4	16	20.00%
Passenger	346	36	310	10.40%
2 nd row driver side	208	2	206	0.96%
2 nd row middle	54	21	33	38.89%
2 nd row passenger side	150	20	130	13.33%
3 rd row driver side	10	1	9	10.00%
3 rd row middle	40	12	28	30.00%
3 rd row passenger side	31	2	29	6.45%
Total	1405	278	1127	19.79%



Semi and Uncontrolled Tests Results

- Semi Controlled test accuracy (including missing images): 6.25%
- Uncontrolled test sample accuracy: 19%
- Consistent with controlled tests



Major Technical Issues

- Adapting P30 to 12 foot lane expanded field of view was not adequate
- Lack of precise trigger control
- Power density of the infrared lasers needed to be doubled
- Camera exposure reduced to capture higher speed vehicles impacted image quality/timing
- System did not deal well with partial faces
- Detected areas outside of region of interest
- VOL post processing



Issues that Still Represent Hurdles to Fully Automated Occupancy Camera Implementation

- Full rear seat identification
- Identification of small passengers
- Gantry mounting or other multi-lane solution
- Integration into the toll system, including triggering
- Being “evidence package worthy”
- Privacy issues
- Proving the cost benefit based on production costs



Next Steps to Move Forward

- Work with existing prototype vendors to encourage further development.
- Share information and ideas within this industry.
- Set-up additional proof of concept tests and pilots perhaps on multi-agency basis.
- Engage the larger toll system integrator market to develop a system module much like toll VES.
- Engage VES manufacturers and defense industries in a development dialogue.