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## Call for Abstracts Deadline Extended!

The ITS Heartland Annual Meeting and National Rural ITS Conference Call-for-Abstracts deadline has been extended through **Friday, March 7th**. If you have not submitted an abstract, but would like to do so, please visit [http://nritsconference.org/downloads/14documents/CallForAbstracts\\_NRITS2014.pdf](http://nritsconference.org/downloads/14documents/CallForAbstracts_NRITS2014.pdf)

Questions can be directed to Meetings Northwest at 866-633-8110. For general conference questions related to lodging, exhibit opportunities, etc. visit our 2014 meeting page at [http://itsheartland.org/mtg\\_2014.html](http://itsheartland.org/mtg_2014.html).

Abstract topics areas include asset management, ATIS (traveler information), city & county rural ITS, connected vehicles, emergency response, ITS funding, ITS leadership, ITS performance measures, succes stories of multi-agency coloboration, multimodal, operations & maintenance, rural ITS safety measures, rural traffic management, traffic incident management, traffic operations, transit application, and work zone ITS. Topics outside of these areas will also be considered.

The ITS Heartland Annual Meeting and National Rural ITS Conference will be held August 24 – 27 in Branson, Missouri.

## Webinars of Interest



The Cooperative Transportation Systems Pooled Fund Study (CTS PFS) team invites you to a webinar on **Traffic Management Centers in a Connected Vehicle Environment**. This project has examined operational, technical and policy impacts on TMC operations in a new connected vehicle environment and provides recommendations on priority TMC opportunities, needs and gaps that would need to be addressed in future TMCs.

**Traffic Management Centers in a Connected Vehicle Environment**  
**Thursday, February 27**  
**1:30 – 3 p.m. CST**

Advanced registration not required.  
**Connection Link:** <http://mmstartvisuals.com/>  
**Conference ID: 1774676**  
**Conference call number: 1-866-299-7945**  
**Pass Code: 1774676**

## State Updates

### Iowa

▶ Cameras on two commuter corridors have been activated: Interstate 35 from Ankeny to Ames and U.S. 30 from Ames to Nevada. Additional cameras on U.S. 30 from Boone to Ames should come online in the next month. These cameras provide streaming video and still images.

### Missouri

▶ Missouri has three urban TMCs: Kansas City Scout at [www.kcscout.net/](http://www.kcscout.net/), Springfield at [www.ozarkstraffic.info/](http://www.ozarkstraffic.info/) and St. Louis at [www.gatewayguide.com/](http://www.gatewayguide.com/).

### Nebraska

▶ Check out the statewide ITS camera network at [www.511.nebraska.gov/atis/html/index.html](http://www.511.nebraska.gov/atis/html/index.html).

### Kansas

▶ KDOT teamed up with Pittsburg State University in a pilot project to place self-sufficient solar powered LED pavement lights at two interchanges on U.S. 169 in southeast Kansas. The interchanges do not currently meet KDOT standards for tower lighting. While not ITS-related, it is a new application of technology on Kansas highways.

### Oklahoma

▶ See ODOT's ITS cameras at [www.oktraffic.org](http://www.oktraffic.org).



A Talking Technology and Transportation (T3) webinar will present experiences from two State DOTs in managing the effects of flooding on roadway systems. Their presentations will look at transportation management, bridge management and maintenance. Two of the presenters are from Iowa DOT.

## Managing Traffic During Flood Events:



Transportation Agency Experiences & Strategies  
Thursday, March 6  
Noon -- 1:30 p.m. CST  
For more info & to register:  
[http://www.pcb.its.dot.gov/t3/s140306\\_flood\\_events.asp](http://www.pcb.its.dot.gov/t3/s140306_flood_events.asp)

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