

Your Update from ITS Heartland May 2014



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Board of Directors Voting Extended!

We need your input! Voting for the nine open positions on the ITS Heartland Board of Directors closes soon so please take a few minutes and help elect a new slate.

A short biography on each candidate is provided to help your decisions -- just scroll down on the ballot.

It only takes a few minutes to vote. [Follow this link](#) and cast your vote before the Friday, May 23 deadline!

Update on the Multi-state Corridor Operations & Management Program

The MCOMP committee continues to meet regularly to plan, organize and commence the two projects recently selected by FHWA for federal grant funding. The two projects consist of providing real time traveler information on rural DMS and integrating relevant traveler information data from all five states into a single web based system.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between the five states, and a general work plan has been finalized. In addition, the federal funding has been obligated and is now available for spending.

The committee is working on a Request for Proposals (RFP) for administrative and project management services to help organize, monitor, and facilitate completion of the two projects.

Student Outreach Continues

ITS Heartland is again sponsoring a student competition with winners receiving cash prizes and expense reimbursement to the 2014 NRITS Conference and ITS Heartland

Annual Meeting. This year's data contest challenges entrants to develop an exploratory, analytical or statistical model that identifies differences in driver behavior in a dilemma zone while distracted. Read all about it at the [ITS Heartland website](#).

Join Us in Branson on August 24

The 2014 ITS Heartland Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2014 National Rural ITS Conference, August 24-27, 2014 in Branson, Missouri.

Why Attend? This conference will provide participants an opportunity to network and share experiences within and across a wide variety of ITS disciplines. In addition to traditional ITS topics, we bring together both traditional and non-traditional ITS users to address such issues as rural safety, multi-agency coordination, and workforce development, as well as EMS and transit issues.

USDOT offers a myriad of free training for ITS professionals. Check out the [Professional Capacity Building Program](#).

Webinars of Interest



This webinar will feature speakers from three U.S. DOT Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Division Offices (including Kansas Division Office specialist Karen Gilbertson). The presenters will give a status of their State's RTSMIP and innovative approaches towards compliance with SAFETEA-LU Section 1201, Title 23 in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 511.

Innovative Approaches to Real-Time System Management Information

**Wednesday, May 21
Noon -- 1:30 p.m. CST
Register at the [RITA site](#).**



The many different training and networking opportunities available through this event will provide participants with the tools necessary to effectively plan and deploy ITS technologies within their own jurisdictions.

Who Should Attend? Public and private transportation, transit, tourism, enforcement, trucking, public safety and medical service professionals engaged in the operations, maintenance, and use of our transportation system should attend this conference. Elected and appointed officials, business and community leaders and emergency responders and public safety personnel will contribute to the rich dialogue while learning about the technical challenges facing the transportation community.



The Footprint Analysis project team has developed a preliminary general concept of a national CV field infrastructure footprint. This webinar will include applications analysis, deployment concepts and scenarios, footprint, timeline and costs.

National Connected Vehicle Field Infrastructure Footprint Analysis
Thursday, May 22
Noon -- 1:30 p.m. CST
Register at the [RITA site](#).

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