

## U.S. DOT Perspectives Next Generation Transport

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### Outline

- Current research at U.S. DOT
  - Accessible Transportation Technology Research Initiative (ATTRI)
  - Universal Automated Community Transportation (UACT)
  - International Coordination
- More Information



**Overview and Update** 

## ATTRI PROGRAM



### Accessible Transportation Technologies Research Initiative (ATTRI)





Veterans with Disabilities



**Older Adults** 

- A U.S. DOT Multi-Year, Multimodal, Multi-Agency Research and Development Effort
- Identifying user needs of travelers with disabilities to develop new transformative applications to increase personal mobility
- Building collaborative research and deployment partnerships with other US and International research communities, both public and private
- Unique opportunity to develop and deploy novel applications for accessible transportation and extend those benefits to all travelers







## Challenges and Opportunities

76% people with disabilities say adequate transportation is important to their job search 29% consider it a significant problem in accessing jobs <sup>[1]</sup>





### **Application Development Needs Partnership**

- Transportation is a complex challenge that affects all aspects of life, including health, education, recreation, and social and economic activities
- A need for multi-agency cooperation and coordination leveraging resources to address challenges in a comprehensive way
- ATTRI is expanding beyond a single-agency approach to help solve mobility challenges, partnerships are necessary!



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### **Strong Partnerships**





### **ATTRI Foundational Considerations**





#### **Standard Accessible Data Platform**

 Examples: machine to machine, crowdsourced, archived and real time data, open data, user profiles, sensors, data standards, etc...

#### **Universal Design Standards**

Multiple accessible communication formats and user interfaces

#### **Integrated Payment**

#### Leverage Existing Technologies

 Wearables, mobiles devices, invehicle displays, infrastructure, etc...



### **ATTRI Program Trajectory**





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Introduction

# UNIVERSAL AUTOMATED COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



Enabling Technologies					
Digital Infrastructure	Communications	Technology Research			

Safety Assurance					
Electronic Control Systems	Functional Safety and Electronics Reliability	Cybersecurity	Human Factors		

Transportation System Performance					
CACC, Speed Harmonization, and Platooning	Lateral Control	First/Last Mile and Transit Operations			
Testing and Evaluation					
Interoperability	Testing Methods	Benefits Assessment			

Policy and Planning						
Standards	Federal Policy Analysis	Stakeholder Engagement	Transportation Planning			



### **UACT Elements**





















### Universal Community Automated Transport

- Conduct foundational research and develop a concept for an inclusive automated community transport application, which:
  - Uses Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and automation technologies
  - Is accessible to all travelers (employs "universal design")
  - Provides service to local destinations or feeder service for transit (1st/last mile)
  - Exceeds service of existing paratransit and demand-response operations
- Concept Development
  - Existing Conditions and User Needs
  - Vehicle and Infrastructure Requirements
  - Operational Strategies
- Schedule
  - October 2015 June 2017



### International Coordination

- Trilateral Working Group on Automation in Road Transportation
  - Accessible Automation Research and Development Sub-Working Group
  - Objective: Advance research, development, testing, and implementation of transformative automated transportation solutions for all people, including those with disabilities, and demonstrate operational solutions
  - 2015-2021
- ATTRI International Research Coordination
  - New ATTRI task
  - Collaboration with entrepreneurs, researchers, and government on accessible transportation
  - 2015-2017





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