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# **FHWA Connected Vehicles Pilot Program**

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# Today's Agenda

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- ▶ **Connected vehicles**
- ▶ **Federal pilot project opportunity**
- ▶ **Possible applications**
  - ▶ Improve safety with incident management
  - ▶ Foster interagency coordination
  - ▶ Provide more reliable traveler information
- ▶ **Next Steps**

# Introduction Video



# Federal Pilot Project Opportunity

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## ***Federal Highway Administration issued a Request for Proposals for Connected Vehicle (CV) Pilot Deployment***

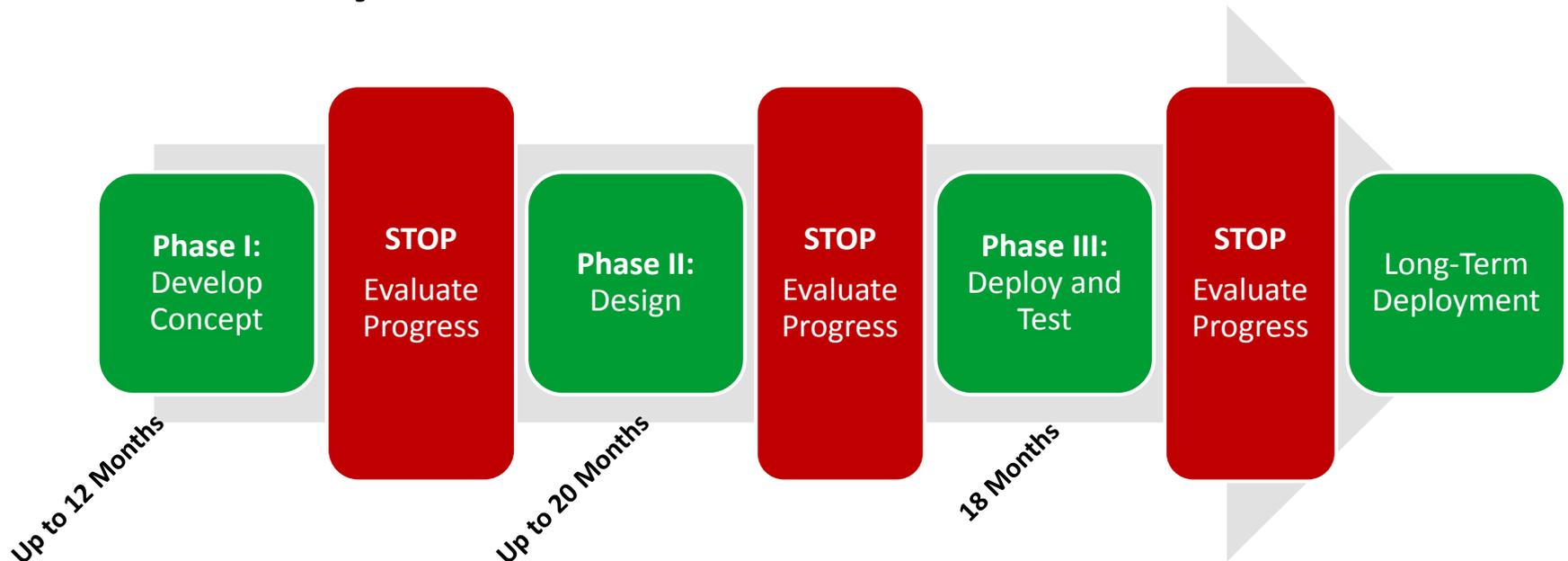
- ▶ Encouraging testing and development of connected vehicle technology
- ▶ Focus is on CV technology that will allow vehicles to collect, distribute and receive information in real time
- ▶ Multiple awards available
- ▶ Between \$2 million and \$20 million
- ▶ Encouraging multiple stakeholder partnerships led by private sector

Connected Vehicles  
CV Pilots Deployment Project



# Pilot Program Timeline

- ▶ **Connected Vehicle Pilot Program will be conducted in three phases**
- ▶ **At conclusion of each stage, FHWA and public partners will evaluate progress and make decisions to proceed or halt study**



# Improve Safety with Incident Management

- ▶ **USDOT estimates that connected vehicle technology can potentially address as much as 81 percent of all crashes**
- ▶ **Connected vehicle sensors can detect when incidents occur and send location and video images to the Tollway**
- ▶ **Every minute a lane is blocked due to an incident results in at least 4 minutes of additional travel delay**
- ▶ **Possible results:**
  - ▶ Faster response time to arrive at the scene
  - ▶ Faster time to clear incidents
  - ▶ More detailed information for first responders
  - ▶ Could reduce the number of incident patrols needed



# Improved Interagency Coordination

- ▶ Provides additional automated information to other agencies
- ▶ Improves incident coordination with local emergency responders and improves data sharing
- ▶ Improves transit operations by increasing reliability of service
- ▶ Could provide real-time bus arrival and departure times for customers
- ▶ Would allow the Tollway and Pace to manage bus on shoulder with fewer resources



# Provide More Reliable Traveler Information

- ▶ Chicago-area commuters experience the 5th highest congestion costs in the nation at \$1,153 per year
- ▶ Advanced Traveler Information Systems (ATIS) will provide customers with a complete picture of roadway conditions including predictive travel times, rather than the estimated travel times we provide today
- ▶ Real-time information about roadway conditions, travel times and transit schedules can empower travelers to make personalized travel decisions based on “live” data



# Tollway Pilot Project Costs and Obligations

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## ▶ **Costs to the Tollway**

- ▶ No costs for proposal development
- ▶ Minimal Tollway staff time to provide guidance and review progress

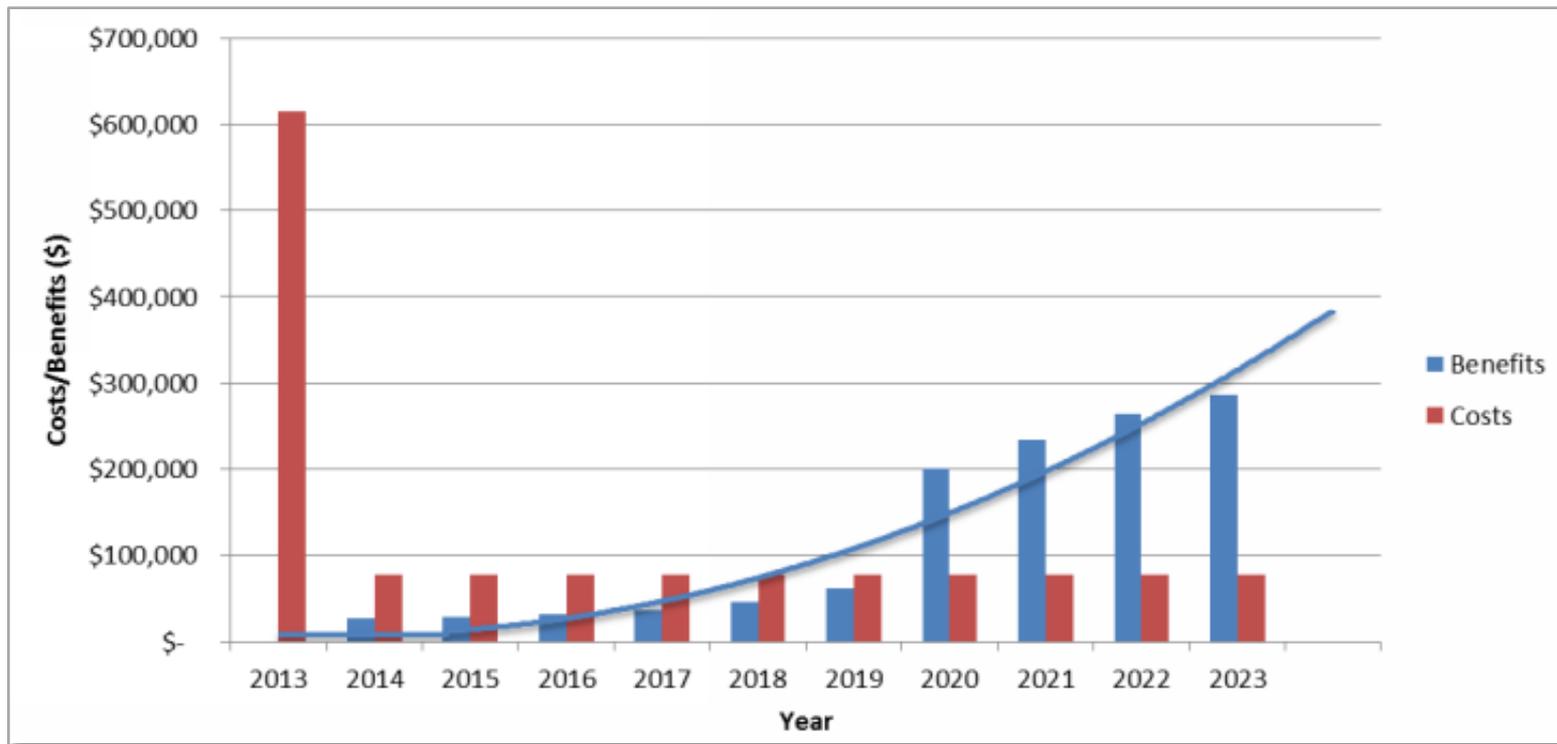
## ▶ **Obligations of Tollway**

- ▶ Assess progress throughout and at end of each phase
  - ▶ Tollway has ability to opt out of program
- ▶ FHWA anticipates deployment to be operated and maintained by public sector following pilot
  - ▶ Tollway can assess benefits of pilot at conclusion of program
  - ▶ Tollway not obligated to operate or maintain system if it does not make economic sense

# Cost/Benefit

***“Benefits will gradually offset a significant portion of the annual cost, and over time produce savings that outweigh annual operations and maintenance costs.”***

*National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) 03-101. 2014, Taso Zografos*





# **An Opportunity to Shape the Future**

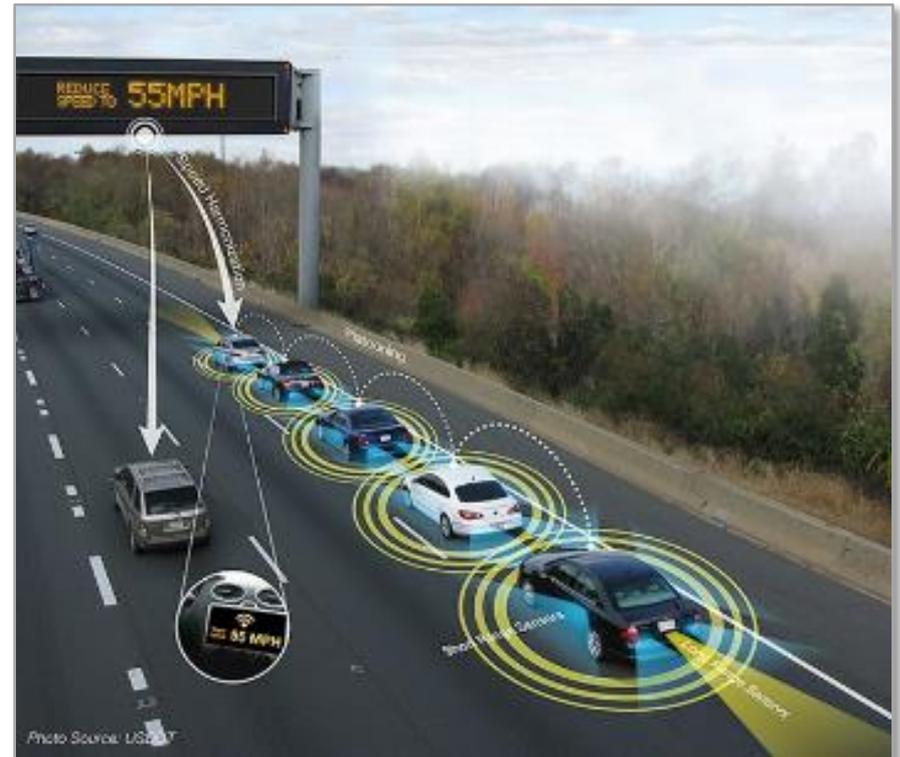
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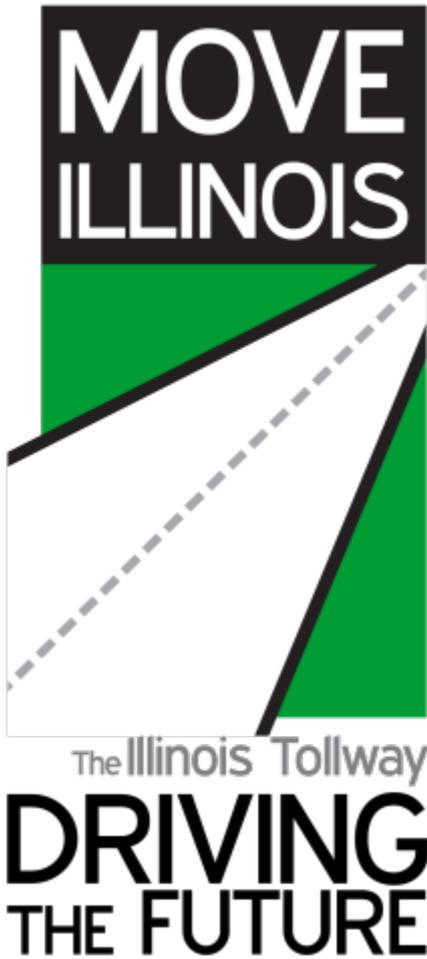
- ▶ **A federally funded study estimates that 90 percent of all vehicles will be “connected” within the next 15 years**
- ▶ **Every major auto manufacturer and tech firms like Google, Apple, Cisco Systems and IBM are heavily invested in CV technology research**
- ▶ **Federal pilot program will help determine how CV technology is deployed in the U.S.**
- ▶ **By participating in the pilot, Tollway can help define how CV technology is implemented**
- ▶ **Since the Tollway is already studying CV technology, participating in pilot would offset anticipated expenditures**

# Promise of Connected Vehicle Technology

***“In the past, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has focused on helping people survive crashes. Connected vehicle technology will change that paradigm by giving people the tools to avoid crashes.”***

*U.S. Department of Transportation*





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