

Emerging Freight Mobility ITS Applications

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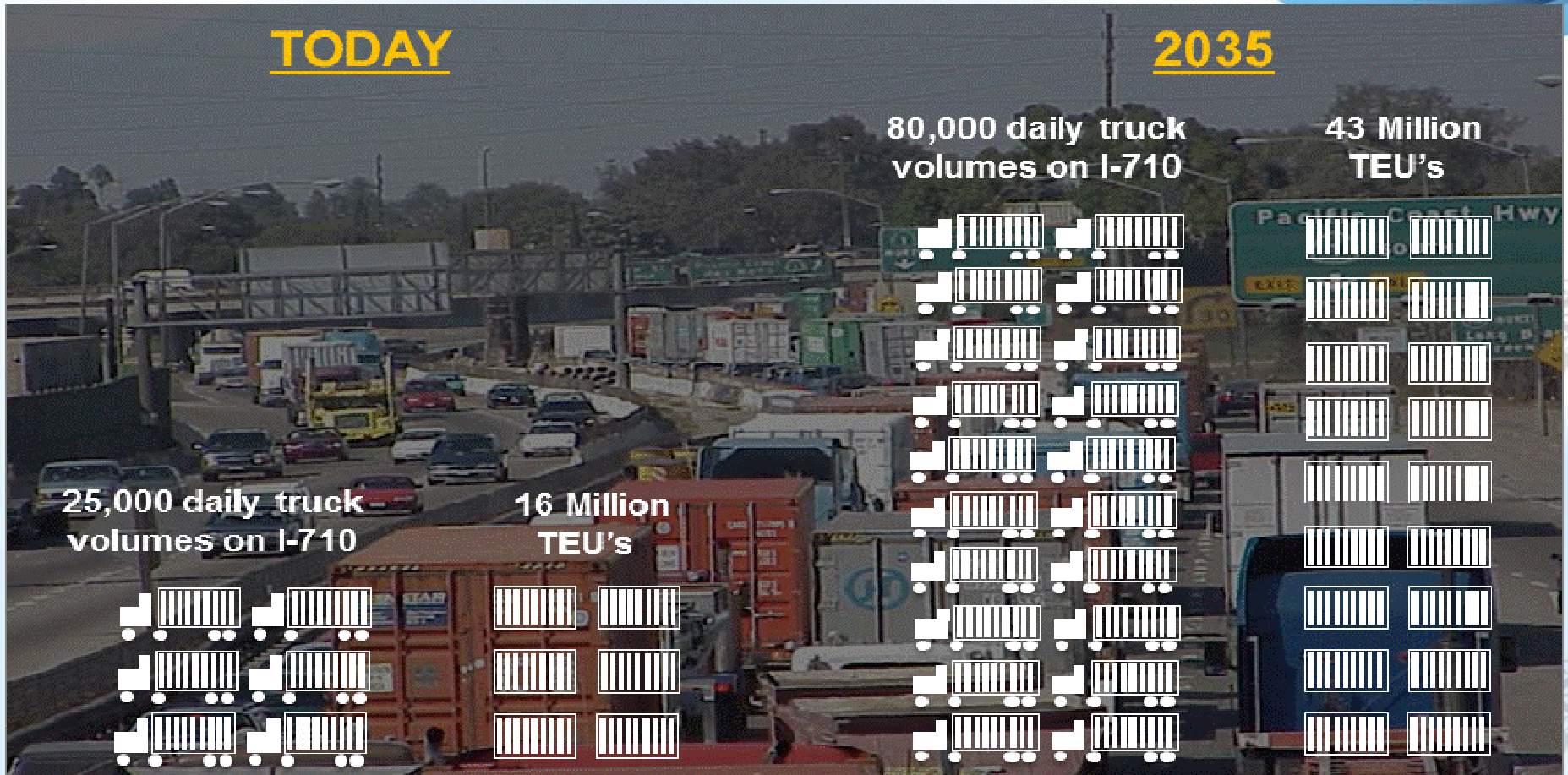
Gateway Cities Technology Plan for Goods Movement

THE GATEWAY REGION'S FREIGHT SYSTEM

- The most important gateway in our nation
 - 40 percent of the nation's total import traffic and about 25 percent of its total exports
 - 10% of U.S. Population lies within 100 miles
- Planning for the future
 - While the I-710 redesign will include dedicated truck lanes, this alone will not be enough to reduce expected future

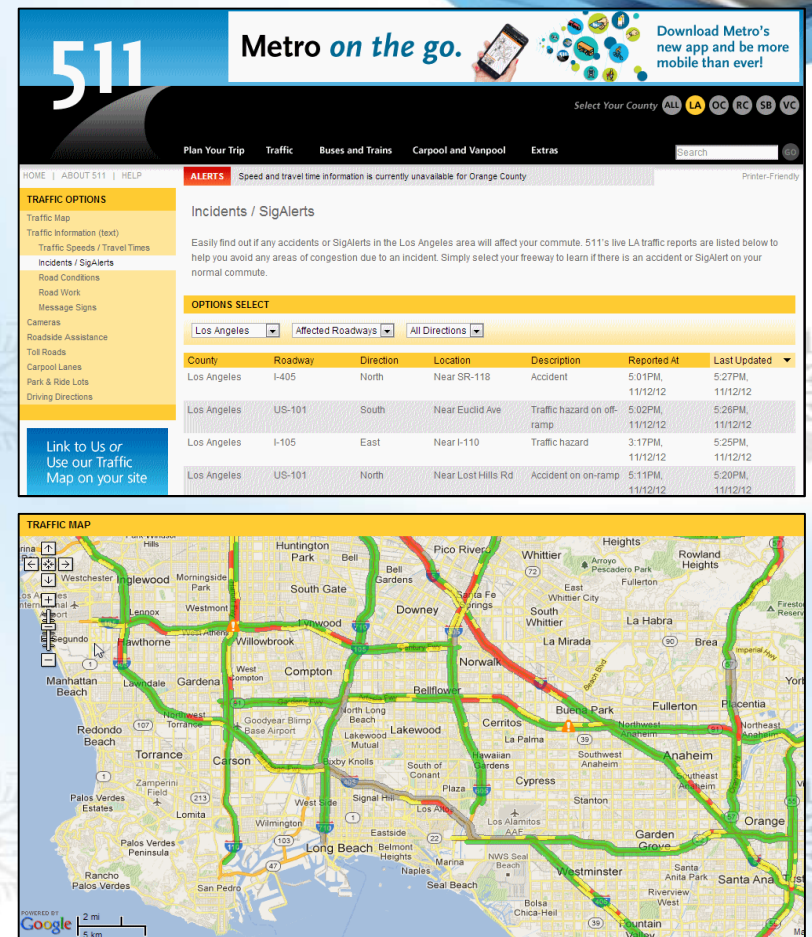


“THE PROBLEM”



THE LA REGION'S ITS PROGRAM

- Available resources have varying coverage and do not always provide freight-specific information
 - Generally good coverage of freeway traffic conditions
 - Lack of traffic information on key freight arterials is a major hole
 - Historical lack of real-time data on port region traffic data contributes to operational inefficiencies
- Freight routing, scheduling, and dispatch decisions are sometimes made in an ad-hoc fashion
- Freight has unique operational characteristics – tailored freight focused traveler information is a major need





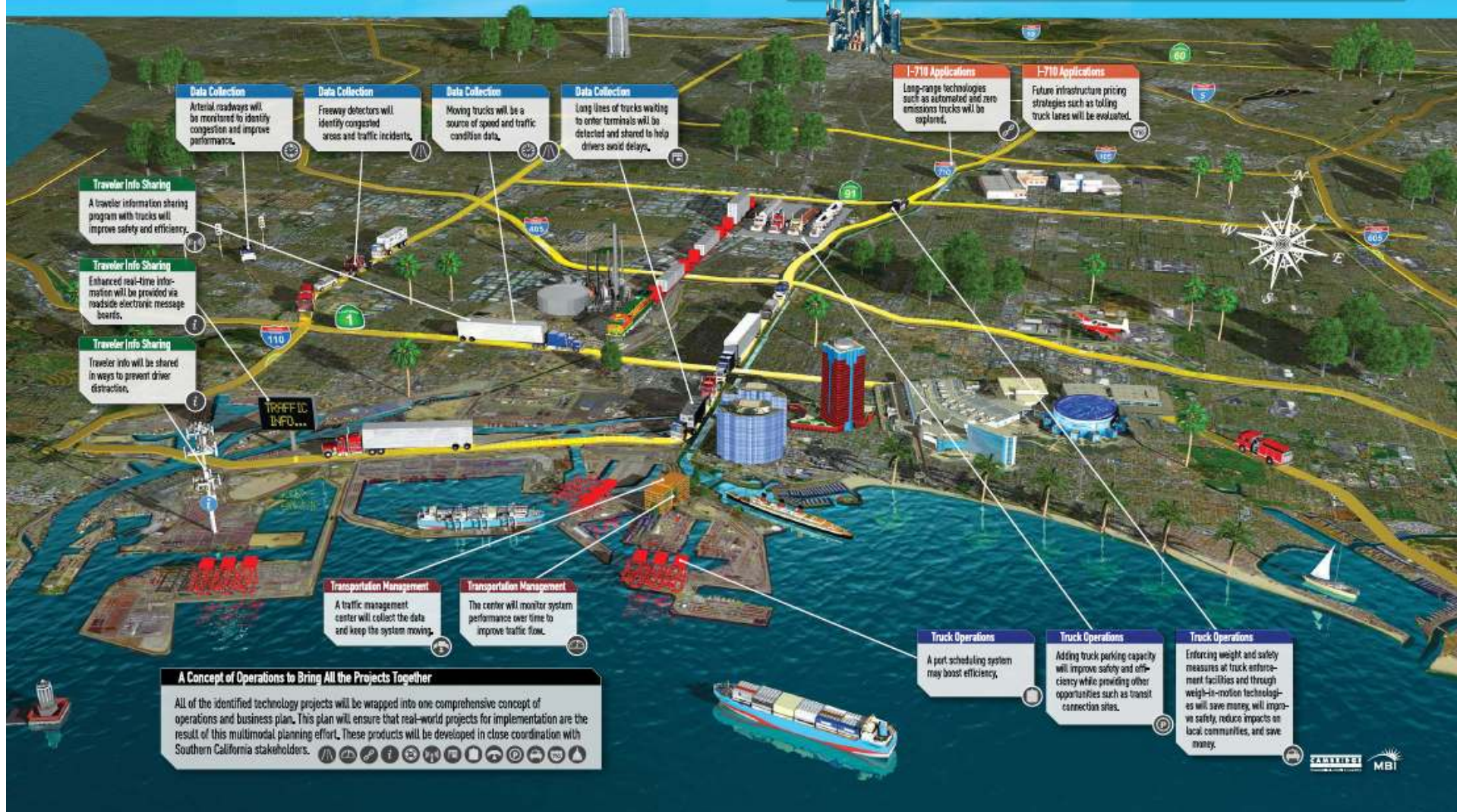
HI-LEVEL OVERVIEW OF PROJECT CONCEPT

OVERVIEW OF PROJECT COMPONENTS



TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS FOR GATEWAY CITIES GOODS MOVEMENT

The Gateway Cities Technology Plan for Goods Movement is developing several technology applications and operations improvements to move goods safely and efficiently in and out of the region. These projects were identified as part of the ITS Integration Plan for Goods Movement with the support of a Southern California ITS Working Group. With solutions like these in place to address the growing demand for Southern California goods movements, the region will see less congested roadways, cleaner air, and more capacity for economic growth.



DATA COLLECTION ELEMENTS

Data Collection

Arterial roadways will be monitored to identify congestion and improve performance.

Data Collection

Freeway detectors will identify congested areas and traffic incidents.

Data Collection

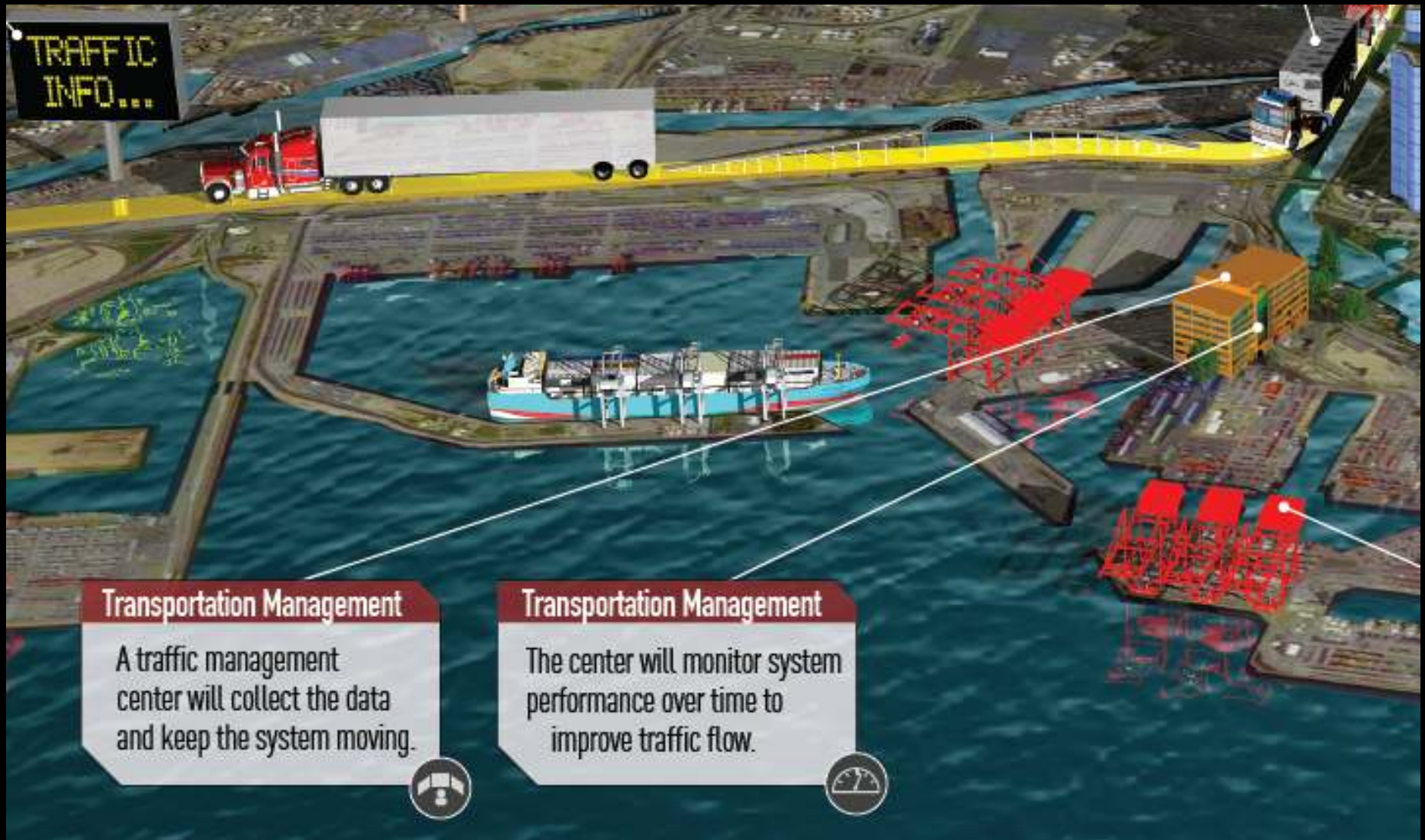
Moving trucks will be a source of speed and traffic condition data.

Data Collection

Long lines of trucks waiting to enter terminals will be detected and shared to help drivers avoid delays.



TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ELEMENTS



TRAVELER INFORMATION SHARING ELEMENTS

Traveler Info Sharing

A traveler information sharing program with trucks will improve safety and efficiency.



Traveler Info Sharing

Enhanced real-time information will be provided via roadside electronic message boards.

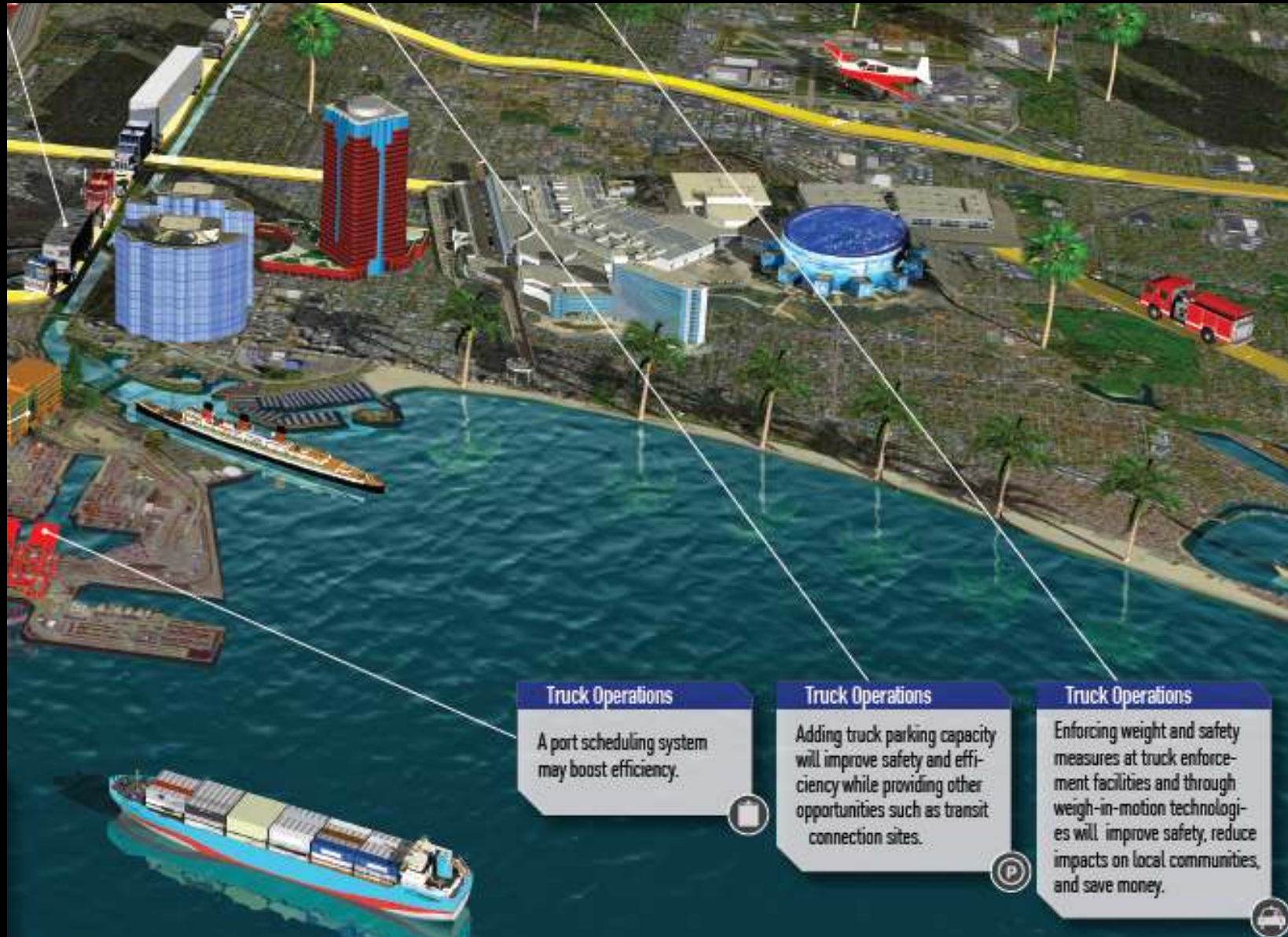


Traveler Info Sharing

Traveler info will be shared in ways to prevent driver distraction.



TRUCK OPERATIONS ELEMENTS



Truck Operations

A port scheduling system may boost efficiency.



Truck Operations

Adding truck parking capacity will improve safety and efficiency while providing other opportunities such as transit connection sites.



Truck Operations

Enforcing weight and safety measures at truck enforcement facilities and through weigh-in-motion technologies will improve safety, reduce impacts on local communities, and save money.



I-710 APPLICATIONS ELEMENTS

I-710 Applications

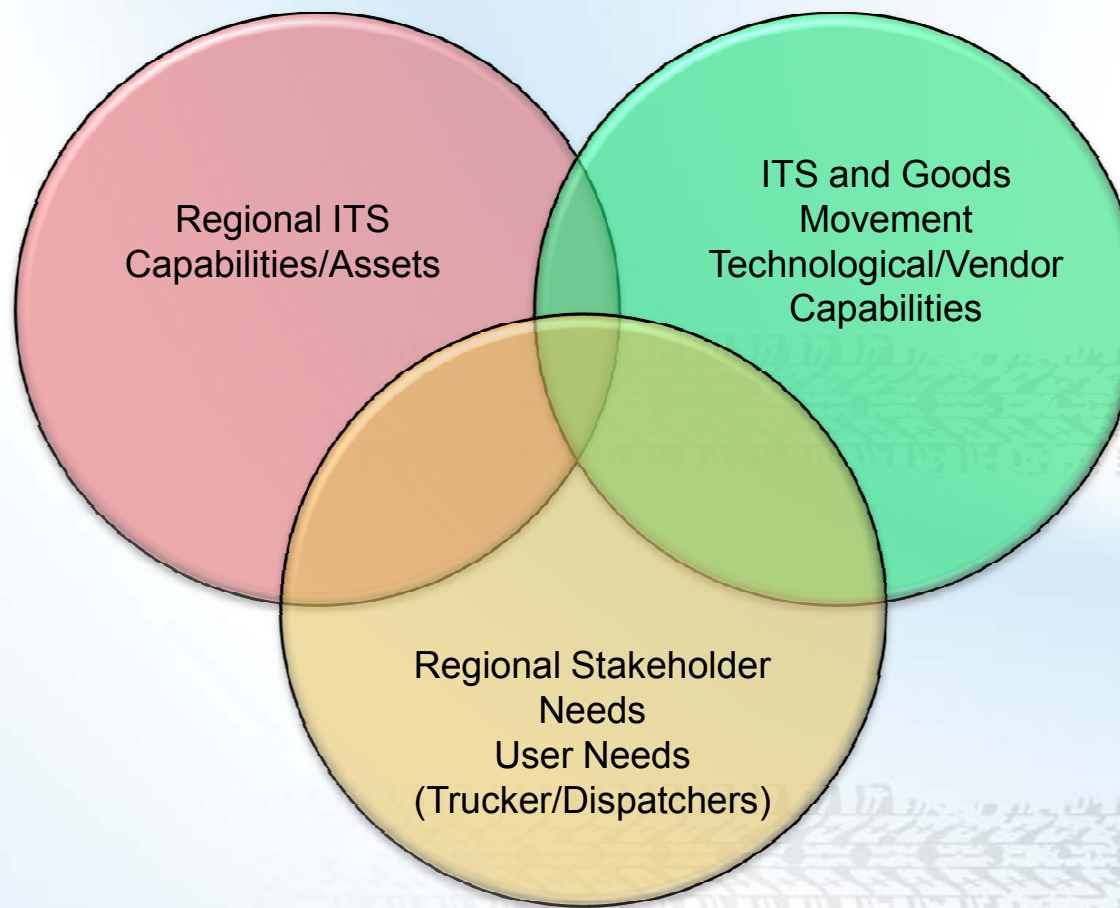
Long-range technologies such as automated and zero emissions trucks will be explored.

I-710 Applications

Future infrastructure pricing strategies such as tolling truck lanes will be evaluated.



PROJECT INTEGRATION PHILOSOPHY



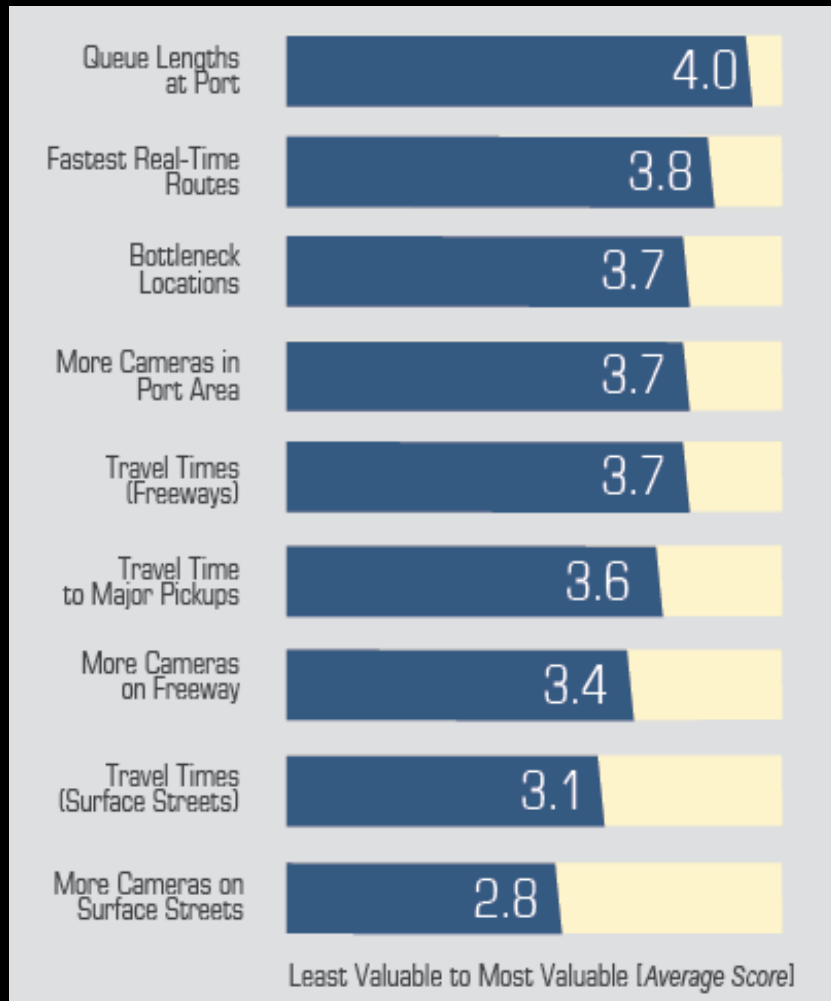
OVERVIEW OF THIS PROJECT

- **Conduct 13 Feasibility Studies**
 - Leverage recent advances technology
 - Traveler Information (LA SAFE/511)
 - Mobile Applications (smart phones)
 - Freight/Enforcement Technologies
 - Research future I-710 automation needs
- **Create technology plan that will facilitate near-term implementation**
 - Background Research
 - User Needs
 - Technology Technical Definition
 - Concept of Operations and Business and Implementation Plan
- **18 month project length (completed Dec 2012)**
- **Sponsored by LA MTA & Gateway Cities COG**
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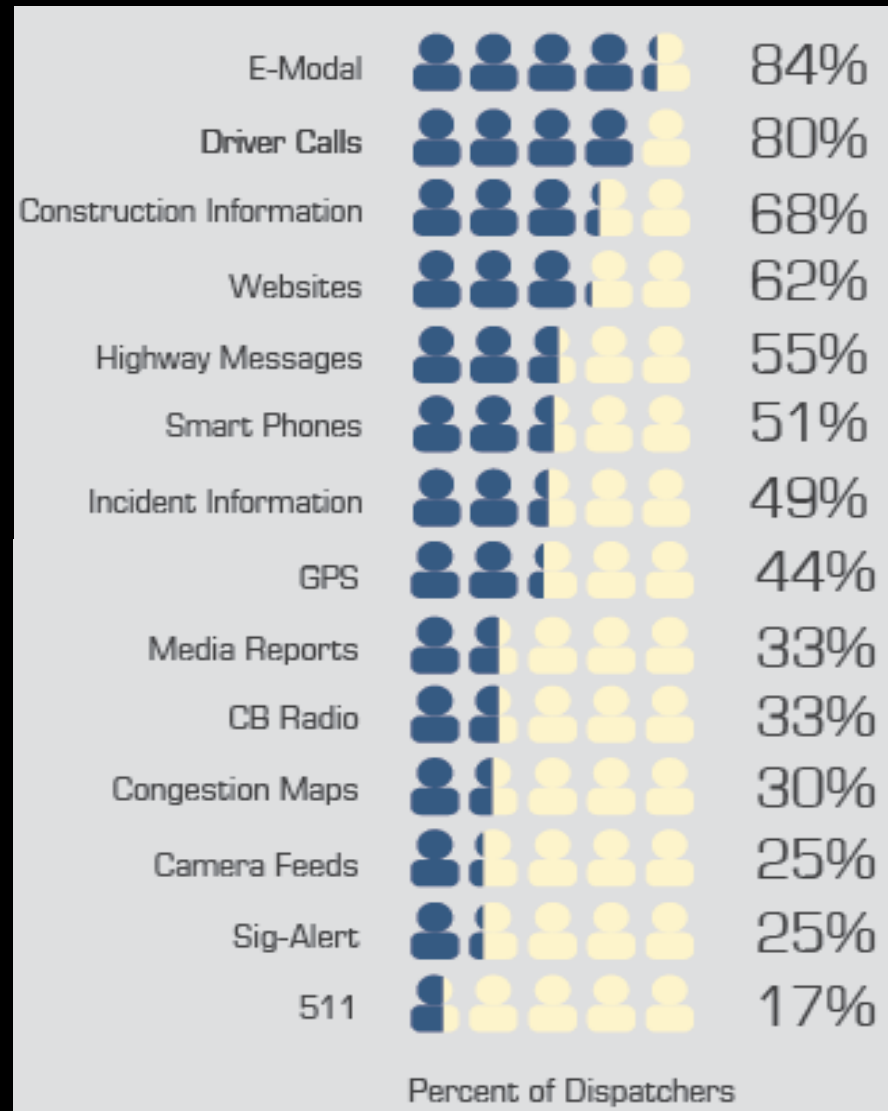


SELECTED USER NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS (1 of 4)

DISPATCHERS: VALUE OF INFORMATION (LIKERT SCALE)

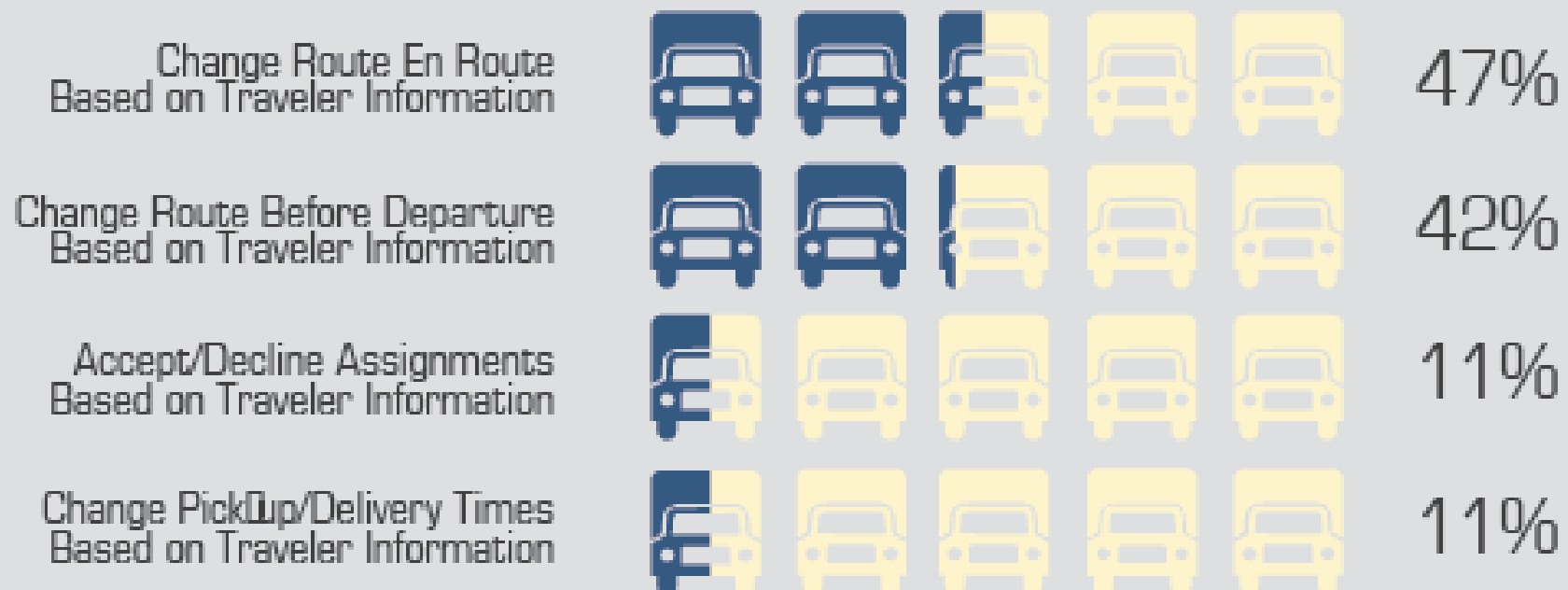


DISPATCHERS: USE OF REGIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES



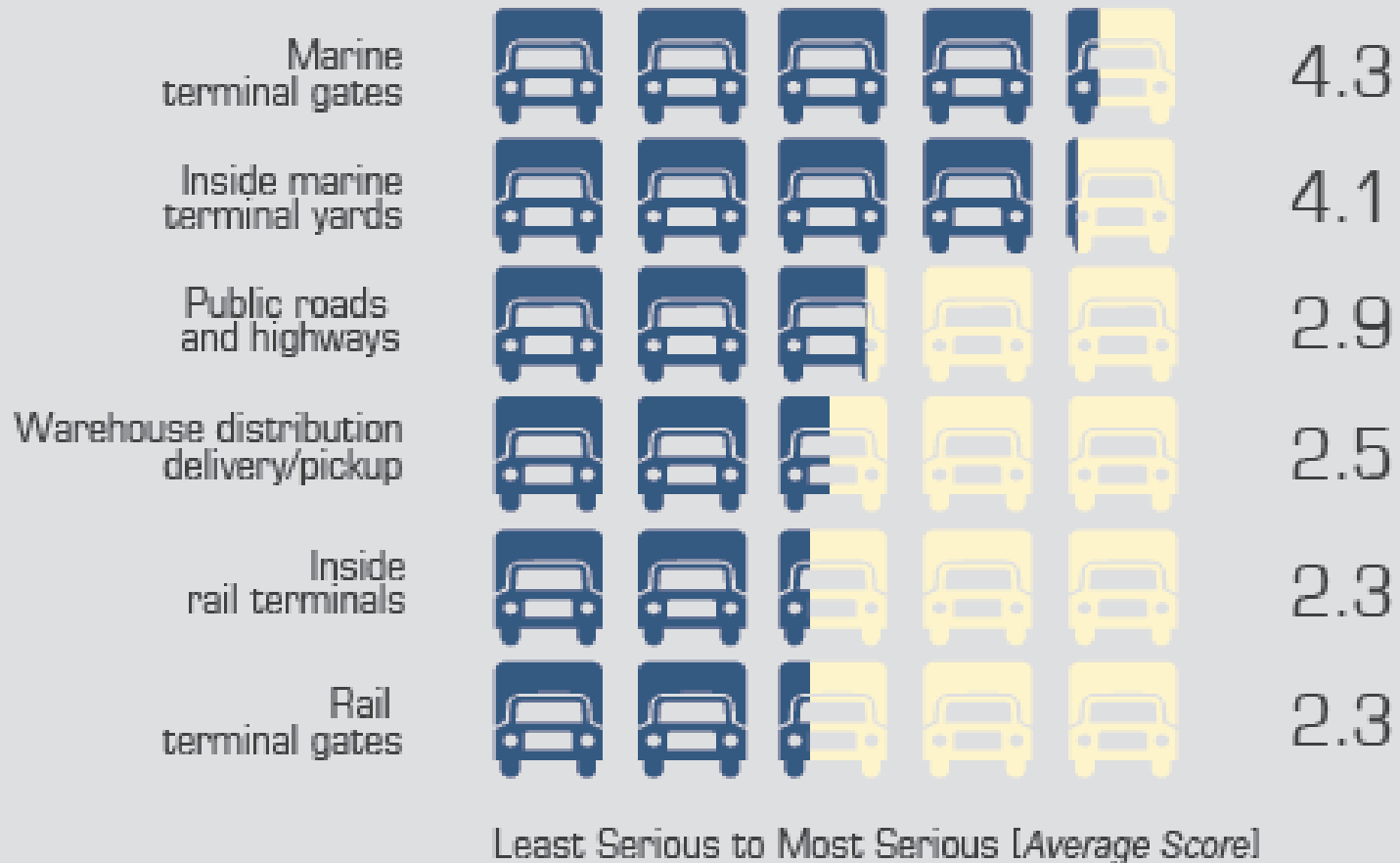
SELECTED USER NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS (2 of 4)

Truck Drivers use traveler information to make key decisions:



SELECTED USER NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS (3 OF 4)

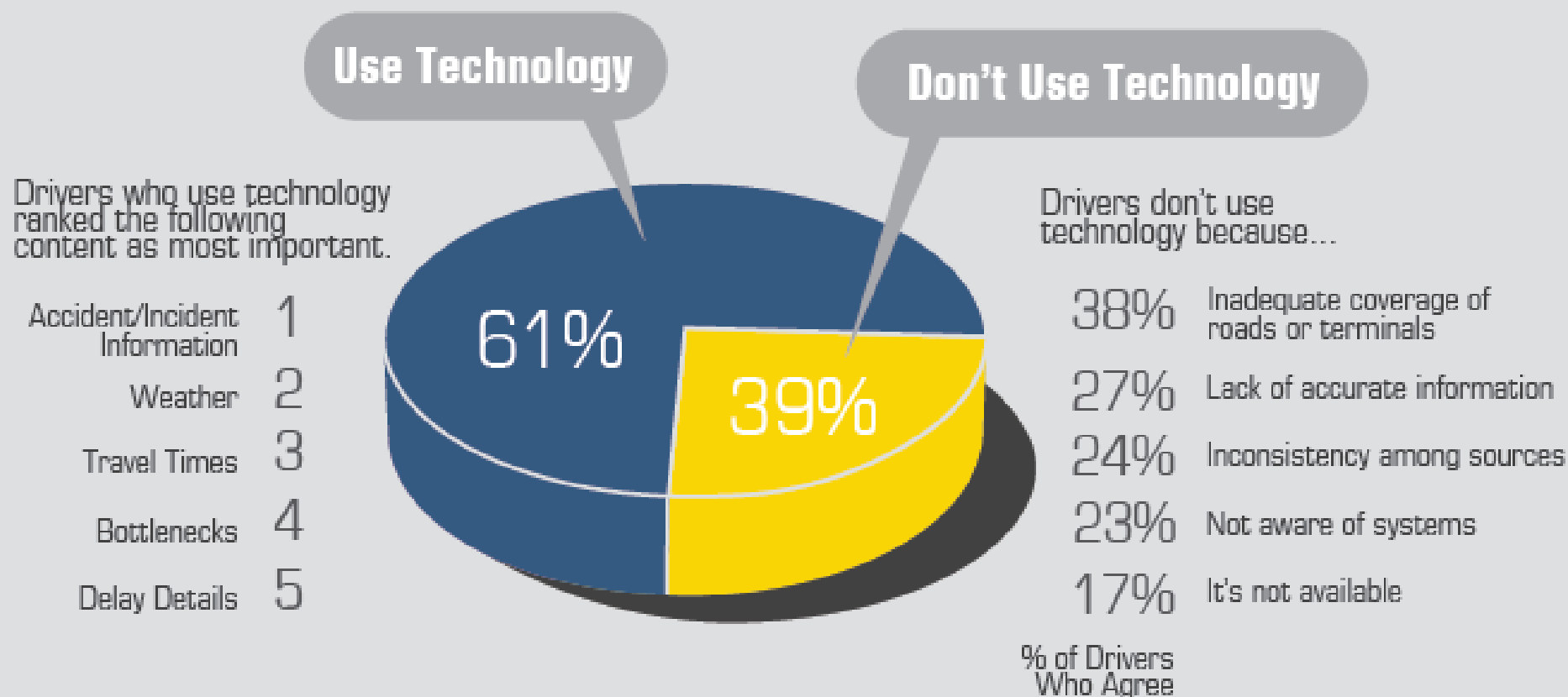
Marine terminal gates were rated as the highest location for delay.



NOTE: I-710 WAS REPORTED AS THE MOST HEAVILY USED FREIGHT ROADWAY

SELECTED USER NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS (4 OF 4)

About 61% of drivers use technology (such as GPS and traveler info websites) for routing decisions.



Note: USDOT FRATIS National Drayage Survey Results

GOODS MOVEMENT/DRAYAGE PROCESS MAP

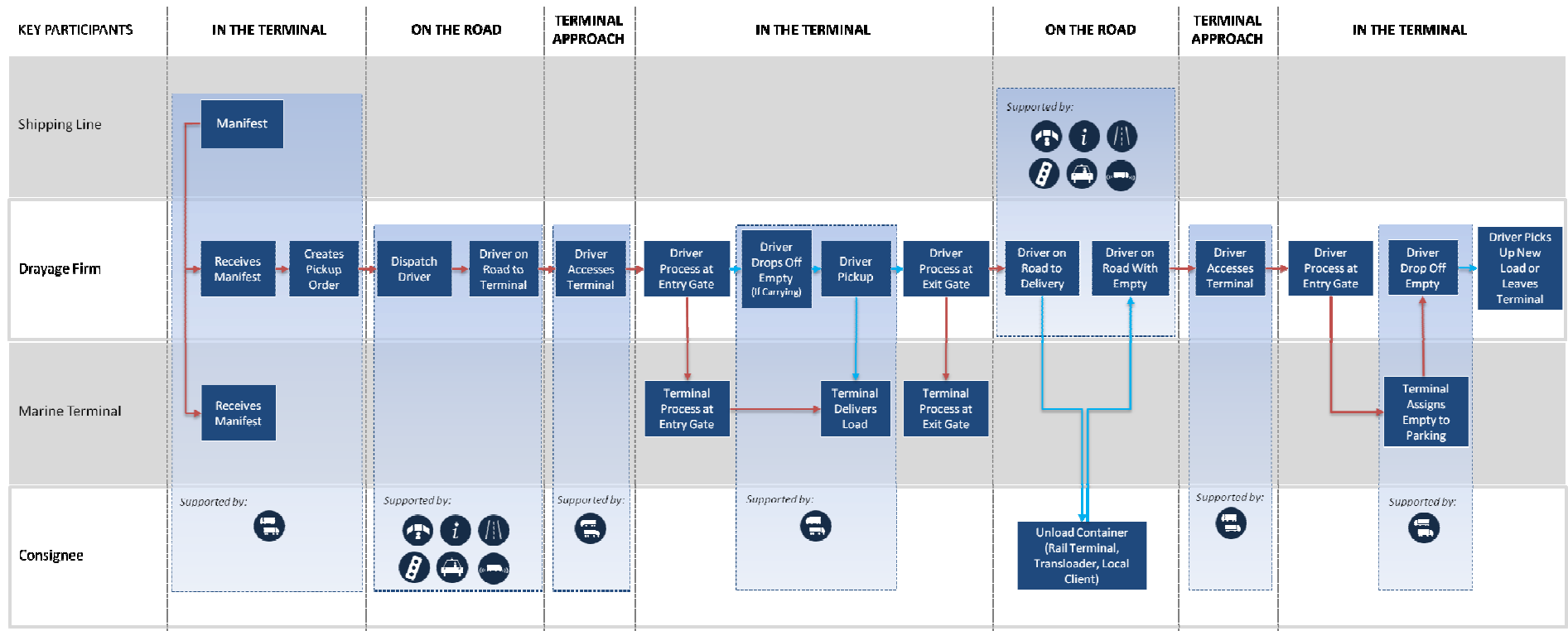


Gateway Cities Technology Plan for Goods Movement



Goods Movement/Drayage Process Map

This graphic provides a high-level summary of the import drayage process. It is by no means inclusive. But it does include the major components of a shipment arriving at the ports and then being delivered to its final destination. This graphic also illustrates where the various projects which are being developed as part of the effort overlap with various functional areas of this process.



KEY

Information Flow →

Action →

Project Impact Areas

List of Projects



CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS ELEMENTS

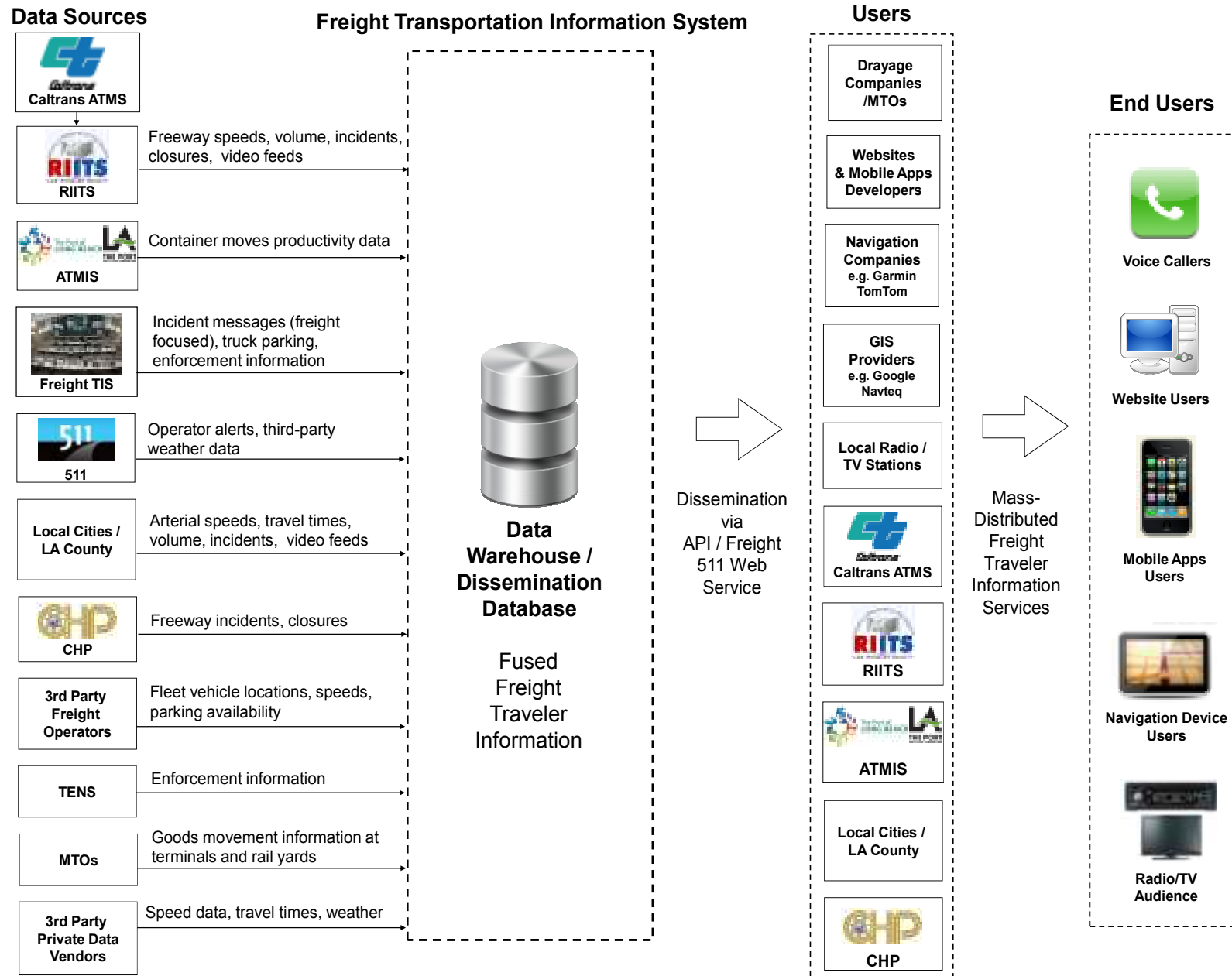
- General Description of Program
 - Freight Traveler Information Data Fusion and Dissemination Project
 - Arterial Smart Corridor
 - Freeway Smart Corridor for Freight
 - Container Moves Productivity Improvements
 - I-710 Automated Truck Research
 - Truck Enforcement Network System
- Identifies Stakeholders
- High Level Benefits/Costs
- Interdependencies
- Operational Scenarios/Examples



CONOPS AND PROJECTS OVERVIEW

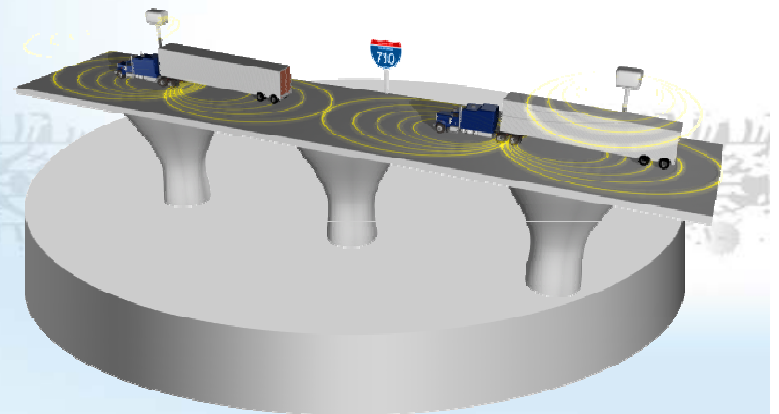


DATA FUSION & TRAVELER INFORMATION DISSÉMINATION CONOPS



SPECIAL FOCUS: AUTONOMOUS TRUCK RESEARCH

- Concept of Operations for research program
 - Finalize test corridor location
 - Develop operational test corridor requirements
 - Document vehicle requirements
 - Create framework for using test results in I-710 corridor design
 - Integrate with ongoing I-710 efforts



OBJECTIVES OF THE GATEWAY CITIES V2X RESEARCH PROJECT

- Helping ensure the future viability of the Ports and Gateway Cities region, as well as the I 710 corridor
- Building upon ongoing and rapidly advancing intelligent vehicle (IV) technologies for trucks to define an effective conveyor operation of trucks is on the I 710 freight corridor that will safely maximize the throughput of trucks in the freight corridor
- Helping Southern California establish a leadership position in Connected Vehicle technologies that will enhance the local economy
- Establishing an ongoing partnership and environment that attract additional funding opportunities to bridge the gap between research efforts and effective real-world solutions in a real-world freight corridor
- Promoting the state of the art in truck guidance and flow efficiency



RESEARCH FOCUS TO DATE

- Review of Demonstrations
 - UC Berkeley PATH
 - EU
 - SARTRE
 - CHAUFFER/CHARUFFER2
 - DARPA Grand Challenge
 - Australia – truck train demonstration
- Autonomous vehicle
 - Volvo, SWRI, Google, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, GM, BMW, Toyota
- Federal initiatives
 - Connected Vehicle Initiative
- Many Issues
 - Legislation, Acceptability, Role of the infrastructure, Operating costs



POTENTIAL OPERATIONAL TESTING LOCATIONS

- Terminal Island Freeway – provides real-world intermodal truck freeway-like conditions
- Potential connections to 710 (south of I-405) and SR-47 for major test event(s)
- Potential testing might in late night hours (close-down) (e.g. 12:30 AM to 4:30 AM)

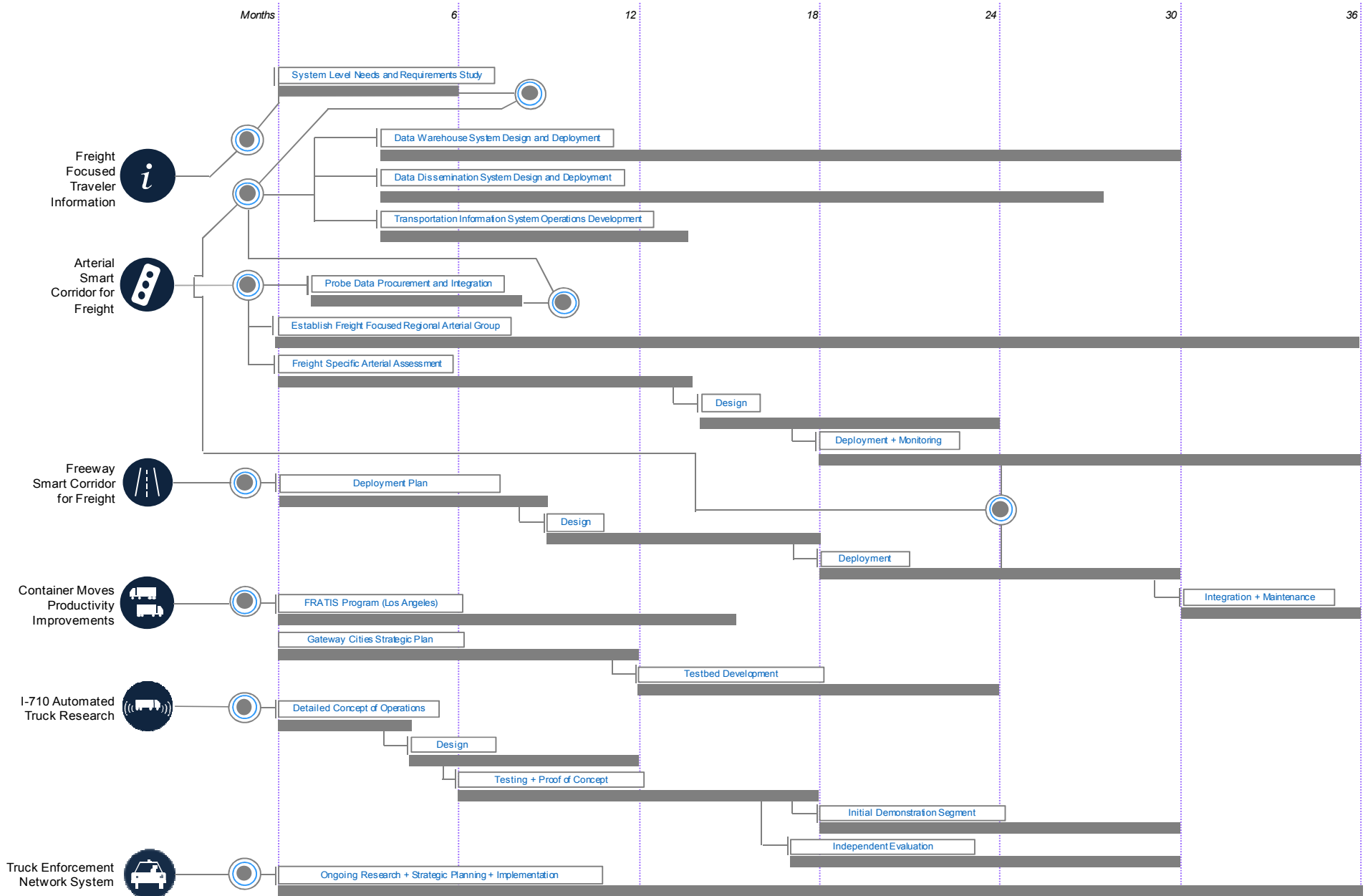


POTENTIAL CONTROLLED PRELIMINARY TESTING LOCATION – FONTANA SPEEDWAY

- AAA Auto Club owned Speedway in Fontana, CA
- 2-Mile Continuous D-shaped oval; 75 feet wide
- Daily rental: \$11K



IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP



VENDOR SHOWCASES

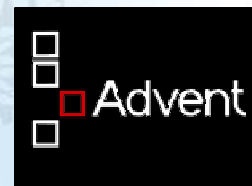


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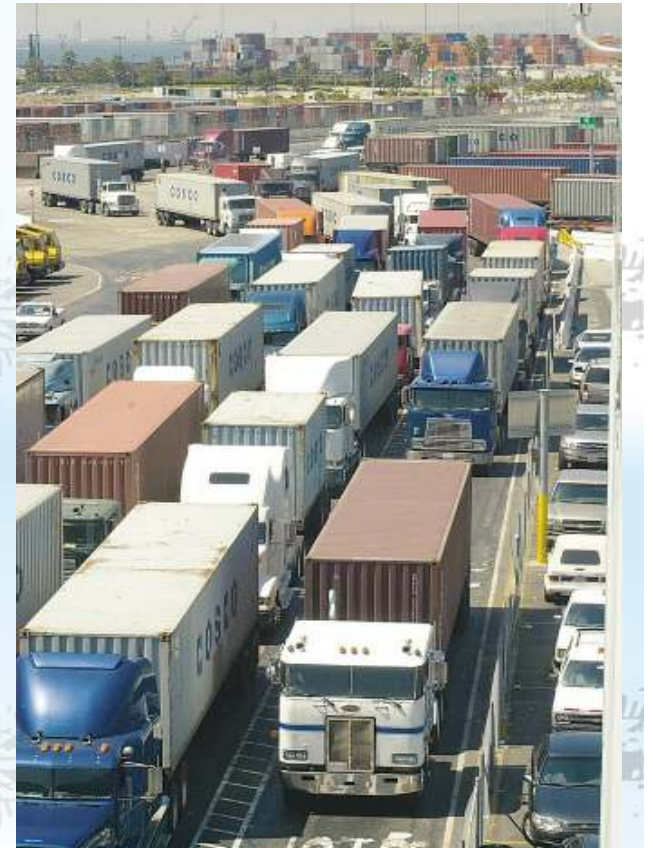
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NAVTEQ

NEXT STEPS

- USDOT Freight Advanced Traveler Information System (FRATIS) Testing in the LA-Gateway Cities Region
 - Ongoing through May 2014
- Freight ITS Planning Elements of the New Gateway Cities Transportation Strategic Plan Program by MTA and the Gateway Cities COG
 - March 2013 to March 2014

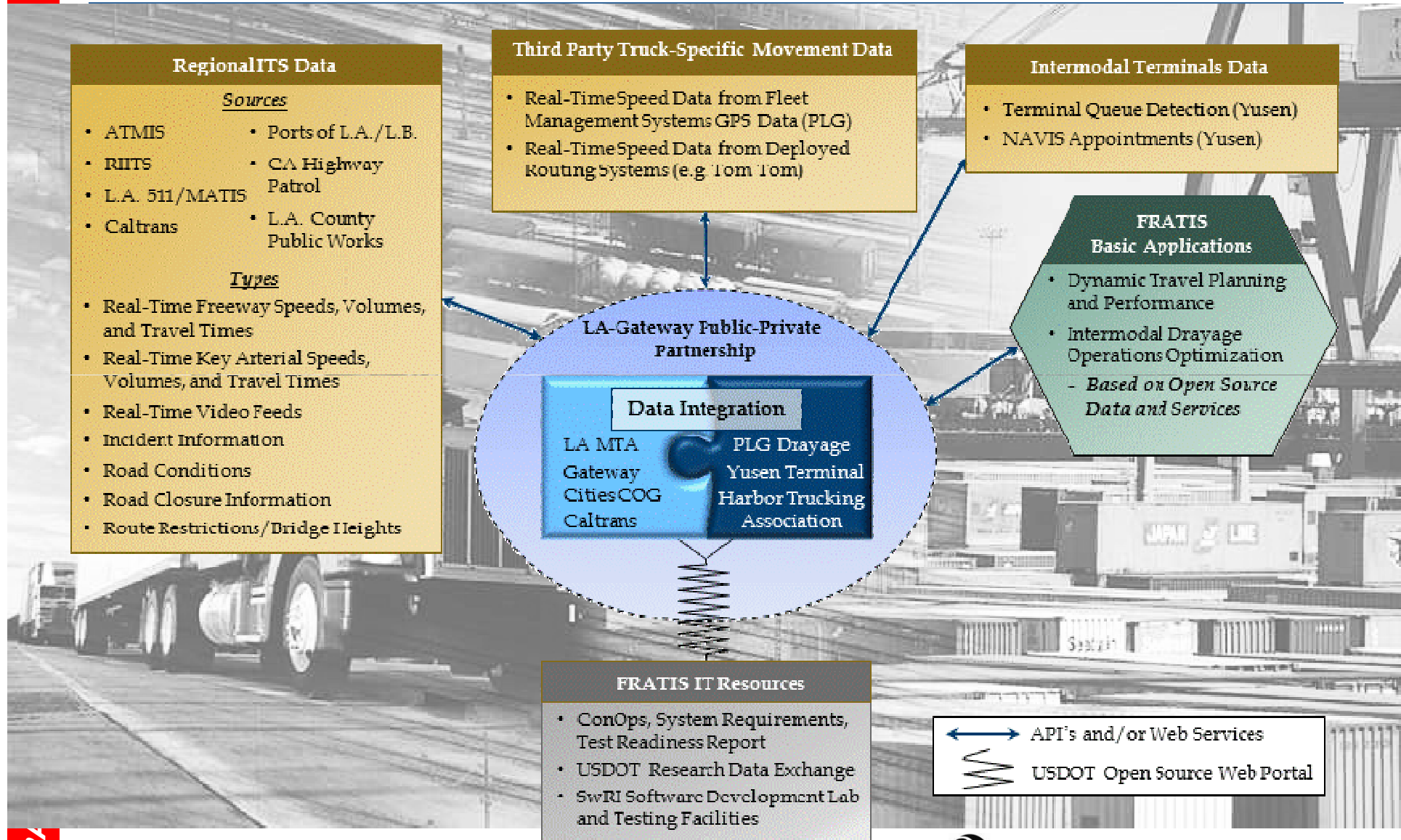


**Freight Advanced Traveler
Information System (FRATIS)
Los Angeles Test Program**

Why FRATIS Development in this Region?

- FRATIS development and small-scale testing in the LA-Gateway region is designed to:
 - Leverage and integrate public and private sector data sources, and add the missing pieces
 - Test the benefits of added functionality
 - Support regional efforts to build trust and establish a new paradigm for cooperation within the intermodal freight industry
 - Build support for freight-specific ITS applications
 - Serve as an incubator for private industry
 - Lessons learned will support further testing initiatives
- This test can also serve as the first step in deploying elements of the Gateway Cities ITS Goods Movement System
- FRATIS is being sponsored by the FHWA Office of Freight Mgmt. and Operations (POC: Randy Butler, FHWA; randy.butler@dot.gov)

Background – the April 2012 FRATIS ConOps: The Starting Point for the LA-Gateway FRATIS Testing Concept



Relationship Between FRATIS & the Gateway Cities Goods Movement Technology Plan

During the development of the FRATIS Concept of Operations (ConOps), significant technical cross-fertilization between the FRATIS ConOps and the Gateway Cities Goods Movement Technology Plan occurred in a holistic manner, with the result being the improvement of both projects to better address intermodal freight user needs via ITS. This included utilizing the regional public-private “Freight ITS Working Group” as a sounding board for U.S. DOT’s FRATIS concept, which manifested in the conduct of an Intermodal Freight Technology Work Group (IFTWG) meeting in November 2011 in L.A., where CS staff conducted a FRATIS user needs assessment. Additionally, U.S. DOT invited key L.A. regional freight ITS public and private stakeholders to participate in the FRATIS ConOps Walkthrough and the FRATIS System Requirements Walkthrough, both of which were held at LA METRO Headquarters in February and May, 2012, respectively. As a result of this cross-fertilization, the project designs currently being completed for the Gateway Cities Goods Movement Technology Plan are using the FRATIS ConOps and System Requirements and guidance, and the FRATIS ConOps includes an operational scenario centered on deploying FRATIS in the L.A.-Gateway Region.

FRATIS Components as Applied to the LA-Gateway Region

- Freight-Specific Dynamic Travel Planning and Performance
 - Real-time information to support planning and operations of dray trucking movements in the region
 - Mobile and web-based delivery of push and pull alert and tailored information – to dray dispatchers and drivers
 - Reductions in fuel usage from applications use; corresponding improvements in air quality
 - Public sector performance monitoring
- Drayage Optimization
 - Real-time information on terminal queues, including predictive algorithms, to support planning and potential diversions/reassignment
 - Real-time information (and predictive algorithm) on number and types of trucks enroute to a terminal – to support terminal operations planning
 - Support appointment status information exchange between drayage dispatchers and MTO operators

What is the Los Angeles FRATIS Project?

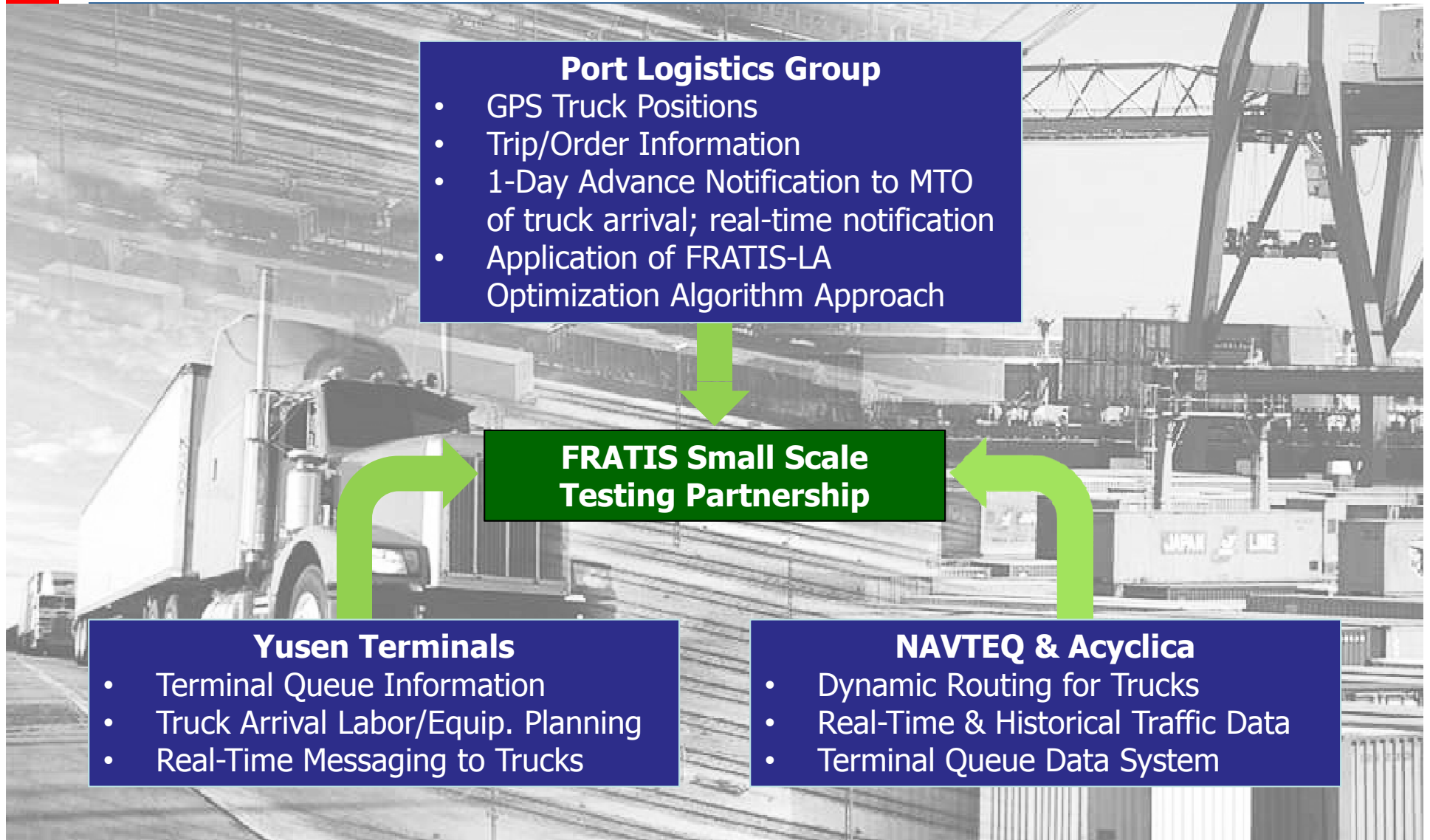
- Primary Goal: **Enable** and **optimize** information sharing between drayage fleets and marine terminals
 - Dray Operators (DO's): Improved planning for container pickups; dynamic routing to avoid congestion and severe queues; terminal and yard information/alerts
 - MTO's: Improved labor, equipment and gate operations; truck-specific yard management information; push alerts to trucks approaching or within terminal
 - Public Sector: Benefits in more efficient trips lead to congestion reduction and air quality improvements
- Test will be conducted with **Port Logistics Group** and **Yusen Terminals Inc.**; operational testing to occur for six months starting this August
- Technologies to be tested:
 - FRATIS System Integration, Web and Mobile Interfaces – Productivity Apex
 - Point-to-Point Travel Planning and Dynamic Routing – NAVTEQ
 - Comprehensive Terminal Truck Processing Measurement – Acyclica

FRATIS Key Stakeholders/Participants

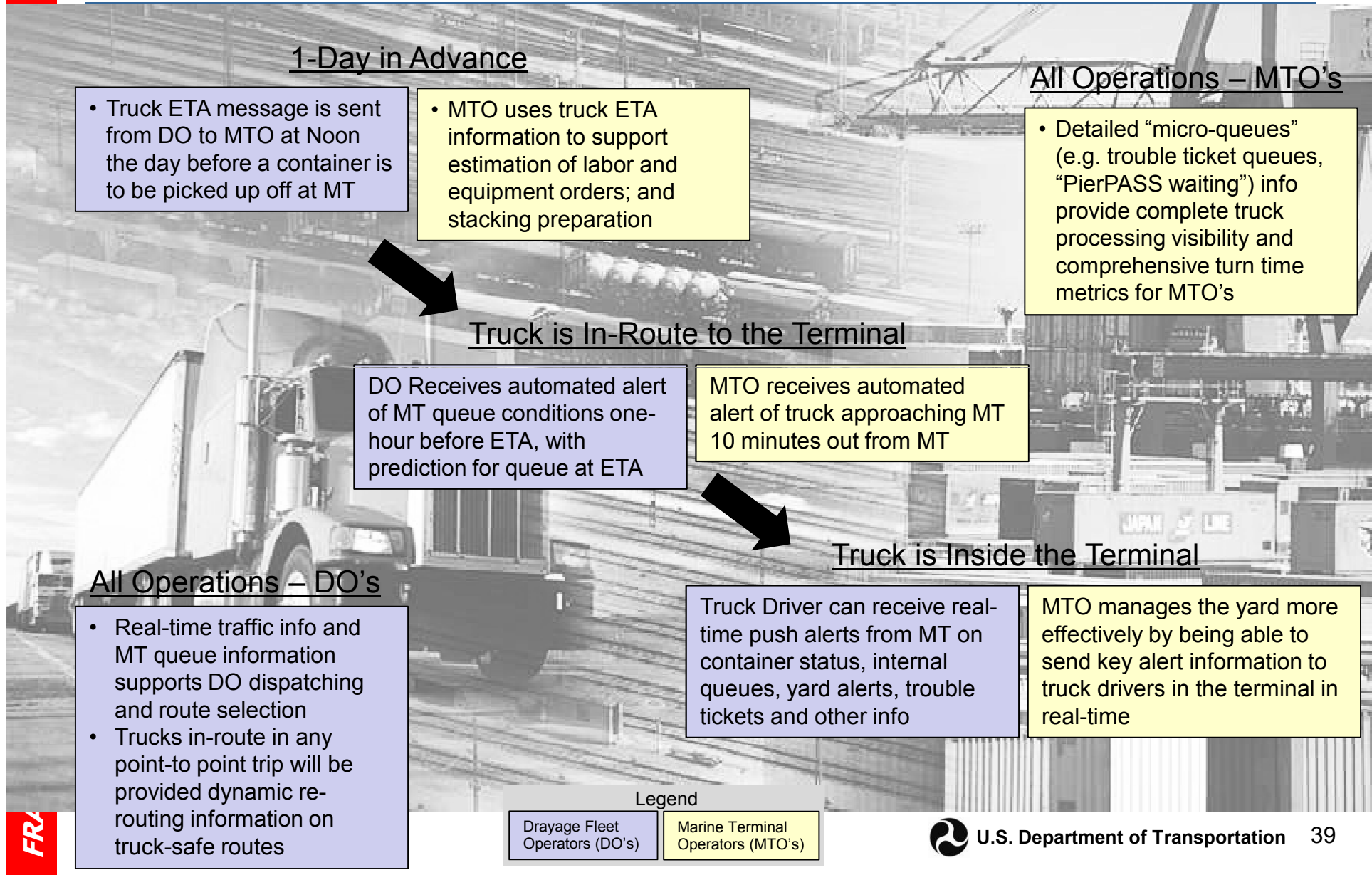


- **USDOT** – The Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) is funding this test under the Dynamical Mobility Applications area of the ITS Connected Vehicle Program; the FHWA Office of Freight Management is overseeing the technical conduct of FRATIS; Noblis supports USDOT.
- **LA METRO** – The predominant transportation agency in Southern California, responsible for L.A.'s freeway infrastructure and transit network, with a 2012 budget of \$12.5 Billion.
- **Gateway Cities COG** – The MPO for the 27 cities that encompasses most of the intermodal freight movements exiting the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, and many of the associated intermodal industries.
- **HTA** – The primary drayage trucking organization in Southern California, with more than 100 licensed motor carriers, and representing 40 percent of the drayage activity in the L.A.-Gateway Region; HTA stands available to assist this project, and volunteer additional trucking firms for testing as determined necessary by CS and U.S. DOT.
- **Port Logistics Group** – This forward thinking drayage and logistics firm, with a fleet of 50 vehicles that moves 25,000 TEUs per year, has volunteered to be the trucking firm to participate in the Small Scale Testing of the FRATIS system
- **Yusen Terminal** – This major intermodal terminal on Terminal Island at the POLA handles 1,400 containers per week, and has agreed to voluntarily participate in the Testing of the FRATIS system; Yusen also has suggested potential "hooks" from FRATIS into their new appointment system, as well as allowing queue measurement sensors to be placed at their terminal approach.

Relationship between Test Participant FRATIS Information Elements



Information Elements of the FRATIS LA System



FRATIS Optimization Approach (1 of 2)

- Optimization Goal:
 - Improve information flow and operations between DO's and MTO's using a fusion of public and private sector data
- Develop and/utilize as much information and data as is available on existing constraints and data
 - Pre-notification ETA message from DO to MTO (noon-day before)
 - Historical travel times (based on NAVTEQ data)
 - Real-time travel time forecasts (based on NAVTEQ system info)
 - Historical terminal queue times (based on Acyclica queue system data)
 - Real-time queue time forecasts (based on Acyclica queue system info)

FRATIS Optimization Approach (2 of 2)

■ DO Optimization

- When Pre-notification ETA message is sent, the truck routing plan and the estimate of time (based on historical data) for the truck trip and the queue is provided to the DO dispatcher
- When the truck trip actually occurs, the performance against the original ETA is measured; additionally dynamic routing recommendations (to avoid) may be provided to the DO
- Optimization is measured in real-time, using automated data, and incorporating a FRATIS truck trip/container delivery planning and execution algorithm.

■ MTO Optimization

- Labor and equipment orders are modified based on DO pre-notification ETA message (noon-day before)
- Truck processing into and across key points in the terminal (e.g. gate, trouble queue, empties queue, PierPASS “waiting”) is continually optimized by the MTO using the FRATIS comprehensive queue time measurement system
- Optimization is measured by continual assessment of data and operational information provided by YTI to the FRATIS Contractor and Independent Assessment Team.

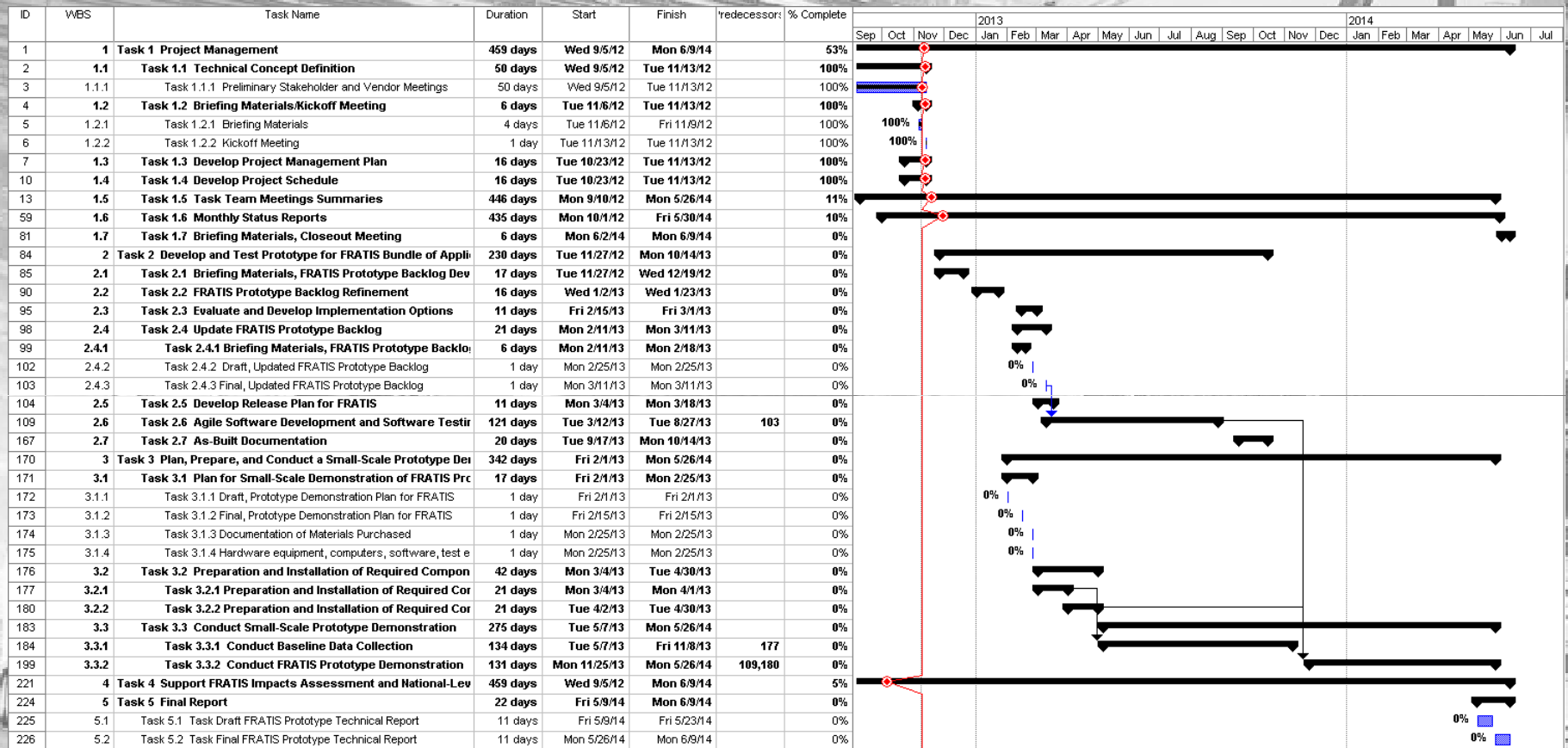
The Future – Potential Benefits in Deploying FRATIS across the San Pedro Bay Ports (1 of 2)

- Improve logistics efficiency for a dray trucking company
 - Pre-trip planning and dynamic re-routing
 - Improved trip planning
 - Traffic congestion avoidance and/or planning updates
 - Reduced idle time by avoiding congested gates
 - Real-time appointment status information
 - Improves planning, adherence and efficiency
 - Results of the above:
 - Reduced fuel cost and potential truck utilization efficiency gains
 - Reduced idle time by avoiding congested gates
 - Corresponding public benefits (from above) in improved air quality

The Future – Potential Benefits in Deploying FRATIS across the San Pedro Bay Ports (2 of 2)

- Provide advance information to MTO's on expected truck arrivals
 - Provide real-time and predictive information to MTO concerning trucks enroute to the their terminal, and forecasts of trucks expected in the next several hours
 - FRATIS “hooks” into appointment system can alert MTO to delays, incidents and other information concerning ability of a given trucking service to make an appointment
- Provide freight transportation system data to support improved regional freight planning
 - Eg. “trucks as probes” sanitized GPS and other data to provide system performance data to LA regional transportation planning agencies to better plan for future freight transportation infrastructure improvements

FRATIS Project Schedule



- Baseline data collection underway
- Operational Testing to commence on September 1, 2013

The background image is a grayscale photograph of a busy port. In the foreground, a large semi-truck is parked on a paved area. Behind it, there are stacks of shipping containers and a large gantry crane. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

THANKS !

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