

ITS Warrants and IWZ Research Project



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Agenda

- ENTERPRISE Program
- ITS Warrants Project
- IWZ Research Project

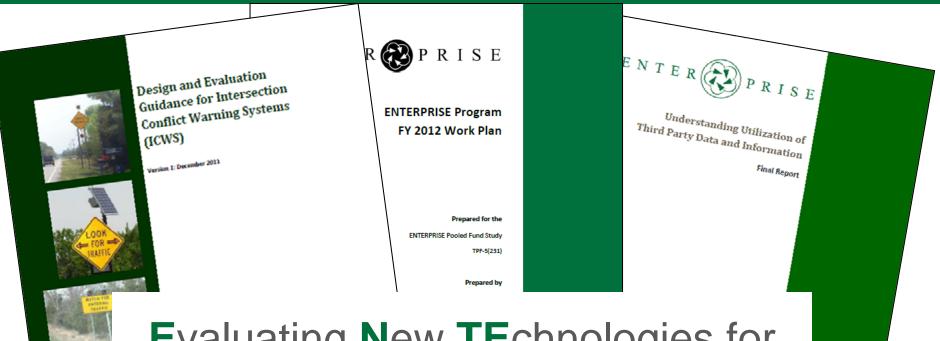








ENTERPRISE Program



Evaluating New TEchnologies for Road PRogram Initiatives in Safety and Efficiency



ENTERPRISE Program

Goals

- Facilitate rapid progress in the development and deployment of ITS technologies
- Accelerate the systematic advancement of selected ITS projects
 - Members carry out ITS projects and activities including fundamental research, technology development, demonstration, standardization and deployment



ENTERPRISE Program

Members

- Arizona DOT
- Georgia DOT
- Idaho Transportation Department
- Illinois DOT
- Iowa DOT
- Kansas DOT
- Maricopa County, Arizona
- Michigan DOT*
- Minnesota DOT

- Mississippi DOT
- Oklahoma DOT
- Texas DOT
- Virginia DOT
- Washington State DOT
- Ontario Ministry of Transport
- Transport Canada
- Dutch Ministry of Transport
- FHWA

^{*} Michigan DOT administers program and is a founding member

- Project began in 2009
 - Need for an efficient and effective methodology to determine if ITS deployments are appropriate
- Goals
 - Assist agencies with decisions about where to deploy
 ITS devices
 - Is a device warranted at a specific location?
 - Should further considerations be performed?
 - Eliminate locations where a device is not warranted
 - Validate locations of existing ITS device deployments



Warrants have been developed for 10 devices

- CCTV
- Curve Warning System
- DMS
- Dynamic Speed Display Sign
- HAR

- Ramp Meter
- RWIS
- Variable Speed Limit
- ITS Devices in Work Zones
- ICWS (DRAFT)

Gathered input from

- Interactive Website
- ENTERPRISE Member States and Non-Member States
- ITE Mid-Year Meeting
- ITS Canada Workshop
- TRB, ITS World Congress, ITS America Sessions



Warrants Use

- This is one tool to use in the decision making process
- Series of 'yes' or 'no' questions that can be answered quickly, avoiding the complexity of collecting a lot of data before using the warrants
- Warrants have been used for real world decision for ITS deployments by: ND, KS, MN, VA
 - VDOT has used the warrants as an initial screening tool for selecting RWIS deployments



Warrants tested against deployments being considered, under development, or already developed in recent years

Step 1: Define purpose of device

- **Purpose 1: Transition Zones**
- Purpose 2: Posted Speed Adherence
- Purpose 3: Intelligent Work Zones

Step 4:

Testing and warrant adjustment **Dynamic Speed Display Sign** Warrant **Development Process**

Step 2: Identify critical

factors

Purpose 2 Critical Factors:

- Average speed (85th percentile speed) compared to posted speed
- Speed transition difference
- Proximity to other DSDS

Purpose 2 Warrant Example Questions:

- Is the posted speed limit 35 mph or less?
- Are there any other DSDS within 5 miles in either direction?





Dynamic Speed Display Sign

- Purpose 1: Transition Zones
- Purpose 2: Posted Speed Adherence
- Purpose 3: Intelligent Work Zones

Variable Speed Limits

- Purpose 1: Maximize Capacity
- Purpose 2: Safe Stopping Distances
- Purpose 3: Safe Travel Speeds for Conditions
- Purpose 4: Work Zones



DSDS Warrant 3: IWZ

Purpose: To promote speed limit adherence in locations where posted speed have temporarily been reduced for construction, maintenance or other traffic control.

Device is warranted if:

1. The work zone is currently in operation and observations suggest that the 85th percentile speed at a location within the work zone exceeds the posted speed limit by at least 5 mph.

OR

2. Workers will be located adjacent to the open traffic lane.

OR

3. Hazardous roadway conditions, such as a temporary unusually tight curve, or a rough road surface, requiring extra driving precaution.

Note: Signs tend to be most effective where there are two lanes or less in one direction of travel.

Intelligent Work Zone Warrants

Collection of devices that warn travelers of various hazards associated with work zones.

DMS Warrant - 3:

Changing Traffic Control or Conditions

Purpose: To notify drivers in advance of special changing traffic conditions and roadway configuration changes associated with road construction or maintenance in order to reduce driver confusion that could result in a crash.

CCTV Warrant - 6:

Intelligent Work Zone

Purpose: To allow travelers or transportation professions to understand construction or maintenance traffic delay by viewing images of the roadway remotely.

HAR Warrant - 3:

Changing Traffic Conditions

Purpose: To notify drivers in advance of special changing traffic conditions and roadway configurations associated with road construction or maintenance.

VSL Warrant - 4:

Work Zones

Purpose: To post varying speed limits for construction zones in order to only slow traffic when necessary or to maintain consistent speeds to promote safety.

DSDS Warrant - 3:

Intelligent Work Zone

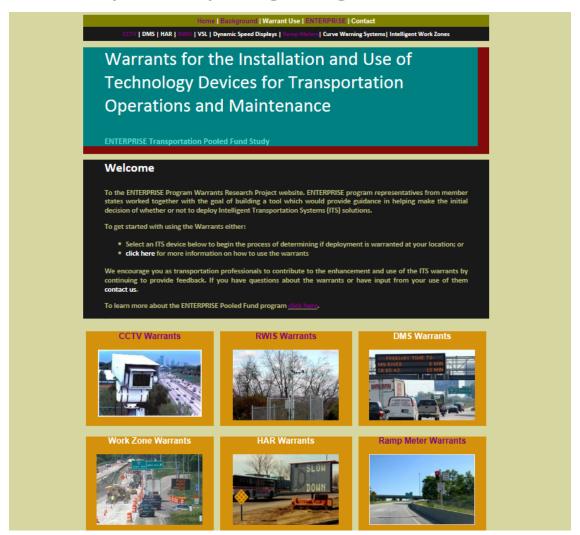
Purpose:To promote speed limit adherence in locations where posted speeds have temporarily been reduced for construction, maintenance or other traffic control.

Ramp Meter Warrant - 3:

Ramp Metering During Work Zone Activity

Purpose: To meter on-ramp traffic during road work activities to improve safety and/or consistent traffic flow.

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IWZ Research Project

Project Purpose

 Document the best practices and lessons learned regarding IWZ technologies from various sources to draw conclusions about what approaches work best in what situations.

Project Focus:

- Dynamic Merge
- End of queue warning systems
- Alternate Routes
- Variable Speed Limits



IWZ Research Project

- 2013 Work Zone Test Bed to track
 - Locations of signs and sensors
 - Messages used on signs
 - Thresholds used to active sign messages
 - Adjustments made to configurations
 - Public outreach approach

Minnesota Dynamic Late Merge System

Congestion

- Speeds < 20 mph (guide)
- Vol. < 1500 v/hr. (guide)
- Trend (reduced speeds & increased vol.)
- DLM Messages
- Late Merge Approach

MERGE HERE TAKE TURNS MERGE AHEAD USE BOTH LANES STOPPED TRAFFIC AHEAD **USE BOTH LANES**

Michigan Dynamic Late Merge System

Congestion

- Speeds < 45 MPH (35)
- DLM Messages
- Late Merge Approach

TAKE YOUR TURN **MERGE HERE USE BOTH LANES** STAY IN YOUR LANE STOPPED TRAFFIC AHEAD **USE BOTH LANES**

IWZ Research Project2013 Projects to Track

Dynamic Merge

- EB I-96 near MM 9 in Ottawa County (Michigan)
- MnDOT SP 2772-96 Hwy 169 (Minnesota)

Queue Warning System

- End of Queue Warning System on I-35 (Texas)
- Congestion Warning Milwaukee Area (Wisconsin)
- Queue Warning in Jefferson County (Missouri)

Alternate Routes

- Travel Time System (Wisconsin)
- I-94 Travel Time System (Minnesota)
- Metro Wide Detection System (Minnesota)
- Travel Time and Alternate Route System Effingham County (Illinois)

Variable Speed Limits

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