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How FutureTrends in Automotive Technology Will Affect Highways

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Two Trends in Auto Technology Will Significantly Affect Highways

- More fuel-efficient vehicles
- Smarter cars





Fuel Prices Will Increase Because of a Rapid Increase in Demand

- Worldwide the number of cars on the road will double from 1 billion to 2 billion in twenty years
- Trend fastest in China, India, and Brazil



Trend 1: Fleet Fuel Efficiency Increase

- Drivers will seek fuel efficient vehicles so they can afford higher fuel prices
- Governments will require higher fuel efficiency to hold down prices and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- U.S. fuel efficiency targets for cars, light trucks and Sport Utility Vehicles:
 - 35.5 mpg by 2016
 - 54.5 mpg by 2025



Same Strategies Needed for Climate Change and to Slow Increase in Fuel Prices

- Double fuel efficiency of new passenger cars and trucks by 2030, and of entire fleet by 2050
- Four technologies can help



Conventional – Chevy Cruze

- The 2011 Chevy Cruze "Best Highway Mileage of Any Gas Engine in America"
- 28 MPG city/42 MPG highway
- Lighter Weight, More Efficient Engine, Reduced Aerodynamic Drag, Less Tire Rolling Resistance.
- MSRP \$16,525
- DIESEL Chevy Cruze model planned for 2013 – could get 51 MPG highway





Hybrid – Toyota Prius

- Introduced to markets worldwide in 2001
- Third generation: 2009 present
- 51 MPG city, 48 MPG highway
- Powered by gasoline and batteries
- MSRP \$23,520





Plug-In Electric Vehicle - Nissan Leaf

- Plug-in Hybrid, 100% electric
- Can travel 100 miles/charge on its 24 kWh lithium-ion battery
- Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- MSRP \$32,780





Hydrogen Fuel Cell, Compressed Natural Gas and Biofuel Vehicles

Honda FCX Clarit

- 74 MPG, Sedan, Concept only Chevrolet Equinox Fuel Cell
 - 43 MPG, SUV, Concept only

BMW Hydrogen 7

Sedan, Concept only





To Meet Climate GHG Reduction Goals Will There be a Big Shift of Highway Trips to Transit?

- No
- AASHTO's goal is to quadruple transit ridership by 2050
- If we are successful, transit's share of "annual surface Passenger miles traveled," will increase from 1% to 2%. The share carried by car, truck and motorcycle will drop from 95% to 93%
- (2008 Total Surface Passenger Miles Traveled-4.9 trillion: Cars&Trucks 4.7 trillion, Transit 54 billion)

To Meet Climate GHG Reduction Goals Will There be a Major Shift of Freight From Truck to Rail?

- No
- Some long-haul freight will shift from truck to rail. Rail intermodal will grow at 4% annually.
- Freight in the future will tend to be lighter in weight & higher in value
- By 2050, the market share of freight by value carried by trucks will grow from 93% to 94%

Summary: Growth in U.S. Highway Demand by 2050

- The number of trucks on the road by 2050 is expected to increase from 6 to 12 million
- Highway vehicle miles traveled is expected to increase from 3 trillion today to 4.5 trillion by 2050
- Americans will continue to rely on highway travel to meet personal travel needs and freight mobility needs
- Substantial additional highway capacity will be needed

Trend 2: Smarter Cars to Save Lives and Improve Customer Convenience Today's ITS Technologies

- Cell Phones: Real time traffic and parking information
- Traveler information
 - 511 Traveler information USA
 - 2010 Inrix offers national travel time map to state DOT's and AASHTO Mobile app
- GPS Navigation
 - Navteq
 - Tom Tom
- Open Road Tolling











Adaptive Cruise Control

• Can maintain safe following distances and provide collision warnings or apply brakes







Lane Departure Systems

- Can avoid run off the road collisions and headon collisions
- Major cause of fatalities rural roads







Night Vision

- Pedestrian accidents
- Animals
- BMW 1000 feet
- At 60 MPH gives 11 seconds of advanced warning







Back Up Camera

- Now readily available
- Cameras can be used for blind spot warnings & lane merging







Connected Vehicle Effort

Global effort underway

 360 degrees of awareness
 Dedicated Short Range
 Communication (DSRC)
 High speed cellular
 NHTSA Decision 2013







Smart Vehicle of the Future

- Connected Vehicles with:
 - Broadcast message "Here I am, here is where I am going and here is my speed" V2V, and V2I
 - Lane departure systems
 - Radar and adaptive cruise control
 - Night vision
 - Real time information systems



Future Infrastructure

- Intersections with communication systems
 - Operated by government or industry
- Application stores for transportation
 - Operated by government and private commerce
- Financial transactions
 - User fees government
 - Payments private commerce



Summary

- Smarter cars will have technology which reduces intersection collisions, runoff the road accidents, and gives drivers more time to react to danger.
- Real-time traveler information will help drivers avoid delays, pick best routes and find parking.
- Electronic tolling will move traffic more efficiently.

