



# Ann Arbor Connected Environment & Smart Intersections Project

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- The community
  - SPARK(Komal Doshi), AAPS and AAATA to equip buses
  - Residents for equipping their vehicles/participate

# UM's Roots in Connected Vehicles



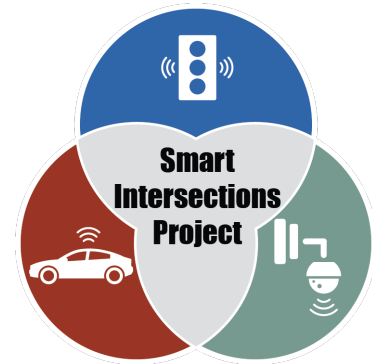
SPMD Launched  
August 21, 2012



AACVTE Transition started May 11,  
2015, Completed March 31, 2019



Operations and Maintenance  
Since March 31, 2019



Kick off in 2021



# Connected Vehicle Investment in Ann Arbor

SPMD: \$30.3M

\$25.5 M Federal Funds

\$4.8 M Cost Share

AACVTE: \$15.2M

\$9M in Federal Funds

\$6M Cost Share

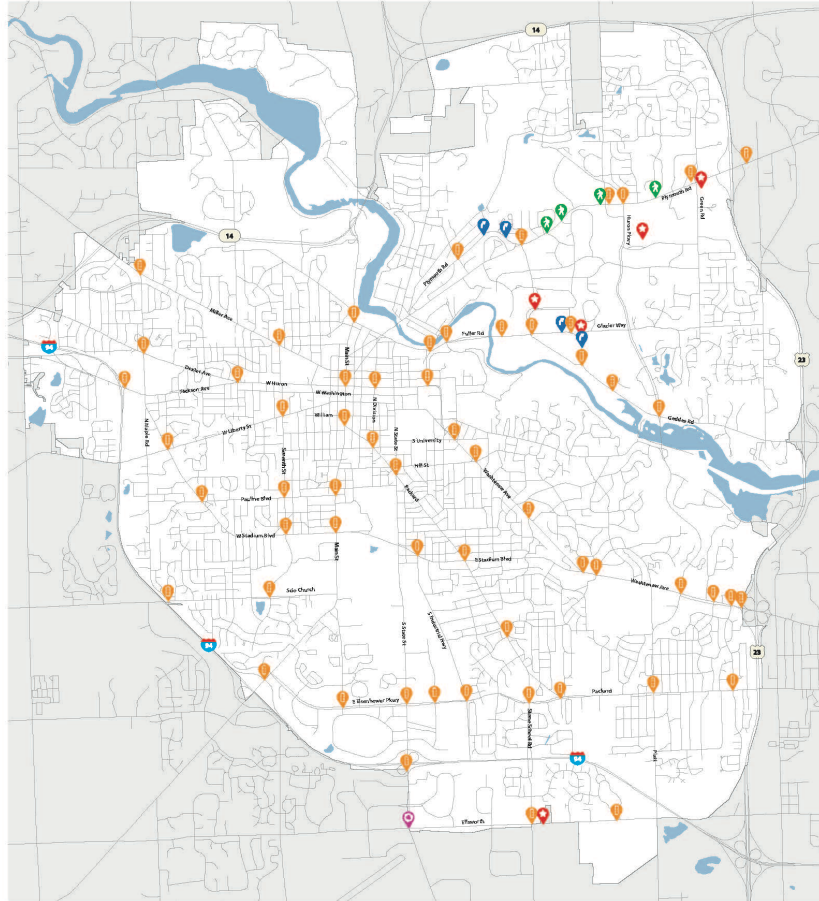
Additional Mcity Investment: \$4.4M

Smart Intersections Project: \$19.9M

**TOTAL INVESTMENT: \$69.8M**



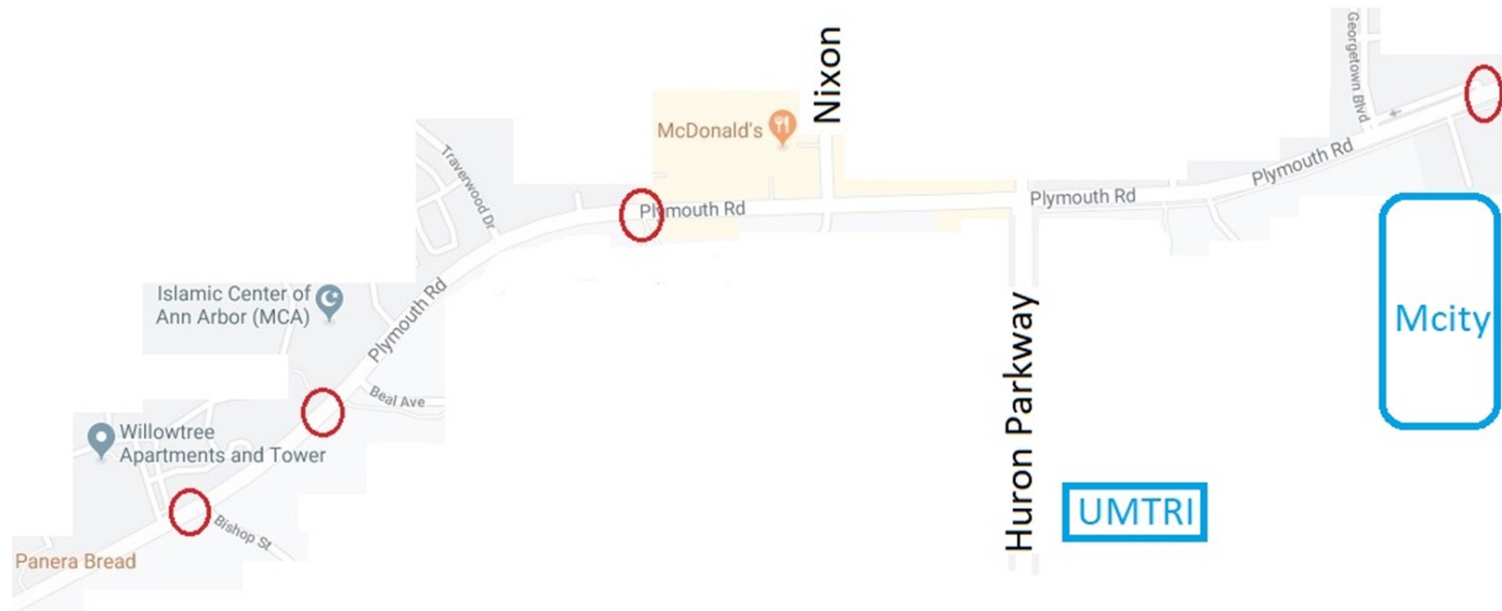
# AACE Infrastructure



- **75 Road Side Unit**
  - **70 production sites**
    - **61 Intersections**
    - **4 Pedestrian mid-block crosswalks (4 RSUs)**
    - **2 Curve speed warning sites**
    - **1 Roundabout**

# Vehicle-to-Pedestrian (V2P)

- 4 midblock crosswalks along Plymouth Rd
  - Personal safety messages (PSMs) generated whenever a pedestrian is in the crosswalk or cut-out
- Sites





# V2P Deployment



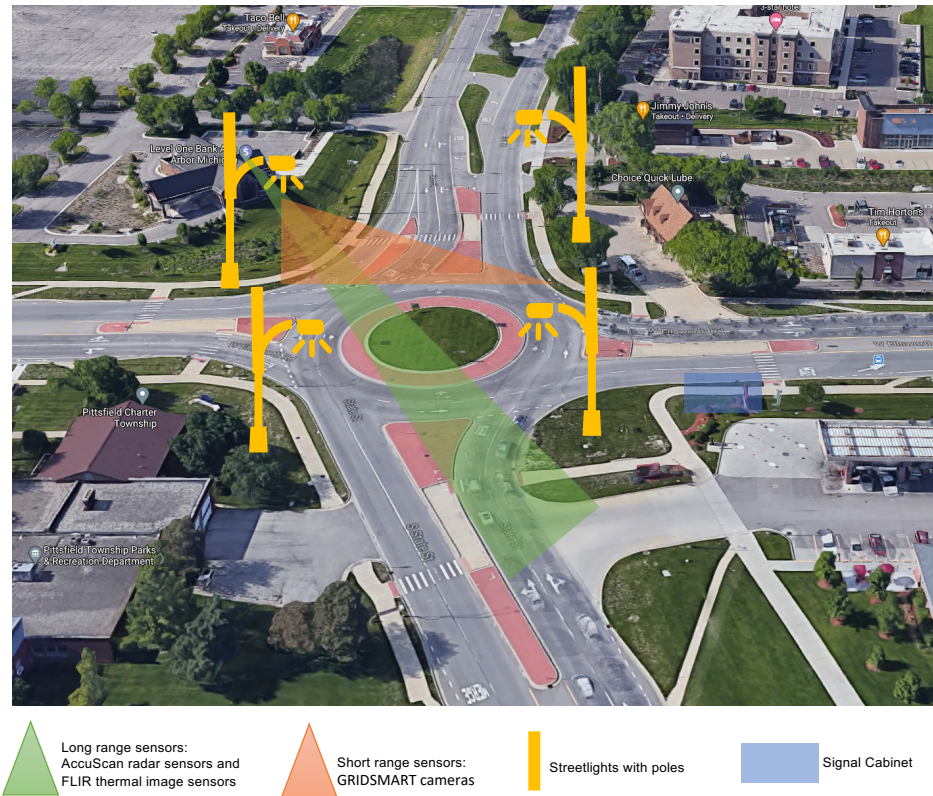
# V2P Findings

- Investigated the accuracy and limitations of a pedestrian detection systems which employed a coarse, image-based detection system  
(Found to be effective when settings were properly tuned)
- Examined drivers' stopping behavior at crosswalks using only vehicle dynamics data  
(Stopping behavior found to be not significantly 'safer' when in-vehicle warnings provided to drivers, but trending in the right direction)



# Roundabout Project

- In 2020, State St./Ellsworth Rd roundabout had 69 crashes and 6 injuries and was ranked #14 for the most dangerous intersections in Michigan
- Project focuses on improving the safety and efficiency of roundabouts through artificial intelligence (AI) and connected technology
- Infrastructure-based data monitoring and collection solution tracking the trajectories of all road users using advanced sensors (e.g., LiDAR, thermal imaging, and radar)
- Both safety and mobility impacts will be analyzed with warning messages sent to drivers

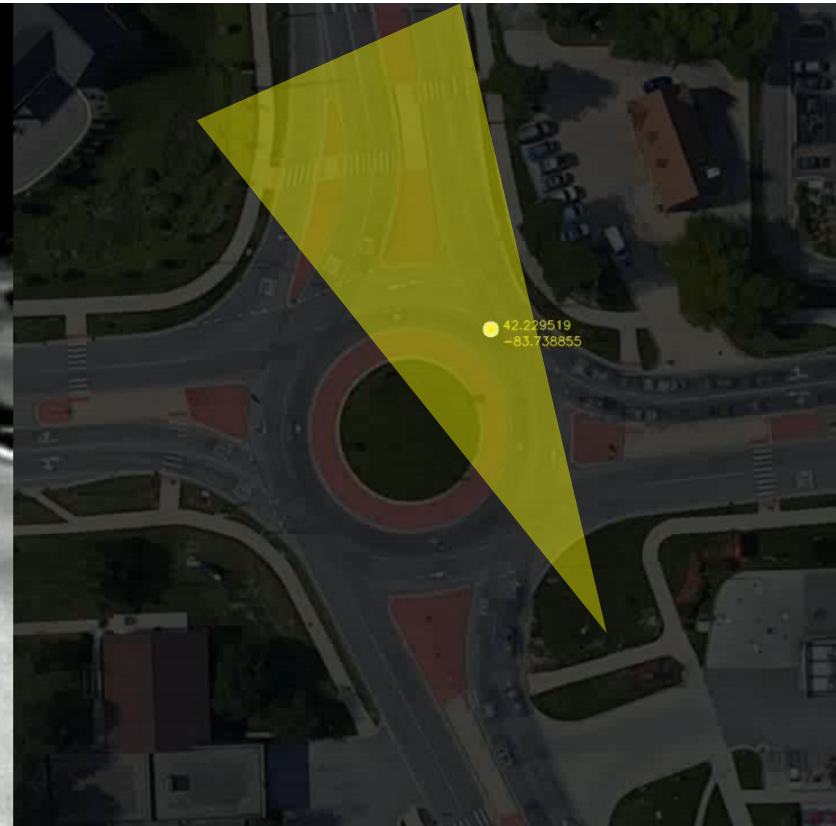


# Infrastructure Devices Installation    Infrastructure Edge Computer



- Powerful computation for AI applications
- Power efficient
- Robust performance
- Security measures

# Roadside Detection and Prediction





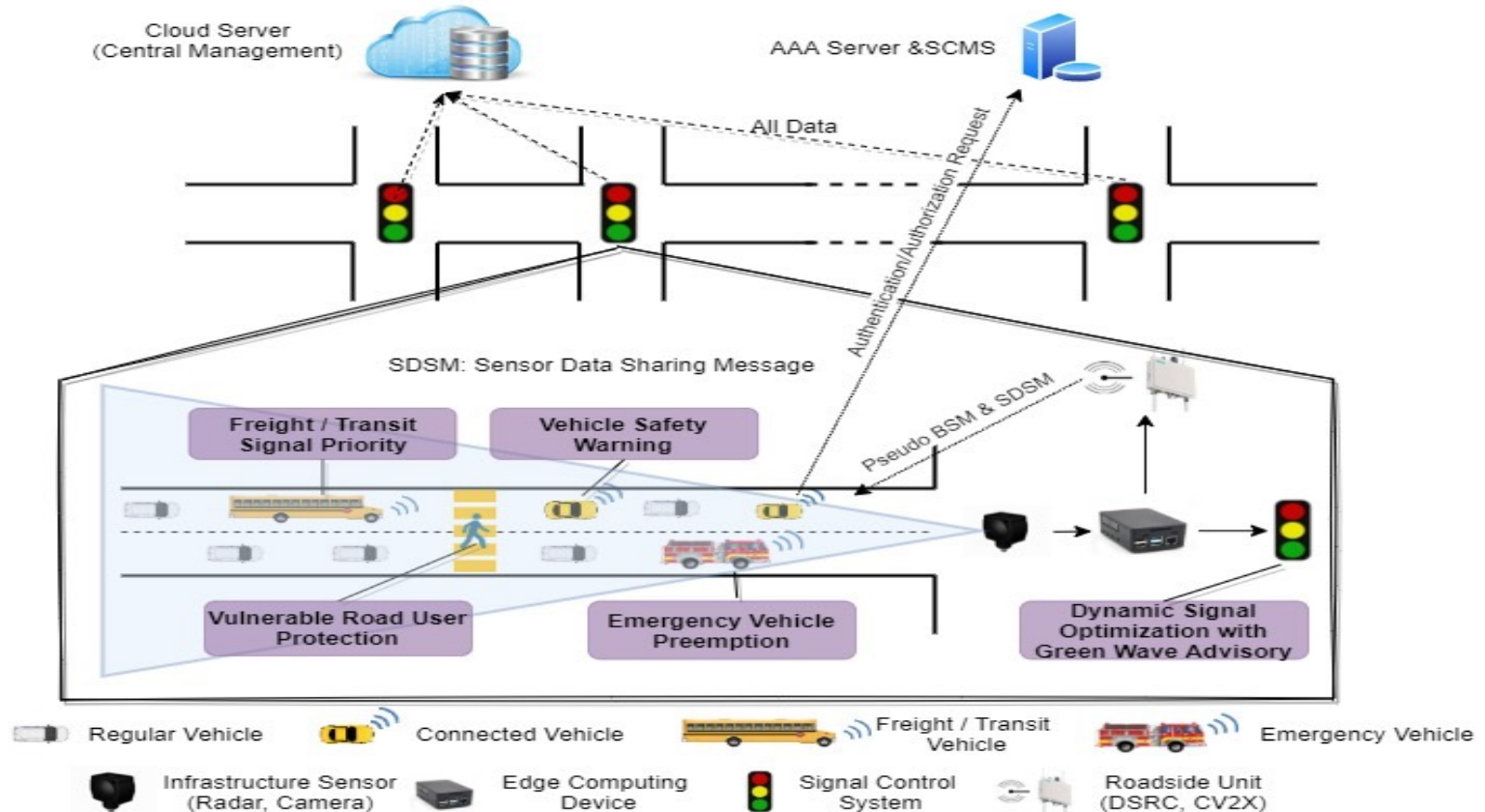
# Smart Intersections Project

- Deploy a network of smart intersections in Ann Arbor, MI
  - Vehicles and infrastructure interact in a connected environment
- At each of 21 smart intersections:
  - Intersections broadcast both proxy BSMs and SDSMs using two competing technologies
- Develop implementation guide – provide tools to build a self-sustainable CAV ecosystem

# Smart Intersections Project Team



# Concept of Operations





# Moving Forward

- Focus on projects with demonstrated needs in the community
  - Not research for the sake of research
- Broaden our “footprint” into adjacent communities
  - Different problems to be addressed
- Increasingly focus our research efforts on addressing known mobility/accessibility challenges
  - Solutions that have societal impact in our own community



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