

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) has announced they will be hosting a free public meeting and webinar to provide updates and promote 'lively discussion' on the Connected Vehicle Safety Program. This is a followup to a similar meeting and web seminar held a year ago. The meeting is being organized by the Intelligent Transportation Systems Joint Program Office (ITS JPO), which is part of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA).



The aim of the public meeting and web seminar is to provide an overview of the entire ITS Connected Vehicle Safety research program, including Vehicle to Vehicle (V2V), Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I), Safety Pilot, Safety Policy, and Human Factors. There will also be a special session on commercial vehicles, which will concentrate on USDOT's research plans for related commercial vehicle applications for safety that is designed to solicit input from the commercial vehicle industry, including heavy vehicle manufacturers, suppliers, and other interested parties.

Connected Vehicle research at USDOT is a multimodal program that involves using wireless communication between vehicles, infrastructure, and personal communications devices to improve safety, mobility, and environmental sustainability. The event will take place at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago, Illinois, on August 2-4, 2011. The web seminar service will be available all day on August 2 and 3; and in the morning only on August 4.