City of Chula Vista Traffic Signal Communications Master Plan

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Why was the Traffic Signal Communications Master Plan needed?

- Existing communications systems are functionally obsolete
 - Existing system is almost 30 years old
 - Over 90 percent of City's traffic signals communicate via AT&T lease lines (telephone drops)
- Needed to identify the status of our existing traffic signal communications
 infrastructure
- Needed to identify potential for communication upgrades and other technology upgrades to support advanced transportation systems



Master Plan Goals

- Support current and future industry standards
- Eliminate single vendor dependency
- Increase system reliability and capacity
- Reduce system costs
- Create a redundant & self healing network
- Provide a guide to City staff to help identify gaps/needs & future network expansion opportunities



The Master Plan – Element 1: Existing System

- Inventory the existing system
 - Research existing documentation
 - Map the system
 - Traffic signal locations
 - Conduit
 - Communication media
 - Phone line, fiber, copper, & wireless
 - City-owned and private communications towers





The Master Plan – Element 2: Needs Assessment

- Existing system deficiencies
- Resolution identification
- Future road network needs and potential opportunities
- Traffic Signal Communications Center (TSCC) needs:
 - Data center is obsolete
 - Traffic signal central system
 - Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic System (SCATS)



The Master Plan – Element 3: Future System & ITS Elements

Future system
 architecture



- ITS element recommendations
 - CCTV cameras, data collection devices, advanced traffic signal controllers, dynamic message signs



The Master Plan –

Element 4: Implementation Phasing Plan

- Phased Approach:
 - Phase 1: City-owned Infrastructure (Years 1-3)
 - Eliminate low bandwidth & costly phone lines
 - Upgrade existing fiber optic system to Ethernet
 - Phase 2: Infrastructure & Priority Corridors Upgrade (Years 4-6)
 - Install fiber optic cable in existing empty conduits
 - Install more fiber optic cable
 - Phase 3: Citywide Buildout (Years 7-10)
 - Buildout of the rest of the traffic systems communications network
 - Deploy more CCTVs and other ITS elements
 - Complete upgrade to 2070 ATC controllers



The Master Plan – Benefit-Cost Analysis

- Benefits:
 - Enhanced network creates opportunities to coordinate/optimize traffic signals
 - Reduction in travel time
 - Fuel savings
 - Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
 - Able to share network with other departments & agencies
 - Support deployment of Smart City components
 - Improve mobility for all modes, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit, and emergency vehicles



The Master Plan – Work Completed to Date



Traffic Signal Communications Center (TSCC) Upgrade



The Master Plan – Work Completed to Date



New Traffic Management Center (TMC)



The Master Plan – Work Completed to Date



Upgraded Existing Fiber Optic Systems to Ethernet



The Master Plan – Ongoing Efforts

 Eliminate obsolete telephone lines



- Upgrade existing traffic signal central system to an Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS)
- Connect traffic signals on East Palomar Street (Heritage Rd
 - Olympic Py) onto new fiber network.
 - Part of South Bay Bus Rapid Transit project (Phase 1B)



The Master Plan – Next Steps

- Implement funded projects:
 - Main Street Fiber Optic System
 - Replace & expand adaptive traffic control system
 - Measure P Citywide
 - Communications Upgrades
 - Citywide replacement of obsolete communications systems
 - Upgrade of traffic signal equipment
- Establish partnerships with other City Departments, neighboring agencies, and local businesses
 - IT, Police, Fire, SANDAG, CALTRANS, MTS, Cox, etc.
- Secure additional funding:
 - TransNet, grants, etc.



