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Subject: Seeking Technology Solutions to Improve Safety and Reduce Traffic Congestion

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The U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA), in conjunction with the Volpe Center, is making up to \$3 million in initial funding available to private industry, research organizations, and state and local governments under its initiative to reduce congestion and improve the safety and performance of the nation's transportation system through field testing of deployment-ready technologies.

As part of *SafeTrip-21*, the selected test sites and technology applications will be evaluated in a year-long field test that will begin following an initial exhibition of capabilities during the November 2008 Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) World Congress in New York City. The Broad Agency Announcement is available at:

<http://www.fbo.gov/spg/DOT/RITA/VNTSC/DTRT57%2D08%2DR%2D20021/listing.html>.

*SafeTrip-21* expands and accelerates the U.S. DOT Vehicle Infrastructure Integration (VII) initiative, and furthers national transportation goals for reducing motor vehicle crashes, alleviating traffic congestion, enhancing transit use and ride sharing, and reducing unnecessary motor fuel consumption in both urban and rural settings. *SafeTrip-21* builds upon research into the use of electronic information, navigation, and communications technologies to prevent accidents and alleviate congestion by providing drivers with real-time safety warnings, traffic and transit information, and advanced navigational tools.

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Sincerely,

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