

Michigan Vehicle Infrastructure Integration Test Bed Available for Use

The ITS Joint Program Office of the US Department of Transportation's Research and Innovative Technology Administration announces the availability of the Vehicle Infrastructure Integration (VII) Michigan Test Bed for external research and testing purposes. This facility, located outside Detroit, Michigan, includes 75 highway and arterial center lane-miles of roadway equipped with 52 Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) roadside equipment (RSE) units. The Michigan Test Bed can accommodate third party applications, a range of on-board equipment as well as a variety of vehicle types. It provides robust and secure test environment for organizations to conduct their own VII related research.

A series of interactive webinars and a workshop will be held to discuss access to the site and how the Test Bed may be used. The webinars will describe the overall capability of the Michigan Test Bed including the network architecture, the location of RSEs, the level of support available to researchers, and the security aspects of the network. They will also highlight some of the key lessons learned from the proof of concepts (POC) tests. Most importantly, the webinars will explain how your organization can take advantage of the test facility.

The webinar will be conducted on three dates: November 12, December 4, and January 7. **Please see the table below for details.** Each webinar will be approximately 90 minutes in length with opportunities to ask questions at the end. In addition, a workshop will be held at the ITS World Congress on Wednesday, November 19 from 9:00 to 12:00 AM EST in Conference Room K at the Sheraton New York Towers. The workshop will provide additional information about using the test facility and enable interested parties to interact. An information package about accessing the Test Bed can be downloaded from <http://www.vehicle-infrastructure.org/library/program-documents/>

Date	Time	Call-in Information	Log-in Information
November 12, 2008	10:30 am - 12:00 pm EST	888-889-5013 Passcode: MICHIGAN	http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/michigianvii/
December 4, 2008	1:00 pm - 2:30 pm EST	800-369-3184 Passcode: MICHIGAN	http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/michigianvii/
January 7, 2009	11:00 am - 1:30 am EST	800-857-5045 Passcode MICHIGAN	http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/michigianvii/

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Please join us to learn more about the Michigan Test Bed and its third party use program, and pass this announcement on to other interested parties.