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Transit Technology Initiatives

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- Driver Assistance System technology alerts transit operators of pedestrians, bicyclists, and inanimate objects that enter the path of the vehicle
- DAS includes hardware elements like cameras, sensors, and digital displays and software elements to record and report incidents and note trends



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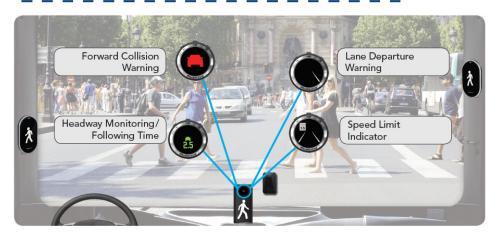


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Mobileye Shield+ System

- Prevents collisions between vehicles and vulnerable road users including pedestrians and cyclists
- Multi-sensor system provides drivers with alerts when pedestrians and cyclists are in danger zones on the side of the bus

VIEW OF SMART SENSORS AND DRIVER DISPLAYS



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Driver Assistance System Demonstration Project



- Statewide cooperative procurement for local public transit agencies
- \$450,000 pilot program providing funding to ten public transit agencies to retrofit up to 50 buses with the DAS
- Virginia Transportation Research Council partnership to monitor the effort and report results of the pilot project
- Funded through Statewide Transit Demonstration Grant and CTB Innovation and Technology Transportation Fund
- First deployment of DAS on *the Hopper* operated by the Greater Lynchburg Transit Company and funded by SMART SCALE

Other Initiatives



Shared and Innovative Mobility Plan

- Update to the DRPT Statewide ITS Strategic Plan
- Focus on assessing transit technology needs and researching future technology impacts in the Commonwealth

Transit Technology Roundtable

- Information exchange between transit professionals, consultants, vendors, and researchers focused on current issues related to transit technology
- Staff coordination on defining the Roundtable's purpose and structure