EDC-6 Innovations (2021 - 2022)

CROWDSOURCING FOR ADVANCING OPERATIONS
Crowdsourced data can be obtained whenever and wherever people travel, allowing agencies to capture in real time what happens between sensors, in rural regions, along arterials, and beyond jurisdictional boundaries. Agencies at all levels can use crowdsourced data integrated from multiple streams to optimize roadway use for reduced congestion and increased safety and reliability.

E-TICKETING AND DIGITAL AS-BUILTS
Converting paper-based materials ticketing systems and as-built plans into electronic (e-Ticketing) workflows and digital as-builts enhances the accessibility of highway project data. e-Ticketing improves the tracking, exchange, and archiving of materials tickets. Digital information, such as 3D design models and other metadata, enhances the future usability of as-built plans for operations, maintenance, and asset management.

NEXT-GENERATION TIM: INTEGRATING TRAINING, DATA, AND TECHNOLOGY
Traffic Incident Management (TIM) programs aim to shorten the duration and impact of roadway incidents and improve the safety of motorists, crash victims, and responders. New tools, data, and training mechanisms are available that can benefit both new and existing TIM programs, including local agency and off-interstate applications.

STRATEGIC WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
The demand for highway construction, maintenance, and operations workers is growing, while at the same time, emerging technologies require these workers to have new skills. The Highway Construction Workforce Partnership has developed new resources and innovative strategies for identifying, training, and placing the workforce needed to fill the construction jobs that support the Nation's highway system.

TARGETED PAVEMENT OVERLAY SOLUTIONS
Pavement overlays represent a significant portion of highway infrastructure dollars. State and local highway agencies can maximize this investment and help ensure safer, longer-lasting roadways by employing innovative overlay procedures that will improve pavement performance, lessen traffic impacts, and reduce the cost of pavement ownership.

UHPC FOR BRIDGE PRESERVATION AND REPAIR
Ultra-high performance concrete (UHPC) is a new material for bridge construction that has become popular for field-cast connections between prefabricated bridge elements. Bridge preservation and repair is an emerging and promising application for UHPC. UHPC-based repair solutions are robust, and offer superior strength, durability, and improved life-cycle cost over traditional methods. State and local agencies can deploy UHPC for bridge preservation and repair to maintain or improve bridge conditions.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT
Public engagement during transportation project planning and development helps agencies identify issues and concerns early in the process, which can ultimately accelerate delivery. Virtual public involvement strategies supplement traditional face-to-face information sharing with technology platforms that increase the number and variety of methods agencies use to inform the public, receive feedback, and collect and consider comments.