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# **TRANSIT SIGNAL PRIORITY (TSP)**

**VA-7 LEESBURG PIKE**

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## Transit Signal Priority (TSP)

Is an operational strategy that facilitates the efficient movement of transit vehicles, through traffic-controlled, signalized intersections.



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## TSP - Key Objectives

- Increase transit on-time performance by reducing travel time variability.
- Increase transit travel speeds by way of activating adjustments to traffic signal timing.
- Enhancement bus service performance through use of the Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) system.



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## TSP - Project Description



- Improve Bus Service Performance in the Washington Region.
- Utilize on-board and wayside technology for Traffic Signal Priority.
- Traffic signal controller determines priority.
- TIGER funds will be used to fund the planning, design and construction phases of VA-7 (Leesburg Pike) project.



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## TSP - Key Stakeholders/Jurisdictions for VA-7 Corridor

- Virginia Department of Transportation
- City of Falls Church
- City of Alexandria
- Washington Metro Area Transit Authority
  - All 25 intersections have been finalized and approved.



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## TSP - System Requirements

- Geographical Information System
- Automated Vehicle Location (AVL)
- Transit Signal Priority Detection System
- Transit Signal Request Generator (On Board Bus Equipment)
- TSP Data Messaging Format
- Cellular/Wi-Fi Network(s) and Communication Modem
- Software
- Hardware
- Transit Signal Request Server (Wayside Equipment)



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### TSP - Open System Architecture

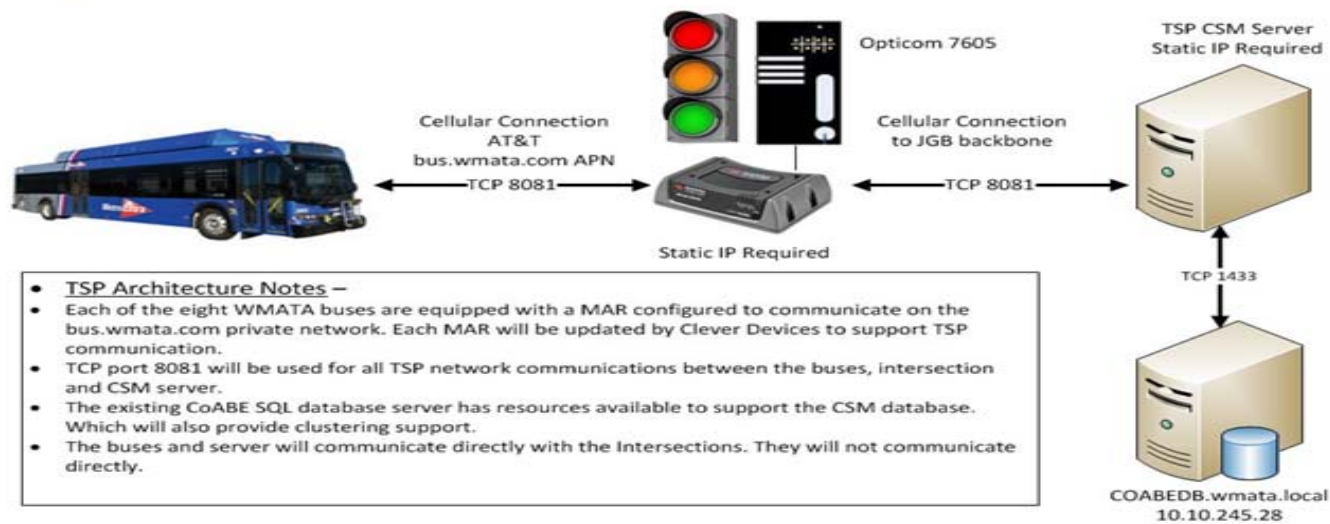
- Utilizing Off-the shelf Software and Hardware
- TSP system will integrate the NTCIP 1211 into the Consolidated Ancillary On-Board Equipment and Fixed-End System (CoABE & FES)
- Selected Communications Technology to the wayside equipment PRS will be via existing CoABE & FES cellular modem
- WMATA's Bus Engineering (BENG) has an existing on-board equipment contract with Clever Devices to implement TSP
- BENG has developed a technical specification and Clever Devices has provided a design architecture proposal which has been reviewed by each jurisdiction. The awarded change order will include hardware, software, installation and training for TSP



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### TSP – Architecture Overview







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# TSP – Intersection Installation





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## **TSP - Agency/Jurisdictional Coordination**

- Development of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Replacement/Reimbursement of Traffic Signal Equipment
- Design/Installation of TSP Equipment (Antenna)



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## **TSP - Design Specification History/ 2014**

- Preliminary Design Agency Meeting(s) – February 2014
- Distribute TSP Test Equipment – March/April – 2014
- VA-7 Intersection Inventory – May 2014
- Final Design Agency Meeting(s) – May 2014
- TSP Coordination Meeting/ VDOT – August 2014
- TSP Coordination Meeting / WMATA IT – August & September 2014
- TSP Coordination Meeting/ City of Alexandria – September 2014
- TSP Coordination Meeting/ City of Falls Church – September 2014



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## TSP – Project Schedule

- Acceptance Test Procedures – September/October - 2014
- CMS Design, Install and Testing – October 2014
- Intersection Installations – October/November - 2014
- Intersection Install/TSP Test @ VA -7 – November 2014
  - Old Gallows Road – Selected as Test Site Location
  - All Jurisdictions Invited to Demonstration
- System Acceptance Test – February 2015
- Implementation – Fall 2014 through End of 2015.