

Project Information Form

Project Title	Digital Advertising Billboards and Driver Distraction
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Agency ID or Contract Number	
Start and End Dates	10/4/2012-12/31/2014
Brief Description of Research Project	<p>The project studies the issue of digital advertising billboards and driver distraction to determine the correlation between the presence of digital billboards and traffic safety through literature review, crash data analysis, driver survey, empirical study using a driving simulator, and statistical analysis. To meet the project objectives that research team plans to perform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>State-of-Practice-Synthesis</u>: Summarize findings from existing studies on digital billboards and driver distraction and review methodologies used for the study of distraction due to digital billboard presence • <u>Epidemiological Study</u>: Analyze crash records from the states of Alabama and Florida and utilize appropriate statistical methods to examine the correlation between crash location occurrence and proximity to billboards • <u>Survey of Road Users</u>: Develop a questionnaire survey and use it to collect data on road users' perceptions and attitudes related to electronic and static billboards

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Driving Simulator Study</u>: Design and conduct an experiment using a driving simulator with representative driver samples in various roadway settings with and without the presence of digital billboards.
<p>Describe Implementation of Research Outcomes (or why not implemented)</p> <p>(Attach Any Photos)</p>	<p>The results and techniques used in this project were shared with ALDOT and FDOT personnel through briefings and presentations. Methods and findings were presented at the 2014 UTC conference that was held in Atlanta on March 24-25, 2014, the 2014 Association for Psychological Science Conference that was held in March 2014 in San Francisco, CA. and 5th International Conference on Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics that was held in Kraków, Poland on 19-23 July 2014.</p> <p>A technical paper was produced and published in conference proceedings (available here). A technical paper was accepted for publication in the Journal of Traffic Injury Prevention, Vol. 15, No 7, and is currently in press.</p>
<p>Impacts/Benefits of Implementation (actual, not anticipated)</p>	<p>Local, national, and international audiences have been educated on the potential safety risks from advertising billboards through conference presentations and publications resulting from project-related activities.</p>
<p>Web Links</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports • Project website 	<p>http://www.nctspm.gatech.edu/pi/digital-advertising-billboards-and-driver-distraction</p>