Harvey Transportation Center Transit Signal Priority Project

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What is Transit Signal Priority?

Transit Signal Priority (TSP) facilitates the movement of transit vehicles through traffic signal controlled intersections.

Typically, a transit vehicle sends a signal to a traffic signal controller, which will give the transit vehicle priority by extending the green phase, shortening the red phase, and/or providing for a queue jump.



TSP Project Phase 1 - Milestones

- Preliminary Engineering Completed
- Proof of Concept- Completed
- Full TSP Deployment Completed
- System Acceptance Testing Ongoing
- 7 Day & 90 Test August 2010 Completion Date



Scope of the Project

Phase 1

 Deployment of TSP at 20 signalized intersections along 159th, Sibley Blvd, Halsted St, & Park Ave and 55 Buses from Pace South Division

Phase 2

 Deployment of TSP at 8 to 10 signalized intersections along Halsted Street



System Architecture

Wayside

Fixed Wireless Router

PRS

Traffic Signal Controller **Onboard**

Mobile Wireless Router

PRG

PDS

Central

CEMS



TSP System Major Components

Priority Request Generator (PRG)

The PRG is located in the bus and includes a positioning system, embedded computer, 802.11b/g mobile Node, GPS antenna, and communication antennae. It generates priority request based on conditional priority.

Priority Request Server (PRS)

The PRS is located at the signalized intersection and includes an embedded computer, 802.11b/g node, and communication antennae. The PRS receives requests from PRG equipped buses and communicates back to intersection signal controller.



TSP Equipment

Priority Request Generator /Server





Wireless Node & Antennae



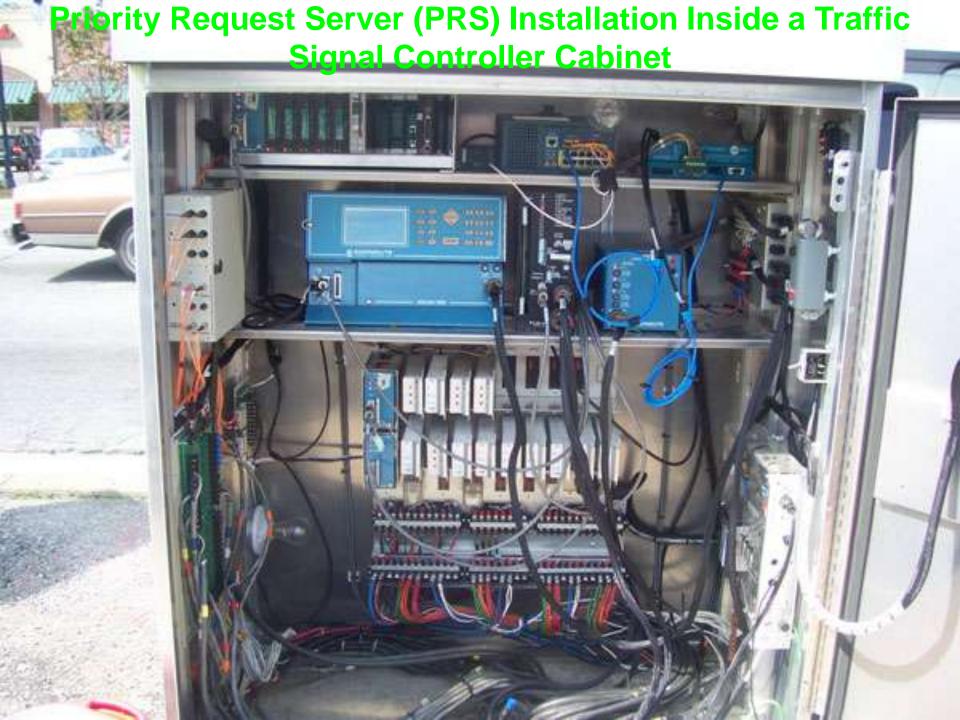


Antennae on Bus











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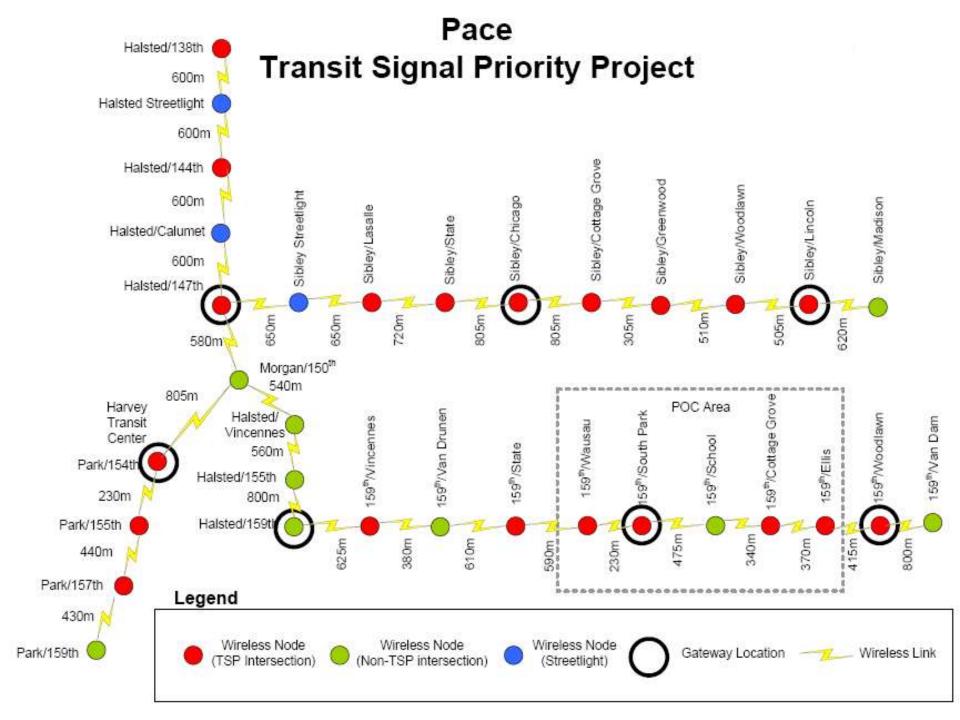
Wireless Mesh Network

The wayside network communication devices establish the wireless network and facilitate communication between intersections and buses. The wireless Wifi 802.11 b/g nodes are laid in point to point fashion to create a continuous mesh.

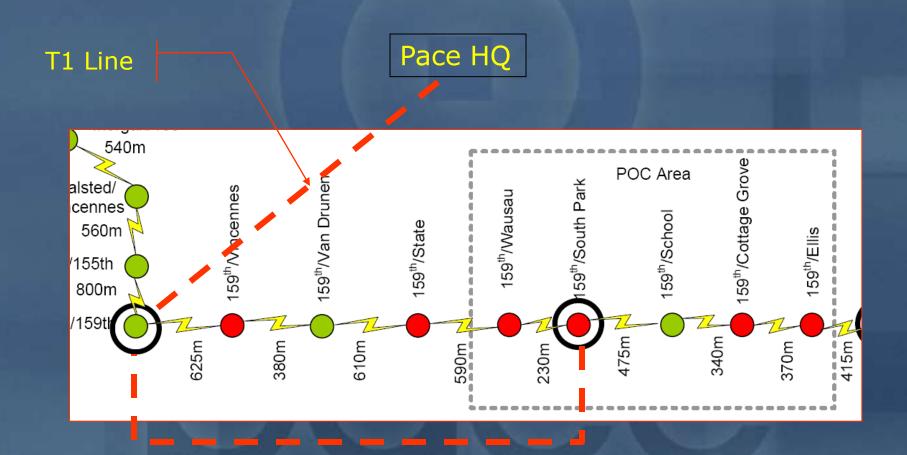
Communications Elements Management Server (CEMS):

CEMS is a remote configuration and management tool for the wireless mesh network.

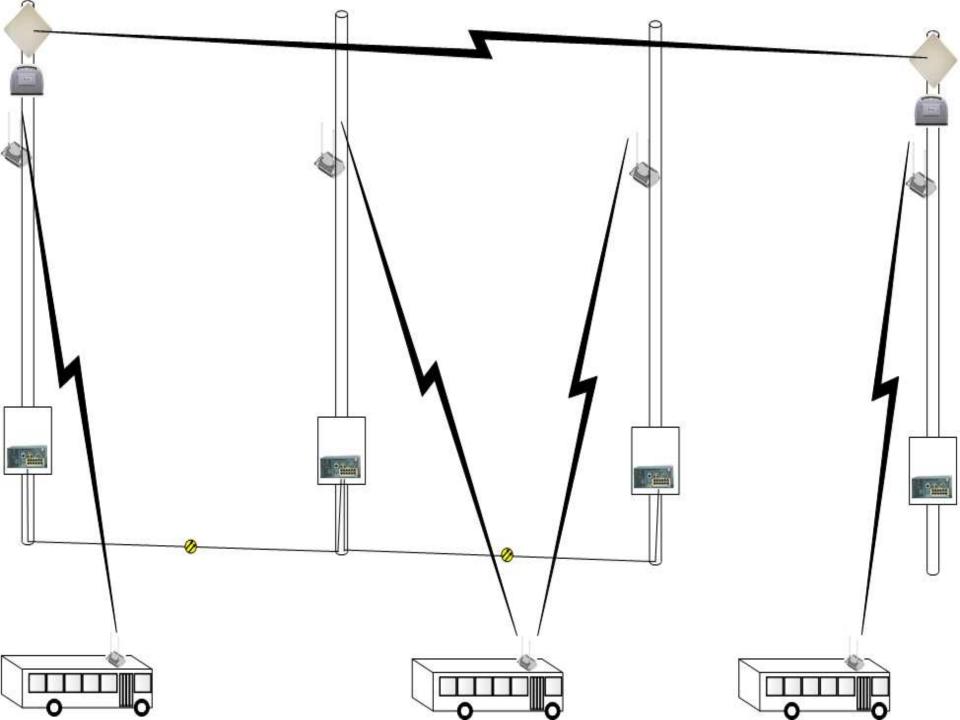




Proof of Concept







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 Novax Elements Management System (NEMS):

A NEMS is a remote configuration and management tool for the TransPOD TSP System.

Backhaul Communications System (BCS)

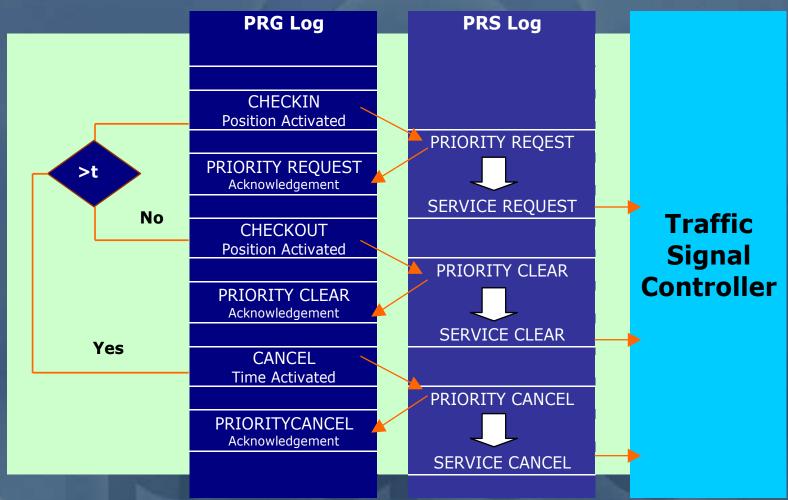
The BCS connects the wireless mesh network along TSP intersections within the network to NEMS and CEMS servers located at Pace HQ.

The BCS consists of routers at gateway nodes and T1 lines.



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Any questions?

