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Abstract

The loss of lives and damages to the property due to the vehicle crashes and road accidents have been an issue for long; a quarter of these accidents happen due to the adverse weather conditions. This paper presents the idea of cooperative driving technique for the drivers with the use of Connected Vehicles to minimize road accidents, traffic congestions, and to lessen, as far as possible, the effects of traffic on the environment and the loss of lives and economy. The frameworks for improving situational awareness and crash avoidance suggested hereby are vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) data transmission systems. The research will primarily focus on the feasibility of CVs as applicable to the contemporary physical and virtual infrastructure and suggest the required adaptations, while the technical needs for the effective and successful implementation of a robust communication framework through the use of dedicated short-range communications (DSRC) will be discussed thereafter.

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1. Introduction

After the world's initially car related casualty in London in 1896, the coroner hoped that it would never happen again[1]. Little did he realize that from that point on that 1.25 million individuals die each year in vehicle-related fatalities, as per the World Health Organization (WHO) 2017 statistics[2]. The circumstances are worsening quickly as

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traffic levels rise and if no steps are taken to prevent it, it is assessed that by 2030, road traffic crashes will become the seventh largest cause of death[3]. Indeed, even with every one of the headways in vehicle innovation, security remains an issue on the world's roadways, with a large number of fatalities, an increasing number of injuries and crashes every year. Furthermore, roadsters experience congestion, unreliability in delays, emanations and energy wastage through excess utilization, which hinder the efficient traveling of individuals and merchandise because of wasteful activity administration. Monetarily, the cost is galactic; costing about 3% of their GDP for most of the countries[4].

Another era of innovations has risen that has exhibited the capacity to enable drivers to maintain a strategic distance from accidents. These frameworks utilize installed sensors to distinguish crash dangers and after that caution drivers or make remedial move. These vehicle-based safety frameworks will assume a basic part enhancing vehicle safety. Notwithstanding, these car sensor frameworks, for example, radars, lidars or cameras are constrained to a field of view which is limited by separation, point, and observable pathway, and in thus can't foresee fast approaching risks and perilous circumstances. In this manner, the time has come to enhance driver safety by moving the sensing ability from onboard sensors to sharing of data of these installed sensors among encompassing vehicles wirelessly, an idea called Connected Vehicles (CV).

Safety applications utilizing CV and cooperative frameworks can possibly wipe out or lessen the seriousness of up to 80% of unimpaired driver crashes[5]. The crash evasion applications upheld by vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) connectivity trade safety specific information through advisories and warnings to evaluate the crash chance in view of the closeness of vehicles. These safety applications are being produced to address the fundamental road crash situations including crossing point crashes, backside crashes, path flights, and stop sign infringement among others.

2. Literature Review

Previously, Transport Management Organizations (TMOs) have concentrated on crashes survivability through safety belts and airbags are pervasive in our vehicles' armadas, and have been a basic factor in lessening roadway fatalities. However, today's TMOs expect that impact warning frameworks and other spearheading CV applications will be a fundal component and a piece of our everyday driving experience in the near future. In this manner, CV innovation will change the worldview by keeping people away from accidents and, in addition to other things, impact avoidance frameworks utilizing radar, pre-emptive guidance of vehicles braking ahead, blind spot recognition systems, etc. CV can possibly change the way we go using a dependable, interoperable wireless data communications network—a framework that permits automobiles, transports, trucks, trains, traffic signals, mobile phones, and different gadgets to consequently communicate with each other. According to the US Department of Transportation the previous 50 years have been about surviving road accidents while the following 50 will be about preventing them[6].

These days, the market of associated vehicles is on the rise and the worldwide market is expected to achieve USD 131.9 billion by 2019[7]. There are two immediate main impetuses to this: The first is the earnest need to enhance effectiveness and wellbeing of road transportation systems, and the second is the perpetually expanding mobile data request of clients on roads. Accordingly, CV is being visualised to take care of the versatile data demand, as well as enhance driver and automotive safety-related applications. CV innovation has pulled in broad research consideration for a long time. The scholarly community, industry, and government establishments have initiated various exercises in the territory of Vehicular Ad Hoc Networks (VANETs)in the last decade[8]. In addition, The US division of transportation has declared on September 2017 that they are propelling three new connected vehicle pilot endeavours. They are contributing $37 million to make urban areas more brilliant – to decrease movement, enhance safety, and enhance personal satisfaction[9]. The University of Michigan has as of late opened Mcity[10], the world's first controlled environment particularly intended to test the capability of CV.

U.S Department of Transportation (USDOT) recognized that CVs could give crucial information including weather road conditions and structural asset information to help with the administration of the roads. At present, onboard equipment (OBE) in modern vehicles gather a ton of data that could be utilized by road administrators and experts to track structural asset data and pass on climate and roadway peril data back to travellers[11]. Since 2008, Japan's Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry (METI) has been supporting the vast Energy ITS venture, building up a robotized truck unit in light of V2V cooperation[12]. From the vehicle point of view, both the US and European auto producers have been attempting to incorporate Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (CITS) in their new vehicles through 2016-2020[13]. Japan has as of now sent vehicles with V2I CITS capacity. With more than 85 percent of Australia's autos being transported in, vehicles with CITS abilities can be normal on Australian streets not long after they are conveyed universally.

With much of the research already being conducted on driver safety and warning applications, it is plausible to say that the CVs are not far away from becoming a reality on roads. Accordingly, this research endeavours to investigate the plausibility and feasibility of the CVs on the roads.

3. Objectives

Connected vehicle research will build up a data spine for the surface transportation framework that will bolster applications to improve safety and mobility and an information-rich surface transportation framework. This exploration aims, firstly, to portray the examination needed to bolster this choice of embracing CV technology by planning and creating a total vision with respect to the plausibility of CV and giving recommendations and a plan of future work for altering the current administrative approach of travel safety regulations. After the study of current transport system to adapt to the connected vehicles framework, a comprehensive outlook upon the CV technologies will be conducted. Thereafter, selection and development of the near-term practical V2V and V2I applications that utilize CV technology will be conducted. For this purpose, the following research needs to be done:

3.1 V2V safety with these goals:

- Employ progressed V2V wireless technologies to lessen, relieve, or address around 80 percent of vehicle crash situations including unimpaired drivers.
- Establish powerful DSRC benchmarks for safety-critical applications.
- Identify potential V2V security applications including safety notices for drivers such as Blind spot, Lane change, Control Loss, and so forth.

3.2 V2I safety with these goals:

- To utilize progressed V2I wireless technologies to diminish, moderate, or keep extra crash situations not tended to by the V2V technologies.
- To create flag notices that bolster active safety.
- Identify potential V2I Safety Applications such as Intersection safety, Spot weather effect warning and speed administration, and so forth.

4. Methodology

The emerging area of Connected Vehicles (CV) are focusing on V2V, V2I, and vehicle or infrastructure to-handheld device (X2D) to bolster safety, mobility, and ecological applications utilizing Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) or other wireless communications technologies. Except for the utilization of commercial probe data, connected vehicle capabilities have not yet significantly affected Transportation Management Organizations. This is mainly because most of the connected vehicles activities are still in the development and testing stages.

Today, the industry and government bodies and establishments are profoundly sure about the positive effect that CV will bring on the roads and transportation administration, particularly from the viewpoint of reducing road crashes. To better get ready for the potential effects, and to distinguish operational exercises, assets, and framework needs, this research aims to recognize how a connected vehicles environment may shape the role and capacity of transportation management organizations. Moreover, the operational and specialized effects of a novel TMO environment will also be discussed herewith, while the requirements and gaps of a future TMO environment would also be provided. Certain questions that will be answered in lieu of this research include:

- Assuming that the associated vehicles condition will be set up in a staged way, by what method will TMO stage in connected vehicle technologies along with existing Intelligent Transport Systems?
- By what means can connected vehicles' information be utilized to upgrade contemporary TMO's

operations? By what method will a CV atmosphere affect standard operating procedures (SOP) at the TMO?
- What will be the part of outsider information suppliers in giving CVs data?
- By what means will CVs framework such as roadside gear (RSE) units and onboard equipment (OBE) be fused together?
- What are the anticipated effects to TMO operations and budget in a CV environment?

Hereafter, a general comprehension of the functional and technical prerequisites for V2V and V2I applications will be conducted by recognizing the contemporary priorities, propelling the engineering models, and tending to the most widely recognized crash situations through the execution of a simulation system for driver safety and warning applications.

5. Schedule and Deliverables

The initial stage of the research will concentrate mainly on the necessities, feasibility, and impact analysis of CVs on the roads. Being an evaluation stage, this stage will examine the ability of the nations to accommodate such new innovation and a few recommendations to optimize its implementation both on the organizational and the infrastructure level. The next stage will be more identified with a technological advancement contribution whereby improvement in the vehicle-to-vehicle communication is sought.

5.1 Stage 1: Requirements Analysis & Recommendations

Keeping in mind the end goal to take full advantage of a CV environment, this stage will research, at a high level, how the CV environment will change the TMOs without bounds. This will be viewed as both technically and organizationally, consisting of three parts:

5.1.1 Survey of Connected Vehicles Program Activities Pertaining to TMO Operations

An outline of the present circumstance in regards to awareness and status of actualizing CVs in the implementation region will be obtained from the government transport authorities from an operational point of view. The result of the overview would enable the comprehension of the drivers and obstructions for potential usage of connected vehicles technology in the general population transport system and additionally surveying the effects of it on the TMO in the locale. More than one regions will be selected for this purpose.

5.1.2 Examination of Expected Changes in TMOs

This errand examines the normal changes a TMO may attempt in a CV environment. In exploring these potential changes, special thought will be given to the sort of CV information that might be accessible to TMOs, how this information will be utilized to improve TMOs' operations, the part of outsider information suppliers in giving these information, the sorts of CV applications that might be actualized/required by TMOs, and how roadside equipment and on-board equipment can be fused into TMO operations. The result of this errand will give a target understanding on the most proficient method to enhance the TMOs operations and association. A system can be expected depicting actions that can be made while thinking of some as particular imperatives.

Concerned organizations will give an outline of administration plans TMO ought to adopt to empower the coordination of CVs into general public transport operational framework, in light of an audit of effectively connected practices far and wide. The collaboration amongst TMO and outsider information suppliers will be considered in this investigation.

5.1.3 Proposals for the integration of CV innovation in TMOs

This assignment will unite results from the two past undertakings to start to build up a vision for a future TMO in a CV environment. This will fill in as a high-level state Operational Concept, and present potential operational situations of a TMO working condition incorporating data sources and abilities from CV platforms and frameworks.

This outcome will empower recognizing the important adaptations of TMO from the implementation region to attempt to guarantee a fruitful execution of CV innovation into the general population transport system. In view of these outcomes, proposals will be defined to set up the coordination of CV technologies for the public transport system.

5.2 Stage 2: Technical Innovation

The goal of this stage is to create and test the safety of roads and weather condition data on public organization vehicles and transmit it to roadside hardware at 5.9 GHz Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC). This stage comprises of four parts:

5.2.1 Requirements Analysis

This errand depicts the information components and informational collections coveted for the road weather applications; figures out what climate related information are really accessible on each of the vehicles; and recognizes what extra sensors and gear would be expected to give the desired information.

5.2.2 Development of a structure of simulation for V2V and V2I communications

This errand will be in charge of building up a structure of simulation for V2V and V2I correspondences alongside gathering and preparing the traded information on the DSRC on the OBE and sending the information to the RSE. This incorporates a depiction of the framework design and high-level system requirements. These systems will enable an impartial assessment of the veracity and the enthusiasm of a received information under the said conditions. This will be performed by undertaking a data mining approach.

5.2.3 Hardware particular in inter-vehicle communications

In view of the simulations created in the preceding part, an assessment of the particulars of the DSRC gear required will be conducted for the advancement of the solid OBE, RSE and information gathering applications, and the assurance of any adjustments expected to bolster combination with existing DSRC deployments in the implementation zone.

5.2.4 Recommendations for a Testbed and Application improvement

This part acquaints the proposals to acquire equipment, chooses organization destinations, amasses and tests the framework hardware and software, and conveys the framework components in genuine conditions and circumstances.

6. Conclusions and Recommendations

The discussion about the usability and feasibility of the connected vehicles technology has shown that the said technology has vast potential in saving lives and property as a result of the vehicle crashes, evident from the fact that much research in this particular area and investment is being made. However, the implementation of the technology on a global level cannot be anticipated earlier than at least a decade, owing to the developmental phase of the technology as well as there being no tangible proof of its successful implantation. The reliability of the CV technology, as a result of this study, has been justified with the contemporary technical framework being appropriately capable of carrying the said advancements.

To take the research further, real-world budgetary feasibility studies need to be prepared with a target economic production of the required equipment required for the successful implementation of the CV in the existing TMOs framework.

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