

#### Technology and Innovation to Enhance Road Safety

Safer and Smarter Roadways: Automated Lane Closures in Action

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#### 2. Introduction



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Workzone intrusions can be fatal.





# Taper strikes happen regularly.



Protecting our roadway workers is key.



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#### 2. Automated Traffic Control





#### Automated Signage and Gates





Automated Signage Alert travellers of upcoming closures, work zones or changing road condition

Automated Gates Channelize traffic into adjacent lane



# Complete System

An automated lane closure system typically includes:

- Automated Gates
- Automated Signage
- Control System



#### **Client Central Software**

Control, monitor, and gather feedback from a **Traffic Management Center (TMC)** client central software



# **Digital Alerts**



Through a technology partnership with HAAS Alert, Versilis gates send digital lane closure alerts via Waze and vehicle infotainment systems.





#### 3. Case Studies





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Since Q4 2022, all traffic control at bridge approchoaches is automated.





### William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge Bay Bridge Automated Lane Closure System



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#### Manual Lane Closure using Cones and Barricades



Automated Lane Closure

using Versilis Gates







#### 4. Benefits



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## **Project Results**

Project	Chesapeake Bay Bridge, MD USA	A3 Hindhead Tunnel, UK
Implementation	Q4 2022 (17 months in operation)	Q4 2023 (5 months in operation, 75% of trial complete)
Usage	Daily - Bridge Approach Lane Management	5 nights every 6 weeks - Tunnel Maintenance
Results	<ul> <li>Source: MDTA</li> <li>TIME: Reduced time to implement and remove the closures from 20-30 minutes 10-15 minutes (50% saving)</li> <li>SAFETY: Reduced worker exposure to live traffic from 10 workers to 0 workers (100% increased safety)</li> <li>CONGESTION: Reduced congestion</li> <li>ENVIRONMENT: Less idle time</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Source: Arcadis Trial Interim Evaluation Report</li> <li>TIME: Reduced time to deploy the taper from 7min 30sec to 2min 34sec (<u>66% saving</u>). Reduced time to retract the taper from 4min 20sec to 40 sec (<u>85% saving</u>)</li> <li>INCIDENTS: none observed</li> <li>DRIVER BEHAVIOUR: marginal improvement</li> <li>EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE: <u>100%</u></li> <li>OPERATOR FEEDBACK: Positive</li> </ul>



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