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Federal Communications Commission
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Subject: Comments to Federal Communications Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 02-302

Reference: The ITS America Submittal to the FCC Regarding Public Safety, Private and Public Utilization of the 5.85 – 5.925 GHz DSRC Frequency Band, Documented as Notice For Proposed Rulemaking 02-302.

Enclosure: Public Comment to FCC 02-302

Members of the Commission:

As a member of the Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) Standards Writing Group, The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (JHU/APL) would like to respond in favor of the Reference, submitted by ITS America to the FCC. The enclosed documents contain the Laboratory's detailed comments to Proposed Rulemaking 02-302.

The Applied Physics Laboratory is a non-profit, research and development division of The Johns Hopkins University. During the past nine years, JHU/APL has been an active member of the ASTM and IEEE committees that make up the DSRC Standards Writing Group. The DSRC Standards Writing Group is developing the ASTM E2213-02 and related IEEE standards to enable vendors to develop products operating in this 5.9 GHz band, to fully support public safety services and still allow the private sector to deploy other applications. JHU/APL is also the primary author of 23 CFR Part 945 (FHWA-99-5844) entitled, "Dedicated Short Range Communications in Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Commercial Vehicle Operations," the proposed standard for all new CVO systems in the 902-928 MHz band.

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