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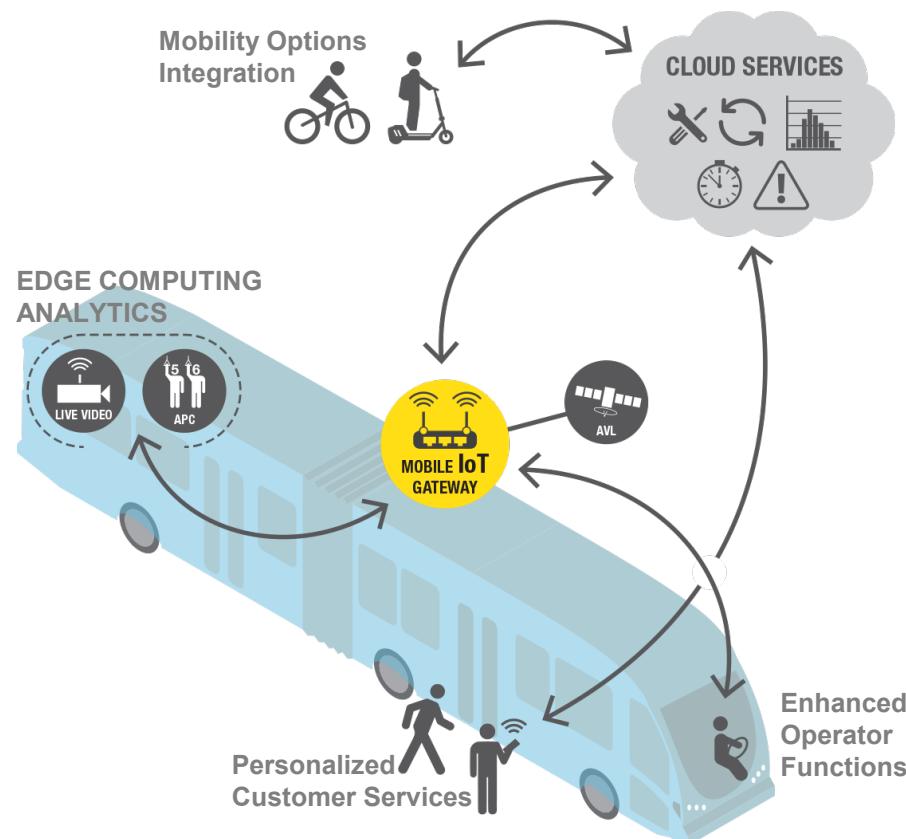
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## Module 23:

# Leveraging Communications Technologies for Transit On-board Integration



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# Learning Objectives

**Review key concepts from Module 19: On-board Transit Management Systems for Buses**

**Describe how to use current communication technology for on-board systems integration for buses**

**Illustrate how to procure systems that use current communication technology for on-board systems**

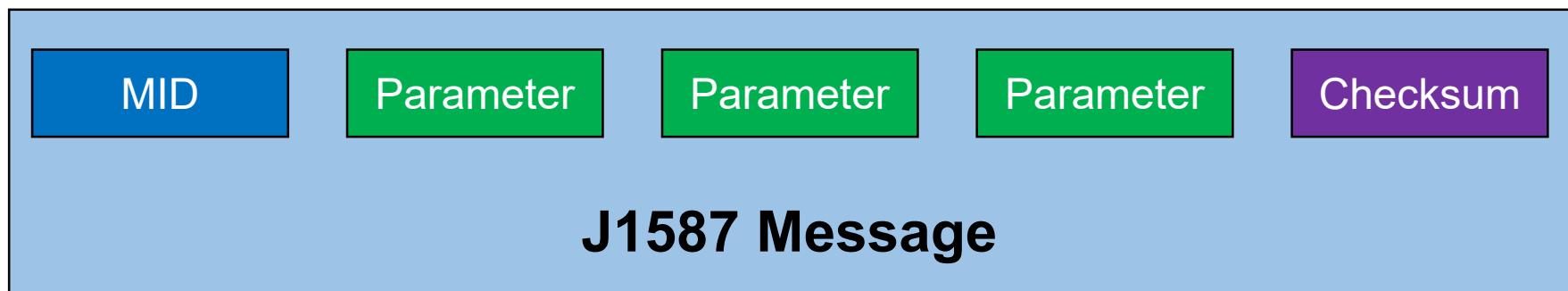
# Learning Objective 1

Review Key Concepts from  
Module 19 On-board Transit  
Management Systems for Buses

# How to Use the Most Prevalent Standards for On-board Transit Management Systems

## Summary of Contents and Use of SAE J1587

- Defines messages transmitted on SAE J1708 network
- Specifies transport, network and application layers
- Outdated and being replaced by J1939
- Defines format of messages and data being communicated between on-board microprocessors
- Format:
  - Message identifier (MID) – source address of transmitting node
  - One or More Parameters
  - Checksum



# How to Use the Most Prevalent Standards for On-board Transit Management Systems

## Summary of Contents and Use of SAE J1587 (continued)

- J1587 is outdated, but is often **found in legacy systems**
  - **Vehicle and component information**
  - **Routing and scheduling information**
  - **Driver information** relating to driver activity
- **SAE J1708, defining basic hardware and conditions** required for on-board data exchange
- With J1708 backbone in place, **J1587 added for general on-board information sharing and diagnostic functions**
- **Use of J1587 and J1708 described together**

# How to Use the Most Prevalent Standards for On-board Transit Management Systems

## Summary of Contents and Use of SAE J1708

- Addresses **transmission of information** among bus components
- Identifies **minimum hardware and procedural requirements** for routing messages over network
- Establishes method for determining:
  - Which device is communicating (i.e., engine, farebox, etc.)
  - Length of time that each device is allowed to communicate
  - Which device has priority in accessing network when two try to gain access simultaneously
  - That message was received correctly should there be problems in transmission
- Describes **physical and data link layer**
- Transmission rate **9600 bps** and message up to **21 bytes** long

# How to Use the Most Prevalent Standards for On-board Transit Management Systems

## Summary of Contents and Use of SAE J1708 (continued)

- Exchange information between **vehicle logic unit (VLU)** and automatic vehicle location (AVL), fare collection, radio, passenger information and other systems
- Integration examples:
  - Passenger information systems with AVL provides **automatic next-stop audio and visual announcements**
  - Fare collection with passenger counters, passenger information systems and AVL **identifies passenger trends**
  - On-board cameras and AVL to store **video images** on-board **for review** or send **emergency-related images** in real time
- Combine **health-monitoring** capabilities of vital on-board components with **AVL** to send fault alarms in real time

# How to Use the Most Prevalent Standards for On-board Transit Management Systems

## Summary of Contents and Use of SAE J1939

- Defines **how information transferred across network** to communicate information such as vehicle speed
- Capable of handling requirements satisfied by **J1708/ J1587/ J1922**
- Spans all **7 Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) layers**
- Data rate of **250,000 bits per second** - faster than J1708
- Permits connection **up to 30 units** compared to maximum of 20 for J1708
- Most messages defined by J1939 **intended to be broadcast**
  - Data transmitted on network without specific destination
  - Permits any device to use data without requiring additional request messages
  - Allows future software revisions to easily accommodate new devices
- Uses **29-bit identifier defined within CAN 2.0B protocol**

# How to Use the Most Prevalent Standards for On-board Transit Management Systems

## Summary of Contents and Use of SAE J1939 (continued)

- Defines message timeouts, how large messages are fragmented and reassembled, network speed, physical layer and how applications acquire network addresses
- Defined using individual SAE J1939 documents based on OSI model layers
- Uses Controller Area Network (CAN) protocol permitting any ECU to transmit message on network
- Every message uses an identifier that defines:
  - Message priority
  - From whom it was sent
  - Data that is contained within it
- Collisions are resolved non-destructively as result of arbitration process that occurs while identifier transmitted
- J1939 messages built on top of CAN 2.0b - make use of extended frames

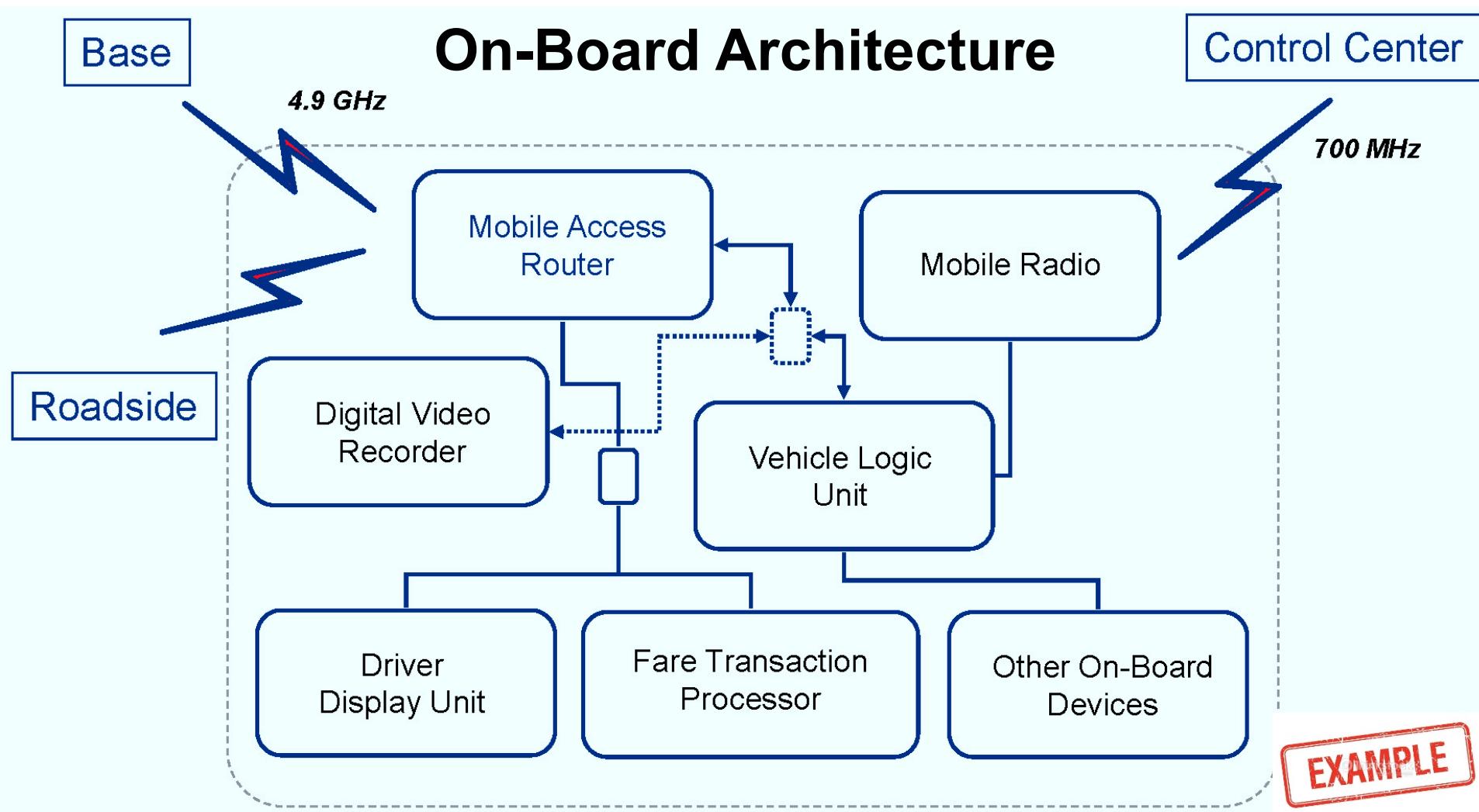
# How to Use the Most Prevalent Standards for On-board Transit Management Systems

## Summary of Use of Wireless Access Points and On-board Internet

- Use of IEEE 802.11x
  - Agencies use wireless access points (WAPs) to upload/ download data and perform software updates for vehicles
  - Current WAPs use IEEE 802.11ac
  - On-board Wi-Fi for passengers uses 802.11x
- What is Single-point Logon?
  - Computer-aided Dispatch (CAD) allows for single point logon for all on-board systems
  - Driver can initiate systems connected to CAD (e.g., AVL, farebox)
  - Reduces potential for error
  - Where more than one GPS unit on board provides one GPS location and time/date stamp for all systems
  - Keeps operational information being used and generated by on-board systems synchronized

# Use of On-board Standards to Provide a Single-point Logon

## Single-point Logon at King County Metro



# CASE STUDY



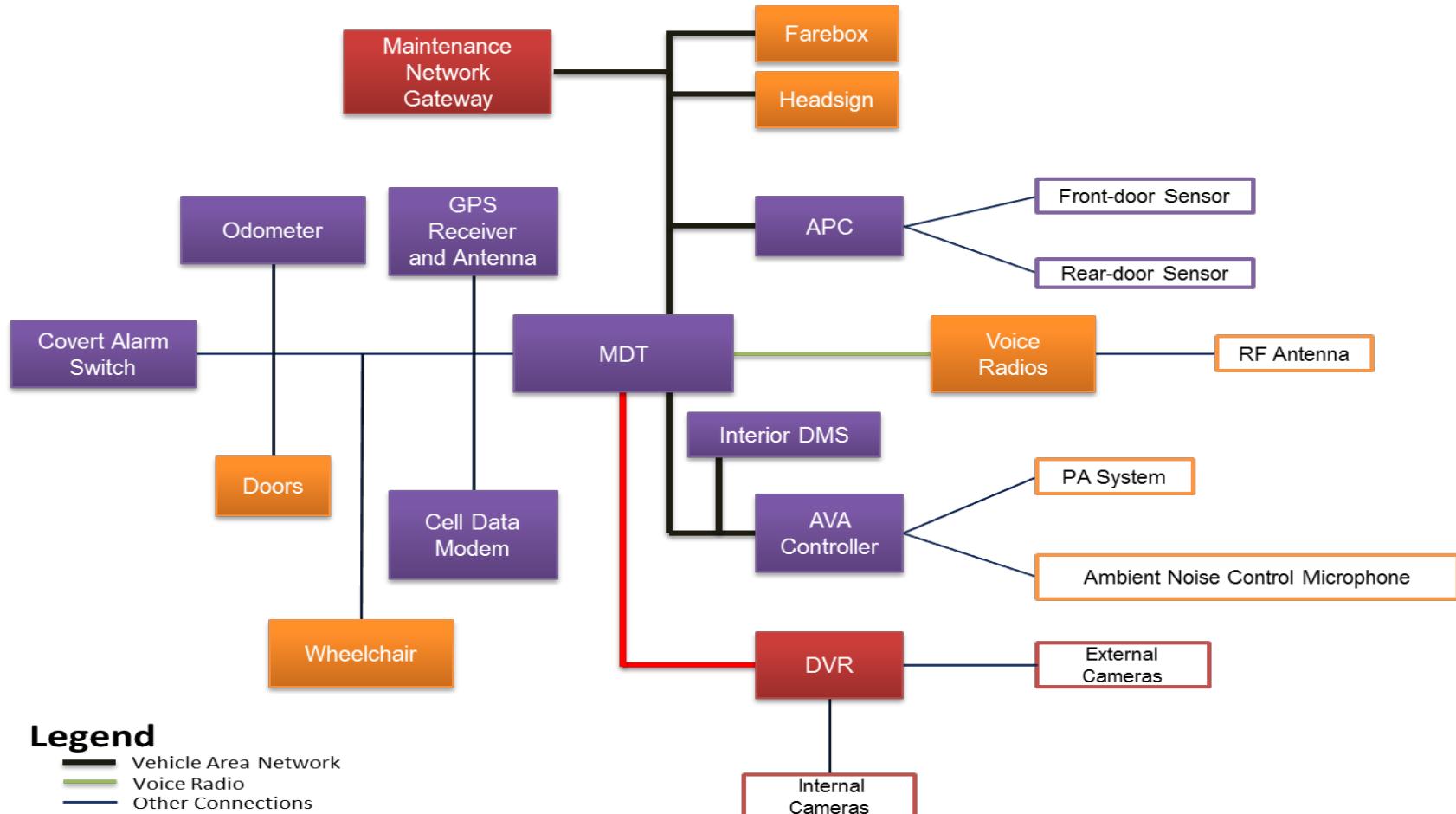
# Illustrate How to Procure Systems Using Transit On-board Management Standards

## Summary of How to Procure Systems Using Transit On-Board Standards

- Case Study of Procuring System(s) Using SAE J1708/1587
  - Norwalk Transit District (NTD) CAD/AVL System
  - Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) Intelligent Transportation Management System (ITMS)
  - Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority (AAATA) CAD/AVL Hardware and Software

# Illustrate How to Procure Systems Using Transit On-board Management Standards

## NTD CAD/AVL On-board Systems



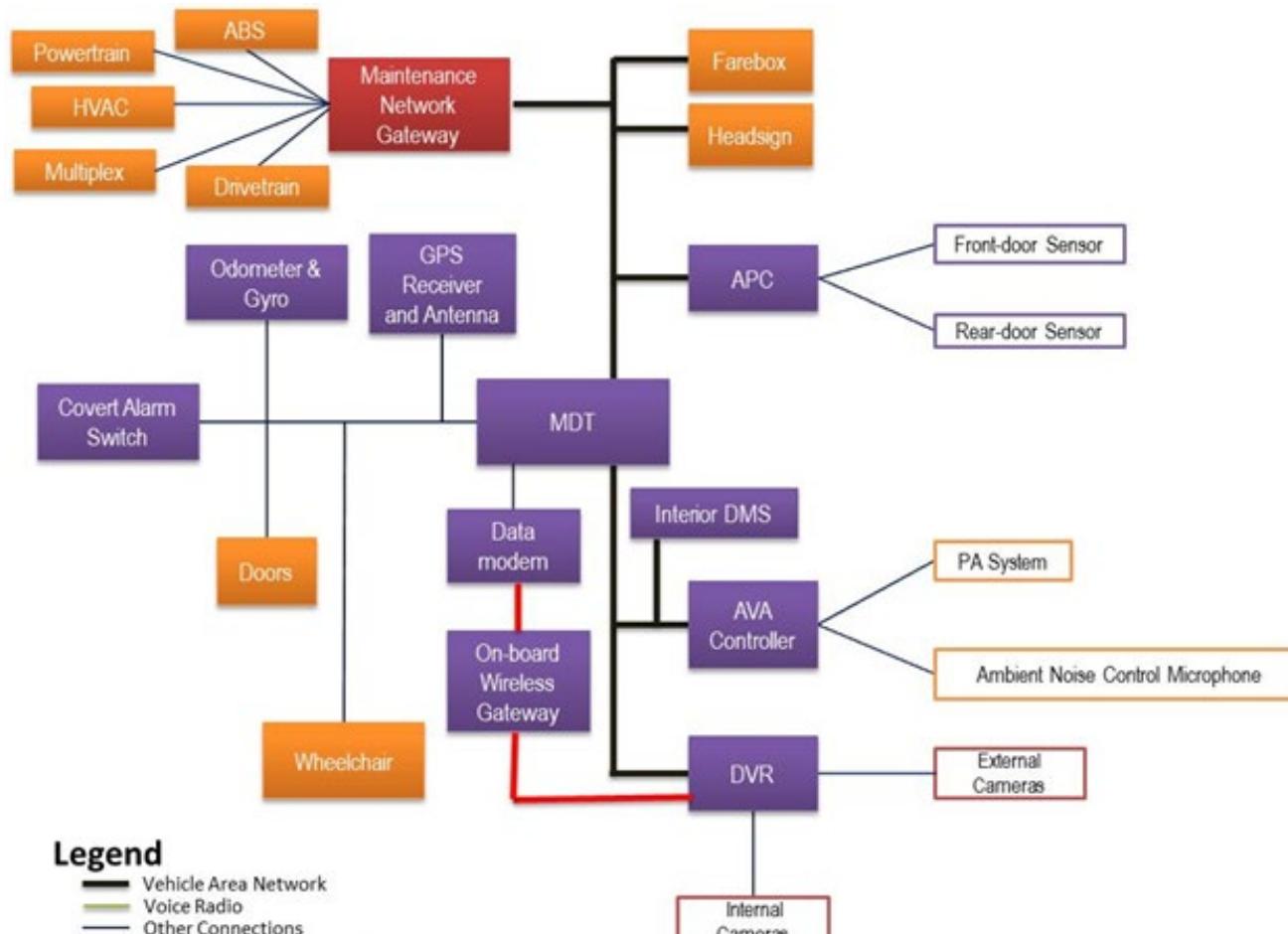
# Illustrate How to Procure Systems Using Transit On-board Management Standards

## CDTA ITMS – System Procurement

- Single-point login
- SAE J1708/1587 to connect ITMS Vehicle Logic Unit (VLU) with multiple technologies
- Interface Control Document (ICD) for SPX-Genfare FastFare™ Fareboxes integration with ITMS
- Additional Testing for Integration

# Illustrate How to Procure Systems Using Transit On-board Management Standards

## AAATA CAD/AVL On-board System – System Procurement



# A C T I V I T Y



# Question

**Which one of these differences between SAE J1939 and J1708 is NOT true?**

## Answer Choices

- a) J1939 is much faster than J1708
- b) J1939 permits a connection of more devices than J1708
- c) J1939 is based on the Controller Area Network (CAN)
- d) J1939 covers the same number of OSI layers as J1708

# Review of Answers



- a) J1939 is much faster than J1708

*Incorrect. SAE J1939 has a data rate of 250,000 bits per second, making it much faster than J1708.*



- b) J1939 permits a connection of more devices than J1708

*Incorrect. SAE J1939 also permits a connection of up to 30 units compared to a maximum of 20 for a J1708 network.*



- c) J1939 is based on the Controller Area Network (CAN)

*Incorrect. J1708 is not based on the CAN.*



- d) J1939 covers the same number of OSI layers as J1708

***Correct! J1939 covers all 7 layers while J1708 only covers 2.***

## Learning Objective 2

Describe how to use current communication technology for on-board systems integration for buses

# Use of Mobile Gateway Routers (MGRs)

## Introduction to Module

- Communication technologies to **manage/integrate on-board devices rather than applications** using these technologies
- Impact:
  - Data **communicated outside vehicle** might be communicated faster, but **data no different**
  - Mobile gateway routers (MGRs) **prioritize which communication technology** used to communicate which data, but **data no different**
- Example:
  - Real-time communication of fare information from on-board to web is **data intensive**
  - However, fare collection devices and applications **no different than they were before new communication technologies were deployed**



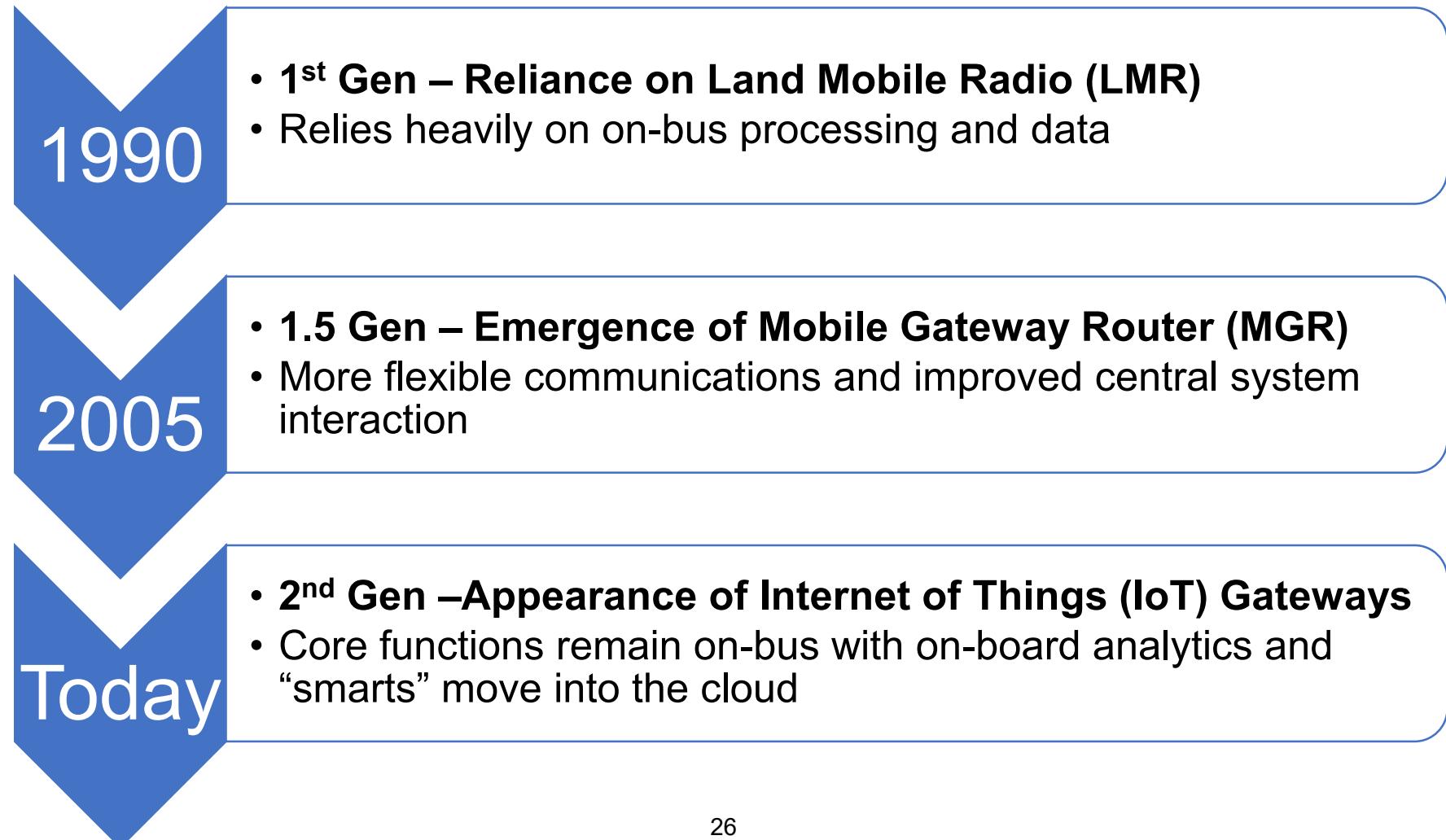
# Use of MGRs

## Definitions

- Wireless gateway: connects **local private device** or local private network **to carrier's public network** and internet
- **Mobile gateway router (MGR):**
  - Performs all functions of **wireless gateway**
  - Adds **sophisticated routing capabilities** and multiple Ethernet and/or WLAN connections
  - Single public IP assigned from carrier mapped in MGR so that one port is mapped to **camera**, another to **sensor**, and another to **manage MGR**, and another to locally connected network for **web access**
- Sometimes referred to as **On-board Mobile Gateway Router (OMGR)**
- Current transit communications technology is:
  - Moving functionality to the **cloud**
  - **Integrating functions** with customer experience and new mobility options
  - **Improved situational awareness** and performance metrics
  - Evolution of on-board IoT edge logic

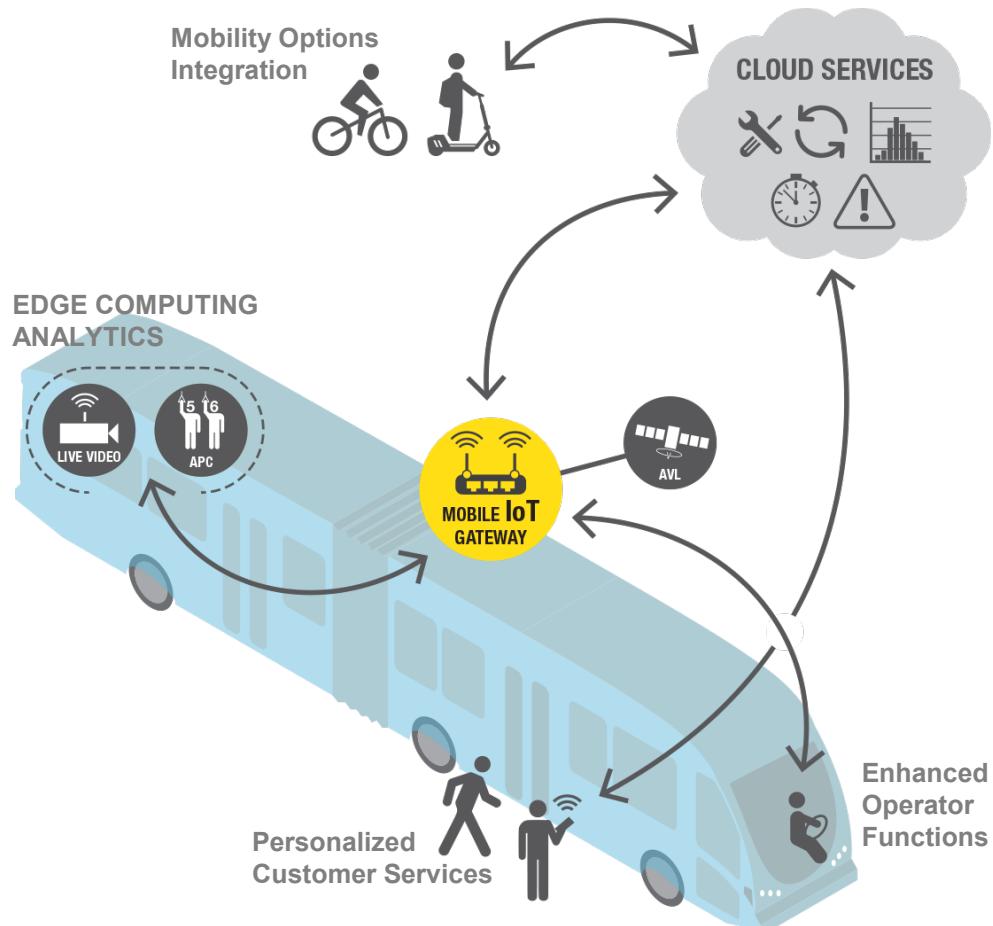
# Use of MGRs

## Chronology of On-board Communications Technology



# Use of MGRs

## Vision of Communications Technologies in Future

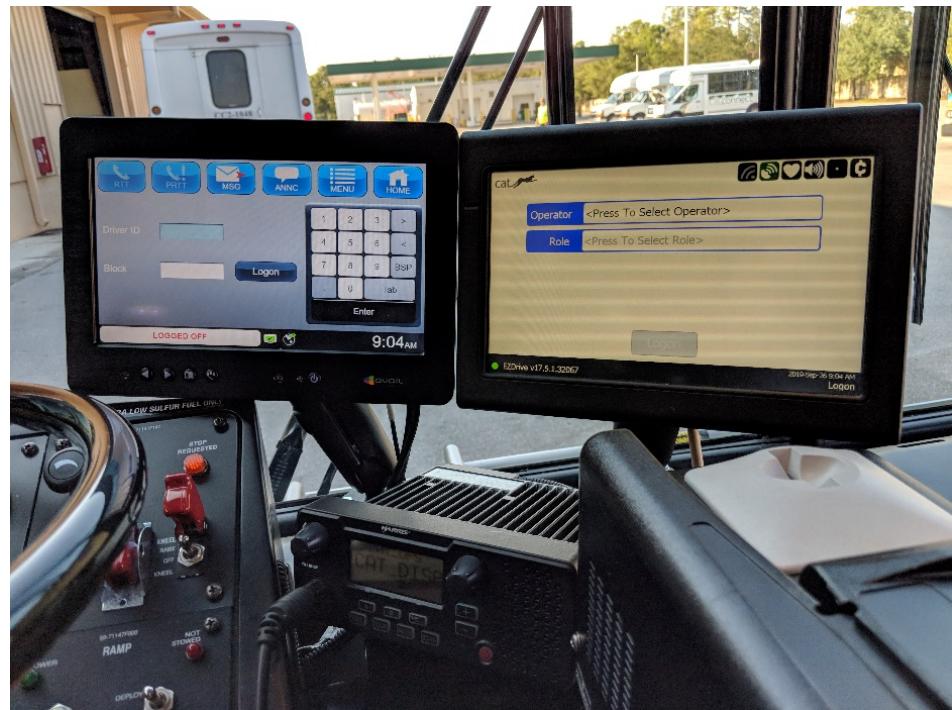


- MGR facilitates integration of on-board devices as well as communication with cloud, Internet, dispatch center, etc.
- MGR can provide Internet access to passengers
- On-board edge computing allows data produced by IoT devices to be processed closer to where it is created
- Other mobility services can utilize the cloud being used by transit to facilitate integrated payment

# Use of MGRs

## Applications that use On-board Communications Technologies

- Automated and mobile fare payment and validation
- Automated and mobile fare payment backhaul
- Computer-aided dispatch/ automatic vehicle location(CAD/AVL)
- Passenger Internet access
- Automatic passenger counters (APCs)



# Use of MGRs

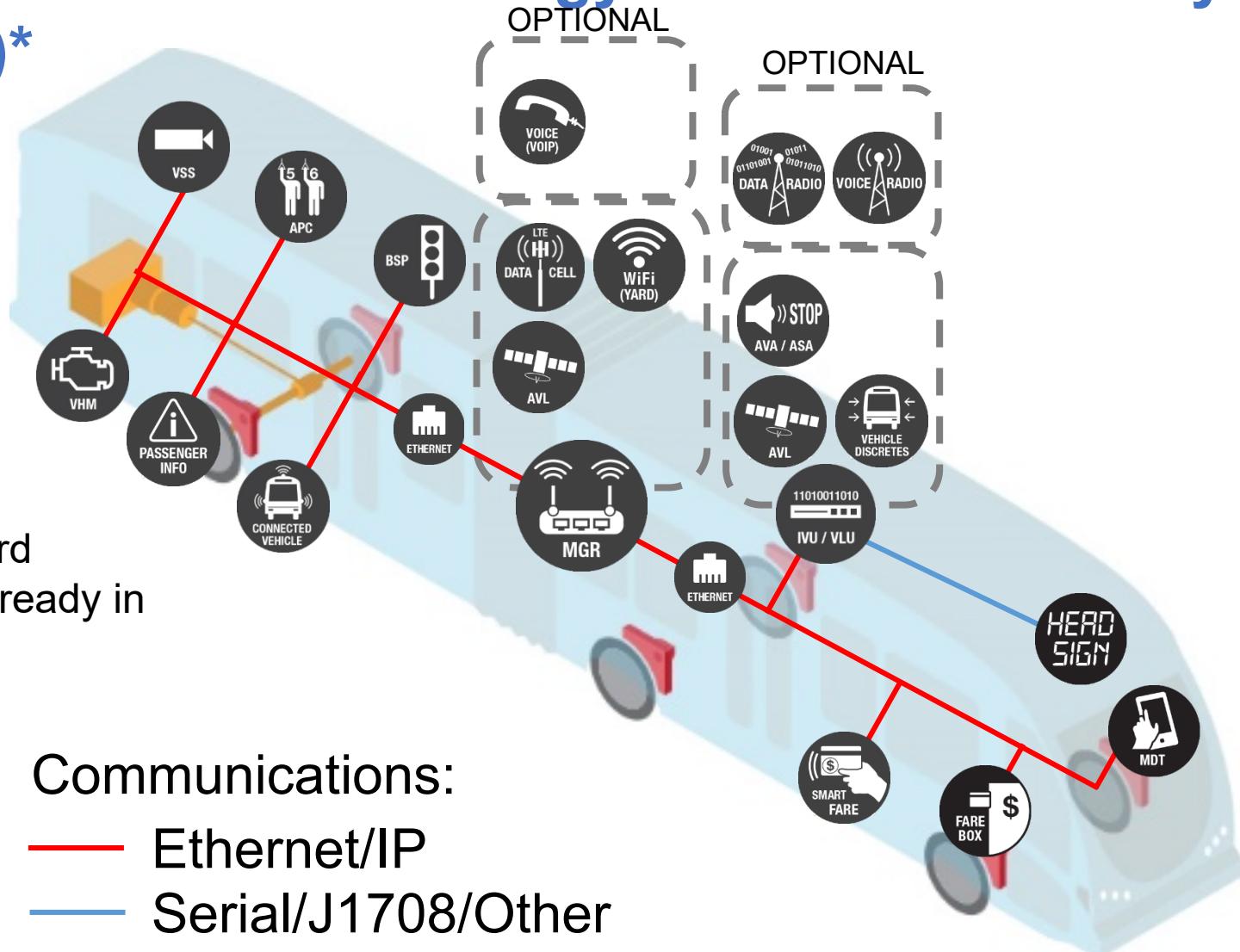
## Applications that use On-board Communications Technologies

- On-board security cameras
- Remote engine (and other bus component) diagnostics and fuel consumption
- Driver performance, including speed, idle time and braking
- Digital maps, signage and advertising



# Use of MGRs

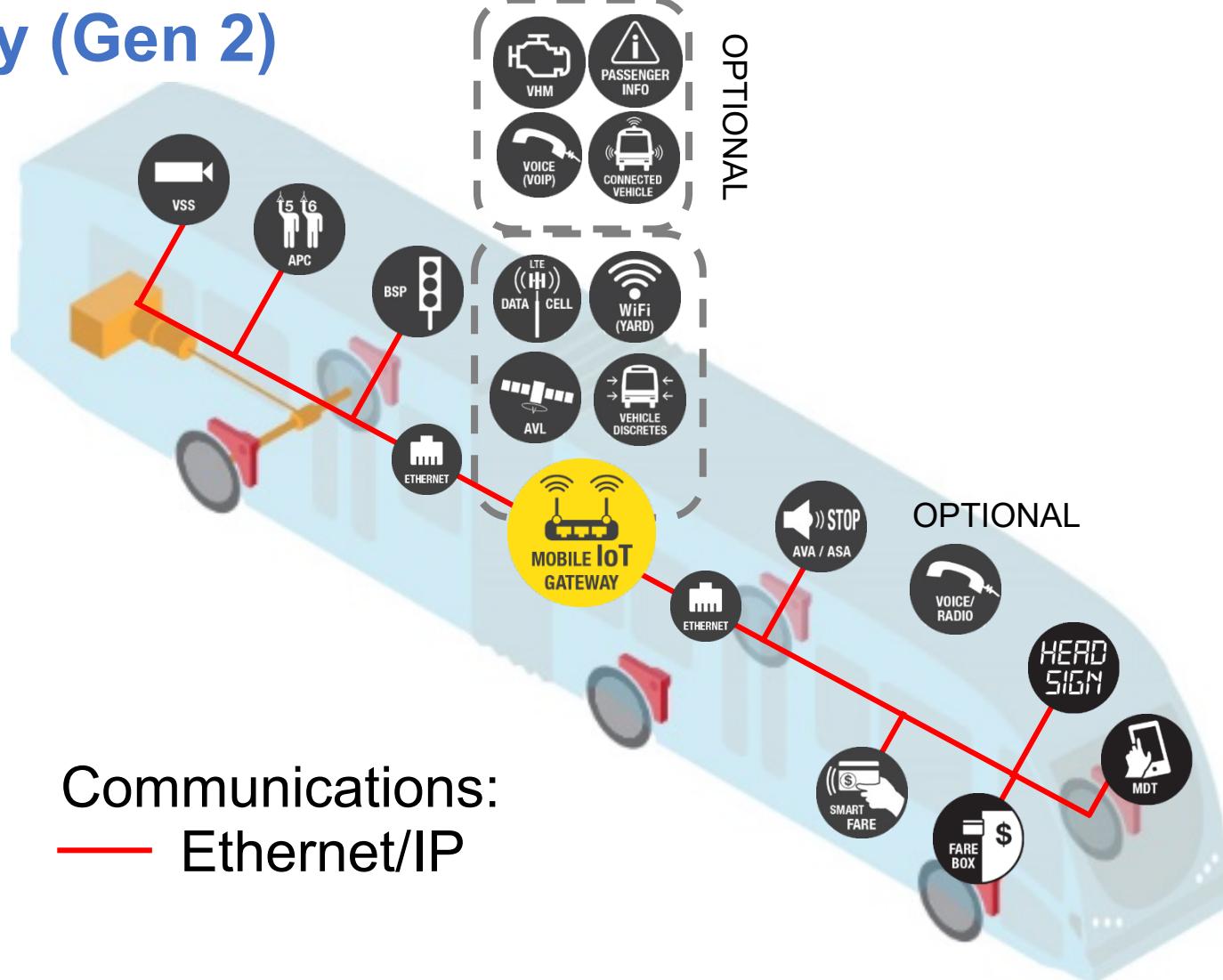
## Communications Technology Architecture Today (Gen 1.5)\*



\*Not all on-board devices are IP-ready in Generation 1.5

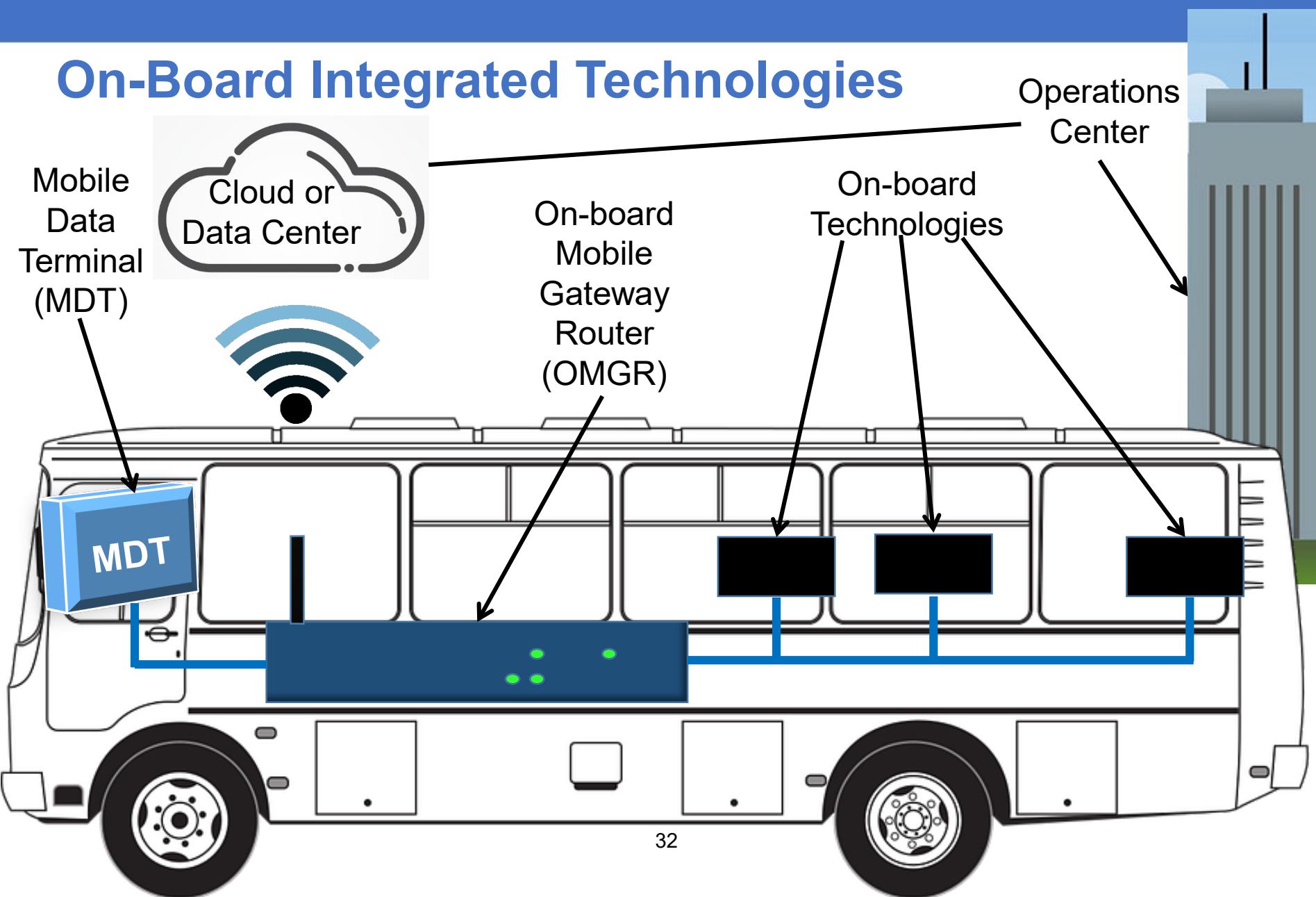
# Use of MGRs

## Communications Technologies Architecture Today (Gen 2)



# Use of MGRs

## On-Board Integrated Technologies



# Determine and Select the Best Available Network

## Determining the best network for each data stream

- Prior to use of MGRs, **separate, dedicated router** deployed for each on-board application
- Current technology includes **single MGR** that provides encryption, authentication and message integrity
- **Not all data** generated on-board and being communicated from dispatch to vehicle **has same value**
- Subsystems such as **fare payment or bus engine data must take priority**, while passenger Wi-Fi and digital signage are less important

# Determine and Select the Best Available Network

## Mechanics of data traffic prioritization

- Goal of MGR: Ensure that **high-priority traffic has lowest latency**
- Accomplished using **Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) standard** for Differentiated Services (DiffServ) - enhancement to IP
- Using quality of service (QoS)\* settings at MGR, can **specify importance of data** in that packet
- IP packet receives priority throughout its journey to back office or data center. This ensures that connectivity **prioritizes data traffic that matters most**

\*QoS is a family of evolving Internet standards that provides ways to give preferential treatment to certain types of IP traffic.

# Determine and Select the Best Available Network

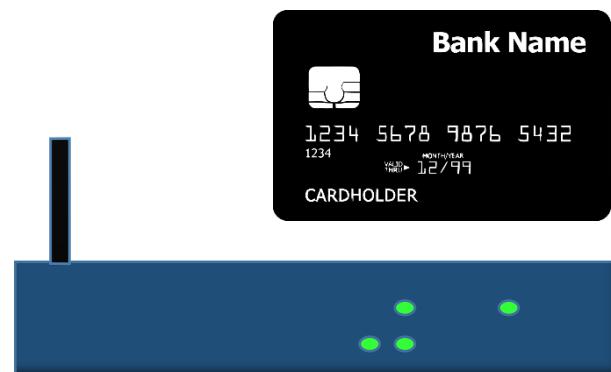
## Connect to multiple communication systems

- MGRs can connect to **2 different wireless/mobile carriers**
  - For **redundancy** - If one carrier goes down, some MGRs can automatically switch to the other carrier
  - For **different roles or messaging**
- Typical functionality:
  - Private and public data communication
  - Video and vehicle data offload over Wi-Fi backhaul
  - Passenger Wi-Fi
  - Wired Ethernet for onboard systems
  - Secure key generation and storage

# Determine and Select the Best Available Network

## Complicated Data Transaction Example

- Fare payment via **debit or credit cards** through MGR:
  - Account for **payment card industry (PCI)** standard for security
  - **PCI compliance required** for processing card-based payments
- MGRs can provide **security that meets PCI** specifications because requirements can be incorporated into MGR:
  - Stateful firewall\*
  - Encryption
  - Network segmentation
  - Event logging
  - User Authentication



\*Stateful firewalls can watch traffic streams from end to end. They are aware of communication paths and can implement various IP Security (IPsec) functions.

# Use of Cloud Platforms and Web Services

## Types of cloud platforms and web services

- Cloud computing: **on-demand resource** to run applications, databases, virtual machines & servers
- 3 primary types of cloud environment:
  - **Public cloud services** are:
    - Hosted by third-party cloud service providers
    - Accessible through web browsers
  - Examples: Amazon Web Services (AWS), Microsoft Azure & Google Cloud
  - **Private clouds**:
    - Dedicated and accessible to single organization
    - Examples: HP Enterprise, VMWare & IBM
  - **Hybrid clouds** combine various aspects of public and private clouds:
    - More control over data and resources than in public cloud
    - Still be able to scale like in public cloud when needed

# Use of Cloud Platforms and Web Services

## Cloud service model categories

- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS):
  - Cloud layer enabling **self-service model** for managing virtualized data center infrastructure
  - Customers pay for **on-demand access** to pre-configured computing resources
- Platform as a Service (PaaS):
  - Cloud layer providing tools for organizations to focus on **building and running web applications & services**
  - PaaS environments **support developers, operations & hybrid teams**
- Software as a Service (SaaS): applications **hosted by third party & delivered over web browser**

# Using Current Communication Technology to Conduct On-board Functions

## Introduction to Example One

- **Valley Regional Transit (VRT)** in Boise, ID area
- Long Term Evolution (LTE) **MGRs deployed** in buses including:
  - Wi-Fi access point
  - Content filtering
  - Global Positioning System (GPS) and telematics integration
  - Cloud access
  - Troubleshooting
- Hybrid cloud platform

# Using Current Communication Technology to Conduct On-board Functions

## Introduction to Example Two

- **Los Angeles Metro Cloud-based Transit Signal Priority (TSP):**
  - Uses **IP-based devices** and **cellular networks**
  - 7 core elements:
    - Cloud-based platform for standardized signal system interfaces
    - Cloud-based **analytics platform**
    - Maintain support for legacy equipment and communications infrastructure
    - Support for **multiple signal system designs**
    - **Commercial cellular networks** for next-generation bus communication
    - Adopt **NTCIP 1211** messaging standards
    - Implementation of **MGR**

# Using Current Communication Technology to Conduct On-board Functions

## Valley Regional Transit

- Valley Regional Transit (VRT) - regional public transportation authority for Ada and Canyon counties in southwest Idaho
- 1.3 million fixed-route and paratransit trips per year using 60 buses
- Prior situation: 2G/3G modems in fixed-route buses had problems:
  - Connectivity was routinely lost
  - Modem and vehicle logic unit (VLU) could be ruined by accidentally plugging modem into wrong port of VLU
  - Inconsistent connectivity causing VLUs to send outdated information causing TSP errors and inaccurate real-time information

# Using Current Communication Technology to Conduct On-board Functions

## Valley Regional Transit (continued)

- Needed to **ensure connectivity**, especially in underground facility
- Desire to offer **free rider Wi-Fi**
- Installed **in-vehicle routing platform** in each bus, along with remote troubleshooting through the cloud and instant firmware upgrades
- Ability to add **automated vehicle announcements (AVAs)** and **automated passenger counters (APCs)** in future



EXAMPLE

# Using Current Communication Technology to Conduct On-board Functions

## Valley Regional Transit (concluded)

- MGR uses **multi-zone GPS repeater** to ensure uninterrupted vehicle tracking
- Constant wide area network (WAN) connectivity and GPS access **improve accuracy of real-time information**, resulting in fewer phone calls to VRT's customer service team
- More than **350 passengers per day** are utilizing guest Wi-Fi
- Can **track Wi-Fi usage**, customize splash page, and **survey riders**
- Can troubleshoot and deploy **firmware updates remotely**
- Considering **new fare payment system** and **real-time CCTV monitoring**

# Using Current Communication Technology to Conduct On-board Functions

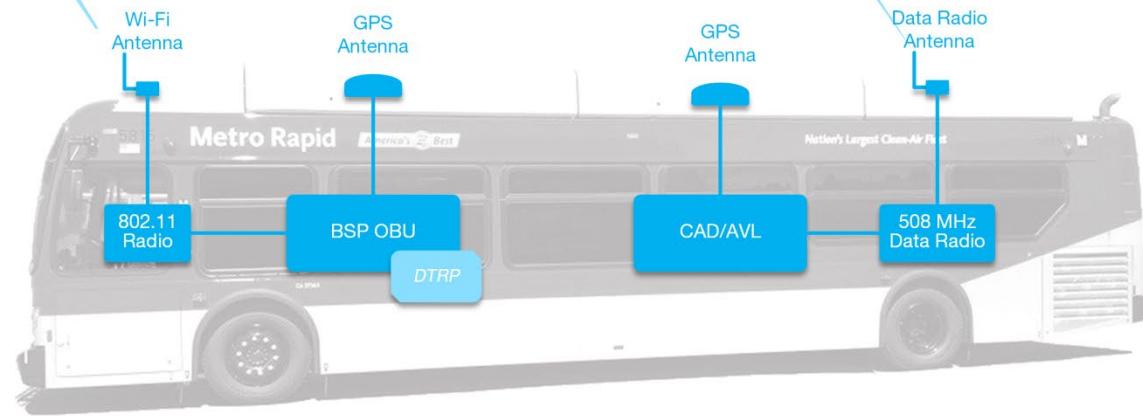
## LA Metro Existing TSP Architecture

Legend	
CAD/AVL	Computer-Aided Dispatch/Automatic Vehicle Location
DTGP	Decision to Grant Priority
DTRP	Decision to Request Priority
MGR	Mobile Gateway Router
OBU	On-Board Unit
TOC	Transit Operations Center
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network



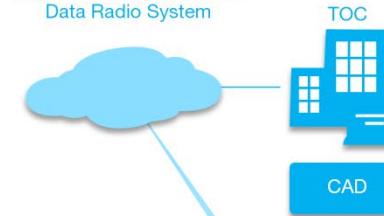
Signal Cabinet

CSP WLAN



Bus

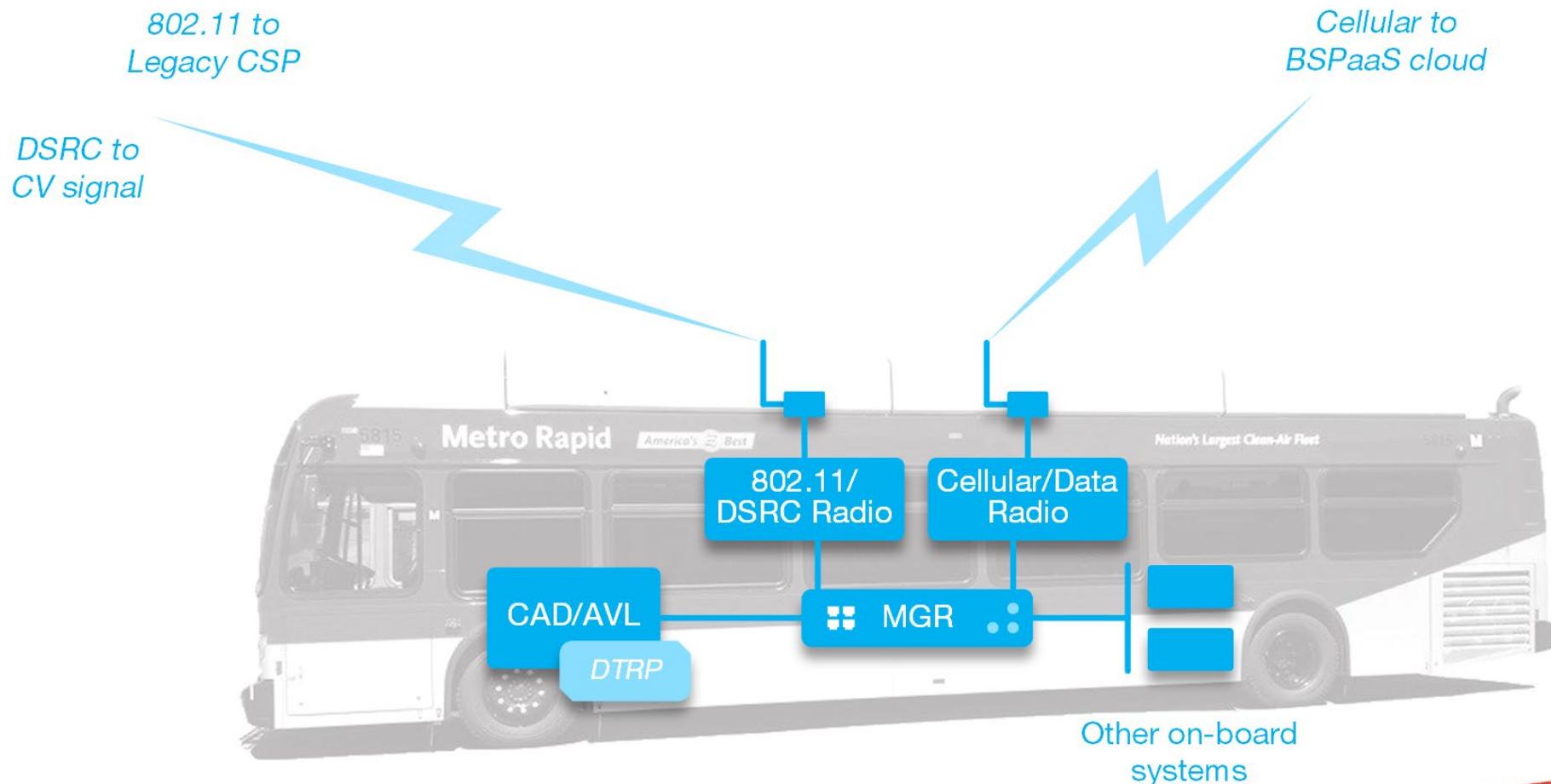
Agency-Owned 508 MHz Data Radio System



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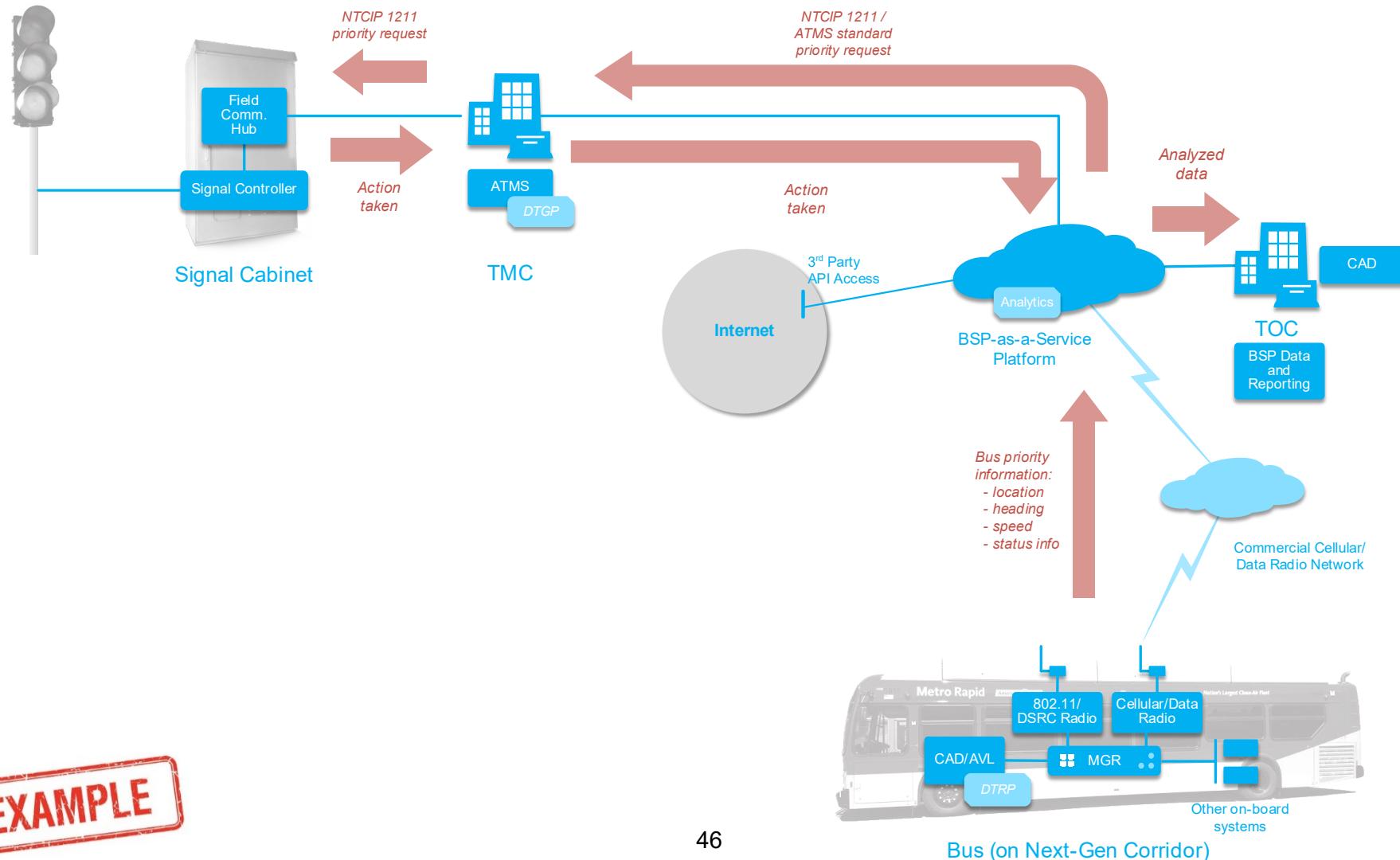
# Using Current Communication Technology to Conduct On-board Functions

## LA Metro Next Generation Cloud-based TSP



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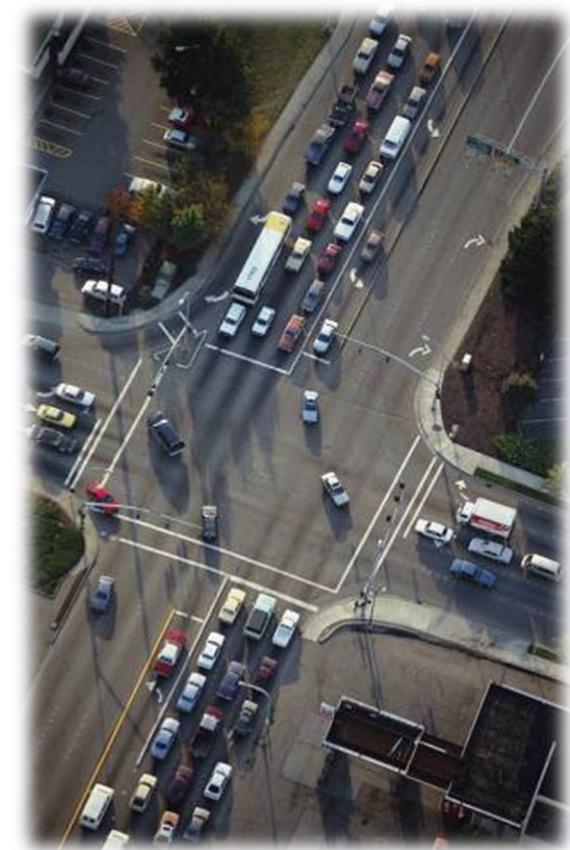
## LA Metro Cloud-based TSP Information Flow



# Using Current Communication Technology to Conduct On-board Functions

## LA Metro TSP Concept Exploration

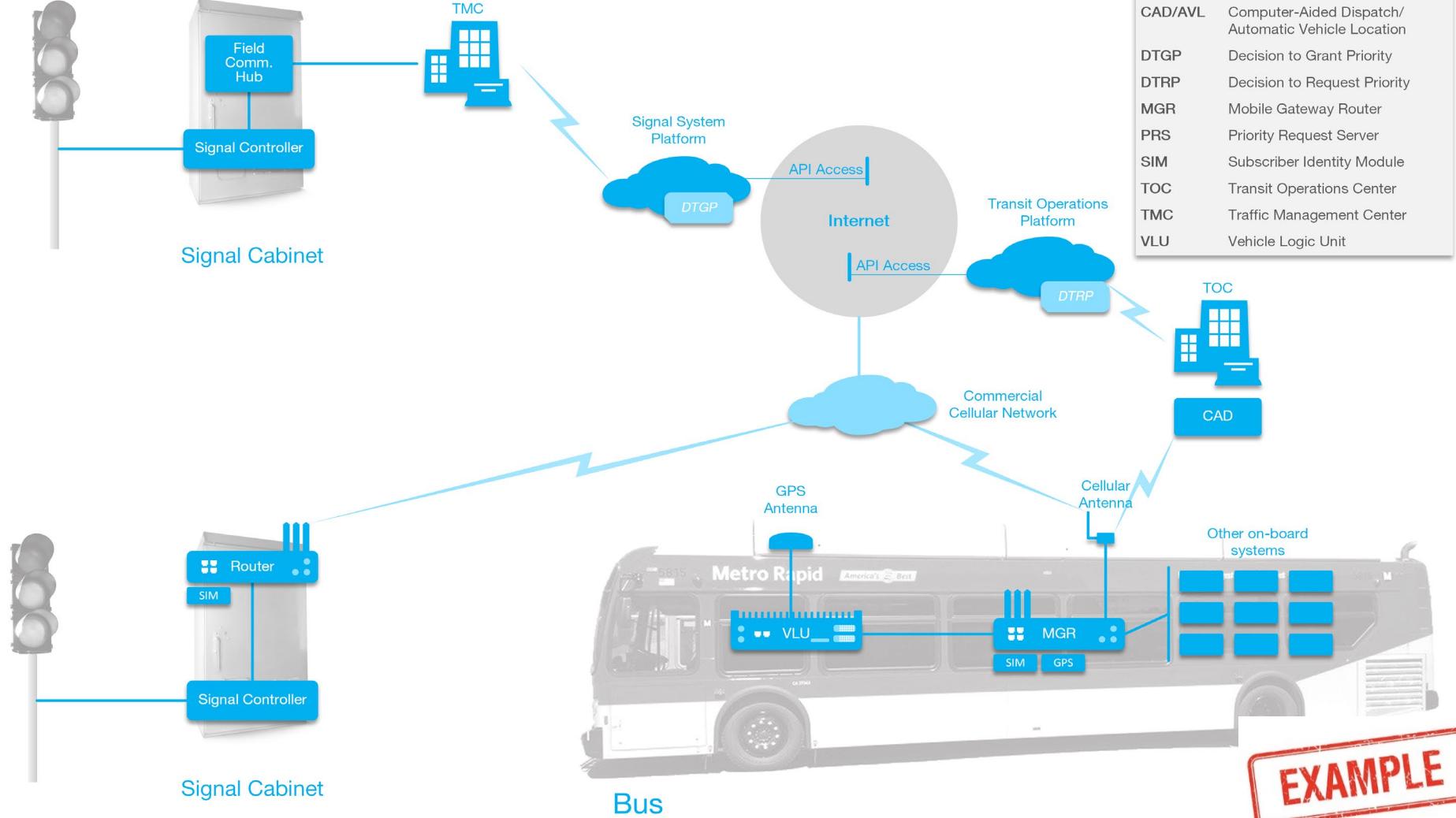
- Vehicle-to-Infrastructure (V2I) Connected Vehicle
- V2I Cellular to Isolated Signal
- Vehicle-to-Center (V2C) Cellular to Centralized TMC
- Center-to-Center (C2C) Fully Centralized TOC and TMC
- BSP (Bus Signal Priority)-as-a-Service (BSPaaS) Cloud Application
- As of October 2019, integrated new ATMS with BSP infrastructure, and other municipalities deploying current architecture for their BSP system.
- City of Arcadia deployed using BSPaaS



EXAMPLE

# Using Current Communication Technology to Conduct On-board Functions

## LA Metro BSPaaS Concept



# A C T I V I T Y



# Question

**What is the difference between Generation 1.5 and 2.0 of on-board architectures?**

## Answer Choices

- a) The mobile gateway router (MGR) was introduced in Generation 2
- b) Not all on-board devices are IP-ready in Generation 1.5
- c) On-board analytics and “smarts” stay on-board in Generation 2
- d) Ethernet is no longer used in Generation 2

# Review of Answers



- a) The mobile gateway router (MGR) was introduced in Generation 2

*Incorrect. The MGR was introduced in Generation 1.5*



- b) Not all on-board devices are IP-ready in Generation 1.5

**Correct! Not all devices are IP-ready currently**



- c) On-board analytics & “smarts” stay on-board in Generation 2

*Incorrect. Core functions remain on-bus with on-board analytics & “smarts” move into the cloud*



- d) Ethernet is no longer used in Generation 2

*Incorrect. Ethernet continues to be used in Generation 2*

## **Learning Objective 3**

**Illustrate how to procure systems  
that use current communication  
technology for on-board systems**

# CASE STUDY



# Procuring and implementing CAD/AVL system using an MGR

## Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) Intelligent Transportation Management System (ITMS)

- CDTA in Albany, NY replacing their aging CAD/AVL system
- ITMS procurement included requirement for OMGRs
- In Section 5 of RFP: Wireless Data Communication Requirements, Section 5.2 Wireless Data Communications includes Section 5.2.3 **On-Board Mobile Router/Wireless Gateway**

# Procuring and Implementing CAD/AVL System Using an MGR

## CDTA ITMS MGRs

- Open Payment System Infrastructure
- Transmit vehicle location data to vendor's central real-time prediction system
- Central Data System (CDS) wireless communications with on-board ITMS equipment, components, and devices via, in part, wireless MGRs on-board vehicles
- On-board Wi-Fi enabled Internet access to customers on all CDTA vehicles



# Procuring and Implementing CAD/AVL System Using an MGR

## CDTA ITMS MGRs

- 4 port, multi card, redundant configuration (multiple cellular cards) MGR
- Has 2 subscriber identity modules (SIMs): one for private connectivity and one for public Wi-Fi
- Private link will transfer:
  - Real-time location information
  - Alarms
  - Vehicle health
  - Canned messaging
  - Passenger loads
  - Potentially camera footage
  - In the future, farebox transaction data
- Wirelessly transfer data to bus at garage, including CAD/AVL, infotainment and TSP
- Use same Wi-Fi communication for farebox and camera data

# Procuring and Implementing CAD/AVL System Using an MGR

## CDTA ITMS MGRs

- **Proven Solution** - hardware needed to be already deployed and proven to be reliable
- **Management Software** - tools for maintaining equipment as well as configuring and monitoring equipment is critical. Several criteria:
  - Automatic alerts
  - Easy to use reporting writing
  - Certain amount of customization using existing and custom fields, and features
- **Hardware** - flexibility to handle multiple inputs (4-8 Ethernet ports), antennae and multiple SIM cards for redundancy
- **Private and Public Networks** - need to operate both private and public networks for internal data transfer and public Wi-Fi

# CASE STUDY



# Procuring System Requiring On-board Integration and Transaction Processing

## TriMet's Hop Fastpass

- Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet) deployed **Hop Fastpass** - fare payment system that first launched in 2017
- Open architecture design:
  - Provides **flexibility to adjust** individual software and hardware components
  - Allows TriMet to **capitalize on changing technologies** or falling costs
  - **Avoided negotiations** with systems integrator that could minimize (or profit from) changes to fare payment system over time
- Issued RFP in 2013, including requirements for:
  - Onboard validators with Ethernet port that enables **connection to existing MGRs** installed on TriMet and C-TRAN buses
  - Where available, MGRs will serve as **primary means of off-board communication** with the eFare back

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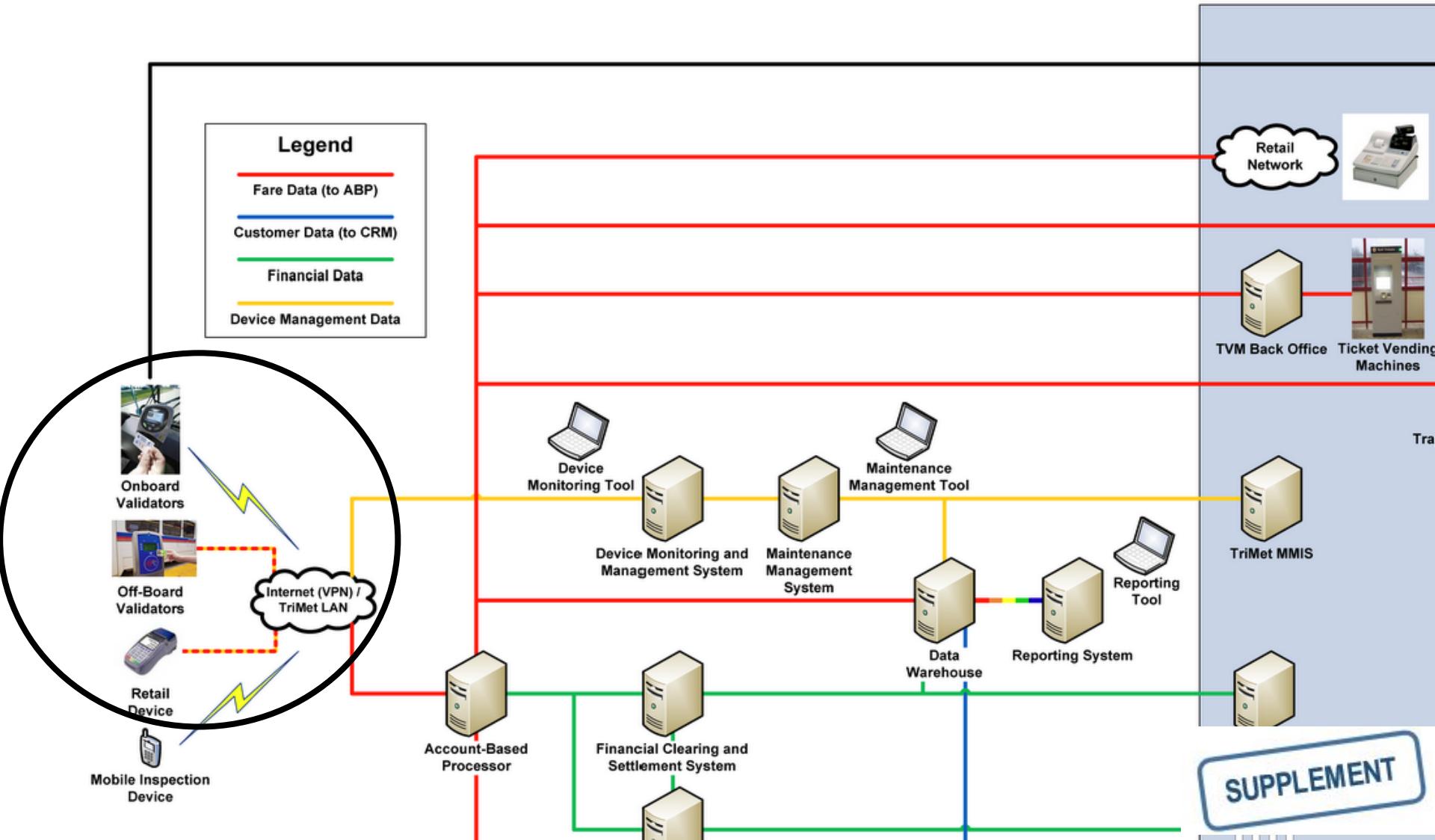
# Procuring System Requiring On-board Integration and Transaction Processing

## TriMet's Hop Fastpass (continued)

- **Went live in July 2017**, with physical card that worked on TriMet, C-TRAN (Clark County, WA) and Portland Streetcar
- **Fall 2017, open payments deployed:**
  - Payment card with embedded contactless chip
  - Apple Pay, Android Pay (now Google Pay) or Samsung Pay
- Spring 2018, Android Pay or Samsung Pay users **create “virtual Hop card”** - provides all benefits of physical Hop card
- In May 2019, Apple Pay users could use a virtual card
- **Hop benefits** no matter which payment media used:
  - Fare capping
  - Autoloading
  - Monthly passes
  - Concession
  - Add value online, by visiting regional transit ticket offices, making phone call, via mobile app or at more than 500 stores that are part of Hop retail network

# Procuring System Requiring On-board Integration and Transaction Processing

## TriMet's Hop Fastpass (continued)



# Procuring System Requiring On-board Integration and Transaction Processing

## TriMet's Hop Fastpass – Complex Transaction Processing

- Onboard validators with Ethernet port enabling connection to existing MGRs installed on TriMet and C-TRAN buses. **MGRs serve as primary means of off-board communication with eFare back office**
- All validators include Wi-Fi (802.11a/b/g/n/ac) to **enable integration with other systems via MGR**, exchange of non-critical data at designated locations, and sharing data connections on vehicles & at rail platforms
- eFare validators equipped with **real-time communication** to Account Management and Processing System (AMPS) for processing fare payments
- Validators will provide payment result **within 500 milliseconds** of valid fare media for all fare payment types

# CASE STUDY



# Migrating to Using Current Communication Technology

## Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit)

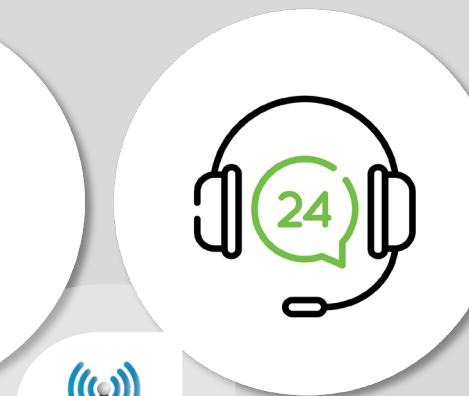
- Separate on-board components - not integrated
- CAD/AVL and land mobile radio (LMR) systems in place since 2003
- Needed scalable, open architecture and integrated platform:
  - More predictable for riders
  - Adapt to high-frequency service changes and dynamic route management
  - Improve operator safety
  - Leverage GIS mapping
  - Provide robust data management and visualization
- Decades old technology for Voice and Data
- Aging LMR System; costly to replace
- Considered joining the Regional Communications System (RCS)
- User Experience and reliability
  - critical considerations when weighing all options

# Migrating to Using Current Communication Technology

## AC Transit - Public Broadband: A viable option

### Quick Deployment

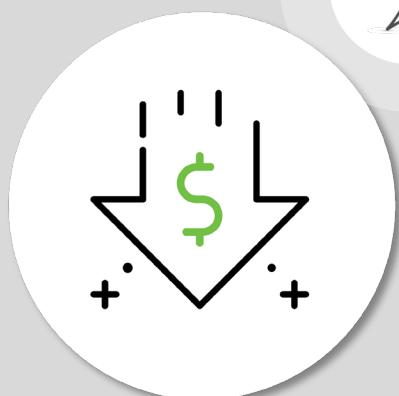
With no expensive infrastructure to build out, a network can be quickly deployed with limited disruption to daily operating procedures



### Reduced Costs

No expensive network to procure, deploy and maintain

No dedicated resources needed for maintenance or enhancements



### Reliability

Broadband networks backed by 24/7 – 365-day support personnel to ensure uptime and reliability

### No Fears of Obsolescence

Unlike closed private networks, the mobile broadband networks are continuously being enhanced and they will not become obsolete

# Migrating to Using Current Communication Technology

## AC Transit - Solution

- State-of-the-art technology to enable:
  - Flexible and efficient dispatching
  - Vehicle management
  - Disruption management
  - Vehicle maintenance
  - Real-time passenger information
  - Voice communication
  - Pro-active monitoring and predictive maintenance
- Open architecture and support for APIs, integrated CAD/AVL with data systems and Voice over IP (VoIP)



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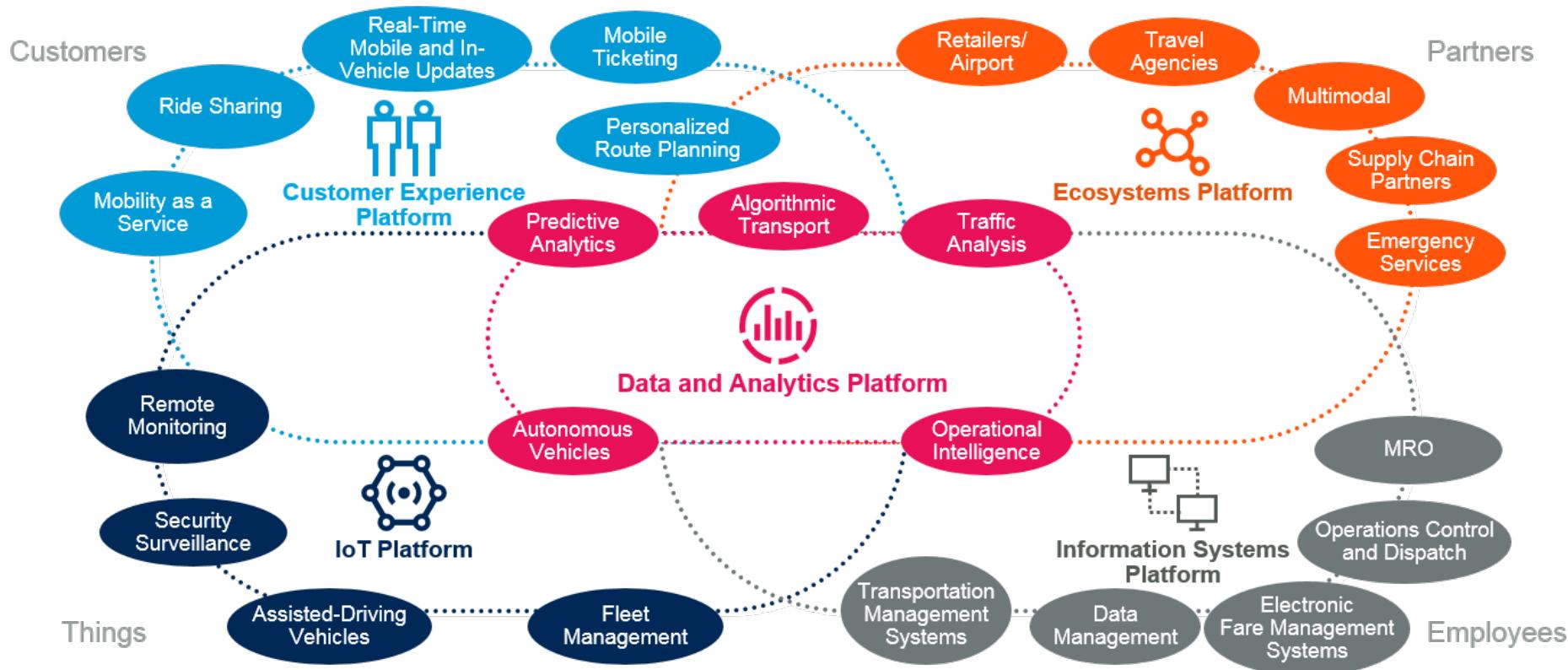
# Migrating to Using Current Communication Technology

## AC Transit - Benefits of Multiple Communications Technology

- Reduce mobile workforce communication outages
- Extend service area coverage
- Leverage capitalized LMR assets longer
- Move from low data rate private radio system to high-speed network of 4G and 5G technology & mobile edge computing
- Utilize lower cost technologies while enhancing overall reliability
- LMR features using VoIP technology
  - Half or full duplex conversations
  - Private Calls
  - Scan
  - Priority Scan
  - Emergency Alarm and Covert Monitoring
  - Fleet calls
  - Individual and group text messaging
- Improve mobile workforce efficiency
- Provide path for technology evolution
- Maintain FCC licenses through active use of channels

# Migrating to Using Current Communication Technology

# AC Transit – Digital Framework



# A C T I V I T Y



# Question

**CDTA's selection of an OMGR included which considerations?**

## Answer Choices

- a) Need to operate both private and public networks for internal data transfer and public Wi-Fi
- b) Flexibility to handle multiple inputs, antennae and multiple SIM cards for redundancy
- c) Hardware needed to be already deployed and proven to be reliable
- d) All of the above

# Review of Answers



- a) Need to operate both private and public networks for internal data transfer and public Wi-Fi

*Incorrect. This answer is correct along with b and c*



- b) Flexibility to handle multiple inputs, antennae and multiple SIM cards for redundancy

*Incorrect. This answer is correct along with a and c*



- c) Hardware needed to be already deployed and proven to be reliable

*Incorrect. This answer is correct along with a and b*



- d) All of the above

***Correct! All statements are correct***

# Question

**Which one of these benefits has been experienced by AC Transit due to their implementation of multiple technology communications?**

## Answer Choices

- a) Limit service area coverage
- b) Provide a path for technology evolution
- c) Eliminate LMR assets
- d) Reduce the number of FCC licenses

# Review of Answers



- a) Limit service area coverage

*Incorrect. One of the benefits was to extend service area coverage*



- b) Provide a path for technology evolution

***Correct! This was one of the benefits resulting from the deployment of multiple communication technologies.***



- c) Eliminate LMR assets

*Incorrect. One of the benefits was to leverage capitalized LMR assets longer.*



- d) Reduce the number of FCC licenses

*Incorrect. One of the benefits was to maintain FCC licenses through active use of channels.*

# Module Summary

**Review key concepts from Module 19: On-board Transit Management Systems for Buses**

**Describe how to use current communication technology for on-board systems integration for buses**

**Illustrate how to procure systems that use current communication technology for on-board systems**

# Thank you for completing this module.

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