Embracing connected train technology via real-time diagnostics to improve PATH's customer experience, reliability, and safety

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Port Authority of New York & New Jersey

- Our mission: keep the region moving

 Since 1921
 100+ years
- Multimodal agency: Air, Rail, Land, and Sea
- Bistate transportation infrastructure
 essential to economic growth
- 5 major lines of business:
 - o Aviation
 - o PATH
 - o Bridges & Tunnels
 - o Ports
 - World Trade Center
- Commitment to maintaining highest level of safety & security, improving customer experience, and ensuring operational excellence





PATH System Overview



KEY FACTS	
Operates	24/7/365
Adult Fare	\$2.75
2019 Annual Total Ridership	82.2M
2023 Annual Total Ridership	50.5M
Stations	13
Trans-Hudson Tunnels	4
Route Miles	43.1
Passenger Cars (PA-5)*	350
Maintenance Cars	74
Age of the System	115



Summary of PATH Pilot

- Born via NYC Transit Tech Lab
- Overall goal: Improve fleet reliability and operational efficiency
 - Institute remote and real-time data capture and analysis
 - Decrease dependency on outdated PTE and proprietary software
 - Improve car availability by improving in service troubleshooting and reducing turnaround time
 - Leverage alerts of alarms for controlled removals from revenue service
- Additional Value
 - Automate on-time performance calculation with actual arrival and departure timestamps
 - Pinpoint location where failures occur to correlate with potential wayside deficiencies
 - Leverage high resolution cameras for security, training, and customer experience initiatives
- Future
 - Enable predictive maintenance via historical failure data to identify indicators of failure (future)



Wi-Tronix: Inspired by technology, motivated by safety

Founded in 2004

Led by founders 160+ employees Based in suburban Chicago 14,000+ rail vehicles

Fleet agnostic monitoring & analytics

Integrating and normalizing data on diverse fleets & data sources 60+ customers 4,000+ users

4,000+ users across freight, passenger, and light rail markets in the US, Canada, Mexico, and Australia Customized Insights 2017 investment capital for growth and international outreach

Siemens

investment

Innovators at our core

Leadership team with 100+ years of rail industry expertise



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A single platform built to monitor vehicle data and video in real-time

Remote

Securely store, retrieve, and analyze data from anywhere, anytime, from any device.

Monitoring

Cloud Computing Solutions

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Identify maintenance needs before they occur with locomotive engine and vehicle control systems data.



Safety / Risk Compliance

Reduce at-risk behavior and ensure compliance to both internal best practices and federal regulations.

Al-powered Analysis

✓ Solves today's challenges

✓ Expands value over time

Automatically upload and analyze locomotive data to improve proactive planning and operational safety.



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Experience real-time locomotive operational, crew, and fuel usage monitoring and reporting.

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Cloud-connected Edge hardware



Impacts of a connected solution on PATH

Real-time remote visibility to synchronized camera and vehicle telemetry data

Application:

- Violet IoT Platform with antenna
 - Connected to LON Vehicle bus
- 4 cameras

Key metrics:

- 125+ different vehicle signals captured
 - 12M+ data points per day
- 11k+ thumbnails captured per day
- Dwell time alert active (min and max time)
- 25+ nodes across 10 subsystems

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Impacts and insights

Demonstrated real-time remote visibility to synchronized camera and vehicle telemetry data with basic OTP analysis

- Remotely view train in real-time on map
- Rich vehicle telemetry insights + vehicle imagery

 all time synchronized
- Web based data signals via a user-friendly UI = operational efficiency benefits
 - PATH indicated ability to "replay" events is a benefit in understanding and aids prevention and MTTR
- OTP improvement potential via station dwell times (door/leave)
 - ✓ Station Dwell Alert implemented
 - ✓ OTP Analysis of 1 train run
 - ✓ Identified some causes of delay
- Data captured enables future condition based and predictive maintenance



Case Study 1: Possible Track Issues

Onboard accelerometers detect G-forces exceeding certain trigger thresholds, alerting to possible track issues





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Case Study 2: AI-Based Passenger Counting Via Cameras

Inward cameras identify passengers onboard and report current occupancy on the train





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Case Study 3: Passenger Door Emergency testing in shop

Status of doors and emergency release access panel reported in real time to identify who, where, when, and what doors were triggered





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49 CFR 229.136 Regulation Overview





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Locomotive Image and Audio Recording Devices for Passenger Trains | FAST Act

WHY: Improve public safety with video to support incident investigations

WHO: Controlling rail vehicles in commuter & intercity passenger service

WHAT:

- Forward and in cab video recording on Crashworthy Memory (at least 12 hours)
- Self-monitoring
- Annual validation process
- Enables random downloads to improve operational safety
- Post accident accessibility of system recording
- FRA approval process

WHEN:

- Nov 12, 2023: Regulation Effective
- Oct 12, 2024: Installs after this date must meet compliance
- Oct 12, 2027: Deadline for all units equipped



FAST ACT

Compliance Made Easy: Camera Requirements

Locomotive Image and Audio Recording Devices § 229.136 (b)(2)(ii-v), § 229.136(c)(1)(i-iv)



Benefits of a cloud-based platform

Software

- ✓ Modernized web portal
- Access 2-year history from anywhere (including mobile)
- No proprietary software required
- ✓ Unlimited user licenses

Agility

- Ongoing development (Back Office deployments every two weeks, onboard every 4 weeks)
- ✓ Back Office availability with a goal of 99.9%

Support

- Integrated asset configuration management with over-the-air updates
- ✓ 24/7 US based help desk
- ✓ Customer success manager
- ✓ Online community





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panel discussion





thank you

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