



Penn State + University of California at Berkeley PATH Stage Inaugural Truck Platoon at the Larson Institute Test Track 150605

AB Volvo's exclusive North American Academic Research Partner (Penn State) hosted UCB Partners for Advanced Transportation Technologies (PATH) and Volvo representatives in the first-ever 3-way discussion to explore ways to connect the two premier east and west coast aligned universities with Volvo for intelligent commercial vehicle research. The June 5th meeting took place at Penn State's Larson Transportation Institute (LTI) headquarters and was hosted by LTI Director—Dr. Martin Pietrucha—and its Vehicle Systems and Safety Director, Dr. Sean Brennan. The day included a tour of the driver simulation lab and test track for the Director of UCB PATH, Tom West. Some Penn State students are pictured along with three of LTI's Volvo & Mack "Connected" trucks and one of the US DOT funded platooning project trucks which will join two others like it @ UCB in the fall. The demo symbolized the platooning project work now being led by UCB PATH with Volvo and Penn State as sub-contractors. The day concluded with a charge to the "Triad" of partners to seek new directions and projects to advance the state American trucking art via government funded research aimed at safer and more productive trucks in concert with the inaugural "Vehicle to Infrastructure <V2I> Deployment Workshop" hosted by ITS America and the US DOT the day prior in nearby Pittsburgh, PA.