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Survey Shows Public Transport Operators Look to Expand Use of Real Time Surveillance and Video Analytics to Further Protect Riders and Equipment

An international survey* among public transport organizations reveals that operators worldwide are continuing to invest in leading edge security technology, with the majority interested in adopting more widespread use of real-time surveillance and advanced video analytics to better protect their passengers, equipment and installations. The survey was conducted by UITP, the International Association of Public Transport, and Axis Communications, the world leader in network video.

97% of survey respondents have already installed security cameras. This indicates not only a very strong installed base but also that public transport operators are convinced of the baseline value that video surveillance offers their organizations. The vast majority of respondents reported that video surveillance systems help increase the actual and perceived security among passengers and staff, as well as minimize, deter and manage various types of crime and vandalism.

The survey also revealed that public transport staff is generally very positive towards the use of video surveillance with more than 83% indicating positive or neutral reactions, especially when usage of the system is well communicated to staff. Some responders do not gather staff or passenger feedback, but from those that do, no responder reported a negative reaction from staff or passengers.

The use of video surveillance within public transport is no longer only a matter of incident evidence, even if the vast majority of respondents (86%) find this forensic element the most valuable concrete use. Real-time detection of incidents also scored highly in terms of potential value (72%), indicating this is a trend to come. Already today, 42% of respondents can share live video with other parties such as police or other authorities, and 50+% plan on using real-time video surveillance in “rolling stock” (moving vehicles vs. just in static locations). This underlines the value of real-time video surveillance monitoring across all areas of a public transport system.

The survey also evaluated awareness, present usage and future interest in video analytics. The



majority of respondents is aware of video detection analytics for intrusion, perimeter breach, fire & smoke and rail track access, with actual usage already between 10-20%. Future interest is high with approximately half of the respondents having indicated that they are interested in using these video analytics applications moving forward. Graffiti behaviour detection was a further application which sparked the interest of over half the respondents.

“The survey results show that many public transport operators utilize video surveillance for more than just recorded evidence after incidents have occurred. The real-time possibilities offered by modern IP video systems are increasingly being used to efficiently manage incidents as and when they occur,” said Patrik Anderson, Director Business Development Transportation, Axis Communications. “There is also more and more awareness for video analytics and how this can support daily operations to increase safety and security for both passengers and staff.”

“Ensuring citizens around the world get to school or work safely every day is the number one priority for the public transport industry. Video surveillance is a key tool to support staff and help public transport operators achieve this aim,” said Alain Flausch, Secretary General, UITP.

As part of the UITP World Congress & Exhibition taking place next week in Milan, Patrik Anderson, Director Business Development Transportation, Axis Communications, will be co-speaking with Andrea Soehnchen, Business Development Manager, UITP in an engaging session on the international trends for video surveillance in public transport. The session will be held on Wednesday, June 10 from 10:30-11:00am at the UITP stand, 3D110.

**The survey was conducted by UITP and Axis Communications among public transport organizations to get an understanding of video surveillance in public transport, particularly for security.*

NB this is based on an interim summary brief according to data as of 20 May 2015 (71 responders). A full and updated report will be available from UITP and Axis in autumn 2015. For the interim summary brief, please attend the above mentioned session at UITP congress in Milan, or download from <http://www.axis.com/files/whitepaper/survey UITP public transport en 1506.pdf> on June 10.

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