Using 5G technology to help prevent road accidents and save lives

The challenge
In Sacramento, California, leaders are actively exploring technology and artificial intelligence solutions to anticipate traffic dangers and prevent serious and fatal accidents. Earlier solutions couldn’t predict collisions accurately; a car’s position on the road could only be measured within meters. 5G’s high speed and low latency could permit sensors in cars and roads to track vehicle speed, bearing and angle within centimeters.

9th Rank of Sacramento for auto risks in U.S. cities

The tech
5G solutions connecting vehicles, roads and AI could someday pinpoint potential road hazards, including oncoming cars and pedestrians, and warn drivers within seconds—saving lives. Future advancements in 5G could make it possible to collect and analyze enormous amounts of data on roadway activity, including details on close calls and unreported accidents. Eventually, these insights may make future street designs safer.

77M Number of connected worldwide cars by 2025

The takeaway
The arrival of 5G communications networks could make it possible for everyday objects such as cars to become much smarter and relay detailed information to intelligent systems—both in vehicles and in a central location—to reduce accidents and deaths.

2027 Year Sacramento aims to reach zero traffic deaths

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