NEW JOINT PROJECT BETWEEN AUTHORITIES WILL INCREASE THE SOBRIETY IN TRAFFIC

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1. BACKGROUND
In 2016, the Swedish Transport Administration, commissioned by the government, conducted an investigation to prepare for the introduction of control of sobriety in some ports. The Swedish Transport Administration submitted its report to the Government Offices on 31 January 2017 and proposed that an innovative concept of sobriety controls be developed and implemented in strategically important places in the traffic environment, such as ports, car parks and selected road sections.

In a government mission, Trafikverket is commissioned to develop and implement facilities for automated sobriety checks at strategic locations in the traffic environment

2. AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUTHORITIES
In order to describe the respective roles, responsibilities and forms of cooperation of the authorities in a joint project, an agreement has been signed by the National Police Commissioner and the Director General of the Swedish Transport Administration.

3. AIM OF THE PROJECT
The aim of the project is to create a new method that allows for legal and automated sobriety controls in the road traffic environment. The method must be designed in such a way that it requires a limited presence of police and/or representatives of other supervisory authorities.

The project will investigate technical, legal and organizational conditions for such activities and then develop, procure and implement the new method. The tool/operations can be used at different strategic locations in the road traffic environment such as ports, car parks, border crossings, selected road routes, etc.

The purpose of the new project is to enable regular and resource-efficient sobriety controls, thus increasing sobriety and reducing the number of dead and seriously injured in road traffic

The project is expected to be completed by 31 December 2020.

4. METHOD
The project is a joint project with the following main activities:
• Development of activities in terms of technology, methods and legal certainty.
• Test and verification of developed tools/activities
• Proposal for establishment plan and investment budget
• Proposals for operational and management organization and budget
• Procurement and establishment according to plan
• Handing over to the respective governmental management organization

The implementation process is described in a project specification approved by both authorities. Prior to each new main activity, the authorities should take a stand for continued progress. The project specification also includes schedule, resources, organization and budget.

The project should be linked to a steering committee where both authorities are represented. Other stakeholders should be involved through other parts of the project organization.

Critical success factors for the project are to:

• Develop a legal-proof tool that meets high hygiene and integrity requirements
• Develop a flexible tool that can be established in a variety of types of road traffic environments in a cost-effective manner
• Develop a business that can be carried out in a resource-efficient way with a minimum of resources from the control authorities
• Integrate and create consensus with the authorities, principals, organizations, landowners etc. that will be affected when implementing the new business
• Communicate the system's purpose and function in such a way that automated sobriety control is accepted.

5. RESULT

The results from the project are that through sobriety controls in the road traffic environment capture and prosecute not sober drivers. Regular sobriety checks, combined with clear information, reduce the proportion of not sober drivers, thereby reducing the number of dead and seriously injured in road traffic.