Robust Cybersecurity to Safeguard Roadways Infrastructure

As the world is modernizing transportation infrastructures, roadways are being increasingly connected and integrated with Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). Roadway assets include traffic signal controllers, remote weather stations, cameras, variable message signs, pedestrian detectors, and more. They all work together to enable dynamic roadway operations and reduce traffic congestions, limit carbon emissions, and improve public safety.

Safeguarding roadway infrastructure from cyber threats has become a pressing imperative to ensure the resilience, reliability, and integrity of traffic systems and other critical components. By combining a market-leading portfolio of rugged networking equipment ideally suited for roadways, and a comprehensive range of cybersecurity solutions, Cisco® offers a powerful architecture to build modern and secure connected roadways.

Benefits

- Better manage resources with a detailed inventory of connected assets.
- Drive cyber hygiene with deep visibility into your security posture.
- Control third-party access to devices with cloud-based secure remote access.
- Easily manage assets connected over cellular networks.
- Reduce the risk of unauthorized access to field network equipment.
- Avoid attacks spreading by enforcing dynamic network segmentation.
Gain visibility on your roadway assets

Securing your roadway assets starts with having an accurate and detailed inventory of what’s connected. Knowing what you have, and continuously updating the list, is the first step to efficiently manage resources and drive security hygiene to reduce the attack surface.

Cisco Cyber Vision identifies all your assets and uncovers the smallest details: device types, vendor references, serial numbers, firmware and software versions, and more. You can now build a plan to improve your security posture and drive compliance with security regulations.

Visibility you can easily deploy at scale

Cyber Vision embeds visibility capabilities into Cisco industrial routers and switches installed at intersections, in street cabinets, along highways, or in your datacenter. It analyses every IP packet in or out of your ITS devices without the need for additional security appliances and the effort of installing them. Your network is the sensor and sees everything that connects to it to save on WAN costs and enable deployment at scale.

Visibility that meets you where you are in your journey

Whether you just need to assess your security posture and drive improvements, or you’re ready to feed your security tools with OT context to enforce advanced policies, we’ve got you covered. Cyber Vision is available as a cloud service that can be up and running quickly to easily inventory devices across your distributed infrastructure. The on-premises version is the perfect option to extend your IT security tools to protecting your roadways assets.

For more information on Cisco Cyber Vision, visit cisco.com/go/cybervision

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Apply a zero-trust policy to your infrastructure

Because your network equipment is installed in street and road cabinets, you need robust security starting where the roadway devices physically connect. Zero-trust security principles must be implemented to ensure bad actors cannot connect to your network in case they gain access to the cabinets. All communications should be monitored to continuously verify trust and isolate devices that have been compromised. This is particularly important in roadways, since the ITS protocols typically do not have Transport-Layer Security (TLS), and key information/credentials are sent in plain text.

Cisco industrial network equipment combined with Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) and Cisco Cyber Vision offer a simple and powerful way to define and enforce zero-trust policies across your roadways infrastructure.

Ensure only your roadway assets can connect

Securing every port of your field networking equipment is key. Cisco ISE manages network access using IEEE 802.1X or MAC Authentication Bypass (MAB) to ensure only the devices you specify are granted access. Combined with Cyber Vision, the solution is even simpler to implement. The assets you trust are identified by Cyber Vision and the list is dynamically shared with ISE. All other devices are denied access by default.

Enforce trust through network segmentation

Once a device is granted access, you need to ensure it communicates only with the resources it needs to do its jobs. Security policies must be enforced to build zones of trust for each device as defined in the ISA/IEC-62443 security standard. And if a device is compromised, trust should be removed so the threat can be contained. Cyber Vision together with ISE lets you easily create and modify security policies that segment the network according to your operational constraints.

For more information on zero-trust for industrial operations, check out our white paper or our solution overview explaining how Cyber Vision and ISE work together.
Enable easy to use secure remote access

Your roadway assets are distributed across your city, region, or country. Enabling remote access is key to reduce operational costs and minimize downtime. Whether you need to grant access to third parties or make it simple for your technicians to manage assets connected over cellular networks, you want a remote access solution that’s easy to implement and highly secure.

Cisco Secure Equipment Access is designed to simplify the remote access workflow. It leverages your Cisco industrial routers and switches so there is nothing extra to install on site. It’s a cloud service so it’s very easy to deploy, configure, and scale. It’s a security solution so it lets you control who can access what, when, and how.

Remote access under total control

Secure Equipment Access is the ideal alternative to punching multiple holes in firewalls or configuring port-forwarding in from the public internet. Remote users log into a cloud portal that grants them access to the devices you selected, never to the entire network.

You can choose the days and times when they can log in, and you can require Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA). Communications are magically tunneled to assets, so you don’t have to restructure your network to enable secure remote access.

Remote access made for operations

Secure Equipment Access makes it easy for IT to empower operations teams. OT managers can create remote access credentials by themselves to immediately gain access when needed. Yet, security policies are always enforced and sessions can be recorded. Login to remote assets simply requires a web browser, but desktop applications can also be used for advanced management tasks. All without having to install additional appliances into space-constrained roadside cabinets—Secure Equipment Access is built into your Cisco network infrastructure.

For more information on Cisco Secure Equipment Access, visit cisco.com/go/sea
Secure your roadways infrastructure with Cisco

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The Cisco advantage

For more than 20 years, Cisco has been helping industrial organizations around the globe digitize their operations, working with manufacturers, power and water utilities, energy companies, mines, ports, railways, roadways, and more. Today, Cisco offers a market-leading portfolio of industrial networking equipment plus a comprehensive suite of cybersecurity products, integrated tightly together with a deep understanding of OT requirements. It’s a rare combination.

By designing, developing, and testing products together, Cisco enables IT and OT teams to achieve advanced outcomes while reducing the complexity, time, and gaps incurred by the need to make point products work together. Our solutions come with comprehensive design and implementation guides that will help you reduce risk, accelerate implementation, and make the most of your technology stack.