

Smart Road Infrastructure Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Component (Hardware, Software, and Services), Technology, Infrastructure Type, Road Type, Application, End User and By Geography

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Abstracts

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Smart Road Infrastructure Market is accounted for \$32.4 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$89.6 billion by 2034, growing at a CAGR of 13.6% during the forecast period. Smart Road Infrastructure encompasses the integration of advanced sensing technologies, connected communication systems, and intelligent data analytics platforms into physical roadway assets to optimize traffic flow, enhance road safety, and support autonomous vehicle operations. This infrastructure includes sensor arrays, roadside communication units, smart traffic signals, adaptive lighting, variable message signs, and digital twin monitoring platforms embedded within highway and urban road networks.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Accelerating government investment in smart city and digital highway programs

National governments and municipal authorities worldwide are channeling unprecedented capital allocations into smart road infrastructure as part of broader smart city development agendas and national transportation modernization strategies. Multilateral funding programs in North America, Europe, and Asia Pacific are financing large-scale deployments of connected roadside units, intelligent traffic management centers, and sensor-equipped highway corridors. The convergence of road safety mandates, congestion reduction targets, and carbon neutrality commitments is

compelling public agencies to accelerate procurement timelines and form public-private partnerships that unlock private sector innovation while distributing capital risk across multiple stakeholders.

Restraint:

High deployment costs and complex legacy infrastructure retrofit challenges

The installation of smart road infrastructure across existing highway and urban road networks requires substantial capital expenditure for sensor deployment, communication equipment installation, power supply provisioning, and software integration with legacy traffic management systems. Retrofit programs are particularly resource-intensive, often requiring lane closures and extended construction periods that impose direct economic costs on governments and road users. Interoperability between heterogeneous legacy systems and modern digital platforms further complicates deployments, while skilled workforce shortages in specialized domains such as embedded systems engineering and traffic analytics extend implementation timelines and inflate project budgets.

Opportunity:

Expansion of autonomous vehicle corridors creating dedicated smart infrastructure demand

The gradual commercial deployment of connected and autonomous vehicles across highway and urban test corridors is generating dedicated demand for smart road infrastructure capable of supporting vehicle-to-infrastructure communication protocols. Automotive OEMs and technology developers are actively lobbying for standardized infrastructure upgrades along key transportation arteries, creating structured procurement pipelines for roadside unit suppliers and software platform vendors. Government-designated autonomous vehicle testing corridors in multiple countries are functioning as initial deployment anchors that will progressively expand as autonomous vehicle penetration rates increase.

Threat:

Cybersecurity vulnerabilities in networked road infrastructure systems

The networked nature of smart road infrastructure creates significant exposure to

cyberattacks that could compromise traffic signal systems, roadside communication units, and centralized traffic management platforms. Malicious interference with infrastructure control systems could generate dangerous traffic scenarios, create congestion crises, or disrupt emergency vehicle routing. The increasing connectivity of road assets to public networks amplifies attack surface areas, while jurisdictional complexity around critical infrastructure protection frameworks delays the implementation of comprehensive cybersecurity standards, leaving deployments vulnerable to sophisticated threat actors.

Covid-19 Impact:

COVID-19 initially suspended many smart road infrastructure projects as government budgets were redirected toward healthcare and economic stabilization priorities. Construction moratoriums and supply chain disruptions for electronic components further stalled deployments globally. However, the pandemic ultimately reinforced the strategic rationale for smart infrastructure investment by highlighting the need for adaptive traffic management during unprecedented demand volatility. Post-pandemic stimulus packages in multiple regions included dedicated transportation digitalization funding that accelerated procurement cycles and positioned smart road infrastructure as a key pillar of economic recovery programs.

The Hardware segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The Hardware segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, encompassing the physical sensing, communication, and control components that form the foundational layer of intelligent road systems. Sensors, cameras, roadside units, smart traffic signals, and variable message signs collectively account for the majority of infrastructure capital expenditure. Continuous advancements in sensor miniaturization and reduced manufacturing costs are expanding deployment densities along managed highways and urban arterials, sustaining hardware segment revenue leadership.

The 5G Connectivity segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the 5G Connectivity segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, driven by the transformative potential of ultra-low latency and high-bandwidth communication for vehicle-to-infrastructure applications. Telecom operators and infrastructure vendors are jointly deploying 5G-enabled roadside units along priority

corridors to support autonomous vehicle pilots, real-time traffic analytics, and connected emergency response systems. Spectrum allocation approvals in major markets and accelerating 5G network build-out are creating favorable conditions for rapid segment expansion.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share, bolstered by substantial federal highway modernization funding, proactive state-level intelligent transportation system programs, and the presence of leading infrastructure technology vendors. The region's extensive managed motorway network and advanced connected vehicle testing ecosystem provide an ideal deployment environment for smart road solutions, while strong public-private partnership frameworks accelerate project delivery timelines and technology commercialization.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, driven by China's ambitious expressway digitalization programs, India's national highway upgrade initiatives, and Japanese and South Korean investments in automated road management systems. Rapid urbanization rates, expanding vehicle fleets, and government mandates for emission reduction are collectively creating the most dynamic market environment for smart road infrastructure deployment globally, with state-backed funding ensuring sustained procurement velocity throughout the forecast period.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Smart Road Infrastructure Market include Siemens AG, Schneider Electric SE, Cisco Systems, Inc., Kapsch TrafficCom AG, SWARCO AG, Yunex Traffic, Iteris, Inc., Q-Free ASA, Teledyne FLIR LLC, Cubic Corporation, Indra Sistemas, S.A., TransCore Holdings, Inc., Hitachi, Ltd., NEC Corporation, Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.

Key Developments:

In April 2026, Siemens AG secured a major contract with the German Federal Highway Authority to deploy intelligent traffic management systems across 800 kilometers of the Autobahn network, integrating adaptive signal control, connected roadside units, and real-time incident detection platforms.

In January 2026, Kapsch TrafficCom AG announced a strategic partnership with a leading semiconductor manufacturer to co-develop next-generation 5G-enabled roadside communication units designed specifically for autonomous vehicle corridor applications in North America and Europe.

Components Covered:

Hardware

Software

Services

Technologies Covered:

Internet of Things (IoT)

Machine Learning (ML)

Big Data Analytics

Cloud Computing

Edge Computing

Digital Twin Technology

V2I Communication

5G Connectivity

Infrastructure Types Covered:

Smart Highways

Smart Urban Roads

Smart Expressways

Smart Bridges

Smart Tunnels

Connected Intersections

Road Types Covered:

Highways & Expressways

Urban Roads

Rural Roads

Industrial Roads

Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Roads

Applications Covered:

Intelligent Traffic Management

Road Safety Management

Road Condition Monitoring

Smart Tolling Systems

Connected & Autonomous Vehicle Support

Smart Lighting Systems

End Users Covered:

Government Agencies

Municipal Authorities

Highway Operators

Transportation Authorities

Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Operators

Regions Covered:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

United Kingdom

Germany

France

Italy

Spain

Netherlands

Belgium

Sweden

Switzerland

Poland

Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

China

Japan

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Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

Middle East

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

Africa

South Africa

Egypt

Morocco

Rest of Africa

What our report offers:

Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments

Strategic recommendations for the new entrants

Covers Market data for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2030, 2032 and 2034

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