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Articles and upcoming events

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Infrastructure Readiness

[Arizona Adds Real-Time Truck Parking Info at 4 Stops on I-10](#) – *Transport Topics*

Arizona has launched a \$2.8 million real-time truck parking system along I-10. It uses electronic signs to show parking availability at four rest areas, helping truckers find safe spots and reduce time spent searching. The project is part of a larger \$13.7 million regional freight initiative

[Seattle keeps emergency scenes clear by alerting smart vehicles of incidents in near real-time](#) – *Seattle Department of Transportation Blog*

Seattle is testing new technology to help smart vehicles avoid emergency scenes. The city will share real-time 911 data with connected vehicles so they can reroute safely. This is the first program in the U.S. to do this. It aims to improve safety, traffic flow, and emergency response.

[Verizon Launches New Vehicle-to-Everything Connected Driving Platform](#) – *IOT World Today*

Verizon launched a new Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) platform called Edge Transportation Exchange. It uses 5G and edge computing to let vehicles, traffic systems, and pedestrians share

real-time safety alerts like warnings about red lights or road hazards, without needing extra roadside hardware.

[Sarasota recognized for being a 'Smart City' as AI helps keep an eye on drivers, pedestrians](#) – Fox 13 News - Tampa Bay

Sarasota, Florida, has been named a Smart City for using AI traffic cameras at 16 intersections to monitor speeding, near-misses, and unsafe crossings. The system helps improve road safety as part of the city's "Target Zero" crash-reduction plan, with plans to expand to all 90 intersections.

[Project KIRA public transportation autonomous ride-hailing service underway in Germany](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

Germany's Project KIRA has launched Level 4 autonomous shuttles for public transport in Langen and Egelsbach. Riders book via an app, and while the vehicles are self-driving, safety staff are still involved. The pilot runs through 2025 and aims to expand to more cities.

Policy & Legislation

[AI Ban in Spending Bill Would Curb States' Driverless Car Regulations](#) – The American Prospect
A House spending bill includes a 10-year ban on state AI regulations, which would eliminate all existing state laws on AVs—the only current oversight of driverless cars. The bill now heads to the Senate for revisions.

[Wyoming Senator Introduces Legislation to Fast-Track Self-Driving Technology](#) – K2 Radio
Wyoming Senator Cynthia Lummis introduced the Autonomous Vehicle Advancement Act, aiming to establish clear standards for AVs and shift the focus from debate to real-world deployment.

[Farmers fuming over California's ban on driverless tractors, other robots](#) – NBC Bay Area
California doesn't allow driverless farm machines because of old safety rules from the 1970s that require a person to be in control. Farmers say this hurts productivity and makes labor shortages worse. Other states are using this technology, but California farmers are falling behind. They warn food prices could go up and are asking lawmakers to update the rules.

[Musk's Tesla seeks to guard crash data from public disclosure](#) – Reuters

Tesla wants to block the release of crash data requested in a lawsuit by The Washington Post, arguing it contains confidential info that could help competitors. The data involves crashes with Tesla's Autopilot and FSD systems. Tesla and the U.S. safety agency say some details—like software versions and crash conditions—should stay private. The case is now in federal court.

[Autonomous vehicles should have to pass a driver's test, just like anyone else \(Opinion\)](#) – The Hill

Despite their potential to reduce crashes caused by human error, AVs currently lack a national performance standard. The article argues that without national safety benchmarks, public trust remains low, and road safety could be compromised. A formal testing framework would ensure AVs meet consistent, reliable performance standards.

Economic Development

[Canadian Startup Waabi Is Bringing Self-Driving Trucks to Texas: CEO Interview](#) – The Observer
Raquel Urtasun's startup Waabi plans to launch fully driverless trucks in Texas by late 2025. Waabi uses generative AI to simulate and train its self-driving system, reducing the need for real-world testing. Backed by major investors like Nvidia and Uber, the company aims to improve trucking safety and efficiency.

[Torc Robotics opens first autonomous hub in Texas](#) – Trucking Dive

Torc Robotics has opened a new autonomous trucking hub in Fort Worth, Texas. It will support AV freight along Interstate 35 and includes offices, a control center, and a customer experience area. The company plans to launch its trucks in the U.S. by 2027 and will hire over 100 employees in the region this year.

[Self-Driving Vehicles for Manufacturing Being Developed](#) – IOT World Today

British companies Oxa and Bradshaw EV are developing self-driving electric vehicles for industrial sites like factories and airports. The vehicles include a tow tractor for moving goods and a utility cart for inspections. They run autonomously using Oxa's software and support wireless charging, aiming to cut costs and address labor shortages.

[Meet NOA: Honda's Answer to Tesla's Self-Driving System](#) – Autopost

Honda's NOA (Navigate on Autopilot) is a Level 2+ autonomous system powered by end-to-end AI, managing everything from perception to control. While requiring driver supervision, it's designed for both highway and complex urban driving.

[Atlantic City airport using autonomous vehicles in first of its kind project](#) – NBC Channel 10 Philadelphia

Atlantic City International Airport is piloting a federally funded 8-week program using three AVs for airport maintenance and security. Each robot has a unique task: one patrols the perimeter for threats, another mows grass, and the third sweeps runways for debris. The project aims to address labor shortages, improve safety, and pave the way for broader airport automation.

Public Safety & Enforcement

[Deadly Tesla Crash Raises Questions About Vision-Based Self-Driving Systems](#) – Car Scoops

A 2023 fatal crash in Arizona involving a Tesla has sparked scrutiny of its vision-only Full Self-Driving (FSD) system. The vehicle reportedly hit a parked car and a pedestrian in poor visibility caused by sun glare. While FSD may have been active, it's not officially confirmed. The incident raises concerns about Tesla's decision to rely solely on cameras without radar or lidar.

[Truck Platooning Impacts on Bridges: Phase II—Structural Serviceability – C2 SMARTER](#)

This study looks at how truck platooning (where trucks drive close together using automated technology) might affect the safety and lifespan of highway bridges. It checks if current bridge design rules are strong enough for this new way of trucking. Researchers analyzed different bridge types and how often platooning might happen to see which bridges could wear out faster or become unsafe.

[California residents enraged by driverless cars forced by regulators to make loud beeping noises – Fox Business](#)

Santa Monica residents are protesting Waymo's driverless cars due to constant loud beeping noises. The sounds come from a state regulation requiring electric vehicles to beep while reversing, similar to delivery trucks. Locals say the noise is disruptive day and night, especially around charging lots. Some have even blocked the vehicles from entering parking areas, prompting police involvement.

[Amazon's Zoox robotaxi unit issues second software recall in a month after San Francisco crash – CNBC](#)

Zoox's May 2025 software recall was issued after a San Francisco crash where an unoccupied robotaxi was struck by an electric scooter while yielding at an intersection. The update improves how its AVs detect nearby pedestrians or scooter riders and ensures the vehicle stays stopped if someone is close.

Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation

[Atlanta Beltline plans 12-month driverless vehicles pilot program – Fox 5 Atlanta](#)

Atlanta is launching a 12-month pilot program for driverless Beep shuttles on a two-mile stretch of the BeltLine's Southwest Trail. Set to begin by January 2026, the project aims to improve transit access, support STEM education, and gather community feedback ahead of the FIFA World Cup.

[Perrone Robotics and NEORide Awarded USDOT Grant to Retrofit Transit Buses with ADAS Technology – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International](#)

Perrone Robotics and NEORide received a \$1.98M USDOT grant to add ADAS safety tech to six Ohio transit buses. The upgrades include features like collision avoidance, lane-keeping, and pedestrian detection.

[WSU study finds emotional responses are integral to people's attitudes toward self-driving cars – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International](#)

A Washington State University study found that emotional responses like fear, excitement, or trust play a key role in how people view self-driving cars. The research suggests that beyond technical performance, how AVs make people feel strongly influences public acceptance. This insight could help developers design vehicles and experiences that build trust and comfort.

[Driverless taxis are beginning to react like humans on San Francisco streets...and the results could be terrifying](#) – Daily Mail

Waymo's driverless taxis in San Francisco are starting to act more like human drivers—showing impatience, assertiveness, and even honking when cut off. These behaviors help them blend into traffic but raise concerns about mimicking bad driving habits.

[Sweden claims world's first 6G, edge-connected vehicle test facility](#) – Computer Weekly

Sweden has launched the world's first 6G edge-connected vehicle test facility, combining ultra-fast 6G wireless with edge computing. The goal is to enable real-time, reliable communication for future autonomous and connected vehicles.

Upcoming Events

[ITS America V2X Webinar Series #4: Factors in Funding, Costing, and Procuring V2X Deployments](#)

ITS America

June 11, 2025

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Presenters:

Blaine Leonard – Utah DOT

Danielle Deneau – Road Commission of Oakland County (MI)

Ryan Huddleston – City of Chattanooga

[MAASTO Connected and Automated Vehicle Summit](#)

Mid America Association of Transportation Officials (MAASTO)

June 16 - 18

Bloomington, MN

Recent Events

[Iowa Advisory Council on Automated Transportation Meeting Materials](#)

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Tuesday, April 29th