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## Articles and upcoming events

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### Infrastructure Readiness

[‘Matter of life and death’: UDOT installs technology in Brigham City vehicles to improve emergency response](#) – ABC 4

UDOT and Brigham City activated V2X emergency-vehicle signal tech that lets ambulances and fire trucks automatically change traffic lights to speed response times and reduce crashes, implemented after a serious 2023 ambulance accident.

[California's first "smart freeway" begins operation on I-15 in Temecula](#) – CBS News

California’s first smart freeway on I-15 in Temecula uses adaptive ramp meters and real-time speed guidance to smooth traffic and cut congestion during peak hours; drivers may wait longer at ramps but should see faster overall freeway flow.

[Pittsburgh firm wants parking fees for driverless cars](#) – Axios Pittsburgh

Driverless cars are costing cities millions in lost parking revenue, according to Axios' reporting. A Pittsburgh-based company argues AVs should be charged parking fees just like human-driven cars, warning cities could miss out on \$20 million now and up to \$500 million within five years if policies don't change.

[NDOT, RTC launching 'SafeTech Corridor' project on I-11 in Las Vegas](#) – Fox 5

Nevada is building a \$22M SafeTech Corridor on I-11/U.S. 95 between Summerlin Parkway and the Spaghetti Bowl, adding Active Traffic Management gantries, wrong-way driver alert systems, and new traffic management sites to improve safety and real-time operations.

[Inside DFW Airport's Innovation Strategy: AI, Automation & Flying Taxis](#) – Fort Worth Report

DFW Airport is using AI to predict congestion, AVs, biometric screening, and smart parking systems to streamline passenger flow, while also preparing for next-generation mobility. The airport's innovation chief explains how DFW partners with startups, builds dedicated innovation leadership, and positions North Texas as a hub for aviation and advanced air mobility.

[Cohda Wireless to support landmark V2X deployment in Arizona](#) – GPS World

Maricopa County is rolling out a major V2X safety and mobility network, using Cohda Wireless tech to equip 750 roadside units and 400 vehicle units across emergency, transit, and freight fleets. The system will deliver emergency pre-emption, signal priority, and vulnerable road-user alerts along key corridors, forming one of the largest connected-vehicle deployments under USDOT's "Saving Lives with Connectivity: Accelerating V2X Deployment" program.

## Policy & Legislation

[Congress Appears Ready for Autonomous Trucks](#) – ALFA

Congress is advancing the America Drives Act, a national framework that would allow driverless heavy trucks to operate across all states by overriding conflicting local rules. Supporters say it will ease freight bottlenecks and driver shortages, while critics warn of job losses.

[New Texas law tightens oversight on self-driving car companies](#) – KXAN

Texas now requires state authorization for any commercial self-driving car operator, with the power to suspend or revoke that approval if vehicles aren't safe. Companies must prove compliance with traffic laws, maintain onboard recording, meet federal ADS

standards, ensure a minimal-risk fallback, carry proper insurance/registration, and file emergency-response plans. Cities still cannot regulate AVs, keeping control at the state level.

[NEW: Concerns Over Chinese-Connected Vehicles Underscore Need for Stevens-Slotkin Bill](#) – Representative Haley Stevens

Lawmakers warn that Chinese-connected vehicles could enable large-scale data collection and surveillance, arguing this reinforces the need for their bipartisan Connected Vehicle National Security Review Act to assess and mitigate foreign tech risks in U.S. cars.

[Trump administration permits Volvo to keep selling connected cars in the US](#) – TechCrunch

The Trump administration granted Volvo a special exemption letting it keep selling its connected cars in the U.S., despite new federal restrictions targeting Chinese-linked software and hardware. The approval sidesteps a potential ban tied to Volvo's ownership by Geely, allowing U.S. sales and upcoming South Carolina production to continue. Broader national rules still phase in bans on Chinese-connected software in 2027 and hardware in 2030.

[The Road Ahead for Autonomous Vehicle Regulation](#) – The Regulatory Review

AV expert Mark Fagan argues the U.S. needs federal safety standards for AV design and certification, while states should regulate day-to-day operations. He says Level 3 AVs pose the hardest regulatory problems, Level 4 offers clearer liability, and the SELF DRIVE Act would formalize federal authority over AV safety.

[China is closing the gap with U.S. on self-driving tech](#) – CBT News

China is rapidly closing the self-driving gap with the U.S. by pushing advanced autonomy into mass-market cars while American automakers and regulators move more slowly.

## Economic Development

[Waymo opens Ojai robotaxis to select riders as company aims to lower cost of fleet expansion](#) – CNBC

Waymo has started offering rides in its new Ojai robotaxis to select users as it pushes to cut fleet costs with a roomier, cheaper-to-build design that uses fewer sensors and a removable steering wheel, aiming to scale to thousands of vehicles and reach 1 million weekly trips across San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Phoenix by year's end.

[Rivian CEO Says Self-Driving Cars Will Be Here Before 2030](#) – Autoblog

Rivian CEO RJ Scaringe says Level 4 self-driving will arrive before 2030, possibly as early as 2028, thanks to AI-driven learning models replacing old rule-based systems, though he warns that regulation, liability, and cybersecurity must catch up to keep the technology safe.

[Tesla Wants to Gear Up San Antonio for Private Robotaxis](#) – Government Technology

Tesla wants to build a 56-stall robotaxi charging hub in San Antonio to support its private ride-hailing fleet. It would not be open to the general public.

[Stellantis to integrate Wayve's self-driving software in future vehicles](#) – Wards Auto

Stellantis is partnering with Wayve to integrate the startup's AI Driver into its STLA AutoDrive platform, launching in 2028 with Level 2+ supervised, hands-free driving for highways and cities, and eventually scaling to higher autonomy across global vehicle lines.

[Waymo dominates autonomous vehicle registrations as Tesla trails behind](#) – TechCrunch

Waymo overwhelmingly leads Texas with 577 registered AVs, far ahead of Avride (317), Nuro (47), and Tesla (42), according to the state's new public AV-tracking database.

## Public Safety & Enforcement

[OHP addresses concerns as self-driving semi trucks hit Oklahoma roads](#) – News 9

Oklahoma is getting ready for fully driverless semis by training state troopers on how the trucks work, how to stop them, and how they behave in emergencies. The trucks' long-range cameras, remote support teams, and automatic pull-over features have already shown safe performance elsewhere, and operations will start only on I-35 and I-40.

[Texas enforces new rules for commercial automated vehicles, launches public complaint system](#) – KXAN

Texas has begun enforcing new rules for commercial AVs requiring companies to register with the state, follow updated safety and reporting standards, and comply with a new public complaint system that lets Texans report issues directly.

[Connected vehicle technology is reshaping EMS response workflows](#) – EMS1

Connected-vehicle tech is reshaping EMS by giving responders real-time traffic signal priority, automatic crash data, and instant scene information, allowing ambulances to

move faster, coordinate better with dispatch, and arrive with clearer situational awareness.

[Connected vehicle data 'can have intelligence value' to adversaries: federal document](#) – Yahoo! Finance

A Canadian government memo warns that data from connected vehicles, especially those built in countries where authorities can compel companies to share information, could create national security risks by enabling tracking, surveillance, or detailed analysis of people's movements.

[Why connected cars are becoming the new engines of innovation](#) – ET Edge Insights

Connected cars are becoming rolling software devices that constantly generate data used for better maintenance, smoother mobility services, and smarter city planning. As this data grows more valuable, strong cybersecurity and responsible data governance become essential to keep drivers safe and maintain public trust.

## Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation

[How Kodiak Uses AI and PRA to Advance Autonomous Vehicle Safety](#) – Kodiak

Kodiak uses Probabilistic Risk Assessment and its BreakPoint AI system to uncover rare failure modes, measure how risky they are, and fix them quickly, giving the company a faster, more quantitative way to improve autonomous-truck safety.

[Uber to put 500 data-collection vehicles on the road this year](#) – TechCrunch

Uber is deploying 500 sensor-packed Hyundai Ioniq 5 vehicles this year to gather massive amounts of real-world driving data for its AV partners. The fleet will capture about 2 million miles of high-fidelity data each month, using a heavy sensor stack of cameras, lidar, radar, and Nvidia's Drive Thor computer to create richly stitched, time-synchronized training data for robotaxi development.

[Waymo Self-Driving Cars Are Mapping in Alexandria and Arlington](#) – Northern Virginia Magazine

Waymo is mapping Alexandria and Arlington with human-driven vehicles to build the detailed digital maps needed for future robotaxi service. Mapping usually takes about a year or more, and any launch would depend on Virginia creating a regulatory framework, which isn't expected until 2028.

[New companies join PAVE UK to promote self-driving education](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

PAVE UK has added Wayve, Uber, and Nissan as new members to strengthen public education around self-driving technology. The group focuses on evidence-based outreach, explaining both the benefits and limits of autonomous vehicles while supporting responsible early deployments like safety-operator trials in London.

[Stellantis Just Teased A Self-Driving Box That Wants To Replace Your Delivery Van](#) – Carscoops

Stellantis' Pro One division teased a “box-on-wheels” electric commercial concept, a modular, ultra-practical van designed for maximum cargo space, flexible upfitting, and future autonomous-ready applications.

[Tesla's New Camera Design Could Borrow A Trick From Your Windshield](#) – Carscoops

Tesla patented a self-cleaning camera system that uses focused air jets to clear water, dust, and debris from its Autopilot and FSD cameras, keeping the vision sensors clean without mechanical parts and improving the reliability of its vision-only autonomy in real driving conditions.

## Upcoming Events

[Design Principles for Adapting Roads and Infrastructure for Emerging Mobility Technologies](#)

Austrroads

June 9, 2026

10:00 p.m.

**Presenters:**

David Yee - Transport Management Consulting

Megan Sharkey - Future Mobility Testing and Assurance at Transport for NSW

[CCAT Distinguished Lecture: Rare Failures, Public Perceptions, and Automated Driving](#)

Center for Connected and Automated Transportation (CCAT)

June 16, 2026

1:00 p.m.

**Presenter:**

Daniel McGehee – University of Iowa

## Recent Events

Iowa Advisory Council on Automated Transportation Meeting - Meeting Summary in progress

Wednesday, May 27