



The Iowa Advisory Council on Automated Transportation is intended to increase roadway safety, personal mobility, and freight movement within the state of Iowa by advancing highly automated vehicle technologies. The Council provides guidance, recommendations, and strategic oversight of automated transportation activities in the state. The structure of the ATC Press Clippings is done to align with the subcommittees and working groups that exist for the Council while aiming to keep the Council and other interested parties informed.

Articles and upcoming events

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Infrastructure Readiness

[Monotch and CCTA link up California traffic lights](#) – ITS International

Monotch and CCTA are piloting a system in Concord, California that links traffic lights to Monotch's TLEX platform, enabling real-time signal data exchange. The project tests connected-vehicle functions like time-to-green, Glosa, and priority to show how existing signals can support next-generation mobility services.

[ITS info crosses Texas and Oklahoma state lines](#) – ITS International

Texas and Oklahoma have linked their traffic-management systems so both states can share real-time incident and road data, improving cross-border coordination and supporting connected-vehicle services.

[V2X draws the line in Phoenix](#) – ITS International

Phoenix is setting strict expectations for V2X deployments by requiring connected-vehicle projects to show real, measurable safety improvements rather than functioning as tech demonstrations. The city is pressing vendors to prove value in areas like signal priority, speed advisories and work-zone warnings before expanding beyond pilot corridors.

[Shining a light on Honky Tonk Highway](#) – ITS International

Nashville has transformed its famously congested Honky Tonk Highway by deploying a large, rapidly expanding network of Ouster lidar sensors to better understand and manage pedestrian and vehicle movement, improve safety, and optimize traffic flow.

[Peachtree Corners targets autonomous mobility commercialisation](#) – Cities Today

Peachtree Corners is offering \$25,000–\$250,000 to help companies deploy and validate autonomous mobility tech on its four-mile public AV route, using the city's Curiosity Lab as a real-world proving ground to move pilots toward commercial deployment.

[Berlin tries out C-ITS traffic light control](#) – ITS International

Berlin is piloting cooperative ITS signals that let buses request real-time priority, and if the test succeeds, the system could expand to support emergency vehicles and protect cyclists as part of a more automated, safer traffic-management network.

Policy & Legislation

[Trump's Transportation Department to AV Developers: 'An Automated Vehicle That Cannot Safely Interact With First Responders is a Danger to the General Public](#) – NHTSA

NHTSA warned automated-vehicle developers that AVs which cannot safely recognize or cooperate with first responders pose a danger to the public, citing repeated incidents where driverless cars entered emergency scenes or blocked responders.

[NHTSA sets 2028 deadline for new robotaxi safety rulebook](#) – Automotive World

The agency wants objective tests that measure how AVs actually behave on the road, while also reconsidering hardware requirements like brake pedals, steering wheels and mirrors for fully driverless designs.

[Future of driverless vehicles, robotaxis to be debated by DC Council](#) – WTOP News

D.C. lawmakers are weighing whether to allow driverless cars and robotaxis, balancing safety, congestion, and labor concerns as companies push for deployment and unions warn of job losses; the debate will shape how the city governs street automation and influence future AV policy nationwide.

[Mobileye maps the ADAS regulatory landscape for 2026](#) – Automotive World

Mobileye says 2026 will bring a global reset in driver-assistance rules as Europe mandates core safety features like emergency braking, speed assistance and driver-monitoring, while China finalizes standards for higher-level automation. Automakers will need to meet these strict markets first, since the U.S. still relies on voluntary guidance and fragmented state rules.

[San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie Calls on State to Tighten Autonomous Vehicle Regulations](#) – KQED

San Francisco Mayor Daniel Lurie is pressing state regulators for clearer AV standards after recent major-event traffic disruptions, including the Fourth of July incident where multiple Waymo cars stalled and caused a significant backup.

[1 big thing: Writing robotaxi rules in real time](#) – Axios

With no federal AV rules, states and cities are improvising their own limits, taxes, and sensor requirements, and the AV companies that thrive will be those able to navigate this shifting regulatory landscape as well as build the technology.

Economic Development

[The first American autonomous ground vehicles are fighting in Ukraine](#) – TechCrunch

American-made autonomous ground vehicles are now operating in Ukraine, where they're being used for reconnaissance, supply runs, casualty evacuation, and explosive-ordnance tasks. Their deployment is speeding up real-world testing, revealing both useful battlefield capabilities and technical limits that still need refinement.

[District Department of Transportation Issues Two Additional Permits for Personal Delivery Devices](#) – District Department of Transportation

DC issued two new permits allowing Serve Robotics and Coco Robotics to operate up to 25 sidewalk delivery robots each in limited one-square-mile zones after passing safety field tests for pedestrian interaction.

[Waymo Is Bringing Autonomous Rides to 4 New US Cities, Starts Testing a New EV](#) – PC Mag

Waymo is accelerating its U.S. robotaxi rollout, launching fully driverless rides in San Diego, Las Vegas, Tampa, and Denver, initially for Alphabet employees before expanding to the public.

[Sabanto Raises Series B to Scale Autonomous Tractors](#) – Self Drive News

The company raised new funding led by Bayer to scale its retrofit autonomy kits, which turn existing tractors into fully autonomous machines. The investment supports wider deployment across U.S. farms, expanded fleet operations, and continued development of Sabanto's autonomy stack designed to lower labor costs and increase field productivity.

Public Safety & Enforcement

[Austin Emergency Responders Are Tracking a Bizarre New Metric: 99 "Sleeper" Calls Triggered by Passed-Out Waymo Riders](#) – Yahoo!News

Austin's emergency responders have spent nine months dealing with a strange new problem: Waymo robotaxi riders who pass out, fall asleep, or refuse to exit the vehicle, triggering 99 welfare-check 911 calls because remote staff cannot confirm whether a silent passenger is merely napping or experiencing a medical emergency.

[NTSB investigators confirm Tesla driver overrode Full Self-Driving system in fatal crash](#) – Engadget

NTSB investigators found that the Tesla driver in the fatal Texas crash fully pressed the accelerator, overriding the Full Self-Driving system and sending the car above 70 mph before it struck a home and killed a woman.

[HAAS Alert, BMW Group and Škoda make live hazard warnings available across the DFRS ecosystem](#) – Highways News

Haas Alert, BMW Group and Škoda are expanding live hazard warnings across the Data for Road Safety (DFRS) ecosystem so vehicles and apps can receive real-time alerts about nearby emergency responders, breakdowns and other roadway dangers.

[Waymo Calls Police on Teenage Riders Who Were Drinking, Firing Fake Guns from Robotaxi: Cops](#) – Road and Track

A Waymo robotaxi flagged unsafe behavior when teens inside began drinking and firing toy guns, prompting it to call police and leading to citations for underage drinking.

[Zoox issues software recall after a robotaxi got confused by heavy smoke](#) – TechCrunch

Zoox issued a software recall after one of its robotaxis became confused by heavy smoke at an active fire scene, causing the vehicle to brake hard and stop until a remote operator reversed it away. The company pushed an update to all 105 vehicles to improve smoke detection.

Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation

[FHWA Offers \\$120M in Transportation Technology Grants](#) – AASHTO Journal

FHWA has opened a \$120 million [ATTAIN grant program](#) to fund deployment of advanced transportation technologies that improve highway safety, mobility, efficiency, and system performance.

[Project Summary: CAV Youth Education and Engagement](#) – Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT)

MnDOT's CAV Youth Education and Engagement report outlines how the agency involved young people statewide to gather their views on connected and automated vehicles, creating learning opportunities, collecting feedback, and shaping messaging that reflects youth priorities and concerns.

[NCHRP Research Report 1176: Real-Time Warnings and Variable Speed Limits: Safety and Travel Reliability During Weather Events](#) – National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)

The report serves as a guide to help transportation professionals understand, assess, and apply weather-responsive systems so they can better manage hazardous conditions. Its strategies and case studies show how agencies can strengthen roadway safety, maintain smoother traffic flow, and give drivers accurate, timely information when weather threatens travel.

[WeRide, Bosch Expand ADAS Testing to Europe, Japan](#) – Self Drive News

WeRide and Bosch are expanding end-to-end ADAS and autonomous-driving tests across Europe and Asia, using Bosch's global engineering and validation network to speed deployment, regulatory approvals, and integration of WeRide's autonomous systems into more markets.

[Misuse of driver-assistance systems biggest risk to road safety, survey finds](#) – AOL

Misuse of driver-assistance tech is becoming the main safety risk, as many drivers treat these features like self-driving systems and stop paying attention. Overreliance, misunderstanding system limits, and in-car distraction are driving many crashes linked to advanced driver-assistance features.

[Autonomous ID. Buzz Vans Start Moving Humans in Germany's Hamburg for Free](#) – Auto Evolution

Autonomous VW ID. Buzz vans are now giving free rides in Hamburg, marking one of Germany's first public trials of fully driverless passenger transport. The pilot uses Mobileye's Level-4 system and runs without a safety driver, aiming to validate autonomous shuttles as a future part of the city's mobility network.

[Roadlite is V2X-connected to protect VRUs](#) – ITS International

Roadlite:ON V2X is a new production-ready e-bike developed by Canyon, Volkswagen, and the Coalition for Cyclist Safety that uses Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) communication to protect vulnerable road users by letting bikes “talk” to cars, transit vehicles, and city infrastructure.

Upcoming Events

[Autonomy at Work: Mining, Defense, Depots, and Industrial Applications](#)

Partners for Automated Vehicle Education (PAVE)

July 22

11:00

Presenters:

Paul Benfield – Forterra

Pete Bigelow – Kodiak

Anuja Sonalker – STEER

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