



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

August 31, 2026

Infrastructure Readiness

[Connected and Automated Vehicle Strategic Plan](#) – California Department of Transportation

Caltrans released an updated Connected and Automated Vehicle (CAV) Strategic Plan that assesses the state's readiness for connected and automated transportation and identifies priorities for future deployment.

[Utah to add intelligent intersections](#) – Smart Cities Dive

Utah DOT is deploying lidar-based traffic management technology at 160 intersections to improve safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users.

[Louisiana's First Autonomous Bus Is Only 19 Feet Long And Fully Electric](#) – Men's Journal

SporTran launched Louisiana's first autonomous public transit bus, a fully electric Level 4 vehicle designed to support first- and last-mile transportation in Shreveport. The pilot will operate with onboard safety oversight as the agency evaluates future autonomous transit applications.

[Connected Cities Are Turning Fleets Into Technology Platforms](#) – Fleet Equipment

Cities are leveraging connected fleet vehicles as mobile sensing platforms that use onboard cameras, telematics, computer vision, and AI to collect real-time roadway and infrastructure data for transportation system monitoring and asset management.

[Jacksonville's NAVI Project Charts a New Course for Autonomous Public Transportation](#) – METRO

Jacksonville Transportation Authority's NAVI program is demonstrating one of the nation's first autonomous public transportation networks, integrating self-driving shuttles with connected infrastructure, traffic signal priority, and centralized operations management to support daily transit service.

[Atlanta Beltline expands autonomous transit shuttle to connect to AUC](#) – 11Alive

Atlanta Beltline has extended its free ATL Spoke autonomous shuttle pilot to the Atlanta University Center, providing enhanced first- and last-mile connections for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The service uses four electric, ADA-accessible vehicles and will help inform future transit innovations across the city.

[ITS America 2027: V2X and AI high on the agenda](#) – ITS International

ITS America Conference & Expo 2027 has identified V2X, artificial intelligence, automated vehicles, and digital infrastructure as key focus areas, highlighting their growing role in the future of smart mobility. The event is now accepting session proposals.

Policy & Legislation

[Who Teaches a Robotaxi's Remote Helpers? SAE Has a Driver's Ed Plan](#) – Car and Driver

SAE's Autonomous Vehicle Safety Consortium published new guidance for remote assistance operators, outlining training and human-factors best practices for supporting Level 4 and Level 5 autonomous vehicles.

[Tesla, Uber, and Waymo all get the OK to operate thousands of robotaxis in Nevada](#) – TechCrunch

Nevada regulators approved permits for Tesla, Uber, and Waymo to operate commercial robotaxi services in the Las Vegas area, authorizing up to 8,000 AVs over the next year.

[Waymo hands over documents in NHTSA's child collision probe](#) – TechCrunch

Waymo submitted documents to NHTSA related to a January robotaxi incident involving a child, as regulators continue reviewing pedestrian safety and school-zone operations.

[H.R. 10033: AV Emergency Response Coordination Act](#) – Govtrack.us

The legislation would set national requirements for AV incident response and emergency operations, including crash management, vehicle removal, and coordination with first responders.

[State lawmakers look at safety of driverless vehicles on Texas roads](#) – KVUE

The Texas Senate Transportation Committee reviewed AV safety and oversight as deployments expand statewide, with lawmakers weighing enhanced reporting requirements while industry leaders urged time to evaluate recently enacted regulations.

[Waymo wants Oregon officials to experience its Arizona robotaxis — on the company's dime](#) – Oregon Live

Waymo is lobbying for entry into Oregon by inviting state officials to experience its Phoenix robotaxi service firsthand ahead of anticipated AV legislation in 2027.

[Chinese lawmakers review amendments to Road Traffic Safety Law, adding special stipulations on self-driving cars](#) – Global Times

China's national lawmakers are reviewing draft amendments to the Road Traffic Safety Law that would create a dedicated chapter for AVs, reflecting the country's effort to support the safe and regulated deployment of self-driving technology.

Economic Development

[Self-driving truck startup Gatik raises \\$200M following PepsiCo deal](#) – TechCrunch

Autonomous trucking company Gatik raised \$200 million following a multiyear commercial agreement with PepsiCo, supporting the expansion of its driverless middle-mile freight operations across additional customers, routes, and markets.

[Bot Auto commits to U.S.-based remote assistance operators](#) – Freight Waves

Autonomous trucking company Bot Auto announced that all remote assistance operators supporting its Level 4 driverless fleet will be based in the U.S., underscoring

the importance of reliable communication and coordination with first responders during AV operations.

[Waymo Robotaxis to Start Picking Up Riders in Denver Soon](#) – Government Technology

Waymo is preparing to launch commercial robotaxi service in Denver following extensive testing, with plans to expand its autonomous ride-hailing fleet as public access begins in the coming months.

[Kodiak to launch autonomous testing on public roads in California](#) – Trucking Dive

Kodiak AI has received approval to begin testing autonomous trucks on California public roads with safety drivers onboard, marking a key step toward commercial driverless freight operations and future coast-to-coast autonomous trucking.

[OPINION: Safety metrics and autonomous vehicle deployment](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

An industry analysis highlights the need for autonomous vehicle safety metrics that evaluate road behavior, interactions with first responders, and operational impacts in addition to traditional crash rates.

[Guident and Florida State College at Jacksonville Launch Autonomous Mobility Training Center to Prepare the Next-Generation Transportation Workforce](#) – Globe Newswire

Guident and Florida State College at Jacksonville launched an Autonomous Mobility Training Center to develop workforce skills in AV operations, remote monitoring, and safety oversight.

Public Safety & Enforcement

[Sprains, pain, and whiplash: Waymo and Zoox test drivers are getting hurt as robotaxis scale](#) – TechCrunch

A review of OSHA data found that test drivers for Waymo and Zoox reported more than two dozen injuries in 2024 and 2025, largely associated with hard braking and other abrupt vehicle maneuvers during autonomous vehicle testing. The findings highlight ongoing operational and safety challenges as robotaxi services continue to scale.

[Waymo hit in Denver crash](#) – 9 News

Waymo vehicle was involved in a three-vehicle crash in Denver when a driver struck another vehicle, causing it to collide with the autonomous vehicle. No serious injuries were reported, and Waymo said its vehicle was stopped to yield to a pedestrian at the time of the incident.

[Here's How Zoox's Robotaxi Safety Testing Will Work](#) – Inside EVs

Following approval to charge for robotaxi rides, Zoox has released a safety testing framework centered on hardware, software, and operational performance to support transparent evaluation and continuous improvement of its autonomous vehicle system.

[Tesla owners are now filming themselves breaking the law on FSD — and posting it for clout](#) – Electrek

The report highlights concerns about Tesla drivers misusing the company's Full Self-Driving (Supervised) system by posting videos of distracted or inattentive driving on social media.

[Volkswagen expands Level 2++ with China-developed ADAS](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

Volkswagen is rolling out its China-developed Hyper Sense 8 (HS8) Level 2++ driver assistance system across seven new-energy vehicle models, using AI-powered perception and decision-making to support urban and highway driving.

[New intelligent safety features coming to Volvo EX60 and EX90](#) – Volvo

Volvo is expanding its Connected Safety platform with new vehicle-to-everything (V2X) hazard alerts that warn drivers about accidents, roadwork, vulnerable road users, and large animals ahead using shared real-time data from connected vehicles and traffic systems.

Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation

[Tesla readying Cybercab launch in Austin, Texas: The Information](#) – Smart Cities Dive

Tesla is preparing to launch its purpose-built Cybercab robotaxi service in Austin, with employee test rides expected to begin before public deployment. The two-seat AV, which has no steering wheel or pedals, represents Tesla's next step toward commercial robotaxi operations.

[Self-Driving Cars Might Not Be Safe For Everyone, Study Says](#) – U.S. News & World Report

A new study found that drivers with a history of concussions may be slower to take control of conditionally automated vehicles, underscoring the importance of human factors in automated driving system design and deployment.

[Near-Miss Data Can Expedite Self-Driving Vehicle Algorithm Training: Study](#) – Carrier Management

University of Michigan researchers developed a "near-miss" training approach that improves autonomous vehicle safety performance and could accelerate automated driving system development.

[10 AI Lessons from Driving 200+ Million Fully Autonomous Miles](#) – Waymo

Waymo shared key lessons from over 200 million autonomous miles, highlighting the importance of multimodal sensors, AI-driven simulation, and continuous safety validation to support scalable Level 4 autonomous driving.

[How Kodiak Trained Its Driverless Tech To Haul Triple Trailers](#) – Kodiak

Kodiak AI detailed how it developed and validated autonomous driving capabilities for driverless triple-trailer trucks, including advances in perception, planning, controls, simulation, and safety validation. The technology is now supporting commercial freight operations in the Permian Basin.

[The U.S. Military Has Created a Self-Driving, Drone-Killing Battle Truck Out of a Ford F-250 Super Duty](#) – Road & Track

The U.S. Army is testing autonomous Ford F-250 vehicles equipped with Forterra's AutoDrive system for obstacle-clearing and mobility operations, demonstrating the growing use of self-driving technologies in defense and off-road environments.

[Stellantis proposing hologram solution to driverless vehicle trust conundrum](#) – Highways News

Stellantis has patented a holographic “virtual driver” that could interact with passengers in autonomous vehicles to improve trust and communication. The system could also display a remote human operator when intervention is needed, helping reassure riders and explain vehicle actions.

Upcoming Events

[Next Stop: Autonomous Transit and the Evolving Workforce](#)

Partners for Automated Vehicle Education (PAVE)

September 16, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Presenters:

Justin Johnson – PLUM Catalyst

Art Guzzetti – APTA

Cemre Kavvasoglu – ADASTEC

Eran Ofir – Imagry

[Midwest AV Policy Summit: An Autonomous Vehicle Workshop for Policymakers and Public Sector Officials](#)

Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) and Partners for Automated Vehicle

Education (PAVE)

September 25, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

North Dakota's Gateway to Science, Bismarck, ND