



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

October 12, 2026

Infrastructure Readiness

[Senator Moreno outlines next steps for the Connected Vehicle Security Act](#) – CBT News

The Connected Vehicle Security Act continues to move through Congress, aiming to restrict connected vehicle technologies linked to foreign adversaries and other entities of concern. Supporters say the legislation would strengthen vehicle cybersecurity and help protect the U.S. transportation sector from potential foreign influence.

[Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport tests driverless shuttles](#) – Arizona's Family

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport has launched a pilot program using autonomous Ohmio shuttles to transport passengers between parking and terminal facilities within the airport's East Economy area, expanding the use of driverless mobility in airport operations.

[Holon joins project to help with AV operating area approval bottlenecks](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

Holon has joined a nationwide effort in Germany to streamline approvals for SAE Level 4 autonomous shuttle operations. By creating standardized, digital approval processes, the project aims to reduce regulatory delays and help bring driverless public transit services into everyday operation more quickly.

[Why Automotive Connectivity Must Evolve with Mobile Network Technology](#) – Electronic Design

As vehicles become more software-defined, flexible connectivity architectures will be essential for maintaining software updates, cybersecurity, and connected services as wireless networks continue to evolve.

Policy & Legislation

[AV truck fleets win 5-Year exemption on warning beacons](#) – Freight Waves

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has granted a five-year exemption allowing Level 4 autonomous trucks to use cab-mounted warning beacons in place of roadside warning triangles, providing greater regulatory certainty for driverless freight operations.

[California's New Autonomous Vehicle Law Shows What Driverless Really Requires](#) – Association for Advancing Automation

California's SB 1246 establishes new requirements for remote operations, local incident response, emergency coordination, and fleet accountability, strengthening oversight of autonomous vehicle deployments as commercial AV services continue to expand.

[Latta Delivers Keynote Address on Autonomous Vehicles, SELF DRIVE Act](#) – Latta.house

Congressman Bob Latta renewed calls for a national autonomous vehicle framework, emphasizing safety standards, crash reporting, and U.S. leadership in AV deployment. He highlighted the proposed SELF DRIVE Act as a step toward creating consistent federal oversight for self-driving vehicles.

[Tesla renames 'Full Self-Driving' to 'Tesla Assisted Driving' in Europe](#) – TechCrunch

Tesla has renamed its "Full Self-Driving (Supervised)" system to "Tesla Assisted Driving" in Europe following regulatory concerns over the term "Full Self-Driving." The change is intended to better reflect the need for driver supervision and support broader approval of the technology across Europe.

[Local unions rally against proposed 'robotaxi' bill in DC](#) – Fox 5 DC

A proposed Washington, D.C. bill to enable robotaxi operations is drawing opposition from labor groups concerned about potential job impacts, while supporters cite safety and mobility benefits.

[Tennessee lawmaker discusses legislation for Waymo to pay taxes](#) – WKRN

A Tennessee lawmaker is exploring legislation that would require AV operators, such as Waymo, to contribute tax revenue for roadway maintenance and infrastructure improvements. The proposal reflects growing discussions around how AV services should support the transportation systems they rely on.

Economic Development

[Kodiak ready to 'pull the driver' and launch unsupervised driverless trucks by end of year](#) – Fox Business

Kodiak plans to launch its first fully driverless freight deliveries in Texas by the end of 2026, beginning with routes for IKEA. The company says years of testing and millions of autonomous miles have paved the way for scaling commercial driverless trucking operations in 2027 and beyond.

[Waabi takes its autonomous truck pitch beyond truckload](#) – Freight Waves

Waabi and Volvo Autonomous Solutions have launched autonomous freight operations with Warp, expanding the use of self-driving trucks into less-than-truckload (LTL) logistics. The companies plan to begin driverless operations on Volvo's autonomous trucks in 2027.

[Kodiak, Charger launch autonomous freight service between Dallas and Laredo](#) – Truck News

Kodiak AI and Charger USA have launched an autonomous trucking route between Dallas and Laredo, advancing commercial deployment of self-driving freight operations in Texas.

[IKEA selects Kodiak for driverless freight launch](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

IKEA has selected Kodiak Robotics for a driverless freight launch in Texas, marking one of the industry's first commercial deployments without a safety driver on board. The launch follows four years of testing and more than 750,000 autonomous miles hauling IKEA goods.

Public Safety & Enforcement

[Austin first responders train to handle Tesla Cybercabs as severe weather approaches](#)

– Fox 7 Austin

Austin first responders are undergoing specialized training to handle Tesla's new Cybercab, including emergency access procedures and severe-weather response. The effort reflects growing focus on preparing emergency personnel for the expansion of driverless vehicle operations.

[Robotaxi operators will face fines for blocking first responders](#) – TechCrunch

A new California law will require autonomous vehicle operators to provide local incident-response support and establishes penalties for robotaxis that obstruct first responders.

[IIHS: Commercial Vehicle Safety Systems Are Still Lagging](#) – Kelly Blue Book

IIHS testing found many commercial vehicles continue to trail passenger cars in crash-avoidance technology, with most models earning marginal or poor safety ratings. The findings highlight the need for broader adoption of advanced driver-assistance systems in commercial fleets.

[Minneapolis approves requiring person inside driverless vehicles, Frey plans veto](#) – Fox 9 KMSP

The Minneapolis City Council approved a measure requiring a human monitor inside driverless rideshare vehicles, but Mayor Jacob Frey has announced plans to veto the ordinance. The proposal highlights ongoing debates over how autonomous mobility services should be regulated as deployments expand.

[Raleigh Police Are Considering Driverless Patrol Cars](#) – Governing

The Raleigh Police Department is exploring autonomous patrol vehicles that could monitor downtown areas and provide live video feeds to officers. The proposed technology is intended to enhance police presence and support existing public safety operations.

Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation

[Waymo makes case for robotaxi safety citing its data, including in Atlanta](#) – The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Waymo's Atlanta safety study reinforces earlier findings of lower crash and injury rates than human-driven vehicles, while expanding its safety record to a new market and strengthening evidence that the technology can scale across different operating environments.

[How should automated vehicles interact with pedestrians?](#) – TechXplore

A new study found that pedestrians generally respond positively to automated vehicles, regardless of whether they are autonomous, teleoperated, or human-driven.

Researchers also found that how an automated vehicle slows down and stops plays a key role in building pedestrian trust and comfort.

[Stellantis and Wayve to showcase Level 2++ automated driving at Wave by Vento tech conference](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

Stellantis and Wayve showcased their AI-powered Level 2++ automated driving technology, designed to support hands-free driving in both highway and urban environments. The partnership is targeting a commercial launch in North America in 2028.

[Can You Give an Autonomous Driver a 'Driver's License'?](#) – Fleet Equipment

Waabi is validating its autonomous trucking system through extensive simulation and real-world testing, exposing the technology to thousands of rare driving scenarios before deployment. The approach is intended to demonstrate that the autonomous driver can safely handle complex situations and uncommon situations prior to operating without human supervision.

Upcoming Events

[Behind the Design: Inside Zoox's Approach to Its Purpose-Built Safety Case](#)

Partners for Automated Vehicle Education (PAVE)

October 13, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Presenter:

Qi Hommes - Zoox

[Webinar: Role of 5G Technology in Vehicle and Infrastructure Connectivity](#)

Austroroads

November 8, 2026

8:00 p.m.

Presenters:

Rita Excell – Rita Excell Advisory

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