



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

March 30, 2026

Infrastructure Readiness

[WeRide launches AV program in Slovakia](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

WeRide is launching Slovakia's first AV program in partnership with Elevate Slovakia, aiming to build a nationwide, regulation-ready framework for robotaxis, robobuses, delivery vans, and street-cleaning AVs. Testing begins in Bratislava in early 2026, with expansion to Košice and the High Tatras, all under government supervision.

[Amazon's Zoox to debut robotaxis in Austin, Miami later this year as it awaits paid ride approval](#) – CNBC

Amazon's Zoox will begin offering limited robotaxi rides in Austin and Miami later in 2026, expanding beyond its current free services in Las Vegas and San Francisco while it awaits federal approval to start charging fares.

[Autonomous shuttles could come to PIT airport](#) – Axios Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh International Airport is weighing a \$75M plan to replace parking-lot buses with autonomous shuttles running on a dedicated guideway, offering cleaner, faster connections between long-term parking, the new terminal, and the airport hotel. Public comments run March 15–April 14, 2026.

[Kansas Grants Seek to Boost Transportation Tech in State](#) – Government Technology

Kansas awarded \$3.9 million in grants to support transportation technology projects across the state, including drones, smart signals, digital-twin testing, and AI transit monitoring. With local matching funds, total investment reaches about \$8.1 million, all under the state’s Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program.

[New I-90 truck parking availability system funded by federal grant to aid Montana drivers](#) – Get Transport

Montana is rolling out a new Truck Parking Availability Information System along the I-90 corridor to give truck drivers real-time updates on open parking spaces at seven rest areas, supported by just over \$1 million in federal funding.

Policy & Legislation

[Coloradans could vote on requiring human operators in autonomous trucks](#) – CBS News

Colorado lawmakers are considering a measure that would let voters decide whether autonomous trucks over 26,000 pounds must have a human operator, reviving a debate the governor vetoed last year. The proposal includes a five-year expiration and exempts CDOT’s self-driving safety attenuator trucks, while unions argue the technology isn’t ready and threatens jobs.

[MN lawmakers search for compromise on Waymo as company looks to bring self-driving taxis to state](#) – KTTC

Minnesota lawmakers are trying to craft a compromise that would allow Waymo to launch self driving taxi service in the state, but they remain divided over safety rules, data sharing, and how much authority cities should have over AVs.

[Utah lawmakers approve legal framework for driverless cars, hoping to attract companies](#) – Utah News Dispatch

Utah has approved a new legal framework for autonomous vehicles that clarifies who is responsible when a driverless car is involved in a crash, sets limits on certain types of damages, and aims to attract AV companies by giving them clearer rules before they deploy in the state.

[Rideshare drivers say Waymo is giving rides to unaccompanied kids, violating state permit](#) – ABC 7 News

A union for Uber and Lyft drivers says Waymo is breaking state rules by letting unaccompanied minors ride in its autonomous cars in San Francisco, though some parents say they actually trust the driverless vehicles more than human drivers.

[California regulator confirms Tesla is 'not operating an autonomous vehicle service'](#) – Electrek

California regulators have confirmed that Tesla is not operating an autonomous vehicle service in the state, classifying its so-called “robotaxi” rides as ordinary chauffeur services because the company only holds a limousine-style permit and uses Level 2 driver-assist technology.

[California Lawmakers to robotaxis: Who's driving - and who gets the ticket?](#) – State Affairs

California lawmakers are tightening oversight of AVs after incidents involving stalled or obstructive robotaxis, overseas remote-assist operators, and emergency-scene disruptions, and they’re advancing bills to assign traffic-violation responsibility to vehicle owners and require remote operators to hold California driver’s licenses.

[New Illinois bill would require drivers to install speed-limiting devices](#) – My Stateline

Illinois lawmakers have introduced a bill that would require drivers with multiple serious speeding violations to install speed-limiting devices in their vehicles, preventing them from exceeding 80 mph.

Economic Development

[Uber and Rivian agree to large-scale autonomous robotaxi development program](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

Uber and Rivian have formed a major partnership to develop and deploy 10,000 fully autonomous Rivian R2 robotaxis starting in 2028, with plans to expand to 25 cities by 2031 and up to a possible 40,000 additional vehicles.

[General Dynamics-led team unveils self-driving truck with microwave counter-drone tech](#) – Breaking Defense

A General Dynamics–led team has unveiled the Leonidas Autonomous Ground Vehicle, a self-driving Ford F600 outfitted with Kodiak’s autonomous driving system and Epirus’s high-power microwave counter-drone weapon, designed to disable drones while keeping operators out of harm’s way

[What's Real in Advanced Truck Technology? ACT Expo's Erik Neandross Weighs In](#) – Trucking Info

ACT Expo's Erik Neandross says fleets are focusing on trucking technologies that are delivering real results today, such as AI tools for fleet operations, software defined trucks, and advanced telematics, while areas like autonomous trucks, electrification, and alternative fuels continue to progress at uneven speeds.

[Kodiak AI launches second driverless route with Martin Brower](#) – Trucking Dive

Kodiak AI launched a new fully driverless freight lane between Dallas and El Paso for Martin Brower, and expanded multiple customer programs as it moves toward a broader commercial rollout later this year.

Public Safety & Enforcement

[Feds intensify investigation into Tesla's Full Self-Driving \(Supervised\) software](#) – Tech Crunch

Federal regulators have escalated their investigation into Tesla's Full Self-Driving (Supervised) system after identifying additional crashes in low-visibility conditions and gaps in Tesla's reporting and software-update disclosures.

[Who's driving Waymo's self-driving cars? Sometimes, the police.](#) – TechCrunch

TechCrunch reports that Waymo robotaxis have repeatedly needed police and other first responders to manually move stuck vehicles during emergencies, including active crime scenes, raising concerns that public safety agencies are becoming an unpaid backup system for the company as its fleet grows.

[Voluntary safety assessment by Einride AB published for cab-less autonomous heavy-duty trucks](#) – Automotive Testing Technology International

Einride has released a voluntary safety assessment for its cabless autonomous heavy duty trucks, outlining how the company designs, tests, and operates its fully electric freight vehicles while working closely with federal and international regulators to ensure safe deployment.

[Colorado requires drivers to be responsible \(Colorado State Patrol\)](#) – Colorado Department of Transportation

Colorado officials are reminding drivers that even when a vehicle uses automated driving features, the human behind the wheel is still legally responsible for safe operation, including obeying traffic laws and avoiding impairment.

[Only on 13: Video shows a Waymo vehicle trying to drive the wrong way onto an HOV lane](#) – ABC 13

A new video from Houston shows a Waymo driverless vehicle trying to enter an HOV lane in the wrong direction, stopping in the roadway and blocking several lanes until remote staff helped it back out, raising fresh concerns about safety as the company expands service in Texas.

Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation

[Traffic could disrupt 5G signals for driverless cars and digital twins, study warns](#) – New Electronics

A new study from the University of Glasgow and Heriot-Watt University finds that everyday traffic can significantly weaken the 5G signals needed for autonomous vehicles and digital twins, with moving cars and trucks causing signal drops of around 20 percent and potentially forcing systems to fall back to slower networks.

[GM begins highway testing of self-driving technology in Michigan, California](#) – CBT News

General Motors has begun testing its new mostly self driving technology on highways in Michigan and California using two hundred vehicles with trained drivers, gathering data from thirty four states as it works toward offering eyes off capability in the Cadillac Escalade IQ in 2028.

[Uncovered records reveal the hidden costs of Waymo robotaxis on San Francisco streets](#) – Fast Company

Fast Company's newly released San Francisco transit records show that Waymo robotaxis are increasingly disrupting city operations, with reports of illegal maneuvers, close calls with transit vehicles, and stalled cars that can take up to an hour to remove, often requiring help from police or other city staff.

[Waymo releases new safety data](#) – Waymo

Waymo says its AVs have now driven more than one hundred seventy million fully driverless miles and are involved in far fewer serious crashes than human drivers, with the company estimating that its system prevents about one serious injury crash every eight days.

[When self-driving cars become socially intelligent](#) – TechXplore

Researchers at EPFL - Swiss Federal Technology Institute of Lausanne are developing socially intelligent AVs that can better understand how people move and behave in real

environments by using advanced world models that predict what is likely to happen next, allowing cars to handle complex and unexpected situations more safely.

Upcoming Events

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

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April 28

10:00 p.m.

Presenters:

Megan Sharkey - Transport for NSW

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