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## Articles and upcoming events

April 27, 2026

### Infrastructure Readiness

[Raleigh Mayor calls new garage 'catalyst' for driverless cars](#) – WRAL News

Raleigh's mayor says a new automated parking garage could help renew interest in bringing driverless cars to the city. The state transportation department says North Carolina is well positioned for AVs, but there are no active deployment plans for Raleigh right now.

[Iowa DOT Testing Slow-Moving Vehicle Warnings on Des Moines Bypass](#) – Iowa Department of Transportation

The Iowa DOT is testing a new system on the Iowa 5 and U S 65 bypass that detects slow-moving vehicles and alerts drivers through flashing beacons and temporary message signs. The goal is to improve safety on the high-speed corridor, where farm equipment can travel as slow as fourteen miles per hour.

### [Smart Transportation Infrastructure Systems](#) – Blueprint Magazine

Smart transportation systems use sensors, connectivity, and data analytics to improve traffic flow, safety, and multimodal travel. Cities are adopting tools like adaptive signals and connected-vehicle tech, but progress is uneven and limited by a shortage of workers with both transportation and data skills.

### [How connected vehicle technology could significantly decrease traffic crashes](#) (includes video) – Alive

Georgia is deploying connected-vehicle technology statewide, using smart signals and roadside units to warn drivers about hazards and improve traffic flow. Officials say it could dramatically reduce crashes, but widespread impact depends on more cars being equipped to use the system. V

### [AI Lets State Transportation Departments Use Data More Fully](#) – Government Technology

State transportation agencies are using AI to clean, organize, and connect their data so they can make faster, more informed decisions. New tools and platforms reduce manual work, improve analysis, and help agencies move toward stronger data governance across their operations.

### [Self-driving cars will 'not fix' urban parking problem](#) – Digital Journal

Self-driving cars won't solve urban parking in the near term. Until shared, pooled, metro-wide autonomous fleets exist alongside strong public transit, AVs will actually increase cruising and congestion, worsening parking demand before it improves.

### [Norway launches autonomous bus operations without safety driver](#) – ADAS & Autonomous International

Norway has launched a fully driverless public bus service, operating regular routes with no safety driver. The system uses AdasTec's autonomous tech and remote supervision, helping address driver shortages and showing how remotely monitored AV transit can scale.

## Policy & Legislation

### [DDOT Releases Report on Autonomous Vehicle Policy](#) – District Department of Transportation

DDOT's new report reviews how autonomous vehicles are regulated across the U.S. to guide future policymaking in Washington, DC. [Research Report: State of U.S. Automated Vehicle Policy](#)

### [Texas begins regulating self-driving cars with new state permit system](#) – KVUE

Texas has created a new state permit system requiring companies that operate commercial self-driving vehicles to obtain authorization and meet safety standards, giving the state its first comprehensive regulatory framework for automated vehicles.

[DC bill would allow self-driving rideshare vehicles like Waymo](#) – Fox 5 DC

A new D.C. bill would allow commercial self-driving rideshare services like Waymo to operate in the District, requiring equal neighborhood coverage, strong safety and data-sharing rules, and a mileage-based fee to support Metro and displaced drivers.

[MN transportation bill advances without self-driving vehicles](#) – Fox 9 KMSP

The Minnesota House Transportation Committee advanced a major transportation bill without including autonomous-vehicle legislation, sparking tense debate among lawmakers.

[Maryland lawmakers crack down on "super speeders" and vehicles registered in Virginia](#) – CBS News

Maryland lawmakers approved two bills aimed at curbing dangerous driving, requiring super-speeding offenders with suspended or revoked licenses to use GPS-based Intelligent Speed Assistance devices and creating penalties for Maryland residents who register their vehicles in Virginia to avoid insurance and citations, while choosing not to authorize fully driverless vehicles in the state.

[Korean, British researchers launch effort to draft rules for autonomous driving](#) – Korea JoongAng Daily

Korean and British researchers have begun a joint effort to draft new rules for autonomous driving, focusing on how to regulate “no-user-in-charge” vehicles and how to assign liability when no human is behind the wheel.

## Economic Development

[Tesla expands driverless robotaxi services from Austin to 2 new Texas cities](#) – My San Antonio

Tesla has expanded its driverless robotaxi service beyond Austin into Dallas and Houston, even as federal regulators continue scrutinizing the safety of its Autopilot and Full Self-Driving systems.

[Autonomous mobility partnership to deploy ID. Buzz fleet in US public transit to start in Orlando](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

MOIA America and Beep are partnering to deploy up to 5,000 autonomous Volkswagen ID. Buzz vehicles for public transit in the U.S., starting with testing in Orlando where the shuttles will initially operate with onboard safety operators.

[Worried about the Introduction of Driverless Trucks? They're Already Here.](#) – Arkansas Money & Politics

Gatik has already deployed fully driverless box trucks in commercial operations, logging tens of thousands of incident-free miles for major retailers, and Arkansas is one of the first states where these autonomous delivery routes have been running for years, even as long-haul driverless trucking remains far from nationwide viability due to regulatory and infrastructure hurdles.

[Renault eyes data revenues from software-defined vans](#) – Autocar

Renault plans to use its new software-defined vans to generate revenue from connected-vehicle data by improving uptime, enabling over-the-air updates, and eventually offering paid data-driven services, starting with the next-generation electric Traffic in 2027.

[The Humble Hauler Is A Cab-Less Autonomous Truck With 200 Miles Of Range](#) – Inside EVs

Humble Robotics has unveiled the Humble Hauler, a cab-less electric autonomous freight truck designed for warehouses, railyards, and ports, offering about 200 miles of range and targeting Level 4 operation as the company moves to enter the \$900-billion freight market.

[US transportation unions oppose autonomous vehicle bill over safety concerns](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

U.S. transportation unions are urging lawmakers to reject a proposed autonomous-vehicle bill, arguing that it lacks sufficient safety protections, threatens jobs, and would allow widespread deployment of self-driving cars without adequate oversight.

## Public Safety & Enforcement

[Waymo temporarily suspends San Antonio operations after vehicle swept away by floodwaters](#) – Fox 7 Austin

A Waymo AV in San Antonio entered a flooded roadway and was swept away, though no one was inside. Waymo has temporarily suspended its San Antonio operations while it monitors conditions and works to recover the vehicle.

[Waymo brings traffic to a standstill in major American city](#) – The Street

A cluster of Waymo robotaxis in Atlanta froze at an intersection with a broken traffic light, blocking all lanes and causing a viral traffic jam. The incident highlights ongoing

issues with Waymo vehicles struggling in routine real-world scenarios like dark signals, school-bus stops, and police scenes.

[Advanced Warning System On PA Turnpike Will Warn Drivers Of Traffic](#) – Patch

The Pennsylvania Turnpike is testing a new automated Queue Warning System on the Northeast Extension that uses electronic signs to alert drivers about traffic slowdowns several miles ahead, aiming to improve safety for motorists and roadway workers.

[Indiana Deploys Automated Flagging Devices to Keep Road Workers Out of Traffic](#) – Roads & Bridges

Indiana is rolling out automated flagging devices across work zones to keep road workers out of live traffic, using remote-controlled systems with cameras and signals so crews can manage lane closures from a safe distance while reducing the risk of crashes.

[Scoop: Waymo will skip public meeting on ambulance-blocking robotaxi](#) – Axios Austin

Waymo is skipping an upcoming Austin public meeting about a robotaxi that briefly blocked an ambulance, saying it already addressed officials' questions privately. The incident is becoming a test of whether robotaxi safety issues are handled in public forums or through direct coordination with city leaders.

[Human drivers keep crashing into Waymos](#) – Understanding AI

Most crashes involving Waymo's driverless cars are caused by human drivers, mainly rear-end collisions. Waymo's own mistakes usually stem from overly cautious stopping in awkward spots, and a few cases involve mixed or unclear fault, such as a teen jumping out of a moving car or a school-zone incident.

## Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation

[Study: Driver Assistance Systems Multiply Safety Benefits](#) – AASHTO Journal

A new HLDI study finds that crash-avoidance features such as automatic emergency braking, lane-departure prevention, and high-beam assist deliver compounding safety benefits when bundled together, with the most advanced packages cutting property-damage claim rates by up to 39 percent and bodily-injury claims by 21 percent.

[Data for Autonomous Transportation Awareness: Data Exchange Use Cases, Standards, and Barriers](#) – Center of Excellence on New Mobility and Automated Vehicles

The report outlines the most important data types, reviews current standards, and recommends a unified approach that avoids inconsistent local rules and supports safer, more scalable deployment of autonomous vehicles.

### [Bot Auto Voluntary Safety Self-Assessment](#) – Bot Auto

This Voluntary Safety Self Assessment presents Bot Auto’s strategy for ensuring the safe development, testing, and deployment of our Level 4 autonomous trucking technology.

### [Shifting Spaces: Understanding the Impacts of Autonomous Vehicles on Land Use](#) – Center of Excellence on New Mobility and Automated Vehicles

AVs are expected to reshape how cities use space. As traditional car focused sites decline, cities will need more areas for fleet service, storage, and updated freight facilities. The project reviews research, analyzes case studies, and offers zoning guidance to help planners prepare for these long term land use shifts.

### [5GAA Demonstrates Connected Mobility at Scale with Live Road Safety and V2X Trials in Sweden](#) – The Fast Mode

The 5G Automotive Association carried out large scale trials in Sweden showing how connected mobility can improve road safety and support cross border traffic. The demonstrations featured real time road work alerts, interoperable safety messages, satellite supported fleet connectivity, and cooperative sensing that shares information between vehicles and infrastructure.

### [Waymo tests robotaxis with a safety driver in London](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

Waymo is testing its autonomous ride service in London with a trained safety driver as it builds toward a planned commercial launch in 2026. The company is expanding its local presence with new hires and service centers while continuing to grow its robotaxi operations in several U S cities.

## Upcoming Events

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

Austrroads

April 28

10:00 p.m.

#### **Presenters:**

Megan Sharkey – Transport for NSW

David Yee – Transport Management Consulting

### [How's My Driving? AV Safety, Human Drivers, and Public Trust](#)

Partners for Automated Vehicle Education (PAVE)

April 30, 2026

1:00 p.m.

**Presenters:**

Michelle Fowler – TRC

Kristofer Kusano – Waymo

Michael Wagner – Edge Case

[Discover the SYNERGIES Platform: Europe's Collaborative Approach to CCAM Scenario-based Validation](#)

Partners for Automated Vehicle Education (PAVE) Europe

May 7, 2026

7:00 a.m.

**Presenters:**

Jordi Pont & Marc Perez – IDIADA

Fabio Corona – AVL/AT

Sven Tarlowski – RWTH Aachen University

Iowa Advisory Council on Automated Transportation Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, May 27, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.