



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

[V2X: How the West was one](#) – ITS International

V2X technology is gaining real momentum in the western U.S., driven by large-scale deployments, maturing standards, and growing public-sector commitment to connected-vehicle safety and mobility improvements.

[Could Delivery Robots Help Pay For Better City Sidewalks?](#) – Next City

Cities are exploring whether sidewalk delivery robots can help fund long-overdue accessibility and sidewalk repairs, with places like Washington, D.C. and West Hollywood testing models where robot operators share data and even revenue to support ADA compliance and infrastructure upgrades.

[TxDOT launches operations of SH 130 Smart Corridor](#) – Texas Department of Transportation

TxDOT has activated a four-mile Smart Corridor on SH 130, using an integrated network of cameras, sensors, fiber connectivity, and AI to give operators real-time, lane-level awareness and enable faster incident detection and safer, more efficient travel.

[Transportation Modes, Data Converge to Make Mobility Efficient](#) – Government Technology

Cities are increasingly using integrated data, AI analytics, and connected transportation systems to make mobility more efficient, predictive, and multimodal, from bus maintenance forecasting to planning for massive events like the 2028 Olympics.

[WTS Fireside Chat: Safety Via Connectivity, Interoperability](#) – AASHTO Journal

Transportation leaders at the WTS fireside chat argued that the future of roadway safety depends on interoperable, digitally connected systems backed by coordinated investment and organizational change.

Policy & Legislation

[What BUILD America 250 Means for Autonomous Trucking](#) – Transport Topics

The [BUILD America 250 Act](#) would, for the first time, establish a national regulatory framework for autonomous trucks, creating performance-based safety standards, requiring Level 4–5 manufacturers to assume driver duties, and replacing today's patchwork of state rules with a unified federal system.

[Teamsters Union Endorses Connected Vehicle Security Act](#) – Teamsters

The Teamsters say the [Connected Vehicle Security Act of 2026](#) is needed to ensure connected-vehicle technologies meet strong cybersecurity and worker-safety standards before they are deployed more widely.

[States move to slam brakes on self-driving trucks](#) – Land Line

States across the U.S. are rapidly moving to tighten control over autonomous trucks, with several legislatures pushing bills that either require a human CDL-holding driver in the cab or ban heavy driverless trucks outright, citing safety concerns, outdated regulations, and the lack of federal standards.

[Driverless cars get green light from NJ Senate panel](#) – New Jersey Monitor

New Jersey lawmakers advanced a bill that would set statewide rules for testing and deploying driverless cars, requiring companies to meet safety, reporting, and oversight standards before operating on public roads, while some legislators raised concerns about jobs and long-term impacts.

[DfT technology official pushes open standards vision for connected vehicle services](#) – Highways News

A senior DfT technology official urged the UK highways sector to adopt open, interoperable standards for connected-vehicle services, arguing that drivers should experience consistent, seamless digital services across regions and platforms, much like messaging apps work universally.

[The end of bings and bongs? Euro NCAP overhauls ADAS testing](#) – Autocar

Euro NCAP is overhauling its ADAS testing so that cars stop bombarding drivers with constant “bings and bongs”, shifting the focus toward quieter, more intuitive assistance systems that intervene only when truly necessary.

Economic Development

[Driver-free big rigs coming to Oklahoma highways](#) – KTEN

Driver-free big rigs are set to begin operating on Oklahoma highways after state lawmakers approved a framework allowing autonomous trucks to run without a human in the cab, provided companies meet safety, reporting, and insurance requirements.

[Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association Releases 2026 State of AV Report, Documenting Significant Industry Growth and Urgent Need for Federal Framework](#) – Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association

The 2026 AVIA report says autonomous vehicles are commercially real but stuck behind a messy patchwork of state rules, and urges federal standards to unlock nationwide deployment.

[Volvo, DSV Begin Autonomous Freight Operations in Texas](#) – Fleet Equipment Magazine

Volvo and DSV are launching commercial-scale autonomous freight operations using Aurora-powered trucks, moving beyond pilots to a full daily lane between Dallas and Houston where autonomous trucks will haul customer freight alongside human-driven vehicles.

[Robotaxis coming to London pose a threat to traditional cabbies who memorize 25,000 streets to earn licenses](#) – CBS News

London's iconic black cabs are becoming a test bed for AI-powered autonomous driving, with a 60 Minutes report showing how companies are retrofitting the vehicles with sensors and machine-learning systems that can navigate dense, unpredictable city streets while still relying on human safety drivers during development.

[Stellantis, Wayve target 2028 driver-assist launch](#) – Reuters

Stellantis and Wayve are teaming up to bring Wayve's AI-driving software to the STLA AutoDrive platform, targeting a 2028 North American launch of supervised hands-free "Level 2++" driving that can generalize across markets and vehicle types without relying on HD maps.

[Waymo's bumpy month](#) – Business Insider

Waymo's robotaxi network has faced a string of service interruptions, pauses, and safety-related suspensions, with incidents ranging from vehicles entering flooded roads to unexpected freeway shutdowns, prompting regulators to scrutinize the company's software reliability and forcing Waymo to impose temporary operating limits while it rolls out fixes.

Public Safety & Enforcement

[Nobody Is Asking the Hard Questions About What Happens When an Autonomous Truck Breaks Down on the Highway at 2 AM. Let Us Start.](#) – Freight Waves

Autonomous-truck developers and policymakers are pushing ahead without addressing the most basic operational gap: what actually happens when a driverless 80,000-lb truck breaks down on a highway at 2 a.m. with no human to secure the scene or manage the emergency.

[Tesla reveals two Robotaxi crashes involving teleoperators](#) – TechCrunch

Tesla says two robotaxis crashed while under remote teleoperator assistance, after the vehicles misread their surroundings and the human backup couldn't prevent low-speed impacts; the company has since updated latency and handoff logic.

[Empty Waymos invade Atlanta neighborhood, circle cul-de-sac for hours with no passengers](#) – WSB-TV 2 Atlanta

Empty Waymo robotaxis have been circling a northwest Atlanta cul-de-sac for hours at a time with no passengers, alarming residents who say dozens of cars pass through early each morning, creating safety concerns and prompting complaints to city officials. Waymo has since addressed the routing issue.

[Waymo Passenger Left Horrified After Robotaxi Allegedly Flees Police, Speeds Through Construction Zone](#) – Yahoo! News

A Waymo passenger says she was left terrified after her robotaxi allegedly ran multiple red lights, swerved into oncoming traffic, and ignored her attempts to stop the ride, according to a Yahoo News report based on her complaint to California regulators. Waymo disputes the account, saying logs show the vehicle behaved safely and that the rider misunderstood what happened.

[Self-driving bus crashes on first day carrying passengers in Sweden](#) – Nova News

A self-driving bus in Sweden crashed on its very first day carrying passengers, striking a pole during a test route and forcing officials to halt the pilot while investigators look into what went wrong.

Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation

[Advanced Driver Assistance Systems Cut Back-Up Crashes by 86%, Study Finds](#) – Design News

UMTRI and GM's new study finds that drivers using GM's advanced driver-assistance systems are safer overall, showing lower crash rates, fewer hard-braking events, and better lane-keeping, while also highlighting that driver monitoring is essential to prevent misuse and maintain those safety gains.

[Texas pedestrian-driver real-time warning pilot looks ahead](#) – ITS International

Texas is piloting a real-time pedestrian-to-driver warning system that lets people use their phones to broadcast their presence to nearby connected vehicles, aiming to reduce crashes at crossings and along busy corridors by giving drivers and infrastructure earlier, more precise alerts.

[Tesla now forces drivers to give feedback when intervening on 'Full Self-Driving'](#) – Electrek

Tesla is now forcing every FSD user to submit intervention feedback, making the in-car "thumbs up/down" rating system mandatory whenever the driver takes over, as part of the company's push to gather more data and accelerate supervised-autonomy training.

[Company Combines Lidar And Cameras Into One Unit To Tackle Self-Driving Car's Biggest Problems](#) – Jalopnik

Ouster's new lidar-camera hybrid is pitched as a single, unified sensor that could replace the bulky, multi-sensor stacks used on today's self-driving cars, promising lower cost, simpler integration, and better performance in poor lighting and weather.

Upcoming Events

[AV Engagement in Action: Lessons from Minnesota's AV Day at the Capitol](#)

Partners for Automated Vehicle Education (PAVE)

June 3

1:00 p.m.

Presenters:

Tara Andringa – PAVE

Thomas Johnson-Kaiser and Tara Olds – MnDOT

Greg Rodriguez – Stantec

[CCAT Distinguished Lecture: Rare Failures, Public Perceptions, and Automated Driving](#)

Center for Connected and Automated Transportation (CCAT)

June 16, 2026

1:00 p.m.

Presenter:

Daniel McGehee – University of Iowa

Iowa Advisory Council on Automated Transportation Meeting

Tuesday, May 27 from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.