



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

September 28, 2026

Infrastructure Readiness

[Waymo programme aims to link AV users to public transport](#) – ITS International
Waymo launched a Bay Area rewards program that offers transit-linked ride credits to encourage connections between robotaxi services and public transit.

[Could Robotaxis Create New Path to Congestion Pricing?](#) – Government Technology
As robotaxis expand, cities are exploring congestion pricing to manage traffic and reduce empty vehicle trips, with AV technology potentially enabling more precise road-use charging.

[Opinion: For blind riders, accessibility begins before a vehicle arrives](#) – Times of San Diego

AVs may improve mobility for blind riders through features such as audible vehicle location and trip information, highlighting the importance of accessibility in AV deployment and policy decisions.

[Detroit fire trucks trial cloud-based signal priority with Miovision](#) – Traffic Technology Today

The Detroit Fire Department is piloting a cloud-based signal priority system that automatically changes traffic lights to speed emergency vehicle response times and improve intersection safety.

[PrePass, Kodiak link driverless trucks to roadside checks](#) – Traffic Technology Today

PrePass and Kodiak AI are integrating driverless truck inspection data into roadside screening systems in Texas and Louisiana to support regulatory compliance and scalable autonomous trucking operations.

Policy & Legislation

['Driverless' truck waivers: FMCSA hits back at operator's challenge](#) – Overdrive

The FMCSA is defending a waiver that allows autonomous trucking companies to use cab-mounted warning beacons instead of roadside warning triangles. The waiver faces a federal court challenge that could affect future regulations for driverless commercial vehicles.

[After multiple deaths and injuries, NHTSA is investigating comma.ai](#) – Ars Technica

NHTSA has launched an investigation into an aftermarket driver-assistance system following multiple crashes, including fatalities, highlighting ongoing concerns about driver monitoring, system limitations, and regulatory oversight of vehicle automation technologies.

[Exclusive: Waymo's opposition grows with D.C. rally](#) – Axios

Opposition to robotaxi deployment in Washington, D.C., is growing as labor and community groups push back against proposed legislation, highlighting ongoing concerns about workforce impacts and AV regulation.

[Virginia lawmakers move closer to regulating self-driving vehicles](#) – Virginia Mercury

Virginia lawmakers are developing an AV regulatory framework for commercial applications, with discussions focused on safety standards, data reporting, workforce impacts, and oversight of AV deployment.

[US DOT's new road safety plan emphasizes reducing congestion, national AV strategy](#)

– Smart Cities Dive

The U.S. DOT's new 2026 National Roadway Safety Strategy emphasizes reducing traffic fatalities through safer roads and vehicles while calling for a national strategy for autonomous vehicles. The plan highlights the role of advanced technologies and AV policy as part of future roadway safety efforts.

Economic Development

[Waymo is scaling fast: Here's what the fleet data shows](#) – TechCrunch

Waymo now provides about 500,000 paid rides per week across 15 U.S. cities, reflecting continued growth in its robotaxi operations and fleet expansion.

[Autonomous trucking company Aurora looks to accelerate toward profitability](#) – CNBC
Aurora Innovation is expanding its autonomous trucking operations in Texas and growing its driverless fleet as it works toward profitability, citing potential benefits for freight efficiency and operating costs.

[Kodiak AI, DTL Transport complete first autonomous trucking deliveries under new California DMV permit](#) – The Trucker
Kodiak AI and DTL Transport completed their first autonomous freight deliveries in California under the state's new heavy-duty AV testing permit, advancing efforts to evaluate autonomous trucking for freight operations.

[How Waabi's Raquel Urtasun Is Building One A.I. Brain to Drive Trucks and Robotaxis](#) – Observer
Waabi is developing a simulation-based AI system designed to operate both autonomous trucks and robotaxis, aiming to accelerate deployment while reducing reliance on real-world driving data.

[MOIA America, Beep Begin Passenger Rides in Orlando](#) – U.S. News & World Report
MOIA America and Beep launched a robotaxi pilot in Orlando, marking MOIA's first U.S. passenger service. Invited riders can use autonomous shuttles on designated routes as the companies begin real-world operations.

Public Safety & Enforcement

[Zoox grounds Atlanta test fleet after workers report toxic gas exposure symptoms](#) – TechCrunch
Zoox temporarily grounded its Atlanta test fleet after reports of possible gas exposure inside test vehicles, pausing operations while the company investigates and implements additional safety measures.

[There's no law to ticket the Waymo that drove through a Denver farmers market](#) – 9 News
A Waymo robotaxi entering a Denver farmers market highlighted a regulatory gap in Colorado, prompting renewed discussion about how traffic laws are enforced for driverless vehicles.

[Zoox robotaxi crash on Las Vegas Strip raises questions about driverless safety](#) – News 3 Las Vegas
A crash involving a Zoox robotaxi on the Las Vegas Strip has prompted renewed discussion about how autonomous vehicles respond to unexpected roadway conditions. The incident remains under investigation.

[Tesla Cybercab's Touchscreen Is Already Proving To Be A Problem For First Responders](#) – Jalopnik

First responders in Austin, Texas have raised concerns about the reliance of the Tesla Cybercab on touchscreen controls, noting potential challenges during emergency situations if the screen is damaged, inaccessible, or without power.

[Waymo's latest expansion strategy: teenagers](#) – TechCrunch

Waymo is expanding its Nashville robotaxi service to teens ages 13 to 17 through parent-linked accounts, broadening access to autonomous transportation and supporting ridership growth.

Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation

[Waymo's driverless cars continue to crash less often than people](#) – The Verge

Waymo released new safety data showing its driverless vehicles were involved in fewer injury-causing crashes than human-driven vehicles across millions of miles of operation, supporting ongoing assessments of AV safety and performance.

[TechCrunch Mobility: How do we know when an AV is safe enough?](#) – TechCrunch

NHTSA and SAE International are developing performance standards for automated driving systems to support a consistent, data-driven framework for evaluating AV safety.

[Uber uses its ride-hailing fleet to train AI](#) – Axios

Uber is using data from millions of ride-hailing trips to help train AV systems, aiming to accelerate development and support robotaxi expansion.

[BMW's 3D Maps combines navigation and driver assistance in a single 3D view](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

BMW is introducing a 3D mapping display that combines navigation, surroundings, and driver-assistance information to improve driver awareness during assisted driving.

[Waymo prepares for autonomous ride-hailing launch in Singapore](#) – ADAS & Autonomous Vehicle International

Waymo plans to launch autonomous ride-hailing services in Singapore, marking a major step in its international expansion and broader deployment of robotaxi operations beyond the U.S.

[Czech Republic Approves Tesla's FSD After Earlier Safety Concerns](#) – U.S. News & World Report

Tesla's Full Self-Driving (FSD) Supervised system received provisional approval in the Czech Republic, expanding access to the technology in Europe after regulators addressed safety and compliance concerns.

[Mercedes Taps Wayve For Tesla FSD-Like System Within 2 Years](#) – Inside EVs

Mercedes-Benz plans to introduce a Wayve-powered driver-assistance system within two years, highlighting growing industry investment in AI-based automated driving technologies.

Upcoming Events

[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 29, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

North Dakota's Gateway to Science, Bismarck, ND

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

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