



Autonomous Vehicles: Legal and Policy Implications

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WHERE IS USDOT AND CONGRESS?





















CHALLENGING ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- Safe Integration What is safe enough?
- Preemption
- Right-of-Way Regulation
 - Connection to wireless deployment
 - Interoperability
- Tax and Revenue
 - Paying for infrastructure
 - AB 1184
- Privacy and Data Sharing
- Terms of Use (i.e. mandatory arbitration)
- TNC Regulations
- Equity
- Public Trust / Adoption









ONGOING POLICY DISCUSSION

- FTA Docket: 2017-0024 / 2017-0025
- Summary of Comments Filed:
 - No one-size fits all approach
 - Ensuring equity new connections!
 - Labor concerns
 - Buy America
 - Coordination with Existing USDOT Programs – i.e. TOD
- FTA STAR Research Program







CREATING A TESTING ROADMAP

- What is the law?
 - Expressly allowed vs. silent; OR
 - Need a change to the law
- Public or private roads?
- What type of vehicle? (i.e. traditional vs. shuttle)
- What approvals will be needed?
- What is goal for the pilot?
- How to identify potential partners?
 - RFI/RFP vs. AV/CV Forum
- Public outreach?
- BE READY FOR SPEED BUMPS







MAKE YOUR VOICES HEARD

- Ongoing comment opportunities:
 - Impact of AV Technologies on Workforce Due Nov. 5
 - ANPRM for AV Pilot Programs Due Nov. 23
 - AV 3.0 **Due Dec. 7**
- Comment opportunities "down the road":
 - Streamlining FMVSS exemption process
 - Automated Driving Systems and Commercial Trucks
 - Update to Uniform Traffic Control Devices Manual







HOMEWORK

- Be proactive and make your voices heard
- Set a vision
- Avoid distractions by "shiny objects"
- Understand rules and regulations
- Be creative, but realistic
- Innovate within











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