Preparing Tulsa for an Autonomous Future

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(Source: INRIX)
Preparing for AVs

Beyond Speculation
Automated Vehicles and Public Policy
An Action Plan for Federal, State, and Local Policymakers

Adopting and Adapting
States and Automated Vehicle Policy

Available at EnoTrans.org
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- Independent, nonpartisan thinktank

- William P. Eno’s “Rules of the Road” were adopted by New York City in 1909, establishing the world’s first city traffic plan

- Government roles in managing and funding infrastructure have evolved over time
Today’s Discussion

- Best Practices
- Case Studies
- Opportunities for Innovation
Preparing for AVs
This is not a race

DMV Data Says Waymo and GM Are Leading the Self-Driving Car Race

Self-Driving Cars Are Coming. Oregon Isn’t Ready.
The autonomous car company says its vehicles have been getting around without backup drivers behind the wheel.

Pizza Hut and Toyota want to deliver your pizza in driverless vehicles

FutureStructure

Transportation

Ohio Tries to Pull Ahead in Transportation Tech Race
The Secret Sauce for AV Testing

- Local AV manufacturers
- Skilled workforce
- Climate
- Local universities
- Well-maintained roads
- Policy frameworks
Best Practice: Publish a Statement of Principles

Cities are developing **statements of principles** that tell their residents, stakeholders, and AV developers:

- **Why** they are interested in AVs (e.g., safety, mobility, efficiency)

- **How** they will work with the public, stakeholders, and industry

- **What** type of AV pilot programs they are interested in (small driverless shuttles, self-driving Uber/Lyft/Waymo, etc.)
Learning from Uber and Pittsburgh

- First city with a self-driving rideshare service
- Communications breakdown between Mayor Peduto, Uber, and general public
- Resolution
Being SAVI in Portland

- Mayor and Commissioner-in-Charge of Transportation sent a letter to the Portland Bureau of Transportation

- Separate letter sent to state legislators opposing HB 3119 as introduced: “preempts state and local authority to ensure safe use of our rights of way…”

Available at: PortlandOregon.gov/SAVI
“Portland can show how to “do AV smart” by working with transportation providers and the public to implement testing and piloting of this technology, while advancing public safety, protection of the environment and transportation access for everyone, regardless of income.”

-Mayor Ted Wheeler and Dan Saltzman, Commissioner-in-Charge of Transportation

Available at: PortlandOregon.gov/SAVI
Best Practice: Create a Roadmap

“If you don’t have a plan, you’re already there.”

Seattle developed a comprehensive playbook that not only outlines a vision for AVs, but a playbook for integrating AVs in their mobility ecosystem.
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<td><strong>Put People and Safety First</strong></td>
<td>The public right-of-way is our most valuable and most flexible public space. Our streets should prioritize access for people, amplifying the role and value of walking, biking, and transit in Seattle. We respect the desire to retain and use privately owned vehicles but will continue to manage the transportation system to move people and goods safely and efficiently. Safety is paramount, no matter how you get around Seattle. Our streets should be comfortable and intuitive for our most vulnerable travelers (people walking and biking). Shared, automated, and other new mobility models should not only advance our Vision Zero safety goals, they should also maintain consumer protections.</td>
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<td><strong>Design for Customer Dignity and Happiness</strong></td>
<td>Transportation happiness is a key indicator of the 21st century Seattle Department of Transportation. We will not only simplify and enhance the user experience of public transit and new mobility services, we will also continue to promote a diversity of transportation choices. Dignified public transit and new mobility services must accommodate people with mobility impairments, non-traditional schedules, and families that need flexible mobility options.</td>
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<td><strong>Advance Race and Social Justice</strong></td>
<td>Mobility, whether shared, public, private, or automated, is a fundamental human need. Everyone needs a barrier-free transportation system and affordable transportation options that are understandable and accessible to all who want to use them. New mobility models should also promote clean transportation and roll back systemic racial and social injustices borne by the transportation system.</td>
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<td><strong>Forge a Clean Mobility Future</strong></td>
<td>We are committed to climate action. We will transition our transportation sector to one that furthers our climate goals and builds replicable models for the rest of the world. New mobility services should use clean energy and expand human-powered transportation.</td>
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<td><strong>Keep an Even Playing Field</strong></td>
<td>Data infrastructure is foundational to understanding, operating, and planning in a constantly changing transportation system. Partnerships and a fair and flexible regulatory environment will nurture and expand new mobility ideas, companies, jobs, and workforce training.</td>
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Case Study: Seattle (Plays)

Our five plays are to:

**PLAY 1:**
Ensure new mobility delivers a fair and just transportation system for all

**PLAY 2:**
Enable safer, more active, and people-first uses of the public right of way

**PLAY 3:**
Reorganize and retool SDOT to manage innovation and data

**PLAY 4:**
Build new information and data infrastructure so new services can “plug-and-play”

**PLAY 5:**
Anticipate, adapt to, and leverage innovative and disruptive transportation technologies
PLAY 3:
Reorganize and retool SDOT to manage innovation and data

**Strategy 3.1:** Manage risk related to emerging mobility services

**Strategy 3.2:** Foster a culture of innovation and proficiency in new mobility solutions

**Strategy 3.3:** Understand the mobility needs of the community

**Strategy 3.4:** Continuously update citizens about mobility innovations

**Strategy 3.5:** Pursue nimble regulations that meet the public good while spurring innovation

**Strategy 3.6:** Establish new transportation funding mechanisms in response to the changing financing landscape

**Strategy 3.7:** Build strategic mobility partnerships with King County Metro, Sound Transit, and other public and private entities
Best Practice: Establishing a Process

- **Release RFIs** to begin the conversation with potential industry partners
- **Publish** contact information for interested companies
- **Define** expectations with a statement of principles
- **Engage** potential partners
Best Practice: State of Good Repair

• AVs are being designed for existing infrastructure: no need for massive investments in connected infrastructure, etc.

• AV manufacturers are clamoring for well-maintained roads: no potholes, clear lane markings, adequate signage.

• What is good for AVs is good for all road users.
Best Practice: Identify Local, State, Federal Regulatory Barriers

The vast majority of traffic laws were written before AVs were even just a pipe dream.

Examples:

• **Falls Church, Virginia:** A vehicle must have a driver behind the wheel, monitoring the road while driving.

• **New York State:** A driver must have a hand on the wheel of a moving vehicle at all times.
Best Practice: AV Pilot Projects

- Consumer education is key
- Pilot projects allow a city and its residents to experience AVs firsthand
- Driverless shuttles are the easiest way to do this right now
Case Study: Arlington, Texas

- Formerly the largest American city without a public transportation system
- Decided to experiment with AVs by renting two 12-person driverless shuttles from EasyMile
- Operates in the entertainment district between parking lots and venues
Case Study: Arlington, Texas

What if Arlington just rented two Ford Transit 15 passenger vans instead and contracted out drivers?

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<td><strong>Total Cost</strong></td>
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Source: Eno Transportation Weekly
(Not-so-)Best Practice: Chicago

Ban Self-Driving Cars To Avoid 'Back To The Future'-Style Craziness: Burke

CITY HALL — Dueling versions of the future of Chicago's streets were on display Monday at City Hall as aldermen weighed whether to ban self-driving cars from the city's roads.

Ald. Edward Burke (14th) warned that the City Council needs to ban the automated vehicles to prevent...
Understanding the Roles of Government

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Best Practice: Work with Federal, State Entities

Case Study - New York State

Last year, New York’s state budget included a provision to allow for AV testing, but had stringent requirements:

- AV testing routes must be submitted in advance, with 1/8 mile accuracy
- AVs must always have police escorts
- Manufacturers must pay for the cost of the police escorts
Case Study: New York State

If Waymo moved all of its AV testing from California to New York State and drove the same amount of miles as in 2016, it would cost them...

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TOTAL: $2,055,504.16

...$2.055 million in police escorts alone.
Suggested Practice: Shared Use Mobility Zones (SUM Zones)

• Designated pick-up/drop-off locations – rebranding loading zones with mobility goals

• Shared between:
  – Uber, Lyft, other Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)
  – Paratransit services
  – Delivery trucks
  – AVs
Thinking About Parking

• About one-third of traffic is caused by non-recurring incidents
• Demands on the use of limited curb space are shifting
  – Uber/Lyft
  – Explosion of e-commerce
  – AVs
Thinking About Parking

Existing Parking Designations
18th Street NW, Washington, DC
32 Traditional Parking Spaces
Shared Use Mobility Zones (SUM Zones)

Shared Use Mobility (SUM) Zones
18th Street NW, Washington, DC

24 Traditional Parking Spots
8 SUM Zones

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How can cities like Tulsa prepare for AVs?

- First, focus on the essentials:
  - Establish local transportation goals and guiding principles for integrating new technologies
  - Maintain state of good repair on roadways
  - Continue to provide public transit services

- AVs are not a silver bullet for mobility
How can cities like Tulsa prepare for AVs?

• Consider innovative approaches to piloting new technologies, funding infrastructure, and urban design
  – Pilot programs
  – Infrastructure maintenance
  – New approaches to parking
Questions?

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