

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Executive Order 19-18; Rescinding Executive Order 18-04

Establishing the Governor's Council on Connected and Automated Vehicles

I, **Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota**, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

Our State is a global center for innovation and opportunity with a highly educated and entrepreneurial workforce. Minnesota's business and educational institutions are science and technology leaders. As a leader in transformational technology, Minnesota supports public-private collaborations for the research and development of connected and automated vehicles and other intelligent and emerging transportation technologies.

The widespread adoption of connected and automated vehicles will transform the future of transportation, commerce, mobility, workforce, land-use, public health, and safety.

Connected and automated vehicles will dramatically change how public transportation infrastructure is utilized, how traffic regulations are structured, and how public investments in infrastructure are made. The development of connected and automated vehicles could help eliminate transportation barriers. Through collaboration among cities, counties, states, businesses, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations, Minnesota can realize the promise presented by the widespread adoption of connected and automated vehicles.

For these reasons, I order that:

1. The Governor's Advisory Council on Connected and Automated Vehicles ("Council") is established to study, assess, and prepare for the opportunities and challenges associated with the widespread adoption of connected and automated vehicles and other intelligent and emerging transportation technologies.
2. The Commissioner of Transportation is the Co-Chair of the Council. The Governor will select an individual to serve as the second Co-Chair.
3. In addition to the Co-Chairs, the Council consists of thirteen members appointed by the Governor with relevant experience in the automotive industry, technology, cybersecurity and data privacy, business and finance, transit, higher education,

workforce training, insurance, mobility advocacy, freight, labor, public safety, bicycle and pedestrian advocacy, elder care, or tort liability.

4. The Council also includes the following *ex officio* members:
 - a. Commissioner of Administration
 - b. Commissioner of Agriculture
 - c. Commissioner of Commerce
 - d. Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development
 - e. Commissioner of Health
 - f. Commissioner of Human Services
 - g. Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation
 - h. Commissioner of Minnesota IT Services
 - i. Commissioner of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
 - j. Commissioner of Public Safety
 - k. Commissioner of Revenue
 - l. Chair of the Metropolitan Council
 - m. Executive Director of the Minnesota Council on Disability
 - n. One member of the majority party in the Minnesota Senate
 - o. One member of the minority party in the Minnesota Senate
 - p. One member of the majority party in the Minnesota House of Representatives
 - q. One member of the minority party in the Minnesota House of Representatives
 - r. One tribal member designated by the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council
 - s. One city representative designated by the League of Minnesota Cities
 - t. One county representative designated by the Association of Minnesota Counties

5. The Council has the following duties:
 - a. The Council must meet at least four times per year to review developments in connected and automated vehicle technology and intelligent and emerging transportation technology, explore partnership opportunities for the State of Minnesota to remain prepared for the widespread adoption of new technologies, and propose policies to safely test and deploy connected and automated vehicles.
 - b. The Council must review the December 2018 Governor's Advisory Council on Connected and Automated Vehicles Executive Report and take actions to implement the recommendations in the report where appropriate.
 - c. The Council must consult with communities experiencing transportation barriers that are not represented on the Council.
 - d. The Council must prepare a written annual report to the Governor by February 1, 2020 and each year thereafter. The report must include an update on the Council's activities and actions needed to ensure Minnesota is advancing connected and automated vehicles and intelligent transportation and emerging technologies.
 - e. The Council must advise and support the Governor, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety, and other governmental entities to support the testing and deployment of connected and automated vehicles.
6. The Commissioner of Transportation and the Commissioner of Public Safety, in coordination with other relevant state agencies, will:
 - a. Establish programs and guidelines for the safe testing and deployment of connected and automated vehicle technologies and other intelligent and emerging transportation technology.
 - b. Support safe and effective testing and use of connected and automated vehicles, including driverless technology, in real life situations as necessary to meet industry needs.
 - c. Protect individual and industry data as required by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.
7. The Commissioner of Transportation will convene agency leadership to form the Interagency Connected and Automated Vehicle Team to implement this Executive Order, including the following:
 - a. The Interagency Connected and Automated Vehicle Team consists of the designees of the Commissioners of Administration, Agriculture, Commerce, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Human Services, Iron

Range Resources and Rehabilitation, Minnesota IT Services, Pollution Control, Public Safety, Revenue, and Transportation and the designee of the Chair of the Metropolitan Council.

- b. The Interagency Connected and Automated Vehicle Team will ensure interagency coordination and collaboration in developing cross-agency policies and programs to strategically advance and prepare the State of Minnesota for adoption of connected and automated vehicles and other intelligent transportation technologies.
 - c. The Interagency Connected and Automated Team will provide support and policy advice to the Council.
8. The Department of Transportation will provide staffing and administrative support to the Council.
9. Executive Order 18-04 is rescinded.

This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State. It will remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

Signed on April 1, 2019.



Tim Walz
Governor

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