



# Connected and Automated Vehicles in Minnesota



DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION

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# Automated Vehicles

Automated vehicles functions (e.g., steering) vehicles also leverage infrastructure—and the

Short-Range Blind-Spot Sensors

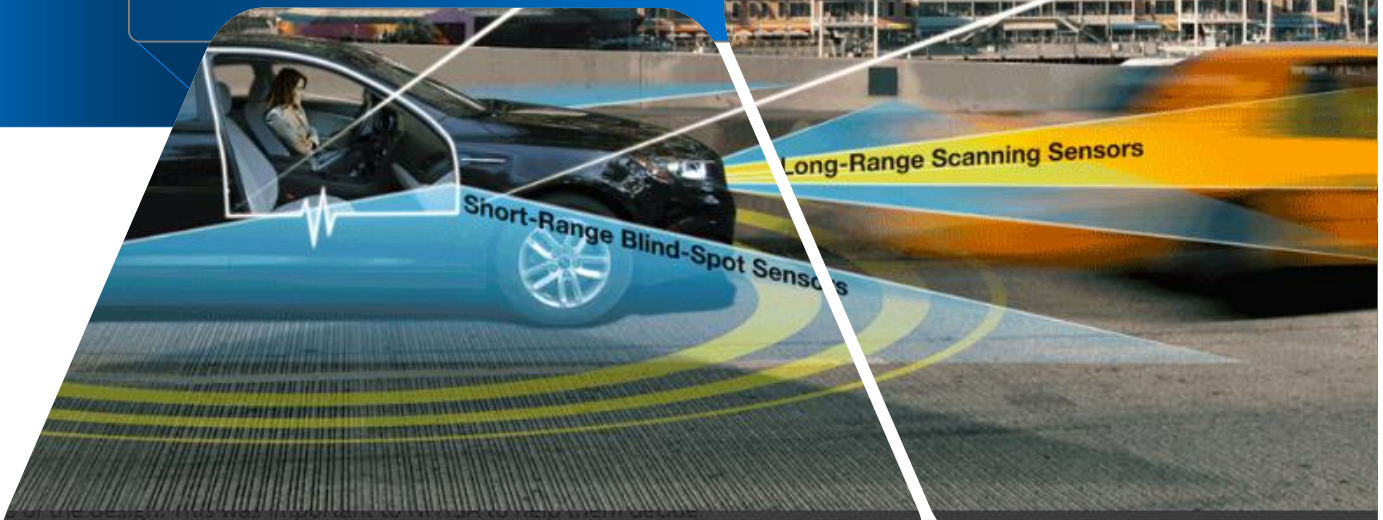
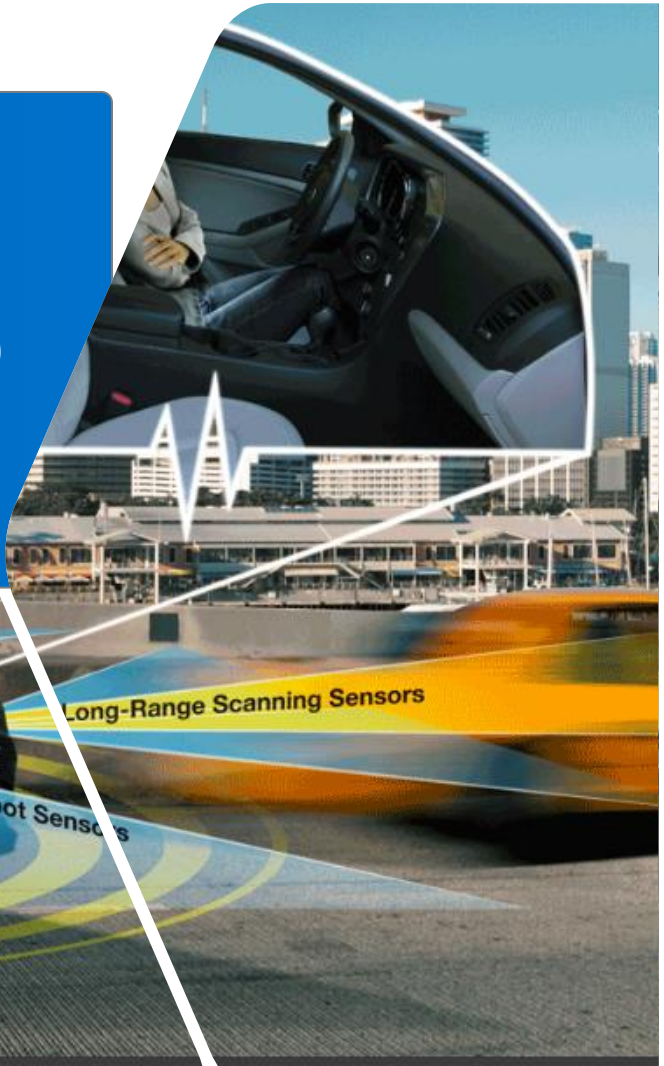
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Range Blind-Spot Sensors

## 1. Leadership

Long-Range Scanning Sensors

Short-Range Blind-Spot Sensors



# State as Convener and Leader

## Advisory Council

- Public-private partnership
- Vision and goal setting

## Interagency CAV Team

- State agency collaboration
- Coordination amongst programs

## Policy Subcommittees

- Technical and policy expertise
- Develop policy and programs
- Public and private involvement



# Other CAV Organizations

## CAV Advisory Council

*Leaders from the auto industry, tech, cybersecurity, business, transit, education, workforce development, insurance, mobility advocacy, labor, safety, active transportation, elder care and tort law set vision for how Minnesota should plan and prepare for CAV.*

## Interagency CAV Team

*State agencies, Met Council, universities, cities, counties and tribes share technical expertise to develop programs to prepare Minnesota for CAV, including testing and deploying CAV and shared mobility technologies.*

### Policy & Technical Advisory Committees



Guidestar Board  
of Directors

Twin Cities Shared  
Mobility  
Collaborative

University of  
Minnesota Center for  
Transportation Studies

County Engineer and  
League of Cities CAV  
Committees



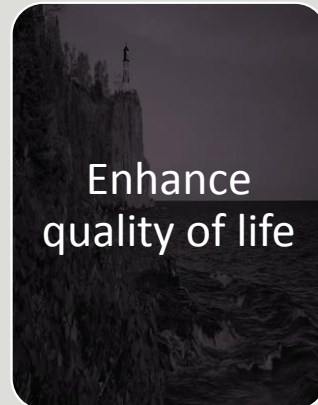
# Statewide Vision

## Vision

*Collaboration that shapes the future of mobility and maximize the potential of transformative transportation technologies to ensure greater safety, access, equity and health for all.*

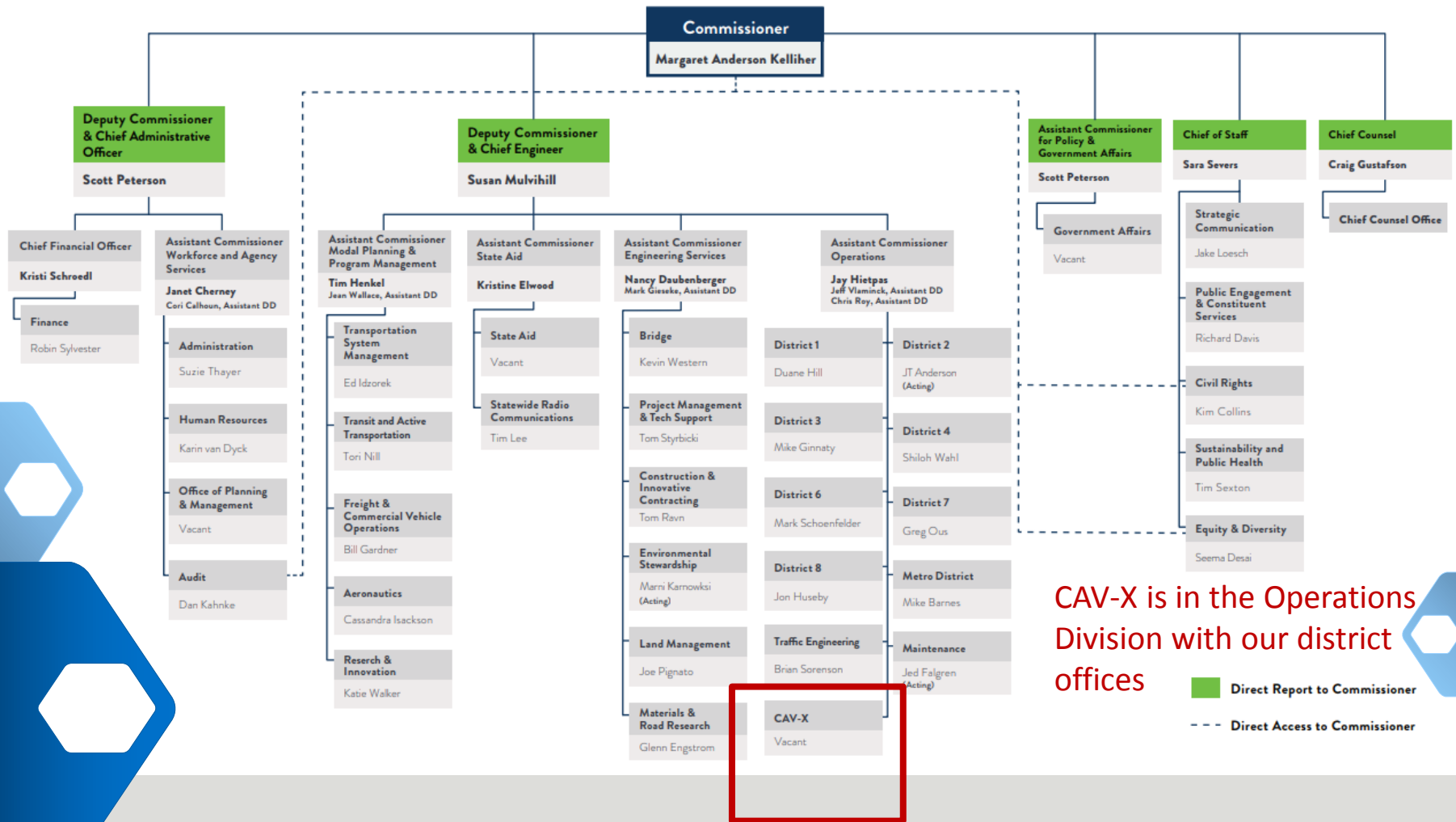
## Mission

*Engage with government, communities, researchers, business and industry to advance policy that prepares the state for connected and automated vehicles and shared mobility.*



\*To be reviewed by next Advisory Council

# MnDOT CAV Structure



CAV-X is in the Operations Division with our district offices

■ Direct Report to Commissioner  
 - - - Direct Access to Commissioner

# MnDOT CAV Coordination & Technical Areas

## CAV-X

Leads Minnesota's CAV program – *Destination CAV* - and represents the state nationally.

## MnDOT CAV Team

MnDOT's internal working group includes all district and technical areas shown below.

## Districts & Specialty Offices

- Transit, Bike & Ped
- Legal
- Freight & Rail
- Research
- Counties and Cities
- Radio
- Finance
- Admin
- HR
- Policy & Planning
- Bridge
- Project Management
- Construction
- Environment
- District Offices
- Right of Way
- Materials and Road Research
- Government Affairs
- Communications & Marketing
- Public Engagement
- Sustainability
- Equity and Diversity

# MnDOT CAV-X Office

## Mission

*To improve quality of life for Minnesotans and support a multimodal transportation system by successfully planning and preparing for emerging transportation technologies.*

Electrical Engineer  
*MnDOT Office of Traffic Engineering*

Information Specialist  
*MnDOT Regional Transportation Management Center/  
Minnesota IT Services*

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Executive Director

Technical Director  
*Engineering & Research*

Innovative Engagement &  
Relationships Director  
*Policy & Planning*

Technical Program  
Manager

Communications &  
Engagement  
Coordinator

Project Management  
& Project Controls

Project Manager  
*Work zones and  
automated fleets*

Project Manager  
*AV shuttles, freight  
and transit*

Project Manager  
*Connected Corridors  
& Smart Cities*

Graduate Engineer  
*ITS and CAV  
Readiness*

## Goals

1. *Educate and engage Minnesota on emerging transportation technologies*
2. *Build relationships and partnerships with stakeholders*
3. *Accelerate policy, research, engineering and deployment of technologies that improve safety*
4. *Remain accountable to the public by effectively using state funds*





## 2. Policy

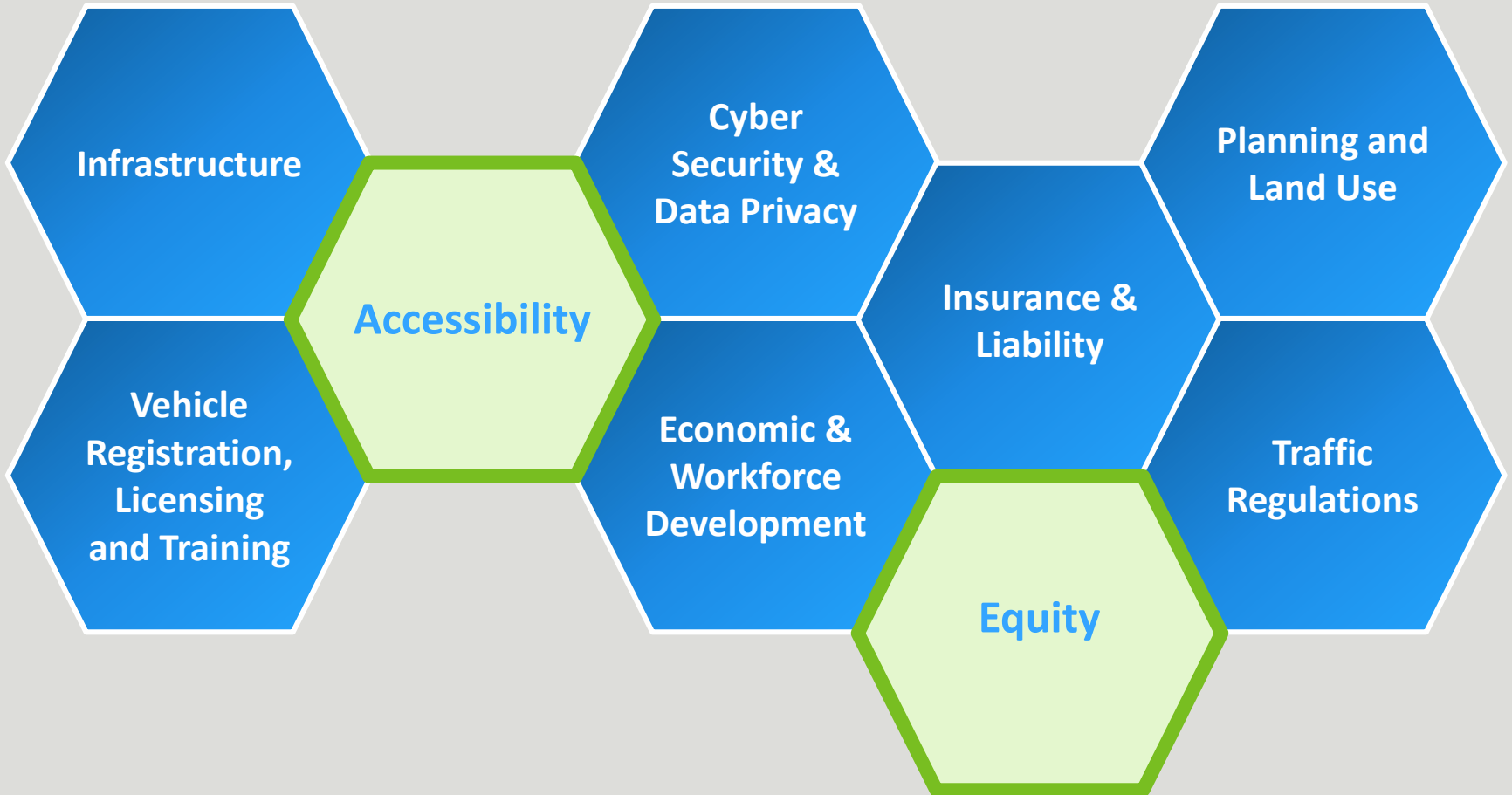
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Labs

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Drive  
WORLD CONFERENCE & EXPO

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# Policy & Technical Committees



# CAV Executive Report Recommendations



“Authorize testing without human drivers”

“Invest in fiber, signals, pavement markings and smart signs”

“Prioritize safety for all users: pedestrians, cyclists, people with disabilities, transit, and others”

“Conduct pilot projects in urban, suburban, rural areas to public can see the tech and guide policy”

“Create a public engagement plan”

# Automated Vehicle Legislation

02/20/19 REVISOR KRB/RC 19-0261 as introduced

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**NINETY-FIRST SESSION** **S.F. No. 2173**

A bill for a

relating to motor vehicles; regulating auton  
penalty; requiring a report; amending Minn

Subd. 3b. Automated driving system. "A

that allows a vehicle to be tested without any

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169

read:

Subd. 29a. Federal motor vehicle safety standards automated vehicle

exemption. "Federal motor vehicle safety standards automated vehicle exemption" means  
an exemption from the United States secretary of transportation from the motor vehicle  
safety standards under the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to

read:

Subd. 34a. Highly automated vehicle. "Highly automated vehicle" means a motor  
vehicle equipped with automated technology with the capability to function without a human  
operator present in the vehicle. A highly automated vehicle does not include a vehicle

**A state task force wants self-driving cars on the road in Minnesota. Legislators aren't so sure**





# Platooning Legislation

## Automated 'platoons' of trucks might soon be driving on Minnesota roads

02/20/19

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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FIRST SESSION

H. F. No. 1995

03/04/2019 Authored by Bernardy, Torkelson, Koznick and Tabke  
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing vehicle platooning systems; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 169.011, by adding subdivisions; 169.18,  
1.4 subdivision 8; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 54b. Platooning system. "Platooning system" means driver-assisted  
1.9 vehicle-to-vehicle technology that integrates electronic communications between and among  
1.10 multiple vehicles to synchronize speed, acceleration, and braking while leaving system  
1.11 monitoring and intervention in the control of each vehicle's human operator.

1.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.011, is amended by adding a subdivision to  
1.13 read:

1.14 Subd. 92a. Vehicle platoon. "Vehicle platoon" means a group of commercial vehicles  
1.15 traveling in a unified manner through use of a platooning system or systems. A vehicle  
1.16 platoon consists of a lead vehicle and following vehicles. Notwithstanding section 169.81,  
1.17 a vehicle platoon may consist of up to three vehicles. A vehicle platoon is not a combination  
1.18 vehicle under this chapter.



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## 3. Planning



# CAV Strategic Plan Focus Areas



Capital Investment

Research

Partnerships

Law and policy

Operations & Maintenance

Multimodal

Strategic Staffing

Communications

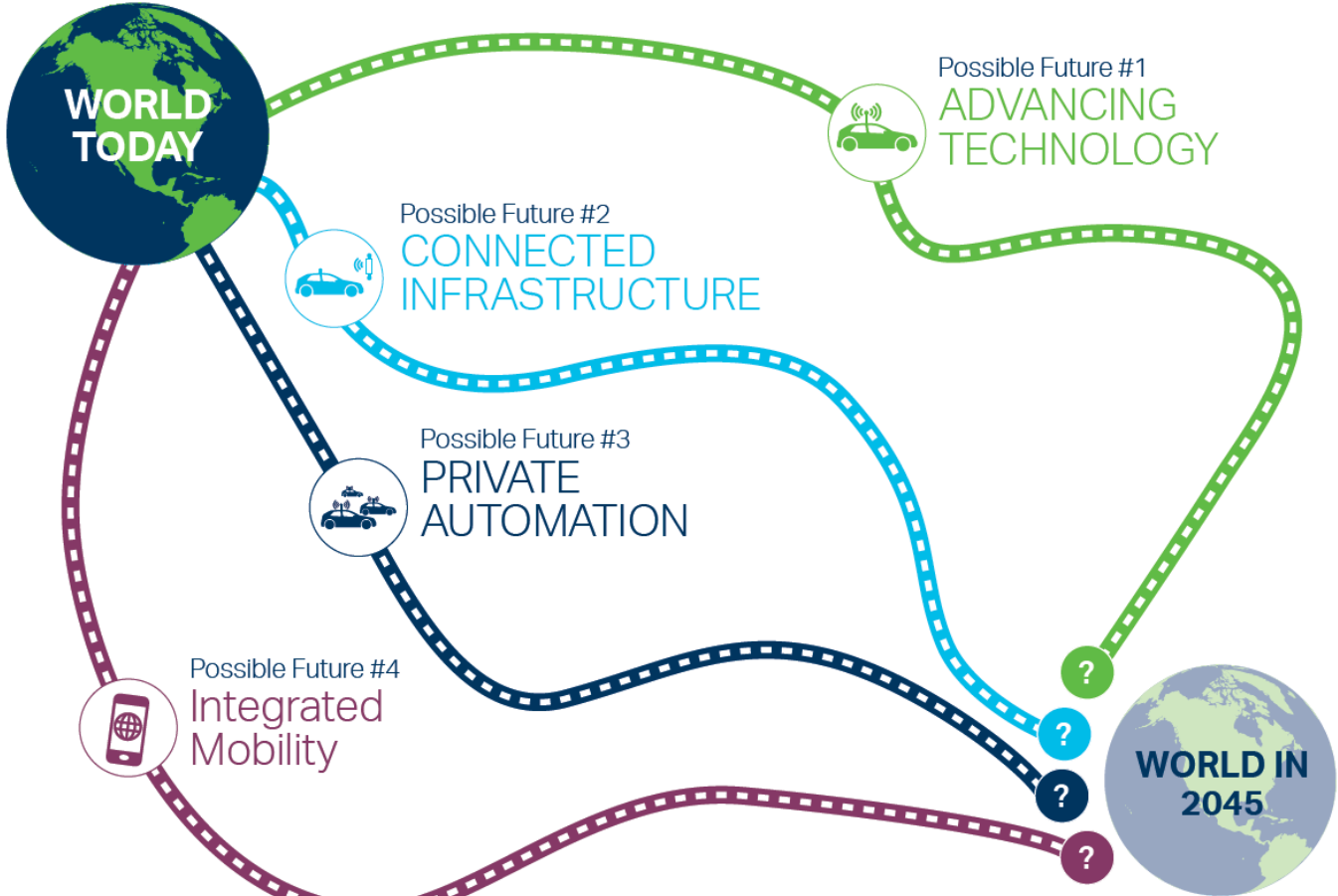
Long-Range Planning

# Planning Process





# Scenario Planning



**? These are possible futures.**  
Any of these could happen. Or none.

# Key Traffic/ITS Assumptions



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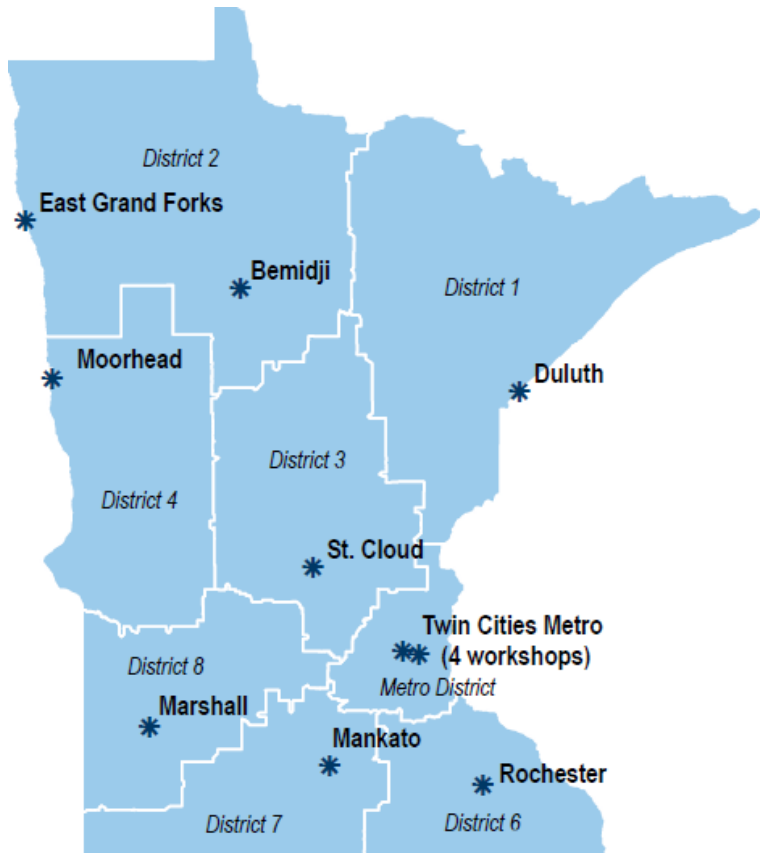
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	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	Scenario 4
CV	15% vehicles	75% of vehicles	50% of vehicles	75% of vehicles
AV	15% Level 3	50% Level 3	75% Level 4+	75% Level 4+
MaaS	5-10% of travel (up to 20% in cities)	5-10% of travel (up to 20% in cities)	50% of travel	75% of travel

Truck platooning common in all. Freight services highly automated in all but Scenario 1

# Scenario Planning Workshop Details

- 12 workshops throughout Minnesota



- Primary audience

- Local agency staff
- MPO/RDO staff
- Elected officials
- Business
- Advocates
- Freight & logistics companies
- Public



# Potential Impacts and Responses

## Impacts



- People Movement
- Goods Movement
- Land Use
- Environmental
- Social
- Political
- Economic
- Equity

## Responses



- Type
  - Incentives
  - Restrictions
  - Investments
- Timing
  - Short/medium/long
- Responsibility
  - Public, Private, Other







# Observations/Recommendations

- Use robust and targeted strategies to reach different audiences when planning for CAV (geographic, ability, etc.), because issues related to CAV may be broadly shared, but many are context sensitive.
- Address equity explicitly, but be cautious to promise benefits without having the tools to ensure they're realized.
- Work to clarify potential costs and identify who would be responsible.



# MnDOT's 3-Pronged Approach to CAV

Strategic Investment



Innovation



Collaboration & Knowledge-Sharing



1

2

3

# Implementation

MnDOT CAV Strategic Plan Focus Areas, Strategies and Recommendations		MnDOT Lead	Initiate	Capital	Staff Effort	Strategic Plan Themes			SOP Goals		
						Strategic Investment	Innovation	Knowledge Sharing	Customer Trust	Workforce Excellence	Operational Excellence
<b>FOCUS AREA 1: CAPITAL INVESTMENT</b>											
<b>► Strategy 1: Assess Connected Vehicle Infrastructure Needs</b>											
1	Assess Communications Infrastructure and Public-Private Partnership Feasibility Study to Support CV Technologies	CAV-X	1 Year	\$\$\$	MED	X			X		X
2	Build Traffic Signal Infrastructure for CV Readiness	Traffic Engineering	1 Year	\$	LOW	X					X
<b>► Strategy 2: Assess and Prepare Pavements and Bridges for CAV</b>											
3	Continue Research Scan of Platooning Impact on Pavements and Bridges	Materials/Bridge	1 Year	\$	LOW	X					X
4	Update Design Standards to Accommodate Platooning	Materials/Bridge	3-5 Years	\$\$\$	MED	X	X				X
5	Develop Truck Platooning Network Plan	CAV-X	1-3 Years	\$\$	MED		X	X	X		X
<b>► Strategy 3: Develop and Implement Enhanced Pavement Marking and Signage Program</b>											
6	Pilot Pavement Marking to Support Automated Vehicles and Human Drivers	Traffic Engineering	1-3 Years	\$\$	HIGH		X		X		X
7	Support Industry in Researching and Advancing Signing to Support CAV	CAV-X	1-3 Years	\$	LOW		X	X	X		X
<b>► Strategy 4: Develop and Implement Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy</b>											
8	Develop EV Infrastructure Deployment Strategy at State Facilities	Sustainability and Public Health	1-3 Years	\$	MED	X	X				X
9	Implement EV Infrastructure Deployment Strategy at State Facilities	Maintenance	1-3 Years	\$\$	MED	X	X		X		X
<b>FOCUS AREA 2: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT</b>											
<b>► Strategy 5: Lead National Research and Innovation</b>											
10	Continue the Minnesota CAV Challenge	CAV-X	1 Year	\$\$\$	MED		X	X	X		X
11	Leverage TRIG and LRRB to Research CAV Long-Term Impacts	CAV-X	1-3 Years	\$\$	LOW			X	X		X
12	Seek Research Panel Assignments Aligned with MnDOT Interests	CAV-X	1-3 Years	\$	LOW			X			X
13	Further Collaborative Research with Minnesota Academic Institutions	CAV-X	3-5 Years	\$\$	MED			X	X		X
14	Research Data Use and Models	CAV-X	1-3 Years	\$\$	HIGH		X	X			X
15	Monitor Research on CAV Dedicated Lanes	RTMC	5+ Years	\$	LOW			X			X

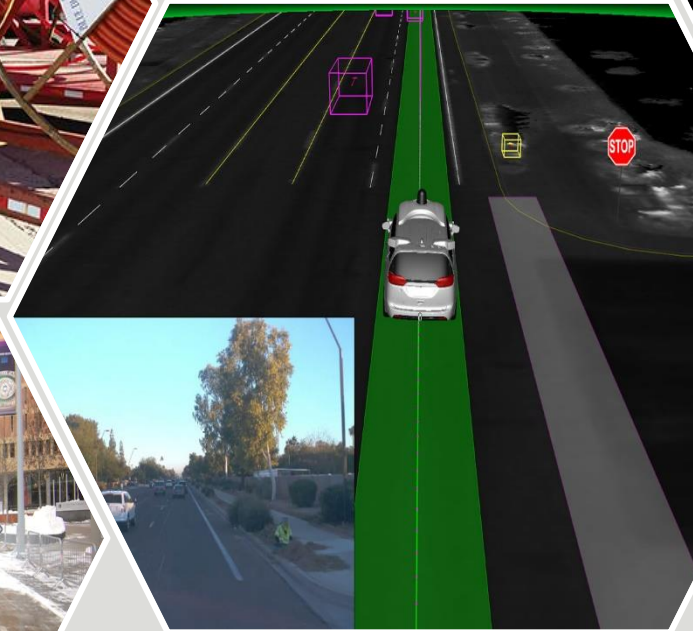






## 4. Programs

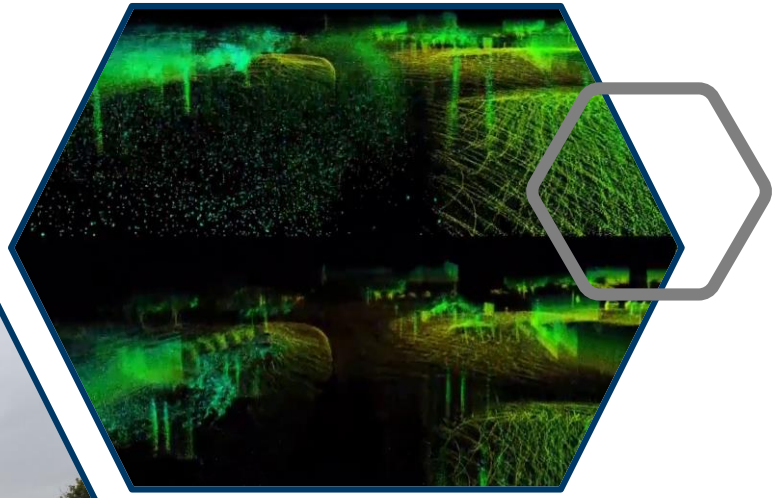
# Infrastructure – Fiber, Markings, RSUs & Signs





# Research – Platooning, Freight, Snow, Detection

**MnROAD**  
Safer, Smarter, Sustainable Pavements Through Innovative Research



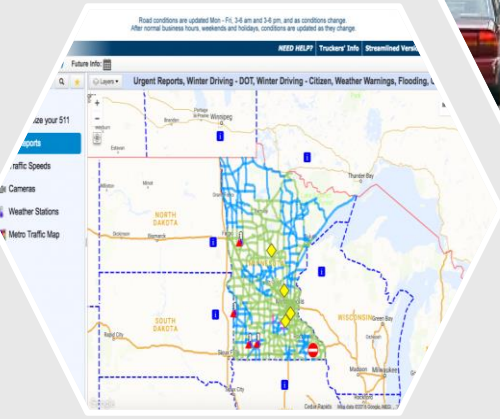
# Partnerships – Minnesota CAV Challenge



TRAFFIC CONTROL CORPORATION



# Operations & Maintenance – Data, Work Zones & Crash Cushions





# Multimodal – Transit, Freight, VRUs





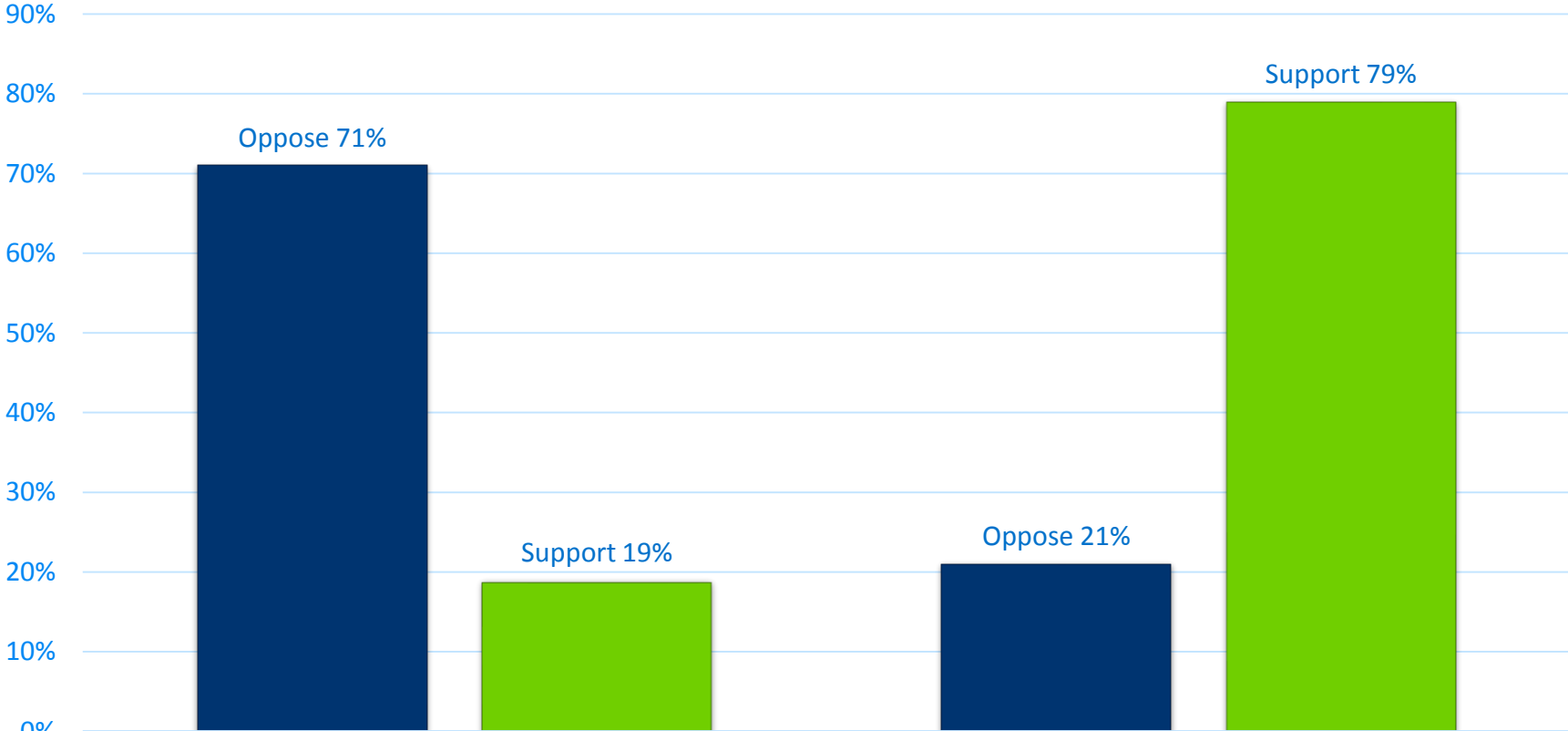
# Communications & Engagement



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# Surveys and Public Education

## Are you afraid to drive in an automated vehicle?



Americans (AAA survey)

Minnesotans (MnDOT survey)



# MAASTO Opportunities

1. Convene quarterly MAASTO calls
2. Convene annual MAASTO CAV summits
3. Develop regional MAASTO priorities
4. Participate in DOT-led TRB Annual Meeting & Automated Vehicle Symposium sessions
5. Create regional, uniform AV deployment laws and programs
6. Develop an inter-regional model for partnerships and grants
7. Develop a regional research gap analysis where each state can fill in gaps - and avoid redundancy - in research





# DESTINATION CAV

THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY  
COMES TO MINNESOTA

Thank you