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The U.S. Department of Transportation Publishes Federal Automated Vehicles Policy

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) and the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) have announced a new [Federal Automated Vehicles Policy](#). This four-part policy includes the Model State Policy developed with significant input by AAMVA's Autonomous Vehicles Working Group. Below you will find our official statement on the policy. Attached is a [fact sheet from DOT](#) about the policy that in addition to the Model State Policy includes elements relating to manufacturers, current and potential federal regulatory authorities, and cybersecurity. The DOT is holding a briefing today at 12:00pm EDT that can be viewed live online at <https://www.transportation.gov/av>. President Obama also published an [Op-Ed in today's Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#).

AAMVA Statement on the U.S. Department of Transportation/NHTSA Automated Vehicles Policy

AAMVA is pleased to see the federal leadership on this issue and welcomes NHTSA's position on the fast-developing field of automated vehicles. This vehicle technology holds the life-changing promise to improve safety and mobility for all citizens. The AAMVA community of Motor Vehicle Administrators and Law Enforcement leaders is proud to be a key partner in these discussions and to have collaborated with NHTSA on the development of the Model State Policy.

AAMVA commends the federal government for recognizing and seriously considering the needs of the states in preparing the Model State Policy. The Policy provides a consistent and standardized approach to regulating highly automated vehicles while simultaneously honoring the flexibility and autonomy of each individual state. Since it was developed in consultation with the AAMVA Autonomous Vehicles Working Group, we hope states will follow the tenets of the Policy when crafting public policy that balances promoting innovation with the regulatory responsibility to uphold public safety.

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