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AAMVA Congratulates Georgia on a Successful S2S Launch

AAMVA congratulates Georgia on successfully implementing the [State-to-State Verification Service](#) (S2S) during the weekend of January 18, 2021 and becoming the 31st participant using the new service. All migration activities have completed on schedule. CDLIS and S2S services are fully operational now. AAMVA would also like to thank volunteer states Delaware and Illinois who assisted with Georgia's migration. Georgia will henceforth be able to use SPEXS to perform its CDLIS and S2S functions. This means, among other things, that Georgia can now also track pointer information related to its base. [Read more here.](#)

FEATURED NEWS

Jurisdiction Response to COVID-19

[Click here](#) to view consolidated information and see how motor vehicle administrations are handling driver licensing and vehicle registration. This document will be updated with the most current information on our [homepage](#).

Motor Vehicle Industry Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

Below is a selection of news articles regarding the effects of coronavirus on the motor vehicle community.

COVID-19 | NATIONAL NEWS COVERAGE

- [AASHTO's Jim Tymon on Transportation and COVID-19, Working with a New Administration, and More](#)
- [Governors, Ford Join To Combat Pandemic-Related Spike in Teen Driving Deaths](#)
- [How To Make Sure Your Documents Are up To Date for the Return of Travel](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccinations in the US: Track Your State \(CSG\)](#)
- [Freight Transportation Undergoing Uneven Recovery, Panel Says](#)
- ['An Unacceptable Outcome': Traffic Deaths Rise in 2020, Even With Fewer People on the Roads](#)

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- [Ask the DMV: Driver's License Renewals Can Be Done Online \(Rhode](#)



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- [Oklahoma Tag Agencies, DPS Experiencing Delays With REAL ID](#)
- [Texas DPS Reminding Public of Ending of Expiration Date Waivers on Driver's Licenses, IDs](#)
- [Study Reveals How Much Time Houstonians Gained Back From Less Pandemic Traffic \(Texas\)](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Appointments at Iowa Drivers' License Offices a Success, State Says](#)
- [With Extension for Expired Licenses and ID Cards Coming To an End, Minnesotans Asked To Make Plans To Renew](#)

COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE

- [Hawaii Representative Proposes Work-From-Home Grant To Cut Down Traffic](#)
- [No-Shows Contribute To Troubles at Nevada DMV Offices](#)
- [DMV To Ask for Four-Year Extension on \\$1 Transaction Fee To Help Fund Shift To More Online Services, System Upgrades \(Nevada\)](#)
- [Senator Will Push Biden, Buttigieg for Vaccine Priority for Food Haulers \(Washington\)](#)

Visit [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for more information on [COVID-19](#), [guidance](#), [press releases](#), [press kits](#), and more.

REGION 1 NEWS

In Farewell, Pollack Says She'll Consider All Transportation Modes in Federal Highway Role (Massachusetts)

"Some people think it's a little odd that I'm headed to [the] Federal Highway [Administration]...But many of you have heard me say that I don't think of people as pedestrians or bicyclists or bus riders or transit users or drivers. I think of them as people who need the transportation system to help connect them to the things they want and need." [Read more at bostonglobe.com](#).

What Does Polly Trottenberg's NYC DOT Tell Us About What She'll Do in DC? (New York)

Polly Trottenberg had a big task ahead of her when she was appointed the commissioner of the city's Department of Transportation in 2014 by Mayor Bill de Blasio...Her seven-year tenure, which ended in November, apparently impressed President Joe Biden, who nominated her to become deputy secretary of the Transportation Department under Pete Buttigieg. [Read more at curbed.com](#).

Lime Begins Trialing Shared Electric Mopeds (Washington, DC)

Lime is adding electric mopeds to its range of rentable vehicles. The company, best known for scooters and bicycles, will start with pilot schemes in Washington, DC and Paris, before expanding to "a handful of cities" sometime this spring. [Read more at finance.yahoo.com](#).

REGION 2 NEWS

Idemia Unveils New Digital ID App for Oklahoma

Augmented identity leader Idemia launched the next generation of Oklahoma's Mobile ID application, a digital version of the state's driving license. The company's new digital identity solution is the result of the latest in a series of partnerships with the state of Oklahoma. The app builds on the state's existing Mobile ID platform and is now available for download for Android and iOS. [Read more at biometricupdate.com](http://biometricupdate.com).

Delectable Deliveries: Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas, Waymo Team up for Cookie Transport

It's Girl Scout Cookie season, and that means it's time for some serious decisions: Thin Mints? Samoas? Trefoils? Tagalongs? All of them?...During this year's "cookie season," thousands of Girl Scouts' signature treats will be transported in south Dallas with the help of autonomous driving tech developer Waymo. The company is currently testing its Class 8 trucks in Texas. [Read more at thetrucker.com](http://thetrucker.com).

Watch: Sheriff's Office Busts Massive Car Theft Operation (Texas)

The Tom Green County Sheriff's Office has recovered a massive number of stolen vehicles on Wednesday during a raid in Grape Creek...The TGCSO seized more than 35 vehicles during the search and VIN numbers will be run on all of the vehicles to verify if they are stolen. [Read more at sanangelolive.com](http://sanangelolive.com).

REGION 3 NEWS

Leaders in Illinois Warn of Scam Involving REAL ID

According to Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Secretary of State Jesse White, scammers are sending unsolicited text messages claiming to be from the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). The message urges people to click on the link to update their driver's license or state ID to meet upcoming federal REAL ID requirements. [Read more at wrex.com](http://wrex.com).

Lower Car Taxes, Hands-Free Cellphone Requirement While Driving Get Public Hearings (Nebraska)

A proposal to lower taxes on motor vehicles ran into opposition from local governments that rely on those taxes, and a proposal to prohibit hands-on cellphone use while driving got a public hearing. Sen. Robert Hilke of Omaha is sponsoring the proposal to lower taxes on motor vehicles. [Read more at netnebraska.org](http://netnebraska.org).

REGION 4 NEWS

Alaska DMV Investigating After Vanity Plates With Nazi Terminology Spotted

Authorities in Alaska launched a review to determine how the Department of Motor Vehicles issued personalized license plates bearing Nazi terminology, a

controversy that led to one elected official being removed from her position on a state human rights commission. [Read more at usatoday.com.](#)

Arizona Department of Transportation Warns of Text Scam

The Arizona Department of Transportation warned drivers about a new texting scam, urging people to discard those messages. The department sent out a tweet Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, saying scammers are sending texts, telling drivers they need to update their licenses. However, ADOT said those texts aren't from the Motor Vehicle Division. [Read more at kold.com.](#)

DMV Recruiting for Deputy Project Director for Modernization Initiative (California)

The California Department of Motor Vehicles' Information Systems Division (ISD) is seeking a deputy project director (IT manager II) to take full responsibility for the strategic coordination of the DMV Technology Modernization Project. [Read more at techwire.net.](#)

Baidu Is the Sixth Company Approved To Test Fully Driverless Cars in California

Baidu has gotten the green light to test fully autonomous vehicles on public roads in California. The Chinese search giant is the sixth company to receive a fully autonomous testing permit from the state's Department of Motor Vehicles (the others being Cruise, Waymo, Nuro, Zoox, and AutoX). [Read more at theverge.com.](#)

Vote on New Colorado Drivers License Design

After over 100 talented Coloradans submitted more than 400 entries in the Iconic Colorado contest, the Colorado Department of Revenue and its Division of Motor Vehicles are ready to put the new license design to a vote. Coloradans can now voice their choice for which design they believe will best represent Colorado on the State's upcoming license redesign. [Read more at heartoftherockiesradio.com.](#)

Road Fatalities up From Last Year but Down Long Term (Saskatchewan)

SGI has released that preliminary numbers show that 87 people lost their lives due to vehicle crashes last year. 1 person losing their life is 1 too many, however, these statistics represent the second-lowest number of road fatalities recorded in a single year in Saskatchewan in the past six decades. [Read more at swiftcurrentonline.com.](#)

Support Grows for Voter ID Law (Wyoming)

For three consecutive sessions, Wyoming lawmakers have contemplated some form of voter identification bill, rejecting last year's version without a hearing on the floor. Casper Republican Rep. Chuck Gray — who fell just two votes short of passing one out of the House of Representatives in 2019 — hopes the third time will be the charm. [Read more at gillette newsrecord.com.](#)

OTHER NEWS

Biden Directs Agencies to Address Climate Change

New directives approved by President Joe Biden in response to climate change set in motion an extensive environmental agenda throughout federal agencies while rolling back Trump-era guidance on permitting. [Read more at tnews.com.](#)

Senate Panel Advances Buttigieg Nomination in 21-3 Vote

The Senate Commerce Committee advanced President Biden's pick to lead the Transportation Department, Pete Buttigieg, with a broad bipartisan vote. The committee voted 21-3 to advance Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Ind., who ran against Biden in the 2020 Democratic presidential primary. [Read more at thehill.com.](#)

Teens Are Speeding – And Dying – On America's Roads, New Report Examines 'Lethal Habit'

Traffic deaths have surged during the Covid-19 pandemic despite fewer drivers on the roads, and speeding is thought to be a major factor. It's too early to know exactly how many of these fatalities involve young drivers, but a new report examined the significant role speeding has played in teen driver fatalities in recent years. [Read more at forbes.com.](#)

Study: The Dangers of Drugged Driving Are Outpacing Drunk Driving

A recent study of drugged driving, by a team of University of Cincinnati researchers, shows that a sizable percentage of individuals reported the use of marijuana and other illicit drugs while operating behind the wheel. [Read more at sciencedaily.com.](#)

Even Top Safety Scores Can't Save Drivers in High-Speed Crashes, Study Shows

Government and independent crash tests that consumers rely on when purchasing a car can be a helpful gauge in comparing the crash performance of one vehicle vs. another. But those tests are conducted at speeds as low as 35 mph and therefore don't reflect the added risk—and the danger—of real-world roadway speeds. [Read more at consumerreports.org.](#)

DHS Launches REAL ID Awareness Campaign

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has begun a new nationwide public awareness campaign, Be Your REAL ID Self to promote awareness of the REAL ID requirements and encourage the public to act before the Oct. 1 full enforcement deadline. [Read more at farmanddairy.com.](#)

Bugatti Cuts Vehicle Weight With Precision 3D Printing

Imagine ultra-lightweight components that are as strong as a reinforced concrete column. Now this is possible, thanks to technology led by innovative Bugatti engineers. A newly developed 3D-printed pushrod – a pressure-loaded coupling rod in the chassis area – weighs 100g and can transmit forces of up to 3.5 metric tons. [Read more at todaysmotorvehicles.com.](#)

General Motors Plans To Exclusively Offer Electric Vehicles by 2035

GM plans to exclusively offer electric vehicles by 2035, ending production of its cars, trucks and SUVs with diesel- and gasoline-powered engines. The

company's "aspirations" are part of a larger plan for the Detroit automaker to be carbon neutral by 2040 in its global products and operations. GM's plan comes a day after President Joe Biden signed a series of executive orders that prioritize climate change. [Read more at cnbc.com](#).

TWITTER NEWS

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community on social media. You may be surprised at what you're missing! Here are a few highlights of last weeks' activity.

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We're excited to announce the opening of our brand new Kemp Mill branch office! The new office, at 1327 Lambertson Drive in Silver Spring, is now open by appt only, replacing the Glenmont office on Georgia Avenue. Read more in our newsroom --> <https://bit.ly/35UFx8F>. #Open4BizMD



[PA Department of Transportation @PennDOTNews](#) | [View the Tweet](#)

Did you know that more than 500 front-line Driver License Center and Welcome Center employees, as well as almost 15,000 transit agency employees, are trained to recognize the signs of #HumanTrafficking? To learn more, visit <http://TraffickingResourceCenter.org>.



[Georgia DDS \(DMV\) @GeorgiaDDS](#) | [View the Tweet](#)

Members of DDS were grateful to accept a donation of 8 ballistic vests from

the GA Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Protect the Protectors Program. The donated vests are a welcome extra level of security for DDS Investigators who travel the state.



CO Dept. of Revenue @CO_Revenue | [View the Tweet](#)

Haven't chosen a favorite design yet? Tune into to our interview with the artist behind Shrine Ridge Trail, one of the designs you can vote for to be placed on the back of the Colorado driver license. Voting ends February 5. To vote, please visit <https://dmv.colorado.gov/iconic-colorado>



Montana Highway Patrol @MTHwyPatrol | [View the Tweet](#)

1/3: Yesterday Trp. Connor Wager responded to a rollover crash south of Emigrant. After arriving on scene, he found a vehicle on its roof with the front end completely submerged in the Yellowstone River. The driver was trapped inside the vehicle & the water was nearly freezing.



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We're celebrating the 4 year anniversary of our BC Parks Plates program!



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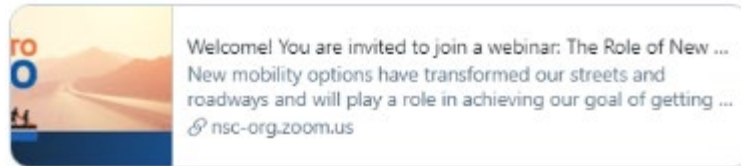
This week, GHSA Executive Director @jraindc joined experts from @RedflexSafety, @NSCsafety & @TTITAMU to talk about how to protect people on our roadways after #COVID19. Thanks to everyone who joined the conversation. Watch the video:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/5994968815806999304>



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Emerging mobility has the power to save lives. Join @RoadtoZeroUS as they host @NUMOalliance on February 18 to learn more:



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