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## OUR EVENTS

MARCH

## AAMVA Chair Jean Shiomoto Speaks at Washington Auto Show



Chair of the AAMVA Board of Directors and Director of the California DMV Jean Shiomoto headlined a panel discussion at the Washington Auto Show, MobilityTalks International. MobilityTalks International is a forum designed for governments from around the world to exchange ideas on best practices related to the emerging trends in transportation surrounding connected and autonomous vehicles. The changing landscape of transportation presents lawmakers and regulators with unique challenges and opportunities that can be more effectively addressed through partnership and collaboration. Also on the panel were Senator Gary Peters from Michigan, Mike Spector of the Wall Street Journal, and DC Deputy Mayor Brian Kenner. For more information, including photos and video from the event, visit [washingtonautoshow.com](http://washingtonautoshow.com)

## REGION I NEWS

## Lax Seat Belt Law Hurts Maryland Highway Safety Rating, Advocates Say

Highway safety in Maryland could be improved with tougher seat belt laws, an advocacy group said Tuesday. The state needs to pass legislation requiring back seat passengers to wear seat belts, according to the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety. [Read the full story at TheDailyRecord.com.](http://TheDailyRecord.com)

## Driver's Licenses for Undocumented New Yorkers? New Legislation Hopes So

Legislation was introduced advocating for driver's licenses for undocumented New Yorkers, even after similar legislation failed 10 years ago. [Read the full story at TWCNews.com.](http://TWCNews.com)

## REGION II NEWS



## SYSTEMS TRAINING

### FEBRUARY

\*Register for any of the following Systems Training sessions [HERE](#).

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- 9** | SPEXS Transactions NIEM (intermediate)
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- 13** | SPEXS Bulk Load (intermediate)
- 14** | CDLIS Improving Data Quality (basic)
- 15** | CDLIS Error Detection and Resolution (intermediate)
- 15** | SPEXS Web UI and Reports (intermediate)
- 16** | SPEXS State Procedures Manual (intermediate)
- 16** | CD12 Negate Out-of-State Conviction
- 28** | PDPS Update Transactions (intermediate)

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## OUR WEBINARS

### FEBRUARY

6, 7, 13, 15, 21, 27 | [How to Fill Out and Send the NMVTIS Change Request Data Form to AAMVA Help](#)

## South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster, Officials Working on Letter to President Trump over Real ID

State leaders say they are sending a letter to President Donald Trump outlining South Carolina-specific concerns related to the controversial Real ID law. [Read the full story at PostandCourier.com.](#)

## Virginia Lawmakers Say Marijuana Possession shouldn't Mean Loss of Driver's License

Virginians convicted of marijuana possession would no longer automatically lose their driver's license for six months under legislation moving through the General Assembly. [Read the full story at TheCannabist.com.](#)

## Ex-Chesapeake Auto Shop Owner Rolled Back Odometers with Help of Norfolk City Employee, Feds Say

Following an extended investigation, the owner of a now-defunct Chesapeake auto shop has been charged with rolling back the odometers of more than 100 vehicles and selling them to unsuspecting buyers. [Read the full story at PilotOnline.com.](#)

## REGION III NEWS

## White Pushes to Expand Organ/Tissue Donor Registry; 16- and 17-Year-Olds Could Become Donors (Illinois)

Secretary of State Jesse White initiated legislation that would allow 16- and 17-year-olds to register for the state's First Person Consent Organ/Tissue Donor Registry when they receive their driver's license or identification card. [Read the SOS press release.](#)

## Minnesota Senate Committee Advances 'Real ID' Compliance Legislation

A state Senate Committee Tuesday moved one step closer to authorizing high security identification for Minnesota drivers that the federal government is requiring after 9/11. [Read the full story at Minnesota.CBSlocal.com](#)

## Lawmakers Scramble Make Missouri Driver's Licenses Compliant

Missourians may not be able to use their driver's licenses to board airplanes next year if state lawmakers don't take steps to make those IDs compliant with federal law. [Read the full story at BolivarMoNews.com.](#)

## WisDOT Issues Two New Specialty License Plates (Wisconsin)

Two new designs, Whitetails Unlimited and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, are the latest additions to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) offering of specialty license plates. Both new specialty plates are available February 1. [Read the DOT press release.](#)

## REGION IV NEWS

## California Lawmakers want Third-Gender Option on IDs

Democratic lawmakers on Thursday introduced a bill supporters say would make California the first state to add a third gender option on state identifying documents. [Read the full story at EastbayTimes.com.](#)

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### OPEN RFPs

Check out AAMVA's [Open RFPs page](#) for potential opportunities.

## Tesla is Testing Self-Driving Cars on California Roads

Tesla Motors Inc. started testing four self-driving cars on California's public roads late last year, a milestone for Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk who is planning an autonomous road trip from Los Angeles to New York by the end of 2017. [Read the full story at DetroitNews.com.](#)

## Bill would Pave Way for Driverless Car Fleets in Nevada

Nevada is one step closer to seeing autonomous vehicles on its roads. The Governor's Office of Economic Development has a bill drafted for the 2017 legislative session that will pave the way for driverless taxicabs, driverless drone cabs and driverless ride-sharing vehicles. [Read the full story at ReviewJournal.com.](#)

## Gov. LePage Favors Complying with Real ID Act (Oregon)

Governor LePage said he is urging the legislature to pass a bill to put Maine in compliance with the federal Real ID Act. The Real ID Act establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. [Read the full story at WCSH6.com.](#)

## House Bill Would Double Wyoming Driver's License Fees

A bill which has passed first reading in the Wyoming House of Representatives would double the current fees for getting a driver's license in the state. [Read the full story at KGAB.com.](#)

## OTHER NEWS

### Self-Driving Cars are Getting Smarter, Reports Show

Self-driving cars — especially those from Waymo — are getting smarter and more street-savvy as they rack up more miles on the road. [Read the full story at SFGate.com.](#)

### Three in Four Americans Don't Think Autonomous Cars Safe: Poll

Public distrust in the safety of autonomous vehicles could stand in the way of such vehicles coming to market, according to a late January study conducted by Deloitte. [Read the full story at Autofocus.ca.](#)

## DID YOU KNOW?

### On Twitter

@AAMVAConnection has been watching the twitter feed and decided to highlight some of the tweets here. Links are provided within most of the tweets, and we have also provided a link to each tweet as well. Note that you do not have to have an account or sign in to Twitter to view the message posts, images associated with the post, and the reach of the message (retweets, favorited, etc.).

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New York's tougher toll scofflaw measure takes effect <http://buff.ly/2k7GjJ1>  
#tollroads



**GHSA @GHSAHQ | [View the Tweet](#)**

Much ado for us on autonomous vehicles! New report coming soon, & AV policy round table this afternoon w/ @AAMVAConnection & @aashtospeaks!



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Over 1/3 of U.S. traffic deaths during Super Bowl Sunday 2015 involved drunk drivers. #DriveSober. <http://tinyurl.com/tipssuperbowl>



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Our friends at @ColoradoDOT are testing out a pay-per-mile system. What do you think of that approach?

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