NMVTIS Participation Management Concept Completes First Phase of Rollout to States

AAMVA is pleased to announce completion of rolling out phase one of the NMVTIS Participation Management Concept (PMC) to states. The PMC consists of two parts. First, the website contains a map and state profiles which have information on a state’s NMVTIS participation status, operating procedures, and contacts. Secondly, the PMC includes reports and system alerts to enhance the effectiveness of state participation. A PMC pilot involving nine states—Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Virginia, and Wyoming—ran from November 2019 to December 2020. Rollout of the first phase includes Massachusetts, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, and Washington. The focus of the first phase is access to the website’s map and state profiles. Full rollout of the website will be accomplished incrementally in five phases, consisting of five to ten states in each phase from June 2021 through Spring 2022. AAMVA will then begin the rollout of the reports and alerts. Further details will be provided. For questions about the PMC rollout, please contact Tom Manuel, AAMVA’s Senior Manager of Business Solutions.

Survey: AAMVA’s Emergency Resilience and Response Working Group Needs Your Input

The Emergency Resilience and Response Working Group is working to create a toolkit and best practices document to support jurisdictions in preparing for and responding to disasters and crises. In order to identify areas and topics where resources would be most valuable to members, the group is conducting a survey to obtain information on jurisdictions’ experiences in recent emergencies. Please take the Emergency Resilience and Response survey by July 30, 2021 to assist the group with their assessment. Click here to take the survey. For questions, please contact Kristen Shea.

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 | REGION 1 NEWS COVERAGE**

- Maryland Hits Milestones Across Transportation Network As Highway, Airport And Port Numbers Approach Pre-Pandemic Levels
- ‘Soonest he could get was December’: Delays for CDL testing may impact school bus drivers (Maryland)
- 30 Days Left to Renew Driver’s Licenses, Permits & ID Cards That Expired During the State of Emergency (Maryland)
- Registry Announces Southbridge, Easthampton and Lowell Service Centers Will Open on August 2 for Customers Who Make Appointments (Massachusetts)

**COVID-19 | REGION 3 NEWS COVERAGE**

- COVID-19 Case at Springfield Driver Services Facility Closes Office for Two Weeks (Illinois)
- REAL ID Deadline Pushed to May 2023 (Indiana)

**COVID-19 | REGION 4 NEWS COVERAGE**

- Driver’s License and State ID Extension Expires Aug. 6 (Hawaii)

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

**REGION 1 NEWS**

**Maryland MDOT Mobile Bus Resumes Services in August**
The Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's Mobile Bus is resuming services in August by appointment only. Days and hours will vary at each location, with 320 monthly appointments at the Chestertown and Friendship Heights sites and 160 monthly appointments in Ocean City. Appointments can be made through the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's scheduling system. [Read more at wrde.com](http://wrde.com).

**Maryland’s Motor Vehicle Administration Headquarters Evacuated After Gas Leak**
The headquarters of the Motor Vehicle Administration in Maryland was evacuated Thursday morning because of a gas leak, and appointments the rest of the day were canceled. Anne Arundel County Fire said a crew working outside the Glen Burnie building struck a high-pressure gas line around 10:30 a.m. [Read more at wtop.com](http://wtop.com).

**Self-Driving Cars Confront a Daunting New Challenge: New York City Streets**
For the past few weeks, an inconspicuous white Ford has traversed New York City avenues, showcasing the type of tech that may one day take over more tasks from human drivers. Unknown to motorists and pedestrians, the vehicle intuitively slowed to avoid collisions with aggressive drivers. It yielded tojaywalkers weaving between traffic and swerved around delivery trucks parked in the middle of busy streets. It sailed across bridges leading to Manhattan’s bustling city center at various times of the day. All of that happened without a driver intervening. [Read more at washingtonpost.com](http://washingtonpost.com).
Fines For 'Distracted Walking' Under Consideration In PA
Distracted drivers in Pennsylvania face fines for not paying attention behind the wheel, but there is no penalty for distracted walkers. That soon could change, as a pending bill in the state House would establish fines for pedestrians whose concentration lapses when crossing the street. Read more at patch.com.

Study: 1 In 5 Pennsylvanians Admit To Using Social Media While Driving
If you are tweeting in traffic, you are not alone. A new study found one in five Pennsylvania drivers admit to using social media behind the wheel. The study, conducted by Gunther Volkswagen, also found 16 percent of drivers in the Keystone State admit to taking selfies while driving. Read more at pittsburgh.cbslocal.com.

PennDOT Hosting Job Fairs to Fill Positions
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) will host several job fairs in northwestern Pennsylvania in the coming weeks. People interested in a career with PennDOT can attend to learn more about available opportunities, get answers to questions and receive help with applications. Read more at erienewsnow.com.

PennDOT Promotes Commercial Truck Safety
Today, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association held a press conference to discuss commercial truck safety and best practices for drivers when they encounter them on the road. Read more at fox56.com.

Volume of Potential Mobile County Data Breach Looks ‘Significant,’ Expert Says (Alabama)
The potential hit inflicted on Mobile County government computer systems two months ago appears “significant,” according to a cybersecurity expert. Mobile County government officials acknowledged for the first time Friday that the May 24 cyberattack may have compromised sensitive employee information. Read more at fox10tv.com.

Georgia Continues County Expansion of Self-Service Vehicle Kiosk Program
The Georgia MV Express kiosk program, provided by Intellectual Technology, Inc., has recently added 15 more Georgia counties and plans to install an additional 12 new kiosks into current and newly joined counties for its motor vehicle kiosk program. Installing kiosks in grocery stores has proven to be widely popular with Georgia residents, as 45 of the kiosks are installed in Georgia Kroger stores, and installations within Publix Supermarkets in Dougherty, Lowndes, and Muscogee Counties coming soon. Read more on prnewswire.com.

Unusually Crisp License Photo Leads to Identity Theft Discovery in Oklahoma
An unusually crisp driver's license photo led to an identity theft discovery a week ago in Tulsa, leaving an Oklahoma man scrambling to get it sorted out. It was a nightmare scenario for Perry Allison. Someone stole his identity, creating a driver's license with his name on it and tried to open multiple lines of credit with it. He said the first one that caught the fraud was a bank he
didn’t even use. The person behind this took a random picture and put it on an Oklahoma driver’s license and only changed a few details on it before hitting the banks to make his move. Read more at kfor.com.

Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt Announces Head Of Real ID Task Force
Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt has announced the formation of a Real ID Task Force as the state tries to work on the severe backlog in appointments. On Thursday he tapped former Oklahoma Tax Commission Executive Director Jay Doyle to step in to spearhead the initiative. Read more at newson6.com.

How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of Catalytic Converter Theft (Texas)
As catalytic converter thefts increase, local authorities have offered tips to help drivers avoid becoming the next victim. Stealing a catalytic converter can usually happen in just a few minutes with a cordless saw or wrench, according to the Dallas County Sheriff’s Department. Read more at nbcdfw.com.

Car Scam Alert: Houston Buyers Out Thousands After Getting Tricked Into Buying Stolen Vehicles (Texas)
Investigators with the Harris County Sheriff’s Office tell KHOU 11 News it’s not just stolen cars on the rise, but also a growing number of innocent people buying them. The problem being fueled by a nationwide problem: used cars are becoming hard to find and prices are through the roof. So detectives say more people are looking for used cars online and crooks are taking full advantage. Read more at khou.com.

Clever Road Signs Promote Safer Driving in Virginia
Ludacris, Valentine’s Day, and the Star-Spangled Banner may not seem to have much in common – but apparently, they’re all helping keep drivers safe in Virginia. The reason being—all three were topics on changeable message signs that appear to be working. Read more at fox5dc.com.

Virginia Hits Gas Pedal on Plans to Fund Infrastructure with Mileage-Based Fees
Virginia is reconsidering the future of funding for transportation infrastructure, as the rise of electric and more fuel-efficient vehicles has cut into the gas tax revenue that helps pay for those projects. One option the Commonwealth has started pursuing is a “mileage-based user fee” that drivers would pay depending on how much or little they travel. Drivers could opt into the voluntary system in lieu of paying a mandatory highway use fee that first took effect on July 1, 2020. Read more at tysonsreporter.com.

Driver’s License and ID Card Expiration Dates Extended (Illinois)
Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver’s licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional five months — from Aug. 1, 2021, to Jan. 1, 2022. The new Jan. 1, 2022, extension also includes expiration dates that will occur between July and December of this year. Read more at pontiacdailyleader.com.
Wrong-Way Driving on Iowa Highways Prompts $1.7M Safety Investment
An Iowa Department of Transportation traffic safety engineer has spent about a decade researching how to decrease the number of wrong-way driving incidents on highways. The department is now allocating $1.35 million in fiscal year 2021 money it received through the Federal Highway Administration to implement the solutions Traffic & Safety Engineer Willy Sorensen developed. Strategic Communications Director Andrea Henry told The Center Square in an email that $300,000 in state funds reserved for Intelligent Transportation Systems will be used to purchase and install 60 wrong way driver detection cameras. Read more at thecentersquare.com.

REGION 4 NEWS

California Dreaming: How the Golden State Is at the Forefront of the Electric Vehicle Revolution
Our special series "California Dreaming" takes a look at the issues that are threatening the California Dream, and the people working to keep the dream alive. With the automotive industry going through an electric vehicle revolution, the Golden State is leading the way. For years, there have been plans to phase out gasoline-powered cars, but the effort picked up speed with Gov. Gavin Newsom’s executive order in September calling for 100% of in-state sales of new cars and trucks to be zero-emission by 2035. The order puts California at the forefront and on the road to an electric vehicle future. Read more at abc7news.com.

CDOT Launches Campaign to Keep Motorcyclists Safe and Drivers Alert (Colorado)
The Colorado Department of Transportation launched a new campaign aimed at reminding drivers to look out for motorcycles on the roads. After seeing a new record in motorcycle deaths in 2020, CDOT says this year's deaths are down 18 percent. To date, there have been 59 motorcycle fatalities in 2021. Read more at krdo.com.

Tesla’s ‘Full Self Driving’ Push Is Okay In California—Because It’s Not Real Self-Driving
If a car company tells people they can sign up to add a feature to their vehicle dubbed “full self driving” it’s reasonable to expect future road trips will be handled solely by the car, allowing a human behind the wheel to nap, eat, read or just sit back and enjoy the ride. When it comes to Tesla Full Self Driving, or FSD, that assumption is incorrect—and also means the U.S. state that buys the most Teslas likely won’t bar a new subscription program for the feature. That’s because Tesla FSD, despite the name, is an advanced driver assistance system, not Waymo-style robotaxi technology that requires approval for use on California roads. Read more at forbes.com.

Reviver Gets Its Digital License Plates Into Southern California’s Galpin Motors Dealerships
Granite Bay digital license plate company ReviverMX Inc. has gotten its plates into a Southern California auto group that operates some of the highest-volume dealerships in the country. Under an agreement, some high-end auto brands of Los Angeles-based Galpin Motors will sell cars with Reviver’s Rplates on new vehicles, Reviver CEO Robert Wood told the Business Journal. Read more at bizjournals.com.

Colorado DMV Adds Trio of Online Services, Giving Drivers More Reasons to Skip the Trip
The Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is pleased to announce the addition of three new online services to myDMV.Colorado.gov:

- Upload and pay a traffic citation, or ticket
- Obtain their vehicle record online
- Request a hearing

The new services, which are available now, give Coloradans even more reasons to skip the trip to the DMV and use its online offerings to save some time and travel hassle. Read more at alamosanews.com.

Saskatchewan Police Issue 490 Tickets Related to Seatbelt Offences in June: SGI
Saskatchewan police issued 490 tickets in June to drivers and passengers for either not wearing a seatbelt, wearing it wrong or having children not properly restrained to their seat. Read more at globalnews.ca.

OTHER NEWS

Every City's Drivers Have Quirks. Studying Them Could Make Self-Driving Cars Work Anywhere
To understand why it's so hard to make a car that drives itself, pay attention to how people cross the street next time you travel. In Los Angeles, pedestrians wait for the walk sign. In San Francisco, some do, and some don't. In Pittsburgh or Chicago, don't expect a car to stop just because someone's entering a crosswalk. In Palo Alto, sticking out a toe will often prompt an oncoming car to stop. Read more at bakersfield.com.

New Algorithm May Help Autonomous Vehicles Navigate Narrow, Crowded Streets
Autonomous vehicle researchers have tackled navigating a crowded, narrow street, with cars parked on both sides, and not enough space for vehicles traveling in both directions to pass each other. Read the full story at sciencedaily.com.

Why Are Pedestrian Deaths at Epidemic Levels?
The United States is an extremely auto-centric nation. In even the most urban areas, it is often difficult to live without access to a personal automobile. Multilane highways cut through dense neighborhoods, dividing residents from amenities and turning a run to the convenience store into a death-defying race. For many Americans, this is just the way the world works. For years, transportation consultant and writer Angie Schmitt has tried to pick apart why it works that way and how the U.S. could become a less car-centric and less dangerous place. Read more at governing.com.

FMCSA Urges Basic Safe Driving Behaviors by Truckers, Other Motorists
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration urges truckers and others to focus on safe driving techniques as the number of vehicles on the nation's highways expands during the summer vacation travel season following 2020's COVID-19 slowdown. Read more at truckersnews.com.

U.S. Department of Transportation Releases Report on Smart Cities and Communities
The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) has released the Putting People First – Smart Cities and Communities report. The report covers the benefits, goals, challenges, and success factors associated with smart cities.
and communities (SC&C) and gives a glimpse of the path forward. Read more at its.dot.gov.

**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.

*EndDD.org*
@end_dd

What parents cite as the biggest deterrent for #DistractedDriving? Hearing their kids say that they felt scared when a parent used a phone while driving.

Full report from @NSCsafety: ow.ly/TUS050FAgVv

#DistractedDriving #EndDD #SafetyTips

![NEARLY ALL PARENTS REDUCE THEIR DISTRACTED DRIVING WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?version=html&message_id=20591256&contentType=MailMessage)

- 44% decrease in manipulating GPS devices
- 34% decrease in using music or apps
- 21% decrease in checking notifications.
KSP has joined forces with @ISPHeadquarters @OSHP @PASatePolice @MichStatePolice & @WVStatePolice to enforce the #MoveOver law. Pls MOVE over when you see emergency responders working. Just like you, they want to make it home to their families each night #6StateTrooperProject

Consumer Alert 🚨 GM Issues New Recall, Safety Instructions for 2017-19 Chevrolet Bolt Vehicles: Owners urged to limit charging capacity, park away from structures, charge after every use


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Governor Northam Launches #YourSayVA Digital Town Hall on Speeding and Summer Travel Safety Campaign; Virginians are encouraged to participate through August 13

Governor Northam launches #YourSayVA Digital Town Hall ...
Governor Ralph Northam today announced a new summer travel safety campaign and survey designed to engage ...
governor.virginia.gov
ICYMI: @GovernorVA & the Executive Leadership Team on Highway Safety launched the “Don’t Speed Thru Summer. Make it Last.” speeding & summer travel safety campaign.

Learn more & participate in the #YourSayVA Digital Town Hall today ➡️ bit.ly/3xRshJd

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