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U.S. DOT Announces Updated Policy on Autonomous Vehicles

Today, U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx unveiled new policy that updates the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) 2013 preliminary policy statement on autonomous vehicles. This announcement was made at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit in conjunction with a commitment of nearly \$4 billion over the next 10 years to accelerate the development and adoption of safe vehicle automation.

AAMVA is specifically mentioned in the announcement as a partner, along with NHTSA, states, and other stakeholders, to develop a model state policy on automated vehicles. The new policy is designed to facilitate and encourage the development and deployment of technologies with the potential to save lives. NHTSA will use all available tools to determine the safety potential of new technologies; to eliminate obstacles that would prevent or delay technology innovations from realizing that safety potential; and to work with industry, governmental partners at all levels, and other stakeholders to develop or encourage new technologies and accelerate their adoption where appropriate.

Within six months, NHTSA will propose guidance to industry on establishing principles of safe operation for fully autonomous vehicles (vehicles at Level 4 on the scale established in NHTSA's 2013 preliminary policy statement). AAMVA will keep members apprised of progress toward the guidance.

The full [DOT announcement](#).

The complete [policy guidance](#).

[NHTSA's 2013 Policy](#).

