Transportation options are evolving and a trending hot topic has emerged; the dockless electric scooter (e-scooter) sharing industry has rapidly launched in cities across North America. With the expansion of mobility options comes complex issues to be considered by regulators. The regulations for this type of transportation is commonly made at the city or municipality level. However, this raises the question as to which level the regulations should be made: At the jurisdiction level or at the local level? AAMVA’s new Electric Dockless Scooters Whitepaper addresses challenges and considerations related to this new, disruptive form of transportation. For questions regarding AAMVA’s stance on E-Scooters, please contact Casey Garber, Manager, Vehicle Programs.

Oregon Conducts NMVTIS Transactions Online
AAMVA is very pleased to announce that Oregon implemented online updates and inquiry in NMVTIS. Oregon is fully participating in NMVTIS and its vehicle data is now available. Congratulations, Oregon! For more information about NMVTIS federal compliance requirements, please contact Tom Manuel, Senior Program Manager.

AAMVA Congratulates Utah on a Successful S2S Launch
AAMVA congratulates Utah on successfully implementing State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) during the weekend of January 26, 2019 and becoming the 21st 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 Maine and Wyoming who assisted with Utah’s migration. North Carolina is scheduled to begin using S2S on February 11, 2019. Other jurisdictions will also begin using S2S in the upcoming months and AAMVA looks forward to supporting them during their onboarding process. Read more here.

Missouri to Join State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)
Missouri will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, March 25th. Tasks related to on-boarding Missouri will be conducted during the weekend of March 23rd. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday
Jean Shiomoto, Retires as Director of the California DMV

Jean Shiomoto, former Director of the California DMV and Chair of the AAMVA International Board was honored last week at a retirement party in Sacramento. Several of Jean’s former staff expressed their appreciation for the support Jean had given them, shared many fond memories and wished her well. United States Senator Dianne Feinstein sent a US flag that was flown over the Capital Building in DC on December 31st, which was the last day Jean served in her position. Senator Kamala Harris sent a letter thanking Jean for her service and wishing her well. Cathie Curtis, AAMVA’s Director of Vehicle Programs, also attended, presented Jean with a gift, thanked her for the leadership she provided to AAMVA and the International Board, and wished her well from the entire AAMVA community. Many other organizations such as Donate Life also wished her many happy years of retirement.

ATPA and MDPEA Working Groups Meet

The Auditing Third Party Agents (ATPA) working group and the Managing Data Privacy and External Access (MDPEA) working group both held their kickoff meeting in New Orleans, LA on January 22 and 23, 2019. Each group met individually to discuss the tasks assigned to them and begin the initial steps in drafting best practice documents. In addition to the individual meetings, the working groups also met jointly for a half day.

The ATPA working group has been tasked with drafting a document to provide guidance on administering and auditing third parties and vendors who process on behalf of jurisdiction agencies. The working group intends to draft a best practice document to address standard performance expectations, the language that should be included in contracts or memorandums of understandings (MOU) including how to protect data, and put audit processes in place when using a third party agent. Third Party CDL transactions are out of scope for this working group.

The MDPEA working group is developing a best practice guide for jurisdictions to protect driver and vehicle records, provide access and authorize usage consistent with law, and apply effective and efficient approaches to internal and external audit...
The demand for privacy protection and records management is an ever-expanding challenge to jurisdiction leaders, as it is further compounded by significant leaks or breaches of federal and corporate databases and current federal and jurisdiction laws governing personally identifiable information (PII). To address these challenges the MDPEA working group will examine the myriad of issues and identify best practices for protecting driver and vehicle records.

Both working groups plan to hold their next face-to-face meeting in August 2019.

**RFQ Announcement: Demographic and Technological Trends Impacting the DMV of the Future**

The Transportation Research Board has entered into a partnership with AAMVA. With funding from AAMVA, TRB will be managing a project on how current technological and social trends are likely to evolve over time and how they will affect the future operation of Motor Vehicle Departments. [Read more here.](#)

**Members Needed for IDEC Executive Board from Region 2 and Region 3**

AAMVA is looking for one Region 2 and one Region 3 jurisdiction representative to serve on the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Executive Board. The IDEC Executive Board is directly responsible for maintaining and distributing new and revised IDEC materials to the AAMVA members. These include both commercial, non-commercial and motorcycle examiner testing materials. The IDEC Executive Board will meet face-to-face at least twice a year, as well as via conference call or webinar as the work load requires. Applicants need to come from an IDEC accredited jurisdiction and are required to attend and actively participate in all Executive Board meetings, assist in all Board activities, and be the liaison between the AAMVA member jurisdictions in your Region. Applicants should have or have had driver examination experience. If you are interested in applying for the IDEC Executive Board, please [complete the application](#) and return it to committees@aamva.org by January 31, 2019. If you have any questions about IDEC, please contact Denise Hanchulak, Program Director, Certification & Standards.

**This Week's Webinars**

**NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature**

Tuesday, January 29, 2019, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

Before a jurisdiction issues a title or other ownership document or record, the SWI can provide information to help the jurisdiction determine whether the ownership documentation presented with the application are valid. The information supports jurisdictions’ titling processes for both new and used vehicles. The Anti-Car Theft Act requires each jurisdiction to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a title to an applicant claiming to have purchased the vehicle from an individual or entity in another jurisdiction. The SWI VIN search feature can be used to satisfy this legal requirement. In addition, the NMVTIS best practice is that jurisdictions perform an inquiry before issuing a title or other ownership document or record, whether or not the applicant claims to have purchased the vehicle in another jurisdiction.

Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.
Responses received from AL, CT, DE, FL, ID, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MT, NC, NE, NJ, NM, OR, PA, RI, SD, UT, VA.

**Real ID Adoption Rate** (Ends 02/12/2019) Responses received from CO, FL, IA, IL, IN, KY, MD, ME, MS, NE, NH, NJ, SC, SD, TN, TX.

**Materials to Produce Driver’s Licenses** (Ends 02/13/2019) Responses received from CO, FL, IA, IL, IN, KY, MD, ME, MI, MS, NC, NE, NH, NM, NY, SC, UT, VA.

**Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements** (Ends 02/11/2019) Responses received from CA, CO, CT, FL, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, ME, MI, MS, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA.

**DMV Staffing** (Ends 01/31/2019) Responses received from FL, IA, ID, KY, LA, ME, NC, NE, NJ, OH, SD, WA, WI.

**DMV Web Portal for Law Enforcement** (Ends 01/31/2019) Responses received from AR, CT, DE, IA, ID, MD, ME, NC, NM, ON, RI, SC, SD, TN, VA.

**Driver Training Curriculum Teaching Materials** (Ends 02/12/2019) Responses received from AR, AZ, BC, CA, CO, FL, GA, ID, IL, KS, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MS, NC, NE, NL, NM, PA, TX, VA.

**Salvage** (Ends 02/12/2019) Responses received from AL, CT, DE, FL, ID, IN, KY, LA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MT, NC, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, SC, SD, TX, UT.

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the [survey tool](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=16553193&user_id=AAMVA&frames=no). Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

**NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (Web Service Version) – Part 2**

**NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (AMIE Version) – Part 2**

**Digital License Plates Now Available as Option for Arizona Motorists**

Technology buffs have a new Arizona license plate option available to them with the introduction of electronic digital plates. For over a year, the Arizona Department of Transportation has tested this technology on a limited number of its fleet vehicles throughout the state to determine operational capabilities and endurance under multiple weather conditions. The plates, called Rplate Digital License Plates, are LTE wireless connected devices similar to a tablet. The license plate number is constantly displayed, and the technology allows for added messages such as 'invalid,' 'stolen' and other notifications if needed. Read more here.

**First Seven-Day Suspension Handed out for Using a Smartphone While Driving (Manitoba)**

A 60-something driver holds the dubious distinction of becoming the first person to receive a seven-day driver licence suspension for using a smartphone while driving. Manitoba’s new distracted driving laws took effect November 1. The driver’s first offence occurred in late November, resulting in an automatic three-day driver licence suspension. His second offence took place in early January in Portage la Prairie. In total, nearly 300 drivers have been suspended since the new law came into effect. A second offence, coming within a 10-year period, results in a seven-day driver licence suspension. Read more here.

**Maryland State Police Joins ‘ADAPT’ Initiative to Address Aggressive Driving**

The Maryland State Police are among the law enforcement agencies in the state this month who are participating in an initiative to raise additional awareness about aggressive driving. Troopers are participating in the state’s ADAPT – Aggressive Drivers Are Public Threats – initiative. The ADAPT Program is an aggressive driving enforcement campaign designed to curb dangerous behaviors and make Maryland roads safer for everyone. ADAPT combines education and law enforcement as part of Maryland’s Toward Zero Deaths program, which is charting the course to reach the goal of zero roadway fatalities. Read more here.
Ontario Government Supports Innovation and Growth in Automated Vehicle Industry
As one of the actions in the recent package to create jobs by eliminating red tape and burdensome regulations, Ontario has updated its Automated Vehicle Pilot program to allow for more testing of emerging technologies and to support future sales of the next generation of autos. Ontario will allow vehicles equipped with higher levels of automation — Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Level 3 technology — to be driven on Ontario roads once they are eligible for purchase in Canada. Ontario will also permit pilot participants to test driverless automated vehicles and connected truck platoons on roads, under strict conditions. Read more here.

Texas to Form Connected and Automated Vehicle Task Force
Texas Department of Transportation announced today it is going to create a Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) Task Force to become a central point for CAV advancement in Texas. The task force is designed to be a one-stop resource for information and coordination on all ongoing CAV projects, investments and initiatives in Texas. In addition to documenting public and private entity efforts and facilitating partnerships, the CAV Task Force will host industry forums and report lessons learned to facilitate progress and encourage greater collaboration. Read more here.

Virginia Vehicle Inspection Stickers Redesigned
The Virginia State Police Safety Division is rolling out a newly-designed vehicle safety approval inspection sticker that now includes a traffic safety message. Effective Jan. 1, 2019, all certified Virginia inspection stations began issuing the sticker which has been reduced from 2.75 inches in height to 2 inches and from 4 inches in length to 3 inches. The year of expiration is now permanently affixed to the right side of the sticker, with the only insert being the month of expiration. Even though the overall size has been reduced, the month has been enlarged to provide better visibility. Read more here.

Federal Government Reopened Through February 15
The United States Congress and the Trump Administration have come to an agreement to reopen the shuttered portions of the federal government through February 15th. As part of this agreement, the House of Representatives and the Senate would confer on the details of a fiscal year 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations measure. The short-term continuing resolution would also provide federal workers with back pay for time missed during the shutdown.

Distracted Driving: Cellphone Interactions Up 57 Percent Over Prior Survey (IIHS)
Manipulating a cellphone was a contributing factor in more than 800 crash deaths on U.S. roads during 2017 amid a marked increase in the percentage of drivers observed interacting with cellphones, new IIHS research indicates. The estimated number of deaths, however, still represents a fraction of the overall crash death toll. Virginia drivers observed in a 2018 IIHS roadside survey were 57 percent more likely to be manipulating a cellphone than drivers in a 2014 survey. The percentage of drivers observed manipulating a phone rose from 2.3 percent in 2014 to 3.4 percent in 2018. At the same time, drivers were less likely to be seen simply holding a cellphone or talking on a hand-held phone than in the prior...
survey. The finding is consistent with research indicating that drivers are talking on hand-held phones less and fiddling with them more often than in recent years. Read more here.

**Study Shows Distracted Driving is Changing, but Risks Remain**

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) thanks the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) for conducting ongoing research to better understand the prevalence of distracted driving and its role in traffic crashes. IIHS’ study validates what all drivers see every day: the pervasive use of wireless devices behind the wheel. Further, additional national data supports the finding that rather than making voice calls, more drivers are now manipulating smartphones to text, use apps or access the Internet. Read more here.