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**Memorandum to:** AAMVA Members

**From:** Heidi Francis, Assistant Deputy Minister,  
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**Re: Ontario's Pilot Regulation to Test Automated  
Vehicles**

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Ontario is pleased to announce that we are implementing a 10-year pilot program and regulatory framework that would permit on-road testing of automated vehicles (AVs) under certain conditions to start on January 1, 2016.

As you may know, automated vehicles is an area of ongoing priority for the ministry, as laid out in the Ontario [Minister of Transportation's mandate letter](#).

On December 17, 2013, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) posted a proposed automated vehicle pilot framework on the Ontario Regulatory Registry for consultation as well as held multiple stakeholder consultations regarding testing automated vehicles on Ontario's roads since that time.

Stakeholders have expressed an interest in testing automated technologies in Ontario. This will provide an economic benefit to Ontario industry having the ability to develop and test in Ontario. We will continue to work with stakeholders as we move forward to implement the pilot.

This pilot program will allow us to establish and refine rules, and monitor and evaluate the safety of automated vehicles prior to them potentially becoming widely available to the public.

Our automated vehicle pilot project is a first for Canada. Ontario is committed to becoming a global leader in automated vehicle technology, and a diverse testing ground for these technologies.

For full details of the pilot project, please see [Ontario Regulation 306/15](#).

Also, information on how and who can participate in the pilot will be posted on [MTO's website](#) in late October.

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Claudio DeRose, Director, Safety Policy and Education Branch, Road User Safety Division at (416) 235-4050.

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Heidi Francis  
Assistant Deputy Minister, Road User Safety Division