



**AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

Members Present: Laurie Adams, Gary Stookey, Allen Gallant, Edgar Avila, David Zovac, Weiqing Sun, Rich Granger, Andrew Bremer, Bhuiyan Alam, Joe Cappel

Other Interested Parties: Kim Hill, Ryan McManus, Sean Burnett, Howard Wood, Mike Gramza

TMACOG Staff Present: Jodi Cole, David Gedeon, Roger Streiffert

Call to Order – Laurie Adams welcomed everyone.

Minutes from November 19, 2020 meeting – Laurie notified everyone that the minutes were available for review on the website. Gary Stookey made a motion and it was seconded by Edgar Avila to approve the minutes.

BUILD Grant Update – Allen Gallant gave a brief presentation on the status of the grant. They are currently working through finalizing the grant agreement with the Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. The funds for the grant need to be obligated by September 2022. The only minor issue comes with having right of way and environmental clearances completed by that date.

AAA Around Town Pilot Project – Ryan McManus, CEO and Founder of SHARE Mobility gave a presentation on the pilot program that they are partnering with AAA on. During the pilot period the rides will be free, but the future will be based on a paid subscription. The service would be available for AAA members and non-members. There is a tentative target to launch the pilot in May/June of this year depending on vaccine penetration.

TMACOG FY 2022 Annual Work Program – Dave Gedeon reviewed the FY 2022 AWP for the committee. Edgar Avila made a motion and it was seconded by Gary Stookey to approve the AWP section as presented.

AAA Future Projects and Events –

Edgar Avila reminded the committee that on February 26, the 9th Technology Takes the Wheel will take place. The topic of discussion will be pedestrian and bicycle safety and automated vehicles.

Edgar also mentioned that the ADAS training is now available online.

Roundtable Discussion –

Dave Gedeon mentioned that he would like to discuss the topic of truck platooning at the May meeting.

Kim Hill mentioned HAAS Alert has a transponder that connects to emergency vehicles and when they turn on their lights or sirens it would send an alert to other drivers near them who are using the Waze app.

Edgar Avila also mentioned that he will be retiring from AAA at the end of April.

Next Meeting / Adjournment – Next meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021