



**TMACOG AUTONOMOUS VEHICLE STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019**

Members Present: Laurie Adams, Edgar Avila, Imad Bdeiri, Meghan Gallagher, Jim Gee, Tiffany Whitlow, Jane Ruvolo, Gary Stookey, Weiqing Sun

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

Call to Order – Dave Gedeon welcomed everyone and did introductions around the room.

Origination of Steering Committee – Dave Gedeon explained that he received a letter from AAA, TARTA, and the University of Toledo requesting that TMACOG form an autonomous vehicle committee. Edgar Avila went into further detail stating that from AAA side they have always been involved with traffic safety. When Governor Kasich signed an executive order opening up all Ohio roadways for autonomous vehicles it was worrisome. This prompted Edgar to contact TARTA and UT and form the committee.

Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives – Dave Gedeon put together some thoughts on what the mission statement, goals, and objectives should be, and the people present at the meeting discussed and amended the bullet points as necessary. Currently these are a work in progress so before the next meeting please review and if you have any additional input relay that to Dave to discuss at the March meeting.

Mission Statement: To enhance interagency dialogue and collaboration, and to facilitate Connected and Autonomous Vehicle project development and deployment within Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan.

Goals:

- To educate community leaders on connected and autonomous vehicle technology
- Establish partnerships with both public and private entities to facilitate the committee mission
- To create a regional plan for connected and autonomous vehicle technology
- Identify funding sources to implement smart mobility solutions
- Be a repository for regional smart mobility projects both public and private
- Enhance the quality of life in the greater Toledo region by implementing “Smart City” initiatives

Objectives:

- Develop and identify funding sources for connected and autonomous vehicle technology projects to implement within the region.
- Develop educational materials on the benefits and safety implications of connected and autonomous technology.
- Partner with DriveOhio on connected and autonomous vehicle projects.

- Engage regional groups who could utilize and benefit from autonomous vehicle technology.
- Engage with TARTA to deploy the first autonomous shuttle bus demonstration in 2019.

Committee Leadership – Dave Gedeon asked for self-nominations to fill the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. Laurie Adams nominated herself for Chair and Edgar Avila nominated himself for Vice Chair. The committee voted to approve the nominations as presented; the vote passed unanimously.

Update on Current Projects – Dave gave an update on the current projects in the region.

I-475 Smart Transportation Corridor Project is now listed on the DriveOhio website as in discussion.

Downtown Toledo Smart Mobility Project

TARTA Autonomous Vehicle Project is more a subset project of the Downtown Toledo Smart Mobility Project.

Roundtable Discussion –

Edgar Avila – We need to be able to identify all the projects in the region. To become a repository for the projects.

Dave Gedeon will put out a call to members for projects in the area.

Next Meeting / Adjournment – It was decided that the committee will meet bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:00. Making 2019 meetings as follows:

March 21, May 16, July 18, September 19, and November 21.