

Driving Change: Ohio's Role in Deploying Freight Truck Automation



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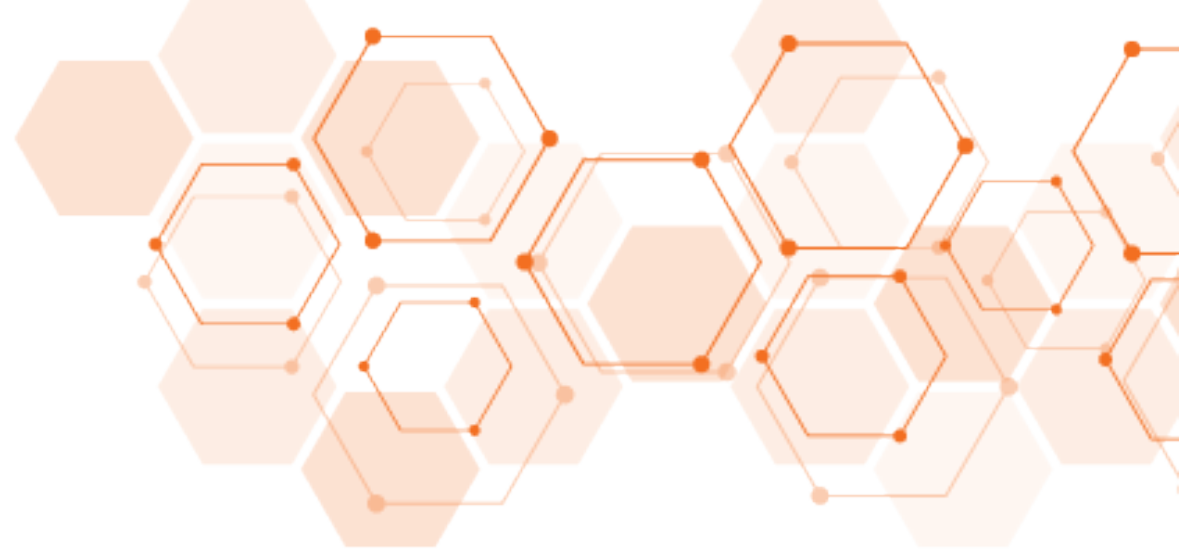


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OUR VISION:

Advance smart mobility to improve
SAFETY, MOBILITY, AND ACCESS
for the people of Ohio

OUR MISSION:



- ADVANCE THE ADOPTION** of connected & automated technology
- ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES** that establish smart mobility standards
- PREPARE FOR THE PIVOT** to alternative fuels
- DEVELOP** a robust workforce

OUR WHY:



Crashes by Severity and Year

Severity	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Fatal	1,154	1,244	1,180	1,150	1,077	455
Serious Injur..	5,925	6,405	6,163	6,059	6,148	2,857
Minor Injury ..	32,438	35,170	33,458	32,670	32,822	16,505
Injury Possib..	25,963	28,202	26,327	25,170	24,446	12,035
Property Da..	180,349	198,658	198,381	187,574	186,604	98,459
Total	245,829	269,679	265,509	252,623	251,097	130,311



ADVANCED AIR



CONNECTED



**AUTOMATE
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ELECTRIC

**Smart mobility on
the ground, in the
air, everywhere**

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP – ITS America Emerging Tech Committee

ITS  AMERICA

Collaboration of roadway authorities and the private sector to advance AV technology and standards

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP – AV Pooled Fund Study



AUTOMATED VEHICLE
POOLED
FUND
STUDY

Collaboration of State DOTs and the AV industry to advance deployment and safety

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP – AASHTO CAV Community of Practice



Collaboration of State DOTs working to coordinate research that will advance transportation safety and mobility using AVs

Regional LEADERSHIP – MAASTO CAV Committee

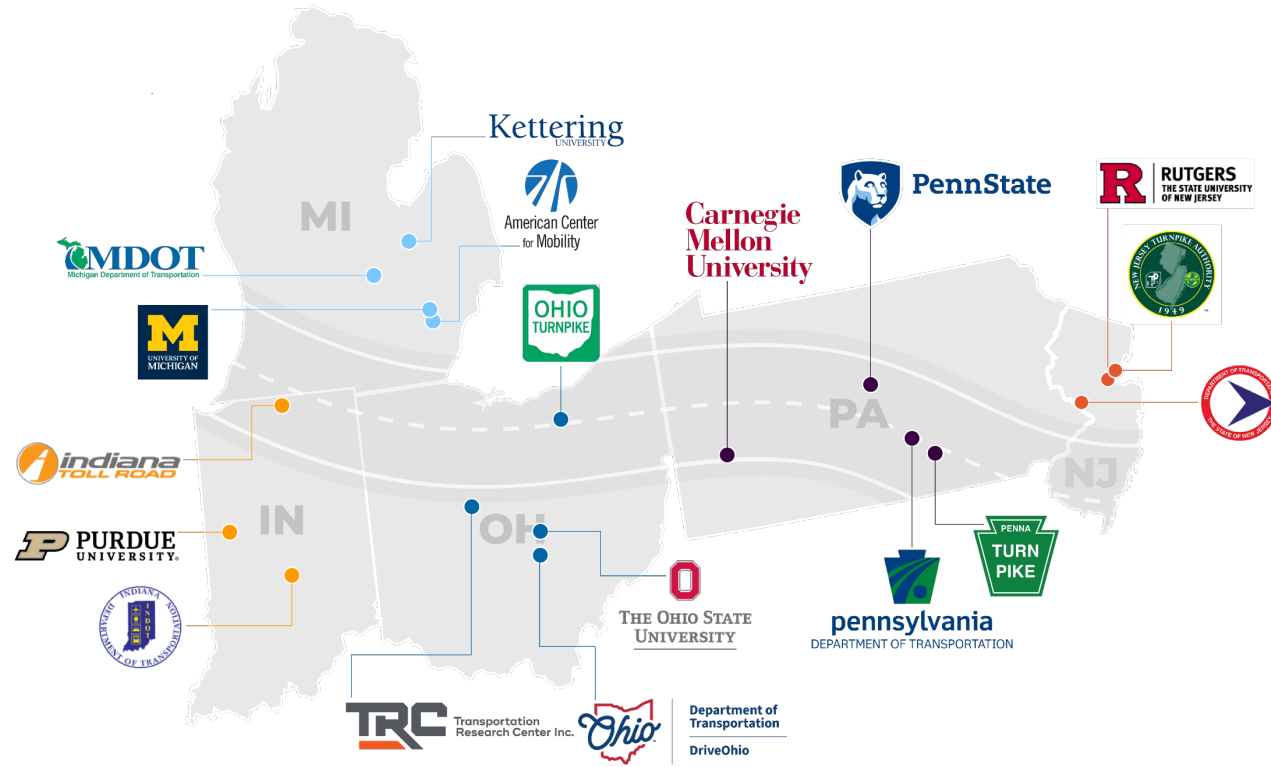


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Regional LEADERSHIP – MAASTO and ETC



Regional Leadership - SMART BELT COALITION



Foster collaboration between states involving research, testing, policy, etc. in innovative transportation technology



AUTOMATED: ON THE GROUND



Rural Automated Driving Systems



What We Built and Tested



**SAE
LEVEL 2™**



**SAE
LEVEL 3™**





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Deployment of TRUCK AUTOMATION

- Private Sector pilot and adoption of automation on public roadways
- Truck automation technologies
 - Platooning
 - Level 2 automation
 - Level 4 automation



Platooning Deployment Team



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ABOUT EASE

Our focus on continuous improvement elevated us from a small brokerage to a full-service logistics leader. But what hasn't changed is our highly responsive and personalized customer service model.

We know every innovation unlocked, every problem solved, and every second saved can help our customers, carriers and communities thrive. We're committed to delivering success 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, because we know that getting it right makes all the difference.

OUR MISSION
TO EARN YOUR TRUST.

OUR VISION
AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT APPROACH TO LOGISTICS.
WHERE HUMANITY AND TECHNOLOGY DRIVE.

THE EASE DIFFERENCE



Innovative customer experience
with 2 minute responses, and 15
minute quotes



Faster decisions with advanced in-house
data analytics



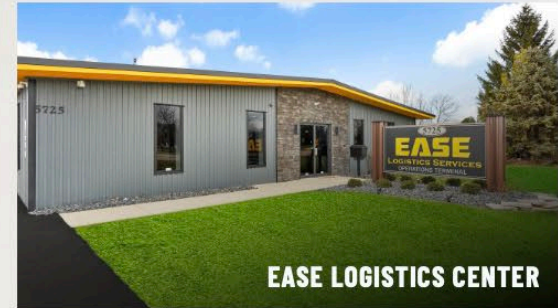
GPS tracking enables 96%+
shipment visibility rate



Proprietary AI agent, AMMI, provides real-
time visibility and predictive insights



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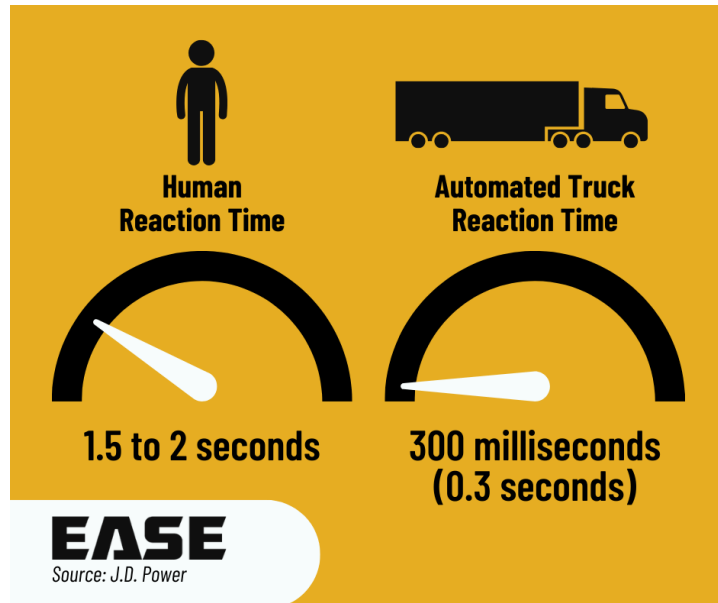
Why?

- Why is EASE participating in this demonstration?
- Why platooning to start?
- Why does this matter for Ohio and the logistics industry?



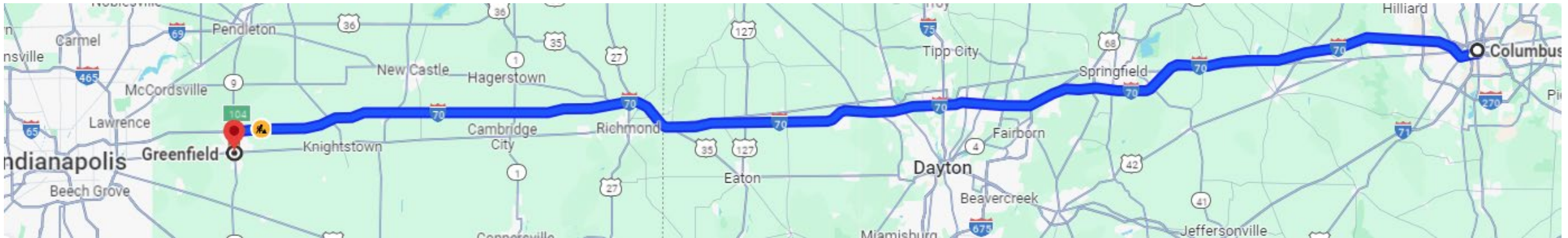
Safety

- Automated trucks react faster than humans, though a human driver remains behind the wheel.



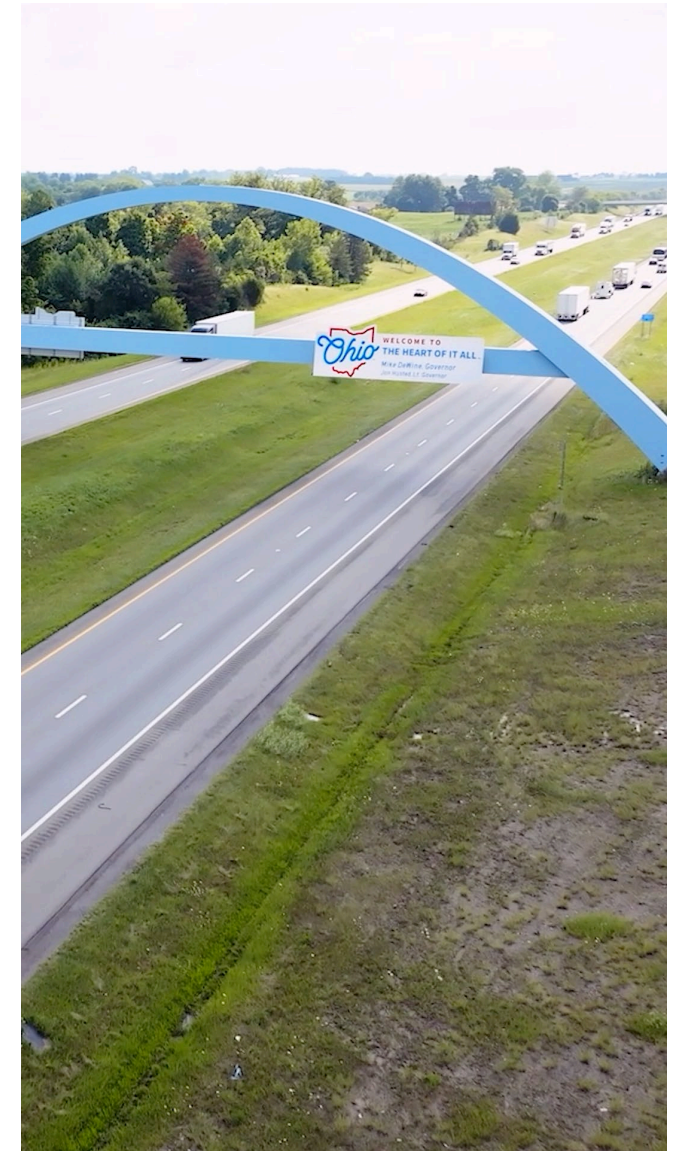
Route

- A 356-mile round-trip path with 63% of the journey occurring on the I-70 corridor and eligible for data collection
- Trucks will run one trip per day, due to hours of service regulations
- Deployment dates, March 2025 to May 2026



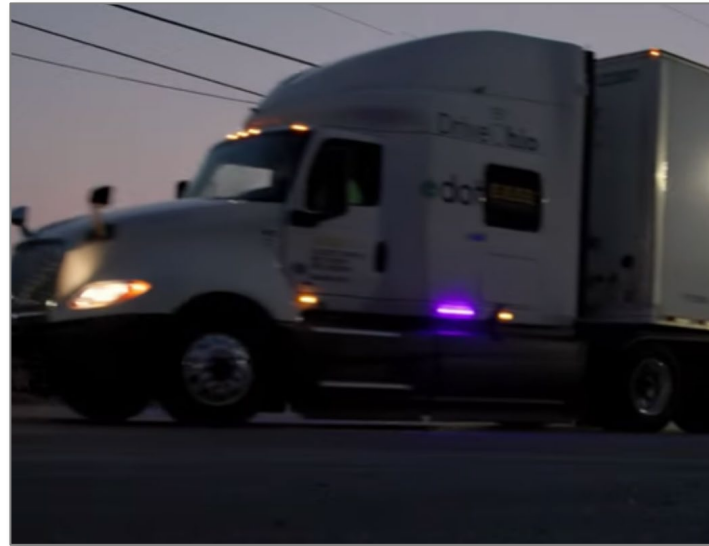
Identifying Project Vehicles

Platooning vehicles are outfitted with a project-specific trailer wrap



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Platooning vehicle cabs are equipped with purple “chicken lights” which are illuminated when vehicles are in platooning mode



2025 Platooning Stats

- To date the trucks have engaged in over 2,700 platooning miles.
 - Almost equivalent to driving the length of the United States coast to coast!
- Drivers have close to 50 hours of live platooning run time along the I-70 corridor.
- When the trucks are on routes, almost 50% of the miles of the total the trip are being platooned.
- Platooning improves fuel efficiency, increasing average MPG from 7.86 to 8.88.

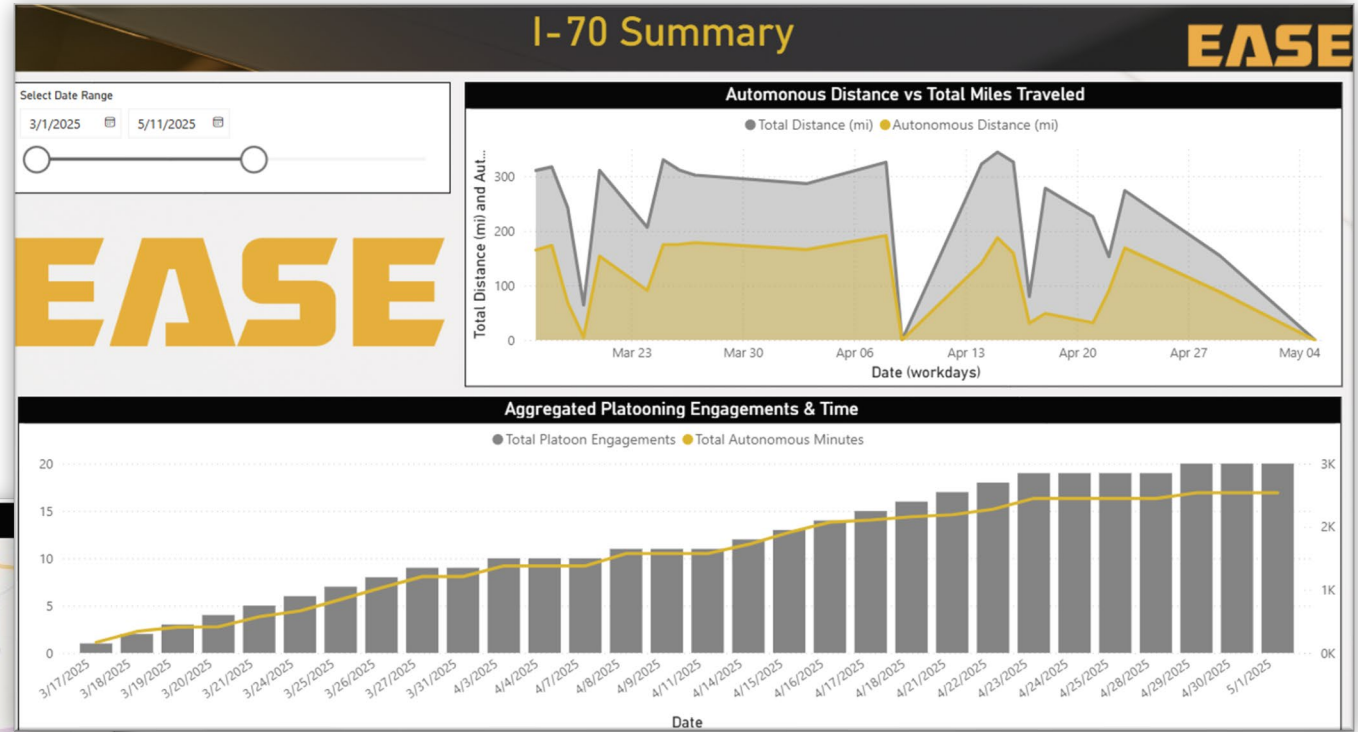
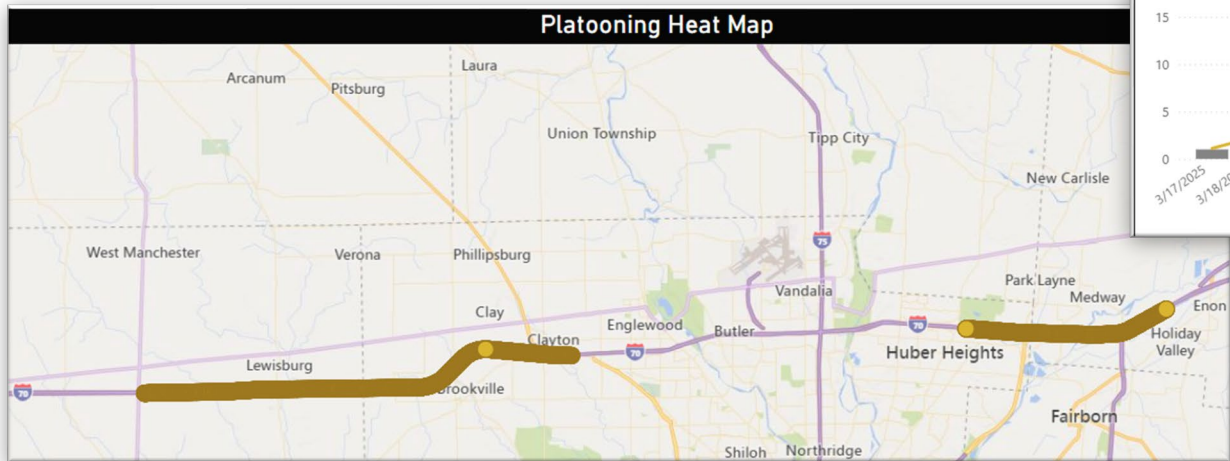
PLATOONING - AVERAGE MPG	NO PLATOONING - AVERAGE MPG
8.88 MPG	7.86 MPG

(Note, Routes over 50 miles are considered for analysis)



2025 Platooning Stats (cont.)

EASE customized Power BI Reports summarize and track project milestones.



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