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ONTARIO'S AUTOMATED VEHICLE TESTING PILOT

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF ROAD SAFETY PROFESSIONALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Context

- On January 1, 2016, Ontario became the first Canadian jurisdiction to regulate the testing of automated vehicles on public roads.
- Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is:
 - actively considering how CV/AV technology can help us meet our broader transportation goals, including policy and regulatory tools, as well as supporting infrastructure that may be required.
 - continuing to assess data and information from on-road testing, engage stakeholders and make amendments to the pilot framework, as required.

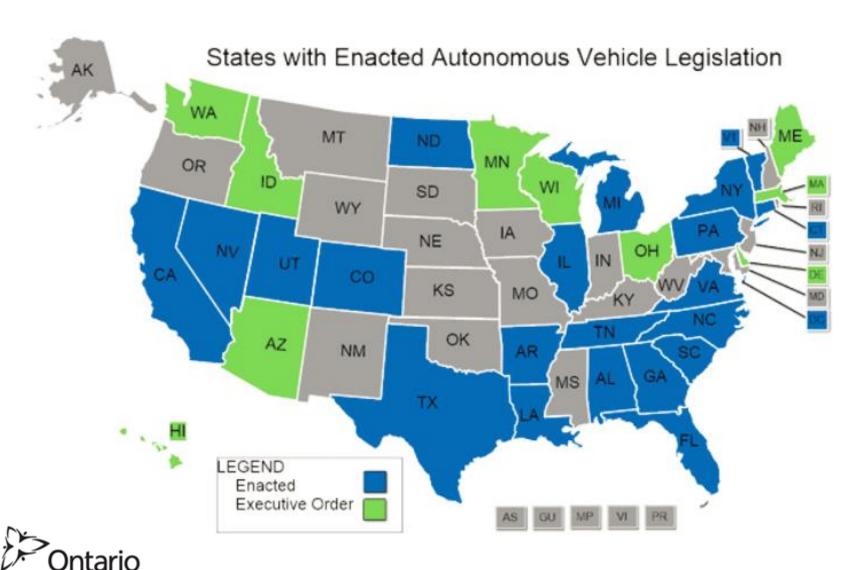


Government Responsibility

Federal	Provincial/	Municipal
 Setting and enforcing compliance with Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for new motor vehicles. Investigating and managing the recall and remedy of noncompliances and safety-related motor vehicle defects nationwide. Public education on motor vehicle safety issues. Setting and enforcing compliance with technical standards related to wireless technologies integrated in vehicles and roadside infrastructure 	 Territorial Testing/licensing human drivers and registering motor vehicles. Enacting and enforcing traffic laws and regulations (including trials). Conducting safety inspections. Regulating motor vehicle insurance and liability. Public education on motor vehicle safety issues. Adapting infrastructure to support AV deployment. 	 Enacting and enforcing bylaws. Managing public transportation. Advocating for and accommodating testing. Enforcing traffic laws and regulations. Adapting infrastructure to support AV deployment. Public education on motor vehicle safety issues.



Other Jurisdictions are Invested



CURRENT Automated Vehicles Pilot Program Ontario Regulation 306/15: Pilot Project - Automated Vehicles

Pilot Structure and Requirements

Driver must remain seated in the

safe operation of the AV and be

of the road and penalties apply

manual control

\$250 - \$2,500)

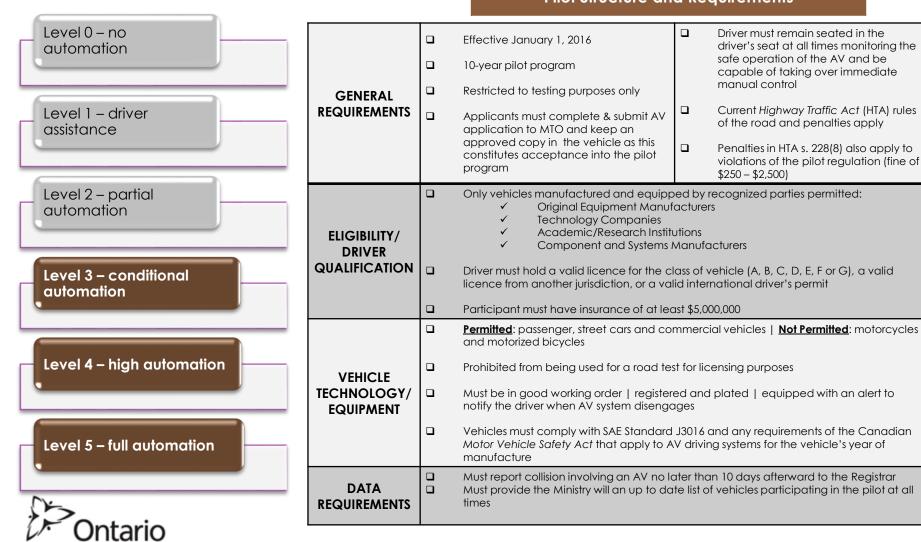
capable of taking over immediate

driver's seat at all times monitoring the

Current Highway Traffic Act (HTA) rules

Penalties in HTA s. 228(8) also apply to

violations of the pilot regulation (fine of



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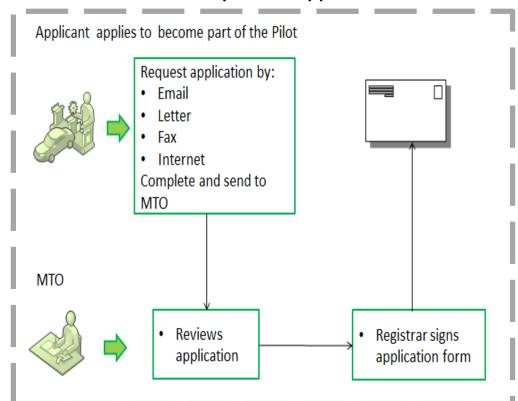
AV Pilot – Application & Registration Process

Overview

- Auto manufacturers, software companies, academic and research institutions are eligible for participation
- The pilot is designed to allow vehicles manufactured with automated technology and retrofitted vehicles (e.g. adding operating systems) to be tested on Ontario's roads
- To participate, an application form must be received and approved by MTO
- The application form is available through MTO's website
- Participants will be able to add or remove vehicles in the pilot
- A copy of the approved application must be kept in the vehicle(s) being tested at all times
- Vehicles will either be eligible for a manufacturer plate or regular series plate

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Pilot Participation – Approval Process



MTO Webpage: http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/vehicles/automated-vehicles.shtml Ontario Regulation 306/15: http://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r15306

QUESTIONS:

Application Form/Registration Process – Vehicle Programs Office (416) 235-3600 or VPO@ontario.ca

AV Pilot – Safety Policy and Education Branch (416) 235-3585 or SPEB@ontario.ca

Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Network (AVIN)

- The Province is investing \$80 million over five years to create the Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Network, in partnership with Ontario Centres of Excellence.
- The network will capitalize on the economic potential of CV/AVs and help the province's transportation systems and infrastructure adapt to CV/AV technology.
- Central Hub + Key programs:
- 1. AV Research and Development Partnership Fund;
- 2. Talent Development;
- 3. Demonstration zone;
- 4. Regional technology development sites.



Changing landscape

- Vehicles with SAE level 3 technology (conditional automation) will be commercially available in the near future likely by 2020.
- Driverless shuttles are being tested in other jurisdictions. These vehicles provide a potential transit solution.
 - Currently, Ontario's AV pilot does not permit driverless testing.
- Cooperative truck platooning is being tested in other jurisdictions.
 - Currently, Ontario's "follow too close" law prohibits close following distances to enable fuel economy benefits from cooperative truck platooning.



Considerations for the AV Pilot

- Over the past few months, MTO has engaged stakeholders on four potential amendments to the AV pilot regulation.
- These considered enhancements include:
 - 1. Exclude from the pilot automated vehicles with Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Level 3 technology, if they are originally manufactured with a driving automation system, and eligible and commercially available for sale in Canada;
 - 2. Allow the testing of driverless AVs as part of the pilot, under specific conditions to ensure safety;
 - Allow the testing of cooperative truck platoons as part of the pilot, under strict conditions to ensure safety; and
 - 4. Amend the data reporting requirements of the pilot.

Resources

- For more information on Ontario's AV pilot, please visit:
 - http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/vehicles/auto mated-vehicles.shtml
- For more information on AVIN, please visit:
 - https://www.avinhub.ca/



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