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# Safely Managing Emerging Technology



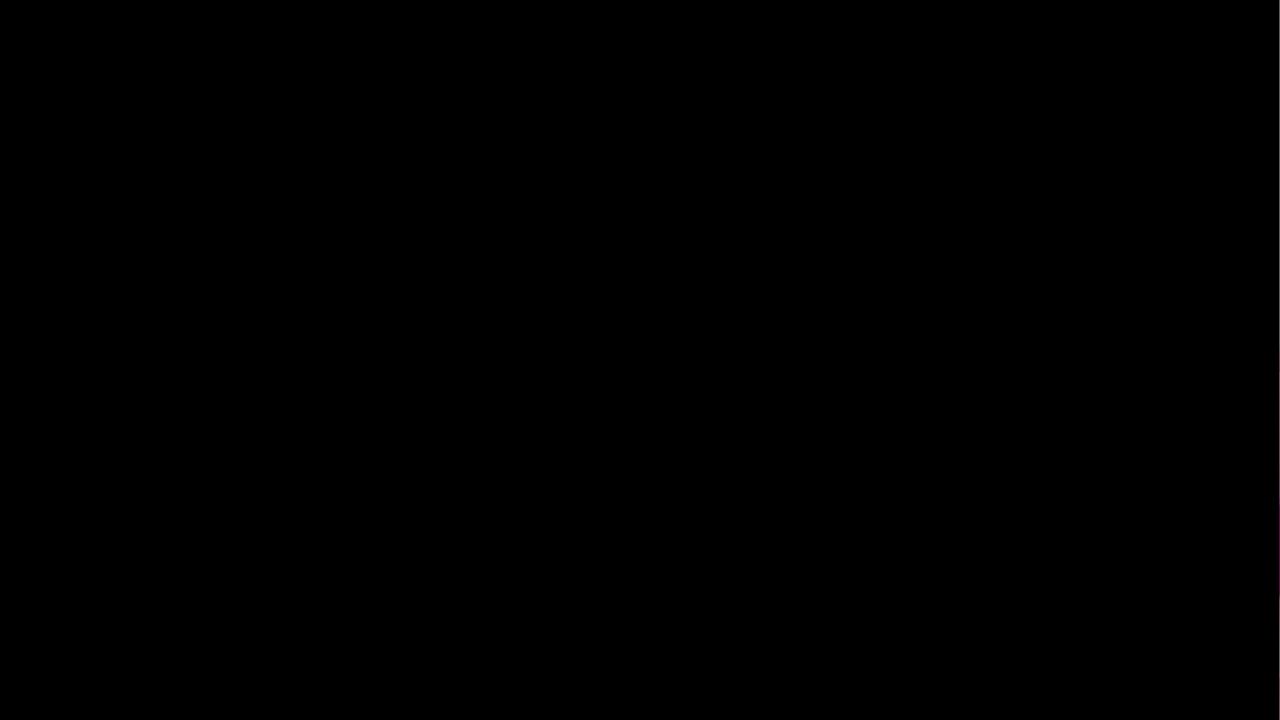
Transportation

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"The Future of Transportation"

### This session

- ELA
- Pilots Complete
  - o Calgary, Edmonton, Wetaskiwin, Surrey, Vancouver
- Pilot In Progress
  - Beaumont
- HAVs in Alberta



- Mid-Size Autonomous Vehicle 12 PAX
- Worked with all 3 major manufacturers of Autonomous Shuttles and determined Easy Mile is best in class.
- There are several reasons why:
  - Alignment with PWT's most important core value
    - SAFETY
    - Customer Service
    - Reputation / Referral
    - Cost effective

### ELA SPECIFICATIONS

**CAPACITY:** 12 Persons (6 seating, 6 standing)

CRUISING SPEED: 10 - 20 km/h

MAX SPEED: 40 km/h

**PROPULSION ENGINE:** Electric asynchronous

**AUTONOMY:** Up to 12 hours of operation

**BATTERY:** Lithium-ion (LIFeP04)

**REDUCED MOBILITY**: Fully Accessible

**BATTERY CHARGER:** 230V 16A

**AIR-CONDITIONING & HEAT: Yes** 

**LENGTH:** 3.928m

**WIDTH:** 1.928m

**HEIGHT:** 2.750m

WHEELBASE: 2.800m

FULLY LOADED: 2750kg

# ELA DEPLOYMENTS





## CALGARY, AB

Andrew Sedor



# EDMONTON, AB Blatchford

Edmonton City Centre Airport, also called Blatchford Field, was an airport located within the city of Edmonton. It was the first licensed airfield in Canada and served as a military airbase during World War II. The airport was closed in November 2013, and in 2018, planned for redevelopment. This construction will repurpose the area into a mixed-use urban community, called "Blatchford".



# EDMONTON, AB Blatchford

...."Blatchford is a statement about putting life first when developing a community. Whether it means putting emphasis on a more active life or a more sustainable life."



#### EDMONTON, AB Strathcona

It was inevitable that ELA would face snowy conditions. During the Strathcona pilot it sank to -15 with snow fall. This didn't stop ELA or over 1000 passengers from experiencing AV technology. The shuttle was able to navigate through cold wind and snow, and not only remain functional but exceeding expectations.



# University of Alberta

#### The ACTIVE-AURORA

**Connected Vehicle Test Bed** is a flagstone project of the Centre for Smart Transportation.

ACTIVE-AURORA is a network of on-road test beds that provide a harsh winter climate to test Connected Vehicle systems for traffic, transit, goods movement, and active transportation.



## WETASKIWIN

Reynolds Car Museum



### SURREY, BC

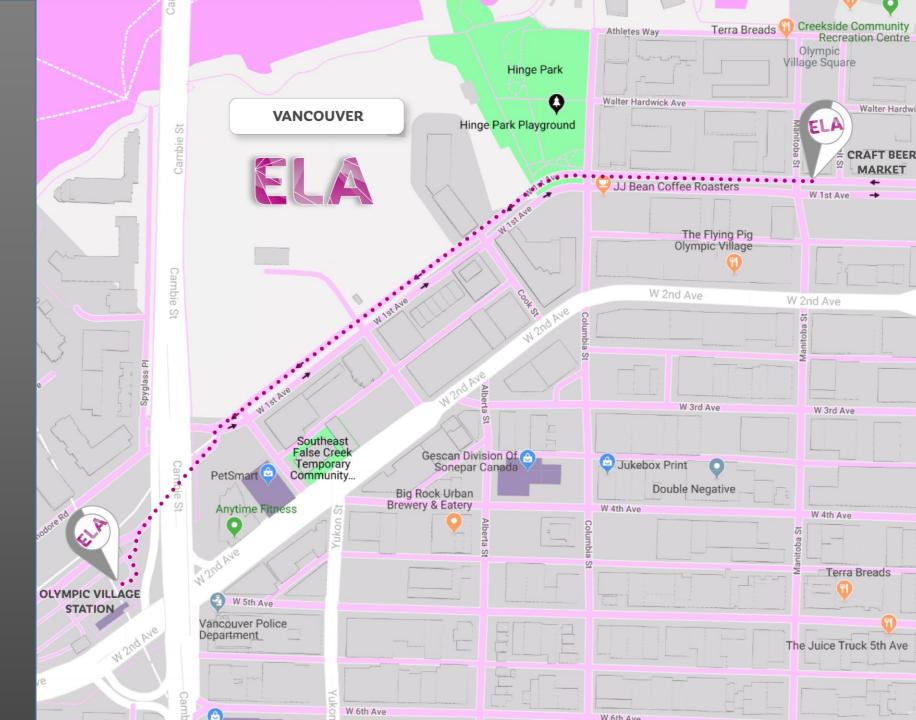
ELA at the Vision Zero Summit 2019 in Surrey, BC.

Pictured here is ELA next to a Tesla (right) and two Hyundai's (left) all of which are 100% Electric!



# Vancouver, BC

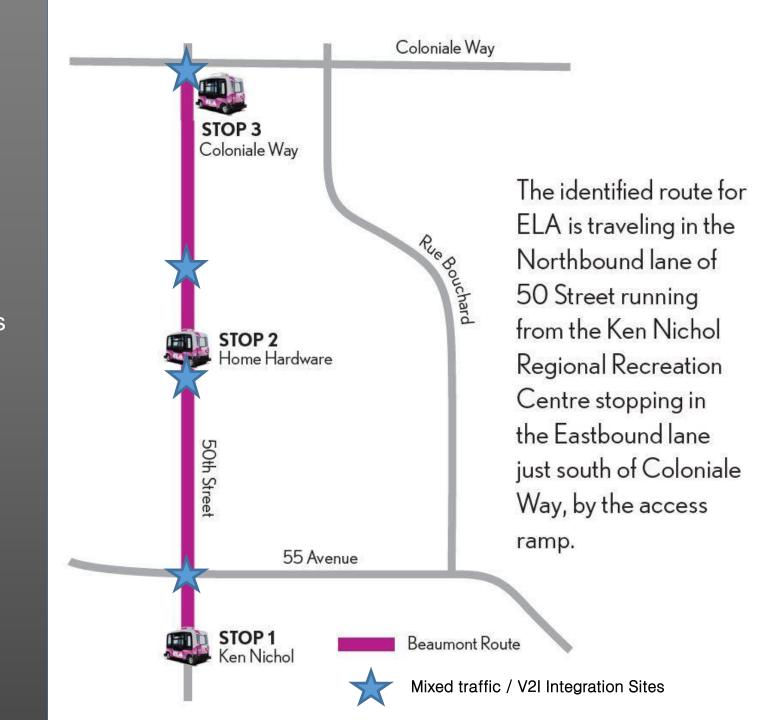
Smart City Challenge bid to create Canada's first collisionfree multimodal corridors using smart mobility technologies. Together, Surrey and Vancouver hope to "set the standard for other cities in Canada" to follow their lead into utilizing smart technology in transportation, and Pacific Western is helping to make that happen.



### Beaumont, AB

Beaumont and PWT are studying how we – as citizens – react, interact and respond to autonomous vehicles. With Beaumont being Canada's first city to pilot the integration of ELA into mixed-use traffic scenarios that encompass traffic signalling and human interaction, it is exciting progress to see how this technology can impact our everyday lives and how it can potentially build connectivity with the region.

- First deployment integrated within a community – not an "attraction"
- Mixed interaction
  - Partially segregated lane
  - Mixed Traffic through intersections and crosswalks
- First Autonomous Vehicle deployment integrating V2I Connectivity (Phase 2)



### ELA does V2I

- First Autonomous Vehicle supporting V2I Integration operating in Canada
- Basic communication requirements all operating to existing industry standard
- Light controllers provide light status to vehicle commanding go / no-go
- Vehicle responds to command provided by light controller to action proceeding or coming to a controlled stop



## DEPLOYMENT STATS

Key Statistics			
Operational Days	108	Average Pax per Day	110.22
Passenger trips	11,904	Average Pax per KM	7.07
Kilomteres travelled	1,683	Energy used per KM (khw)	1.13
Energy used (kWh)	1,488	Operator Man Hours	864

# Highly Automated Vehicle Testing in Alberta



### HAVs in Alberta

 Alberta has been participating at the national level for years through the CCMTA.

 We follow CCMTAs Jurisdictional Guidelines for the Safe Testing and Deployment of HAVs.



### HAVs in Alberta

- In Alberta, we do not explicitly prohibit HAVs by provincial regulations.
- In order to test in Alberta:
  - Advise the Registrar of intention and scope of testing
- Based on scope, an exemption issued by the Registrar from may be required for applicable regulations to operate on public roads.
  - E.g. Vehicle Equipment Regulation



### HAVs in Alberta

- Province is working with industry and municipal partners on connected vehicle and automated driving system initiatives.
- Calgary and Edmonton developing long-term transportation plans.
  - Strategies for automated driving systems, shared mobility
- The department assessing proposals for testing on a case-by-case basis.



### Current Status in Alberta for HAVs

- Currently developing an application process for <u>testing</u> HAVs on public roads.
- Some HAVs may still require an exemption issued by the Registrar from any applicable regulations to operate on public roads.
  - Public roads are any place where the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to operate (pedestrians, vehicles, cyclists, etc.)



### Thank you

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