

MIDWEST AV POLICY SUMMIT

EVENT AGENDA

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration and breakfast
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Welcome & Keynote Address <i>Featured Speaker:</i> David Sutula, Chief of Vehicle and Roadside Operations, FMCSA
9:30 - 10:15 AM	Presentation: Autonomous Vehicles (AV) 101 <i>In this introductory session, you'll learn the basics of AVs and autonomous trucks. Participants will gain a foundational understanding of how AVs work, where they're operating, and current trends shaping the industry. Time will be left for audience Q&A.</i> <i>Featured Speaker:</i> Varun Jain, K&L Gates
10:15 - 10:30 AM	Refreshments Break
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Panel Discussion: AV Use Cases & the Path to Scaling <i>Building on our introductory presentation, this panel will feature experts from AV companies developing different use cases. We'll discuss the unique challenges and opportunities of passenger AVs, trucks, and other applications.</i> <i>Featured Speakers:</i> Lynne Abelgas, ADASTEC; Erin McCurry, SAE Automated Vehicle Safety Consortium; Katherine Rios, PrePass; Alex Rudin, MITRE
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Use Case Roundtable Activity
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Catered Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 PM	Panel Discussion: AVs and the Future of the Workforce <i>This panel will explore how autonomous technology is shaping jobs today and where new opportunities are emerging. Topics will include reskilling and upskilling programs, partnerships between academia and industry, and the larger economic impacts of AVs.</i> <i>Featured Speakers:</i> Gina Baas, University of Minnesota; Shawn Haag, MN State Transportation Center of Excellence; Tammy Meehan, The PLUM Catalyst
1:45 - 2:15 PM	Workforce Roundtable Activity
2:15 - 2:30 PM	Refreshments Break
2:30 - 3:15 PM	Panel Discussion: AV Regulations and the Road Ahead <i>Our final panel will explore the evolving AV regulatory landscape and the governing bodies at play. Speakers from the public and private sectors will share insights on the current state of AV regulations, the patchwork of state laws, and the potential of a federal AV framework.</i> <i>Featured Speakers:</i> Earl Adams, Plus AI; Varun Jain, K&L Gates; Rep. Jon Koznick, MN House of Representatives; Matt Miller, Iowa DOT
3:15 - 3:45 PM	Regulation Roundtable Activity
3:45 - 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks
4:00 - 5:30 PM	Networking Reception