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PANEL DISCUSSION

Other States' Approaches to Autonomous Vehicles (AVs)

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Room 154, State Capitol

Panelists:

- *Tara Olds, Director of Research and Innovation, Minnesota DOT*
- *Darran Anderson, Senior Director of Strategy and Innovation, Texas DOT*

Panel Format:

- Introductions – please give your name, title, and a brief overview of your experience.
- Can you give the TIC an overview of your State's AV approach and/or history with AVs? Consider:
 - Crashes, safety, enforcement – what data / statistics are available?
 - Insurance costs and coverage – freight AVs compared to personal AVs
- What are some active ongoing AV projects in your state?
 - What stakeholders are you working with? Cities, counties, industry, airports, etc.
- Can you speak to the State and Federal roles? Where are responsibilities shared or divided?
- What can Montana do to 'open the door' for AV innovation?
- Are there any lessons learned in your state, that could be applied to MT?
 - Consider: Geography, weather, wildlife, 2-lane roads, etc.

Public Comment

Questions from Committee