

Department of Motor Vehicles

Invitation to Pre-notice Public Discussions on Proposed Regulations Autonomous Vehicles

Pursuant to Government Code section 11346.45, the Department of Motor Vehicles (department) has set the time and place for the public to participate in discussions related to the proposed regulations related to the operation of Autonomous Vehicles.

The department will hold the workshop beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, April 19, 2013, at the Department of General Services located at 707 Third Street, West Sacramento, California. The workshop will be held in the Auditorium, which is accessible to persons with disabilities. The Auditorium is located in a secure area of the building so please check-in at the security station. Parking is available in the parking garage adjacent to the building at a rate of \$2 per hour, however, the department cannot guarantee parking availability on the day of the public workshop.

Senate Bill 1298 (Chapter 570; Statutes of 2012) requires the department to adopt regulations establishing insurance, surety bond or self-insurance requirements and requirements for the submission of an application to operate an autonomous vehicle, including any testing, equipment, performance standards, or safety standards. The department is anticipating two regulatory actions to implement these requirements and is holding this pre-notice workshop, in accordance with the requirements of SB 1298, to allow the public an opportunity to provide input on areas that should be addressed in the proposed regulations.

At the workshop, any interested person may present statements, arguments, or contentions (orally, in writing, or both) that are relevant to the development of the regulations required by SB 1298. Persons requiring an interpreter are requested to notify the department as early as possible by calling the contact person named in this notice. Since the department is not able to anticipate the number of participants, the workshop may conclude before 4:00 p.m. if all attendees who wish to comment have provided their comment. Alternatively, this workshop will not be extended beyond the scheduled end time. For that reason, the department reserves the right to limit the length of time each participant has to comment.

Participation in the workshop will be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any participation in the formal rulemaking process. This invitation does not constitute Notice of Proposed Action under the Administrative Procedure Act. Consequently, comments (oral or written) received in connection with the workshop will not be included in the formal rulemaking file. Similarly, the department is not required to respond to comments received in connection with the workshop. Therefore, if you wish to have comments included in the rulemaking file, or to require the department to respond to them as part of the process by which it adopts the regulations, you must present your comments during the formal public comment period according to the procedures outlined in the Notice of Proposed Action at the time that document is issued, regardless of whether the comments have been made in connection with the workshop.

If you have any questions, please contact Randi Calkins at (916) 657-6469 or by e-mail at LRegulations@dmv.ca.gov.