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Autonomous Bus Pilot Project

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Presentation overview

Autonomous Vehicle (AV) technology is rapidly developing around the world. Minnesota offers several unique climate and regulatory challenges that are different from others currently testing these technologies. Deploying an AV pilot project in Minnesota will better position the State to influence national policy and prepare Minnesota transportation owners and stakeholders for the future.

This pilot project will solicit technology partners to safely demonstrate how AV technology can work in Minnesota. Phase I will finalize the pilot requirements and demonstration plan, prepare site(s) for testing and demonstrations, and engage in discussions with MnDOT, local stakeholders and Super Bowl planning officials. Phase II will be the controlled demonstration at MnDOT's MnROAD test facility and identification of risks/challenges for future implementation efforts. Phase III will include a showcase demonstration(s) timed to coincide with the 2018 Super Bowl.



Presenter



Mike Kronzer is a 2013 graduate of the University of Minnesota with a degree in Civil Engineering. Mike spent his first year out of school working as a consultant for MnDOT before being hired into MnDOT's graduate engineer rotation program. Mike's experience includes rotations through the Traffic Office Work Zones unit, Metro Design unit and two summers heavily involved in construction projects assisting with construction inspection and project engineering. Mike has spent the last year and a half as an Intelligent Transportation Systems Project Manager for MnDOT's Office of Traffic, Safety and Technology, where he serves as the Project Manager for the Minnesota Autonomous Bus Pilot project.