

# MOBILITY ON THE GO

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**Transport Topics** [Sen. Thune Again Highlights AV Bill's Safety Benefits](#)

EUGENE MULERO 3-23-2022



This past week, there has been activity in both chambers discussing AV safety bills with S.D. Senator John Thune and

O.H. Rep. Bob Latta, who reintroduced his SELF DRIVE Act, taking the lead. *"Latta explained his legislation: We have to have a national framework, so we have to have pre-emption because we can't have 50 states and the District of Columbia doing their own thing."* In addition to safety, Congressional leaders and industry stakeholders are focused on the potential connectivity benefits of AV technologies, with Senator Thune commenting that *"AVs will radically transform the way Americans move."*

**Repairer Driven News** [AAI Seeks to Reduce 'Persistent Confusion' over Levels of Vehicle Autonomy](#)

DAVE LA CHANCE 3-23-2022

It's no secret that confusion abounds when it comes to the autonomous features that are included in a



Level 2 vehicle vs. Levels 3-5. The Alliance for Automotive Innovation (AAI) asked SAE International for an

opportunity to discuss potential changes in the SAE ["Levels of Driving Automation"](#) to provide a clearer understanding to consumers.

*"...[W]e have become increasingly concerned about persistent confusion among consumers and policymakers over the critically important difference between partial automation (Level 2) and automated driving systems (Level 3-5), particularly as it relates to the responsibility of a human driver in the driver's seat,"* AAI said.

**CNBC** [Toyota, Aurora Test-Drive Autonomous Ride-Hailing Fleet in Texas](#)

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[Aurora Innovation](#) and Toyota have joined up to test autonomous drive vehicles. The Toyota Sienna minivans are being retrofitted with Aurora's self-driving system to be tested in the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area both on highways and local streets. *"The ability to safely drive at highway speeds is a key technical differentiator that prioritizes popular and lucrative rides,"* the U.S. company said. Two safety operators and no passengers are currently in the vehicle at this testing stage.

**INSURANCE JOURNAL** [NHTSA to Review if Pony.ai Complied with Crash Reporting Order](#)

DAVID SHEPARDSON 3-29-2022

NHTSA is reviewing whether the startup complied with reporting requirements for driverless crashes in connection with an October 28 crash in Fremont, CA. According to the article, Pony.ai *"said it reported the incident to NHTSA in 'a good faith effort to comply with the relevant requirements.'"* Pony.ai had its driverless permit revoked; however, their permit to test with a safety driver was not impacted. There were no injuries as a result of the accident.

Pony.ai also has been the subject of a recall following the crash. According to NHTSA, this was the *"first recall of an automated driving system,"* which included three vehicles with apparently defective automated driving software. Pony.ai added that it *"has been fully cooperating with NHTSA throughout the process."*

**otonomo** [Connected Car Data Paving the Way to Next-Generation Insurance Services](#)

SHAWN STEIN 3-21-2022

*"Insurance companies are looking for new ways to move into the digital age and offer smart new services to meet ever-evolving customer demand for innovation. Two trends highlighted in TransUnion's [2022 Insurance Trends and Outlook Report](#) show consumers are seeking digital interactions and telematics in their insurance experiences."*

[Otonomo](#), [Henshin](#), and [wefox](#) are collaborating to use connected car data to drive innovation and new business models in insurance for fleets. New insurance products created due to access and understanding of data will be available first in Europe.

**TheStreet** [GM Begins Production of Its Tesla Killer](#)

RILEY GUTIERREZ MCDERID 3-23-2022

The luxury all-electric Cadillac Lyric, which made quite an impression last fall when it *"sold out in 10 minutes when GM opened reservations,"* made its



production debut last week.

Because it expects sales of luxury electric vehicles will increase from 13% to 36% by 2025, GM moved up production of the Lyric by nine months. Lyric's first model is priced under \$60,000, less than many Tesla models. Additional reservations for the luxury vehicle will be available on May 19<sup>th</sup>.