# How Government Agencies Can Plan for Driverless Cars











# **Discussion Topics**

- Driverless Vehicles 101
- Driverless Vehicles Impacts
- Our Driverless Future
- Next Steps





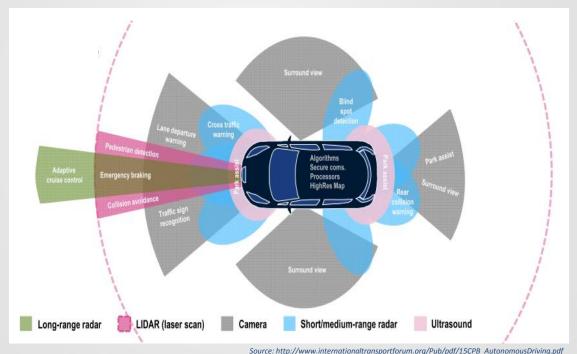




#### **Driverless Vehicles Definition**

#### NHTSA defines "Full Self-Driving Automation" as:

"designed to perform all safety-critical driving functions and monitor roadway conditions for an entire trip. Such a design anticipates that the driver will provide destination or navigation input, but is not expected to be available for control at any time during the trip."







#### NHTSA's Definition of Vehicle Automation

#### Level 0 (Non-Automation)

The driver is in complete and sole control of the primary vehicle controls – brake, steering, throttle, and motive power – at all times.



#### Level 1 (Function-Specific Automation)

Automation at this level involves one or more specific control functions.



#### Level 2 (Combined Function Automation)

Automation of at least two primary control functions designed to work in unison to relieve the driver of control of those functions.



#### Level 3 (Limited Self-Driving Automation)

Automation enable the driver to cede full control of all safety-critical functions under certain traffic or environmental conditions. The driver is expected to be available for occasional control, but with sufficiently comfortable transition time.

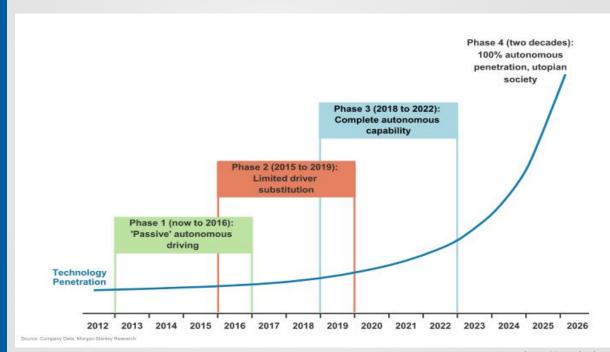


#### Level 4 (Full Self-Driving Automation)

The vehicle is designed to perform all safety-critical driving functions and monitor roadway conditions for an entire trip. Such a design anticipates that the driver will provide destination or navigation input, but is not expected to be available for control at any time during the trip.



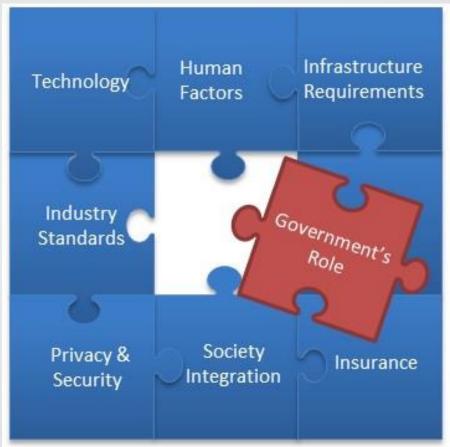
# **Driverless Vehicles Adoption Timeline**



Source: Morgan Stanley



# **Driverless Vehicles Today**





# Potential Impact of Driverless Cars on Society

## **Positives**

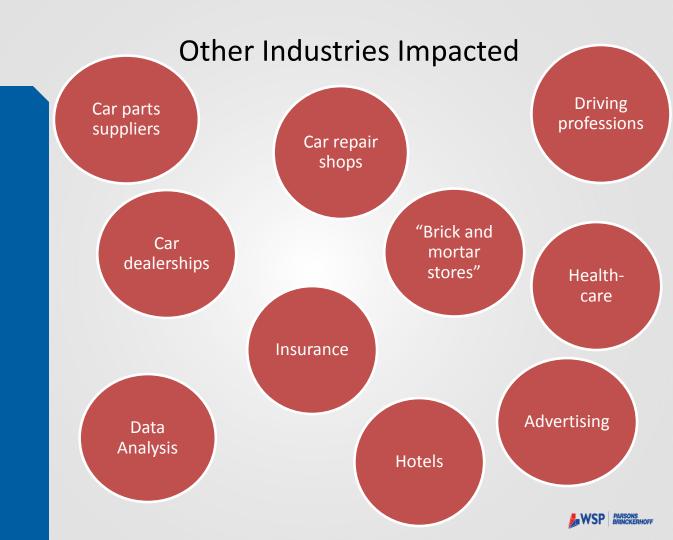
- Safety improvements
- Improved mobility for youth, elderly, and disabled
- Improved traffic circulation
- Reduced need for parking
- Improved travel time reliability
- Reduced GHG emissions
- Reduced need for private car ownership and private auto insurance

# Negatives

- Increased "VMT"
- Insurance policy disruption
- Increased urban sprawl
- Job loss







# Our Driverless Future



## **Potential Future Scenarios**



0% of Society

100% of Society

# Changes from Today's Society

	Driverless Nightmare	Driverless Utopia
Safety	1	
VMT		•
GHG Emissions	•	-
Urban Sprawl	1	4
Parking Req'ts	No Change	-
Roadway Maintenance Req'ts	•	-
Low Income Mobility	-	



# Our Future City Streets



# Our Future Suburbs



# **Next Steps**

# Proposed Government Role in Driverless Vehicles

Federal Role State and Local Role **Update**, Establish Update, Establish, and **Establish and** and Enforce Policies **Enforce Policies and Enforce Standards** and Regulations **Plans** Manufacturing Mobility Safety Vehicle Design Infrastructure Privacy/Data Sharing Infrastructure **Transit Cyber Security** Data/Communications **Financial** 



#### What can be done now?

Stay educated on driverless vehicles progress

Incorporate driverless vehicles into city goals

Establish communications and/or coalition with driverless technology stakeholders

Support testing activities

Establish policies and plans with consideration for the future

Start ridesharing now!



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Driverless Cars: What they Are and What they Are Not

Posted on March 3, 2015

I'm realizing that I'm writing about driverless cars and yet I haven't explicitly defined them.

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