

Information Notice:**Title:**

Notice of Release – A Pilot Project to Safely Test Autonomous Vehicles

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The Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993 does not require MTO to post a notice on the Environmental Registry since neither the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) nor new regulations, therein, are subject to the requirements of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993. However, section 6 of the Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993 allows the Environmental Registry to be used to share information about the environment with the public. MTO believes the underlying application may be of interest to members of the public and this proposal warrants broad public awareness.

Keyword(s): Legislation

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Rationale for Exemption to Public Comment:

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is providing this notice to make the public aware that a proposal on testing autonomous vehicles on Ontario's roads is posted on the Regulatory Registry for 45 days for public comment. The public is invited to review and comment on the proposal through the Regulatory Registry. To view the proposal follow the link provided.

<http://www.ontariocanada.com/registry/view.do?postingId=14802&language=en>

Description:

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) recognizes the importance of new vehicle technology, especially if it can expand mobility options for Ontarians. Safety is a top priority however; and thus, the ministry reviews all new vehicle types and technology to determine whether they are safe for Ontario's roads.

MTO is soliciting public comment to inform its development of a potential pilot project. The pilot is intended to facilitate the safe testing of autonomous vehicles on Ontario's roads for a specified period of time.

This proposal is a first for Canada and provides an excellent opportunity to showcase Ontario as a leader in technology development with the potential to attract new business opportunities. This is also an opportunity to proactively evaluate and determine how these vehicles can be safely integrated with other road users prior to them becoming widely available to the public, which manufacturers indicate could be in the near future.

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