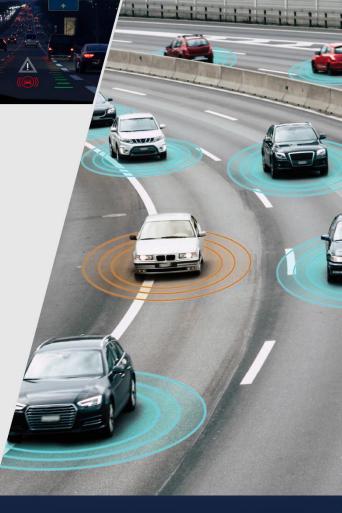


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## **State of Texas Legislation regarding automation**

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SB 2205, 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2017)

 SB 2205 creates a legal framework for the operation of automated motor vehicles in Texas and explicitly allows an automated motor vehicle to operate on highways in the state, with or without a human operator, under certain circumstances.

HB 1791, 85<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2017)

 HB 1791 authorizes an operator of a vehicle equipped with a connected braking system that is following another vehicle equipped with that system to be assisted by the connected braking system to maintain a clear distance or "sufficient space."

SB 969, 86<sup>th</sup> Legislature (2019)

 SB 969 governs the operation of a personal delivery or mobile carrying device in a pedestrian area or on the side or shoulder of a highway.



# Takeaway:

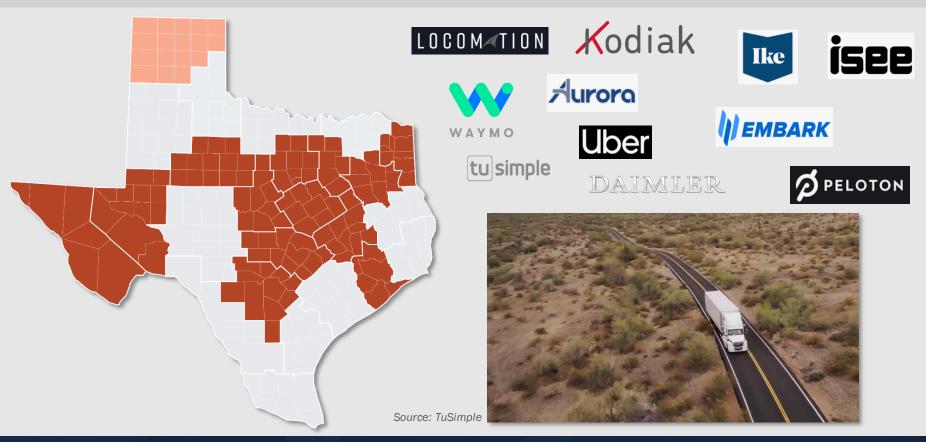
Texas Law is one of the least restrictive in the United States and makes an attractive market for AV testing and deployment.

## **CAV Task Force mission and functions**

- Prepare the state for Connected and Autonomous (CAV) advancements (good with the bad)
- Scope: surface and air transportation connected and autonomous vehicle technology and enablers, such as telecoms, and future infrastructure



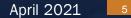
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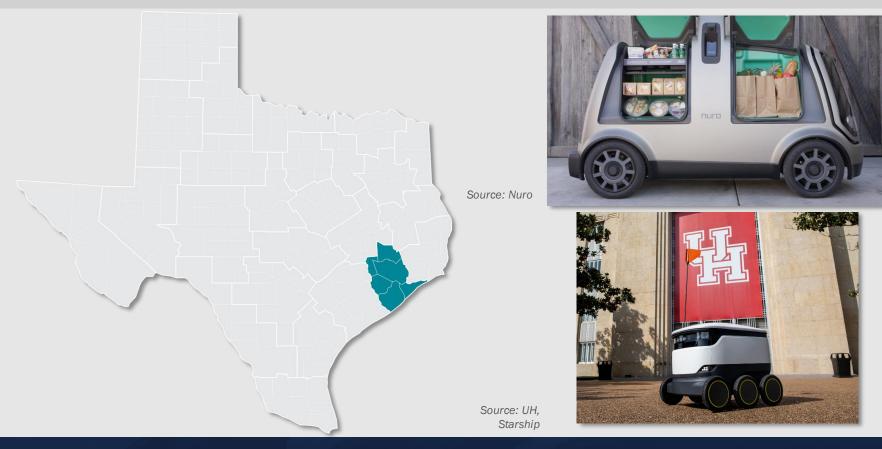
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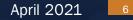




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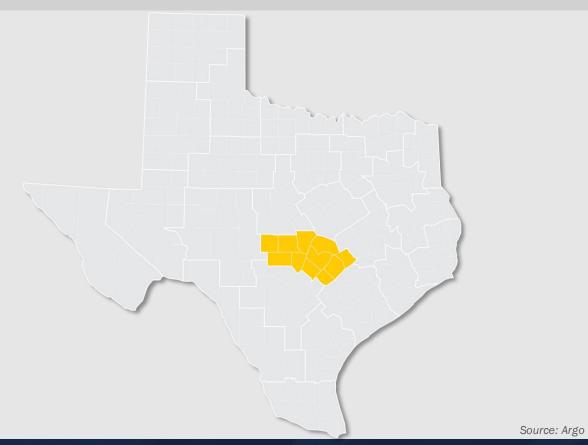


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## **The Ray**

- Originated in Georgia along I-85 (Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway)
- 501(c)(3) non-profit
- Experts in Public Private Philanthropic Partnerships
- Collaboration efforts on I-85
  - Right-of-Way Solar
  - V2X Connected Technology
  - Road Striping
  - Smart Planting and Bioswales
  - Vehicle Charging



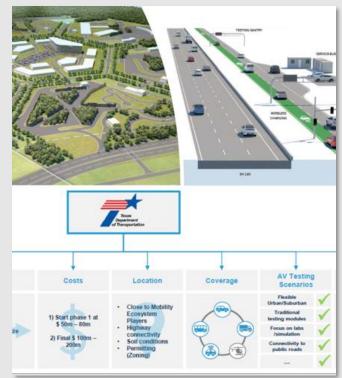
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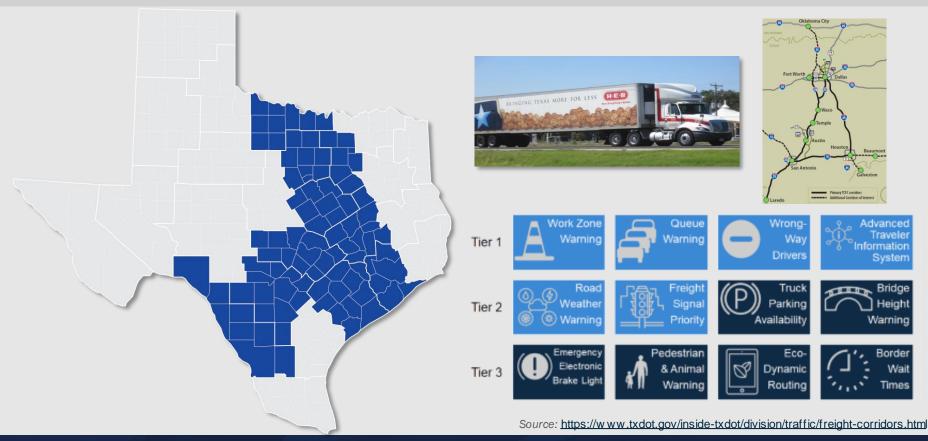


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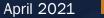


#### **Texas Connected Freight Corridors**

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## **Freight Network Technology Operations Plan**

- Automated Vehicle Infrastructure, Connected Signing, and Data ConOps
- Blocked Rail Crossing Traffic Management System
- High-Resolution Advanced Freight Traveler Information System
- Safety Warning Detection System
- Smart Freight Connector
- Statewide Traffic Operations Center



https://www.txdot.gov/government/partnerships/freight-planning/texasfreight-network-technology-and-operations-plan.html



#### Research

#### **Recently Completed**

• Evaluate Potential Impacts, Benefits, Impediments, and Solutions of Automated Trucks and Truck Platooning...

#### **In Progress**

- Defining Operational Design Domains (ODDs) for the Safe Blending of Levels 0-4 Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAVs)...
- Develop Roadway and Parking Design Criteria to Accommodate Automated and Autonomous Vehicles

#### **Coming Soon**

- Legal analysis of TxDOT's positions regarding CAV and data
- TCFC and cooperative automation
- Digital copy of TxDOT infrastructure
- Working with AV trucking companies

