

Symposium 2021 Breakout Session Title:

B308-Ticket to Ride: City Council Hearing on Autonomous Transit Vehicle

Session Contact/Organizers:

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Session Description

A first-ever mock city council meeting concerning the provisions to allow an autonomous transit vehicle on city streets. Lawyers for the city and the autonomous vehicle developer will spar with city council members, consumer advocates, union representatives and members of the public concerning the introduction of autonomous vehicles in the city transit system.

Goals/Objectives/Outputs

- What are the key issues for city decision makers about permitting autonomous vehicles for public transit?
- What are the insurance and liability considerations?
- What are the consumer issues and concerns that must be addressed?

Agenda

The session will appear to be a city council meeting that will debate and consider the introduction of autonomous vehicles into the city's transit system. Lawyers will present the legal considerations and consumer advocates, union representatives, and the public (AVS attendees) will be able to participate in the debate and consideration of the issues.