



## Highlights | December 1, 2016

### Topic: Autonomous Vehicles (AVs)

**Task Force Attendees:** David Cohen, Paul Glover, Jim Hopkins, Straso Jovanovski, Dick Linderman, Peter Meyer, Patrick Miner, Shoshana Akins (Staff), Brett Fusco (Staff), Alison Hastings (Staff)

**Additional Attendees:** Michael Sher, Charles Dougherty, Janet Arcucci, Ruth Birchett, Zach Bullet, Pauline Garcia Allen, David Heller, Kristen Young, Mark Cassel, Leonard Bonarch, Valerie Brown, Thomas Hastings, Melinda Phelps, Tim Phelps, Emily White, Justin Ferri, Jacqueline J. Wiggins, Yuting Sun, Tammy Leigh Dement, Colin Brown, Tanya Seaman

#### Welcome and Meeting Overview

Shoshana Akins opened the meeting with a brief overview of the agenda and welcomed all the attendees. Peter Meyer, Chair of the PPTF, facilitated introductions. All members and attendees reported out about their county of residence and background. The attendees then heard two presentations on DVRPC's work program.

#### Presentations

**Brett Fusco...** *Assistant Manager of Long-Range Planning, DVRPC*

Brett Fusco presented on the AV technology advancement and the research done by DVRPC for the Long-Range Plan, giving background on the potential influence this could have in the region and ran through some scenario planning.

**Stephen Buckley...** *Parsons Brinkerhoff Engineering, Northeast Regional Manager*

Stephen Buckley presented on planning for autonomous vehicles, an ongoing research project that looks at the history, advancements, public perceptions, and impacts of AVs. This included a background of AVs around the world, current policy proposals for managing AVs, and key unknowns in this transit technology.



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### Group Discussion

A panel discussion was facilitated by Shoshana Akins. Attendees asked questions about specific projects within the panelists' organizations and general thoughts on the AVs in the region.

### Closing

**Peter Meyer...** *Chair of the PPTF*

Peter Meyer closed the meeting with a few summary comments and thanked all attendees for coming to the meeting.

### Member Discussion and Networking

Many attendees stayed after to network and gather additional DVRPC reports and resources.

### Committee Business and Upcoming Outreach, Events, and News

Shoshana Akins announced that the next Task Force meeting will be announced shortly.