Automated Vehicle Policy Work

Automated vehicles are a subject of great interest, both in transportation and society in general. Unfortunately, this potentially disruptive technology and its implications are poorly understood. Policy decisions need a firm foundation in the best available evidence. TTI researchers are currently exploring automation’s effects on the transportation system, determining preparation strategies, and identifying associated policy implications.

For example, there is huge variation in the estimations of how automation will affect both congestion and safety. Both of these issues are critical to the transportation system. Developing a better understanding of how automation will affect these areas in the future will aid decision-makers, planners, and legislators when prioritizing investments today. The research currently underway provides an authoritative and objective basis for making tomorrow’s important decisions.

Legislative Support

TTI’s research capabilities extend beyond theory. Researchers regularly provide support and information to legislators and legislative staff on a variety of transportation policy issues. Support ranges from funding, finance, and economic issues, to operations and policy development and implementation. TTI researchers have an extensive knowledge of transportation systems, and are adept at analyzing issues and finding solutions that work for Texans.