

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



**MARK DAYTON**

**GOVERNOR**

**Executive Order 18-04**

### **Establishing the Governor's Advisory Council on Connected and Automated Vehicles**

**I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota,** by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

**Whereas,** the State of Minnesota is a global center for innovation and opportunity with a highly educated and entrepreneurial workforce and welcoming business climate;

**Whereas,** the State of Minnesota is supportive of public-private collaborations for the research and development of the connected and automated vehicles;

**Whereas,** the widespread adoption of connected and automated vehicles will transform the future of transportation, commerce, mobility, workforce, land-use, and public safety;

**Whereas,** the widespread adoption of connected and automated vehicles will positively impact public health by reducing injuries, traffic congestion, and air pollution;

**Whereas,** there are approximately 400 vehicle crash fatalities in Minnesota each year and human error contributes to approximately 94 percent of all serious and fatal crashes;

**Whereas,** connected and automated vehicles technologies are evolving rapidly, developing new capabilities including the ability to communicate with infrastructure and with other vehicles, and drive safely without a human operator;

**Whereas,** the development of connected and automated vehicle technologies has the potential to support economic growth, create high-skilled jobs, and promote business opportunities;

**Whereas,** Minnesota's diverse weather conditions provides significant advantages for the testing of connected and automated vehicles;

**Whereas**, the widespread adoption of connected and automated vehicles will dramatically change how public transportation infrastructure is utilized, how traffic regulations are structured, and how public investments in infrastructure are made;

**Whereas**, the development of connected and automated vehicles could help eliminate transportation barriers that leave individuals with disabilities, elderly, and low-income individuals in urban and rural areas disconnected from jobs and educational opportunities; and

**Whereas**, collaboration and coordination among cities, counties, states, businesses, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations is needed to capture the opportunity presented by the widespread adoption of connected and automated vehicles.

**Now, Therefore**, I hereby order that:

1. The Governor’s Advisory Council on Connected and Automated Vehicles (“Advisory Council”) is established to study, assess, and prepare for the transformation and opportunities associated with the widespread adoption of automated and connected vehicles.
2. The Advisory Council will develop recommendations for changes in state law, rules, and policies to maximize the benefits and prepare for the widespread adoption of automated and connected vehicles.
3. Charlie Zelle, the Commissioner of Transportation and Christopher Clark, President of Xcel Energy shall serve as Co-Chairs of the Advisory Council.
4. The Advisory Council must consist of thirteen other members appointed by the Governor with relevant experience in finance, transit, higher education, workforce training, insurance, automotive industry, advocacy, freight, labor, public safety, technology, or local government.
5. The Advisory Council shall also include the following fourteen ex-officio members:
  - a. Commissioner of Agriculture;
  - b. Commissioner of Commerce;
  - c. Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development;
  - d. Commissioner of Health;
  - e. Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board;
  - f. Commissioner of Minnesota Information Technology Services;
  - g. Commissioner of Public Safety;
  - h. Commissioner of Revenue;
  - i. Chair of the Metropolitan Council;
  - j. Executive Director of the Minnesota Council on Disability;
  - k. One Member of the Majority Party in the Minnesota Senate;
  - l. One Member of the Minority Party in the Minnesota Senate;
  - m. One Member of the Majority Party in the Minnesota House of Representatives; and
  - n. One Member of the Minority Party in the Minnesota House of Representatives.
6. The Advisory Council has the following duties:
  - a. Consult with governmental entities, communities experiencing transportation barriers, transportation stakeholders, the automotive industry, businesses, labor, technology companies, advocacy groups, and educational institutions.



This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

**In Testimony Whereof**, I have set my hand on this 5th day of March, 2018.



**Mark Dayton**  
Governor

Filed According to Law:



**Steve Simon**  
Secretary of State

