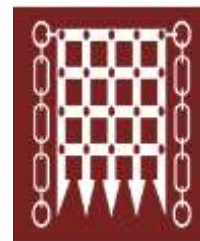


Westminster eForum and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference: Next steps for connected and autonomous vehicles

Timing: Morning, Monday, 14th December 2026

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Connected and autonomous vehicles in the UK - developments, deployment and implications for wider transport**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Vehicle approval and certification for automated vehicles - standards, requirements and readiness for deployment**
Senior representative, regulation
- 9.40 **Implementation of the Automated Vehicles Act 2024 - authorisation, licensing, and the route to deployment**
sequencing remaining legal, regulatory and operational milestones ahead of 2027 | developing secondary legislation, authorisation and licensing arrangements | Automated Passenger Services permits and local consent - roles, capacity and access to information | assessing the Statement of Safety Principles | in-use monitoring and allocation of responsibility across manufacturers, software developers, operators and regulators | data access, insurance and liability | scope for proportionate variation in requirements according to the type of service, level of risk and operating environment | transition from supervised operation to services without a safety driver | implications for investment and market confidence
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, manufacturer
Senior representative, operator
Senior representative, legal
- 10.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Safety assurance for autonomous vehicles - evidence, standards, in-use oversight and real-world performance**
Professor Saber Fallah, Professor, Safe AI and Autonomy; and Director, Connected Autonomous Vehicle Research Lab, University of Surrey
- 10.35 **Road safety, public confidence and priorities for responsible deployment**
Rebecca Guy, Senior Policy Manager, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents
- 10.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **Preparing the road network for autonomous vehicles**
Joanna White, Director, Engineering, National Highways
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Transition from trials to commercial deployment - evidence, investment and commercial viability**
Senior representative, industry
- 11.55 **Wider deployment of connected and autonomous mobility - commercial models, workforce and inclusive deployment**
commercially viable use cases and routes to wider deployment | passenger, freight, logistics and specialist applications | interaction with existing transport services and markets | workforce, skills and transition | accessibility and passenger assistance without a driver | infrastructure requirements, local authority readiness and access across urban, suburban and rural areas
Senior representative, innovation
Senior representative, freight
Senior representative, workforce
Senior analyst
- 12.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.40 **Next steps for connected and autonomous vehicles - policy, regulation and priorities for deployment**
Ruth Cadbury MP, Chair, Transport Select Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.05 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Forum Projects