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## **TEXAS MOBILITY SUMMIT SHIFTS SMART TRANSPORTATION INTO HIGH GEAR**

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The next generation of mobility is here and Texas is ready to boldly move forward. The state is building upon its designation by the U.S. Department of Transportation as an automated vehicle proving ground and following through with direction from the state legislature that Texas is open for innovation. The [Texas Mobility Summit](#) is bringing smart cities across the state together to advance the proving grounds, enable public-private data sharing, and link innovation with real-world applications.

The Texas Innovation Alliance is hosting the three-day event beginning Sunday, Oct. 15 – Tuesday, Oct. 17 at the J. W. Marriott Houston Hotel, 5150 Westheimer Rd. Transportation leaders, researchers, industry, and policymakers will examine how technology, population growth and natural disasters not only provide challenges for our region, but opportunity to bring next generation mobility to the masses.

"The Summit is an opportunity for transportation leadership across the state to come together in the spirit of collaboration. We are looking forward to building upon the progress of each of the Alliance teams to chart a course of collective action," said Dr. C. Michael Walton of the University of Texas at Austin.

The mission is clear: develop a multi-pronged deployment strategy designed to test, prove, and scale solutions to our state's most pressing mobility challenges. The teams of Texas participants will exchange ideas, identify a path forward, as well as explore resiliency, ethical, legal and regulatory considerations.

### **SEE CONNECTED & AUTOMATED VEHICLES IN ACTION**

The Summit kicks off with the Texas Automated Vehicle Proving Ground Partnership demonstration of autonomous and connected vehicle technologies. The University of Texas at Austin Center for Transportation Research (CTR) is demonstrating two connected vehicles and their abilities to sense their surroundings. Participants will also witness how a driverless vehicle can navigate its environment. The demonstration is hosted by [Houston METRO](#) and will take place at [Houston TranStar](#) Sunday, Oct. 15 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on 6922 Katy Rd. In conjunction, a reception and tour of Houston TranStar will provide a glimpse into the region's central command center.

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### **Texas Mobility Summit Participating Teams**

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## Texas Automated Vehicle Proving Ground Partnership

