

### Connected and Automated Transit Users Forum 2024 Purpose-Built Vehicle RFI Industry Overview

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**THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE BUS** 

### **TODAY'S MODERATORS**



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#### Planning today for tomorrow's transit future.



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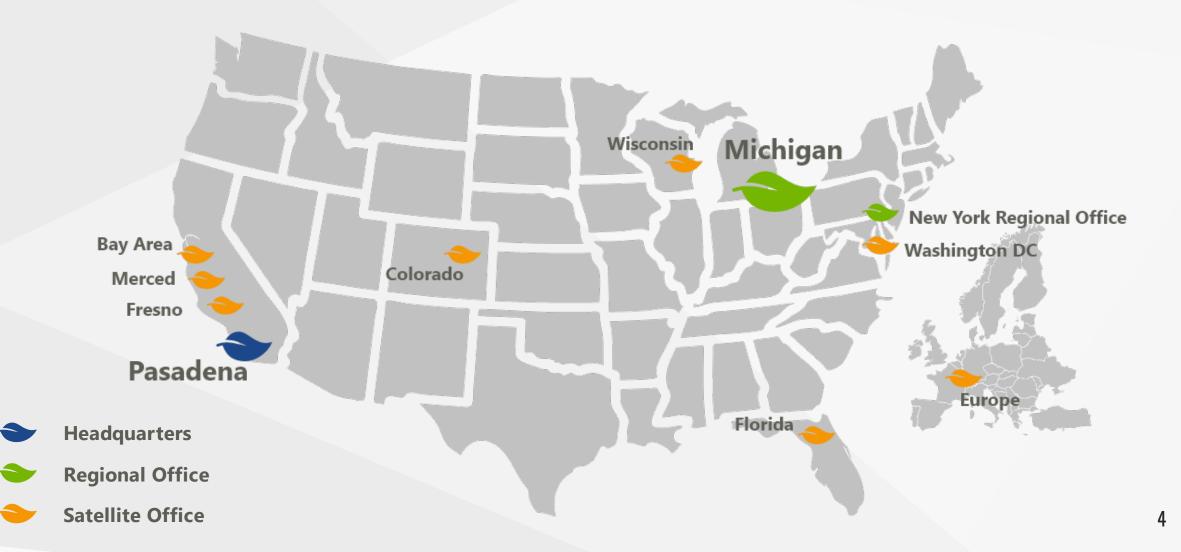
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### CONNECTED AND AUTOMATED TRANSPORTATION USERS FORUM (CATUF) - COHORT

#### Agency input and guidance on <u>Transit</u> <u>Agency Needs, Design, Key Performance</u> <u>Parameters and Requirements</u>

- Agencies are piloting transit AVs that do not meet standard operational needs
- Special focus on safety, crashworthiness and accessibility that meets needs of transits at a national level





#### CATUF was established in 2018 which has led to a COHORT of more than 20 transit fleet operators





#### **Purpose and Intent:**

- Begin a dialogue with key stakeholders (e.g., vendors, OEMs, suppliers)
- Focused on the key design and performance parameters derived from transit agency input, guidance and direction
- Moving the activity beyond pilots to commercially deploying a transit AV
- Gain an understanding of the current industry and product availability





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### Solicitation:

- Open to all vendors, manufactures, suppliers, engineering firms and their partners
- Feedback on key design and performance parameters
  - Mandatory requirements (i.e., automation, compliance)
  - 'Nice to have' requirements (i.e., video communications)
  - Local and regional requirements (i.e., safety)
- Submissions should attempt to address all KPP's and provide adequate supporting information

#### All Design and Key Performance Parameters were shared within the RFI



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#### **Key Notes on Operation Design Domains and Safety:**

- Vehicles must be highly reliable and flexible in nature to meet the needs of transit agencies
- Operational modes include, but are not limited to:
  - First/Last Mile
  - Circulator
  - Personal Rapid Transit (guard-railed operation or dedicated lane) or BRT
- Safety is paramount to the success of AV deployments and should be considered in all aspects of the design solution





#### **RFI Response Format:**

- Responses should be limited to 25 pages (plus any supporting appendices)
- Responses should include:
  - Cover Letter
  - Body
    - KPP responses using shared Excel file
  - Rough order of Magnitude Budget
  - Any appendices



#### Industry's responses will shape the future of transit automation



#### **Cover Letter:**

- Need all contact information
  - Point of Contact(s)
  - Address
  - Telephone number(s)
  - Email address(es)
  - Link to organization's website
  - Brief summary of your organization and experience related to autonomous vehicle and systems development





### **Body:**

- Clearly describe the vehicle solution(s)
  - Providing a clear understanding of how the solution meets the KPPs (i.e. drawings, renderings and photos)
- Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs)
- Detailed response to each of the KPPs
  - Solution
  - Reactions
  - Considerations
  - All applicable information
  - Reasoning if a KPP cannot me met and alternative solutions





### **Rough Order of Magnitude:**

- To the degree possible budget and timelines associated with the delivery your solution
- Considering the following and quantities and build types:
  - 1. up to 3 prototypes
  - 2. up to 10 pilots
  - 3. up to 50 production units.



#### **PLEASE NOTE:** The ROMs will not be shared PUBLICLY



### **Evaluation:**

- Responses will be evaluated based on:
  - Organization's knowledge and background in transportation and automation
  - Near term capabilities meeting design and KPPs
  - Ability to address each of the design and KPPs with innovative solutions that are achievable
  - Level of detail given in response to each of the KPPs
  - Ability to communicate openly about why a KPP could not be met and in doing so offering an achievable alternate solution(s)





#### **Critical Dates:**

- Friday, January 12, 2024 (5pm EST): Last day to submit questions.
  - All questions should go to: <u>mmarshall@calstart.org</u>
- Monday, January 22, 2024: All questions and answers will be compiled and uploaded to <u>www.catuf.org</u>

 RFI Deadline - Monday, February 5, 2024 (5pm EST): All RFI's to be submitted by this date





### **Next Steps:**

- RFI questions will be answered by January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Please visit www.catuf.org)
- RFI responses will be reviewed and compiled
- The CATUF cohort will review the responses
- Top responders will have an opportunity to showcase their solutions/products to the cohort during a scheduled webinar (~Starting March)





### **Funding Opportunities:**

- ATTAIN Grant Program
- Deadline: February 02, 2024
- Funding Amount: \$120,000,000
- The ATTAIN Program will provide funding to develop model deployments of large-scale implementation and operation of a diverse set of advanced transportation technologies.





### **Funding Opportunities:**

- <u>Rural Autonomous Vehicle Program</u>
- Deadline: March 13, 2024
- Funding Amount: \$25,000,000
- Accredited universities are eligible to apply for this competitive, sixyear cooperative agreement program. Recipients will use RAV program funding to conduct research regarding the benefits and responsible application of automated vehicles and associated mobility technologies in rural and Tribal communities. One \$15 million award will focus on passenger transportation, and a separate \$10 million award will focus on movement of freight to support and enable automated freight and delivery vehicles serving rural areas.





### **Funding Opportunities:**

- <u>Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP)</u>
- NOFO: Coming Soon With More Details
- Funding Amount: \$45,00,000 for Planning & Design and Construction Grants
- Construct projects to provide safe and connected active transportation facilities in active transportation networks or active transportation spines.



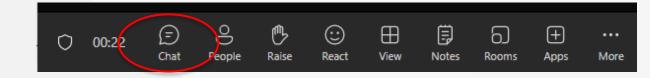


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