



## The Fully Autonomous Vehicle Testing Pilot Program

Per Public Act 17-69, a Fully Autonomous Vehicle Testing Pilot Program (FAVTPP) has been established by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM), in consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) and the Connecticut Insurance Department (CID). The purpose of this pilot program is to encourage and allow for the testing of fully autonomous vehicles (FAV) on local highways in Connecticut. The goal for the pilot program is to allow a variety of FAV testing to occur in four municipalities throughout the state, bringing Connecticut to the forefront of the innovative and burgeoning autonomous vehicle industry.

Connecticut municipalities provide a wide range of challenges and opportunities for testing the limits of FAV technologies and services. Examples of these challenges and opportunities include operation in communities with varying climate and weather conditions, urban and rural geographies, access or lack thereof to adequate transportation and/or workforce opportunities, new and aging infrastructure, varying levels of traffic volumes and congestion and users of multiple modes of transportation including car, pedestrian, bicycle, bus, rail, freight, etc.

Prior to completing an application, interested municipalities are encouraged to search for and partner with interested autonomous vehicle testers. Prior to completing an application, interested municipalities should also review and understand all current state and federal policies, laws, guidance, standards and/or regulations pertaining to autonomous vehicles and autonomous vehicle testing, etc.

In order to apply, interested municipalities must complete and submit the attached application (together with a copy of the City/Town Council's resolution approving the application) to: Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, 450 Capitol Avenue MS# 54-SEC, Hartford, CT 06106-1379. Up to four (4) municipalities (two of which have population thresholds) will be selected by OPM to participate in the FAVTPP.

Upon receipt of a completed application, OPM, in consultation with DMV, DOT and DESPP, will review the application in detail and provide approval, rejection, or request for more information. If OPM requires additional information to assess the application, the municipality must submit such information or relevant explanation of such omission from the application, as requested by the Secretary of OPM, and OPM will review such additional information and respond. OPM reserves the right to withdraw an approval at any time and to request a meeting with the municipality prior to issuing an approval.

The chief elected official or chief executive officer of a municipality approved by OPM to participate in the FAVTPP must select, and enter into a written agreement with, an autonomous vehicle tester or autonomous vehicle testers to test fully autonomous vehicles on the highways of the municipality. At a minimum, such agreement must abide by all the requirements of Public Act 17-69 and include each of the required elements outlined in the framework for such agreements produced by OPM.