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Autonomous Vehicle Summit Looks to the Future of Self-driving Cars

CAMBRIDGE, MA – February 17, 2017 – The New England chapter of the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International ([AUVSI](#)) is hosting the Autonomous Vehicle Summit 2017 on March 2 at [Draper](#), located at One Hampshire St., Cambridge.

The summit will bring together automated and self-driving vehicle advocates, policy makers, technology enablers, designers, researchers and urban planners to a broad audience of end-users and developers.

Featured keynote speakers include Jane Lappin, Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs for Toyota Research Institute (TRI), and Robin Chase, co-founder and former CEO of ZipCar and co-founder and board member of Veniam.

Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in workshops, networking, luncheon with a keynote and a reception hosted by Draper at the Summit's conclusion. The theme of the day is, how will autonomous and self-driving vehicles in cities such as Boston affect you?

[Speakers and panelists](#) scheduled to present at AVS 2017 include representatives from AUVSI New England, Boston Consulting Group, Cities of Boston and Cambridge, Draper, MassTech, MIT, New Urban Mechanics, nuTonomy, Raytheon, Volpe and more.

AV Summit 2017 Workshops

Current Policy Landscape for Autonomous Vehicles in Greater Boston

This session will discuss the top automation policy priorities facing public agencies and identify strategies for policymakers to achieve desired outcomes. The session will highlight different policy perspectives and discuss strategies that can enable public agencies to encourage the benefits from automated vehicles, while also steering us away from its potentially negative impacts.

"AV-Ready" Cities or "City-Ready AVs"?

This interactive session addresses some of the key aspects of road automation from an urban policy perspective. The aims are to increase the awareness within the AV community of urban policy needs as well as enabling urban policy makers to better understand the opportunities and issues related to AV when drafting their city's AV roadmap.

Exploring Autonomous Technologies within Greater Boston

This session will discuss the a year-long engagement focused on creating policy recommendations and supporting on-street testing of autonomous vehicles, also known as self-

driving vehicles, to advance the safety, access and sustainability goals identified by the public during the Go Boston 2030 transportation planning process.

Full details of the event are available at avs2017.org

Registration is open at Autonomous Vehicle Summit 2017. (US person status)

Due to security constraints under federal programs participation and authorization compliance, Draper may accommodate non US citizens with additional vetting and background review. Draper retains the right to exclude any attendee for security purposes. All attendees will be required to present identification and meet appropriate registration criteria.

Media who wish to attend AVS 2017 should contact Draper's Media Relations office to coordinate access and review guidelines: 617-258-2464, ddent@draper.com.

About AUVSI

The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) is the world's largest nonprofit organization devoted exclusively to advancing the unmanned systems and robotics community. With members from government organizations, industry and academia, the AUVSI fosters, develops, and promotes unmanned systems and robotic technologies. AUVSI provides opportunities for information exchange, networking and business development and is the best resource for simply learning about unmanned systems and robotics or for staying abreast of the latest program and technology updates.

About AUVSI's New England Chapter

Founded in 2012, the New England Chapter of AUVSI is building and developing the regional robotics community in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont. AUVSI New England is a 501(c)(6) N-F-P corporation, registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and is a leading regional organization representing the views of the unmanned systems and robotics community to government officials, regulators, media outlets and the public. AUVSI New England is committed to helping shape sound and effective technology policy by advocating on behalf of our community, monitoring legislation and assessing the global opportunity and impact of the industry. The mission of AUVSI is to advance the unmanned systems and robotics community through education, advocacy and leadership.

AV Summit 2017 is produced by AUVSI New England with the generous support of Draper. AUVSI New England's Platinum Sponsor, Boston Consulting Group (BCG), will provide panel speakers and present on the firm's global vision for autonomous vehicles.

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