

Maryland Connected & Automated Vehicles Working Group

December 11, 2025

TIME: 1:00 pm – 4 pm

In Person: Miller West Conference Room

Miller Senate Building

11 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21403

Registration: <https://forms.office.com/g/nfThMxDZ0Y>

Parking: [Navy Marine Corps Stadium](#), 1st Shuttle Stop, \$2 for one way trip, State Employees Free

[Gott's Court Garage](#), 25 Calvert Street, Max \$15

AGENDA	
1:00 p.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks <i>Administrator Chrissy Nizer, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration</i> <i>Senator Sara Love, Maryland General Assembly, District 16, Montgomery County</i>
1:20 p.m.	Speaker Presentations AV Policy in DC <i>Stephanie Dock, AICP</i> <i>Innovation Branch Manager</i> <i>District Department of Transportation</i> Waymo: The World's Most Experienced Driver <i>Anthony Perez</i> <i>Northeast Policy Manager</i> <i>Waymo</i> Building Public Understanding and Trust in Autonomous Vehicle Technology <i>Tara Andringa</i> <i>Executive Director</i> <i>PAVE (Partners for Automated Vehicle Education)</i>
2:00 p.m.	Short Break
2:15 p.m.	Panel Discussion with Speakers <i>Moderator</i> <i>Assistant Secretary John Gilstrap, Maryland Department of Commerce</i>
3:00 p.m.	Demo Overview <i>Waymo</i>
3:10 p.m.	Updates from Attendees
3:25 p.m.	Closing
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn
3:30 p.m.	Waymo Demo <i>DGS parking lot</i>

4:30 p.m.	Networking/ Social (unsponsored) at Rams Head Tavern , 33 West St, Annapolis, MD
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Questions? Email: CAVMaryland@mdot.maryland.gov

WELCOMING REMARKS



Christine Nizer

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Christine Nizer was appointed Administrator of the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and Governor's Highway Safety Representative in August 2015. Prior to that appointment, Ms. Nizer served as the MVA's Chief Deputy Administrator and Deputy Administrator for Central Operations and Safety Programs for over eight years. She also held management positions at the Maryland Public Service Commission, the Maryland General Assembly and the Office of Homeland Security.



Senator Sara Love

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Tenure

Member of the Maryland Senate since June 13, 2024.

Current Assignments

2024 Judicial Proceedings Committee
2025 Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas
2024 Vice Chair, Montgomery County Senate Delegation
2024 Women Legislators of Maryland

2024 Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus

Born, Evanston, Illinois, April 6, 1967; New Trier High School, Winnetka, Illinois, 1985; Princeton University, B.A., American History, 1989; Northwestern University School of Law, 1992; Law Clerk to Judge Timothy K. Lewis, U.S. Court of Appeals for 3rd Circuit, 1993-1994; Litigation Associate, Robinson, Curley and Clayton, Chicago, Illinois, 1994-1998; General Counsel, National Women's Health Foundation, 1998-2004; Public Policy Director, ACLU of Maryland, 2012-2016; Two Children; One Rescue Dog.

SPEAKERS



Stephanie Dock, AICP

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Stephanie Dock manages DDOT's Autonomous Vehicles Program and leads the team responsible for overseeing autonomous vehicle testing and sidewalk delivery robots, deploying drones (unmanned aerial systems) for agency purposes, and helping to guide the agency's investments and strategy around emerging technology pilots. Stephanie joined DDOT in 2012 as part of the Research Program and went on to lead that program before moving to her current role in 2022.

Stephanie is a certified urban planner (AICP). She received her Masters of City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Chicago.



Anthony Perez

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Anthony Perez serves as Northeast Policy Manager at Waymo, an autonomous driving technology company. In this role, he works directly with state and local policymakers across the Northeast region to help advance transportation policy, educate on the safety benefits of the technology, and advance consumer awareness and acceptance. Anthony has 15 years of government and public affairs experience, having served under three NYC mayors, two City Council Speakers, and appointed as a borough commissioner at two of New York City's largest government agencies. Most recently, Anthony was the Bronx Borough Commissioner at the New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) where he served as the primary liaison to elected officials, community boards and the general public for all agency operations in the borough, including leading community outreach for street redesigns and other Vizion Zero initiatives. A life-long New York City resident, Anthony studied political science at Union College and lives in the Bronx, NY.



Tara Andringa

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Tara Andringa is the Executive Director of PAVE and has over 25 years of experience in communications, outreach, public policy, and automotive policy. At PAVE, she leads all operations of the organization, including curriculum development, strategic planning, messaging and mission alignment, personnel management, stakeholder relationships, budgeting, external outreach, and collaboration with the Board of Directors.

Prior to joining PAVE, Ms. Andringa spent more than 20 years as a communications director in the United States Senate, including leading communications for two Senate committees and the Senate Auto Task Force. Ms. Andringa served as the on-the-record spokesperson to a global press corps; led all communications planning and execution relating to automotive technology and the automotive industry, including translating technical legislation into publicly understandable and relatable terms; planned and managed the budget; and created a united communications strategy for a diverse group of Senators with a range of interests and priorities.

PANEL MODERATOR



John Gilstrap

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John Gilstrap has more than 20 years of experience in operations, strategic planning, and leadership, with extensive experience in policy, research and analysis, economic development, and AI innovation.

He currently manages the Dept. of Commerce assets in several industries, including Quantum/AI, Aerospace technology, Life Sciences, Manufacturing, and Agriculture, as part of the Innovation & Growth Division.

Spending most of his career in New York City, he was most recently the principal consultant at NorthStar AI Rising Corp. He also co-founded and was the managing director of Hudson Cannabis LLC and previously served as the Executive Vice President at Empire State Development Corp., where he led efforts to grow private sector investment and job creation across the state of New York.

Gilstrap earned a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a MBA from Columbia Business School.