

Comment from Robert Scalea

Autonomous vehicles (AVs) will contribute to greater mobility for all and improve the overall ground transportation environment, through both superior functionality and better active safety systems. However, the AV industry would be well-served to maximize safety by incorporating additional passive safety features, such as automatic, audible, external alerts to warn people around them of potentially dangerous traffic circumstances. This can be easily and effectively achieved by building on existing monitoring technology and sensor subsystems that are already in use. Standards and policies should be developed and enforced to ensure safety for all vehicles (traditional and AV) and pedestrians.