

Comment from Sean Kopriva

The prospect of autonomous vehicles on the public roadways are an unnecessary disaster waiting to happen. A computer will not eliminate highway fatalities. In fact it will cause what would normally be minor incidents into catastrophes. These vehicles will not be driven by a true Artificial Intelligence. An algorithm will not be able to reason out a situation nor make proper decisions unless it has been specifically programmed to do perform. Driving on the roadways is not akin to working on a factory floor performing the same repeatable task.

Also, having a driver behind the steering wheel ready to take action for an event the computer isn't prepared for is also not going to help. You cannot expect someone to react to a situation in any sufficiently adequate manner while not actively being involved in said task. All this will achieve is to place the blame onto the onboard driver when the computer fails.

Please take into consideration that computers will not know when to button hook, react to a LEO incident, adverse weather conditions, equipment failures, hazmat incidents and the like. The possibilities are too numerous to list because there are an infinite number of incidents to account for that requires a physical meat brain to reason out the situation.

Please remember that airliners have had automatic pilot for decades. They still require active meat pilots to monitor the flight. The planes mainly fly in straight lines and do not deal with ever changing obstacles