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Camera-based rear-view visibility systems are hypothetically the better way. E.g., the vehicle could have two small-ish dash-mounted screens, viewable just to the right and the left of the steering wheel, one showing what is beside and behind to the right, one showing the same information to the left. This would allow the driver to see all of this without taking their eyes very far from the road ahead.

Lane changing would be much safer. I look forward to that day. Especially since my one-and-only accident in 50+ years of driving was a lane-change situation.

However, this technology must be 'perfected.' I notice the backup camera on my car normally presents a very good view. But it only takes a drop or two of water on that tiny lens to make the view nearly worthless. Likewise, dirt or snow or frost on the camera lens makes it worthless until cleaned.

Until the technology (and how to keep the camera lenses always clear of water, dirt, snow, etc.) is just about perfect, it seems necessary, especially for vehicles that routinely tow wide, tall loads, to continue to have traditional mirrors, at least as an supplement to camera views.