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AOT seeks public comment on Automated Vehicle Testing Permit Guidance and Application

Barre, Vt. – The Vermont Traffic Committee will be conducting an online public hearing on Thursday, October 15, 2020, from 1-3 p.m. to inform its decision on whether to approve the Final Draft of the Automated Vehicle Testing Permit Guidance and Application (September 1, 2020).

The guide provides details on the process to approve the testing of automated vehicles, often referred to as self-driving cars, on public roads in Vermont per the Automated Vehicle Testing Act signed into law by Governor Scott on June 14, 2019 (23 VSA Chapter 41). The guide is intended for use by applicants who are seeking a permit to test automated vehicles on public roads in Vermont and municipalities that are considering allowing testing on town highways under their jurisdiction. It also serves as a guide to the Vermont Traffic Committee, whose approval is required for all automated vehicle test permits in the state, in its deliberations over specific permit applications.

The guide and information on how to participate in the on-line public hearing are available at this website: <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/planning/av-testing>. The website includes the Agency's response to comments on an earlier draft of the guidance and a video from the June 19, 2020, public information meeting.

Public comments may be offered at the hearing or submitted by mail or email by October 8, 2020, to:

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