EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2018-01

CREATING THE AUTONOMOUS AND CONNECTED VEHICLE AND DEPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has been a leader in technology and transportation throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has contributed to significant advancements in technology and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Idaho Transportation Department is considered one of the most innovative transportation departments in the country; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho has universities, corporations, businesses, start-ups, and other private-sector partners engaged in the development and implementation of new technology; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho is uniquely positioned to assist in the development and deployment of autonomous and connected vehicle technology; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho believes that studying the controlled testing and operation of autonomous and connected vehicles in a variety of real-world driving conditions on roads within the state will advance the safe and successful deployment of autonomous and connected vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the removal of barriers to the testing and deployment of autonomous and connected vehicle technology in Idaho may produce significant social, economic, environmental and innovative benefits, including enhancing mobility, creating jobs and improving transportation safety and efficiency;

NOW THEREFORE, I, C.L. “BUTCH” OTTER Governor of the State of Idaho, by the authority vested in me under the Constitution and law of the State of Idaho do hereby order creation of the “Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Testing and Deployment Committee” and do hereby further order as follows:

1. By not later than March 1, 2018, the Transportation Department shall create the committee hereafter known as the Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Testing and Deployment Committee.

2. The Committee membership shall be comprised of the following standing members:

   a. The Director of the Transportation Department or designee;
   b. The Director of the Department of Commerce or designee;
   c. The Director of the Department of Insurance or designee;
   d. The Director of the Idaho State Police or designee;
   e. Legal counsel from the Office of the Governor;
   f. Two (2) members of the Idaho Legislature, one (1) appointed by the Speaker of the House and one (1) appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
   g. The Director of Information Security.

3. The Committee shall include, but not limited to, the following members appointed by the Governor:

   a. At least four representatives from the autonomous and connected vehicle technology sector, two of which must be representatives of automobile manufacturers.
   b. A representative from the Idaho Association of Highway Districts.
   c. A representative from the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council.
The Committee shall be chaired by the Director of the Transportation Department.

a. Meetings shall be held no less than twice each calendar year, and additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the Chair.

b. Meetings shall comply with chapter 2, title 74, Idaho Code. Meetings will be held and announcements associated with such meetings shall be posted at the designated location of the meeting.

c. The Committee may form advisory subcommittees as necessary, and such subcommittees shall report back to the Committee.

d. The Committee may seek technical or professional assistance as deemed necessary and appropriate.

5. Each Committee member shall have full and equal voting rights. A simple majority of members voting shall be sufficient to decide any matter pending before the Committee.

6. The Committee shall have the following mission:

a. Identify all agencies of the State of Idaho with pertinent jurisdiction to support the testing and deployment of autonomous and connected vehicles.

b. Coordinate with the identified agencies and discuss how best to administer the testing of autonomous and connected vehicles on roads in relation to issues such as vehicle registration, licensing, insurance, traffic regulations, and vehicle owner or operator responsibilities and liabilities under current law.

c. Review existing State statutes and administrative rules and identify existing laws or rules that impede the testing and deployment of autonomous and connected vehicles on roads.

d. Identify strategic partnerships to leverage the social, economic, and environmental benefits of autonomous and connected vehicles.

7. The Transportation Department shall provide staff support for the Committee.

8. The Transportation Department shall produce reports containing the Committee’s findings and recommendations and shall submit its first report to the Governor no later than November 1, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 2nd day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred forty-second and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred twenty-eighth.

C.L. BUTCH OTTER
GOVERNOR

LAWRENCE DENNEY
SECRETARY OF STATE