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All cars and trucks are deadly weapons.

The federal government routinely files an "assault with a deadly weapon" charge when a driver crashes into them.

Therefore, autonomous vehicle should be regulated, taxed, licensed, charged for the destruction they cause to municipal property, roads, and streets.

According to a UC Berkeley study which simulated giving random people access to an AV by providing a

private chauffeur, the people with "personal AV's" had a decrease in transit use, cycling, and walking, and

an increase Vehicle Miles Traveled by automobile by an average of 60%. This would be disastrous for our

city, and doesn't take into account the significant "dead-heading" that AV's perform to pick up passengers.

Furthermore due to the virtually non-existent Federal regulations and reporting requirements, they stand

to wreak havoc on our city. AV's have obstructed Police, Fire Fighters, and Emergency Responders and

have been directly responsible for multiple deaths and serious injuries. Due to the lack of regulations

requiring the use of radar or LiDAR to detect pedestrians, Tesla's AV's will only use cameras (as their

current "Autopilot" does) with fatal results (see: <https://youtu.be/IQJL3htsDyQ>). This does not bode well

for the traveling public, even for those driving in vehicles!

For people who walk, bike, and take transit everyday, AV's are a real threat. Elon Musk has managed to

fire and muzzle officials so he can get his "Robo Taxi" fleet running with zero oversight. AV's will start to

use our Greenways as cut-through streets, have been known to blow through stop signs and not yield for

people at crosswalk, and stand to clog up our Transit corridors while transporting zero passengers. AV's

are antithetical to a thriving city centered around people, rather than cars.

That is why we are urging you to adopt common-sense rules around Autonomous Vehicles, including:

1. All AV's must be equipped with a safety driver until the State or Federal government can develop

a comprehensive testing system for Autonomous Vehicles that addresses

Autonomous Level 5

driving in adverse conditions.

2. All AV's must be equipped with flashing lights/displays that can signal to people at a crossing

(including cyclists) that it has recognized the vulnerable road user attempting to cross the roadway.

3. All rides in an Autonomous Vehicle should be subject to a \$50/trip fee, along with a \$1/minute

surcharge when AV's are "dead-heading" or driving without a passenger to discourage vehicles

from "roaming." AV's that pay for parking between rides would not incur this fee. 50% of all

service charges should be placed in a "Vision Zero" fund to address Vision Zero.

4. A 100% increase on all fines and fees related to obstruction of emergency vehicles, failing to yield

to pedestrians/cyclists, and all other fines made by Autonomous Vehicles.

5. All AV companies should be required to fulfill equity requirements that are placed on Bike share

and Scooter share companies. This would require a minimum percentage of the total fleet

deployed in East Portland and other high-need equity areas.

Please work to mitigate the harms that AV companies will cause.