

Wednesday August 28, 2024
Artificial Intelligence Task Force
Transportation Subcommittee

Attendees:

Cherika Carter, Washington State Labor Council and Subcommittee chair
Sumayo Hassan, AGO
Ellen Austin Hall, AGO
Latoya Belgrave
Farah Alqattan
Sheri Call, Washington Trucking Association
Kelly Simpson, legislative staff
Yinhai Wang, UW and Pacific Northwest Transportation Consortium (PacTrans)
Neal Luna, AGO
Chalia Stallings Ala'ilima, AGO
Representative Jake Fey
Elise Sivilay, IBM

- The meeting began with introductions of task force members and subcommittee co-chair. Introductions opened to the public members on the call. Discussion questions were shared with the group.
- A meeting member states that they would like to see involvement from tech companies in this conversation to have a productive outcome.
- A meeting member mentioned that they are concerned with data privacy in transportation, specifically tracking locations.
- An additional meeting member speaks about end-to-end encryption that protects location data and how AI can protect that data from interference from third parties.
- Another meeting member mentions their experience working with use cases of AI within transportation and gaps where the use of AI raises concerns.
- The chair of the subcommittee notes a few conversations on the top of mind, such as AI fleet management and routing in public transport using artificial intelligence systems.
- A meeting member questions the federal funding directed to infrastructure, specifically within their county. States this is an opportunity for a great introduction into AI implications.
- An additional meeting member outlines work within the broader PNW receiving federal funding in the bipartisan infrastructure bill and opens the floor to collaboration.
- A meeting member asks the subcommittee co-chair the most consistent issue from their expertise that can be addressed with AI, and whether AI is helpful.
- The subcommittee co-chair describes the items of most concern, such as not exacerbating inequity and protecting workers and communities.
- An additional meeting member expresses concerns of not properly assessing impacts of AI within the subcommittee and running the risk of creating harmful AI. Suggests the use of surveys to gather information. The meeting member additionally makes the point of creating rules that allow flexibility for emerging technologies.

- A meeting member asks to define the subcommittee's understanding of transportation and AI. Mentions the breadth of the topic of the subcommittee and interest in being a part of actionable development.
- A meeting member mentions their observation of some rideshare companies creating timelines for fleets primarily of autonomous vehicles, concern about addressing the issues that arise for impacted workers.
- An additional member states a potential solution of self-driving cars with workers present from the rideshare app to bolster the potential of automation with space for human oversight.
- Another meeting member expressed the need for skepticism about marketing from technology companies, particular regarding issues that are directly pertinent to human safety because companies have incentives that may not be aligned with the broader public.