

## LEADING TRANSPORT AND TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES ANNOUNCE AUSTRALASIAN DRIVERLESS ROADTRIP, TAKING THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORT ON TOUR

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Everyday Australians and New Zealanders will have the opportunity to ride in a self-driving shuttle and experience the future of transport first-hand, as part of the 2017/18 Australasian Driverless Roadtrip, announced on the final day of the Australia and New Zealand Driverless Vehicle Initiative (ADVI) Conference in Adelaide today.

Transdev, a global leader in providing transport solutions, has teamed up with autonomous vehicle manufacturer EasyMile and network technology partner Telstra to present the "Driverless Roadtrip" that will feature free public demonstrations in select capital cities and regional centres in late 2017 and early 2018.

Transdev's spokesperson Kathy Lazanas said: "Self-driving shuttles are no longer a fantasy, the technology is attractive and ready to be adopted in a range of contexts in our cities today.

"Autonomous shuttles are starting to show their worth as a means to improve connections particularly for first-mile, last mile connections. Importantly, they promote shared mobility with a capacity of 12 customers per vehicle.

"We want to spread the excitement about autonomous shuttles, and extend the conversation from places like the Adelaide Convention Centre this past week and online tech forums, to the dining tables and water coolers of everyday Australians and New Zealanders," Kathy said.

The vehicle on display will be an EasyMile EZ10 fully autonomous driverless shuttle. EasyMile spokesperson Simon Pearce said the demonstrations will highlight the impressive capabilities and safety features of the EZ10, and the benefits of self-driving technology more broadly.

"The EZ10 has been designed to cover short pre-defined routes through embedded and localisation technologies developed by EasyMile," he said.

"Using the latest sensory technology, the vehicle can safely respond to environmental changes like moving pedestrians, cyclists and other cars."

"Our EZ10 vehicle will change the way people move around their communities, allowing more people to enjoy life simplified by the fact that they can now get where they are going, safer, quicker and easier than ever before," Simon said.

The first stop of the tour after ADVI is Canberra from 23 to 27 November, followed closely by demonstrations in Cairns from 4 to 8 December and Mooloolaba on the Sunshine Coast from 14 to 16 December.

Further roadtrip stops and public demonstrations are planned for Sydney and Melbourne in early 2018, before the roadtrip moves across the Tasman to Auckland and Wellington.

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*Transdev is the largest private-sector operator of multiple modes of transport in Australasia, including bus, train, light rail, ferry and on-demand shuttles. Globally, Transdev operates public transport in 19 countries, and is part of a number of autonomous shuttle trials currently underway. For more information, go to [www.transdev.com.au](http://www.transdev.com.au).*

*EasyMile develops, markets, deploys and ensures the maintenance of its autonomous road transport solution based on its EZ10 driverless vehicle. The EZ10 is a driverless electric vehicle that can carry up to 12 people (6 seats and 6 standing positions). It is also accessible to people with mobility needs thanks to its DDA compliant access ramp. The EZ10 moves autonomously, combining a fusion of different localisation and detection technologies and is designed to cover short and predefined routes and requires no infrastructure. For more information, go to [www.EasyMile.com](http://www.EasyMile.com).*

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