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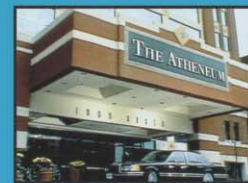


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# From Your President

*Dino Gargasoulas ~ President*

Dear Members:

2017 is off to an amazing start! We had very nice event to kick-off the year at the DAC where we swore in the Board.

This year we will continue to offer a series of educational and informational meetings called “small meetings”. This will be for members only so we encourage everyone to join the Club so you can be a part of these wonderful meetings

The Committees continue to work hard on the upcoming 2017 events. Just right around the corner in March we will have our “Night at the Races”. Transportation Week will be happening soon after that as well as the summer fun events which include the Golf Outings and the Tiger Game. I want to thank everyone who has attended in the past and I want to encourage everyone to join us this summer.

Our club remains on an upward swing! In the last three years, we have awarded almost \$60,000 in scholarships to exemplary Michigan College students who are studying in the transportation field! The Executive Team, Wyatt Sweeny, Larry Foley, Michelle LaVon-Paddock, Kevin Dowd , and I are committed to continuing this momentum. The success of the Club is everyone’s success. I want to invite everyone to join a committee, attend events, invite others to attend and join. Share your thoughts and ideas with us so we can bring the programs that interest you. Together we will make 2017 a year to remember!

Dino Gargasoulas, TCD President



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## Ohio Turnpike Travelers Will See Semi-Autonomous Trucks on the Road This Spring

Peloton Technology will roll out platooning tech on the Ohio Turnpike this spring as the state begins a new phase in its autonomous vehicle exploration.

Platooning involves creating pairs of semi-autonomous commercial trucks. Vehicle-to-vehicle communication allows the vehicles to travel close together, which reduces fuel burn and cuts wind resistance. The trucks communicate on braking and speed.

While the trucks travel closer together than typical on freeways, Ohio Turnpike Executive Director Randy Cole says travelers shouldn't notice much of a difference.



"Peloton tells us that in their operations you won't notice that a truck is following that close," Cole said.

Peloton-operated trucks operate in pairs, follow about 50 feet behind one another, are equipped with forward collision avoidance systems and have a driver in each cab to steer.

And, if a car cuts in between the trucks, they automatically extend their distance until the car clears the area.

The plan is for California-based Peloton to establish hauling agreements with freight companies in Ohio, but the specifics can't yet be released, officials say.

"We look forward to continuing our discussions with Randy Cole and other Ohio officials in order to identify suitable highways for platooning in the state," Geoff Johnson, external affairs strategist for Peloton, said in an e-mail.

The turnpike is ideally positioned because it is "relatively straight and relatively flat," Cole said. And the turnpike already has been used as an autonomous vehicle testing ground.

"Peloton's driver-assistive truck platooning system is used only in appropriate traffic, weather and road conditions on multilane, divided, limited-access highways, such as the Ohio Turnpike, where fleets interested in adopting the technology tend to log most of their miles," Johnson said.

Peloton is interested in working with the Smart Belt Coalition, a collaboration among transportation agencies and academic institutions in Ohio, Michigan and Pennsylvania to advance autonomous and connected vehicle technology, to devise a multistate truck platooning effort.

"We are interested in developing multistate platooning activities with fleet customers, whose routes are often multistate, and with state officials," Johnson said. "We are also working with fleet customers whose use regional-haul operations with routes that stay within given states."

Peloton already has completed tests in the United States, including in Utah and Texas.

The platooning efforts are the next step in the turnpike's foray into autonomous and connected vehicle research. Last fall, Otto — the self-driving truck company owned by Uber — began testing on the turnpike.

The turnpike is one of a handful of roads in the state designated as a smart highway. Interstate 90 in Lake County and the Smart Mobility Corridor — a 35-mile stretch of road outside of Columbus — also have been identified as testing routes.

Cole said testing with Otto is expected to resume this spring and has not been affected by the lawsuit between Uber and Google over Otto's technology.

Article by  
By Ginger Christ  
The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer

# M-1 Rail invites businesses to celebrate QLine opening with specials, events

## Volunteers sought to instruct riders on how to use station kiosks



As M-1 Rail gears up for the QLine's official 6.6-mile Woodward Avenue circuit debut on May 12, it wants Detroit businesses in on the festivities, too.

M-1 Rail officials are asking local businesses along the streetcar route to get involved in the changing landscape outside their storefronts by hosting events or offering specials during opening weekend May 12-14.

M-1 Rail will in turn help promote each store's happenings via an online calendar and printed handouts. Doing

so is expected to generate more foot traffic for local businesses and work toward a major goal: assisting pedestrians in getting around the new transit system's corridor.

The transit system is also looking for volunteer ambassadors for grand opening weekend to greet visitors and instruct riders on how to use the station kiosks. Those interested should apply here by 5 p.m.

M-1 Rail, which will offer free rides opening weekend, said it plans activities along the corridor to help "cultivate a walkable and a shared riding experience along Woodward Avenue."

"We've been on the ground talking to businesses for the past month and we've had people excited from the beginning," said Sommer Woods, director of external relations for M-1 Rail.

After 10 years of planning and two years of construction, the QLine will open a 6.6-mile loop on Woodward with 20 stops between Grand Boulevard and Larned Street.

Business owners interested in having their shops promoted must fill out an online application by Friday.

Woods said those who miss the deadline can still have their events added to the calendar online. She said an initial calendar will likely be released at the end of this month, and events will be added on a rolling basis as opening weekend approaches.

"We have a lot of small business and we want to make sure everyone is involved," Woods said. "We want to continue the relationship long-term."

For more information, email [GrandOpening@m1rail.org](mailto:GrandOpening@m1rail.org).

*Article By Kurt Nagel  
Crain's Detroit Business  
April 4, 2017*

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August 11th  
2017

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**National Transportation Week**  
*The Fairlane Club*  
May 18, 2017

**June Scholarship Golf Outing**  
*The Links of Novi*  
June 15, 2017

**Tigers Night**  
*Hockeytown and Commerica Park*  
August 11, 2017

**September Scholarship Golf Outing**  
*Fox Hills*  
September 14, 2017

**Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner**  
*The Antheneum Suite Hotel*  
October 19, 2017

**Toys for Tots**  
*The Ukrainin Culture Club Center*  
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