



#### A Competitive

Autonomous Transportation System

**Open specifications** provide open access

# What is the Open Tunnel Alliance



- An set of standards used by different autonomous vehicles
- Enables street-based robotaxis to use tunnels
- Specifies physical dimensions, functions & base requirements

# **PURPOSE of the Open Tunnel Alliance**



- Provides a *competitive* environment
- Enables cities to bid on different tunnel elements, i.e. size, function & cost
- Enables *different* robotaxis to use a "standard" tunnel
- Lowers cost. Increases competition.

# The Open Tunnel Alliance: NEED



- Currently ONLY Musk's vehicles can use their tunnel
- Accomodates competitive
  6-12 passenger EV shuttles
- Largest tunnels accomodate autonomous trucks
- Open specifications enable interoperablity & competition

### Autonomous Shuttles have ARRIVED



- GM & Honda's Cruise
- Ford & VW with Argo
- Lyft and Motional
- Amazon's Zoox
- Google's Waymo
- Aurora & Volvo trucks
- Waymo & Daimler trucks

#### Musk Tunnels planned for NV & FL



Las Vegas: 29 mile network of tunnels with 51 stations. Transport as many as 57,000 passengers per hour.

Figure 1 – Proposed Las Olas Loop Alignment and Station Options



Ft. Lauderdale Two, 2.7 mile tunnels with cars traveling 50-70mph. Cost estimated at \$5 one way.

#### **Disadvantages of Musk Tunnels**



- ONLY Tesla vehicles allowed
- Tunnel travel only
- Street shuttles have no access
- Monopoly control
- No competitive bidding

### **Open Tunnel GOALS**



- **Open.** Industry standards define ALL specifications for tunnel interoperability
- **Modular.** ANY vehicle that meets the interface spec may operate
- **Interoperable.** Different robotaxis can use different sized tunnels
- **Competitive.** More providers enable lower cost

#### **Proposed Portland Tunnel**



- Tunnel between Expo Center & Lloyd Center
- Vancouver connection direct via bridge or BRT
- No stops (like Max). No I-5 congestion (like BRT)
- No tolls. Faster. Cheaper.

#### **Portland Tunnel Alignment**



- Expo to Lloyd Center Tunnel approx 10 miles
- At \$20M/mile, two tunnels cost about \$200M to drill.
- Est. \$800M total for tunnel with 3 terminals and 20 vehicles.
- No stops. No tolls. No Congestion.
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### **Advantages of Tunnel over IBR**



- Half price (~\$2B). Est. \$1.2B for new bridge, plus \$800M for EV Tunnel
- Reducted Congestion
- No stops (like Max). No I-5 congestion (like BRT)
- Robotaxis can deliver you direct to final destination.

# Autonomy is Real

The US autonomous car market is consolidating with Waymo, Tesla, GM, Ford, Honda, Nissan, Daimler, Amazon, Uber and Lyft leading the pack.



More than 1,400 self-driving cars and trucks are being tested by more than 80 companies across 36 US states. Lyft and Aptiv have provided 100,000 commercial robotaxi rides, with 98% of these paying passengers giving five stars to their self-driving ride experience.

#### Conclusion



- Autonomous transportation systems are here.
- No pollution. No congestion.
- Cheaper. Faster.
- No tolls. No mileage fees.
- The Open Tunnel Alliance provides robust competition.

The DOTs and Transit agenies hate this idea. Let's talk. A solution that benefits everyone is the goal.

# Thank you!

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