Peloton Technology Teamwork for Freight Safety & Efficiency

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Overview on Driver-Assistive Truck Platooning MAASTO CAV Summit, Madison, October 18, 2019

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## MAASTO Platooning Snapshot

- Great leadership by MAASTO to advance innovation in freight safety & mobility.
- Encouraging the development, testing, and deployment of CAVs.
- Regional Picture on Truck Platooning:
  - Of 10 MAASTO states, 6 allow commercial deployment of truck platooning: Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.
  - Great work has also been done in 4 others, setting stage for 2020: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri.
  - MAASTO excellent forum for sharing best practices.



Tier 2 Emerging

National Connector

# MAASTO = Regional and National Leadership

MICHIGAN: Led the way nationally, passing the 1st commercial platooning bill.

Peloton's 1<sup>st</sup> platooning demo in Winter 2017

OHIO: Led the way in establishing the first administrative allowance in the U.S.

INDIANA: Leading in advanced platooning fuel savings research (Purdue-NEXTCAR)

Peloton works closely w/ State and Industry leaders including Purdue, Cummins, Wabash, ZF/TRW, NACFE (North American Council on Freight Efficiency)

MINNESOTA: Leading in pre-approving state highways and infrastructure for platooning corridors

Peloton presented to Joint House/Senate Legislative Committee on connected and automated vehicles in Feb. 2019.

## Market Overview: Freight Trucking Scale & Major Pain Points

- US Freight Trucking: **\$726 Billion in Revenues** 
  - Fuel Cost: \$100+ Billion (nearly 30 billion gallons of fuel)
    - 34%+ Operating Costs
  - Crash Cost: \$93+ Billion
  - Crash Congestion: **113 million gallons of fuel**
  - Typical Fleet Net Profit: 3 5% or less





#### PlatoonPro: Driver-Assistance, Not Self-Driving Trucks



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# We Must Address the Growing Safety Crisis on our Highways



- Challenge to address growing national safety crisis: 37K+ fatalities, Millions of injuries.
- Vehicles very safe; ADAS, V2X now key opportunities.
- In 2012, over 1.7 million rear-end crashes (NTSB)
  - Almost half of all 2-vehicle truck crashes; 1,705 fatalities and over half a million injuries
- Highway end-of-queue crashes involving commercial vehicles are particularly deadly, ex:
- I-16 in GA (2015), I-70 in CO (2019), I-465 in IN (2019), too many others.

## The Wild West: Tailgating Trucks on America's Roads Today

- **NO** advanced best-in-class safety systems
- **NO** linked safety monitoring the roadway ahead
- **NO** driver communications regarding road conditions or maneuvers
- NO look-ahead view of road ahead for rear driver

#### Brownsburg, IN



#### Shellsville, PA

#### I-81 NORTH REST AREA

Traffic closest to camera is traveling North

STILL IMAGES



## Active Safety System uptake in US trucking has been slow

#### New Class-8 Trucks Sold w/ FCAM System



- EU regulations mandated FCAM systems on all heavy trucks starting in 2015, estimated to save 5,000+ lives per year.
- In US, Passenger car OEMs voluntarily pledged to make FCAM standard on all vehicles by 2022.
- No similar agreement on commercial vehicles in US, and years away from possible mandate.
- Systems can cost \$2-3k upfront and have hard-tomeasure payback for fleets

Platooning Systems Put Best-In-Class Safety on Each Truck Focus: Make Each Truck Safer At All Times Vehicle-to-Cloud Connectivity Improved driver awareness & teamwork: shared Vehicle-to-Vehicle video, dedicated Communications radio, over-thehorizon alerts Collision avoidance Air Disc Brakes, Continuous Safety and LDW systems **Electronic Stability** Monitoring always on Control

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## PlatoonPro: Linked Active Safety using V2V Communication

LOL wireless lint



- V2V using 5.9 GHz DSRC
- Near instantaneous V2V connection
- ACC/Collision Avoidance looks ahead 100s of meters
- Linked Safety Systems benefit both Drivers
- Intelligent ordering by weight/braking ability
- Enhanced Driver Teamwork

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## Platooning Trucks Benefit from Linked Active Safety Systems



#### Linked Active Safety Systems

- Follow truck is benefiting from the FCAM systems (w/ AEB) and ACC of the Lead Truck
- System instantaneously sends proportionate braking signals to Follow truck to proactively grow the gap between the trucks (or dissolve the platoon) in the event of a potential hazard in the roadway ahead of the front truck.
- Follow truck can break before the lead truck or harder to prevent collision.



## PlatoonPro: Pairs of Trucks, Both Drivers Steering At All Times Linked Safety, Enhanced Driver Teamwork and Efficiency



# Driver Teamwork & Awareness

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#### Real-time video forward driver's view

Look-ahead view of road ahead for rear driver

Dedicated push-to-talk radio for drivers to share information.

 Each driver looking out for the other.



## Drivers are Key



- PlatoonPro enhances Driver Teamwork.
- Veteran Driver-informed System
  Design & Training Program.
- Trained, CDL-certified drivers fully engaged in each truck.
- Peloton teams with Fleets to provide Training.

"A driver will feel safer behind the wheel because the truck can hit the brakes prior to a human in critical situations..." Dave Mercer - Peloton Driver (~3 million MTD)



## Peloton Hardware in the Smithsonian Design Museum

- Contributed the hardware components of our truck platooning system to Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum (NYC)
- Part of "The Road Ahead" exhibition Dec. 2018 - March 2019.
- Museum placed the Peloton hardware in the appropriate sites on a full-size line drawing of a truck.
- Strong functional technology design, with visual appeal of the industrial design
- Platooning software design that has safety as its dominant design mandate.
- Design of the user interface so that professional truck drivers are empowered to make decisions and can operate the system easily.
- Design of the hardware look and feel to co-exist harmoniously with the driver so OEMS want to incorporate into their vehicles.



#### **Platooning Components In Cab**



## Integration & Safety Validation Working with OEMs





## Making Aerodynamic Following Safe: V2V linked Safety





#### Supervision, Enhanced Safety: Geofencing to Suitable Roads & Conditions

#### Network Operations Cloud (NOC), System & Fleet Procedures limit platooning to:

- Multi-lane, divided, limited access highways
- Suitable traffic conditions (platoons dissolve automatically below 35 MPH)
- Suitable weather and road conditions
- Appropriate topography (no major up and down grades)
- Excluding construction zones, lower capacity bridges, and other specialized areas



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#### Operational Domain: Multi-lane, Divided, Limited Access Highways



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# 10% FUEL SAVINGS



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BETTER THAN INDIVIDUAL TRUCK SAFETY SYSTEMS

DRAMATIC REDUCTION AND MITIGATION OF FRONTAL COLLISIONS

INCREASING FLEET & DRIVER PRODUCTIVITY

FOSTERING DRIVER TEAMWORK AND ENHANCED ROADWAY AWARENESS



#### National Context: State Following Distance Laws

#### **Numeric Minimum Following States**

- A defined numeric minimum following distance in 23 states
- Platooning requires change in law.

#### "Reasonable and Prudent" States

- A flexible, discretionary standard in 27 states
- Platooning can be legal under current law.



#### Oct. 2019- U.S. State Allowance for Truck Platooning



Commercial deployment now widely allowed

**Commercial Deployment** now allowed in 27 States

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**Approved States now** Encompass over 80% of **Annual US Freight Truck** Traffic

## FL DOT Study: No New Highway or Comms Infrastructure Needed Platooning Works within Existing Infrastructure

FDOT-FHSMV-University of Florida Study (2018)

- Highway Issues:
  - Allow DATP operations on any limited access, multi-lane, divided highway.
  - Allow DATP operations on any lane currently allowable for trucks.
- Infrastructure Effects
  - FDOT analysis found that well less than one percent of bridges on interstate and turnpike mainlines might be subject to stresses exceeding bridge design specifications with trucks platooning at even a close 30 foot spacing (typical platooning systems operate at over 40 feet spacing).
  - The State can notify system providers and fleets regarding any locations/areas where platooning should be restricted, due to specific infrastructure elements or other factors.
- Traffic Interactions
  - At high market penetration, simulation studies have shown that platooning would **improve flow** in heavier traffic, since platooning trucks take up less road space than trucks traveling alone.
  - Other modeling found possible negative effects in congested traffic at some types of interchanges however these are situations in which platoons will dissolve; fuel economy benefits are minimal at lower speeds.
  - Traffic interactions during the recent Florida Platooning Pilot operational demonstration, which included interchanges, bridges, Service Plazas, etc. showed smooth dynamics and **did not raise concerns**.

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## Initial Major Use Case: Same-Fleet, Hub-to-Hub Routes

#### Example Strong Customer Profile:

- Hub to Hub Regional Haul
- Fleet drivers

- Scheduled and ad hoc truck pairings
- Similar tractor configurations





#### **Peloton Customer Trials**

- July 2018: Peloton began running freight with PlatoonPro, giving fleets and shippers the opportunity to experience the benefits of platooning by paying us to haul their freight.
- Many customers in **Transport Topics Top 100 Fleets**.
- High utilization -- as high as **90% of platoonable miles platooned**.
- Platooned miles per day > **700 miles per truck** in some cases
  - Projected gross fuel savings per truck of up to \$7,000-10,000 per year.
- Trials to help customer fleets determine **favorable operations for platooning** and to introduce drivers to the the system.
- Robust driver training curriculum enhanced

#### Ahead:

• Major multi-month, **customer acceptance trial is now underway** with using their trained fleet drivers and customer trucks.



## Field Results from First 6 customers

Driver Feedback: Consistently positive Hard Braking: None (0 above 0.4 g-force) Cut-ins: Only 1 every 620 mi; Smooth dissolves Safety Incidents: None Fuel Savings: Approx. 7% team savings Cargo Moved: +3,000,000 lbs of freight



## Positive Fleet Driver Feedback

- Seeing it in action clears up misnomers about platooning.
- Greatly impressed by the reliable cut-in dissolve feature.
- "I don't fixate on the back of the front trailer because I scan for traffic."
- Platooning is easy.
- I think other drivers could learn to use the system quickly.
- System encourages teamwork
- Platooning makes sense and "who wouldn't want to go traveling with his buddy?"
- "It's a really well-designed system. I like the lay-out of it. I like the simplicity of it."





## Peloton Interstate Customer Trial: Aug. 2019

- First U.S. Interstate Customer Platooning Trial
- Two trucks, multi-week, hauling freight
- Peloton Network Operations Cloud enables interstate platooning on suitable multi-state highways without supervision interruption.
- Voluntary demonstration with department of public safety and highway patrol in Alexandria, LA prior to platooning for the first time in Louisiana.



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#### Advancing Stakeholder Confidence in Our System Safety Approach

- Initiated development of a robust, voluntary safety system approach report to enhance regulator and stakeholder transparency and ensure adherence to overall best practices for AV systems.
  - Purpose: To provide transparency to the community about PlatoonPro and Peloton's safety approach for platooning.
  - Intended Audience: Truck drivers, fleets, government, law enforcement, and the general public.
- Designed report to complement NHTSA voluntary guidance for HAV companies to develop self-assessment reports of their systems (L3-L5) in order to demonstrate to stakeholders their varied approaches Peloton Safety Principles

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## Thank You for Your Safety Spectrum Leadership

#### AASHTO 50 State DOT Letter- Aug. 2019

- "State DOTs understand that a CV environment holds the potential to support a fundamental advancement in ensuring the safety of our nation's surface transportation system. And in order for this promising future to become a reality, the 5.9 GHz spectrum must be preserved for transportation safety purposes."
- Cites the hundreds of millions of dollars of investment by private and public sectors to develop and deploy lifesaving CV technologies in the 5.9 GHz spectrum.

#### Coalition for Safety Sooner Letter- July 2018

- "[We] strongly support the protection, and accelerated utilization of the 5.9 Gigahertz (GHz) Dedicated Short Range Communications (DSRC) Spectrum for safety critical, life-saving transportation applications. DSRC communications technology is ready to deploy now."
- Represents several U.S. state DOTs

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## **General Outlook**

Growing Commercial activity using Driver Assistive Truck Platooning Solutions:

- US:
  - Peloton bringing driver-assistive truck platooning into operations with selected fleets, 2019-20.
  - Other OEMs continue to develop commercial systems including Kenworth, Peterbilt, Volvo.
  - FHWA and NHTSA projects underway exploring best-practices.
- International:
  - MAN Trucks, Scania commercial fleets trials -- Germany and Scandinavia, 2019-20.
  - EU Multi-brand platooning project: Platooning by the 6 European Truck OEMs, 2019-2020+.
  - Platooning commercial demonstration and fleet programs beginning -- UK, Australia, Asia.
- Key Activity Ahead Peloton Technology:
  - Ongoing work with allies to arrange commercial allowance in additional states and int'l markets.
  - Continued collaboration with industry and state officials in the MAASTO region.
  - Ongoing work w/ industry: Purdue, Cummins, ZF/TRW, Wabash, NACFE, others.

## Michigan Leading in L1/L4 Platooning Testing

- Michigan is a U.S. leader in on-road testing of automated platooning.
- U.S. Army-TARDEC tested automated following technology on Continental and Magna international crossing in 2017.
- Crossed over the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, Michigan, to Sarnia, Ontario, and back again.
- Four vehicles, including two M915 line haul tractors carrying flatbed trailers loaded with cargo containers
- Semi-autonomous driving along a pre-programmed path to test of TARDEC's autonomous steering and leader-follower platooning technologies.
- Lead vehicle instructs follower vehicles on where and how to drive — including how closely to follow and when to brake, accelerate and steer.



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# AutoFollow: Drivers Lead, Technology Follows





#### Harnessing the World's Best Sensor: Drivers



# Construction Traffic Control

## Erratic Drivers Weather Changes

## L4 Automated Following



## **Peloton Benefits Trucking and Drivers**



Drivers become twice as productive

- Accommodate growth in industry
- Alleviate growing driver shortage
- Increased skills: Integral to system operation
- Improved WORK: Better routes, trucks, compensation
- Improved LIFE: Shift to hub-to-hub, returning home every night



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