

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: March 7, 2018

SUBJECT: **AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES ARRIVE IN MIAMI AND MIAMI BEACH**

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to report that Ford and Argo AI have launched Autonomous Vehicle initiatives in Miami and Miami Beach, as discussed at a press conference on February 27, 2018. Their initiatives support the intent of Miami Beach City Commission Resolution No. 2017-29927 adopted on July 26, 2017, supporting Miami Beach participation in autonomous vehicle pilot initiatives.

On February 20, 2018, Ford and Argo AI launched an eight (8) week pizza delivery pilot in collaboration with Domino's Pizza at the store located at 453 SW 8 Street, Miami. A subsequent pilot with Post Master mail and delivery service will be launched in March/April 2018, and will serve South Beach. Additionally, Ford and Argo AI anticipate having a fleet of several dozen autonomous vehicles operating in the Greater Miami and the Beaches area by the end of the year. They are also looking at additional delivery-related pilot initiatives with area businesses.

Argo AI and Ford have established an Autonomous Vehicle storage yard and offices in the Wynwood neighborhood. Additionally, Argo AI has been mapping City of Miami Beach streets with its cars since mid-February of this year.

The Miami Beach Transportation Department staff will be participating in a working group that has been established for this pilot project. Additional information will be provided via LTC as it becomes available.

Pictures of the autonomous vehicles are attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

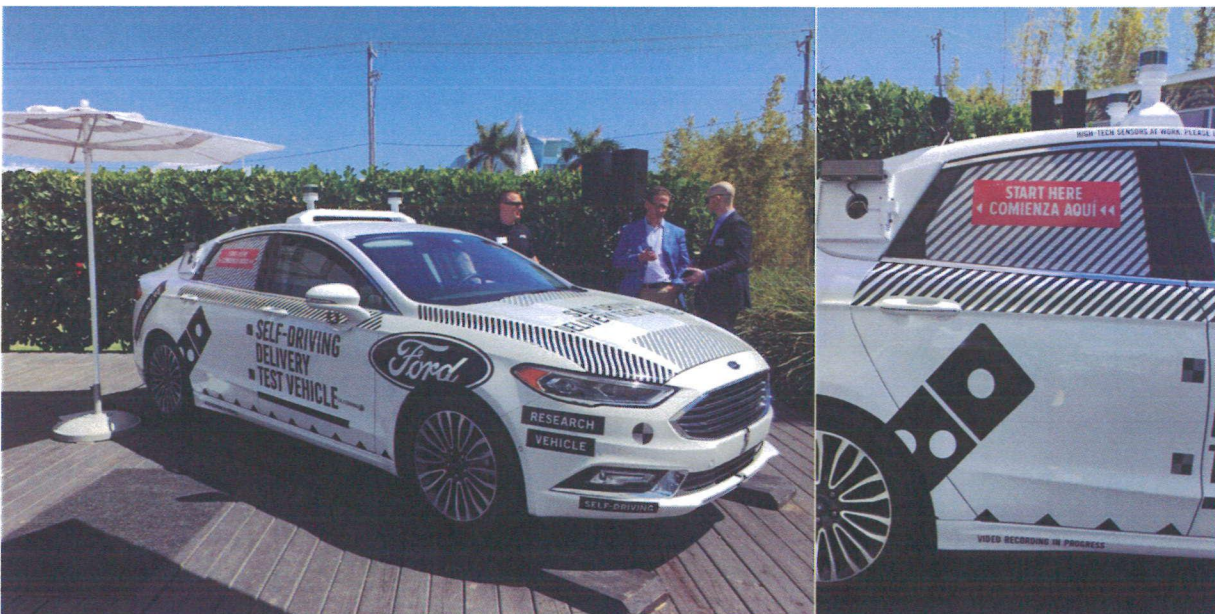
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Attachment - Ford Autonomous Vehicle Pictures



Ford Autonomous Vehicle. This vehicle has been mapping Miami Beach streets with the mapping device attached to its roof.



Pizza Delivery Vehicle. This vehicle has been testing pizza delivery at a Domino's location in Brickell. Pizzas are delivered through the rear passenger side window.