



Autonomous Vehicles for Public Transportation Services

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Message from the Guest Editor

Autonomous vehicles for public transportation will be deployed to their full potential, where they will operate in a highly personalized mode, but with the price and service of good old public transportation models, offering on-demand, door-to-door shared public transportation services. However, passengers who are familiar with today's public transportations have high service expectations, ranging from predictable timing of commuting to simplicity in ticketing and boarding, and from services for special needs passengers to safety onboard. We thus need to develop not just vehicles, but also a complete ecosystem of passenger and public transport operator services that improves the passenger experience.

The target of this Special Issue is to identify what the technologies and services are that can make autonomous vehicles the prime choice for public transportation services in urban and suburban environments. The topics for this call include but are not limited to:

- Technology issues (state of AI, state of AV driver, and road behavior);
- Services and requirements;
- Autonomous vehicles' IT security;
- Safety of AVs;
- Integration in urban public transport.





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