Memorandum

Date: October 11, 2017

To: Interested Parties

From: Department of Motor Vehicles

Subject: Notice of Modification of Proposed Regulations
Title 13 – Motor Vehicles

Article 3.7 – Testing of Autonomous Vehicles
Sections 227.00, 227.02, 227.22, 227.30, 227.32, 227.38, 227.40, 227.42, 227.50, and 227.54

Article 3.8 – Deployment of Autonomous Vehicles
Sections 228.00, 228.02, 228.04, 228.06, 228.10, 228.16, 228.20, 228.24, 228.26, and 228.28

In accordance with Government Code section 11346.8(c), the Department of Motor Vehicles (department) provides this notice for the purpose of inviting comments regarding modification of the proposed regulations related to autonomous vehicles. The regulatory language as originally proposed was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on March 10, 2017, and was provided to interested persons for comment. Additionally, the department conducted a public hearing on April 25, 2017 in Sacramento.

The department received several comments during both the 45-day comment period and the public hearing from autonomous technology manufacturers, vehicle manufacturers and other interested parties. After reviewing the comments, the department has identified several areas where opportunities exist to provide further clarification in the regulatory language. Additional non-substantive and corrective amendments have also been made to the proposed regulatory text.

Attached is the full text of the proposed regulation. The text includes the originally proposed language as well as the proposed changes to the language. The proposed modifications affect Sections 227.00, 227.02, 227.22, 227.30, 227.32, 227.38, 227.40, 227.42, 227.50, and 227.54 in Article 3.7 and Sections 228.00, 228.02, 228.04, 228.06, 228.10, 228.16, 228.20, 228.24, 228.26, and 228.28 in Article 3.8, related to autonomous vehicles. The language modifications are clearly illustrated by the following methods:

1. The language originally proposed to be added to the text is single underlined.

2. The language now proposed to be added to the original text is double underlined.
(3) The language now proposed to be deleted which was originally proposed to be added is overstruck and single underlined.

Any interested person may submit written comments regarding the changes to the proposed text to:

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The comments must be received at the department no later than 5:00 pm on October 25, 2017, in order for them to be considered by the department.

Inquiries concerning the proposed regulatory action may be directed to the departmental representative identified above at (916) 657-6469.

The department has available the Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, the original regulatory language, and other materials related to the proposed action. The contact person identified in this notice shall, upon request, make these documents available to the public.