Approximately half of Americans now believe they are familiar with autonomous (self-driving) vehicles. As that awareness grows, acceptance of these emerging technologies also increases. As HNTB’s latest America THINKS national public opinion survey demonstrates, among the 52 percent of Americans surveyed who believe they are knowledgeable or familiar with autonomous vehicles, almost six in ten (58 percent) believe they will be commonplace within the next 10 years.

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Among these Americans, 58 percent believe these vehicles will be commonplace within 10 years; 57 percent are willing to ride in them; and 51 percent believe they are safer than people-driven vehicles.

Increased mobility for non-drivers is recognized as the single most important benefit of autonomous vehicles.

- Increase mobility for non-drivers: 52%
- Reduce accidents and increase safety: 43%
- Improve the environment: 23%
- Improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists: 23%
- Reduce congestion: 22%
- Increase ability of existing highways to handle more traffic: 19%
- No benefits from autonomous vehicles: 19%
AMERICANS REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT THE USE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES.

- Liability in collisions: 56%
- Cybersecurity: 53%
- Cost of updating existing infrastructure: 44%
- Equal access to autonomous vehicles: 30%
- Properly funding the system: 24%
- None of the above: 5%

HNTB’s America THINKS survey, Sharing the Road with Autonomous Vehicles-2019, polled a random nationwide sample of 1,018 Americans, ages 18 and older, between April 5 and April 8, 2019. Quotas were set to ensure reliable representation of the entire U.S. population ages 18 and over. The margin of error is +/- 3.1 percent. For more information, visit www.hntb.com or contact David Fridling (917) 438-0900; dfridling@hntb.com.
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