



A rendering of driverless cars on State Street in the Chicago Loop.

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Chicago Loop Alliance's Downtown Futures Series continues with
Chicago's Autonomous Future
Wednesday, June 15 from 7:30-9 a.m.

***A public forum on how driverless cars and other new technologies
will change behavior and business in Chicago***

**Featuring [Lauren Isaac](#) (WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff),
[Anijo Mathew](#) (Vamonde) and [Jonathan N. Dyke](#) (Spring)**

CHICAGO (May 31, 2016)—[Chicago Loop Alliance](#) (CLA), the sole service provider for Special Service Area SSA1-2015, continues its **Downtown Futures Series** with [Chicago's Autonomous Future](#) on Wednesday, June 15 from 7:30-9 a.m. at 1871 (222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 1212). New technology has transformed the way we experience downtowns, from hyper-local tourist adventures to ubiquitous customer loyalty programs and ride-sharing apps. Now autonomous vehicles have the potential to change the way we think about transportation. How will future technologies change behavior, modify business relationships and impact downtowns?

Learn what driverless cars and other new technologies mean for Chicago's central business district at this public forum featuring keynote speaker **Lauren Isaac**, manager of sustainable transportation for WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff. Additional panelists include **Anijo Mathew**, founder and CEO of Vamonde, and **Jonathan N. Dyke**, executive chairman of Spring.

[Chicago's Autonomous Future](#) takes place at 1871 (222 W. Merchandise Mart Plaza, Suite 1212) on Wednesday, June 15 from 7:30-9 a.m. A light breakfast and networking will precede the panel discussion from 8-9 a.m. Tickets are free for CLA members and \$20 for non-members. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.LoopChicago.com/DowntownFutures.

Chicago's Autonomous Future Keynote Speaker **Lauren Isaac** will introduce the concept of driverless cars: what they are, when they're coming, and who is involved in making this technology possible. She will explain how driverless cars could impact Chicago, and what Chicagoans can do to make sure they reap the benefits of this technology without losing the city's mobility or authenticity. Isaac serves as the manager of sustainable transportation at WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff, where she is involved in various projects involving advanced technologies that can improve mobility in cities. Most recently, Isaac was awarded an internal fellowship where she developed a guide titled "[Driving Towards Driverless: A Guide for Government Agencies](#)" regarding how local and regional governments respond to autonomous vehicles in the short-, medium- and long-term. Additionally, Isaac is currently serving as project manager for the San Francisco Bay Area's Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) 511 Rideshare program. In this role, she is managing a 21-person team as they provide carpooling, vanpooling, employer services and other transportation information to the general public. Isaac is supporting the MTC as they shift their strategy to leverage the private sector's technology advancements in this area.

About the Downtown Futures Series

The global downtown is in a renaissance—from the sharing economy and future transportation technology to increased professional mobility, collaborative offices and the burgeoning creative class. Chicago Loop Alliance's Downtown Futures Series brings recognized urban thought leaders into public dialogues on emerging downtown trends and their impact on Chicago's Loop. Forums will be held three times annually from 2016-2018.

About Chicago Loop Alliance

Chicago Loop Alliance, the sole service provider for Special Service Area SSA1-2015, creates, manages and promotes high-performing urban experiences, attracting people and investment to the Loop. For more information, please visit www.LoopChicago.com.

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