



## Participation Information Statement: Pre Autonomobus Ride

### Introduction

With this study, we hope to learn what your experience is like after being a passenger. Volunteering as a passenger on the Autonomobus is of course entirely voluntary. The Autonomobus is a vehicle that doesn't need a driver, it drives like a tram but on virtual tram tracks. Throughout your ride, there will be an operator on board. If you would like to ride on the Autonomobus please read the information below carefully and ask us any questions.

#### 1. What will I be asked to do?

If you want to be a passenger, we will ask you to travel to La Trobe University Bundoora Campus, the David Myers Building. When you arrive we will talk to you about what to expect and then you can travel on the Autonomobus for a ride up and down Science drive. Once you have been a passenger we will ask you to complete a survey about your experience. We expect it will take a maximum of one and a half (1.5) hours of your time in total.

#### 2. What are the risks

For safety reasons, the Autonomobus has been successfully tested against stringent standards. In addition there will be traffic management in place to manage the traffic around the vehicle, an operator will be on the vehicle to take control if needed and the speed will be limited to 20 km per hour or lower. This means the risk of an accident or injury is very low.

#### 3. What do I need to know before I enter the shuttle

Before you enter the shuttle the supervisor/operator will talk to you about the specifics of the ride (see the below Face-to-Face Pre-Ride Participation Information statement below).

To be read out prior to embarking the Shuttle;

1. Welcome and thank you for coming. My name is .....and I am the site supervisor/your operator.
2. This Autonomobus is a self-driving vehicle; it doesn't need a driver. Just like a tram rides on tram tracks, this vehicle follows pre-programmed 'virtual tram tracks' and uses its 360 degree cameras and radars to monitor the road.
3. You will go on a 10 – 15 minute ride on the Autonomobus, starting from the David Myers building via the Central Bus Stop, to the bus stop near Plenty Road and back. When you are back here, we will give you a tablet so you can complete your survey and sign your study completion form.
4. If you're unwell, car sick or would like to exit the shuttle – other than to say hello to a friend or pick up a coffee - at any time please let the operator know and he will stop the shuttle. If you'd like to exit the study all together, the operator or site supervisor will show you a form to sign
5. For your safety, this bus has been tested thoroughly, it will drive below 20 km per hour (it is capable of driving 40 km per hour), the bus operators have been informed and there is active traffic management specifically for this trial to make sure there are no collisions.
6. The bus is designed for 11 people, but we're taking only 5 so that all of you can wear a seatbelt. Please be seated at all times with your seatbelt securely fastened.
7. In case anything unusual happens, the bus will detect it with its 360 degree cameras and/or its radars and will stop. The operator will take over the shuttle operations once the situation has been cleared.
8. On the shuttle, there are two emergency break buttons for passengers and the emergency phone numbers clearly communicated here; The most important telephone numbers are 000 which is the national emergency number and (03) 9479 2222 which is the La Trobe Security number.
9. We are looking for people from all walks of life and of different background. To be able to ride on the Autonomobus, you need to be a generally healthy individual, be between the ages of 18 and 80 years old, be able to give consent and not be pregnant. You should not have any existing or pre-existing medical conditions that may affect your ability to participate in the event, not have any reason to expect any medical complications arising from participating in the event and/or riding

the shuttle as a passenger. Please do come and talk to me if you feel uncomfortable or at odds with any of these qualifications.

10. Please hand me your signed Ride Confirmation participation Information Statement, I will counter sign it and give you a copy.

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**5. What are the benefits?**

The benefit of you taking part in this study is that we will better understand how passengers feel about a driverless bus.

**6. What will happen to information about me?**

Our Autonobus team will need to contact you to make an appointment for the ride and only for that purpose keep your name, phone number and email address. We will store the rest of the answers to our survey in ways that will not reveal who you are. This means your answers will never be identifiable in any type of publication from this study. Your contact details and data will not be used for any other purpose and all personal information will be treated in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles established by the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 and any applicable State privacy laws. For more information about our privacy policy: [click here](#). We will collect, store and destroy your data in accordance with La Trobe Universities Research Data Management Policy which can be viewed online using the following link: <https://policies.latrobe.edu.au/document/view.php?id=106/>.

The information you provide is personal information for the purposes of the Information Privacy Act 2000 (Vic). You have the right to access personal information held about you by the University, the right to request correction and amendment of it and the right to make a complaint about a breach of the Information Protection Principles as contained in the Information Privacy Act.

**7. Will I hear about the results of the study?**

We will let you know about the results of the study by posting them on the following website <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/technology-infusion/autonobus>

**8. What if I change my mind?**

You can choose at any time to no longer be a passenger on the Autonobus by letting us know.

If you would like your survey responses withdrawn you can let us know by:

1. Completing the 'Withdrawal of Consent Form' (provided at the end of this document);
2. Calling us
3. Emailing us

Your decision to withdraw at any point will **not** affect your relationship with La Trobe University or any other organisation listed.

When you withdraw we will stop asking you for information. Any identifiable information about you will be withdrawn from the research study. However, once the results have been analysed we can only withdraw information, such as your name and contact details.

**9. Who can I contact for questions or want more information?**

This project is funded by RACV, VicRoad, Keolis Downer, ARRB Group, HMI Technologies and La Trobe University. The Autonobus research team is:

From La Trobe University: Aniruddha Desai, Erik van Vulpen, Maneka Weerasinghe; From RACV: Scott McCloud, Michael Case; From ARRB: Charles Carl. If you have any question please contact Erik van Vulpen: [autonobus@altrrobe.edu.au](mailto:autonobus@altrrobe.edu.au)

**10. What if I have a complaint?**

If you have a complaint about any part of this study, please contact: Manager – Ethics, Integrity & Biosafety on +61 3 9479 1443, [humanethics@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:humanethics@latrobe.edu.au) mentioning the ethics reference number: HEC17115

**Consent Form – Declaration by Participant**

I (the participant) have read (or, where appropriate, have had read to me) and understood the above trial ride participant information statement, and any questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I agree information provided by me or with my permission during the project may be included in a presentation or article on the condition that I cannot be identified.

I agree to be recorded on CCTV (video) footage. This footage will not be used unless an accident has occurred.

**Participant Signature**

I have received a signed copy of the Participant Information Statement and Consent Form to keep

Participant's printed name	
Participant's signature	
Date	

**Declaration by Operator**

I have given a verbal explanation of the trial ride and the associated risks and I believe the participant has understood;

Printed name	
Signature	
Date	

\* All parties must sign and date their own signature