

Table 8. Recommendations for Future Action in Michigan

Recommendation #1	Focus transportation advocacy efforts on current scheduling practices and related policies affecting how individuals with disabilities can effectively and realistically use existing public transportation options in their communities (e.g. busses, shuttles, door-to-door services, paratransit).
Recommendation #2	Harness mobility research and collaborative work being done by universities, organizations, and companies throughout Michigan to address the transportation needs of individuals with disabilities in both rural and urban settings.
Recommendation #3	Engage individuals with disabilities, service providers, employment specialists, advocates, state legislators, and other key stakeholders to brainstorm solutions to the growing need for Direct Support Professionals (DSP) to provide essential care, including transportation, for individuals with disabilities.
Recommendation #4	Connect individuals with disabilities with AV designers, developers, and manufacturers to facilitate idea sharing and training opportunities throughout the research, development, and testing phases of this emerging technology.
Recommendation #5	Facilitate opportunities for individuals with disabilities to directly use and/or engage with existing autonomous transportation while providing a platform for them to give feedback and ask questions.
Recommendation #6	Create an ongoing dialogue between persons with disabilities and local, county, and state transportation authorities to ensure the voices of individuals are heard as AV technology is integrated into the current transportation landscape.
Recommendation #7	Create awareness and advocacy focused on ensuring that there is financial equity regarding the cost to own and/or use autonomous vehicles as they become more available to the public.
Recommendation #8	Review how funding sources such as transportation vouchers and Social Security benefits can be applied to diverse transportation options such as ride sharing programs (e.g. Uber, Lyft) and how this will work with AVs.
Recommendation #9	Work with autonomous vehicle manufacturers and transportation authorities to create a priority for them and others to make publicly operating AV bus and shuttle services available to individuals who would be most immediately impacted by their use (e.g. individuals with disabilities, aging adults, transportation disadvantaged).
Recommendation #10	Through information sharing and advocacy efforts, create awareness of the potential positive impact that AVs could have on the independence, community connectedness, and overall quality of life of individuals with disabilities, their families, and circles of support.