Table 3. Focus Group Response Themes

Theme	Item Examples
Theme 1: Current Transportation Barriers	• Reliance of persons with disabilities on direct care staff to drive them to all appointments • Lack of consistent public transportation options in rural Michigan communities
Theme 2: Potential Positive impact of AVs	• Decreased dependence on other people (e.g. family members, direct care staff, friends) for transportation • Enhanced connection between urban and rural communities with autonomous transportation options
Theme 3: Potential Negative Impact of AVs	• Unclear insurance policies and laws pertaining to autonomous, driverless vehicles • Individuals who are non-verbal or unable to communicate in traditional ways unable to interact with technology that requires verbal input
Theme 4: Accessibility of Public AVs	• Enhanced, real-time scheduling for accessible vehicle pick-up and drop-off services using autonomous shuttles • Financial equity in the use of publicly available autonomous vehicles (e.g. buses, shuttles, ride-share vehicles)
Theme 5: Accessibility of Personal AVs	• The cost to purchase or lease an autonomous vehicle to maintain financial accessibility for those who could benefit the most from owning one • Regular training for autonomous vehicle manufacturers (e.g. Ford, General Motors, Toyota, May, Navya, etc.) on the transportation experiences of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, the importance of Universal Design, and accessibility