

Intercommunicative and self-driving cars may come in numbers to American highways relatively soon, as the Obama Administration are launching an effort to expedite their progress.



Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx plans to speed up the federal rulemaking process, which usually seems to move on a geologic time scale; work to resolve a simmering fight over who gets to use critical bandwidth, and smooth other regulatory obstacles.

“We want to ensure that industry sees [the Department of Transportation] as an agency that is not only working to set the bar for safety in the marketplace but is leading in technologies that can play a role in enhancing safety,” Foxx said, adding that he thinks the new cars will be fully rolled out within 10 years but it might be three decades before fully autonomous vehicles rule the roads.