

Connected Autonomous Vehicle (MPAI-CAV)

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About MPAI



MPAI stands for Moving Picture, Audio, and Data Coding by Artificial Intelligence.

International, unaffiliated, non-profit SDO.

Developing AI-based data coding standards.

With clear Intellectual Property Rights licensing frameworks.



The MPAI organisation



The MPAI standard development process



- Develop Use Cases and Functional Requirements.
- Develop Commercial Requirements (Framework Licence).
- Issue Call for Technologies with attached:
 - Functional Requirements.
 - Commercial Requirements.
- Develop standard (MPAI members only).
- SEP holders select patent pool administrator.



MPAI standards for a better AI

- MPAI's data coding standards make explicit the computing workflow of AI applications.
- An MPAI standard breaks up monolithic AI applications into a set of interacting components of known data semantics (as far as possible).
- Developers compete offering "improved" performance "standard" components.
- Humans can select applications whose internal operation they can somehow understand.

MPAI's AI

standardisation is

"component-based".

An AI application is:

- Subdivided in smaller components: AI modules (AIM).
- Aggregated in one or more AI workflows (AIW).
- Executed in a standard environment (AIF).

1 foundational Technical Specification AI Framework (MPAI-AIF)

The MPAI AI Framework



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A sustainable MPAI Ecosystem

- MPAI standards create an ecosystem composed of:
 - **Developers**: develop components
 - \rightarrow require interoperability to bring their components to the market.
 - Integrators: assemble components
 - \rightarrow require ability to assemble third party components.
 - Consumers: use assembled components
 - \rightarrow require that the assembled components be trusted.
- ► The MPAI Store guarantees that AIMs/AIWs are:
 - Interoperable.
 - Trusted.
 - Available.

1 system Technical Specification: Governance of the MPAI Ecosystem (MPAI-GME).

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The MPAI ecosystem



Has established the MPAI Store, not-for-profit commercial entity distributing implementations.



More published MPAI standards

4 Technical Specifications

- 1 Context-based Audio Enhancement (MPAI-CAE)
- 2 Compression and Understanding of Financial Data (MPAI-CUI)
- 3 Multimodal Conversation (MPAI-MMC)

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4 - Neural Network Watermarking (MPAI-NNW)

2 Technical Reports

1 - MPAI Metaverse Model (MPAI-MMM) – Functionalities

2 - MPAI Metaverse Model (MPAI-MMM) – Functionality Profiles



Five standards published for Community Comments to become standards on 29 September

Existing MPAI standards extended

1 - AI Framework V2 (MPAI-AIF)

2 - Multimodal Conversation V2 (MPAI-MMC)

New MPAI standards being approved

3 - Avatar Representation and Animation V1 (MPAI-ARA)

4 - Connected Autonomous Vehicles V1 (MPAI-CAV) – Architecture

5 - MPAI Metaverse Model V1 (MPAI-MMM) – Architecture



Brewing in the pot

Calls for Technologies issued

- 1 Artificial Intelligence for Health (MPAI-AIH)
- 2 Object and Scene Description (MPAI-OSD)
- 3 Extended Reality Venues (MPAI-XRV) Live Theatrical Stage Performance

New opportunities being explored

- 1 AI-based End-to-End Video Coding (MPAI-EEV)
- 2 AI-Enhanced Video Coding (MPAI-EVC)
- 3 Server-based Predictive Multiplayer Gaming (MPAI-SPG)



MPAI and IEEE

MPAI Technical Specifications adopted as IEEE standards

- 1. MPAI-AIF 3301-2022
- 2. MPAI-CAE 3302-2022
- 3. MPAI-MMC 3300-2022
- 4. MPAI-CUI 3303-2023
- 5. MPAI-NNW (on its way)

All this achieved in less than 3 years!





Why a CAV standard



Connected Autonomous Vehicles (CAV)



- Many benefits from CAVs:
 - Replace human error with a lower machine errors rate.
 - Give more time to human brains for rewarding activities.
 - Optimise use of vehicles, infrastructure, traffic management.
 - Reduce congestion and pollution.
 - Help elderly and disabled people have a better life.
- Should we just wait for:
 - Research to advance CAV implementation
 - Industry to produce cars with higher SAE Levels.



MPAI thinks we can do more than just wait



- Specify:
 - A CAV Reference Model broken down into Subsystems.
 - The Functions of each Subsystem.
- Break down each Subsystem in Components.
- For each Component, specify:
 - The Functions of the Component.
 - The Data exchanged between Components.
 - The Topology of Components and Connections.
 - The Functional Requirements of the Data exchanged.



Industry players can now iterate using the CAV Reference Model



Research can:

- Concentrate on single Components.
- Optimise their operation keeping the interfaces' Functional Requirements.
- Industry can promote the definition of Data Formats when:
 - Research results are mature.
 - A Component is needed.
- Users can explain how the machine works.





Benefits of standards



Accelerate the creation of a high-tech **market** (see the MPEG story) because standards can:

- **Foster** higher quality vehicles.
- Lower the prices of vehicles.
- **Enable** system operation Explainability.
- Assuage consumer concerns.
- Provide tools for regulation, as standards
 - Include Conformance Testing.

May include Performance Assessment.
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Benefits of Reference Model to market



Component manufacturers can:

- Develop optimised solutions based on publicly available specifications.
- Put their standard AIM components to the open marketplace.

Car manufacturers can:

- Access an open global market of components:
 - Based on standard functions and interfaces.
 - Tested for conformance using standard procedures.
- Regulators can communicate with market development and provide guidance.





MPAI-CAV Overview



Define a CAV



A system that :

- Interacts with a human and understands the utterances setting the mission (e.g., take me to lunch).
- 2. Plans a Route (e.g., from here to lunch).
- 3. Senses and digitally represents the external Environment (i.e., the space around the CAV).
- 4. Exchanges Environment representations with other CAVs and CAV-aware entities.
- 5. Decides how to execute the steps of the Route.
- 6. Implements decisions by issuing commands to actuate the motion decisions.

Reference model of Connected Autonomous Vehicle



MPAI requests comments on this CAV system partitioning.



Disclaimer



MPAI At this stage, does not intend to include the CAV's mechanical parts in the planned Connected Autonomous Vehicle – Architecture standard.

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 Only intends to reference the interfaces of the Motion Actuation
 Subsystem interacting with such mechanical parts.



Terms and definitions

HCI

ESS

AMS

MAS

EST

FER

BER

Use Cases and Functional Requirements collects > 100 terms and definitions.
 Here we will use a few Acronyms:

Human-CAV Interaction (Subsystem)

- Environment Sensing Subsystem
- Autonomous Motion Subsystem
- Motion Actuation Subsystem
- Environment Sensing Technology
- Basic Environment Representation
- Full Environment Representation



Elements provided for each Subsystem

- 1. The functions.
- 2. The reference architecture.
- 3. The data in and out.
- The functions of the Subsystem's Components.
- 5. The data in and out of each Component.
- 6. The topology of Components.

CAVs are explainable if Component function and I/O data semantics are known.

Components can be merged if the external interfaces of the merged Components are preserved







Human – Connected Autonomous Vehicle Interface (HCI)



1. Functions of <u>Human-CAV</u> <u>Interaction</u>



- Authenticates humans, e.g., to let them into the CAV.
- Converses with humans interpreting utterances based on humans' Personal Statuses, e.g., to go to a destination, or during a conversation.
- Converses with the Autonomous Motion Subsystem to implement human conversation and execute commands.
- Enables passengers to navigate the Full
 Environment Representation.
- Appears as a speaking avatar showing a Personal Status dependent on:
 - ► The content of the conversation.
 - The information it is aware of.
 - The Personal Status of the human it converses with.

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MPAI welcomes comments on HCI.

2. Reference Architecture of Human-CAV Interaction



3. I/O Data of Human-CAV Interaction

Input data	From	Comment
Full Environment Representation	Autonomous Motion Subsystem	Rendered by Full Environment Representation Viewers
Full Environment Representation	Cabin Passengers	To control rendering of Full Environment Representation
Commands		
Audio (ESS)	Environment Sensing Subsystem	User authentication, User command, User conversation
Audio	Cabin Passengers	User's social life, Commands/interaction with HCI
Video (ESS)	Environment Sensing Subsystem	Commands/interaction with HCI
Video	Cabin Passengers	User's social life, Commands/interaction with HCI
AMS-HCI Response	Autonomous Motion Subsystem	Response to HCI-AMS Command
Output data	То	Comments
FER Audio	Passenger Cabin	For passengers to hear external Environment
FER Video	Passenger Cabin	For passengers to view external Environment
Inter HCI Information	Remote HCI	HCI-to-HCI information
HCI-AMS Command	Autonomous Motion Subsystem	HCI-to-AMS information
Machine Text	Cabin Passengers	HCI's response to passengers
Machina Avatar	· · ·	
	Cabin Passengers	HCI's avatar when conversing
Machine Speech	Cabin Passengers Humans in Environment, Cabin	HCI's response to humans, HCI's response to passengers





4. Functions of Human-CAV Interaction's AI Modules

AIM	Function	
Audio Scene Description	Produces the Audio Scene Descriptors using the Audio captured by the appropriate	
	(indoor or outdoor) Microphone Array.	
Visual Scene Description	Produces the Visual Scene Descriptors using the visual information captured by the	
	appropriate (indoor or outdoor) visual sensors.	
Speech Recognition	Converts speech into Text.	
Physical Object Identification	Provides the ID of the class of objects of which the Physical Object is an Instance.	
Full Environment	Converts the FER produced by the Autonomous Motion Subsystem into Audio-Visual	
Representation Viewer	Scene Descriptors that can be perceptibly rendered.	
Language Understanding	Improves Text from Speech Recognition by using context information (e.g., Instance	
	ID of object).	
Speaker Recognition	Provides Speaker ID from Speech.	
Personal Status Extraction	Provides the Personal Status of human.	
Face Recognition	Provides Face ID from Face Object.	
Dialogue Processing	Provides HCI's:	
	1. Text containing response to human.	
	2. Personal Status coherent with the Text produced by HCI.	
Personal Status Display	Produce Machine's Speech, Face, and Body.	
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5. Input/Output Data of Human-CAV Interaction's AIMs

AIM	Input	Output
Audio Scene Description	Environment Audio (outdoor/indoor	Speech Objects Audio Scene Geometry.
Visual Scene Description	Environment Video (outdoor/ indoor)	Face Descriptors, Body Descriptors, Physical
		Objects, Visual Scene Geometry
Speech Recognition	Speech Object	Recognised Text
Physical Object Identification	Physical Object, Body Descriptors, Visual	Physical Object ID
	Scene Geometry	
Full Environment Representation	FER Commands	FER Audio, FER Visual
Viewer		
Language Understanding	Recognised Text, Physical Object ID	Meaning, Refined Text
Speaker Recognition	Speech Descriptors	Speaker ID
Personal Status Extraction	Meaning, Speech Object, Face Descriptors,	Personal Status
	Body Descriptors	
Face Recognition	Face Object	Face ID
Dialogue Processing	Speaker ID, Meaning, Refined Text, Personal	AMS-HCI Commands , Machine Text, Machine
	Status, Face ID, AMS-HCI Response	Personal Status
Personal Status Display	Machine Text, Machine Personal Status	Machine Text, Machine Avatar, Machine
		Speech

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Environment Sensing Subsystem (ESS)



1. Functions of <u>Environment</u> <u>Sensing Subsystem</u>



- Acquires Environment information using Subsystem's RADAR, LiDAR, Cameras, Ultrasound, Offline Map, Audio, GNSS,...
- Receives Ego CAV's Spatial Attitude and Environment Data (temperature, humidity, etc.) from Motion Actuation Subsystem.
- Produces Environment Sensing
 Technology Scene Descriptors in a common format
- Produces the Basic Environment
 Representation by integrating Scene
 Descriptors during the travel.
- Passes the BERs, including Alerts, to the Autonomous Motion Subsystem.

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2. Reference Architecture of Environment Sensing Subsystem



Autonomous Motion Subsystem

3. I/O Data of Environment Sensing Subsystem

Input data	From		Comment	
Radar Data	~25 & 75 GHz Radio		Capture Environment with Radar	
Lidar Data	~200 THz infrared		Capture Environment with Lidar	
Camera Data (2/D and 3D)	Video (400-800 THz)		Capture Environment with Cameras	
Ultrasound Data	Audio (>20 kHz)		Capture Environment with Ultrasound	
Offline Mapa Data	Local storage		cm-level data at time of capture	
Audio Data	Audio (16 Hz-20 kHz)		Capture Environment or cabin with Microphone Array	
Microphone Array	Microphone Array		Microphone Array disposition	
Geometry				
Global Navigation Satellite	~1 & 1.5 GHz Radio		Get Pose from GNSS	
System (GNSS) Data				
Spatial Attitude	Motion Actuation Subsystem		To be fused with GNSS data	
Other Environment Data	Motion Actuation Subsystem		Temperature etc. added to BER	
Output data	То		Comment	
Alert	Autonomous	Motion	Critical Environment Descriptor from EST (in BER)	
	Subsystem			
Basic Environment	Autonomous	Motion	ESS-derived representation of external Environment	
Representation	Subsystem			

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4. Functions of Environment Sensing Subsystem's AIMs

AIM	Function
RADAR Scene Description	Produces RADAR Scene Descriptors from RADAR Data
LiDAR Scene Description	Produces LiDAR Scene Descriptors from LiDAR Data
Traffic Signalisation Recognition	Produces Road Topology of the Environment from Camera and LiDAR Data.
Camera Scene Description	Produces Camera Scene Descriptors from Camera Data
Ultrasound Scene Description	Produces Ultrasound Scene Descriptors from Ultrasound Data.
Online Map Scene Description	Produces Online Map Data Scene Descriptors from Online Map Data.
Audio Scene Description	Produces Audio Scene Descriptors from Audio Data.
Spatial Attitude Generation	Computes the CAV Spatial Attitude using information received from GNSS and Motion Actuation Subsystem with respect to a predetermined point in the CAV defined as the origin (0,0,0) of a set of (x,y,z) Cartesian coordinates with respect to the local coordinates.
Environment Sensing Subsystem Data Fusion	 Selects critical Environment Representation as Alert; produces CAV's Basic Environment Representation by fusing the Scene Descriptors of the different ESTs, The Basic Environment Representation (BER) includes all available information from ESS and MAS that enables the CAV to define a Path in the Decision Horizon Time. The BER results from the integration of: The different Scene Descriptors generated by the different EST-specific Scene Description AIMs. Environmental data. The Spatial Attitude of the Ego CAV as estimated by the Motion Actuation Subsystem.

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5. I/O Data of Environment Sensing Subsystem's AIMs

AIM	Input	Output
Radar Scene Description	Radar Data, Basic Environment Representation	Radar Scene Descriptors
Lidar Scene Description	Lidar Data, Basic Environment Representation	Lidar Scene Descriptors
Traffic Signalisation Recognition	Camera Data, Basic Environment Representation	Road Topology
Camera Scene Description	Camera Data, Basic Environment Representation	Lidar Scene Descriptors
Ultrasound Scene Description	Ultrasound Data, Basic Environment Representation	Ultrasound Scene
		Descriptors
Map Scene Description	Offline Map Data, Basic Environment Representation	Map Scene Descriptors
Audio Scene Description	Audio Data, Basic Environment Representation	Audio Scene Descriptors
Spatial Attitude Generation	GNSS Data, Spatial Attitude form MAS	Spatial Attitude
Environment Sensing Subsystem	RADAR Scene Descriptors, LiDAR Scene Descriptors,	Basic Environment
Data Fusion	Road Topology, Lidar Scene Descriptors, Ultrasound	Representation
	Scene Descriptors, Map Scene Descriptors, Audio	Alert
	Scene Descriptors, Spatial Attitude, Other	
	Environment Data	





Autonomous Motion Subsystem (AMS)

1. Functions of <u>Autonomous</u> <u>Motion Subsystem</u>

- Computes human-requested Route(s).
- Receives current BER from Environment Sensing Subsystem.
- Communicates with other CAVs' AMSs (e.g., exchanges subsets of BER and other data).
- Produces Full Environment Representation by fusing its own BER with info from other CAVs in range.
- Sends Commands to Motion Actuation Subsystem to take the CAV to the next Pose.
- Receives and analyses responses from MAS.

MPAI welcomes comments.

2. Reference Architecture of Autonomous Motion Subsystem

3. I/O Data of Autonomous Motion Subsystem

Input data	From	Comment	
Command from HCI	Human-CAV Interaction	Human commands, e.g., "take me home"	
Basic Environment	Environment Sensing	CAV's Environment representation.	
Representation	Subsystem		
Other V2X Data	Other CAVs	Other CAVs and vehicles, and roadside units.	
Feedback from MAS	Motion Actuation Subsystem	m CAV's response to Command.	
Output data	То	Comment	
Response to HCI	Human-CAV Interaction	MAS's response to AMS Command	
Command to MAS	Motion Actuation Subsystem	Macro-instructions, e.g., "in 5s assume this State".	
Full Environment Representation	Other CAVs	For information to other CAVs	

4. Functions of Autonomous Motion Subsystem's AIMs

AIM	Function
Full Environment	Creates an internal representation of the Environment by fusing information from itself, CAVs in
Representation Fusion	range and other transmitting units.
Route Planner	Computes a Route, through a road network, from the current to the target destination.
Path Planner	Generates a set of Paths, considering:
	1. The Route.
	2. Spatial Attitude.
	3. Full Environment Representation.
	4. Traffic Rules.
Motion Planner	Defines a Goal and a Trajectory to reach the Goal using the Spatial Attitude satisfying the CAV's
	kinematic and dynamic constraints and considering passengers' comfort.
Obstacle Avoider	Checks that the Trajectory is compatible with any Alert information. If it is, it passes the
	Trajectory to the Command Issuer. If it is not, it requests a new Trajectory. If Command Issuer
	informs Obstacle Avoider that there is an anomalous situation, Obstacle Avoider may issue a
	"discontinue previous Command" and forward to the next appropriate upstream AIM, possibly
	including the Route Planner. This may decide to communicate the Road State to the Human-CAV
	Interaction Subsystem.
Command Issuer	Instructs the MAS to execute the Trajectory considering the Environment conditions and
	receives MAS-AMS Responses about the execution.

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MPAI welcomes comments.

5. I/O Data of Autonomous Motion Subsystem's AIMs

CAV/AIM	Input	Output
Environment	Alert	Full Environment Representation
Representation Fusion	Basic Environment Representations	
	Environment Representations from other CAVs	
	Other data from other CAVs	
Route Planner	Full Environment Representation Offline maps	Route
		Estimated time
	Route	Set of Paths
Path Planner	Full Environment Representation	
	Offline maps	
Motion planner	Path	Trajectory
	Full Environment Representation	
Obstacle Avoider	Trajectory	Trajectory
	Full Environment Representation	Route State
	Trajectory	Command
Command to AMS	Environment Data	
	Feedback	
NA		

Motion Actuation Subsystem (MAS)

1. Functions of <u>Motion</u> <u>Actuation Subsystem</u>

- Transmits spatial/environmental information from sensors/mechanical subsystems to Environment Sensing Subsystem.
- Receives Autonomous Motion Subsystem Commands.
- Translates Commands into specific Commands to its own mechanical subsystems, e.g., brakes, wheel directions, and wheel motors.
- Receives Responses from its mechanical subsystems.
- Sends Responses to Autonomous Motion Subsystem about execution of commands.

MPAI welcomes comments and proposals.

2. Reference Architecture of Motion Actuation Subsystem

3. I/O Data of Motion Actuation Subsystem

Input	Comments	
Odometer	Provides distance data.	
Speedometer	Provides instantaneous velocity.	
Accelerometer	Provides instantaneous acceleration.	
Other Environment data	Other environment data, e.g., humidity, pressure, temperature.	
AMS-MAS Command	High-level motion command.	
Wheel Motor Response	Forces wheels rotation, gives feedback.	
Wheel Direction Response	Moves wheels by an angle, gives feedback.	
Brake Response	Acts on brakes, gives feedback.	
Output	Comments	
MAS-AMS Response	Feedback from Response Analyser during and after Command execution.	
Spatial Attitude	Position-Orientation and their velocities and accelerations.	
Other Environment data	Other environment data, e.g., humidity, pressure, temperature.	
Wheel Motor Command	Forces wheels rotation, gives feedback.	
Wheel Direction Command	Moves wheels by an angle, gives feedback.	
Brakes Command	Acts on brakes, gives feedback.	

MPAI welcomes comments.

4. Functions of Motion Actuation Subsystem's AIMs

AIM	Function
Spatial Attitude Generation	Computes Ego CAV's Spatial Attitude using GNSS, odometer, speedometer,
	and accelerometer data.
AMS Command Interpreter	Receives, analyses, and actuates AMS-MAS Commands into commands to
	Brakes, Wheel directions, and Wheel motors.
MAS Response Analyser	Receives and analyses responses from Brakes, Wheel direction, and Wheel
	motor. Forwards MAS-AMS Response to AMS.

5. Input/Output Data of Subsystem's AIM

CAV/AIM	Input	Output
AMS Command Interpreter	AMS-MAS Command	Brake Command
		Wheel Motor Command
		Wheel Direction Command
MAS Response Analyser	Brake Response	MAS-AMS Response
	Wheel Direction Response	
	Wheel Motor Response	
MAS Spatial Attitude Generation	Odometer	Spatial Attitude
	Speedometer	
	Accelerometer	

MPAI-CAV and the Metaverse (MPAI-MMM)

MPAI and the metaverse (M-Instance)

A set of Processes providing some/all of the following functions:

- Sense data from U-Locations.
- Process the sensed data.
- Produce M-Environments populated by Objects.
- Process Objects in this or other M-Instances.
- Affect U- and/or M-Locations in ways that are:
 - Consistent with the goals set for the M-Instance.
 - Effected within the capabilities of the M-Instance.
 - Complying with the Rules set for the MPAI

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The MPAI Metaverse Model (MPAI-MMM)

- The MMM Is composed of Processes – Users, Devices, Apps, Services – performing Actions on Items (data and metadata supported).
- The "User" Process represents a Human's agency.

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A CAV-oriented MPAI-MMM use case

	A CAV-oriented MPAI-MMM use case	
	HCI _A	 <u>Authenticates</u> humans (e.g., recognises their voice). <u>Interprets</u> human's message ("I want to go to lunch"). <u>Sends</u> corresponding command to AMS_A (represents human in CAV_A's M-Instance)
	AMS _A	 <u>Gets a representation of the real world from ESS_A (understands <i>where</i> it is).</u> <u>Asks</u> Route Planner for "Routes to restaurant". <u>Sends</u> selection of Routes to HCl_A.
/	HCI _A	 <u>Communicates</u> choices of Route to human (e.g., spoken version of AMS_A's response). <u>Interprets</u> human's final choice (e.g., recognises their voice). <u>Sends</u> command to AMS_A (e.g., execute Route #2).
/	AMS _A	 Mutually <u>authenticates</u> AMS_B (nearby CAV). <u>Improves</u> its real-world perception by "watching" AMS_B's perspective PoV. <u>Activates</u> AMS_A's Processes eventually sending a resulting command to MAS_A.
	AMS _B	 <u>Improves</u> its real-world perception by watching AMS_A's perspective PoV. <u>Activates</u> AMS_B's Processes eventually sending a resulting command to MAS_B.
	HCl _A	 Mutually <u>authenticates</u> HCl_B. <u>Watches</u> CAV_B's Full Environment Representation.
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What's next?

And now?

- Technical Specification: Connected Autonomous Vehicle – Architecture is a WD published with a request for Community Comments.
- Anybody may make comment on the WD.
- Comments should reach <u>secretariat@mpai.community</u> by 2023/09/26 T 23:59 UTC.
- No specific format is required to make comments.
- MPAI plans: publish MPAI-CAV –
 Architecture at the 36th General Assembly (29 September 2023).

What's next?

- The CAV Architecture standard is the starting point for the next steps of the MPAI-CAV roadmap.
- To implement MPAI strategic plan, we need a standard for the Functional
 Requirements of data exchanged
 between subsystems and
 components.
- Activity to start in October.

We look forward to working with you on this exciting MPAI project!

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