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An End to Road Rage [?]

Technologies at MetroCon will show how tailgating and road rage are expected to greatly diminish with Smart Cities initiatives

DALLAS (July 17, 2017) – The *Internet of Things* [IoT] will lead studies at 30th annual IEEE MetroCon conference produced by the Fort Worth chapter of the *Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers* [IEEE] with major patrons being Lockheed Martin and Oncor Electric Delivery.

One feature will be *Smart Cities* concepts pioneered by the city of Arlington, Texas. “There’s a lot of infrastructure that will connect with vehicles,” says Mindy Carmichael, Director of Public Works and Transportation for Arlington, “connected vehicles will be able to react with each other, so if you are moving down the highway and something ahead is stopped, the vehicles will relay that information to each other.”

Carmichael and Alicia Winkelblech, Assistant Director of Strategic Planning at Arlington, say the city will begin driverless shuttle service in August and will present their concepts at the conference October 26. Both are confident an end to tailgating and road rage can be in sight, “95 percent of accidents are human error,” says Carmichael, “so it is going to be a totally different process of driving because the vehicles themselves will be reacting.”

Both Carmichael and Winkelblech previewed their presentation as guests today on the ScienceNews Radio Network program, *Promise of Tomorrow with Colonel Mason*. The broadcast can now be heard webcast and archived for its world audience at PromiseOfTomorrow (dot) biz.

For 30 straight years IEEE has produced this one-day technology rich Conference. MetroCon will also feature advances in biotechnologies, software and systems engineering, computational intelligence, in addition to cyber security, power and energy systems, plus other emerging technologies.

More information about MetroCon, conference registration, sponsoring/exhibiting at: [www \(dot\) metrocon \(dot\) org/](http://www.metrocon.org/).