

## Bear Tracks Shuttle Project

The Bear Tracks self-driving shuttle project is temporarily paused as authorities investigate an incident that happened in Florida involving a shuttle similar to one used in the pilot project underway in the City of White Bear Lake.

On Dec. 8, 2022, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) was notified by the company that owns and operates the shuttle, NAVYA, that it temporarily suspended all shuttle operations nationwide. This pause is the result of NAVYA working in conjunction with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) to investigate the incident in Florida that happened on Dec. 4. No one was injured and no other details will be available until the investigation has concluded. The findings will inform NAVYA of technical upgrades needed on all its shuttles.

A timeframe for completing the necessary upgrades and resuming project operations will not be established until after the investigation has concluded. The Bear Tracks website and social media will inform the public when it's operational.

This serves as a reminder that Bear Tracks is a pilot project and technical upgrades are to be expected as the goal of providing safe, accessible, and reliable transportation choices move forward.

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