



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

June 17, 2026

26E035

Matthew Schwall  
Waymo LLC  
1600 Amphitheatre Parkway  
Mountain View, CA 94043

**Subject:** Software May Allow Vehicle to Enter and Drive In Freeway Construction Zones

Dear Matthew Schwall:

This letter serves to acknowledge Waymo LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Brand/Model/Part Number:**  
WAYMO/5TH GENERATION ADS

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 12, 2026

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 26E035

**Components:**  
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:ADAS:AUTONOMOUS/SELF DRIVING:SOFTWARE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3,871

**Problem Description:**  
Waymo LLC (Waymo) is recalling certain 5th Generation Automated Driving Systems (ADS). The software may allow the vehicle to enter a closed freeway construction zone and continue driving at speed.

**Consequence:**  
Driving through a closed construction zone increases the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**  
The remedy is currently under development. In the interim, Waymo modified the scope of vehicle operations to restrict freeway driving. Waymo will update the ADS software to detect when the vehicle is in and to avoid entering construction zones, free of charge.



**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171), or go to [www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

**Please be reminded of the following requirements:**

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 573.7, submission of the first of eight consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Waymo LLC's contact for this recall will be Sarah Shiver who may be reached by email at [sarah.shiver@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.shiver@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

*Alex Ansley*

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Chief, Recall Management Division  
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Enforcement