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Start Planning Now for Autonomous Vehicles, Researchers Say

Experts may disagree on the timetable for fully autonomous vehicles taking over the nation's roadways, but many say their long-term impacts will be profound across a variety of sectors. At the Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., in January, researchers from state departments of transportation, universities and elsewhere outlined why it's important for policymakers to start planning now for those impacts.

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Safeguarding Guardianship: An Interbranch Approach

The process for placing an adult under guardianship varies by state, but each branch of government plays a role in ensuring guardianship is a safe and effective mechanism for protecting individuals who can no longer make or communicate sound decisions about themselves and their property, or have become vulnerable to abuse, fraud or undue influence. Cooperation and communication between the three branches is essential to fair and effective guardianship practices.

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States to Watch in 2017: Transportation Funding

While the number of states exploring transportation funding options in 2016 was down from 2015's record pace, 2017 could see significant activity. Several states had special task forces in place in 2016 to discuss funding options, while others have targeted 2017 as the year for action or are completing unfinished business from years past. During this annual CSG eCademy webinar, we'll hear from transportation experts and statehouse and transportation beat reporters about what could lie ahead in 2017 legislative sessions across the country.

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Disability Employment: Hiring, Retention and Reentry

In 2016, The Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures assembled a national task force to focus on workforce development efforts targeting people with disabilities in the states. This task force had four subcommittees composed of state policymakers along with non-voting stakeholders from the private sector and academia. The third in a four-part series that coincides with the subcommittee topics, this CSG Capitol Research brief highlights the recommendations from the Hiring, Retention and Re-entry Subcommittee of the National Task Force on Workforce Development and Employability for People with Disabilities.

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States Serving Seniors

With the rapidly aging population, state agencies that serve older citizens are preparing for increased demands following years of funding cuts as a result of the Great Recession, according to the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities. Many states have restructured agencies serving older citizens and reshaped the way services are provided to maximize services despite constrained budgets. Here's a look at how state units on aging are structured and how they are working to address the growing needs of an aging population.

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What Might Justice Gorsuch Mean for States?

The authors of *Searching for Scalia* evaluated who on President Trump's list of potential nominees to replace Justice Scalia's seat on the Supreme Court would be most like Scalia--the originalist, the textualist, the conservative. The winner: Supreme Court nominee Judge Neil Gorsuch! While just one case is too few to judge a Supreme Court nominee, one case in particular gives states and local governments a reason to be excited about this nomination. Judge Gorsuch implied that given the opportunity the U.S. Supreme Court should overrule *Quill Corp. v. North Dakota* (1992).

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Funding**

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Thursday, Feb. 16, 2 p.m. EST
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Applications are now being accepted for the CSG Henry Toll Fellows Class of 2017. The 2017 CSG Toll Fellowship will host 48 emerging state leaders from across the country Aug. 25-30 in Lexington, Kentucky. The deadline for applying is midnight Hawaiian Time on April 23. Visit the CSG website for more information and to apply.
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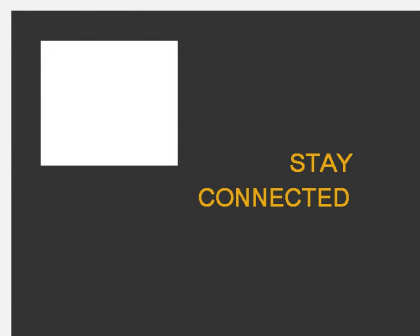
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