

Why did we create Pendel?

As a one-stop shop, Pendel provides an all-inclusive and continuous service for autonomous transport.



All-inclusive service

From preparation, setup, to operation



Tech and service partners

Reliable, leading industrial position



Proven track record

Delivering 4+ projects by 2023



Our deployments in 2022



Port of Barcelona, Spain

Last mile from a parking lot to the World Trade Center



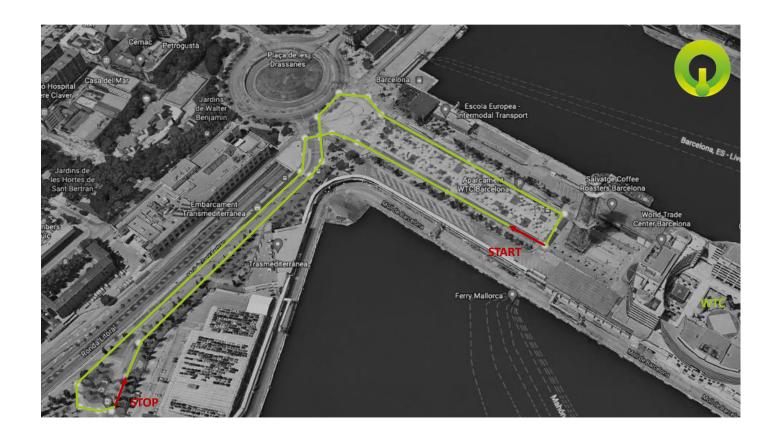
Hannover Region, Germany

Last mile from a tramway station to a university campus, temporarily substituting a conventional large bus



The project at the Port of Barcelona

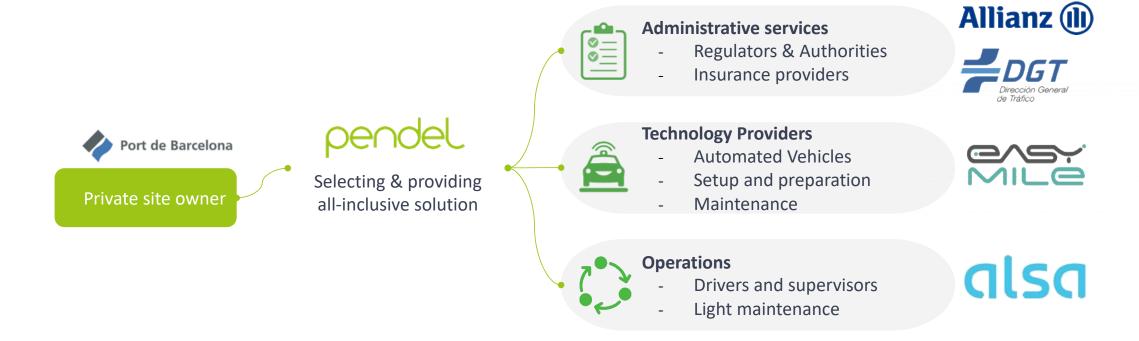
Deploy an autonomous shuttle in real-life conditions and understand the main regulatory and operational steps needed.







Stakeholders involved in preparing and operating





Our main learnings from this pilot for the future of AV

1. Overall, the technology works

Trip time regularity

Standard deviation time of 1.09 minute calculated out of 375 trips. Main reason for delay was due to emergency stops and its "recovery time".

No accidents

The pilot maintained its transportation service during one month without any accidents.

Users felt safe (seated)

Users had a positive perception of preventive emergency stops, but felt that the suddenness of stops presented a hazard when standing up.





2. We need to improve shuttles' operations

Large amount of emergency stops (20-25/week)

Over 379 trips, 76 emergency stops were recorded.

Manual mode to autonomous mode is "tough"

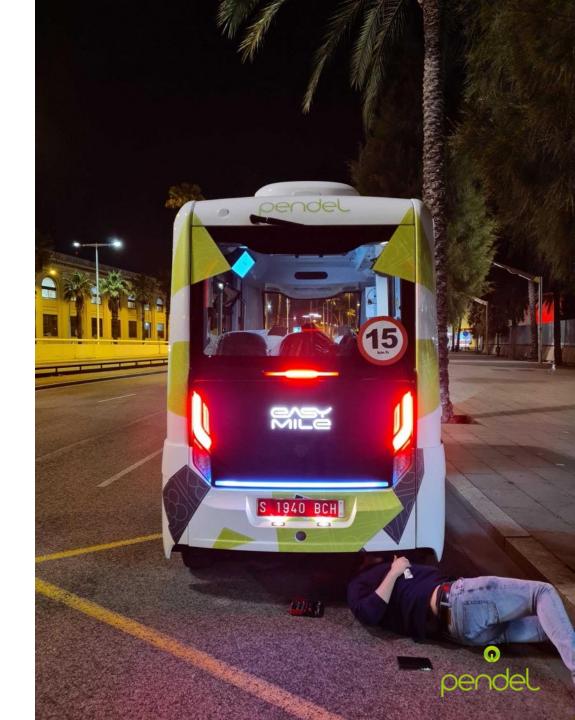
When an emergency stop was needed, the slow change between manual and autonomous modes led to additional hazards.

Route flexibility is needed

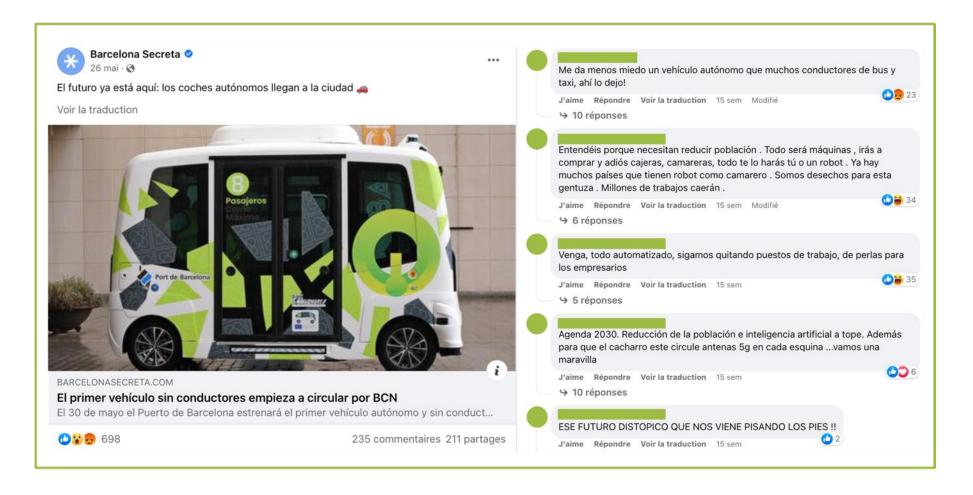
The vehicle should be able to incorporate several routes simultaneously.

Increase speed of the vehicle

The shuttle took twice as long as a conventional vehicle to complete the route (1.5 km/h).



3. Public acceptance should not be underestimated





Our recommendations

Choose your use case and route carefully

Where can autonomous vehicles be efficient already today and provide a real-added value, moving from demonstrations to transportation services.

Anticipate the performance of the vehicle

At the moment, we see many experiments taking shape as "additional route for experiments", which have a lower consequence on the user journey in case the service is not working properly.

Use your pilots to engage with citizens

Public perception on autonomous vehicles remain controversial. It is crucial to showcase the foreseen benefits (safety, expansion of public transport, driver shortage of AVs...etc.) and engage with different civil stakeholders.





Main question to keep in mind for transport operators for the next years





Finding the right balance between the mobility need, the technology performance and its related service cost to define optimal use cases.

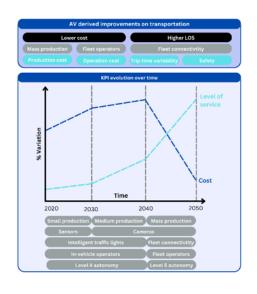


How to organise multi-service level agreements?

Defining the future role of transport operators and the new stakeholders involved in complex public-private collaborations



This what we are going to do



Business case analysis

Assessing the costs, benefits and impacts for current and future AV deployment for 3 transport authorities in Europe.



Multi-deployment and Service Level Agreements

First economically feasible integration of AVs for MaaS public transportation and LaaS urban goods transportation-



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