



Kodiak AI Expands Autonomous Trucking Beyond the Sunbelt with Demonstrations in Ohio and Indiana

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Milestone program with DriveOhio's Ohio Truck Automation Project marks Kodiak's operational expansion outside of the Sunbelt, showcases how driverless trucks can transform critical Northern freight corridors

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., April 07, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Kodiak AI, Inc.](#) ("Kodiak") (Nasdaq: KDK), a leading provider of Physical AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology, today announced the successful completion of an autonomous trucking program in Ohio in partnership with DriveOhio, the state's centralized hub for connected and autonomous vehicle testing and development. The program represents Kodiak's first operational deployment outside the sunbelt, and brought together stakeholders from Ohio and Indiana to experience autonomous long-haul trucking firsthand on Interstate 70, one of North America's most commercially significant freight corridors. Kodiak's work with [DriveOhio](#) was hosted in collaboration with the [Ohio Department of Transportation](#) (ODOT), and the [Indiana Department of Transportation](#) (INDOT).

The demonstration represents an expansion of Kodiak's operational design domain (ODD), moving beyond the highway environments of Texas and the southern United States into the Midwest. The program brought together transportation officials, policymakers, and industry stakeholders from across Ohio and Indiana, offering firsthand experience with autonomous trucking technology and prompting dialogue around deployment, safety, and regulation.

Kodiak and DriveOhio also showcased Kodiak's Level 4 autonomous trucking capabilities in a series of real-world driving demonstrations held at the [Transportation Research Center](#) (TRC) track in East Liberty, Ohio. Scenarios demonstrated included navigating construction zones, merging onto highways, passing slower vehicles, yielding to disabled vehicles, and responding to unexpected pedestrian crossings. Kodiak and DriveOhio also hosted a demonstration for first responders at the INDOT Traffic Management Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. At both events, Kodiak engaged participants on topics including its safety case, commercial operations, and best practices for integrating autonomous vehicles into existing freight networks and operations.

"Our work with DriveOhio marks an important step toward scaling autonomous trucking nationwide," said Don Burnette, Founder and CEO of Kodiak. "This program highlights not only the maturity of our technology, but also its ability to operate safely and effectively beyond the sunbelt, in new environments that are critical to the U.S. supply chain."

About Kodiak AI, Inc.

Kodiak AI, Inc. (Nasdaq: KDK) was founded in 2018 and is a leading provider of physical artificial intelligence ("AI") with a focus on AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology designed to help tackle some of the toughest driving jobs. Kodiak's driverless solution can help address the critical problem of safely transporting goods in the face of unprecedented supply chain challenges. Kodiak's vision is to become the trusted world leader in autonomous ground transportation. Kodiak is committed to a safer and more efficient future for all through the commercialization of driverless trucking at scale. To that end, Kodiak developed the Kodiak Driver, a virtual driver that combines advanced AI-powered software with modular and vehicle-agnostic hardware designed to help address Kodiak's customers' needs. The Kodiak Driver is not just an idea—it is operating without anyone in the cab today. Kodiak serves customers in the long-haul trucking, industrial trucking, and defense industries. In 2024, Kodiak believes it achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first company to deploy customer-owned and -operated driverless trucks in commercial service.

For more information about Kodiak, please visit <https://kodiak.ai/investors>. Kodiak's press kit with videos and images can be found [HERE](#).

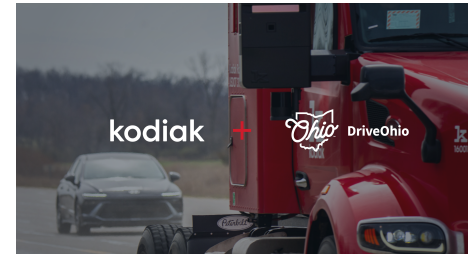
About DriveOhio

DriveOhio is an initiative of the Ohio Department of Transportation, serving as the state's hub for smart mobility technology on the ground and in the air, advancing connected and automated technology and preparing the state for the pivot to alternative fuels. By connecting government, industry, and academia, DriveOhio is the bridge between research and real-world application, positioning Ohio to lead as transportation technologies evolve.

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In addition, forward-looking statements reflect Kodiak's expectations, plans or forecasts of future events and views as of the date they are made. Kodiak anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause Kodiak's assessments to change. However, while Kodiak may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, Kodiak specifically disclaims any obligation to do so, except as required by law. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Kodiak's assessments as of any date subsequent to the date they are made.

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