

For people who need instant rides, first there were stage coaches, then horse and buggies, then taxis, followed by Uber. Now there are plans for cars that can take you places in the city without a guy in the front seat.

Google calls them autonomous vehicles, and after a million miles of testing, the next step is to practice pick-up service. According to reports, as early as a year from now, the first ones will be tried in non-busy traffic areas, such as office parks and limited access campuses.

If you think taxi driver Travis Bickle was crazy before, consider how homicidal he'll be when he sees an autonomous Google take a customer away from him.