

ZOOM-TIME IN DETROIT

Google to add more partners for self-driving cars



Alphabet Inc's Google wants to form more partnerships with established automakers and suppliers this year to accelerate its work on self-driving cars, the head of the Google project said on Tuesday. John Krafcik (*pictured*), the newly hired president of the Google self-driving car project, did not mention any automakers by name. However, appearing at a media

conference at the Detroit auto show, Krafcik surveyed a room packed with hundreds of auto industry executives and said: "We hope to work with many of you guys."

Google officials have said previously the internet search company does not want to build vehicles, but instead supply the software and mapping to allow a car to safely navigate busy streets and highways. "No one goes this alone," Krafcik said. "We are going to be partnering more and more and more." He said he hopes to form more alliances this year.

Google has worked with automotive suppliers and contract manufacturers to build a small fleet of prototype self-driving cars - small, light pod-cars that look nothing like the sport utility vehicles and pickups on display at the Detroit show. **REUTERS**

The North American International Auto Show in Detroit puts the spotlight on some of the sleek new beasts expected to dominate the roads in 2016. Here's a peek:



The Scion C-HP is a crossover concept, which was first unveiled at the 2015 Los Angeles Auto Show, and has resurfaced with a few refinements this year



The Force 1, a heavily modified Dodge Viper two-seater with an 8.4-litre V10 engine with 745 horsepower, was unveiled after it became the subject of a suit between designer Henrik Fisker and Aston Martin

With 580 hp, the 911 Turbo S model scorches from 0-60 mph in 2.9 seconds, the first time this model has beaten the three-second mark



An hydrogen-powered Audi h-tron Quattro concept car with a Tesla-beating range of 372 miles, and 3 fuel tanks which can be replenished in just 4 minutes



The Toyota i-Road three-wheeled vehicle turns the classic three-wheeler model around with double wheels at the front and a third in the rear. It also sports a sleek futuristic look



The Nissan Titan Warrior concept truck gets a 5-litre, 8-cylinder turbocharged diesel engine, and tough new look, an evolution of the Titan XD revealed a year ago

