



Kodiak AI and DTL Transport Reach Historic Agreement To Deploy 75 Driverless Trucks As Part of Commercial Driver-As-A-Service Rollout

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Deal marks first-ever binding commitment by a long-haul trucking carrier to commercially operate driverless trucks within their own fleet

DTL will utilize the Kodiak Driver on multiple interstate highway routes; Service will begin across America's Sun Belt region

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., Oct. 28, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Kodiak AI, Inc. ("Kodiak") (Nasdaq: KDK), a leading provider of Physical AI-powered autonomous driving technology, today announced a historic agreement with DTL Transport Inc., ("DTL") a California long-haul freight company, to deploy the Kodiak Driver, Kodiak's autonomous driving system, in 75 driverless trucks owned and operated by DTL.

This agreement marks the first-ever publicly announced definitive agreement by an interstate trucking company to operate driverless trucks within their own fleet as part of the Driver-As-A-Service business (DAAS) model. DTL will pay a per-mile fee for using the Kodiak Driver.

DTL specializes in cross-country team runs and hauls produce for several of the nation's largest grocers. This landmark agreement comes as the logistics industry considers autonomy as a catalyst for expanding business opportunities, enhancing supply-chain reliability and improving safety.

"This represents a major new chapter in the central role Physical AI now plays in strengthening the U.S. supply chain," said Don Burnette, Founder and CEO, Kodiak. "This binding agreement reinforces what I have said from the beginning: The Driver-As-A-Service business model is tailor-made for commercial trucking. Kodiak is executing on that vision and we are thrilled to continue growing our relationship with DTL."

Agreement spurred by groundbreaking California pilot

In September, DTL and Kodiak completed another [historic milestone](#). As part of a pilot program, the Kodiak Driver autonomously hauled perishable goods for DTL 225 miles along the I-5 and CA-99 freight corridors between Fresno, California and Los Angeles.

These were the first commercial goods ever autonomously hauled by a Class 8 truck in the state, and the deliveries occurred under the purview of Kodiak's new heavy-duty Autonomous Vehicle Testing permit granted by the California Department of Motor Vehicles earlier this summer. Now the companies are embarking on a new journey.

"Working with Kodiak underscores our commitment to affirming our leadership position in the industry," said Lucky Dosanjh, President and CEO, DTL. "By integrating this technology into our fleet, complementing our experienced, professional workforce, we can expand capacity, enhance safety and drive innovation forward."

Driverless service begins on long-haul Sun Belt routes

DTL will deploy its Kodiak Driver-equipped driverless trucks on two routes on which Kodiak has already conducted testing, operating on Interstate 10 between Dallas and El Paso, Texas, and along Interstate 20 between Dallas and Atlanta.

Importantly, these two routes provide DTL with the opportunity to operate beyond current service hour limitations. Additional lanes will be added over time.

Commercial work with DTL builds on Kodiak's experience

Kodiak plans to launch driverless highway service by the end of this year, carrying goods on behalf of IKEA on Interstate 45 between Dallas and Houston.

The company has previously achieved an industry first by launching a Driver-As-A-Service offering in an industrial application in December 2024. As of June 30, 2026, the Kodiak Driver is already integrated on 35 driverless trucks that are owned and operated by Atlas Energy Solutions. Kodiak has committed to growing the Atlas fleet to 100 trucks by mid-2027.

Forward Looking Statements

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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.

About Kodiak AI, Inc.

Kodiak AI, Inc. (Nasdaq: KDK) is a leader in Physical AI, developing driverless technology that powers machines that move. The core of the company's solution is the Kodiak Driver, a vehicle-agnostic autonomous driving system that combines advanced AI-powered software with modular hardware. Today, the Kodiak Driver operates in the long-haul trucking, industrial trucking, and defense sectors, and is already deployed in commercial operation with no one in the cab. Kodiak AI commercializes its technology through both a Driver-as-a-Service business model and strategic partnerships. In 2024, Kodiak achieved a historic milestone, becoming the first company to deploy driverless technology in customer-owned driverless semi-trucks. Commercial partners and customers include DTL Transport, Atlas Energy Solutions, IKEA, Bridgestone, Werner Enterprises, C.R. England, General Dynamics Land Systems, and Roehl Transport.

For more information, visit kodiak.ai/investors. The Kodiak press kit, including videos and images, is available [here](#).

About DTL Transport, Inc.

For more than 36 years, **DTL Transport, Inc.** has provided dependable dry and refrigerated full truckload transportation. With a fleet of more than 100 trucks, DTL has the capacity and experience and continues to serve major grocery chains, meat processors, and fresh produce customers, moving time-sensitive freight safely, efficiently, and with consistent operational focus. Today, DTL is led by second-generation owner Lucky Dosanjh, while his son, Jovan Dosanjh, represents the third generation as head of the dispatch department. This multigenerational leadership combines hands-on service with deep transportation expertise, reinforcing the company's long-term commitment to its customers and the enduring values of a family-run business.

DTL is located in Fresno, CA and has a 7 acre gated yard for truck parking and space rental for owner operator or companies looking to store equipment. If you are in need of freight movement or parking, please contact our office at 800-385-0388 or visit our website www.dtltrans.com

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