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A Cybernetic Transport System (CTS) is a new form of public transport which, by offering on-demand and door-to-door services, bridges the gap between private cars and conventional public transport. This advanced transport system concept is comprised of: (i) a fleet of cooperative and environmentally friendly vehicles; (ii) cooperative road traffic management centre (which is in charge of optimisation of the road traffic flows) and (iii) human operators to supervise a smooth operations of the entire system. A fleet of CTS vehicles consists of cooperative driverless vehicles and also may include conventional vehicles if they are equipped with an advanced driver assist technology such as vehicle-to-vehicle communication, and vehicle-to-road infrastructure communication technology. It is envisaged that the CTS concept will offer a solution to sustainable urban mobility and extend the range and scope of the current urban transport system. CTS can provide solutions to either complement the existing transport system, or to replace it.

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- Simulation Tool for Cybernetic City Transport Systems Performance Analysis
- Driverless Vehicle Architectures & Prototypes
- Vehicle-to-Vehicle Communication
- Vehicle-to-Road Infrastructure Communication

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