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Mr. Berton, A dear friend just arrived home from a curling vacation in Las Vegas, Nevada of all places. With it's myriad attractions, the city's new self driving buses caught his attention. The builder is French and the technology years ahead of it's time. Their city buses are autonomous and flexible, the NAVYA ARMA does not require any driver or 'specific infrastructure'.

Intelligent and reliable, it can adapt to any situation by avoiding the static and dynamic obstacles.

Environmentally friendly as it uses electrical energy, its batteries can be recharged by induction and can last from 5 to 13 hours according to the configuration and the traffic conditions.

This would appear to be quite a promising alternative to Hamilton's proposed 50 year old LRT technology. Then again, close friends of Ontario Liberals would stand to lose that billion dollar bonanza in building contracts. Now that would be a shame!

<http://fortune.com/2017/01/14/vegas-self-driving-bus/>

Your's truly,
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