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Propositions

accompanying the dissertation

On the Bright Side of Vehicle Automation:
The Effects of Service Quality Improvements and Ride Experience
on Users' Preferences for Automated Public Transport

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1. The bright side of vehicle automation is conditional, not absolute; when deployed without proper consideration, vehicle automation becomes part of the mobility problems it claims to solve.
This proposition pertains to this dissertation.
2. Who you are as a traveller matters more for your mode choice than how automated the vehicle is.
This proposition pertains to this dissertation.
3. Even one experience of a ride in an automated vehicle can bring travellers' future mode preferences a step closer to reality.
This proposition pertains to this dissertation.
4. Every minute in a shared automated vehicle counts twice: useful time for the traveller and a sustainable future for the city.
This proposition pertains to this dissertation.
5. Academic writing is not merely a skill, but an art of expressing difficult ideas in ways that bring clarity to others.
6. A final literature review should be obligatory for every PhD, because only then can the researcher distinguish patterns from gaps.
7. Anyone can be dazzled or alarmed by automated transport; the real challenge is to study it without giving in to either hype or fear.
8. The moment people feel confident enough not to obtain a driving licence will be the clearest test of whether automated driving lives up to its promises.
9. The PhD journey gives focus in uncertain times, while its results help reduce uncertainty.
10. Motherhood imposes constraints that, paradoxically, enhance research creativity through sharper focus and adaptive thinking.

These propositions are regarded as opposable and defensible, and have been approved as such by the promoters Prof. dr. ir. B. van Arem and Dr. ir. G. Homem de Almeida Correia.