

# LAST WEEK IN INNOVATIVE MOBILITY

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## ITS

Sidewalk Labs announces that it will develop a data platform powered by real-time traffic data for the winning city of DOT's Smart Cities Challenge. In addition to providing real-time information to city leaders, 100 kiosks will be installed in targeted neighborhoods with the ability to provide short-range internet access, track noise and air pollution, and monitor the number of street parking spaces available.

## RIDESHARING

Lyft partners with California's Metropolitan Transportation Commission to launch a new carpooling service that aims to relieve traffic congestion for commuters traveling on Bay Area highways. The carpooling option, which will operate separately from existing Lyft services, will allow commuters to offset the costs of driving.



## VEHICLES

Google proposes a plan for Congress to expedite the process of obtaining permission to bring fully automated vehicles to market. The proposal includes a framework for any company able to show that its vehicles pass federal safety standards to receive permission from transportation regulators to sell them in a "tight but realistic" time frame.

## BIKESHARING

A recent study from the Mineta Transportation Institute determines that bikesharing systems in major metropolitan areas have low rates of collisions and are safer than riding a personal bike. The study examined data from three bikesharing systems in Washington D.C, Minneapolis/St.Paul, and the San Francisco Bay Area.



## RIDESOURCNG/TNCS

Lyft launches its Express Driver program in partnership with GM, which allows Lyft drivers to rent cars from GM from one to eight weeks at a time. The rental fee is tiered in accordance with the number of rides the Lyft driver completes per week. If the driver reaches 65 rides or more in a week, their rental is free for that week.

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