

# LAST WEEK IN INNOVATIVE MOBILITY

April 18th - April 24th, 2016



## RIDESOURCING/TNCS

Uber reaches a \$100 million settlement in a pair of class-action lawsuits in California and Massachusetts that allows the company to continue categorizing its drivers as independent contractors. Uber also agreed to provide more information to drivers regarding the company's rating system and reasons for suspending or banning a driver from using the app.

**VEHICLES**

Singaporean transportation operator SMRT partners with the Dutch company 2getthere to build a fleet of 24-passenger automated electric pod vehicles for use in Singapore by the end of the year. The fleet will be capable of transporting up to 8,000 passengers per hour going in a single direction on small public roads, such as those within a gated community or school campus.



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The California Public Utilities Commission finalizes its "Phase II" regulations for transportation network companies, like Lyft and Uber. The regulations include increased frequency of vehicle inspections, stricter driver background checks, and annual reports on ridesplitting services. A final decision on the definition of personal vehicles has been postponed, allowing drivers to continue operating short-term leased vehicles.

**CARSHARING**

Carsharing service GoGet launches a fully wheelchair accessible carsharing service in Sydney, Australia. GoGet will pilot the service with a single van equipped with a hydraulic floor based at Sydney's Royal North Shore Hospital. The 8-seater van can accommodate a wide range of wheelchairs, enabling family members and caregivers to accompany patients to and from doctor appointments.



## BIKESHARING

The City of New Orleans looks for pitches to create a privately owned and managed bikesharing program that will integrate with its public transportation system. The request envisions a system with at least 700 bikes spread throughout the city. With over 100 miles of streets paved to accommodate bikes in the past year, the number of people cycling in New Orleans has nearly tripled between 2000 and 2014.

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