Ridesourcing/TNCs

California is considering having its State Transportation Agency, which contains the Department of Motor Vehicles and California Highway Patrol, take over implementation and enforcement of TNC regulations from the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). The governor’s office has stated that under the draft proposal, the PUC would continue to write rules for TNCs.

Vancouver unveils its Mobi bikesharing program, set to launch by the end of summer. The system will feature 1,500 bikes at 150 stations across the city, and it will have helmets available on bikes at no additional cost.

Uber returns to Edmonton after a several month hiatus, after the province unveiled its new insurance policy for ridesourcing companies. The policy requires that ridesourcing companies provide up to $2 million in third-party liability insurance, covering the entirety of the ride from the point it is accepted.

Boost, a ridesourcing service for kids by Mercedes-Benz, ceases operations. The pilot program, which had been operating for three years in the Bay Area, becomes the second ridesourcing service aimed at children to fold, after Shuddle ceased operations in April.

CARSHARING

Zipcar has started testing pay-per-mile options in some U.S. cities, as opposed to the per hour system the company normally uses. In Chicago, the pilot program is a combination of pay-per-mile and pay-per-hour, where a Honda Fit can be rented for $4.50 per hour plus 50 cents per mile on weekdays.

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