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RIDESOURCING/TNCS
Daimler AG strikes an agreement with Uber to build automated vehicles that will operate on Uber’s ridesourcing network. Daimler is the first automaker to take advantage of Uber’s “open self-driving vehicle platform,” wherein automakers can own and operate their own automated vehicles on Uber’s network.

VEHICLES
The California DMV releases data from automated vehicle testing in 2016. The data reveal the number of miles driven by the automated vehicles of each company that holds a testing permit in California. The companies also report the number of times a human safety driver took control of an automated vehicle while testing due to hardware or software failure or because the driver suspected some other problem.

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The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission passes an amendment requiring ridesourcing and livery companies to report detailed pickup and dropoff data on a monthly basis. This will mark the first instance that ridesourcing companies share both origin and destination data with a public agency. The new rule will take effect in about six months.

CARSHARING
Daimler AG adds two Mercedes-Benz models to car2go’s North American fleet, which previously consisted of only Smart cars. New Mercedes-Benz CLA sedans and GLA crossovers will be available for car2go carsharing members in Austin, Seattle, Toronto, Portland, Vancouver, and Washington, D.C. Daimler plans to have Mercedes-Benz models outnumber Smart cars in their North American car2go fleet by the end of 2017.

RIDESOURCING/TNCS
Via launches a new ridesourcing service in Paris in partnership with Keolis group, called PLUS by Via. Parisians using Keolis’s LeCab app can request a PLUS ride, which will match passengers going similar directions to share a ride in chauffeured vehicles operated by LeCab.

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