

PREPARING FOR THE FUTUR OF TRANSPORTATION



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) releases new federal guidelines for automated vehicles (AVs). 'Preparing for the Future of Transportation: Automated Vehicles 3.0' (AV 3.0) includes policy recommendations and outlines a process for how to work with USDOT on AV deployment. AV 3.0 clarifies roles, standards, and the definitions of "driver" and "operator," among other updates.

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Honda Motor Company and General Motors (GM) partner to further develop Cruise AVs. Honda will invest \$2.75 billion in Cruise and contribute engineering expertise to the product team. The partners will also develop a global services business. GM is testing one hundred Cruise AVs in San Francisco, at present.



SCOOTER SHARING

Bird unveils Bird Zero, a customized durable scooter with a 60 percent longer battery life. Bird is testing the product in Los Angeles, Nashville, Baltimore, Austin, and Salt Lake City. The company also plans to launch Bird Delivery, a service that will drop a Bird scooter off at a user's home or workplace by 8 a.m.

RIDESOURCING/TNCs

SoftBank and Toyota partner to launch Monet Technologies Corporation.

Monet will initially offer ridesourcing company/TNC services for public agencies and corporations in Japan. Although Monet will not develop AV technology, the joint venture plans to launch a fleet of AVs in Japan in 2020. MONET TECHNOLOGIES INC. Monet aims to expand globally in the future.



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FASTLinkDTLA, Los Angeles' public-private partnership for transportation management, and moovel, a mobile ticketing company, launch FlexLA microtransit pilot. FlexLA will provide on-demand shared rides from 7pm to 2am to complement the city's public transit system. SMS Transportation, a fleet operator, and moovel will operate the service.

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