

LAST WEEK IN INNOVATIVE MOBILITY

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VEHICLES

In a partnership with the City of Boston and Massachusetts DOT, automated vehicle company nuTonomy will begin testing its vehicles in Boston's Seaport area before the end of the year. The Singapore-based MIT spinoff will use Renault Zoe electric vehicles and have engineers on board during testing. The cars will not serve passengers at this time.

RIDESOURCING/TNCS

Lyft announces the 'Amp,' a new interactive cylinder that will replace drivers' Glowstache come December. The dashboard device will add personalization features to Lyft rides, such as personal greetings as passengers enter the car, or changing color schemes for more streamlined passenger pickup.



RIDESOURCING/TNCS

BMW's ReachNow plans to launch a ridesourcing service in Seattle early next year. Called ReachNow Ride, the service will vet independent contractors as drivers, who will work shifts throughout the day. The drivers will use ReachNow's BMW 3 series vehicles.



BIKESHARING

French company Smoove launches Africa's first public bikesharing program in Marrakech, Morocco. Named 'Medina Bike,' the five-year trial includes 300 bicycles across 10 stations. The project receives funding from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and works with other local groups to help maintain the system.



VEHICLES

After two years of collaborating on automated vehicle (AV) development, BMW and Baidu have ended their partnership. Baidu is said to now be looking for another automaker to partner with to accelerate its AV testing in the U.S. The Chinese search giant received an AV testing permit from the California DMV earlier this year and has a team of at least 100 engineers in Silicon Valley.



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