

LAST WEEK IN INNOVATIVE MOBILITY

November 21st - November 27th, 2016



VEHICLES

A vehicle from automated trucking company Otto will be traveling a 35-mile stretch of U.S. Route 33 in central Ohio in mixed traffic. A driver will be present to ensure safety in case anything goes wrong. Officials claim the section of Route 33 is an important corridor for automated vehicle research, with fiber-optic cable and sensor systems slated for completion early next year.

MICROTRANSIT

Chariot launches advanced reservation bookings in San Francisco, allowing riders to book a seat up to seven days in advance. Chariot's CEO claims almost 80 percent of San Francisco riders use the service within 15 minutes of the same time every weekday, providing good reason for the feature. The company hopes to offer this feature in more cities in the coming months.



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Daimler announces its plan to invest \$11 billion in electric vehicles over the next 10 years. The company will push to develop 10 electric vehicle models based on the same architecture by 2025, which would amount to 25 percent of its output to be electric.



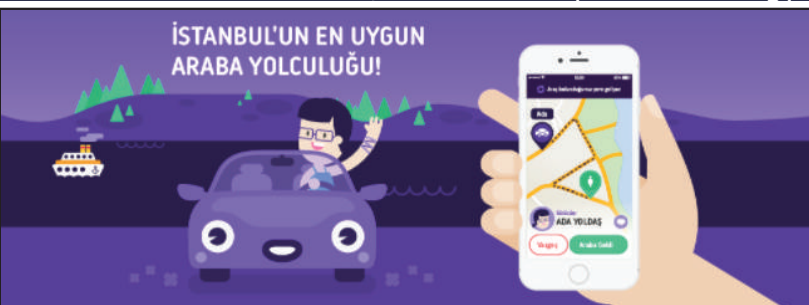
BIKESHARING

The Seattle City Council moved to cut much of bikesharing operator Pronto's funding, enacting a three-month deadline for the current system to conclude operations. Another operator will likely take over operations in summer 2017. No deals have been made yet, but the city has been negotiating with Canadian bikesharing company Bewegen, which offers electric bicycle technology.



RIDESHARING

Turkish ridesharing startup Volt raises \$550,000 in funding. The Istanbul-based company aims to match individual drivers with passengers traveling similar routes. So far, the company has 250 active daily drivers and hopes to reach its goal of 100,000 active drivers in Istanbul.



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