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Lyft and NuTonomy launch a shared automated vehicle (AV) service in Boston's Seaport district. Human drivers are currently required to monitor the AVs and intervene when necessary. This marks Lyft's first AV pilot with public passengers, after completing testing in Boston's Marine Park industrial zone.
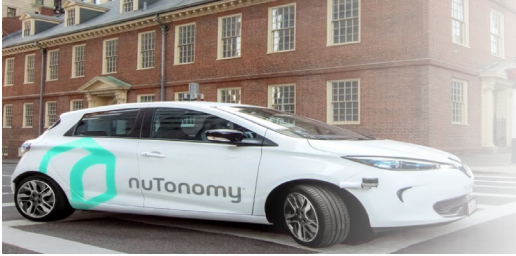
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Didi Chuxing, China's major ridesourcing company/TNC, plans to expand to Mexico in 2018 for its first international launch. In Mexico, Didi will compete with Uber, which has seven million users across 45 Mexican cities, and Cabify, which operates in seven cities. Didi has not confirmed which cities it will launch in.

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Nissan announces plans to launch a shared AV pilot in Japan. Nissan Leaf electric vehicles (EVs) will make up the fleet. In the pilot, participants will test an additional automated feature. If a passenger submits a request for a certain destination type, like type of restaurant, the vehicle will bring the passenger to a relevant destination.

VEHICLES

Volkswagen's MOIA unveils an electric six-seater vehicle designed for microtransit. The EVs have a range of about 186 miles, and they can reach an 80 percent charge after thirty minutes of charging. MOIA will first deploy about 200 vehicles in Hamburg, Germany in 2018. The company then aims to launch in other European cities and eventually expand to the U.S.

MICROTRANSIT

Bridj pilots microtransit service in Western Sydney, Australia. The service routes are based on real-time traffic information and the vehicles stop only at on-board passenger destinations. Transit Systems, an Australian mobility operator, purchased Bridj earlier this year and stated that it aims to expand U.S. operations as well.

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