



## RIDESOURCING/TNCs

The Chicago Transit Authority announces that the city's tax on ridesourcing company/TNC trips will fund upgrades to its rail system. The 15-cent increase on Lyft and Uber trips will help fund the FastTracks program that will update the rail's power source and tracks. Train rides will be up to six minutes faster, and additional trains will be able to run during high-ridership times.

## **SCOOTER SHARING**

**Spin launches electric scooter sharing.** Its scooters, which are similar to electric Razor scooters, can travel up to 15 miles per hour. When fully charged, they have an 18-mile range. The scooters will cost \$1 to unlock and 15 cents per minute of use. Spin will likely initially launch scooter sharing in Seattle, Dallas, and Washington, D.C.





#### **VEHICLES**

**Uber and Waymo reach a settlement in their legal dispute over automated vehicle (AV) technology.** The case had questioned Uber's purchase of Otto, an AV company, founded by a former Waymo employee. As part of the settlement, Waymo will receive \$245 million of equity in Uber. The companies also agreed to develop their own technology independently.

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**Embark's automated truck completes a cross-country test drive.** The AV traveled from Los Angeles, California to Jacksonville, Florida over five days. The AV's current technology relies on a human monitor to intervene, if necessary. The company aims for its automated trucks to travel without human monitors in the future, which would reduce travel time from five to two days.





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### **CARSHARING**

**Didi Chuxing announces an electric vehicle (EV) carsharing network with 12 automakers.** The network will include Ford Motor Company, the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi alliance, and the Chinese EV manufacturer BAIC BEJV, among others. Didi has stated that it aims to have one million EVs on its network by 2020.

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