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MICROTRANSIT

Arlington, Texas replaces public commuter buses with Via vans. For the pilot project, ten Via vans will operate throughout the city. The city partially subsidizes ride costs, so passengers pay either $3 per ride or $10 for one week of rides. Arlington stated that it will expand the program this summer, if successful.

BIKESHARING

Grab, a Southeast Asian ridesourcing company/TNC, launches bikesharing service in Singapore. The service, called GrabCycle, will include oBike’s bikesharing fleet. Users will be able to pay for bikes with GrabPay credits. Grab will also partner with Singapore island resort Sentosa to allow dockless bike parking in open lots.

SHARED AUTOMATED VEHICLES

EasyMile’s AV shuttle launches testing on public roads in San Ramon, CA. The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) granted permission to EasyMile to operate on public streets. The shuttle does not have a steering wheel or pedals, so the approval is an exception to Federal legislation requiring controls for human drivers.

Nissan and DeNA partner to test Easy Ride shared automated vehicle (SAV) service in Yokohama, Japan. The service allows passengers to request a ride from a fleet of Nissan’s electric SAVs, using ridesourcing software developed by the team. Easy Ride will target a more upscale market, since the service will include additional interactive features.

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Uber and Waymo announce automated trucking developments. In Arizona, Uber Freight unveiled technology that transfers cargo from human drivers to automated trucks before traveling on the highway. The freight is transferred back to human drivers after the highway portion of the trip. Waymo also launched a commercial automated trucking service in Atlanta.

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