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Bikesharing

Ford adds electric bicycles to its bikesharing service, branded as Ford GoBike Plus, in San Francisco. The e-bikes will be integrated into 123 docks around the city. Users will be able to track their speed and the bike’s charge levels on their rides. Motivate, the company that operates Ford’s docked bikesharing service, expects the average e-bike trip length to be three to five miles.

Scooter Sharing

Transit, a mobility service aggregator, adds shared scooter services to its app. Scooters from Bird, Spin, Waybots, and LimeBike are included on Transit’s maps, where applicable. The Transit app also aggregates location information for bikesharing, carsharing, ridesourcing/TNCs, and public transit services.

Microtransit

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency issues the city’s first private transit permit to Chariot. Chariot operates private shuttles through its microtransit service. The permit specifies that Chariot will be required to share GPS and passenger data with the city. As part of the permit regulations, Chariot’s future routes must complement public transit lines.

Courier Network Services

Amazon launches a trunk delivery service with GM and Volvo in 37 U.S. cities. With the new service, car owners with Amazon Prime provide trunk access to couriers by using the Amazon Key app to open their trunks remotely. Amazon has also experimented with using remote keys to grant access to member apartments for dropoffs.

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