LAST WEEK IN INNOVATIVE MOBILITY

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VEHICLES

Alphabet's Waymo expands its Early Rider program, inviting residents of certain areas of Phoenix, Arizona to ride in their autonomous vehicles (AVs). After a two month trial in Phoenix, Waymo is expanding its fleet from 100 to 600 autonomous Fiat-Chrysler Pacifica Hybrid minivans. Qualifying residents can apply to join the testing program, which includes daily access to the AVs for all immediate family members of participating households.

VEHICLES

The City of Boston grants autonomous vehicle company NuTonomy permission to test AVs in the Seaport and Fort Point areas of the city. NuTonomy began testing two automated electric Renault Zoes in the city earlier this year on private roads. The new testing zone allows NuTonomy to test its AV technology in more realistic driving environments with pedestrians and other vehicles.



CARSHARING

AAA's A3Ventures launches a one-way carsharing service called GIG in Oakland and Berkeley, California. GIG's fleet of 250 Toyota Prius C vehicles can be reserved via a mobile app for the price of \$2.50 per mile, \$15 per hour, or \$85 per day. The cars can be dropped off at any public parking lot or metered parking space within a defined 'home zone.'



CARSHARING

Mercedes-Benz expands its peer-to-peer carsharing service, Croove, to Berlin, Germany. Croove enables car owners to rent out their private vehicles to users of the service. Owners can set their own prices or allow Croove to establish a rate based on supply and demand in the market. Croove has been available under a limited pilot in Munich since December 2016.



RIDESOURCING/TNCS

Israeli e-Hail company Gett acquires New York-based ridesourcing startup Juno for \$200 million. A partner of Volkswagen, Gett operates in more than 100 cities, mainly in the U.K., Russia, and Israel. Juno's restricted stock unit plan for drivers will be rescinded as part of the acquisition. Participating drivers will receive a one-time payment for their restricted shares.



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