

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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SHARED AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Aptiv deploys 30 automated vehicles (AVs) on Lyft's ridesourcing platform in Las Vegas, Nevada. Lyft users will have the chance to ride in the AVs on an opt-in basis, and trained operators will monitor the vehicles. AV rides are free at present, but eventually passengers will be able to pay for trips in AVs on Lyft's platform as they would pay for a ride in a vehicle with a human driver.

BIKESHARING

Zagster and LimeBike launch in Chicago. Last week, the Chicago Department of Transportation announced its permitting regulations for a six month dockless bikesharing pilot. Dockless services are allowed to operate primarily outside the coverage area for the city's station-based bikesharing service, Divvy. Jump and Ofo are also planning to deploy dockless bikes in Chicago.



SCOOTER SHARING



Bird scooter sharing expands to Atlanta, Georgia. This development marks the company's first operations in the southeastern U.S. Bird has also launched its scooter sharing service in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Austin.

BLOCKCHAIN

Thirty organizations join to launch the Mobility Open Blockchain Initiative (MOBI). BMW, Ford, General Motors, and Renault are the four major automakers behind the initiative. The group also includes Bosch, IBM, and Blockchain at Berkeley, among other organizations. MOBI will explore the potential applications of blockchain technology in transportation.



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Volkswagen (VW) and Didi Chuxing consider co-developing a shared AV network. VW would initially manage 100,000 new vehicles for Didi, two-thirds of which would be VW vehicles. VW would also develop vehicles tailored to a shared automated fleet service, and the fleet will include electric vehicles.

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