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RIDESHARING/TNCs
Uber expands its in-app mobility options to include electric bikesharing, carsharing, and public transit. The company’s acquisition of Jump and partnership with Getaround will let users book e-bikes and peer-to-peer car rentals through the Uber app. Uber and Masabi’s partnership will also enable users to book public transit tickets through the Uber app in select cities across the U.S.

AUTOMATED VEHICLES
Waymo applies to test its automated vehicles (AVs) without drivers in California. Waymo submitted a permit application to the California Department of Motor Vehicles last week. If approved, the permit will enable the company to deploy its AVs for testing without backup safety drivers. Use of permits to test AVs without safety drivers became legal in California on April 2, 2018.

CARSHARING
EVgo and General Motors partner to build a dedicated network of electric vehicle (EV) fast chargers for Maven Gig drivers. Maven Gig offers short-term vehicle rentals to members driving for on-demand services including Uber, Lyft, and Doordash. Drivers will be able to charge Maven’s Chevy Bolts at hundreds of newly constructed chargers across the U.S.

Getaround’s peer-to-peer carsharing service launches in Los Angeles, California. About 50 vehicles on the Getaround network will be available immediately in downtown Los Angeles, Silverlake, Hollywood, West Hollywood, and the Westside. The carsharing company has about 200,000 members globally, at present.

COURIER NETWORK SERVICES
Walmart and Postmates partner for grocery delivery. Postmates will initially start delivering groceries for Walmart in Charlotte, North Carolina, then expand to other U.S. markets. Walmart aims to offer its grocery delivery service, which costs $9.99 per order, in 800 of its stores nationwide in 2018.

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