

LAST WEEK IN INNOVATIVE MOBILITY

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Texas Governor Greg Abbott signs House Bill 100, clearing the road for Uber and Lyft to return to Austin. The new statewide law requires annual background checks for drivers but not fingerprinting. The two companies left Austin a year ago after the city voted to require fingerprinting of ridesourcing drivers.

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The Dayton Regional Transit Authority (RTA) partners with Lyft to offer free Lyft rides to or from select bus stops. The program, called RTA Connect, will reimburse the cost of a Lyft trip if the passenger uses an RTA service and is picked up or dropped off at a designated RTA Connect stop. The program also offers American Disability Act (ADA) accessible vehicles and a call service for users who do not have a smartphone.



PUBLIC TRANSIT

Austin's Capitol Metro is set to launch a free on-demand bus service, called Pickup. The service will be available in three neighborhoods on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, between 9am and 6pm. The service replaces the MetroFlex Upper Eastside pilot route and can be hailed using a mobile app or the Capitol Metro call center.

VEHICLES

Colorado passes legislation allowing the testing of autonomous vehicles (AVs) in the state. The law requires companies testing AVs to obey all existing rules of the road and to check in with the State Department of Transportation and State Patrol before testing. Colorado is the 17th U.S. state to pass AV legislation.



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Split, the defunct Washington DC-based ridesourcing company, is acquired by MOIA, a mobility company under the Volkswagen Group. Split, which shut down in October, focused specifically on ridesplitting services. MOIA will secure the remnants of the app and about a dozen of its employees, mostly engineers in Finland where Split's software team was located.

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