



TECHNOLOGY

Lyft announces driverless car technology platform and a new research facility in an effort to enter the driverless vehicle space. The Open Platform Initiative will allow Lyft and partners to collaborate on software development related to driverless vehicles, departing from the proprietary approach of some competitors.

POLICY

A House Commerce subcommittee passes a bill that would allow automakers to manufacture up to 100,000 driverless vehicles a year. If signed into law, this national regulation would attempt to avoid conflicts across state lines. Automakers would still have to submit safety reports to regulators but would not be required to obtain premarket approval for the vehicles.





APPS

GM launches ridesourcing app for the company's driverless car unit, Cruise. The app is currently available for employees only. Cruise is testing its vehicles in San Francisco, Detroit, and Phoenix and will add an additional 100 vehicles to roads this week.

RIDESOURCING

Uber allows disabled passengers to source rides in Chicago in response to national lawsuits. The service, called uberWAV, costs the same as rides for single passengers using uberX. There are currently 65 wheelchair-accessible vehicles available to riders across the city.





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CARSHARING

SFMTA approves permanent curbside parking permits for shared vehicles and mopeds. The permit program reserves curbside parking spaces for roundtrip carsharing fleet vehicles, referencing a SFMTA finding that on average 19 individuals use each vehicle per month. The permitting program excludes peer-to-peer shared vehicles because they are used less frequently.

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