

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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RIDESOURCING/TNCs

Ola, an Indian-based ridesourcing/transportation network company (TNC), launches in South Wales, UK. The service will initially launch in Cardiff, Newport, and the Vale of Glamorgan. The company has future plans to launch in Greater Manchester. At present, Ola also operates in India and Australia and has around 125 million users worldwide.

BIKESHARING

Citi Bike launches 200 electric pedal-assist bicycles as part of its New York City fleet. The bikes can be docked at any of Citi Bike's existing stations and are separate from the city's dockless bikesharing pilot program. Citi Bike plans to add 1,000 additional electric bikes intended for use at select stations that will correspond with the date of the L train shutdown around April 2019.



SHARED AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Aptiv and Lyft announce they have completed 5,000 paid shared automated vehicle (SAV) trips in Las Vegas. The companies have been operating a fleet of about 20 SAVs through Lyft's ridesourcing platform since January 2018. The pilot is one of the only SAV efforts that is charging customers for rides, and the revenue is divided between the two companies.

CARSHARING

Getaround raises a \$300 million series D round led by SoftBank. This follows an investment by Uber in the peer-to-peer (P2P) carsharing company in April 2018, which now offers Getaround vehicle booking within the Uber app. At present, Getaround is active in 66 cities across the U.S.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo has opened a subsidiary in China. The unit, named Huimo Business Consulting Co., opened in Shanghai and lists Waymo as an investor. The subsidiary will focus on logistics consulting, supply chain, automated driving parts, and product design and does not have plans to test or deploy automated vehicles (AVs) in China.

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