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RIDESOURCING/TNCS

Lyft partners with Drive.ai to use partially-autonomous vehicles for its ridesourcing service. A driver will still be present to take over operations in situations that are challenging for the vehicle to navigate, but Bay Area Lyft users will soon have the opportunity to request a ride in one of these vehicles. Drive.ai is the fourth autonomous software company that Lyft has partnered with.

VEHICLES

The U.S. House of Representatives passes the Self Drive Act bill, moving the legislation to the Senate. The Self Drive Act would create a federal regulatory framework for automated vehicles. It would also increase the number of automated vehicles allowed on public roads, as long as they are safe. If the Senate passes the bill, it will be the first national automated vehicle legislation.



MICROTRANSIT

Via, an on-demand shuttle and technology company, raises \$250 million to expand to Europe. Via currently offers shuttle rides to customers for a flat rate of five dollars. The investment, led by Daimler, will support growth into target markets, beginning with London and Paris. Via currently operates in New York City, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.

CARSHARING

Daimler hands over its German carsharing service, Croove, to Turo, a peer-to-peer carsharing service, and leads investment for Turo's Series D funding. With this investment, Turo plans to expand into European markets. Its platform matches private vehicle owners with potential renters in a given city with prices set by the vehicle owners.



BIKESHARING



Metro Bike Share installs 15 stations along Venice Beach in Los Angeles. The bikesharing operator partnered with the city and Bicycle Transit Systems to select strategic docking station locations. Next, Metro is looking to expand to over 20 other parts of the county to augment its existing operations in Downtown, Pasadena, and the Port of Los Angeles.

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