

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

The Virginia Port Authority receives a grant from the Federal Highway Administration to test automated trucks. The grant helps prepare the port for automated vehicles (AVs). However, some truck drivers are hesitant about these changes and view AVs as competition.



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Ford Motor Company plans to begin testing AVs on Israeli roads. Ford has permission from the Transportation Ministry and intends to test a Ford Fusion equipped with cameras and radar/lidar sensor technology. The results will help inform future AV taxi services.



CARSHARING

Turo, a peer-to-peer carsharing company, is partnering with Kiva, a microloan company, to fund Black entrepreneurs in 14 United States cities. The program is called the Seed Initiative and offers interest-free loans of up to \$15,000 to help 130 Black entrepreneurs use Turo to start a shared-vehicle rental service. Nissan is also working with Turo to provide three years of free maintenance for Seed Initiative recipients.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Hyundai Motor and Apple Inc. plan to partner to produce automated, electric vehicles. The partners plan to build a production plant in Georgia with an annual capacity of 400,000 vehicles. Approximately 100,000 vehicles from these companies are expected to be available in 2024.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

California's Governor Newsom proposes \$1.5 billion for electric vehicles (EVs). These funds are part of a proposed \$4.5 billion economic stimulus package. The earmarked funds help individuals and businesses purchase electric and hydrogen vehicles/equipment and invest in charging and fueling infrastructure.



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