

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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Uber acquires Careem, a transportation network company (TNC) based in the Middle East, for \$3.1 billion. Uber now owns Careem's mobility, delivery, and payment businesses. Careem will preserve its brand and retain its CEO.



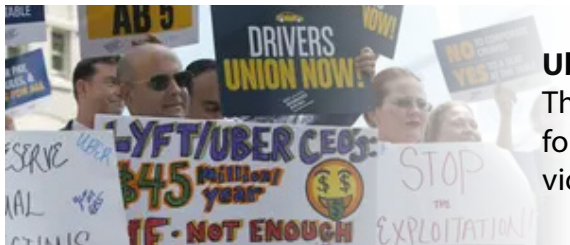
SCOOTER SHARING

Revel, a New-York based moped scooter sharing service, applies for a scooter sharing permit in Oakland, CA. Public records show that Revel may deploy 1,000 mopeds in Oakland. The company is also in talks with officials from the nearby cities of Berkeley and Alameda. Revel has not announced detailed plans for the service yet.



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Uber and Postmates file a legal challenge against Assembly Bill (AB) 5. The California law, which came into effect on January 1st, makes it difficult for companies to treat workers as contractors. The suit alleges that AB 5 violates the U.S. and California Constitutions.



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Segway-Ninebot unveils an electric kick scooter with a cruise control feature. Riders of the Air T15 kick the pavement to start the scooter, which then calculates the friction and condition of the road to adjust the rider's speed and maintain a constant rate of travel. The new scooter costs \$699.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Beijing adds a testing area for automated vehicle (AV) testing. The new 40 square-kilometer area is located in a southeast suburb. Testing will avoid sections where schools, hospitals, and office buildings are located. Beijing also issued a license to Baidu that allows the company to carry passengers in 40 of its test AVs.



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