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## TNCS/RIDESOURCING

**Uber and Lyft launch in Vancouver, Canada.** The late launch is due to a 2014 city-wide moratorium on new taxi licenses that was repeatedly extended over the years. Vancouver recently opened applications to transportation network companies (TNCs) in Fall 2019.

#### SHARED AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Cruise unveils its Origin shared automated vehicle (SAV).** Cruise partnered with Honda to develop the vehicle. The interior of the vehicle is designed for shared rides with two bench seats and screens on both sides displaying the pick-up and drop-off itinerary. The vehicle does not have a steering wheel, break pedals, side-view mirrors, or other typical features.



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#### **TNCS/RIDESOURCING**

**Uber tests a feature that allows drivers to set their own rates.** Uber is testing the feature at airports in Santa Barbara, Sacramento, and Palm Springs, CA. Drivers can ask for Uber's original price for a ride, less than the price, or up to five times more. The feature is an attempt to circumvent AB 5, California's new gig economy law.

### **AUTOMATED VEHICLES**

Waymo will test its automated long-haul truck and automated minivans in New Mexico and Texas. Waymo has not yet specified in which cities it will test or the type of testing it will conduct.





#### **BIKESHARING AND SCOOTER SHARING**

New York plans to legalize electric bicycles and scooters. Electric bicycle and scooter ridership is restricted to the ages of 16 and older. Cyclists of all ages and scooter riders under the age of 18 are required to wear helmets. The law will go into effect upon passage of the state budget, which will likely happen around April 1, 2020.

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