

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Ford increases its investment in automated vehicles (AVs) and electric vehicles (EVs) to a total of \$29 billion. Ford plans to invest \$7 billion in AVs and \$22 billion in EVs by 2025. The decision comes after Ford earned more than anticipated in the fourth quarter, and General Motors announced a plan to invest \$27 billion in AVs and EVs.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

VinFast, a division of the Vietnamese conglomerate Vingroup, is allowed to test AVs on California streets. The AVs from VinFast are electric, achieve Level 2 to 3 automation (as defined by SAE International, a global standards organization), and have 30 smart features. VinFast is the 57th company licensed with an Autonomous Test Vehicle Permit in California.



GOODS DELIVERY

Uber acquires Drizly Inc., an alcohol delivery app. Uber beat out two other companies and is spending \$1.1 billion on the acquisition. The acquisition excludes Drizly's cannabis delivery service.



GOODS DELIVERY

Amazon begins using Rivian electric vans for deliveries. The vehicles are being used in the Los Angeles, California area and will be introduced to 15 other cities in 2021. The goal is to increase Amazon's fleet of Rivian vans to 10,000 vehicles in 2022.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Revel, an electric moped sharing company, is building a DC fast charging station in New York. The "Superhub" is located in Brooklyn and will contain over 30 chargers and be available to the public 24 hours a day. This is one of many Superhubs in a network of charging stations.



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