

# Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Nuro's delivery robot, the R2, has been granted exemption from the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).** The exemption allows Nuro to test vehicles without human controls (i.e., steering wheels, pedals) on public roads. As part of the exemption, Nuro is required to report information about the R2's operations and perform community outreach.

## SHARED AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Columbus, Ohio launches a year-long shared automated vehicle (SAV) pilot.** The service, Linden LEAP, operates two electric, automated shuttles between the Linden residential neighborhood and a nearby public transit center. The approximately three-mile route runs from 6am to 8pm each day and is free to local residents.



## TNCS/RIDESOURCING

**A Brazilian higher court rules that there is no employment relationship between Uber and its drivers.** The judge argues that drivers can disconnect from the Uber app at any time and have a flexible work schedule, which is incompatible with an employer-employee relationship. The judge instead characterizes the relationship as a partnership.

## URBAN AIR MOBILITY

**Wingcopter, Merck, and the Frankfurt University of Applied Science partner for a small unmanned aerial system (sUAS) delivery trial.** The first flight of the trial transported pigment samples roughly 16 miles between a lab to Merck's headquarters without continuous line-of-sight. The project will continue testing deliveries and culminate with a report in March 2021.



## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Uber receives a permit to test automated vehicles (AVs) in California.** Uber will begin testing its AVs in California for the first time since it paused operations in March 2018, following an accident in which one of its AVs killed a woman in Arizona. Uber plans to begin testing in San Francisco in the near future.

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