

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo begins testing automated vehicle transportation network company (TNC) services in San Francisco, California. The service is only available to employee volunteers using the Waymo One app to request rides. The trials are using automated Chrysler Pacificas and Jaguar I-Pace electric sport utility vehicles.

GOODS DELIVERY

Instacart increases prices in California to support Proposition 22 changes. The company is increasing the service fee from 5% to 8%, with exceptions for subscribers to the company's monthly Express (a \$9.99 per month or \$99 per year) plan. The increased fees help provide workers with accident insurance, a health care stipend if they meet the requirements, and a guaranteed minimum wage plus per mile income when fulfilling orders.



PUBLIC TRANSIT



Travelers can now pay for public transit fares and parking through Google Maps. The transit feature includes more than 80 international public transit agencies, and the parking payment service is available via Android in more than 400 United States communities. The features were developed through partnerships with the transportation software companies Passport and ParkMobile.

SCOOTER SHARING

Revel, the shared electric moped company, expands its services to monthly electric bicycle (e-bikes) rentals in New York City, New York. The e-bikes cost \$99 for a monthly rental and are delivered directly to a subscriber's door. The rental price includes complimentary maintenance, a bike lock, and educational material.



TNCs/RIDESOURCING

The United Kingdom's Supreme Court rules that Uber drivers are workers, not self-employed individuals. This decision could mean that Uber drivers in the United Kingdom are entitled to minimum wage and holiday pay. The ruling could also leave Uber with a large compensation bill and impact the broader gig economy in the UK.

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