



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Cruise receives a permit to transport passengers in automated vehicles (AVs) in California. The permit requires Cruise to have a safety driver behind the wheel and not charge passengers for trips. Cruise is also required to report any incidents, the number of passenger miles traveled, and safety protocols.

DATA SHARING

Uber and other groups launch a coalition to oppose the Mobility Data Specification (MDS). Communities Against Rider Surveillance (CARS) says it will protest MDS through media outreach and interaction with local leaders. The coalition is formed amid a dispute between Uber and the City of Los Angeles over data sharing requirements.





CARSHARING

GIG Car Share will expand to Seattle in April 2020. The one-way, free-floating carsharing service will deploy a fleet of 250 Toyota Priuses throughout the city. The expansion follows an exodus of carsharing providers from Seattle as car2go, ReachNow, and LimePod left the city.



Spin will launch in Cologne, Germany this spring with other German cities to follow. Spin currently operates exclusively in the U.S. The company is interested in entering other European markets and has reportedly applied for an operating permit in France.





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APPS

Bird launches Bird Pay, a payment service that allows users to purchase items from local businesses through the Bird app. Bird says the service was launched in response to requests from businesses, who hope to promote deals close by locations where Bird users might be starting or ending trips.

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