



SHARED AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo secures 2.25 billion USD in the initial close on its first round of funding. The amount includes investments from Silver Lake, the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, and Alphabet, among others. Representatives of Silver Lake and the Canadian Pension Fund will join Waymo's board as part of the investment.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

GM reveals new electric vehicle (EV) architecture, "Ultium." The architecture will be capable of 19 different battery and drive unit configurations as GM seeks to electrify a wide range of vehicle products. Ultium enables Level Two and DC fast charging. The EV architecture features large-formate pouch battery cells manufactured as part of a joint venture between LG Chem and GM.



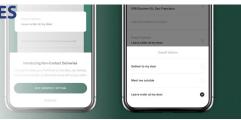


SCOOTER SHARING

Lime ends its "Juicer" program. According to Lime, the company can no longer hire the scooter chargers as gig workers due to California's gig-work law, AB 5. Lime will use independent businesses to collect and recharge its scooter fleets. The company says it will give priority to those that hire former juicers as employees.

COURIER NETWORK SERVICES

Postmates launches "non-contact delivery," designed to reduce the spread of Coronavirus. Postmates users now see a notice about non-contact deliveries when they open the app and during checkout. The notice prompts users to input a drop-off option, like "leave at the door." The program is not mandatory.





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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Switzerland's Micro Mobility Systems unveils the Microlino 2.0, an electric microcar, and the Microletta electric trike. The Microlino is a two-seater with a 90 km/h top speed and 200 km range. It will cost around 13,350 USD when it begins shipping in 2021. The e-trike has a max speed of 80 km/h top speed and a range of over 100 km. The Microletta is expected to cost 5,450 USD, and its production date is undecided.

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