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GOODS DELIVERY

Amazon begins testing electric delivery vans from Rivian, an electric vehicle (EV) startup, in San Francisco, California. The testing originally began in Los Angeles, California. Amazon is expanding the program to 14 communities in 2021.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Rivian plans to install more than 10,000 EV chargers by the end of 2023. The network of chargers is being placed along highways and in locations next to parks, trailheads, and other adventurous and entertainment destinations. The first of the chargers are being installed in 42 Colorado State Parks starting in July 2021.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

BMW expects 50 percent of its global sales to be EVs by 2030. The company plans to decrease factory emissions by 80 percent by 2030. As part of these announcements, BMW showed the first drafts of its new electric sedan and sport utility vehicles and stated that production is three months ahead of schedule for the former model.
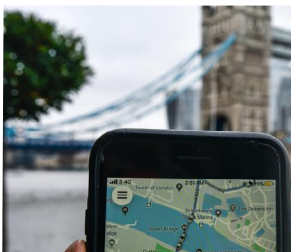
SCOOTER SHARING

Unagi, an electric scooter manufacturer, broadens its subscription service to more communities. Unagi is expanding existing service in Los Angeles, California and New York City, New York and entering the markets of Austin, Texas; Miami, Florida; Nashville, Tennessee; Phoenix, Arizona; San Francisco, California; and Seattle, Washington. The subscription fee is increasing from $39 to $49 a month and subscribers must commit to three months before canceling.

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Uber reclassifies all United Kingdom drivers as workers. The change results in more than 70,000 drivers receiving benefits including minimum wage, holiday time, and pension contributions. However, drivers will still not receive full employee benefits.

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