**Last Week In Innovative Mobility**

**April 18 -24, 2022**

**AUTOMATED VEHICLES**

Pony.ai becomes the first automated vehicle (AV) company to receive a taxi permit in China. In May 2022, Pony.ai will begin operating a fleet of 100 AVs in an 800 square kilometer service area in Nansha, Guangzhou. The service will be available from 8:30 am to 10:30 pm, and passengers can book rides through the PonyPilot+ app.

**AUTOMATED VEHICLES**

May Mobility, an AV startup, partners with BraunAbility, a wheelchair accessible van manufacturer, to improve accessibility in May Mobility’s Toyota Sienna Autono-MaaS (S-AM) vehicles. May Mobility plans to deploy the modified S-AM vehicles in Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids, Michigan; Arlington Texas; Fishers, Indiana; and Hiroshima, Japan in 2022. The goal is to augment public transit and improve AV accessibility.

**ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Denver, Colorado offers rebates for electric bike and cargo bike purchases. Denver residents are eligible for a $400 and $500 rebate off qualifying electric bikes and cargo bikes, respectively. Income-qualified residents can receive an instant $1,200 rebate.

**SHARED MICROMOBILITY**

Lyft acquires PBSC Urban Solutions, a bikesharing equipment and technology company. The acquisition doubles Lyft’s shared micromobility scale. Lyft currently operates shared micromobility services in 11 cities, and the acquisition increases this number by 39 cities.

**TNCs/RIDEHAILING**

Uber announces Earth Week initiatives. Uber is permanently removing the $1 surcharge for Uber Green rides, which allows riders to request an environmentally friendly car (e.g., electric). Until April 30th, Uber is also offering a $1 per journey discount on Uber Green rides, where riders can book a Lime electric bike or scooter ride through the Uber app.

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