



#### **AUTOMATED VEHICLES**

**Cruise deploys some of its automated vehicles (AVs) to make food deliveries.** The company, which halted AV testing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is delivering meals from two San Francisco food banks. The program depends on the voluntary participation of safety drivers, as two must be present in each vehicle for operation on public roads.

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Lyft lays off 17 percent of its staff, or 982 employees, due to the pandemic. An additional 288 employees were furloughed. Lyft will also put in place salary reductions for all employees and reduce cash compensation for the board of directors. Lyft's share prices rose following news of the layoffs.





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**Uber will require drivers and riders to wear face masks.** As part of the policy, Uber is developing a technology to detect if drivers are wearing masks or face coverings before they start accepting trips. The requirement is expected to be put in place in the next few weeks.

#### SHARED AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Ford delays the launch of its shared AV and AV delivery services. The start date was delayed from 2021 to 2022 due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The company says it will use the extra year to research changes in customer behaviors and evaluate new consumer demands.





### **SOCIAL EQUITY**

**Sacramento deploys Wi-Fi buses throughout the city.** The 60-day program will park ten buses throughout the city in neighborhoods with low internet access. The wi-fi will have a range of 1,800 feet and may reach some residences' backyards, but it will not go through walls. The program is meant to help students who have been disadvantaged by remote homeschooling.

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