

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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BIKESHARING

JOCO continues to operate bikesharing in New York City as the lawsuit against them continues. New York City filed a lawsuit against JOCO stating that their operations are illegal as all bikesharing systems require authorization from the Department of Transportation. However, JOCO is arguing that it is not violating any laws since its docking stations are on private property and outside of the city's jurisdiction.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Spain plans to spend 13 billion euros (approximately 15.7 billion USD) on sustainable mobility options through 2023. The funding is from European Union (EU) COVID-19 relief funds and helps promote the domestic sale of electric vehicles (EVs), improve charging infrastructure, and build a battery cell plant for EVs in the country. Spain is hoping the funding will maintain the country's role as the EU's second largest auto-producing nation.



SCOOTER SHARING

Scooter sharing may return to Dallas, Texas. Dallas halted its scooter sharing services in September 2020 due to challenges with user compliance with regulations and an inundation of vendors and devices. However, city council members are reconsidering scooter sharing, if it is properly implemented.



TNCs/RIDESOURCING

Uber and Arrival, an EV manufacturer, partner to create an EV for Uber drivers. The partners plan to reveal the vehicle design by the end of 2021 and begin production in Fall 2023. The EV supports Uber's initiative to be fully electric platform-wide by 2040 by helping drivers change over to EVs.



URBAN AIR MOBILITY

Wisk Aero, an aerospace company, and Blade Urban Air Mobility, an urban air mobility platform, partner to develop electric air taxi services. The companies plan to operate 30 of Wisk Aero's aircraft on Blade's network of air terminals along short-distance routes. Wisk Aero will be compensated based on flight time in addition to anticipated minimum flight-hour guarantees.



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