

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

The Hyundai-Aptiv Driving Joint Venture redeploys its automated vehicles (AVs) for food delivery in Las Vegas. The AVs, which were grounded due to the pandemic, are supporting a city program launched to provide meals to vulnerable families at risk of contracting COVID-19. The venture expects to support the program as long as the pandemic lasts.



COURIER NETWORK SERVICES

Postmates delivery robot operators transition to working from home. The operators, who supervise the delivery robots and operate them remotely as needed, use technology that requires commercial-grade internet speed. Postmates is providing its fleet managers with wired internet connections and other workspace technology to facilitate the transition.



COURIER NETWORK SERVICES

Uber seeks to buy GrubHub. If the deal occurs, it would merge two of the biggest meal delivery services in the U.S., as the COVID-19 pandemic increases takeout demand. Uber and GrubHub have declined to comment on the deal.



INFRASTRUCTURE

The U.K. government will invest £2 billion for cycling and walking improvements. The investment is meant to help people avoid public transit during the pandemic. The investment includes funding for new bike lanes and safer intersections. The government will also fast-track and expand scooter sharing trials.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

General Motors' Cruise lays off eight percent of its staff or 150 employees. The cuts occurred throughout the company in its recruiting, design, product, and business strategy divisions. The company says it is doubling down on its engineering work and staff.



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