

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Automated vehicle (AV) startup Pony.ai receives permission to test AVs without onboard safety drivers in three California cities. Pony.ai can now test six AVs on specified streets in Fremont, Irvine, and Milpitas on days that are clear or have light precipitation. Testing will initially occur on weekdays between 10 AM and 3 PM.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

AV company TuSimple decreases delivery time by 10 hours. TuSimple delivered watermelons from Nogales, Arizona to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a 951-mile route, in 14 hours instead of the typical 24. The vehicle had a safety driver onboard who helped with pick-up and delivery.



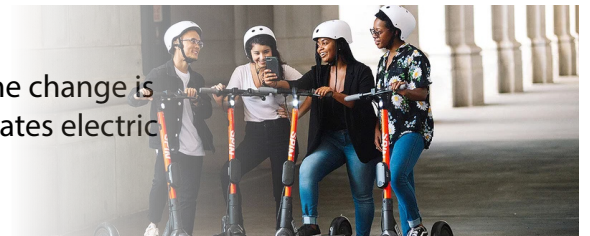
ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Kia introduces an electric vehicle (EV) that can charge in less than 20 minutes. The EV, named the EV6, is Kia's first sport utility vehicle without a gas or hybrid counterpart. The EV6 is part of Kia's brand shift that includes removing "Motors" from the name and introducing a new logo.



SCOOTER SHARING

Ford considers divesting its electric scooter sharing service, Spin. The change is part of Ford's focus on AVs and EVs. Ford acquired Spin in 2018 and operates electric scooter sharing in North America and Europe.



TNCs/RIDESOURCING

The California Air Resources Board passes a rule requiring most miles driven by TNCs to be in EVs by 2030. However, the rule does not clarify who will be paying for the transition to EVs. The California Public Utilities Commission is finalizing how the rule will be implemented.



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