

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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SHARED AUTOMATED VEHICLES

May Mobility launches a shared automated vehicle (SAV) service in Providence, Rhode Island. The service will run seven days a week on a six-mile route between Olneyville Square and an Amtrak station. Each vehicle seats six passengers and will have a human safety driver. The City of Providence will pay May Mobility \$800,000 for the first year of operation.



SCOOTER SHARING

Germany's Parliament votes to legalize electric scooters (e-scooters).

Under the decision, e-scooters must have a top speed of 12 mph and can be used on roads and bike paths. Scooters cannot be used on sidewalks. Other decisions include: a minimum rider age of 14, riders are not required to wear helmets, and riders do not need a driver's license to operate an e-scooter.



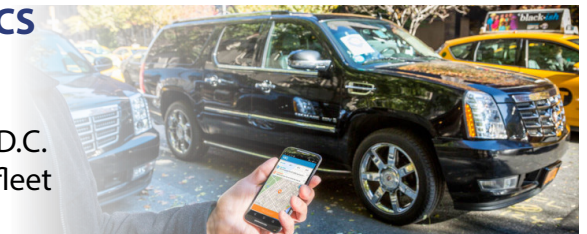
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Uber launches PIN feature at the Portland International Airport. The feature is meant to speed up pickup times at airports. How it works: Riders walk to a dedicated pick-up zone and are assigned a six-digit PIN in the Uber app. The riders provide the PIN to the next available driver who enters it into their app. The ride commences as normal.



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Washington, D.C. government partners with Via to provide rides for public employees. Employees can use the Via app to hail rides while on official business, and charges will be billed directly to city agencies. The D.C. Department of Public Works estimates the program will lower the city's fleet operating costs by 20 percent.



RIDESOURCING/TNCS

Uber rolls out new app features for its premium service Uber Black. They include: a "quiet car" mode for riders who want to discourage chatty drivers, settings to request help with luggage, and settings to communicate preferred ambient temperature. Customers will also be able to ask for extra time before getting into the car to avoid incurring late pickup fees.



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