

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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New York City extends its cap on TNC vehicles and announces additional TNC regulations. TNCs are now mandated to have passengers at least 69 percent of the time while operating in Manhattan below 96th street. Companies who do not meet this requirement will be subject to penalties. Uber is suing the city over the new cap.

Chicago launches a four-month shared scooter pilot program. Ten companies will participate. Each vendor is allowed to operate 250 scooters in a 50-square-mile test zone. Vendors are required to: provide the city with real-time data on their operations, remove scooters from the public rights-of-way each night, and provide a cash payment option for unbanked users.



SCOOTER SHARING



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Florida governor Ron DeSantis signs bill allowing automated vehicle (AV) testing without a safety driver. House Bill 311 allows testing on public roads. The bill also lifts other restrictions, such as allowing “active display” of TV or video in vehicles.

Uber Eats tests food delivery with drones in San Diego. Uber completed the initial phase of testing at San Diego State University in partnership with McDonald's. Uber plans to add other restaurants later this year. For now, drones will deliver food to a pre-determined drop-off location, where Eats drivers will pick up the food and then complete the last mile.



URBAN AIR MOBILITY



MICROTRANSIT

Citymapper shuts down Ride, its hybrid bus and taxi service. Ride operated an on-demand microtransit service with a fleet of eight-seater vans and shared cabs. Drivers were paid a fixed salary instead of a per-ride fee. Citymapper says it ended the service due to regulatory constraints and a desire to focus on other projects.

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