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Didi Chuxing, China's largest TNC, opens its platform to third-party TNC providers. The move follows a pilot project in Chengdu in which Didi app users were able to request rides from Miaozou. Didi is trying to consolidate users onto its platform as it faces competition from broader platforms (e.g., Alibaba) and automakers launching their own TNC services.

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Renault and Nissan partner with Waymo on automated vehicle (AV) development. The companies will research commercial, legal, and regulatory issues related to AV mobility services in France and Japan. The partners also plan to create joint venture companies dedicated to AV deployment.

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Domino's Pizza partners with Nuro to test automated pizza delivery in Houston later this year. A single store will deliver pizzas using one of Nuro's fully automated vehicles. Domino's is experiencing a driver shortage, with as many as 10,000 open positions nationwide. The partnership will help the chain determine if AVs can mitigate the shortage.

MICROMOBILITY

Ride Report launches a mobility data specification (MDS) auditing service. Ride Report's audits score operator data feeds to ensure they provide complete, accurate data that meet MDS requirements. Operators who maintain high-quality, open access data and meet key performance metrics can earn a special "Ride Report Certified" designation.

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo tests automated Jaguar I-Pace vehicles on public streets in Mountain View, CA. In 2018, Waymo partnered with Jaguar Land Rover to deploy the fully electric I-Pace vehicles in its TNC service by 2020. Until the recent automation tests, Waymo was using the vehicles to collect road data in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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