

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES



WeRide, a Chinese automated vehicle (AV) company, will begin testing AVs on public roads. WeRide will conduct tests using driverless AVs on select roads throughout Guangzhou, China. The vehicles will be equipped with a variety of safety measures including features that allow the vehicles to switch to remote control operations.

COURIER NETWORK SERVICES

Uber acquires Postmates. The UberEats and Postmates apps are operating simultaneously, while back end integration is implemented. Uber says the two companies will complement each other, given their different geographic and demographic focus..

Uber
Eats



Postmates

COURIER NETWORK SERVICES



Uber adds grocery delivery in 19 Canadian and Latin American cities. Uber's grocery delivery service is facilitated through the Chilean startup app, Cornerstone. The added service reflects the growing demand for grocery delivery resulting from the COVID-19 global pandemic.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) launches a COVID-19 response challenge. This challenge seeks to engage the tech industry to improve the health, safety, and responsiveness of public transit. Areas of interest for the challenge include thermal monitoring, robotic cleaning equipment, and tools to measure and mitigate crowding.



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Uber launches a boat service in London. Uber is partnering with the Thames Clippers company, who will continue to own and operate the riverboats. The service will be rebranded as "Uber Boat," and tickets will be available for purchase through the Uber app. The partnership aims to expand transportation options for commuters and tourists, particularly in light of COVID-19.

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