

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Zoox, an automated vehicle (AV) company owned by Amazon, applies for a California permit to operate a vehicle without pedals or a steering wheel. The VH6 vehicle has room for four passengers, with two facing each other. Zoox is currently producing the VH6 at its "Kato" factory in Fremont, California.



Reuters

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Ford and General Motors request permits from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to deploy AVs without human controls (e.g., steering wheels). Both automakers want to deploy up to 2,500 of these vehicles per year, the maximum number NHTSA allows to operate without human controls. NHTSA plans to evaluate the requests with considerations, such as accessibility and equity impacts.



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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The United States Postal Service (USPS) proposes that at least 50% of vehicles in its next fleet purchase be electric vehicles (EVs). The USPS currently plans to purchase a fleet of 50,000 custom vehicles and previously planned to only have 10% of the fleet be EVs. The USPS also plans to purchase 34,500 commercial vehicles, up to 14,500 of which will be gas powered.



USPS

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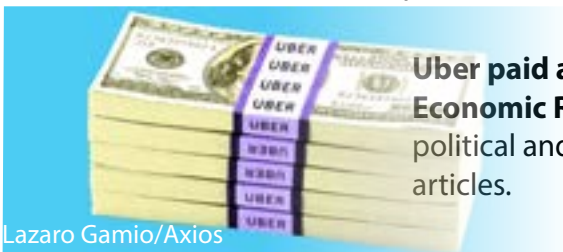
Uber will pay over \$2 billion to riders with a disability after a federal settlement. A Department of Justice case found that Uber's wait fee policy, which adds additional fees when riders take longer than two minutes to board a vehicle, discriminates against riders with disabilities. Uber will credit double the total wait fees collected to 65,000 riders with disabilities and is committing over \$2 million in funds for other individuals impacted.



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Uber paid a researcher \$100,000 for a study published by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The payment and research were part of efforts by Uber to gain political and public support. To date, the study has been cited by 281 scholarly articles.



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