

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

A Smart Parking Lab opens in Detroit, Michigan. The lab is a product of a partnership between Ford and Bosch and allows automated vehicles (AVs) to test technology in a real-world environment. The garage also allows companies to test potential automatic smart charging.

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Apple expands its California AV fleet. Apple is adding one new vehicle and 16 driver permits to its fleet. At a fleet size of 69 vehicles Apple now has the third largest AV fleet in California, behind Waymo and General Motors Cruise who have fleet of 615 and 201 vehicles, respectively.

MOBILITY APPS

A coalition of transportation network and goods delivery companies file for a petition in Massachusetts to keep gig workers classified as independent contractors. The companies include Doordash, Instacart, Lyft, and Uber. The ballot measure is being opposed by groups including the Coalition to Protect Workers' Right and the Union of Minority Neighborhoods.

SCOOTER SHARING

Milwaukee, Wisconsin bans scooter sharing in the downtown area. The decision is due to excessive sidewalk riding, leading to concerns about pedestrian safety. A study of scooter sharing ridership in the downtown area found that approximately 30% of trips occurred on the sidewalk.

SHARED MICROMOBILITY

Voi, a shared micromobility company, raises funds to improve safety. Voi is planning to spend \$45 million to research and develop safety improving technology. The technology includes ways to keep travelers from riding on sidewalks and ensure devices are properly parked.

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