

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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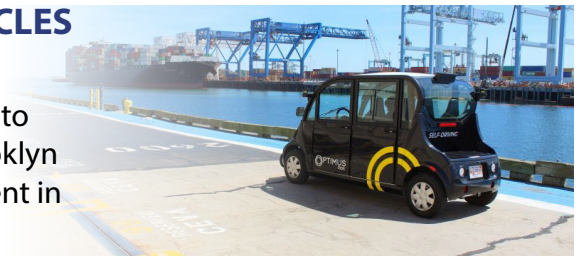


TNCS/RIDESOURCING

New York City extends the cap on Transportation Network Company (TNC) vehicles and passes rules to limit cruising. Research estimates cruising accounts for 40% of vehicle miles traveled by TNCs in NYC. TNCs will be required to reduce this number to 36% by February and to 31% within a year. Restrictions do not apply to wheelchair-accessible vehicles.

SHARED AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Optimus Ride launches shared automated vehicle (SAV) service in Brooklyn Navy Yard. Six SAVs operate on a fixed route between 7:00am to 10:30pm, transporting commuters from a Brooklyn ferry stop to the Brooklyn Navy Yard industrial park. A safety driver and software operator are present in each vehicle.



SCOOTER SHARING

Washington, D.C. launches a four-month pilot program for electric moped sharing. Companies approved for the pilot program will be allowed to deploy up to 400 mopeds. The program requires companies to register their vehicles with the Department of Motor Vehicles as well as ensure riders wear helmets and have a valid driver's license.



URBAN AIR MOBILITY

EHang announces air taxi and goods transport pilot in Guangzhou, China. EHang will work with the city to develop an air traffic control system and build the infrastructure needed for a network of low-altitude, automated aircraft. The company plans to work with commercial partners for goods transportation before expanding into passenger transport.



APPS

Google Maps launches an augmented reality (AR) walking directions feature "Live View." The feature will soon be available on all devices that have system-level support for AR. Live View is meant to help orient users by showing arrows and readable street markers that are overlaid on the real scene in front of you.



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