

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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California legislators approve Assembly Bill 5 requiring transportation network companies (TNCs) to treat contract workers as employees.

California's governor, Gavin Newsom, endorsed the bill and is expected to sign it. Uber, Lyft, and DoorDash have pledged around \$90 million to support a ballot initiative that would exempt them from the legislation.

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Ola Bike, a TNC-style service that operates with two-wheelers, is now in 150 Indian cities and towns. Ola plans to grow Ola Bike by three times in the next year. Uber also maintains a two-wheeler business in India called Uber Moto.



BIKESHARING

Uber shuts down JUMP, its electric bikesharing company, in two U.S. cities. JUMP will remove electric bikes and scooters from San Diego and its bicycles from Atlanta (scooters will remain in Atlanta). The closure follows two rounds of layoffs and record losses for Uber.

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Lyft begins six-month pilot program replacing a New Orleans public bus line with free or discounted Lyft rides. Riders will be able to take Lyft trips that start or end at a bus stop along the E4 line for free and Lyft trips anywhere inside a designated area for \$1.50. The program will be available Monday through Friday from 6am to 7pm.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) awards automated vehicle (AV) research funding to three states. Ohio and Michigan each received \$7.5 million in grant funding, while Virginia received \$15 million. The USDOT has not yet announced all grant recipients.

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