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CARSHARING
Lime’s carsharing pilot program LimePod will cease operations in Seattle by the end of the year. At launch, Lime planned to eventually deploy an all-electric fleet. Lime made the decision to end the service after it was unable to find a partner for LimePod’s electric fleet. Through the program, more than 18,000 people took more than 200,000 trips.

TNCS/RIDESOURCING
Uber sues New York City over the new rules on cruising. The rules require that transportation network company (TNC) drivers spend no more than 31 percent of their time cruising without passengers. Uber asserts that the rule is based on faulty data and violates the state’s preemption laws by interfering with a congestion pricing program passed by the state earlier this year.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES
Amazon orders 100,000 electric delivery trucks from Rivian. The order is part of Amazon’s plans to become carbon neutral by 2040. The electric delivery trucks will be deployed starting in 2021. Rivian noted this was its largest order to date for electric delivery trucks.

URBAN AIR MOBILITY
Drone delivery company Wing announces a test program in Christiansburg, Virginia. The company will deliver kids’ snacks and over-the-counter medicine from Walgreens, select packages from FedEx, and sweets and stationary from local retailer Sugar Magnolia. Delivery is limited to the small town and will be free during the test phase.

AUTOMATED VEHICLES
Uber will begin mapping data for its automated vehicles (AVs) in downtown Dallas. The company is using its AVs to collect data and capture driving scenarios, but the vehicles will be operated by human drivers. Uber has also been operating AVs on a closed loop in downtown Pittsburgh since early 2019.

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