

# Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) questions why Tesla did not recall its Autopilot driver-assistance system.** Tesla is currently under investigation by NHTSA after 12 Tesla vehicles using the Autopilot program crashed. NHTSA is asking Tesla to disclose the company's technical and/or legal basis for declining to issue a recall for the Autopilot program.

## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**A United Kingdom startup, Urban.MASS, develops automated, electric pods.** The pods are capable of rail and road use and designed to decrease transportation congestion, costs, and pollution. The pods are being debuted at the National Railway Museum in Shildon, England in 2025.



## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Aurora, an AV company, announces its plan for AV access via a subscription service.** Aurora plans to call the service "Aurora Horizon," and it will provide automated trucking carriers and private vehicle fleets. Aurora also anticipates offering a service called "Aurora Connect," which allows the AVs to be integrated into ridehailing systems and used as taxis.



## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**Kawasaki, a Japanese motorcycle manufacturer, plans to exclusively sell electric motorcycles in developed countries by 2035.** The countries include Australia, Canada, European nations, Japan, and the U.S. Kawasaki also wants to launch 10 new electric motorcycles by 2025.



## URBAN AIR MOBILITY

**Los Angeles, California begins to prepare for urban air mobility (UAM).** The Los Angeles mayor is working with UAM developers and local residents to develop a policy toolkit to guide UAM operations. The goal is to avoid the past planning mistakes caused by transportation innovations, such as transportation network companies and scooter sharing operators.



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