

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo, an automated vehicle (AV) company, plans to launch an automated taxi service in Los Angeles, California. Waymo is working with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition prior to launching the service. With roughly 13 million residents, Los Angeles is the most populous community Waymo has ever launched in.



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John Zimmer, the Lyft co-founder and president, believes AVs will not replace human drivers for at least a decade. Zimmer estimates that the AV rides currently offered by transportation network companies represent up to 1% of the total miles traveled in the industry. Zimmer anticipates that initial AV rides will be available through platforms like Lyft.



CARSHARING

Turo, a peer-to-peer carsharing platform, expands operations to Australia. Turo will be available in major Australian cities including Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney. The U.S.-based company's first international expansion was to France in June 2022.



MICROTRANSIT

Washington, D.C. launches a Mobility Innovation District (MID) that will be serviced by microtransit. The MID is located in Southwest D.C. and includes new large-scale, mixed-use developments and regional attractions. The microtransit service is being provided by Circuit, a private microtransit company.



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Lyft riders can reserve and pay for parking spaces through the app. This capability is enabled through a partnership between Lyft and SpotHero, a parking company. The parking reservation service is available in select U.S. markets, although it is unclear which ones.



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