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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

The mayor of Los Angeles (LA), California, Karen Bass, argues that the city should have the ability to regulate automated vehicles (AVs) rather than at the state level. The city council motioned to determine LA's existing authority over AVs and requested the city attorney join the California Public Utility Commission's rehearing on AV expansions.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Subaru announces plans to adopt the Tesla North American Charging Standard electric vehicle (EV) plug, starting in 2025. In 2025, Subaru also expects to provide an adapter for the current plug, Combined Charging System. Subaru currently has one EV model, the Soterra, but it plans to have EVs account for about half of their sales by 2030.





ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Revel announces that it will be stopping its shared moped service in New York City and San Francisco to focus on the EV ridehailing and EV charging business. Revel notes that the mopeds in both cities will be sent to recycling facilities, with the last day of service on November 18, 2023. At present, Revel operates 500 EVs on its ridehailing platform, which is available in New York and New Jersey.

SHARED MICROMOBILITY

The San Francisco Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) announces plans to decrease the cost of the Bay Wheels bikesharing service, add over 2,000 e-bikes, and add 55 new docking stations. The annual membership will now be available for \$150, and non-membership holders can rent the bikes for 15 cents per minute. MTC also plans to launch a discounted annual membership





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The New York investigation on Uber and Lyft wage theft results in a \$290 million and \$38 million settlement, for each company, respectively. These funds will provide back pay to approximately 100,000 eligible drivers in New York. While Uber and Lyft drivers are still considered independent contractors, they will be able to earn sick pay.

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