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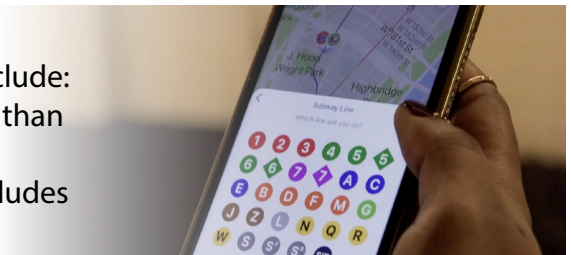
MICROMOBILITY

Los Angeles suspends Uber's micromobility permit over the company's refusal to follow the city's rules on data sharing. The suspension could result in the city confiscating devices of Uber's subsidiary JUMP. Uber has threatened to sue the city over the data sharing dispute. The city argues that the data help it manage micromobility, while Uber and privacy groups have raised concerns about misuse of personal data.



TRANSIT APPS

Pigeon, a public transit app, expands to five cities in the U.S. These include: Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Rather than relying on information from local public transit authorities, Pigeon crowdsources information on delays, crowds, and other issues. Pigeon includes a social component, where users can establish profiles and share posts.



CARPOOLING

Didi Chuxing, a transportation network company, relaunches Hitch carpooling service in China. Hitch matches passengers with drivers headed in their direction. The ride is free, but passengers are encouraged to leave a tip to help cover fuel. Following a year-long suspension after a passenger's murder, the service now includes additional safety features.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo opens its automated vehicle (AV) outfitting plant in Detroit. The plant, which repurposes a 200,000-square-foot facility formerly used to produce engines and axles, will outfit fleets of Chrysler Pacifica plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) with self-driving technology. Waymo has a contract to buy 62,000 Pacifica PHEVs.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Lyft adds hybrid Chrysler Pacificas to its AV fleet. The vehicles are also used by Waymo in its current generation of AVs. Lyft says the vehicles were chosen for their "size and functionality." Lyft is also opening a new AV testing facility in Palo Alto, CA designed to simulate real-world driving scenarios.



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