

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Walmart plans to use automated vehicles (AVs) to make deliveries in Arkansas in 2021. The company is partnering with Gatik, an AV startup, for an 18-month delivery pilot. The partners have outfitted multiple box trucks with sensors, and the vehicles have completed over 70,000 miles of testing with a safety driver on board.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Lyft and Motional, an AV company, plan to offer AV taxi services in 2023. The companies currently provide rides in Motional's AVs (with a safety operator on board) through the Lyft app in Las Vegas, Nevada. The partners plan to use the lessons learned for future AV services.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

The United Kingdom's Law Commission is proposing that AV drivers should not be held responsible, if the AV is involved in an accident. Instead, hardware developers or manufacturers would be held responsible under corporate liability. Vehicle owners would still be responsible for vehicle maintenance and insurance, ensuring passengers wear seatbelts, etc.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Canoo, an electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer, announces a new multipurpose EV. The vehicle is designed to support last-mile deliveries and small businesses. It is expected to be available in 2022. The vehicle price starts at \$33,000, but it scales up in size, features, and cost.



TNCs/RIDESOURCING

Uber plans to provide 10 million free or discounted rides to people receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. The rides include trips to and from travelers' destinations and rides for their second vaccine dose. Uber is working on developing partnerships to support this offer, but an initial start date has not yet been determined.



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