**Last Week In Innovative Mobility**

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*London refuses to grant Uber a new licence to operate in the city.* The city came to the decision after a “pattern of failures” such as a safety breach that allowed unauthorized drivers to impersonate other Uber drivers. A similar breach allowed suspended drivers to create Uber accounts and take passengers on trips. Uber has 21 days to appeal the decision.

**SCOOTER SHARING**

*Coup, an electric moped scooter sharing service owned by Bosch, will shut down.* The company plans to close services in all three cities in which it operates: Berlin, Paris, and Madrid. According to the company, it was unable to identify an economically sustainable path forward.

**APPS**

*Moovit, Microsoft, and Aira launch a new service for visually impaired travelers.* The project allows users to call remote agents through the Aira app, who then view a live stream via the user’s smartphone and provide travel directions with Moovit’s route mapping services. The service is available in cities across the US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

**AUTOMATED VEHICLES**

*Wayve, an automated vehicle (AV) startup, plans to test AVs in central London.* The Cambridge-based startup announced a $20 million Series A funding round to launch the pilot fleet. Wayve relies on a learning-based system and plans to build a “scalable driving brain” applicable to any driving environment.

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*The Seattle City Council unanimously approves a new 57-cent tax on transportation network company (TNC) rides.* The revenue is intended to fund: 1) affordable housing projects, 2) a downtown streetcar, and 3) support for TNC drivers. Uber and Lyft are opposed to the new tax and have expressed support for a congestion pricing concept instead.

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