Einride, an automated delivery vehicle startup, partners with Coca-Cola for a commercial pilot in Sweden. Einride produces fully electric AV pods that can travel on roadways. For the partnership, Einride will transport Coca-Cola products from a warehouse outside of Stockholm to a distribution hub. The pilot is planned to start next year, pending approval from authorities.

Uber releases “favorite driver” and other new features for California users. Starting in early 2020, favorite driver will allow passengers to bookmark drivers that they would like to ride with again. Other new features include providing drivers with more trip information upfront and allowing drivers to reject trips without affecting their Uber Pro status.

Ford will shut down the GoRide Health transportation services in five cities. The company is instead pivoting to an automated vehicle (AV) pilot in Miami that will research transporting people to non-emergency medical care with AVs. Ford plans to evaluate the role AVs can play in improving transportation for people with limited mobility.

Washington, D.C. selects four scooter sharing companies - JUMP, Lyft, Skip, and Spin - to operate in the city in 2020. The companies are allowed to deploy up to 2,500 scooters each and can apply to expand their fleets semiannually. Four companies - Lime, Bird, Bolt, and Razor - were not awarded permits to continue operations in the city.

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