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**ELECTRIC DEVICES** Gogoro, a company with a battery-swapping platform, and Belrise Industries, a manufacturing company, partner to create statewide battery charging and swapping infrastructure in Maharashtra, India. The partners are beginning infrastructure installation in the largest 10 cities within the Indian state. Gogoro and Belrise Industries plan to bring on additional investors and scale up total investment to \$2.5 billion over eight years.

## **ELECTRIC VEHCILES**

Kate, a French vehicle manufacturer, is developing small electric vehicles (EVs) for short trips. In Europe, about 98% of trips are under 80 kilometers (about 50 miles). Kate's vehicles are designed to be affordable, about 15,000 euros (roughly 16,300 USD), and serve these shorter trips.



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### ELECTRIC VEHCILES

Uber is working with manufacturers to develop EVs specifically designed to support mobility services the company provides. For passenger travel, Uber is exploring vehicles with lower top speeds and seating arranged so passengers face each other. For goods delivery, Uber is exploring smaller, two- or three-wheeled vehicles with trunk space.

# **TNCs/RIDEHAILING**

China approves Didi, a ridehailing company, to resume new user registration. Didi has been under a federal cyber security review for the past year. The Chinese government's approval of Didi's operations may indicate a loosening of the organization's regulatory crackdown.





#### **TRANSPORTATION FUNDING**

States are losing gas tax revenue with EV adoption, despite EV fees. For example, one study estimated that EV adoption could cost Michigan \$50 to \$95 million in annual revenue. At least eight states are exploring alternative programs and guidelines to compensate for reduced revenue from EV adoption.

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