

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Consumer Reports (CR) rewards carmakers whose automated systems encourage safe driving. CR is adding two points to a vehicle's Overall Score for CR's 2022 auto Top Picks for driver monitoring systems that use cameras to detect if a driver is looking toward the road while automated systems maintain some functions (e.g., steering, braking). Only Ford and General Motors are receiving these additional points.



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A Tesla driver is charged with two felony counts of vehicular manslaughter with gross negligence. The driver was involved in a deadly crash in 2019. The charges are the first time a U.S. driver employing semi-automated driving technology is prosecuted.



GOODS DELIVERY

The new Safe Driver Apprenticeship Pilot Program allows people 18 years and older, with a commercial driver's license and clean record, to drive semi trucks over state lines. Currently, 49 states and Washington, D.C. allow commercial drivers under the age of 21 to drive semi trucks within state lines. The new apprenticeship program is designed to address the shortage of commercial drivers completing interstate trips.



SCOOTER SHARING

Stockholm, Sweden reduces the number of permissible electric scooters (e-scooters) from 23,000 to 12,000. The number of e-scooters must be distributed equally among the existing eight operators including Voi, a Stockholm-based company. The e-scooter companies must also adhere to new parking regulations.



TNCs/RIDEHAILING

EARTH, an EV-based ridehailing company, increases ridership by 39% and expands its driver pool by 25%. In 2021, EARTH's first fully operational year, the company had 115,000 riders. EARTH currently operates in Austin, Texas and Nashville, Tennessee, with plans to expand to Chattanooga and Memphis, Tennessee and Waco, Texas in 2022.



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