

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES



May Mobility, an automated vehicle (AV) company, and Via, a transportation software company, launch an AV service in three cities. The cities include Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids, Michigan and Arlington, Texas. The goal is to demonstrate how AVs can be scaled up to complement public transportation.

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

General Motors (GM) plans to sell AVs by the “middle of the decade.” GM anticipates its AV subsidiary, Cruise, to be the first AV ridehailing service the company launches. GM is also exploring personal AVs.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES



Walmart and FedEx order thousands of electric delivery vans from BrightDrop, a GM electric delivery spinoff. Walmart ordered 5,000 of BrightDrop's EV600 and EV410 electric delivery vans. FedEx initially ordered 500 vehicles from BrightDrop, but they increased their order by an additional 2,000 vehicles.

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Chrysler, a vehicle manufacturer owned by Stellantis, plans to be entirely electric by 2028. Chrysler made the announcement while introducing its Chrysler Airflow Concept. The Airflow is an all-wheel drive, electric SUV with two motors, which is designed to travel 350 to 400 miles on a single charge.



SCOOTER SHARING



Spin, a scooter sharing service from Ford, is pulling out of “nearly all open permit markets” as soon as February 2022. The markets include Germany, Portugal, the U.S., and potentially Spain. Spin is focusing on “limited vendor markets,” where only a few designated scooter sharing companies are allowed to operate and compete.

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