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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Beijing, China approves automated vehicles (AVs) to operate without drivers on public roads. Two transportation network companies (TNCs) - Baidu and Pony.ai - are offering these rides. Rides are available within a 60 square kilometer (approximately 23 square miles) area of the Beijing Economic-Technological Development area.

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Tesla is launching a new feature to help homeowners with excess rooftop solar power to charge their vehicles. In recent years, Tesla also has made efforts to control power loads (e.g., by offering unlimited overnight charging) and explore bidirectional charging. Tesla's new excess power option is not yet available to consumers.



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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Tesla forgoes \$6 million in California public funding for Superchargers because the company does not want to comply with the payment infrastructure requirements. The payment infrastructure requirements mandate that charging stations have screens and credit card payment systems available. However, Tesla drivers currently pay for Supercharger access through the Tesla app.



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TNCs/RIDEHAILING

A California appeals court found Proposition 22 (Prop 22), which classifies app-based drivers as independent contractors rather than employees, constitutional. This ruling overturns a previously made decision by a lower court that found that Prop 22 affected lawmakers' ability to set workplace standards. The Service Employees International Union is considering appealing the appeals court's decision.



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TRANSPORTATION PLATFORMS

Via, a transportation technology company, acquires Citymapper, a company that helps map transportation options. Citymapper currently includes 108 cities in Asia, Europe, and North America. For the time being, Citymapper will remain a standalone platform, but it will eventually be integrated into Via's app.



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