Aurora Innovation, an automated vehicle (AV) startup, and Werner Enterprises, a logistics company, partner to pilot automated tractor-trailer trucks in Texas. The vehicles will be operating on a 600-mile length of highway between El Paso and Fort Worth. A human operator will be onboard to take over if needed.

Steer, an AV company, demonstrates an automated parking ecosystem at the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport in Texas. The pilot lasts for one year and includes 10 test vehicles. The goal of the pilot is to understand the AV experience and how to maximize curbside management.

United Parcel Service (UPS) trials a four-wheeled electric cargo bike, the “eQuad,” in dense, urban areas. UPS has ordered 100 eQuads and is initially testing them in seven European markets. UPS anticipates expansion into Asia and the United States after the testing phase. eQuads are 91 centimeters wide (approximately 36 inches) wide and can legally use bike lanes and pedestrian zones.

Google partners with Unagi, an electric scooter manufacturer, to offer free scooters to employees as they return to the office. The program, “Ride Scoot,” reimburses U.S.-based Google employees for a monthly subscription of Unagi’s model One scooter. The subscription service costs $44.10 per month, plus a $50 enrollment fee.

Wing, an urban air mobility company operated by Alphabet, launches its first commercial U.S. service. Customers in the suburban towns of Frisco and Little Elm, Texas can order items from the stores currently partnered with Wing. Orders are packaged and loaded into small shipping containers near participating stores and delivered to customers’ residences.

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