

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

A survey by the American Automobile Association (AAA) reveals that drivers want to see more effort into improving existing driver support features, rather than automated vehicles (AVs). About 77% of survey respondents favor improving driver support features, compared to 18% who prefer to focus on AV development. Approximately 85% of survey respondents are currently fearful or unsure of AV technology.

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Electric vehicle (EV) purchases increase in the U.S. In the first three months of 2022, EV sales increased by 60%, even as new vehicle registrations decreased by 18%. EV registrations are now at a historic 4.6%.

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SCHOOL BUSES

The Federal Communication Commission proposes equipping school buses with Wi-Fi. The proposal is an attempt to bridge the digital divide (i.e., internet access for underserved populations), which has been highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The buses would support students traveling to and from school as well as extracurricular activities.

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SCOOTER SHARING

Cincinnati, Ohio considers banning scooter sharing. City officials recently changed the permissible hours of operation to 6 AM to 6 PM due to challenges, such as underage riders and crime. The city also froze fleet sizes at 400 devices per operator.

Bill Rinehart/WVXU



TNCs/RIDESOURCING

Uber shareholders vote against a proposal to disclose lobbying activities. The measure would require Uber to disclose direct and indirect lobbying activities and expenditures. However, 45% of shareholders voted in favor of the measure this year, compared to the 30% who voted in favor last year.

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