

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

General Motors teams up with Pilot Flying J, a travel center and gas station company, to build a national electric vehicle (EV) fast-charge network. The partners plan to install 2,000 charging stations at about 500 Pilot Flying J travel centers at 50-mile intervals. EVgo, an EV charging network company, is operating and maintaining the charging network.



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Walmart plans to order 4,500 EVs from Canoo, an EV manufacturer, for last-mile deliveries. Walmart will use some of the EVs to deliver online orders in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas areas. The Lifestyle Delivery Vehicle is expected to go into delivery service at the end of 2022.



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The release of classified Uber documents reveals that the company paid high-profile academics in Europe and the United States to produce reports for lobbying campaigns. One French academic was paid a 100,000 euro (approximately 120,000 USD) consultancy fee. Uber was working to construct a narrative that the company created well paid and well liked jobs, provided affordable transportation, and increased regional productivity.



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Uber faces a lawsuit alleging sexual assault from drivers. The case was filed in San Francisco, California and represents 550 women with claims against Uber, 124 of which are actively being pursued. The case includes claims of false imprisonment, harassment, kidnapping, sexual assault, stalking, and other attacks by Uber drivers.



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HERide is a ridesourcing app that connects female drivers and riders. The app was designed by a former TNC driver who heard requests from women for a safer ridesourcing option. HERide's goal is to prioritize women's safety through means, such as extensive background checks.



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