

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

The new Chief Technology Officer of Cruise, Mo Elshenawy, announces plans to recommence robotaxi service in one city. Cruise is currently waiting for the findings from two independent investigations to further develop plans for their robotaxi service. Additionally, Cruise plans to pause the development of the Origin robotaxi.



Cruise

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Hyundai Motor Group and Motional announce plans to develop an automated version of the Ioniq 5 in Singapore. The AV is expected to launch in the U.S. as a robotaxi in 2024. Motional currently operates AVs in Las Vegas, Nevada through a partnership with Uber, Lyft, and Via, and they are testing an AV delivery service in Santa Monica, California through a partnership with Uber.



Motional

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Tesla announces a congestion pricing plan at various Supercharger stations in the U.S. When select Supercharger stations are busy, Tesla drivers will be charged an additional \$1 per minute to charge their vehicle beyond 90%. Tesla states that this congestion fee will replace the idle fee that currently exists at some charging stations and will manage the increase in vehicles at Superchargers.



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SHARED MICROMOBILITY

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) reports a record-setting 71.5 million trips via docked bikesharing service in the U.S. and Canada in 2022. Alternatively, from 2021 to 2022 dockless scooter sharing had a 10% drop in riders. Many U.S. cities are faced with determining whether to provide subsidies and support public-private partnerships of shared micromobility services within their jurisdiction.



Jasper Garrett

TRANSPORTATION PRICING

The city council in Albuquerque, New Mexico approves free bus fares within the city. The money previously allocated for fare collection will now go toward improving public transit security and service. With two other public transit operators in the state already offering fare-free service, activists hope that New Mexico will be the first state to have fare-free transit service statewide.



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