

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

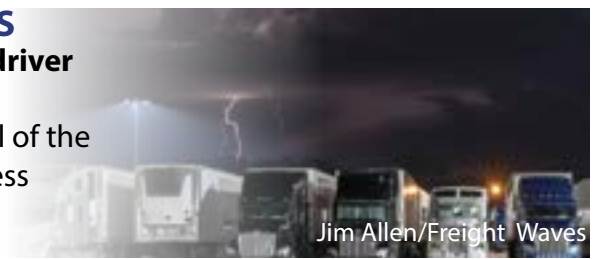
Waymo requests service expansion in San Francisco and Los Angeles, California despite a lawsuit against a previous expansion. If granted, Waymo may operate in Sunnyvale, Palo Alto, Mountain View, San Mateo, and Los Angeles County. This expansion would be in addition to recent approval from the California Department of Motor Vehicles to operate on highways between San Francisco and Sunnyvale.



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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

A heavy-duty vehicle (HDV) driver raises concerns about advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) improperly identifying environmental components. ADAS requires drivers to remain attentive and take control of the vehicle when needed. However, ADAS has led some drivers to become less attentive, highlighting the need for driver-facing camera monitoring.



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CARSHARING

Míocar, an electric vehicle (EV) carsharing organization announces plans to expand operations to San Joaquin County, California. Individuals may use a car for \$4 per hour or \$35 per day, including 150 miles of usage, charging, and insurance. This carsharing program is funded by the California cap-and-trade program, which provides government incentives to advance the clean mobility marketplace.



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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

A recent study found that over 50 percent of U.S. car consumer respondents are considering a hybrid or EV for their next car. The study also found that vehicle choice is not driven by technology but rather the functional aspects (e.g., charging effort) and total cost of ownership. When asked about what brands participants would consider for their EV purchase, the top three responses were Toyota, Tesla, and Ford.



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Uber prepares to spend \$30 million on the Uber Innovation Political Action Committee (PAC). It is expected that funding will go to support California Proposition 1 and other state campaigns on issues including EVs, insurance, competitive business, and flexible work. In the past, the Uber Innovation PAC supported Governor Newsom during the 2021 recall election.



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