

# Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Waymo announces plans to expand automated vehicle (AV) service to highways in Phoenix, Arizona.** This service will initially only be available to Waymo employees with plans to eventually be available to the general public. This announcement comes roughly one month after Waymo expanded curbside service to the Phoenix Sky Harbor airport.



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## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**California state Senator David Cortese proposes Senate Bill (SB) 915 allowing local governments to regulate AV ridehail services.** This bill would allow localities to work together in developing regulation and enable them to leverage service charges or fees. At this time, AVs are regulated at the state level, by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the California Public Utilities Commission.



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## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**Finn, a German car subscription company, valued at \$658 million, raises about \$109 million in Series C funding.** The funding is primarily aimed to help Finn increase the number of electric vehicles (EVs) in its inventory from 40% to 80% by 2028. The business model typically consists of purchasing new vehicles in bulk, offering the vehicles through a subscription for about 12 months, and then selling the vehicle back to the manufacturers.



Finn

## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**The Biden administration announces \$623 million of grants to support EV charging.** The grants have been awarded to support both community and corridor EV charging. Additionally, the grants are being used to bolster charging for light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicles, as well as supporting infrastructure such as solar panels, battery storage, and charging station amenities.



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## URBAN AIR MOBILITY

**Walmart announces expansion of drone delivery services in the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas.** The program is now able to serve an additional 1.8 million customers in the region through partnerships with two drone companies, Zipline and Wing. Prior to the expansion, over 20,000 successful Walmart deliveries have been made with drones.



Walmart/Zipline

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