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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Cruise, an automated vehicle (AV) company, conducts testing in Charlotte, North Carolina. During the initial testing phase, human drivers will operate the vehicles. The goal of this testing is to help familiarize the vehicles with the area before they switch to automated operations.

Cruise/Handout Art

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

David Chiu, the City Attorney of San Francisco, California, prompts the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to review their decision to allow the expansion of AV taxi services. This request comes after various incidents with Cruise vehicles that have led to safety concerns. Chiu is concerned that Cruise's plan to increase the number of AVs operating in the city will lead to an increase in the number of incidents.



AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Orlando, Florida is planning to launch an electric automated shuttle pilot program in the downtown area. The shuttle can hold up to eight people and will follow a 1-mile fixed route. The shuttle is free to users, and the program is planned to last for 6 months.

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Boston Consulting Group finds that about 25% of all gas stations risk closure by 2035 if they maintain their current business model. Gas station owners are seeing an increasing need to adapt to the demand for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. It is estimated that a gas station with eight gas pumps would need to have 40 EV chargers to maintain the same usage rate for EVs.



TNCs/RIDEHAILING

The Minneapolis, Minnesota city council approves an ordinance to ensure TNC drivers receive a minimum of \$1.40 per mile and \$0.51 per minute of driving. Both Lyft and Uber have informed the city that if the ordinance becomes law they may have to stop providing services in the city. The Minneapolis mayor is expected to make the final decision on the ordinance by August 23, 2023.

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