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ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY

The Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission has selected Archer Aviation as the exclusive air taxi partner for the 2026 World Cup and Super Bowl LXI. The partnership aims to promote and raise public awareness of electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft ahead of the 2028 Olympic Games. Archer Aviation noted that it is already developing a regional air mobility network for the Los Angeles area and forming partnerships to prepare for future operations.

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Neolix, a Chinese autonomous vehicle company, has raised $600 million in Series D funding. The company has deployed more than 10,000 driverless RoboVans, which have collectively operated over 31 million miles across 15 countries. The new funding will support research and development, product innovation, and the expansion of Neolix's services for large-scale deployment.


Neolix


Starship Technologies

GOODS DELIVERY

Starship Technologies, a company specializing in autonomous sidewalk delivery robots, has raised $50 million in Series C venture capital funding. Its delivery robots have completed more than 9 million deliveries across Europe and the United States. The company plans to use the new funding to expand its service areas and grow its fleet to over 12,000 delivery robots by 2027.

MICROMOBILITY

Rivian's e-bike spinoff company has announced the development of three new products: an e-bike, a pedal-assist electric quad bike, and a helmet. The e-bike, called the TM-B, features a pedal-by-wire drivetrain, two removable battery pack options, and a top speed of up to 28 miles per hour. Its modular design allows owners to configure the bike for carrying cargo or transporting children. The TM-B is expected to launch in 2026, with a starting price of $4,000.


Rivian Also

Tea/Dreamstime

TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

The Chicago Transit Authority has equipped six buses with automated bus lane enforcement systems developed by Hayden AI. These systems detect parking and standing violations in bus and bike lanes and report potential infractions to the City of Chicago. Mayor Brandon Johnson hopes the technology will help keep lanes clear, protect cyclists, and improve travel times for commuters.

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