

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Automated vehicle (AV) operations saw notable growth in 2025, with additional expansion planned for 2026. Waymo is reportedly seeking to raise \$15 billion in capital and plans to expand operations to Dallas and Houston, Texas; Miami, Florida; and other cities. Further, Zoox continues operating purpose-built AVs without a steering wheel or pedals, and Tesla is testing AV operations with a safety driver.



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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

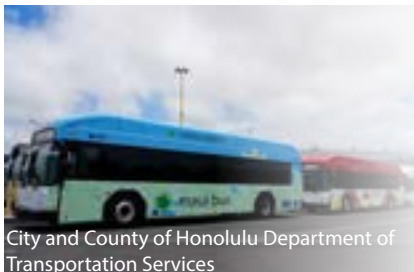
Electric vehicles (EVs) and hybrids accounted for approximately 25% of U.S. vehicle sales in the third quarter of 2025. According to CarGurus data, the Hyundai Palisade Hybrid was the fastest-selling vehicle in the U.S. in 2025. In addition, research suggests that about one-third of hybrid owners go on to purchase an EV as their next car.



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ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The Kaua'i Transportation Agency in Hawaii has deployed four battery-electric buses to operate an express route connecting Anahola, Lihue Airport, and Waimea Athletic Field. The buses cost \$4.8 million and were funded through a combination of local and federal sources, including the Federal Transit Administration's Low or No-Emission Vehicle Program. The weekday express service is expected to reduce travel time between Anahola and Waimea by approximately 30 minutes.



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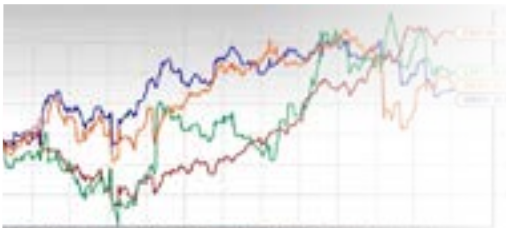
Connecticut has installed 36 electric vehicle (EV) chargers across several Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) locations. The chargers are Level 2 units with J1772 plugs and are priced at \$0.32 per kilowatt-hour. The DMV charging program is led by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and funded through the Volkswagen diesel emissions settlement.



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Uber is reportedly considering the acquisition of SpotHero, a parking reservation app valued at approximately \$290 million. The acquisition would support reserved parking for drivers on the Uber platform. In addition, Uber recently partnered with ALDI to offer grocery delivery from more than 2,500 ALDI stores through Uber Eats.



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