

# Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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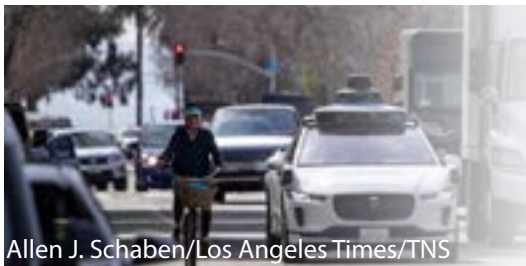
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## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Elon Musk announces Tesla's plan to launch a robotaxi service in Austin, Texas in 2025.** Musk explains that in 2026 Tesla plans to release new Full Self-Driving (FSD) software for all Tesla models. The new FSD software is expected to support a robotaxi service similar to Airbnb, allowing Tesla owners to make their vehicle available to the robotaxi fleet when it is not in use.

## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Waymo launches a two-month public transit credit pilot program in Los Angeles, California.** Passengers taking a Waymo to or from eight transit stations in the city will receive a \$3 credit to use on future Waymo rides. The program is designed to understand how people use Waymo as a first- and last-mile connection to public transit, with a primary focus on people traveling to and from the Los Angeles International Airport.



Allen J. Schaben/Los Angeles Times/TNS

## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Waymo announces their automated vehicles (AVs) will begin traveling on interstates 10 and 405 in Los Angeles, California.** Initially, only Waymo employees will be able to travel in the AVs when they use the freeways. Waymo has not provided any detail as to when the AVs will begin traveling on the freeways with paying customers.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**Data from Norway shows about 96 percent of new car registrations in January 2025 were electric vehicles (EVs).** Additionally, data on the top 50 vehicle models sold in January shows 48 models were EVs. The director of the Norwegian Road Federation explains that they will need to continue providing incentives that support consumers selecting EVs to reach their goal of 100 percent EV sales by the end of 2025.



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## PARKING

**Donald Shoup, Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Los Angeles Department of Urban Planning passed away on Thursday, February 6, 2025.** Shoup was famously known for his research in parking policy and authorship of *The High Cost of Free Parking*. Shoup was a catalyst for parking reform in many cities, highlighting that the cost of parking does not go away just because the driver does not pay for it.

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