

# Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Waymo receives a temporary permit to map the San Francisco International Airport.** The Waymo vehicles must have a human operator and are prohibited from transporting goods while mapping the area. Part of the temporary permit agreement requires Waymo to track and share several data points with the City of San Francisco and San Francisco Airport Commission.

## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**The California Public Utilities Commission has granted Tesla a permit to offer transportation services within the state.** At present, Tesla vehicles must have a driver, and the service functions similarly to an employer shuttle. To launch a robotaxi service, Tesla would need to apply for and receive a separate permit.



InsideEVs

## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**A Consumer Reports survey reveals that electric vehicle (EV) drivers encounter fewer issues when using Tesla Superchargers and Rivian Adventure Network chargers.** In contrast, the survey highlights that drivers experience the most difficulties with Shell Recharge, EVgo, and Blink EV chargers. One of the most frequently reported problems was malfunctioning charger screens, which were either broken, unresponsive, or showing error messages.



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## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**The federal statute allowing clean air vehicles to use high occupancy lanes in California is set to expire September 30, 2025.** California Assemblymember Greg Wallis authored a new bill to extend the clean air vehicle program until the beginning of 2027, citing it as an incentive to purchase zero emission vehicles. The bill has not yet been passed.



Yahoo! News

## TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY

**The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) of New York City has announced that December 31, 2025, will be the final sale date for the MetroCard.** Passengers are encouraged to transition to the new contactless fare payment system or purchase a physical OMNY card. The MTA explains that this shift in fare collection is projected to save \$20 million annually, with 65% of passengers already using the contactless system.



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