

# Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Waymo partners with Uber Eats to provide food delivery service in Phoenix, Arizona.** Customers with orders from select merchants are eligible to receive their order via a Waymo automated vehicle (AV) or they may opt to have it delivered by a human courier. This effort is part of Uber and Waymo's plan to encourage more zero-emission trips.

## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Elon Musk announces Tesla's plan to reveal a robotaxi on August 8, 2024.** Tesla AV owners would be able to add their vehicle to a shared fleet, allowing them to make money for the service provided by their vehicle while they are not using it. This announcement came soon after Tesla announced that they would no longer be developing a more affordable electric vehicle (EV).



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## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**City officials in Detroit, Michigan announce plans to develop an AV shuttle route between the Michigan Central Station and the East Riverfront.** The planned route is 10.8 miles long and operations are expected to begin in summer 2024. The shuttle will be free to passengers and serviced by four wheelchair accessible Ford E-Transit vehicles equipped with a Perrone Robotics TONY AV kit.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**New research shows over half of EV chargers funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law have been installed at truck stops or gas stations.** One expert suggests that EV chargers at gas stations help provide charging opportunities near highways and interstates. Beyond gas companies, funding has been awarded to charging networks, hotels, restaurants, and other public facilities.



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## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**The Indiana Department of Transportation and Purdue University partner in the development of wireless heavy duty vehicle charging.** The first phase of the project has begun with construction to begin testing and analysis on magnetizable concrete. Together they hope to electrify a segment of the Indiana highway within the next four to five years.

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