

# Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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## AUTOMATED VEHICLES

**Zoox announces its automated vehicles (AVs) will begin mapping the streets of Los Angeles, California.** Initially, Zoox will begin with manual mapping operations before proceeding to geofenced AV operations. Zoox explains that they will collaborate with the local and state authorities before deploying the AVs.

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**Nuro announces that it has raised \$106 million in funding to support the scaling of its driverless technology and commercial partnerships.**

Recent business plan changes have led Nuro to pursue licensing of its driverless technology, rather than building and operating delivery robots. This funding is expected to help Nuro fund and expand operations through 2027.



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**Aurora Innovations is set to launch its driverless heavy-duty vehicles (HDVs) on Texas highways in April 2025.** This marks the first instance where the HDVs will operate autonomously, transporting freight without a human driver. According to Aurora, the need for operator intervention has significantly decreased over time, with such interventions now being rare and typically driven by caution.



## ELECTRIC VEHICLES

**Insider sources reveal that Jeff Bezos is reportedly working on an electric vehicle (EV) startup called Slate Auto.** The company is believed to be focused on creating a two-seat electric pickup truck priced at \$25,000. Slate Auto is also said to have hired former employees from major companies like Ford, General Motors, Stellantis, and Harley-Davidson.



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**Ford has launched an SAE J3400 to SAE J1772 EV charging adapter, developed in collaboration with Lectron.** This new adapter enables Ford EV owners to charge their vehicles at Tesla Superchargers. It features interlocking pins to prevent the cable from detaching prematurely and is designed to endure significant drops. While the adapter was initially offered for free to Ford EV owners, it now comes with a price tag of approximately \$200.



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