

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo announces automated vehicle (AV) rides are open to all customers in San Francisco, California. Customers seeking a ride via a Waymo AV can download the app and request a ride, similar to Waymo customers in Phoenix, Arizona. Prior to the announcement, potential Waymo customers in San Francisco were required to sign up for a waitlist before being able to use the service.



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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Uber Freight partners with Aurora to provide automated heavy-duty vehicle (HDV) freight service between Dallas and Houston, Texas. This partnership also launches the Aurora Premier Autonomy program, which allows Aurora customers to subscribe to the automated driving technology. Through this partnership, Aurora expects that there will be 20 automed HDVs on the road by the end of 2024.



Aurora

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Miami International Airport (MIA), American Airlines, and Envoy Air introduce automated power chairs for passengers at MIA. Passengers with mobility challenges may use one of the ten automated power chairs to travel to their gate within concourses D and E. MIA is the first airport in the U.S. to offer automated power chairs for passengers.



Travel Daily News

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Volkswagen announces it will invest \$5 billion in Rivian to support a technology joint venture. Rivian is thought to benefit from the deal as it supports the development of the new R2, and it may help Rivian obtain better deals for bulk procurements. Volkswagen is expected to benefit from the deal through access to higher-performance electric vehicle technology and lower costs.



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RAIL SERVICE

The California High Speed Rail Authority announces it has received environmental approval for all segments between the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles, California. The approved route includes 30 miles of tunnels that were designed to limit the environmental impact. At this time, about 30 miles of the service between Los Angeles and Anaheim remains to be approved.



CA High Speed Rail Authority

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