



#### **AUTOMATED VEHICLES**

The Atlanta-Region Transit Link Authority approves \$1.75 million to support a driverless passenger van pilot program. The service will be provided by Beep, using Ford passenger vans outfitted with automated vehicle (AV) technology. The AVs will travel along a two-mile loop connecting the Westside Trail of the Beltline, Lee + White entertainment district, West End station, and the Atlanta University Center.

## **ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Rivian announces that the R2 vehicle platform will be used for future electric vehicles made by Volkswagen and its associated brands. The R2 platform is designed to be modular and includes a scalable technology stack, allowing each brand using the platform to develop vehicles reflecting their own identity. A Rivian spokesperson explained that while each brand can design its own user interface and default settings, they will all be built on the same underlying software architecture.





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The Port of Los Angeles adopts the Clean Truck Fund (CTF) to support the adoption of zero emission (ZE) trucks. The CTF is funded by fees assessed to cargo owners hauling shipping containers with diesel trucks. Once approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners, the CTF will offer vouchers that could cover up to 90 percent of the cost of a ZE truck and the necessary fueling infrastructure.



Veo and the City of Columbus, Ohio announce the addition of the Apollo Cargo bike into their shared micromobility fleet. The Apollo Cargo bike features an electric-assist throttle, 40 miles of range, a mobile phone holder, and rear baskets that can hold up to 100 pounds of cargo. The Apollo Cargo bikes are expected to launch in Columbus in June 2025, with availability in the Washington D.C. market to follow at a later date.





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### SHARED MICROMOBILITY

Lime and Uber renew a partnership that allows Lime bikes and scooters to be featured on the Uber app. This partnership is applicable in many markets across the U.S., Canada, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand, with Lime expecting to expand into new markets this year. In addition, Lime will be included in the Uber One subscription program, allowing members to receive 10 percent cashback on Lime trips.

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