

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo has obtained permits to begin testing its robotaxi service at San Francisco International Airport. The testing will proceed in three phases: 1) operations with a human driver behind the wheel, 2) operations without a human driver, and 3) full commercial passenger service. Waymo also plans to conduct tests with its employees and expects to enable passenger pick-up and drop-off at the airport's Kiss & Fly lot.

AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo has partnered with Via Transportation to integrate its robotaxis into the Chandler Flex microtransit service. Passengers booking Chandler Flex rides through the app may be matched with a Waymo robotaxi. The Chandler Flex service operates Monday through Friday and charges \$2 per ride, \$1 per ride for older adults and wheelchair users, and offers free rides to middle and high school students.



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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Bot Auto, an automated trucking company, has completed its first automated hub-to-hub validation run without a human safety driver. The approximately 40-mile run included surface streets from Riggy's Truck Parking in Katy, Texas, to an Interstate 10 on-ramp, followed by several miles on Interstate 10. Bot Auto plans to continue testing driverless operations by transporting cargo between Houston and San Antonio, Texas.



Bot Auto

SHARED MICROMOBILITY

The Capital Bikeshare system in the District of Columbia is celebrating its 15th anniversary and more than 50 million trips. Originally launched with 49 stations and 400 bikes, the system has expanded to over 800 stations and 8,000 bikes. In 2024, Capital Bikeshare set a new annual record with over 6 million trips, surpassing its 2023 record.



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TRANSPORTATION PRICING

The California Department of Transportation has completed a pilot program testing a road user charge to address declining revenue from the state gas tax. The pilot included a flat rate of 2.8 cents per mile and a fee structure based on vehicle fuel economy, along with multiple methods for reporting mileage, such as odometer readings and transponders. Final results from the pilot are expected to be published in late 2025.



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