

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Waymo begins automated vehicle testing in Denver, Colorado and Seattle, Washington. Initially, the testing will be conducted manually, with a safety driver behind the wheel, before Waymo transitions to fully automated operations. The test fleet in each city is expected to include up to 12 fully electric Jaguar I-Pace or Geely Zeekr vehicles.

Uber Technologies Inc.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Tokyo, in partnership with the Japan Hydrogen Association, has announced plans to introduce 600 Toyota Crown hydrogen fuel cell (HFC) taxis by 2030. These vehicles are expected to have a range of about 820 kilometers (510 miles) and can be refueled in just three minutes. By 2035, the city also aims to deploy 10,000 HFC commercial vehicles.



The Yomiuri Shimbun

ELECTRIC VEHICLES

The U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration have updated their guidance on the use of National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) funds. To speed up EV charger installation, states are encouraged to prioritize projects where the charger operator also owns the property or has an agreement with the property owner. This approach is expected to give an advantage to gasoline station chains, which often own land located along highways.

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Zipcar has partnered with Uber to give Uber drivers on-demand access to Uber-qualified vehicles. Drivers can take advantage of a special daily rate and access additional services from Zipcar, including insurance and roadside assistance. The "Zipcar for Uber Driver" program is currently available in 25 U.S. cities, with plans to expand to more locations.

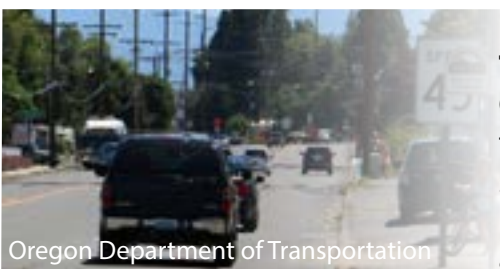


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TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

The Oregon House has passed a bill that would provide \$4.3 billion to the Oregon Department of Transportation. The legislation includes increases to the state gas tax, vehicle registration and title fees, payroll taxes, and registration surcharges, along with a new mandatory road usage charge for EVs. While the bill has faced significant public opposition, policymakers argue that these funds are necessary to maintain the state's transportation system.

Oregon Department of Transportation



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