

Last Week In Innovative Mobility

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AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Zoox recently launched automated vehicle (AV) testing in Washington, D.C. The initial phase will focus on mapping the city using Toyota Highlanders equipped with Zoox's AV technology. The company's vehicles will need to learn to navigate Washington D.C.'s complex environment, which includes multiple traffic circles, distinctive street layouts, frequent pedestrian and cyclist activity, and occasional motorcades.



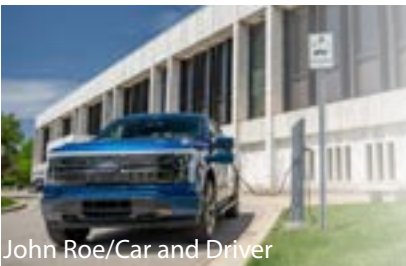
AUTOMATED VEHICLES

Einride, a startup specializing in automated freight transport, has raised \$100 million in funding from multiple investors. The company is best known for its three core products: 1) an electric heavy-duty vehicle, 2) an autonomous freight truck, and 3) logistics planning software for shipping companies. According to Einride's CEO, the new funding will support the company's expansion and accelerate the deployment of its autonomous freight technology.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Ford and General Motors are offering short-term discounts to electric vehicle (EV) lessees following the expiration of the federal EV tax credit. Both automakers initially used their finance divisions to buy vehicles from dealers and lease them to customers with the credit value applied. However, GM has since shifted course and will now fund an equivalent \$7,500 discount directly, rather than through its finance arm. GM's discount program is expected to continue only through October 2025.



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) has partnered with three Illinois school districts to test bidirectional charging technology using electric school buses. According to a ComEd representative, school buses are well-suited for grid support because they are typically charging during periods of high electricity demand. The goal of the pilot is to develop a scalable vehicle-to-grid program that can be expanded to school districts throughout Illinois.



GOODS DELIVERY

DoorDash has launched a small electric autonomous delivery robot, called "Dot," in Tempe and Mesa, Arizona. Designed for local deliveries of small items, Dot can travel at speeds of up to 20 miles per hour. According to DoorDash, the robot is capable of operating on sidewalks, roadways, and in bike lanes.



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