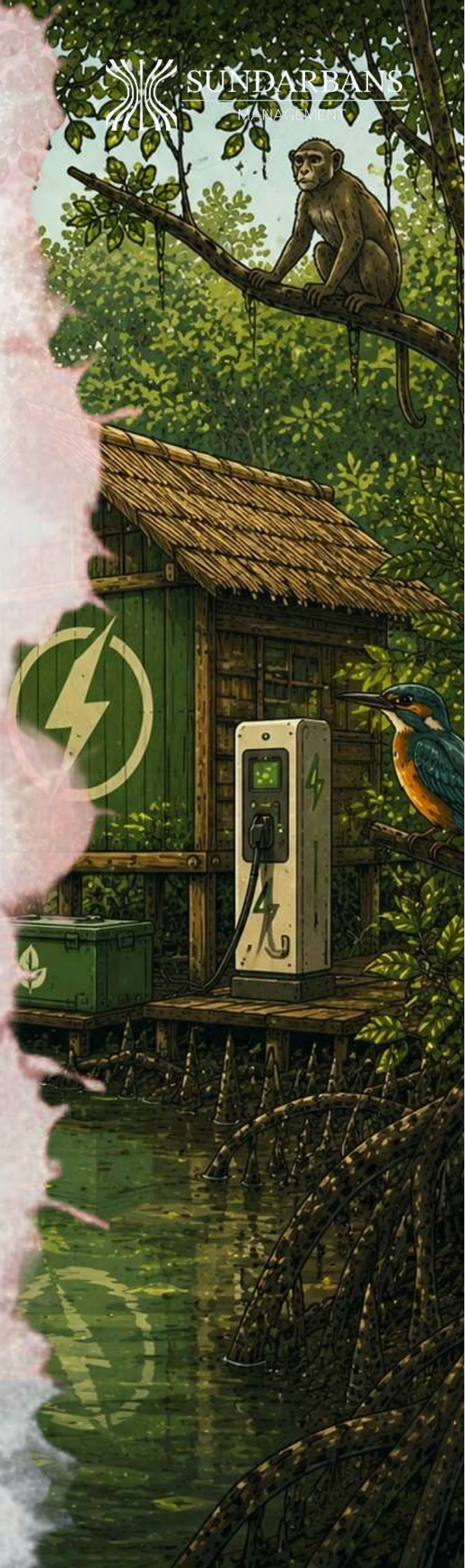


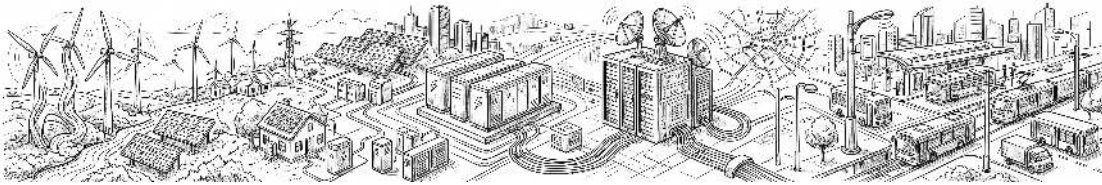
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- **Electrek Podcast to Cover Tesla Roadster Unveiling:** Electrek's weekly podcast will focus on the Tesla Roadster unveiling, streaming live every Friday at 4 p.m. ET on YouTube, with archives available after 5 p.m. ET. The episode may also touch on other sustainable transport and energy topics. No financial figures, launch specifications, or timeline commitments were disclosed in the announcement.
- **Tesla Cybercab Tour Sparks Union-Uber Alliance in Australia:** Tesla is showcasing the Cybercab across major Australian cities, with a Melbourne-based Tesla manager reporting a constant stream of visitors. The Transport Workers Union, representing over **60,000...**





... members, has allied with Uber to lobby against pure robotaxi rollouts, citing a **7 out of 10** member opposition to driverless vehicles. Australia faces roughly **700 regulations** to clear, with full approval possibly arriving by **2032**. Transurban has suspended autonomous truck trials amid workforce safety concerns.

- **DeLorean Joins Airspeeder Electric Flying Car Racing:** DeLorean Motor Company will enter the inaugural Airspeeder International Series as the DeLorean Airspeeder Team, debuting in **November 2026** with the Alauda-developed **Mk3C eVTOL**. The **2027–28** season aircraft will be co-designed with UC Berkeley and Georgia Tech. Separately, Paul DeLorean's Delorean Aerospace is developing the **DR-7 eVTOL**, targeting a **193 km (~120 mile)** range. The revived brand's **Alpha5 EV** promises over **300 miles** of range and a **155 mph** top speed.
- **Tesla Roadster Debut Overshadowed by Musk Controversies:** Elon Musk unveiled the long-awaited Tesla Roadster on **October 15**, including an edition capable of brief airborne flight using SpaceX thrusters. The launch was clouded by reports that the White House ordered the throttling of SpaceX's military **Starshield** service in Ukraine, sparking bipartisan congressional uproar before service was restored. Musk faces criticism over funding Republican candidates, DOGE spending failures, and his America PAC's **VoteSafe.org** voter-data website, while Poland's foreign minister publicly questioned SpaceX's trustworthiness.
- **Waymo Targets 2028 Autonomous Ride-Hailing Launch in Toronto:** Waymo is expanding its fully autonomous ride-hailing service to

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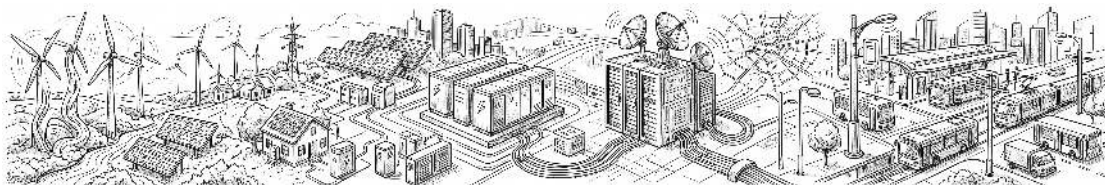
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Toronto, Canada, with first riders targeted for **2028**. The company is partnering with **Element Fleet Management** for end-to-end fleet services, creating hundreds of roles in maintenance, validation, and operations. Drawing on over **400 million** fully autonomous kilometres, Waymo reports **95%** fewer serious-injury crashes versus human drivers. The rollout begins with high-definition mapping and manually driven testing, building on ties with **Magna International** and the **Canada Pension Plan Investment Board**.

- **Mercedes-AMG GT SUV Debuts with 1,153 HP:** Mercedes-AMG unveiled the electric GT SUV on the AMG.EA platform, arriving in the **U.S.** in **summer 2027** as the GT 53, GT 55, and GT 63. The flagship delivers **1,153 hp** and **1,475 lb-ft**, hitting **0–60 mph** in **2.6 seconds**. Top variants feature **128 kWh** usable batteries with **710 kW** peak charging, adding **48 kWh** in five minutes (**10–80%** in **12 minutes**) and targeting **385–435 miles** WLTP range.
- **Canadian EV Buyers Delaying Purchases for Chinese Models:** A **Clean Energy Canada** survey found that of the **48%** of Canadians inclined to buy an EV next, **42%** are waiting for Chinese EVs to become available. Under a new agreement, Canada will allow **49,000** Chinese EVs annually, with only **~16,000** imported so far; Tesla has already exhausted its quota. Originally mirroring the U.S. **100%** tariff, Canada is reconsidering after trade tensions, while China's canola tariffs pressured oil-producing provinces to lobby for Chinese EV access, signaling trouble for Western automakers.
- **China's EV Transition Splits Into Four Distinct Segments:** China's electrification varies sharply by segment, per TFIE analysis. Urban

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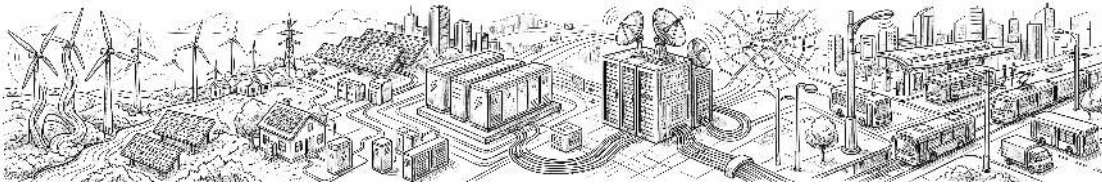
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buses are saturated, with almost **70%** of **680,000** electric buses deployed pre-**2020** and now entering a replacement cycle. Electric cars exceeded **50%** of new-car sales in **2025**, with nearly **700** models available. Heavy trucks doubled their share to **29%**, driven by ports and industrial logistics. Intercity coaches lag at just **10%** of sales, as China's **50,000 km** high-speed rail network handles much of the intercity travel demand.

- **France-Germany Negotiate Softened EU 2035 Emissions Rules:** France and Germany are negotiating changes to the **EU's 2035** zero tailpipe emissions mandate. Under the proposed deal, the **100%** CO₂ reduction target may be softened to **90%**, with an additional **10%** flexibility via alternative fuels. Germany seeks relief for its auto sector, where **Volkswagen** may cut up to **100,000** jobs. **Porsche** has invested over **\$100 million** in Chilean e-fuels. Environmental groups and EU Parliament members criticize the dilution as a "historic mistake."
- **T&E Opposes Delay of EU Carbon Market ETS2:** Italy, Poland, and Czechia are pushing to postpone the EU's ETS2 carbon market for transport and heating fuels, set to begin in **2028**. T&E argues delay leaves households exposed to volatile oil and gas prices, noting fossil fuels make up **~40%** of Czechia's energy supply. The Social Climate Fund (starting **2026**) offers Poland up to **€11.4 billion**, Italy **€7 billion**, and Czechia **€1.6 billion** in support. Sweden's **€533 million** plan has already drawn over **12,000** applications.
- **Africa E-Mobility Week Showcases Sector Growth Momentum:** The **5th** Africa E-Mobility Week in Stellenbosch, South Africa drew **320 participants** from **42 countries**, convened by AfEMA, UNEP, AUC, and

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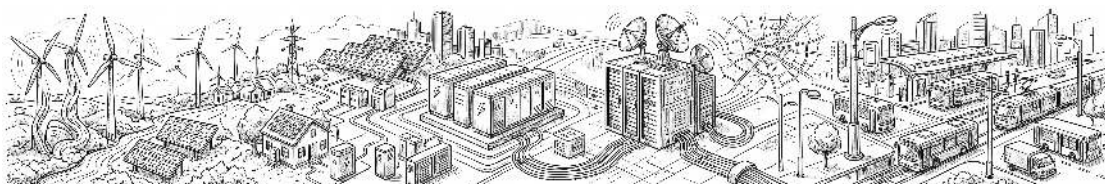
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UNECA. Spiro has raised over half a billion dollars, deploying **150,000** electric motorcycles and **2,500** battery swap stations. Ethiopia has nearly **150,000** electric cars, while Egypt forecasts **30,000** registrations this year. Kenya is pushing localisation with over **400** automotive component manufacturers targeting the e-mobility ecosystem.

- **Montréal Airport Deploys 120 Wallbox EV Chargers:** Montréal Metropolitan Airport's YHU Terminal in Longueuil, Quebec, now operates **120** Wallbox Pulsar Pro EV chargers, with **48** more planned to reach **168** total charging points. The Level 2 chargers offer up to **11.5 kW** output, supported by Power Sharing technology to manage electrical load across the airport's **2,600** parking spaces. Foresta's software handles centralized management and payments, with edp électrique, EG Électrique, and Westburne coordinating integration. Pricing and completion dates remain unannounced.
- **Electrek Ranks Best E-Bikes Across Every Budget:** Electrek's October **2026** testing roundup highlights top e-bikes by price tier. Budget leaders include the **\$799** Lectric XP LITE 2.0 (300W continuous, 819W peak) and the **\$999** Lectric XP4 (28 mph). Mid-range picks feature the **\$1,399** Lectric XPedition 2.0 cargo bike and the **\$2,095** Ride1Up TrailRush mountain bike with a Brose motor. Premium options include the **\$3,299** Priority Current Plus (140 Nm torque) and the **\$2,999** Tern Quick Haul cargo bike with a Bosch mid-drive motor.

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