



Waymo Begins Self-Driving Car Tests in Chicago

Description

Waymo has begun testing its self-driving cars in Chicago, but these cars will have human drivers for now. This testing aims to help the company map the city and gather important data, according to a Waymo spokesperson.

On Tuesday, Block Club noticed several Waymo cars in a Downtown parking garage. A worker was checking the software, and a spokesperson mentioned that a small number of cars would start mapping areas east of I-90 from the South Loop to Wrigleyville.

Waymo, owned by Alphabet Inc., wants to welcome passengers soon. However, it first needs changes to the Illinois driving laws that allow for self-driving vehicles. There is a discussion happening among lawmakers about these changes.

State Representative Kam Buckner has proposed a bill that could let large counties, including Cook County, start a three-year program to test a limited number of self-driving cars. He believes this will help Illinois grow in modern technology.

Some groups, including organized labor, have raised concerns. They worry that these cars could be dangerous for people on the road, such as pedestrians. They also fear that self-driving technology may replace many driving jobs in the state.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Spokesperson** /'spɒks,pɜːrsən/ (noun): A person who speaks on behalf of an organization or group.
2. **Legislation** /,lɛdʒɪs'leɪʃən/ (noun): Laws considered collectively that are enacted by a governing body.
3. **Proposed** /prə'pɒzɪd/ (verb): Suggested a plan or idea for consideration.
4. **Concerns** /kən'sɜːnɪz/ (noun): Worries or anxieties about a particular issue.
5. **Technology** /tek'nɒlədʒi/ (noun): The application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes especially in industry.
6. **Mapping** /'mæpɪŋ/ (verb): Creating a visual representation of an area or data.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. Where is Waymo testing its self-driving cars?

- Option: Los Angeles
- Option: Chicago
- Option: New York
- Option: San Francisco

2. What is the purpose of Waymo testing in Chicago?

- Option: To entertain passengers
- Option: To gather important data and map the city
- Option: To replace taxi drivers
- Option: To test new software for gaming

3. Which areas will Waymo's cars start mapping?

- Option: North Side
- Option: South Loop to Wrigleyville
- Option: West Side
- Option: Downtown only

4. What does Waymo need to begin accepting passengers?

- Option: More drivers
- Option: Changes to Illinois driving laws
- Option: Approval from local businesses
- Option: More financial investment

5. Who proposed a bill regarding self-driving car testing?

- Option: Governor of Illinois
- Option: Kam Buckner
- Option: Waymo spokesperson
- Option: Mayor of Chicago

6. Which county is included in the proposed bill for testing self-driving cars?

- Option: Lake County
- Option: Cook County
- Option: DuPage County
- Option: Kane County



True-False

7. Waymo cars in Chicago currently have no human drivers.
8. Waymo is testing its self-driving cars only in the suburbs of Chicago.
9. A small number of Waymo cars will start mapping areas east of I-90.
10. Kam Buckner believes testing self-driving cars will help Illinois grow in technology.
11. Some groups have expressed concerns about the safety of self-driving cars.
12. Self-driving technology is expected to create more driving jobs in Illinois.

Gap-Fill

13. Waymo has begun testing its self-driving cars in _____ for now.
14. The areas being mapped include South Loop to _____ in Chicago.
15. Kam Buckner proposed a bill for a _____-year program to test self-driving cars.
16. This testing aims to help the company map the city and gather _____ data.
17. Concerns have been raised about self-driving cars being dangerous for _____ on the road.
18. There is a discussion among lawmakers about changes to the _____ driving laws.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Chicago 2. To gather important data and map the city 3. South Loop to Wrigleyville
4. Changes to Illinois driving laws 5. Kam Buckner 6. Cook County

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. Chicago 14. Wrigleyville 15. three 16. important 17. pedestrians 18. Illinois



Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What does the cap refer to in financial contexts?
Option: Borrowing limit
Option: Postage fees
Option: Last-mile delivery
Option: Revenue generated
2. Which of the following is a primary goal for companies regarding revenue?
Option: Maximizing damage
Option: Increasing commission
Option: Reducing costs
Option: Enhancing facilities
3. What is a concern when discussing damage in shipping?
Option: Operational efficiency
Option: Postage rates
Option: Last-mile delivery issues
Option: Shipping costs
4. What can cause tensions in the Strait during shipping?
Option: New legislation
Option: Increased costs
Option: Strikes
Option: Technological advancements
5. Which of the following is essential for mapping in shipping?
Option: Genetic therapies
Option: Interruption management
Option: Tracking technology
Option: Postage calculations
6. What does commission typically refer to in a business context?
Option: A form of damage assessment
Option: A type of facility
Option: Revenue sharing between agents
Option: Cap on borrowing
7. What are companies often keen to reduce to increase profits?



- Option: Prices
- Option: Facilities
- Option: Damage
- Option: Costs

8. What type of legislation is often discussed to regulate shipping?

- Option: Proposed policies
- Option: Past regulations
- Option: Current tariffs
- Option: Obsolete laws

9. In logistics what does mapping primarily refer to?

- Option: Cost estimation
- Option: Route planning
- Option: Damage control
- Option: Revenue tracking

10. What is last-mile delivery crucial for in the shipping process?

- Option: Pricing strategies
- Option: Customer satisfaction
- Option: Damage assessment
- Option: Mapping routes

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The borrowing limit for small businesses is often set by financial institutions at _____

12. Postage rates can significantly affect the overall _____ of shipping products.

13. Agents often earn a commission based on the _____ they generate from sales.

14. In logistics assessing damage is necessary to determine the _____ of goods.

15. Power interruptions can severely impact _____ in a delivery network.

16. Geopolitical tensions can affect the _____ of goods across certain straits.

17. Labor strikes can lead to _____ in service delivery and supply chains.



18. Emerging technology can revolutionize the _____ of shipping logistics.
19. Accurate mapping is crucial for ensuring timely _____ in last-mile delivery.
20. Increasing _____ is a fundamental goal for businesses seeking expansion.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. A cap is placed on borrowing limits to ensure financial stability for individuals and businesses.
22. Last-mile delivery refers to the final step of transporting goods to the end customer.
23. Revenue is the total income generated from business operations before any expenses are deducted.
24. Commission is a fee paid to an agent or employee based on the sales they facilitate.
25. Damage assessment is crucial after shipping incidents to determine the loss incurred.
26. Power outages can disrupt various operations leading to delays and increased costs.
27. Technology advancements are shaping the future of logistics and shipping industries.
28. Tensions in international relations can significantly impact trade routes and shipping activities.
29. Mapping technology improves route efficiency and optimizes delivery times in logistics.
30. Strikes in the transportation sector can lead to widespread disruptions in service delivery.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Borrowing limit 2. Reducing costs 3. Last-mile delivery issues 4. Strikes 5. Tracking technology 6. Revenue sharing between agents 7. Costs 8. Proposed policies 9. Route planning 10. Customer satisfaction

Gap-Fill: 11. specific thresholds 12. costs 13. revenue 14. replacement costs 15. operations 16. shipping routes 17. interruptions 18. efficiency 19. dispatch 20. profit

Matching sentence: 1. cap 2. last-mile delivery 3. revenue 4. commission 5. damage 6. power 7. technology 8. tensions 9. mapping 10. strikes

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