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# MAY mobility

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**Founded:** 2017

**CEO & Founder:** Dr. Edwin Olson

**Employees:** 250+

**HQ:** Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Deployments-to-Date:** 20

**Autonomy-Enabled Rides:** 500,000+

**Key Strategic Partners:** NTT, Uber, Lyft, Grab, Toyota Motor Company, Bridgestone, MONET, Tokio Marine, State Farm Ventures®




## May Mobility Moving Ahead

May Mobility's ambition is to make cities safer, greener and more accessible by building the world's best autonomous driving system using its proprietary Multi-Policy Decision Making (MPDM) system. MPDM's proven track record has delivered more than half a million rides to date across the U.S. and Japan. With key strategic partnerships including some of the world's most innovative automotive and technology companies, such as NTT and Toyota Motor Corporation, May Mobility aims to achieve the highest standard in rider safety, sustainability and transportation equity.

# The Back Story

After decades of experience in robotics and research, Edwin Olson founded May Mobility in Ann Arbor, Michigan in 2017 with the goal of using autonomous technologies to solve real-world problems. With an eye on the growing transportation inequity issue within the United States, Olson came up with the idea to use autonomous vehicles to deliver transit services that complement - rather than replace - existing transportation infrastructure. Partnering with cities, corporations and government organizations, Olson was driven to ensure his technology had lasting impact, providing a transportation service that can improve lives and the cities we operate in.

Now eight years in, the business has grown exponentially, having operated services in 20 cities, providing more than 500,000 rides. The company is dedicated to its vision of creating the smartest autonomous driving technology, providing safer and more convenient transportation for everyone.



**May Mobility's**  
MPDM technology  
virtually imagines  
thousands of  
possible scenarios.

A circular inset image showing a white autonomous vehicle with a green stripe on the hood and a sensor dome on the roof. The car is parked on a paved surface with green trees in the background.

## Differentiated Technology Advantage

May Mobility is building the world's best autonomous driving stack using its patented Multi-Policy Decision Making (MPDM) system, which reframes the "edge case" challenge for AVs. MPDM continually runs real-time, in-situ simulations to virtually imagine thousands of possible scenarios every second. Using AI reasoning models enables the vehicle to quickly analyze each scenario and decide for itself which action is best to drive safely. This leads to emergent behavior where the vehicle can solve problems the first time it encounters a situation, even a situation that was never before considered.

May's platform can handle unique challenges, perform more reliably and scale to new cities faster than rules-based systems. MPDM's proven track record has delivered more than 500,000 rides to date in commercial operations across the U.S. and Japan.

# Global Partnerships with Shared Vision

May Mobility has entered several strategic partnerships with established, global automotive companies, enabling it to expand its platform, technical capabilities and geographic reach and strive for global scalability.

## NTT

In 2023, NTT led May Mobility's Series D investment round and acquired the exclusive rights to distribute May Mobility's technology in Japan. May Mobility and NTT worked together to launch their first deployment in Nagoya City, Japan and continue to plan additional launches for the coming years.

## Toyota Motor Company (TMC)

Since 2018, TMC and May Mobility have worked collaboratively together, granting May Mobility access to vehicle platforms, including the Toyota Sienna Autono-MaaS and unannounced, future platforms, and connecting May Mobility to a comprehensive set of potential partners and resources.

## Lyft

Announced in 2024, May Mobility and Lyft have partnered to deploy autonomous vehicles on the Lyft platform. In 2025, the companies launched their first autonomous vehicle service together in Atlanta. This partnership has the potential to bring thousands of AVs to US cities by 2030, helping to standardize AVs as a major method of transportation.

## Uber

In 2025, May Mobility and Uber announced their multi-year partnership which will deploy thousands of vehicles over the coming years. The companies will launch their first deployment together in Arlington, Texas with plans to rapidly expand and transition to driverless operations in 2026.

## Grab Holdings Limited

This multi-year partnership will bring May Mobility's AVs to Southeast Asia and includes an investment by Grab into May Mobility. May Mobility will integrate its autonomous driving technology into Grab's core ecosystem, including its fleet management, vehicle matching and routing systems.

## Bridgestone Americas

The strategic partnership includes the future integration of Bridgestone's digital and predictive tire-centric technologies into May Mobility's AVs. The partnership enables Bridgestone to gain valuable insights into AV operations to improve its core tire products and mobility solutions, while giving May Mobility deeper intelligence for even safer and more efficient operations.

## Higashi-Hiroshima City MONET Technologies Inc.

## The Institute of Contemporary Culture Co., Ltd.

May Mobility collaborated with Higashi-Hiroshima City, MONET Technologies Inc., and the Institute of Contemporary Culture Co., Ltd. to launch the Higashi-Hiroshima City Autono-MaaS Promotion Consortium, creating and demonstrating a practical application of mobility-as-a-service (MaaS) and new mobility services for the future by combining AV technology and various mobility services for a public route on Hiroshima University's Higashi-Hiroshima campus beginning in March 2021.



May Mobility  
collaborates with  
partners around  
the world to  
ensure scalability.

# Awards & Milestones

## 2017

- May Mobility was founded!
- First-generation autonomy system developed

## 2018

- FIRST site launch - Bedrock
- Columbus, OH site launch
- Partnership with Toyota Motor Corporation established

## 2019

- Providence, RI site launch
- Grand Rapids, MI site launch
- 100,000 rides delivered
- Rollout of our first wheelchair-accessible AV
- Series B Fundraising completed
- 250,000 rides delivered

## 2020

- Partnership with Via
- Detroit Top Workplace Award by the Detroit Free Press
- Launch pilot operations in Japan

## 2021

- Launch of A2GO in Ann Arbor, MI
- First international launch in Hiroshima, Japan
- Launch of Lexus-based vehicle in Arlington, TX - marking our first integration with an OEM platform
- Indianapolis, IN site launch
- Second gen autonomy system
- Launched ODS in Grand Rapids, MI
- Fishers, IN site launch
- Named to the Y Combinator Top Companies List

## 2022

- Partnered with Bridgestone on vehicle servicing, data sharing and sensors
- Partnered with BraunAbility to develop the first wheelchair-accessible Toyota Sienna Autono-MaaS
- Named Y Combinator Top Company second year in a row
- Joined the Autonomous Vehicle Industry Association (AVIA)
- Grand Rapids, MN site launch - first commercial launch of the Toyota Sienna Autono-MaaS
- Series C Fundraising completed

## 2023

- 335,000+ rides delivered
- Sun City, AZ Site Launch
- Third gen autonomy system
- Partnerships: Moovit, Stantec, expanded partnership with Via

## 2024

- 400,000+ rides given
- Detroit, MI site launch
- Martinez, CA site launch
- Peachtree Corners, GA site launch
- Nagoya, Japan site launch
- Lyft partnership announced
- Second driverless operation launched in Ann Arbor
- e-Palette launch in Japan

## 2025

- 500,000+ rides given
- Third driverless operation launched in Peachtree Corners, GA
- Uber partnership announced
- Atlanta, GA site launch with Lyft
- Grab partnership announced



May Mobility was founded to solve real world problems using autonomous technologies.

# Visionary Leaders



## **Dr. Edwin Olson, CEO and Founder**

Edwin Olson is co-founder and CEO of May Mobility, Inc. He has focused on the development of autonomous vehicles for more than two decades, co-leading autonomous vehicle development at Toyota Research Institute and helping to develop Ford Motor Company's autonomous vehicles. He has a doctorate in electrical engineering and computer science from MIT and is a professor of computer science at the University of Michigan. Olson got his start in autonomous technology participating in the DARPA Urban Challenge in 2007 as part of the MIT team. He was named one of Crain's Detroit Business' Notable Leaders in Energy in 2023.



## **Sid Venkatesan, Chief Strategy Officer and General Counsel**

Sid Venkatesan is general counsel of May Mobility, Inc. With nearly two decades of legal and business experience, Venkatesan focuses on developing safety and compliance processes and protecting May Mobility's IP and data. Prior to joining May in July 2023, he served as chief legal officer at Embark, held executive roles at Komline-Sanderson and GE Digital and as a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP with broad IP litigation, transactional and counseling practice. Venkatesan has a Juris Doctor from NYU School of Law, a Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Science in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Cornell University.



## **Tom Tang, Chief People and Customer Operations Officer**

Tom Tang is chief people officer of May Mobility, Inc. Since joining the company in July 2020, Tom has cultivated a new kind of employee experience focused on the growth and development of our incredibly talented workforce alongside our technology and service. As May Mobility reimagines transportation, Tom is reimagining the workplace. His forward-thinking approach earned him a place on Business Insider's list of power players in the self-driving car industry. Prior to joining May, Tom co-led the people function at Cruise where he grew the team from 100 to over 2,000 employees over the course of 3 years.



## **Manik Dhar, Chief Commercial Officer**

Manik Dhar is chief commercial officer of May Mobility, Inc. He is responsible for developing and implementing May's growth strategy. No stranger to the tech sector, Dhar has more than 25 years' experience helping startups and industry giants alike expand and achieve scale. Prior to joining the company in February 2022, he served as chief revenue officer at data-annotation firm CloudFactory. He has also led student-transportation disruptor Zūm to 10x growth in two years, and held executive positions at Google and Oracle. Dhar majored in computer science at Bangalore University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in engineering.



## **Jacob Crossman, Senior Vice President of Autonomy Engineering**

Jacob Crossman is senior vice president of autonomy engineering at May Mobility, Inc. He was appointed to the position in August of 2021 and is responsible for the company's autonomy engineering and robotics engineering functions and leads his teams in the development and deployment of May Mobility's autonomous vehicles. Crossman joined May Mobility with more than 20 years of professional experience in research and development of autonomous sense/react technologies at Soar Technology, Inc. and Deepgram, where he served in various senior roles. He has a Master of Science and a Bachelor of Science in computer science from the University of Michigan.