

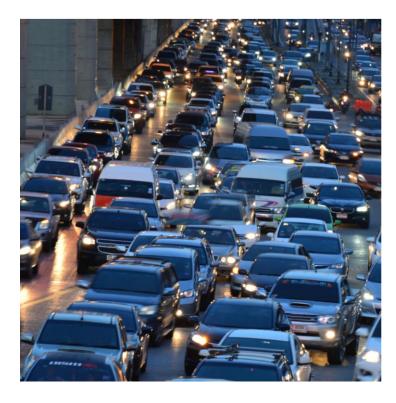
### How We Can Promote Shared Mobility May 2019

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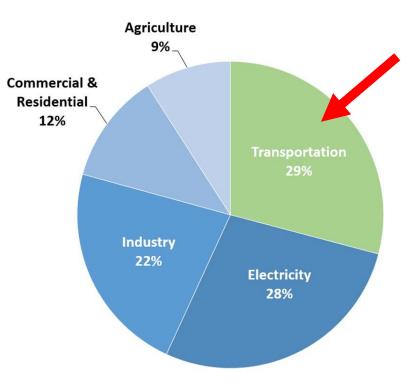
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We face major transportation challenges in the United States

#### Congestion/ overloaded infrastructure



#### **GHG** emissions



#### Economic + Social Mobility

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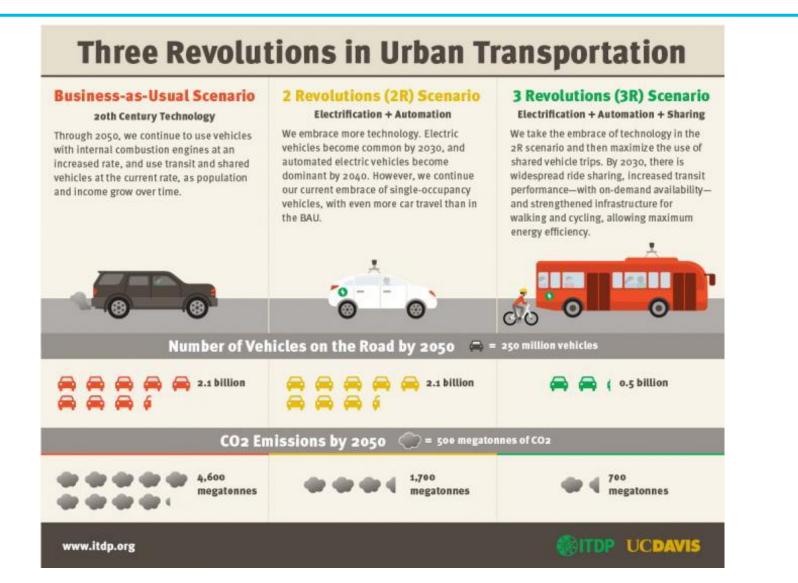
In U.S. metropolitan areas, only 25% of lowand middle-skill jobs are accessible by public transit within 90 mins (Brookings)



# 85% of Americans commute by car

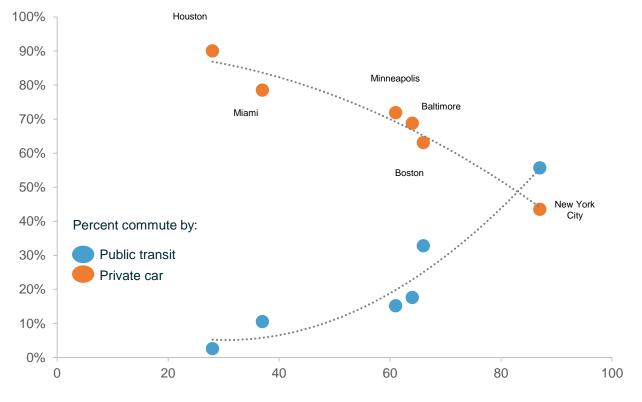
# 90% of those drive alone

## Autonomous vehicles have the potential to help solve or exacerbate these challenges



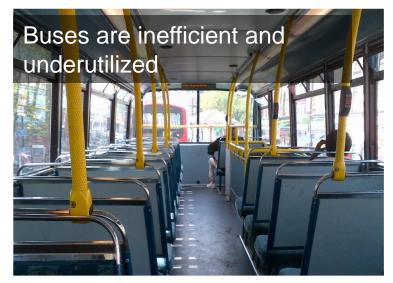
### The private car vs. public transportation

Public transit <u>can</u> replace the private car, but existing solutions are inefficient or too costly



Brookings Institute Rank of Public Transit Systems (Higher = Better)



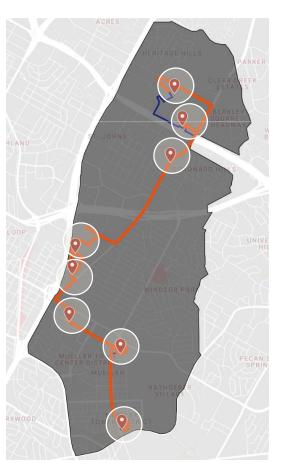


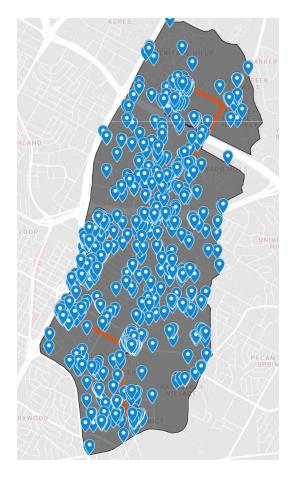
### On-demand, dynamic shuttle networks: efficient, affordable, accessible transit

## Traditional bus systems

- Long walks to and from bus stops
- Expensive, slow-moving vehicles
- Unpredictable and often long wait times
- Fixed routes that can't adjust to traffic

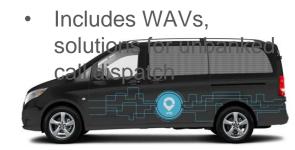




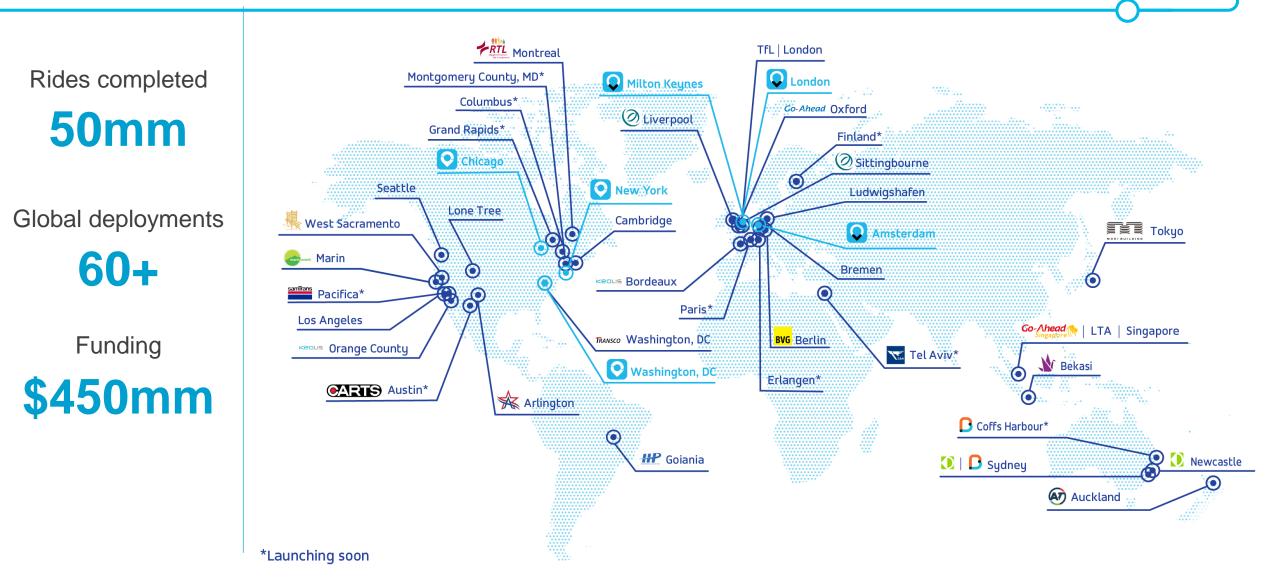


### Via: on-demand public transit

- Corner-to-corner trips with same quality of service throughout whole zone
- Dynamic routes adapt to real-time traffic + demand
- Lower operating cost
  and higher ridership



## The world's first on-demand transit system operating at scale on a global basis



## Via's partnerships with cities, transit agencies, and operators cover a wide variety of use cases



### Metro SoundTransit

#### Los Angeles + Seattle First/last mile service to transit hubs with focus on low-income neighborhoods



#### Arlington, TX

The only public transit service in a city that for decades was largest in U.S. with no transit

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Sittingbourne, UK

Connecting people to jobs and a rail station in a suburban/rural area **/G** Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe

#### **Berlin**

A mainly electric fleet of of 150 vehicles (growing to 300) - largest on-demand public transit deployment in world



## Experts agree on the importance of shared rides!



**"THE ANSWER IS POOLING**. If the question, is how to ameliorate traffic congestion, the answer is pooling. If it's how to reduce climate change, still pooling. Social equity? Also pooling. Soaring transportation infrastructure costs? Pooling! What to do about the potential negative effects of automated vehicles (AVs)? Pooling.

## Going forward, pooling must be the principal focus of our thinking and actions related to transportation."

Source: Daniel Sperling (UC Davis) in *Three Revolutions, 2018* 

## More sharing through smarter regulatory and tax policies at the state + local level





#### The GOOD: New York City

- comprehensive congestion pricing
- \$2.75 on single passenger ridehailing; \$0.75 for pooled

### The BAD: Washington, DC

• 6% tax on every booking

### The UGLY: Chicago

- 72 cents on every booking
- regressive + penalizes pooled rides

## More sharing through public-private partnerships to deploy on-demand, dynamic transit



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Legacy public transit

On-demand, dynamic transit

### Federal policy also has a major role to play



### **Raising \$\$ Smartly**

(D-Or)

"I'm going to propose that we have a national VMT pilot."
 - Rep. De Fazio

"We can fix the Trust Fund for the long-term with a VMT prograp. Graves (R-Mo)

### **Spending \$\$ Effectively**

Competitive grants that encourage innovation in transit + public/private partnerships

More flexibility but with stronger performance metrics + accountability

## Sharing for our future

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"When it comes to cars, what we learned early in life still holds true — sharing makes everything better." Lewis Fulton, UC Davis

