

# UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## The Greening Affect of Transit

### John English



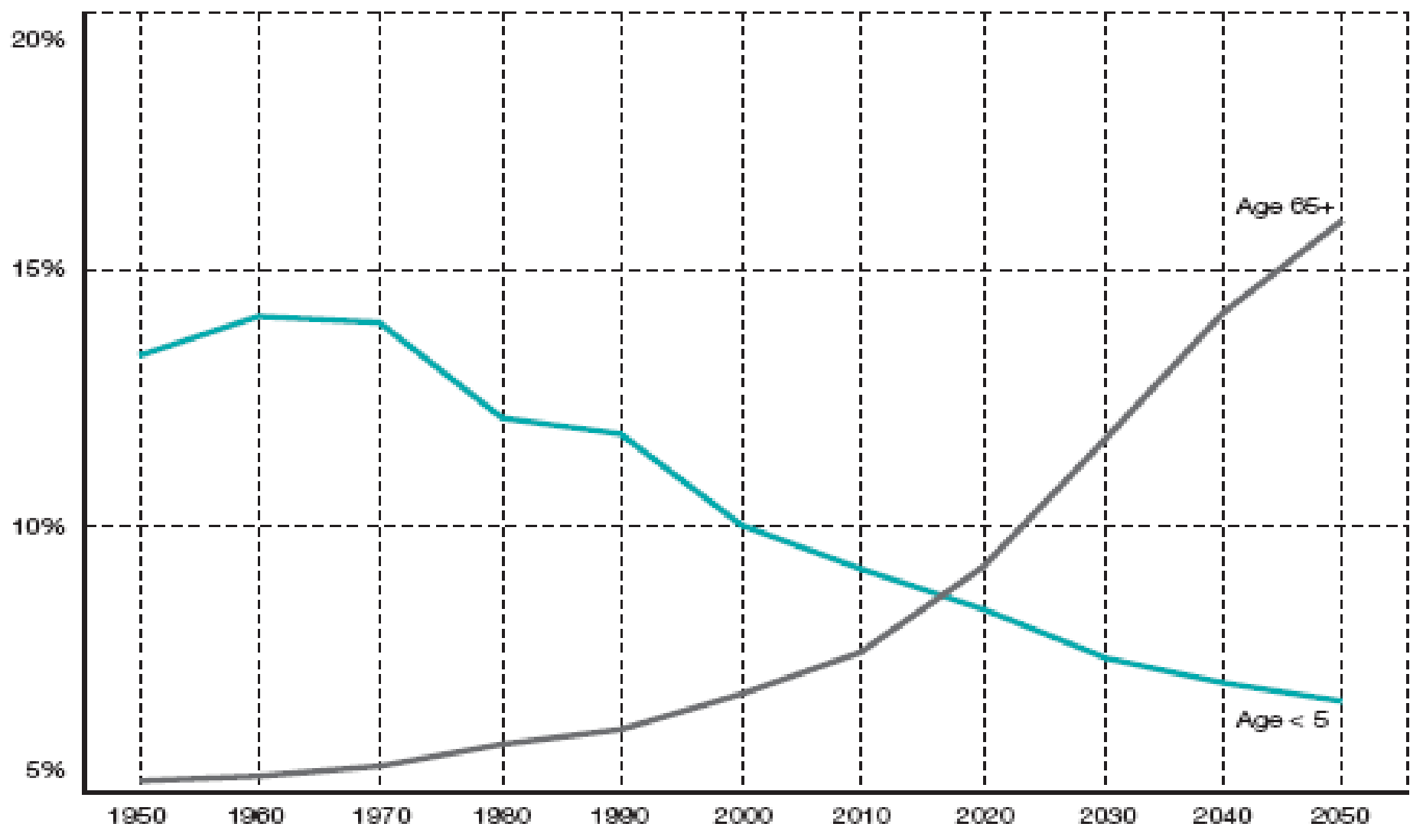
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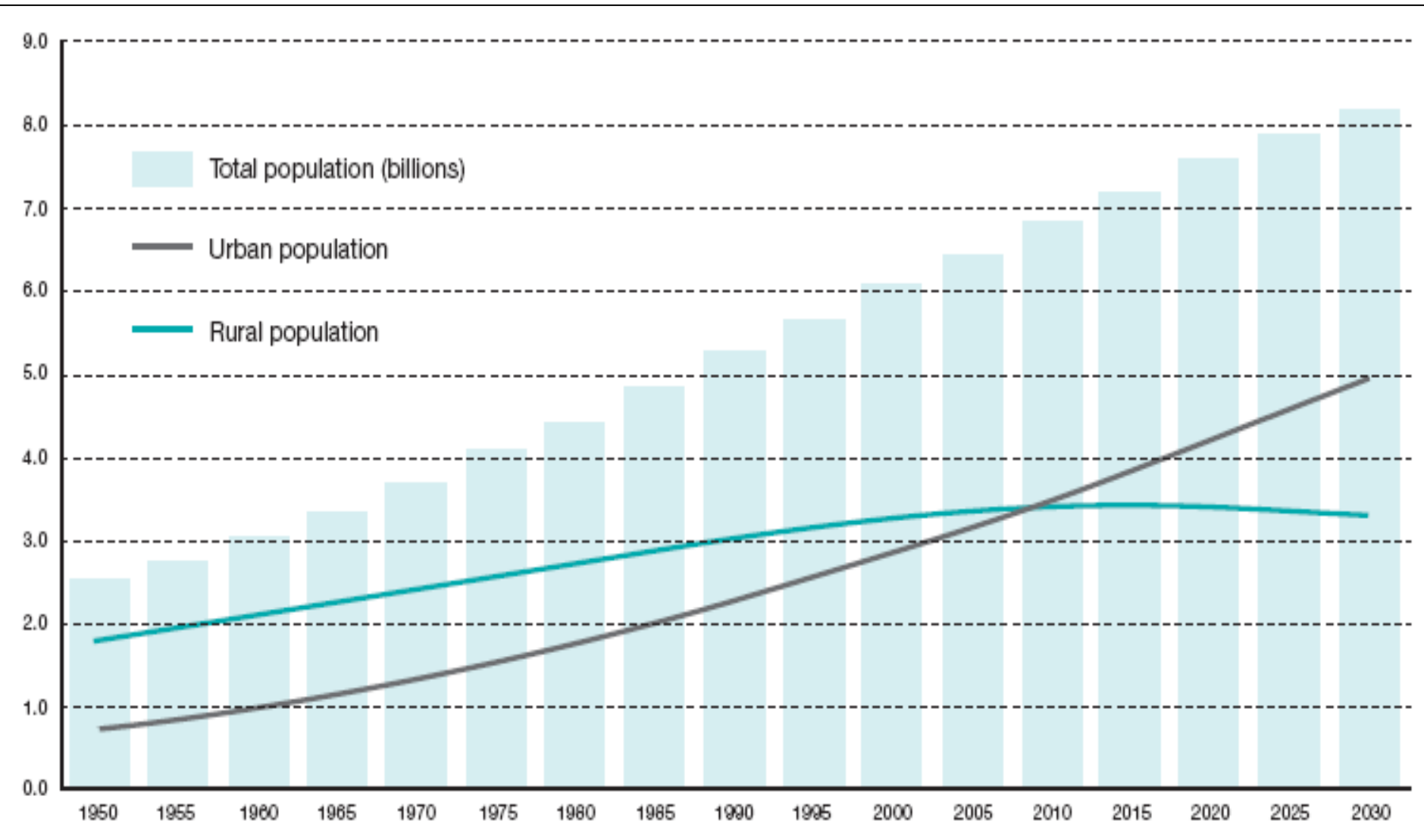
- Sustainability impacts of expanding transit
- Land use issues
- Transit usage levels
- New technology and energy sources
- Active transportation

# Megatrend: Aging



Source: UN Population Division

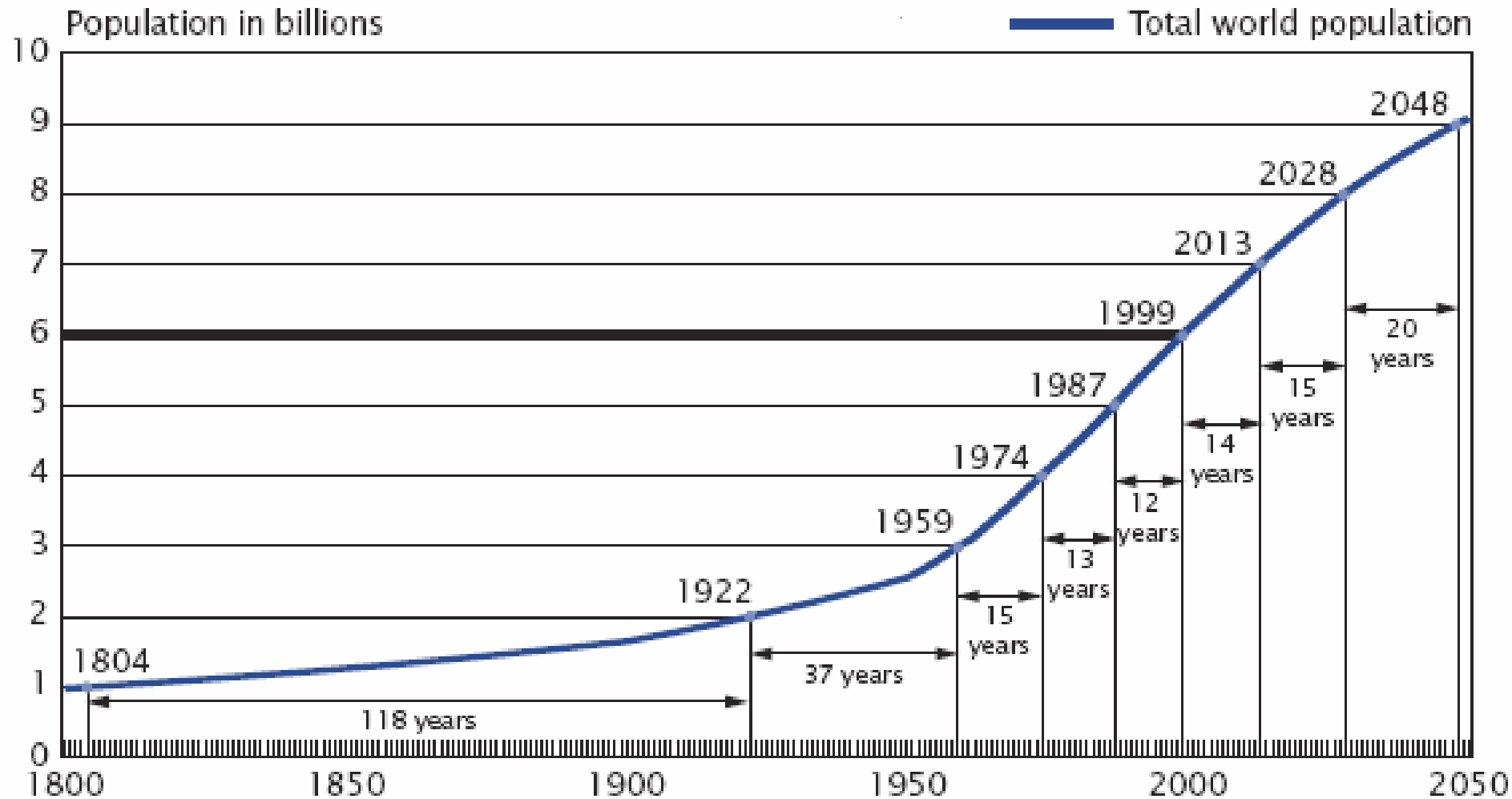
# Megatrend: Urbanization



Source: UN Population Division

# Populations increase but the planet doesn't

## How many people? How quickly?.....

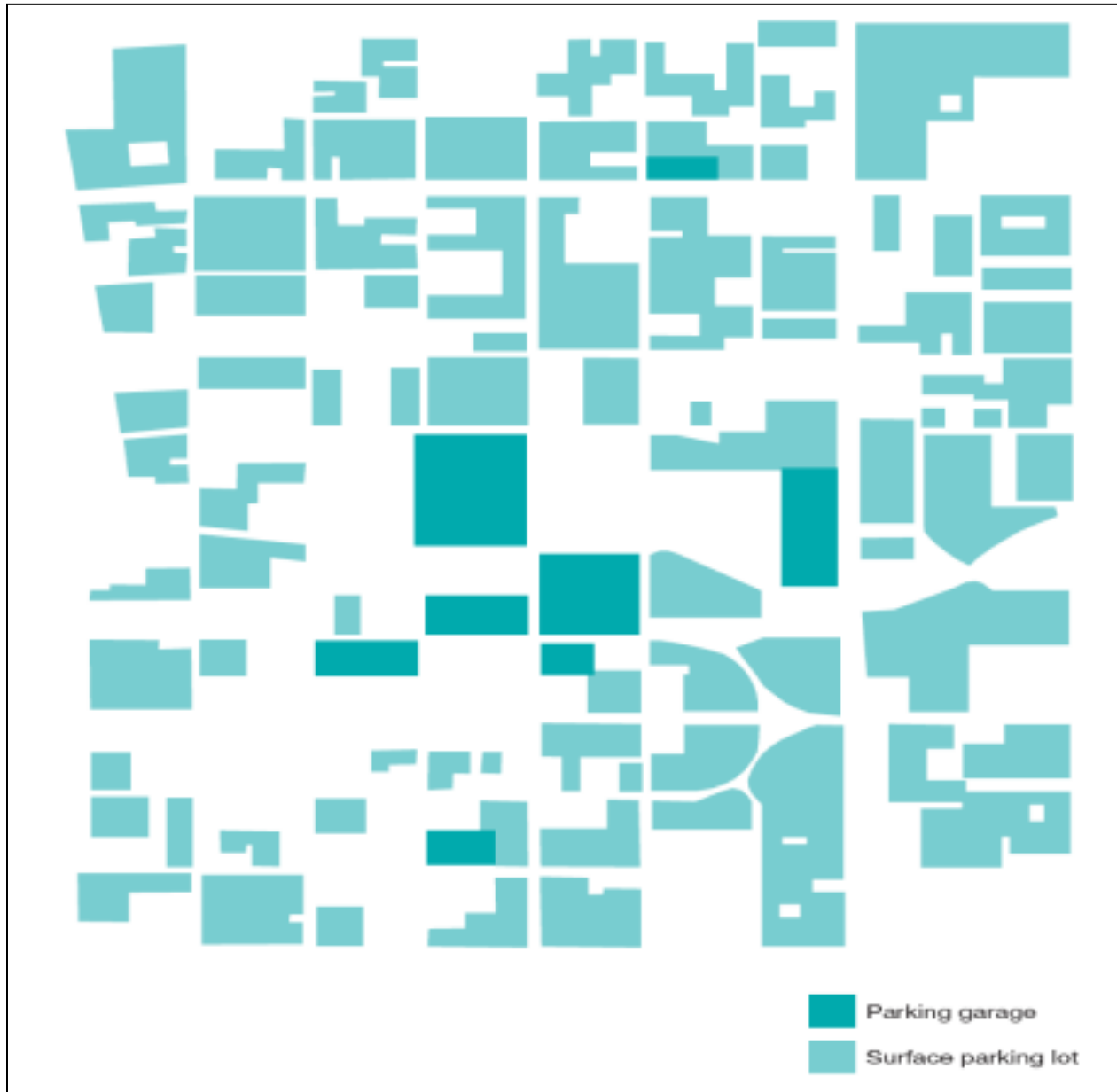


Source: United Nations, *World Population Prospects: The 1994 Revision*; U.S. Census Bureau, International Programs Center, International Data Base and unpublished tables.

# Impact of public transportation on the cost of travel and energy demand

Cities	Density (inhab/ha)	% walking + cycling + PT	Journey cost (% of GDP)	Energy (Mj/inhab)
Houston	9	5 %	14.1 %	86,000
Sydney	19	25 %	11.0 %	30,000
London	59	51 %	7.1 %	14,500
Paris	48	56 %	6.7 %	15,500
Munich	56	60 %	5.8 %	17,500
Tokyo	88	68 %	5.0 %	11,500
Hong Kong	320	82 %	5.0 %	6,500

# Albuquerque: downtown map



Source: MIT



# Salt Lake City, Utah





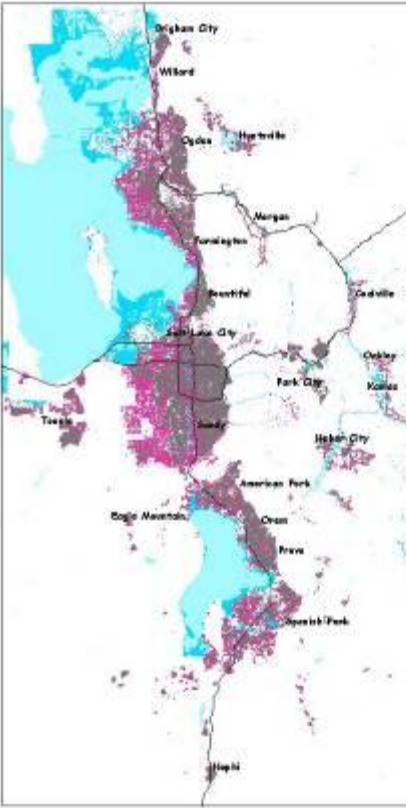
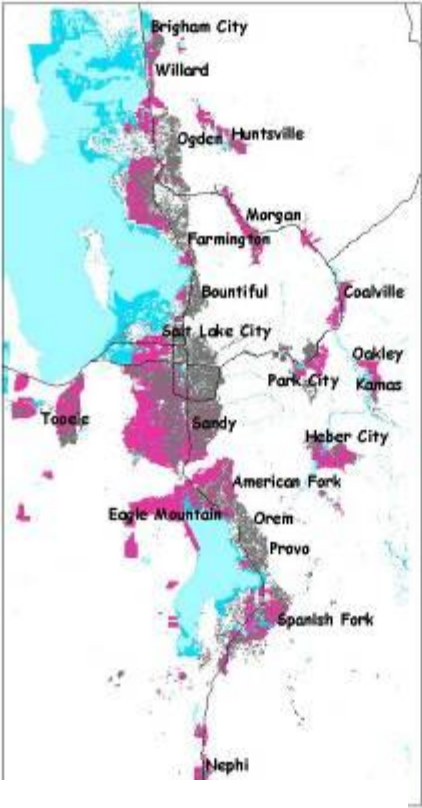
# Our Sustainability Challenges

- Adding a million residents by 2030
- Urbanizing 87% more land by 2020
- Needing new water sources by 2010
- Risking increases in air pollution
- Worsening crowding and congestion
- Increasing costs for businesses and families
- Rising infrastructure needs



# Land use issues

# Envision Utah – Four Options



**ENVISION UTAH**  
A Framework for Quality Growth

**Scenario D**

**Legend**

- Development
- Existing Development
- Water Bodies
- Wetlands & Floodplain

**Fregonese Calthorpe Associates**  
Regional and Urban Planning

**QGET**

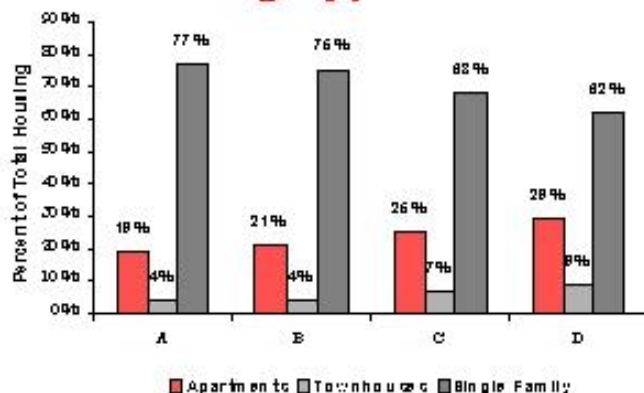
Scenario A:  
Continuation of  
Recent Trends

Scenario C:  
Growth on new land  
focused into walkable,  
transit-oriented  
communities

Scenario D:  
Significant increase in  
densities  
Extensive infill and  
redevelopment

# Envision Utah

## Housing Types: 2020

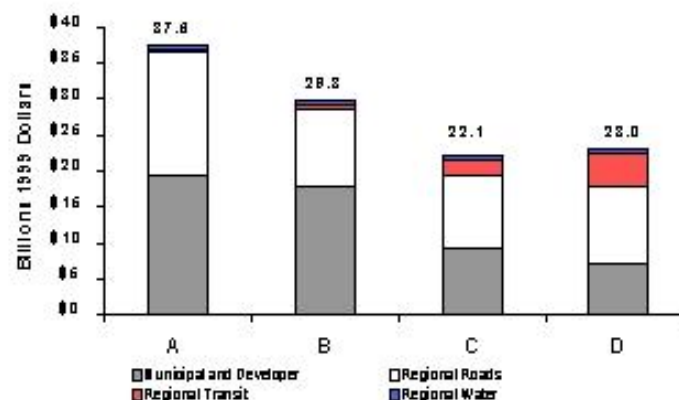


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## Total Infrastructure Costs

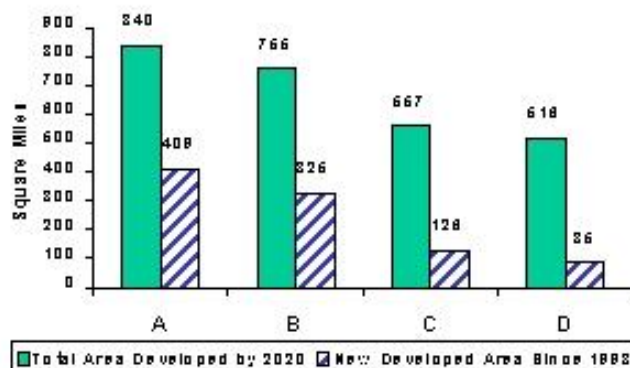


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## Land Consumption



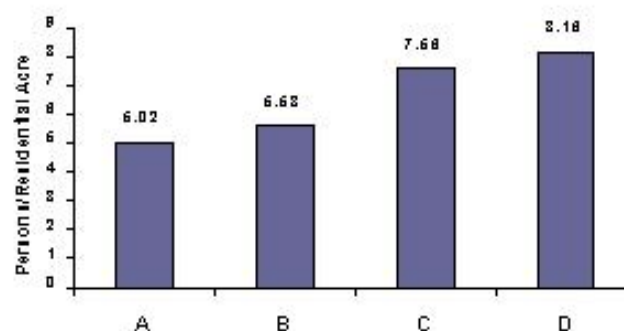
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## Population Density: 2020



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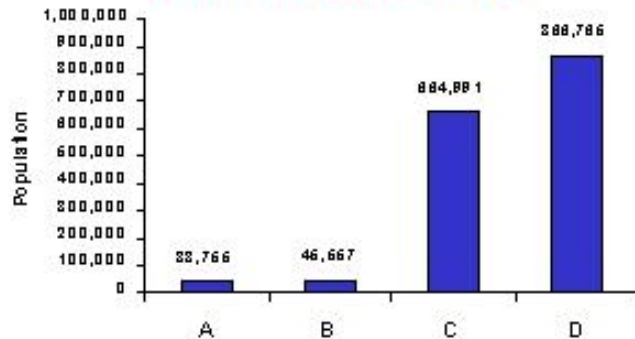
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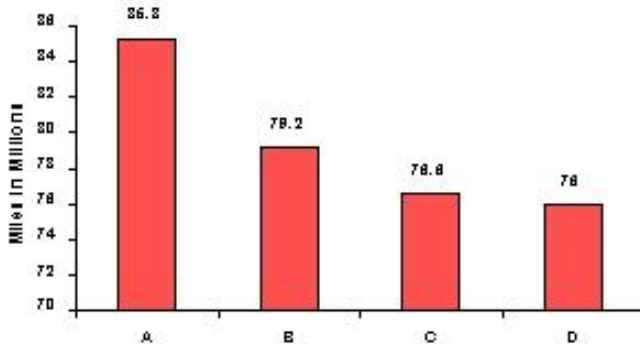
**Population Within 1/2 Mile of Rail Transit: 2020**



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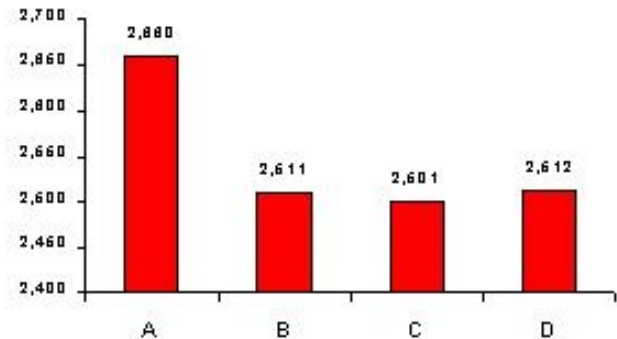
**Vehicle Miles of Travel Per Day**



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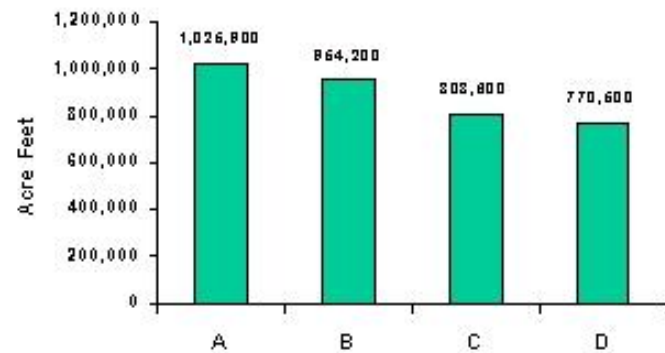
**Total Emissions**



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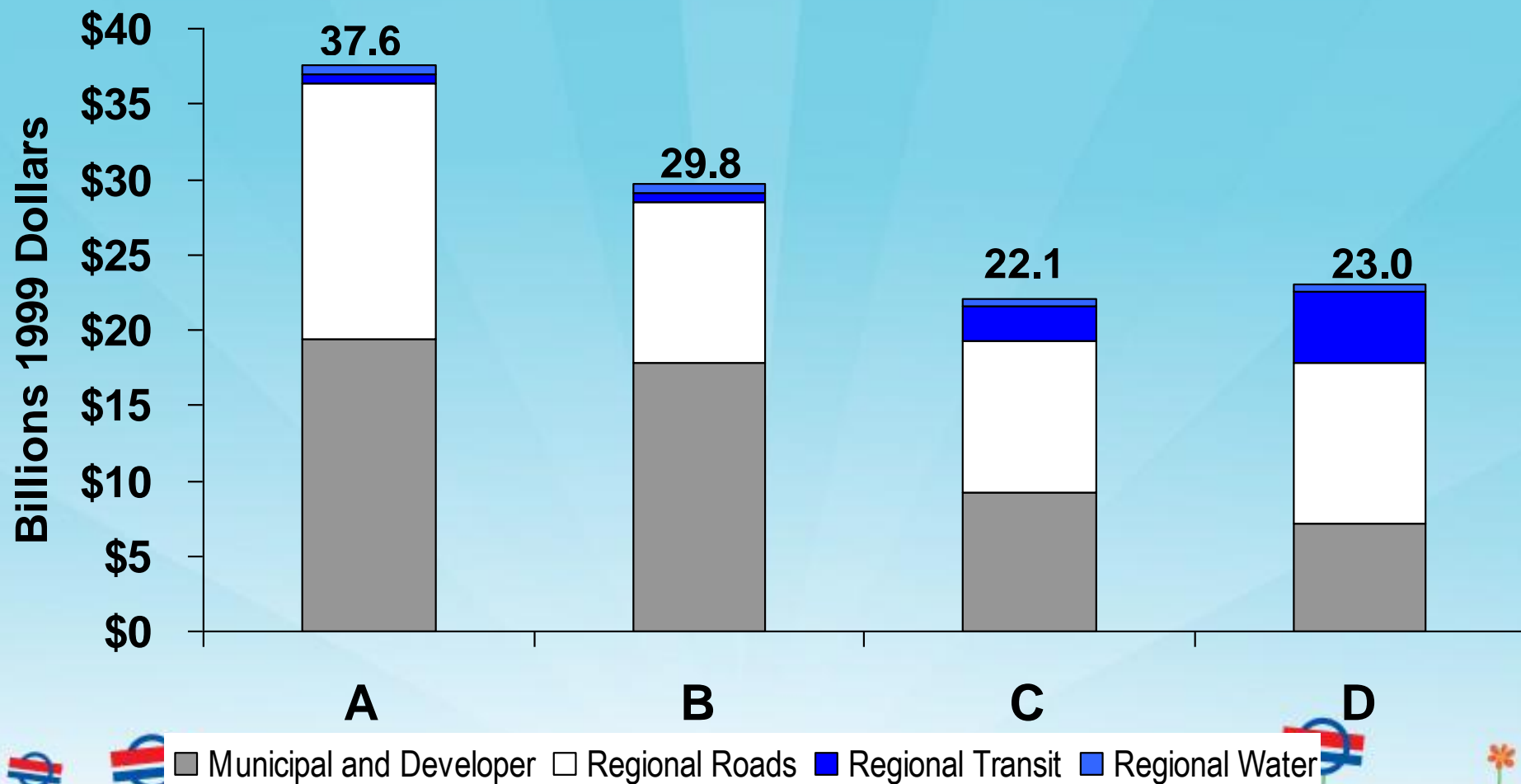
**Water Demand: 2020**



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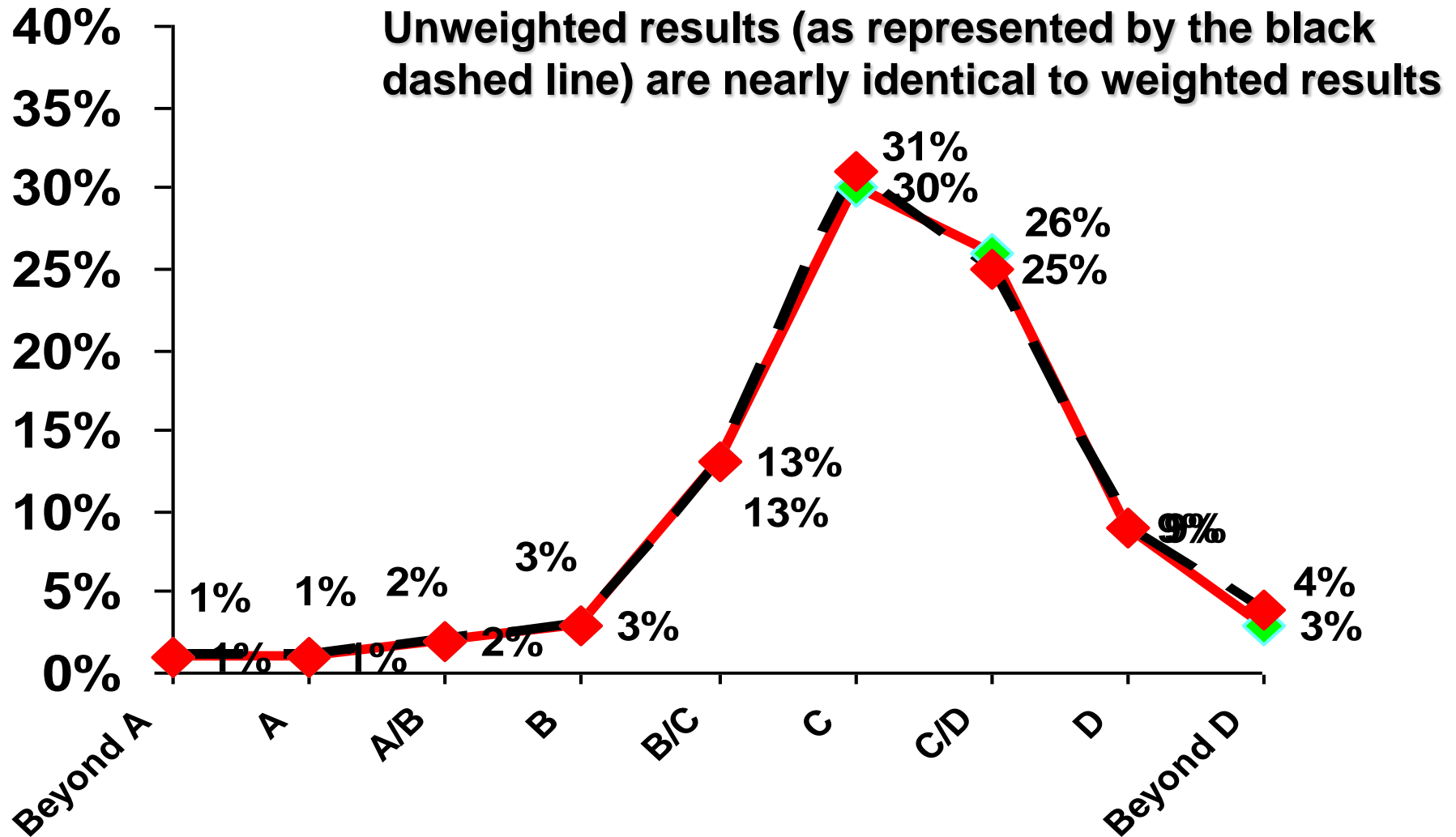
Analysis

# Total Infrastructure Costs




# Choosing a Scenario

(Weighted vs. Unweighted Results)



# The 3% Strategy



Targeted  
Land-Use  
Changes

If we allow one-third of our future homes, jobs and stores to go on three percent of our region's developable land, linked by a world-class transportation system, we will...

## Big Quality-of-Life Benefits

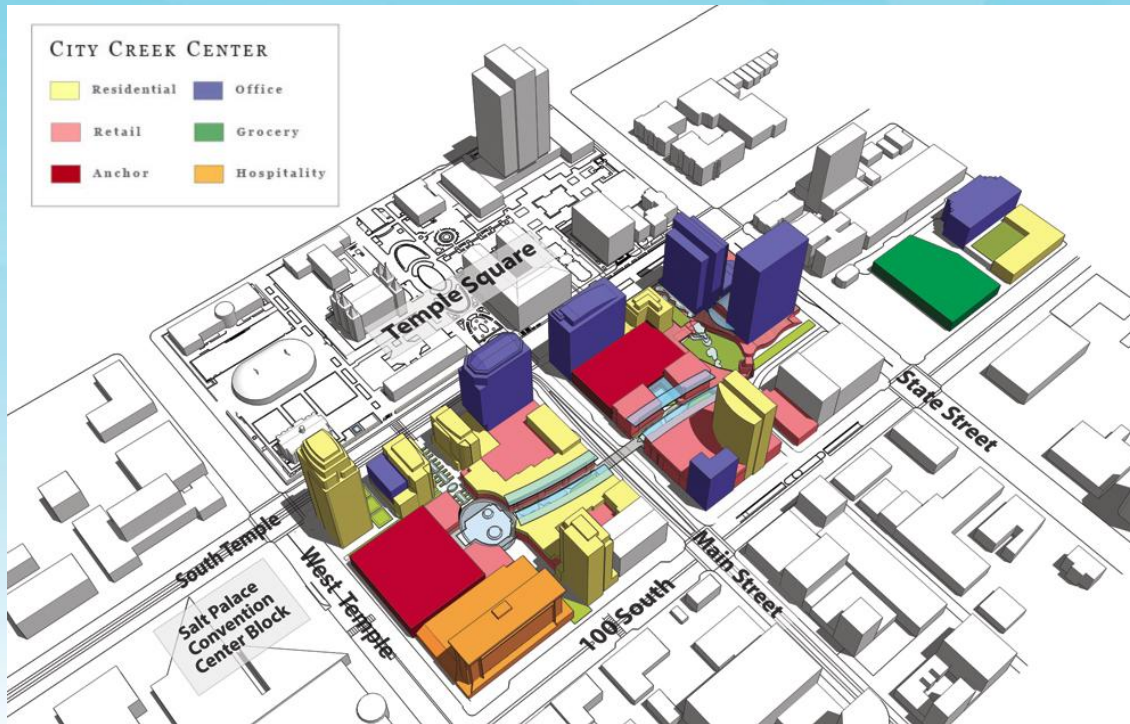
- Improve air quality,
- Save billions of dollars,
- Reduce traffic congestion,
- Preserve our key open spaces,
- Use less water,
- Create vibrant communities and gathering places, and
- Respond to market demand for more choices for living, working, commuting, shopping and playing.

# 3%



# Transit Facilitates Compact Land Use

- Transit Oriented Development
  - Salt Lake's City Creek Development



**Pedestrian Bridge over Main Street**

What we're trying to avoid





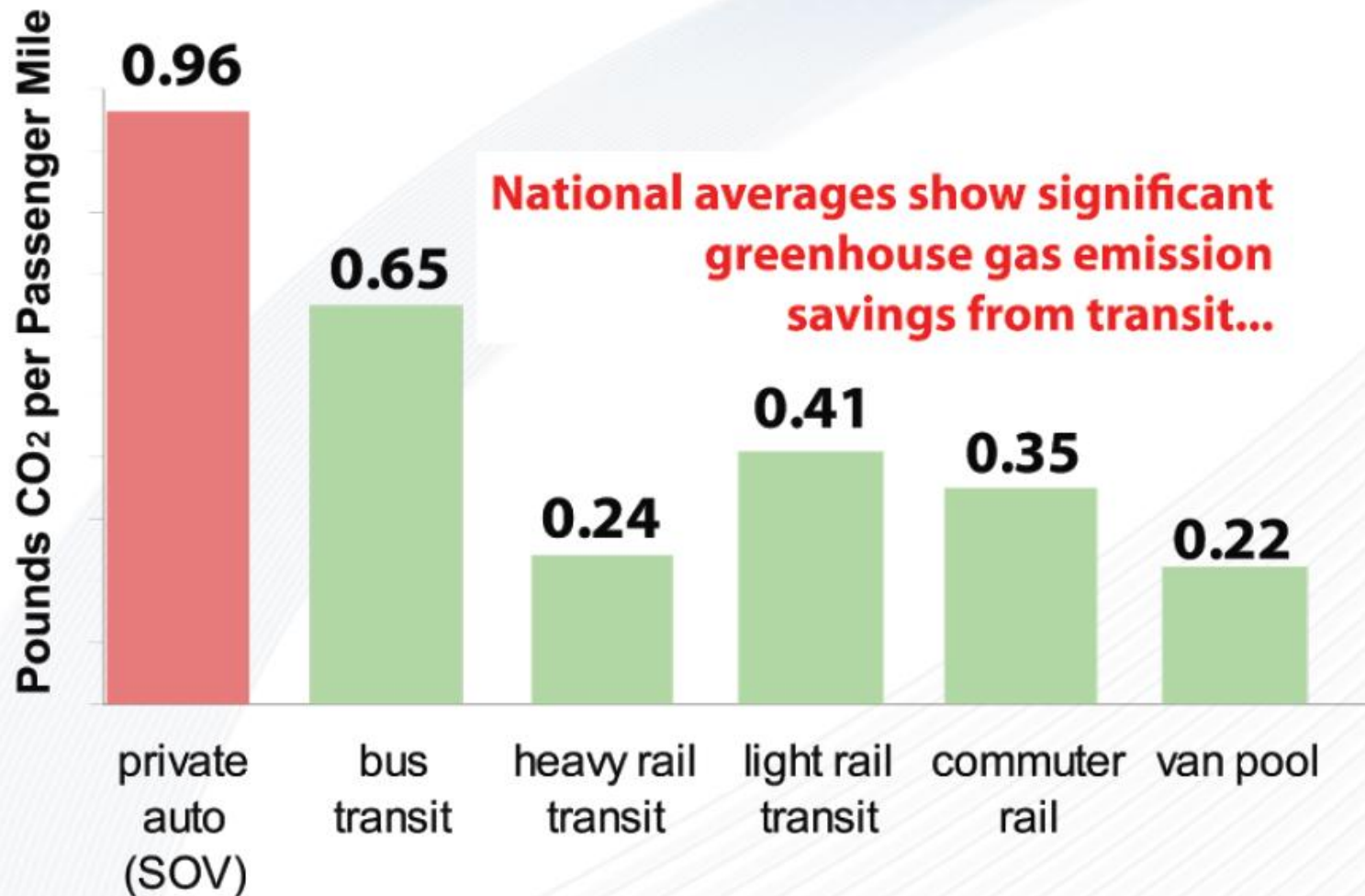
# Western U.S. Investment in Transit (in billions)

City/Agency	Past 10 Years	Current	Next 10 Years	TOTAL
Denver	\$1.50	\$4.70	\$7.50	<b>\$13.70</b>
Portland	\$3.10	\$1.55	\$2.80	<b>\$7.45</b>
Phoenix	\$1.40	\$0.00	\$7.50	<b>\$8.90</b>
Houston	\$0.30	\$2.40	\$1.50	<b>\$4.20</b>
Atlanta	\$0.30	\$0.05	\$15.00	<b>\$15.35</b>
Las Vegas	\$0.85	\$0.90	\$0.25	<b>\$2.00</b>
Minneapolis	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$6.50	<b>\$9.50</b>
San Francisco	\$4.50	\$4.20	\$5.10	<b>\$13.80</b>
Dallas	\$2.00	\$3.60	\$2.50	<b>\$8.10</b>
Los Angeles	\$4.30	\$4.40	\$6.70	<b>\$15.40</b>
San Diego	\$2.00	\$0.00	\$4.00	<b>\$6.00</b>
Seattle	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	<b>\$25.00</b>
Albuquerque	\$0.42	\$0.00	\$0.03	<b>\$0.45</b>
Austin	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$0.60	<b>\$1.00</b>
Charlotte	\$0.46	\$1.90	\$3.00	<b>\$5.36</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$27.53</b>	<b>\$30.70</b>	<b>\$77.98</b>	<b>\$136.21</b>



# Transit usage levels

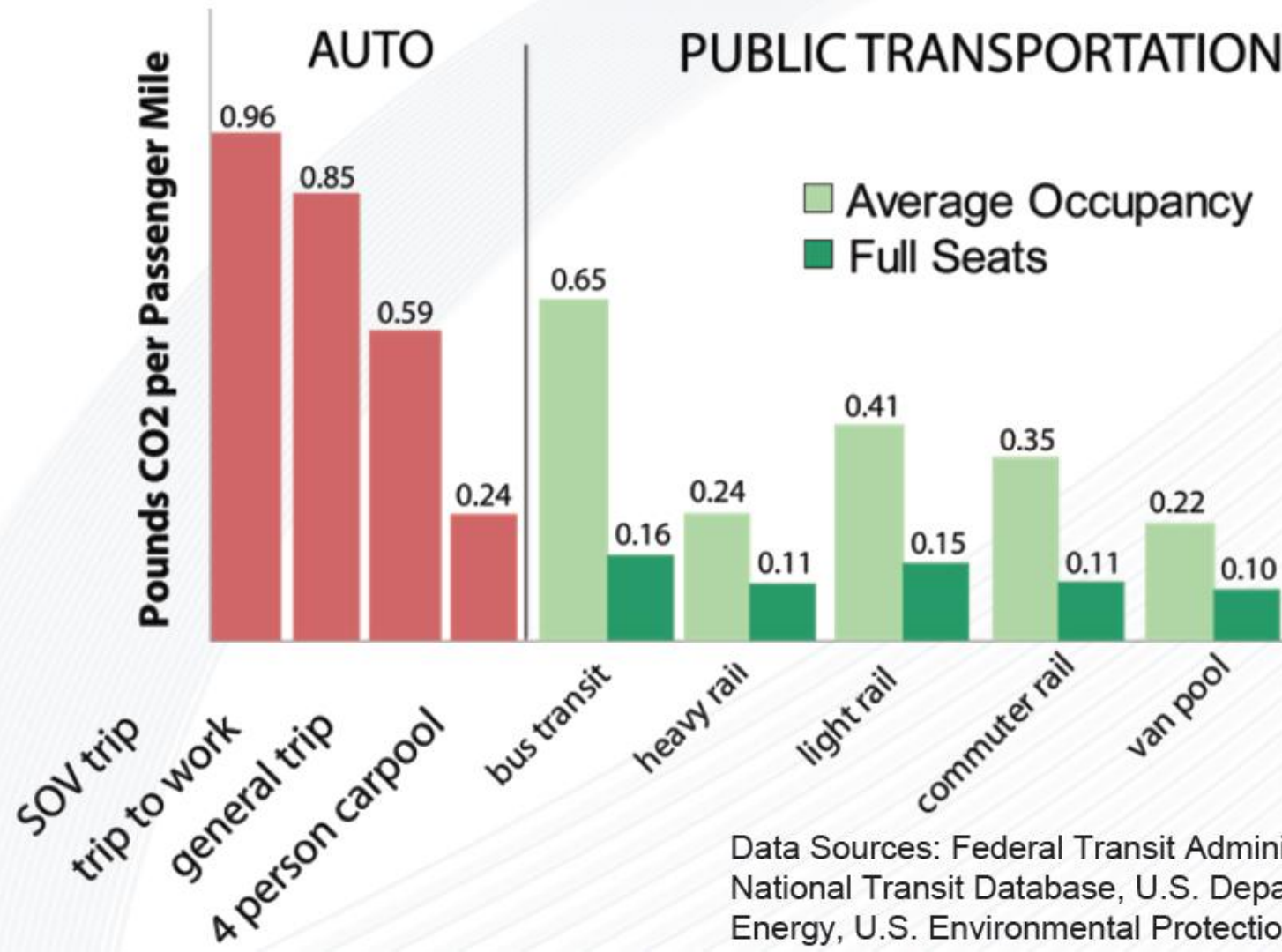
# CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions per Passenger Mile



Data Sources: Federal Transit Administration 2007 National Transit Database, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

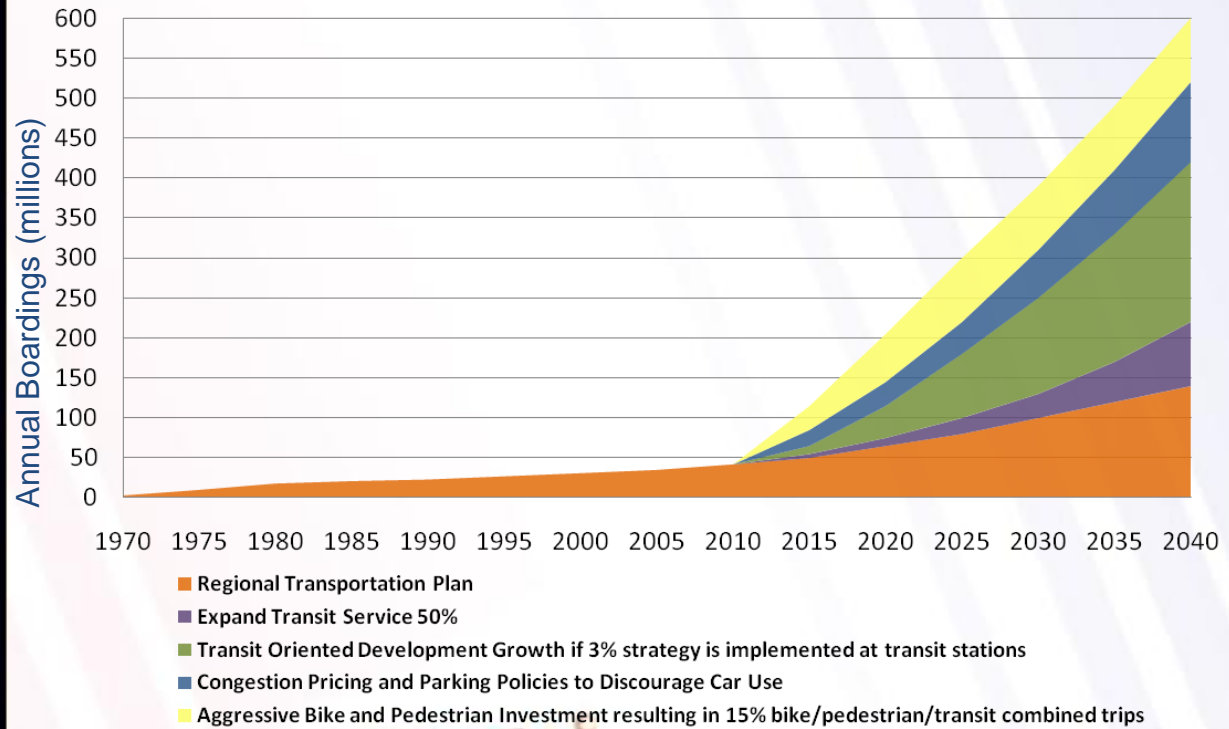


# Number of Transit Riders Greatly Impacts Emissions

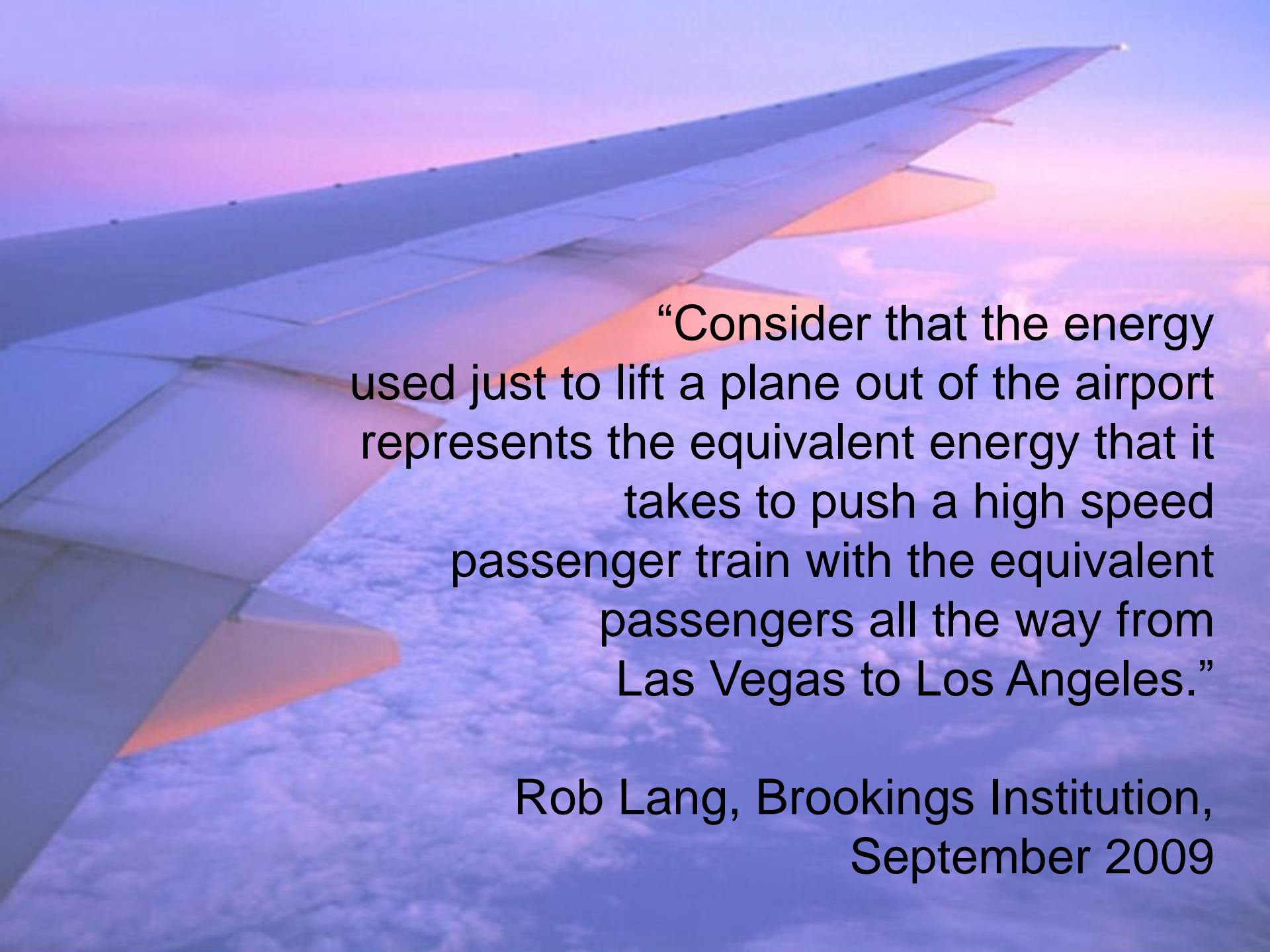


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# The Potential of Transit in Utah







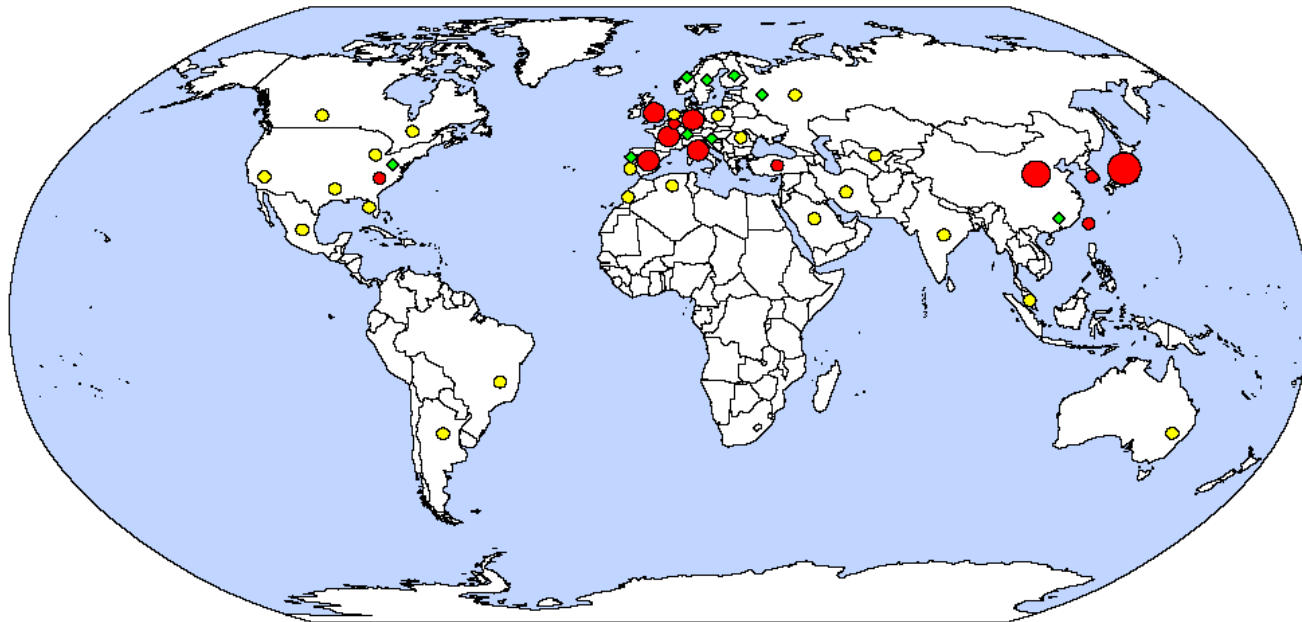
“Consider that the energy used just to lift a plane out of the airport represents the equivalent energy that it takes to push a high speed passenger train with the equivalent passengers all the way from Las Vegas to Los Angeles.”

Rob Lang, Brookings Institution,  
September 2009



## International Practicum on Implementing High-Speed Rail in the United States

# High speed systems around the world



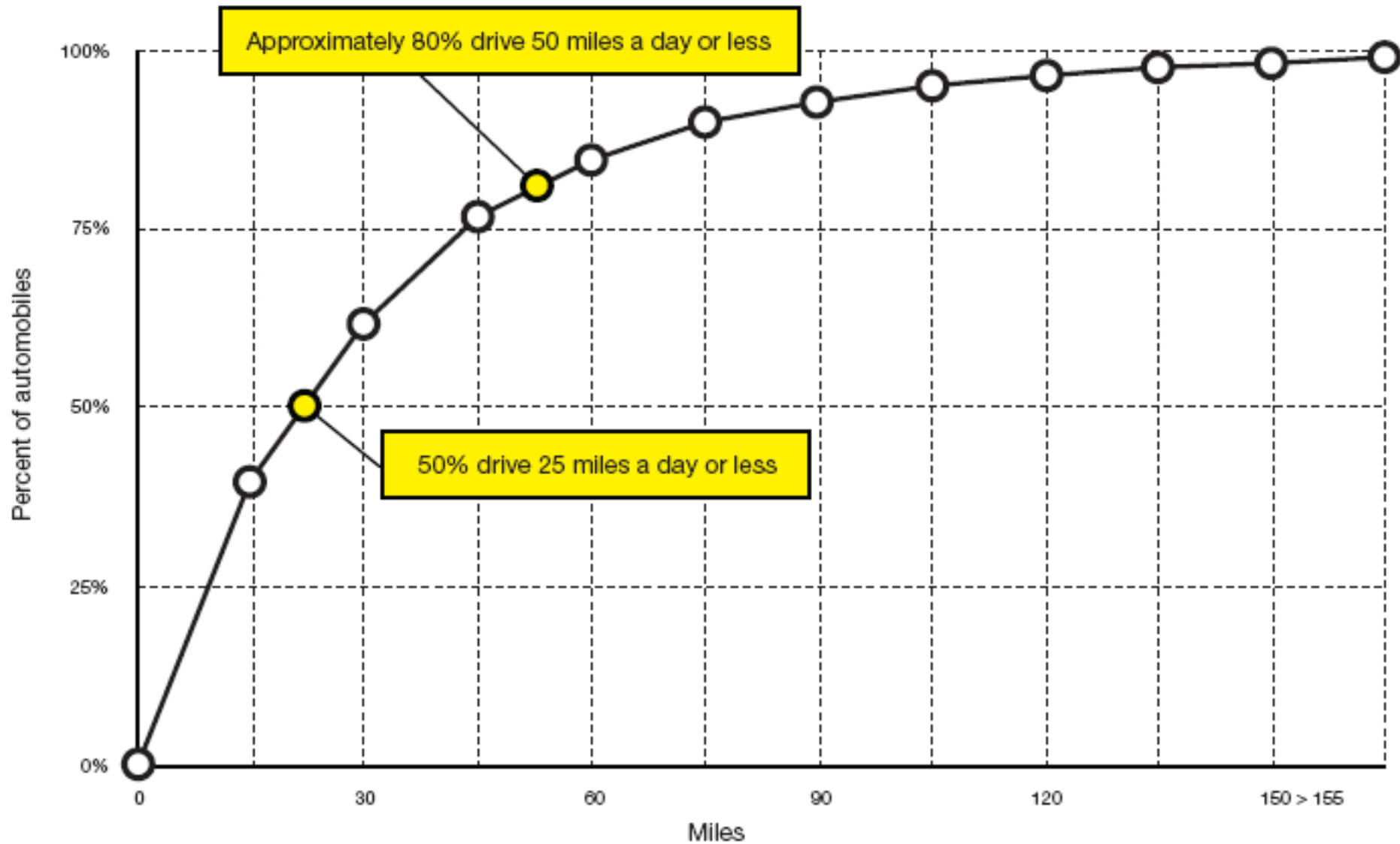
■  $V \geq 155$  mph in operation    ■  $V \leq 125$  mph in operation    ■ Planned High Speed Rail

# VISION *for* HIGH-SPEED RAIL *in* AMERICA



# New Trends in Technology

# Driving Distance per day



By courtesy of GM



# New Automotive DNA

## CURRENT DNA

Energized by  
Petroleum

Powered Mechanically by  
Internal Combustion Engine

Controlled  
Mechanically

Stand-alone

Total Dependence  
on the Driver

Vehicle Sized for Maximum  
Use – People and Cargo

## NEW DNA

Energized by  
Electricity and Hydrogen

Powered Electrically by  
Electric Motors

Controlled  
Electronically

“Connected”

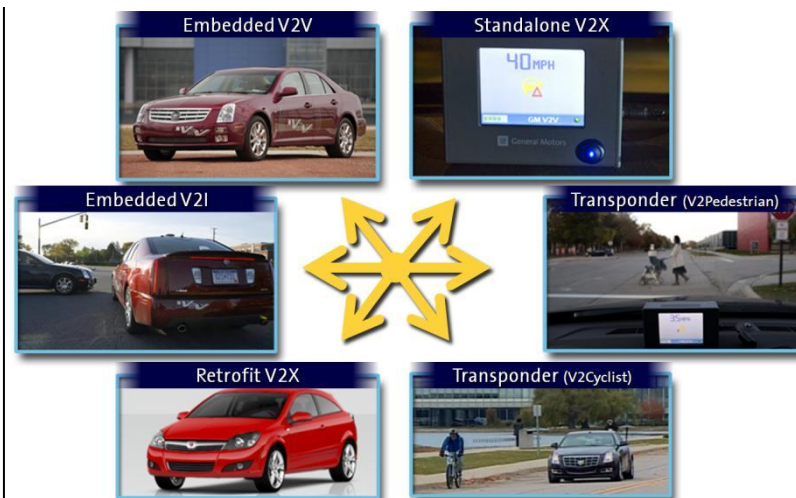
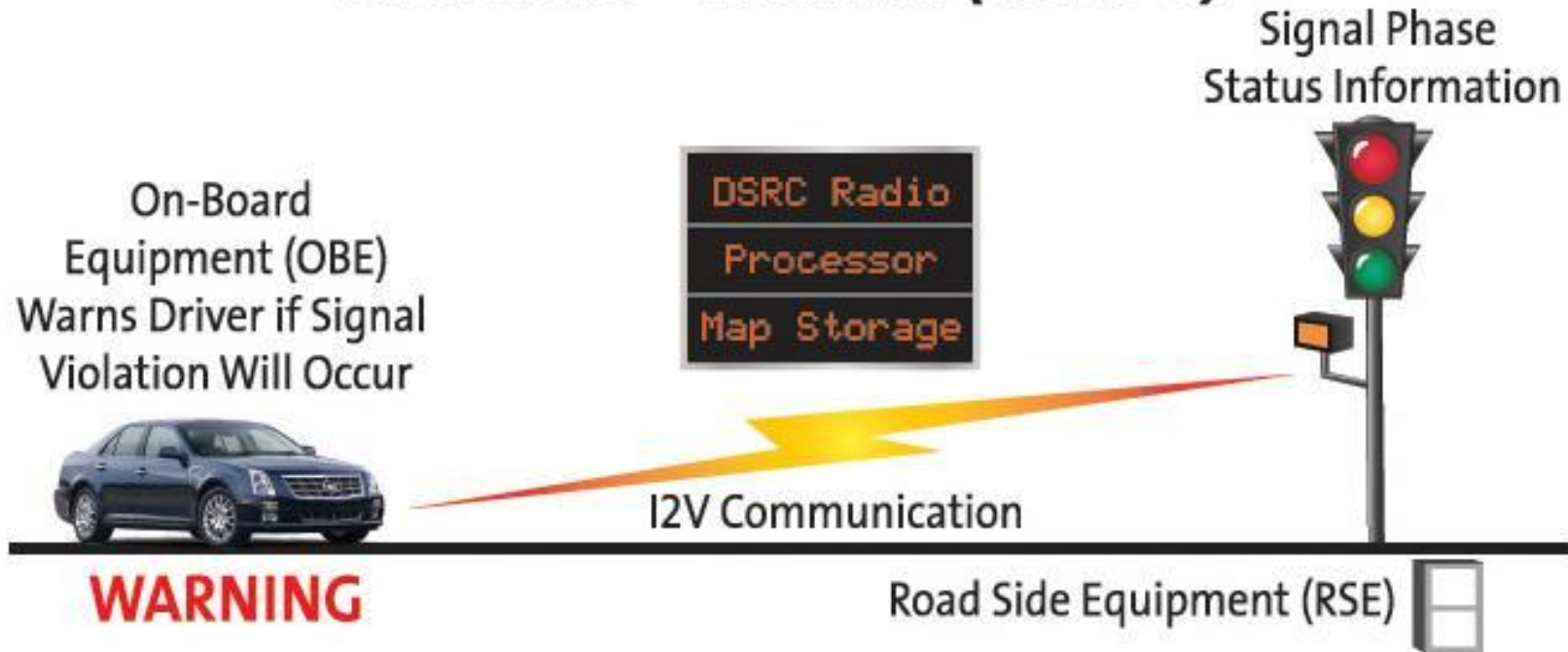
Semi/Full Autonomous  
Driving

Vehicle Tailored to  
Specific Use

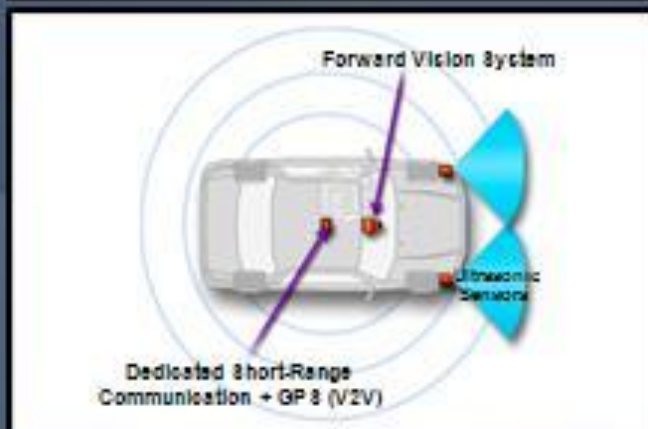
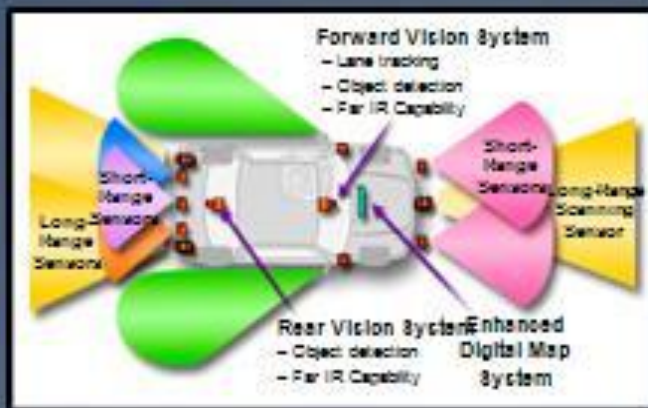
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# Wireless Communications Infrastructure

## Cooperative Intersection Collision Avoidance – Violation (CICAS-V)



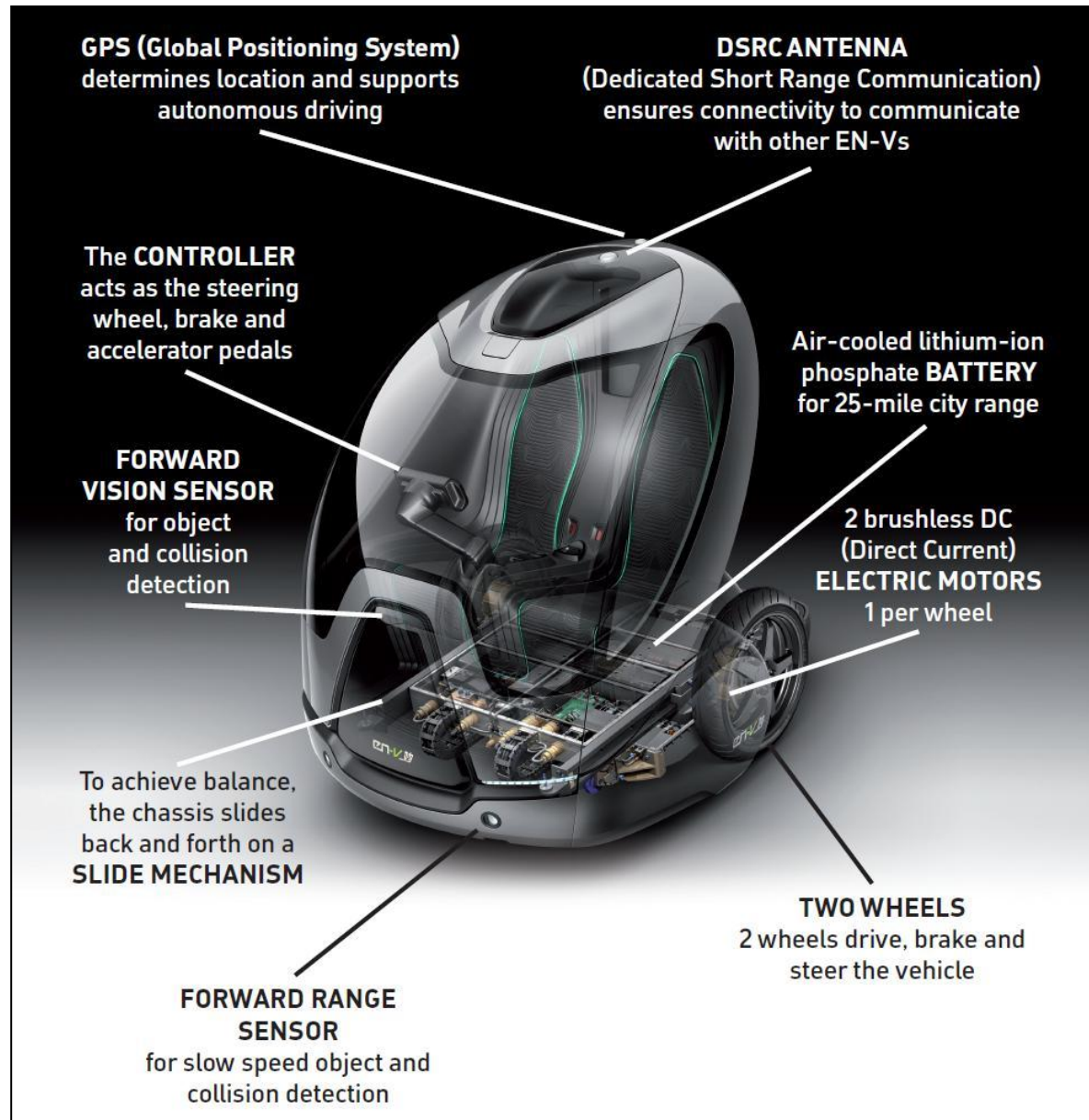
# Autonomous Approach and Features



- **Automated parking/retrieval using smartphone**
- **Vehicle platooning between EN-Vs**
- **Collision Avoidance with other EN-Vs and with people**



# EN-V: Components & Features



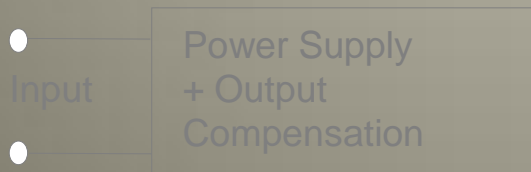
# Solution: Inductive Power Transfer



IPT safely transfers electric power through road materials, snow, air gaps

Recent technology developments:

- Increased power transmission: 1-100 kW
- Increased distance: 2"-12" air gap crossed
- Increased efficiency: 80-95% energy efficient



## The 50 Best Inventions of 2010



Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010

### Road-Embedded Rechargers

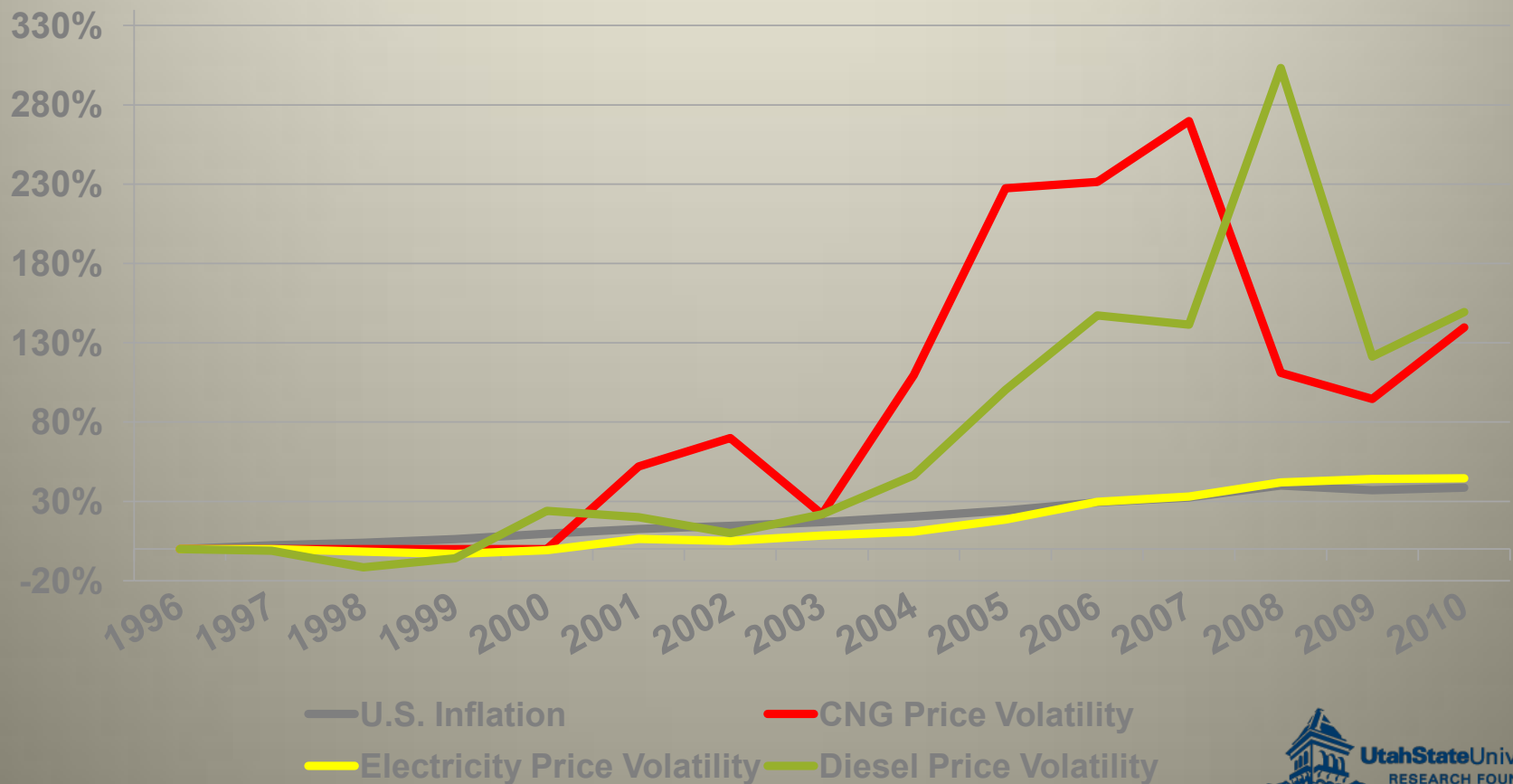
By Rachelle Dragani

- ▶ Less expensive than diesel, CNG, or hybrid buses
- ▶ Zero tailpipe emissions
- ▶ Multi-vehicle use capability
- ▶ Can scale to meet demand

# Problem: Liquid Fuel Volatility

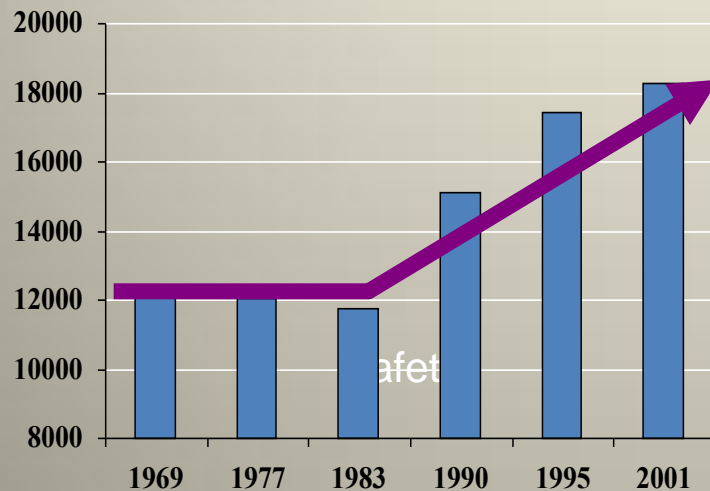


- ▶ Diesel and CNG have had disruptive price increases and swings
- ▶ Electricity prices increase at a slow, steady, predictable rate

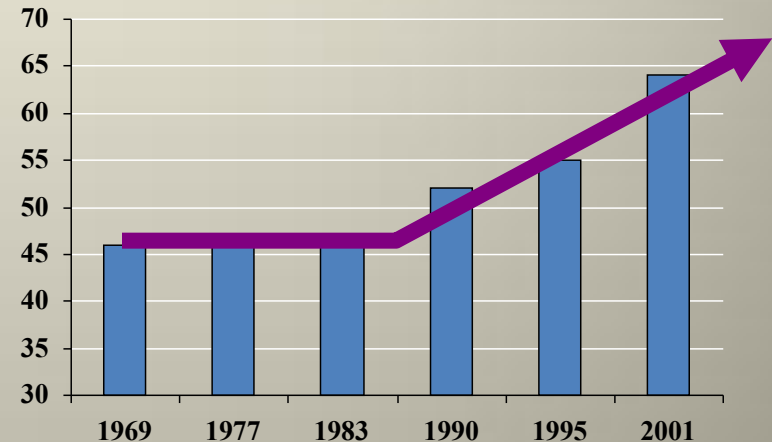


# Active Transportation

# A Co benefits approach e.g. Transport and Health - Growth in VMT in the US vs Growth in “Obesity”



Growth trend for annual household vehicle miles of travel  
(50% overall growth)



Growth trend for percent of Americans 'overweight'  
(40% overall growth)

Source: M. Coogan





# Active Transportation Initiative

- a comprehensive network of pedestrian and bicycle pathways connecting every residence and business to transit.
- enabled by dedicated funding mechanisms and operational management.
- eases integration with other modes



# Commuting and Routine Trip Making

- Nationally, 25% of walking trips take place on roads without sidewalks
- 95% of bike trips take place without bike lanes
- In metropolitan areas 50% of all trips are < 3miles; 28% < 1 mile
- 65% of trips one mile or less taken by automobile

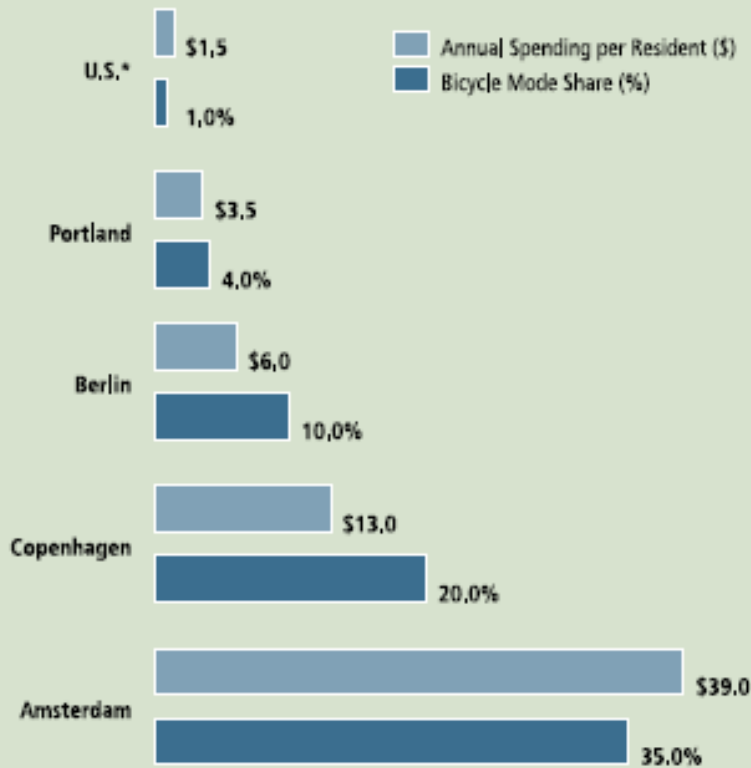
Source: *Wasatch Front Regional Council Regional Transportation Plan: 2007-2030*, p.176

## Percent of Trips by Each Mode, All Purposes

Country	Automobile	Transit	Bicycle	Walk/Other
United States	89	2	1	7
Canada	78	10	2	12
Denmark	42	14	20	24
Great Britain	65	14	4	17
France	56	13	5	25
Germany	49	16	12	23
Netherlands	45	7	28	20
Sweden	46	11	10	33
Switzerland	46	20	9	26

Source: Paul Krugman, New York Times, May 10, 2008

## Bicycle Funding and Mode Share



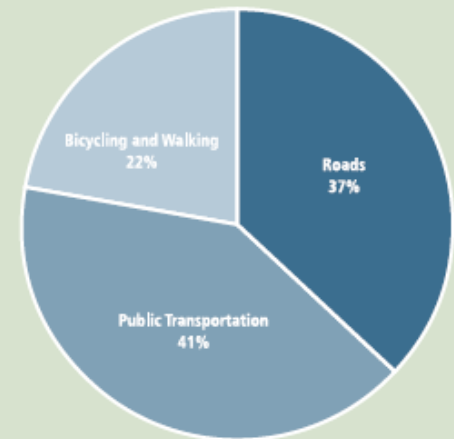
Comparison of annual per capita spending for bicycling and bicycle mode share between the U.S., Portland, Ore., and three European cities.<sup>[1], [25]</sup>

\*Spending data for the U.S. are for bicycling and walking combined.<sup>[74]</sup>

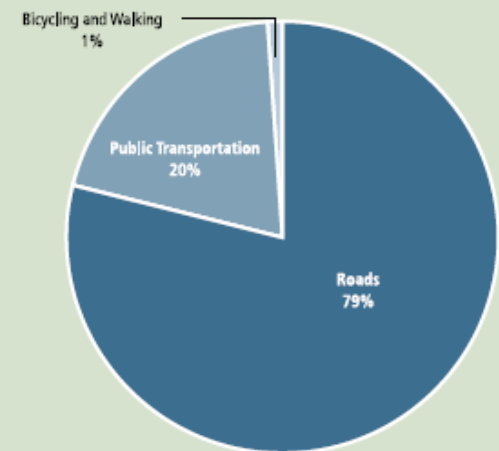
## How Americans Would Allocate Transportation Funding

Eighty-one percent support "allocation of tax dollars toward the expansion and improvement of public transportation, sidewalks, and bike paths in your community." (Margin of error  $\pm 3$  percent)

### How Respondents Would Allocate Transportation Funding



### How Transportation Funding is Currently Allocated



National transportation poll commissioned by Transportation for America, designed by Collective Strength, and fielded by Harris Interactive from December 1–19, 2007.

# Why



Salt Lake City, Utah

