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No One at the Wheel

Driverless Cars and
the Road of the Future

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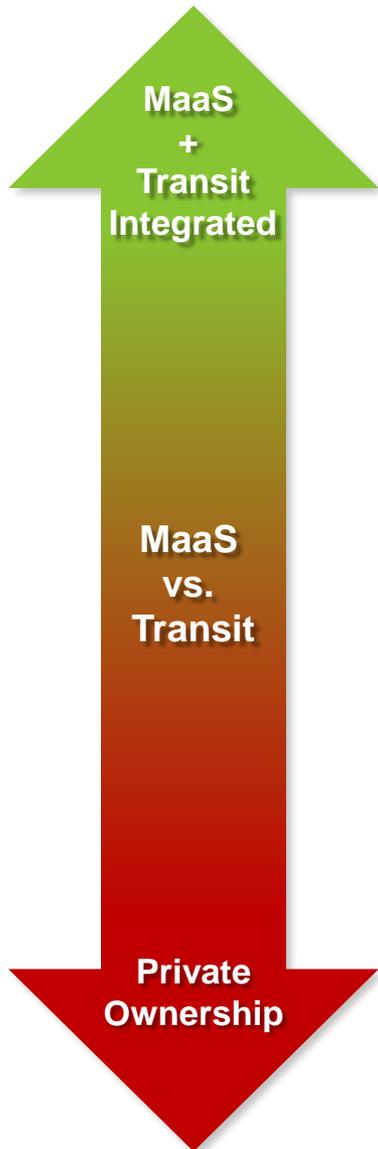
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THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY (POSSIBILITIES)



the GOOD

- Congestion diminishes
- Crashes, injuries, and deaths plummet
- Disabled and low-income well-served
- Mobility as a Service (MaaS) with transit integration
- Last mile solved
- Parking demand goes way down

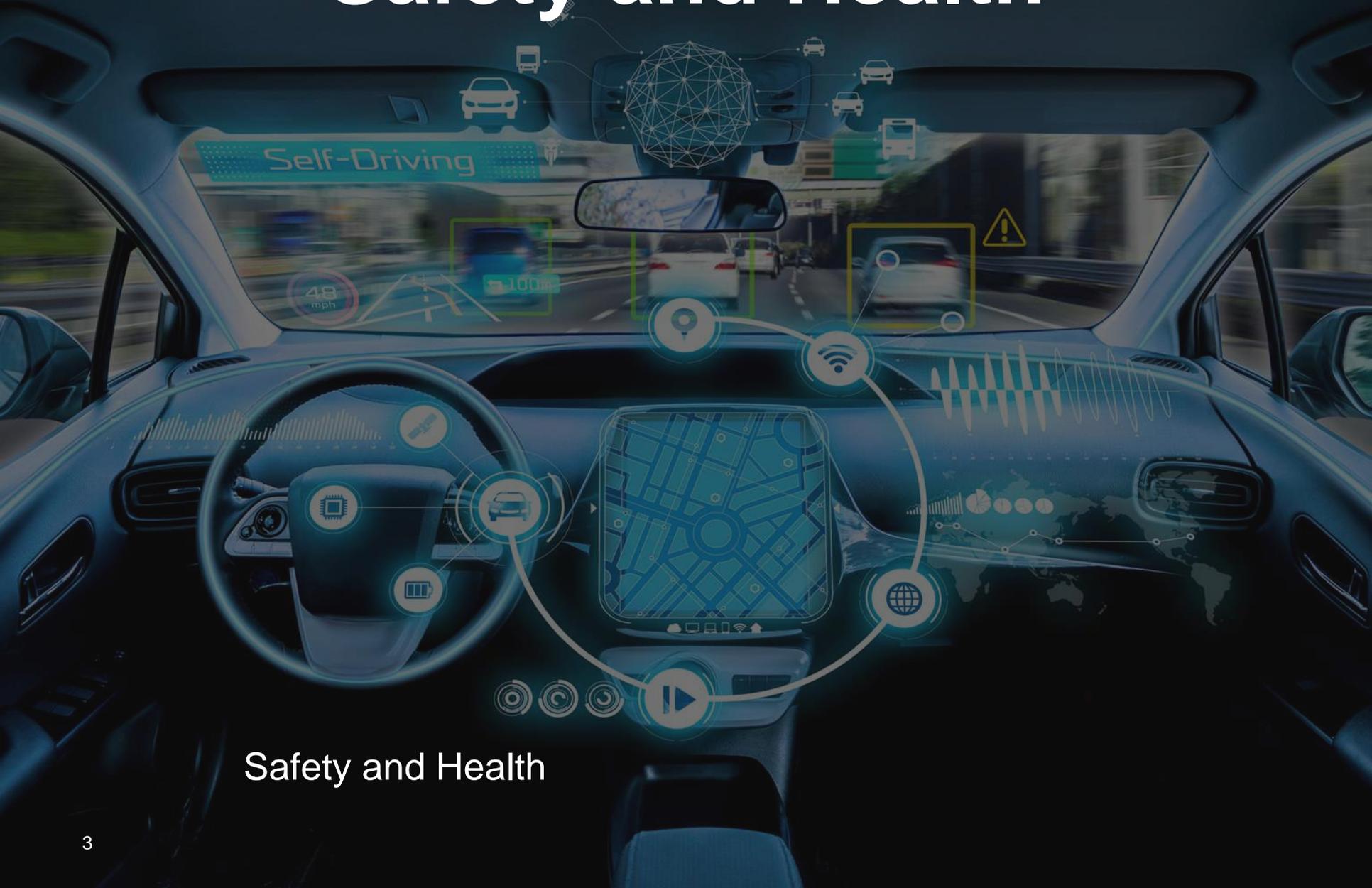
the BAD

- VMT soars & congestion increases
- Many jobs disappear
- Peds, bikes squeezed out
- Unaffordable for poor and rural dwellers
- Reverses millennial trend eschewing driving
- Competes with and undermines existing transit

and the UGLY

- Widespread gridlock
- Public transportation decimated
- Heart disease/stroke/diabetes skyrocket
- Everybody gets a license (even your dog)
- A new “modernist” view of cities
- Encourages sprawl

Safety and Health

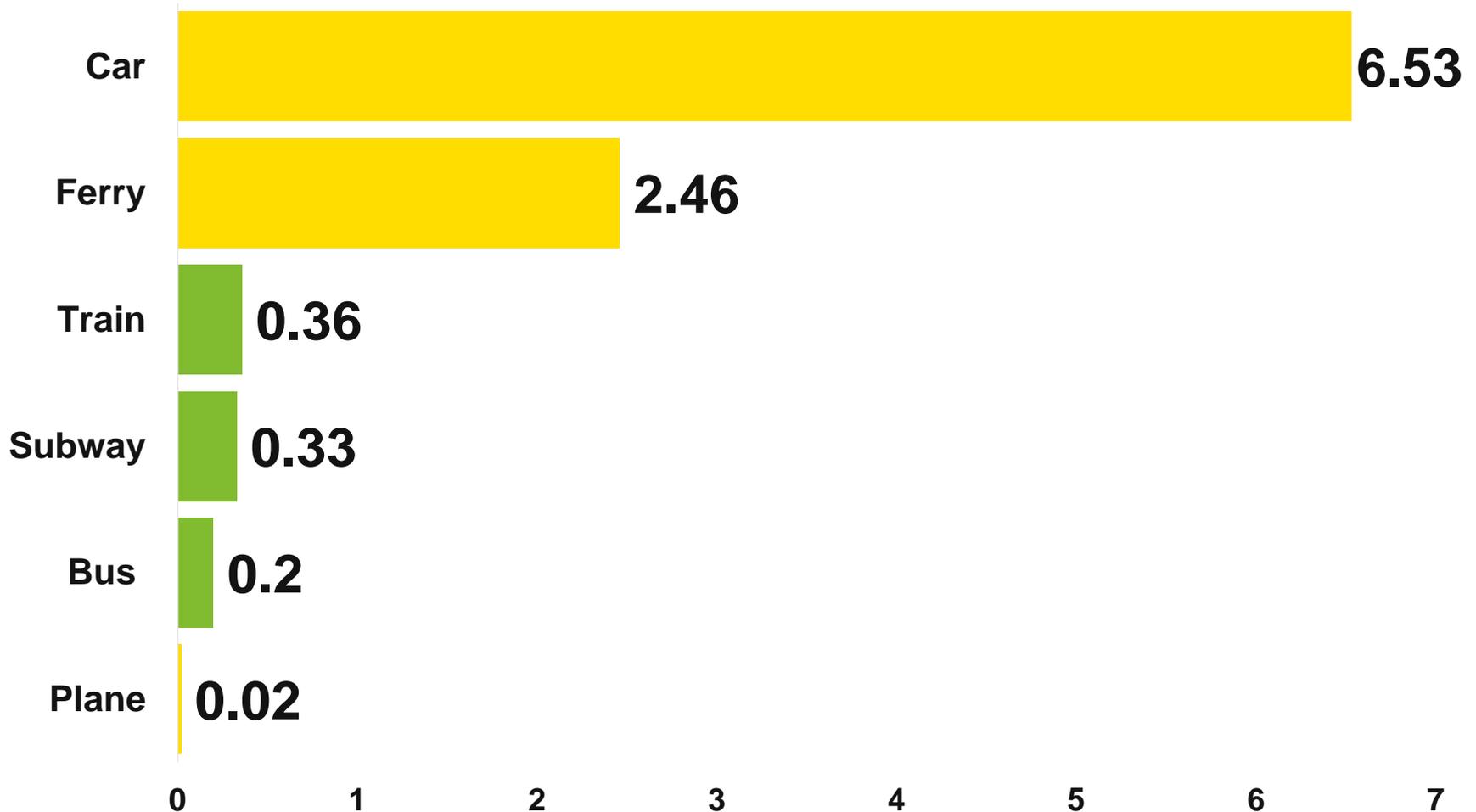


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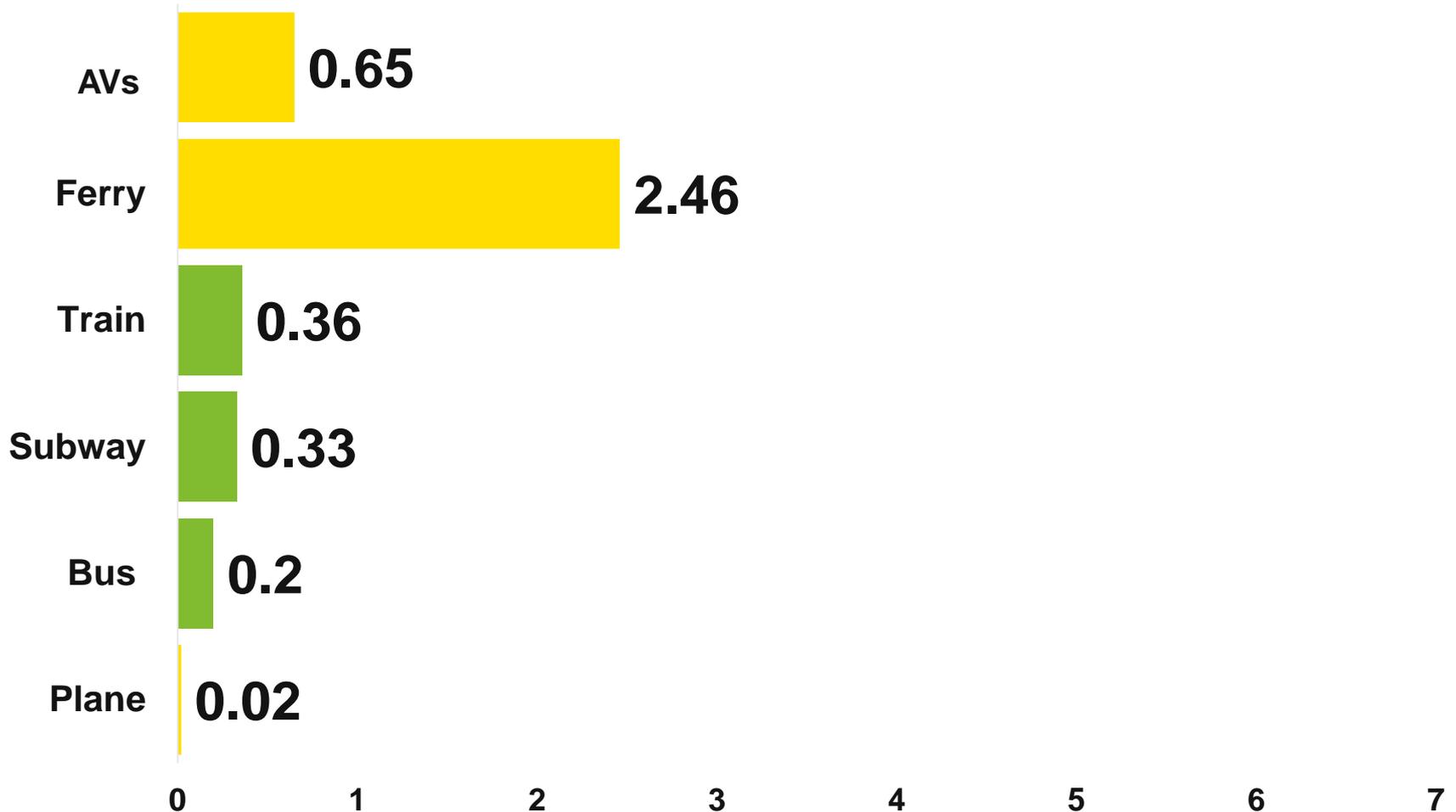
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Transit is Already 95% Safer



NO REASON TO WAIT FOR AVs TO SAVE LIVES

Most safety benefits can be achieved with “safe cars” without full automation.

Professor Alain Kornhauser,
Princeton University

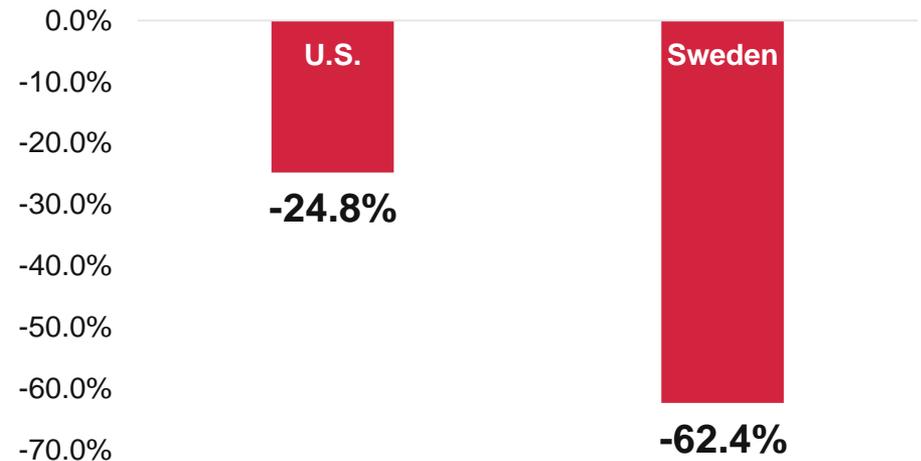
U.S. Meme: 94% of traffic fatalities due to human error

Swedish Meme: Humans are fallible and make mistakes. **Vision Zero** through design: road system, vehicles, technology, enforcement

**Fatality Reduction
(1997-2017)**



**Fatalities Per 100 Million VMT Reduction
(2000-2015)**



Source: Motor Vehicle Fatality Rate In U.S. By Year, (NHTSA) 2016, U.S. fatalities (1997-2016), Sweden fatalities (1997-2017)

KEY TAKEAWAY

Don't let the safety argument blind you to a more holistic approach toward the introduction of AVs to our society.



A close-up photograph of Elon Musk speaking. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a thoughtful expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

“..if, in writing some article that’s negative,
“If you're not concerned about A.I. safety, you
should be. Vastly more risk than North Korea.”

Elon Musk

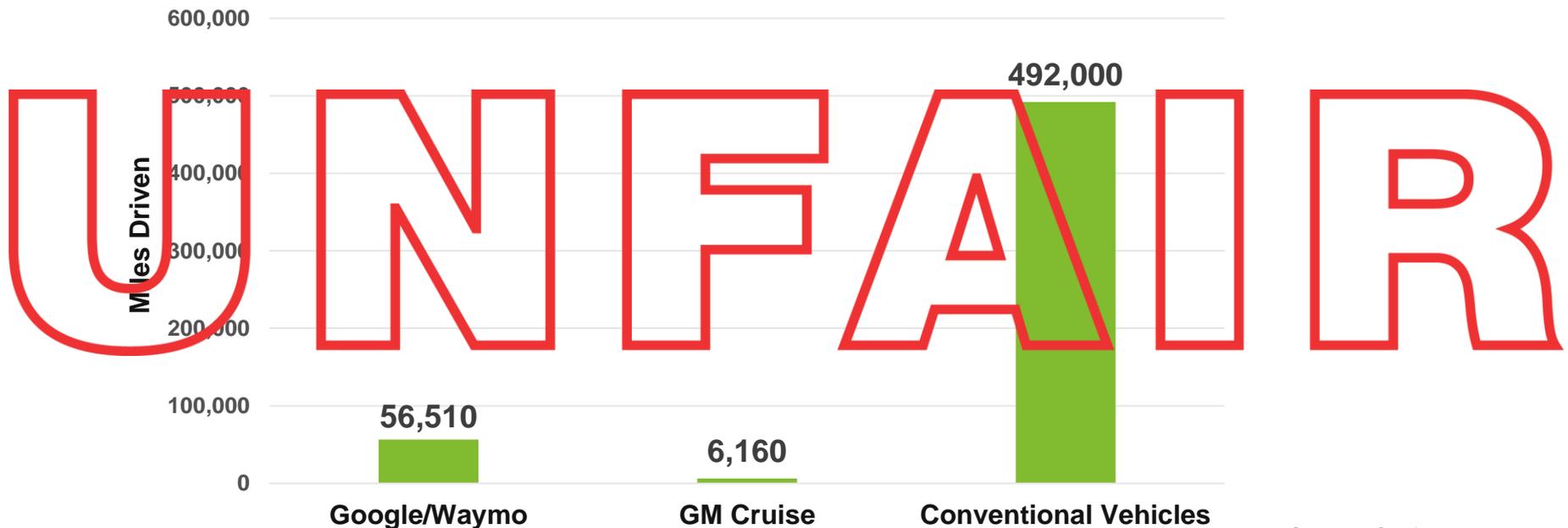
Twitter, August 11, 2017

SELF-DRIVING CRASH HISTORY (WHAT WE KNOW*)

Fatalities: 3 Known in USA

- In 2016, there were 1.17 fatalities per 100 million miles, conventional driving
- 3 fatalities in conventional vehicles would take avg. 258 million miles driven
- Number of miles driven to date in AV mode unknown
- AVs may have to be driven hundreds of billions of miles to demonstrate safety per Rand Corporation Study

**Crash Frequencies: Self-Driving vs Conventional Vehicles
(September 2014 - November 2017)**



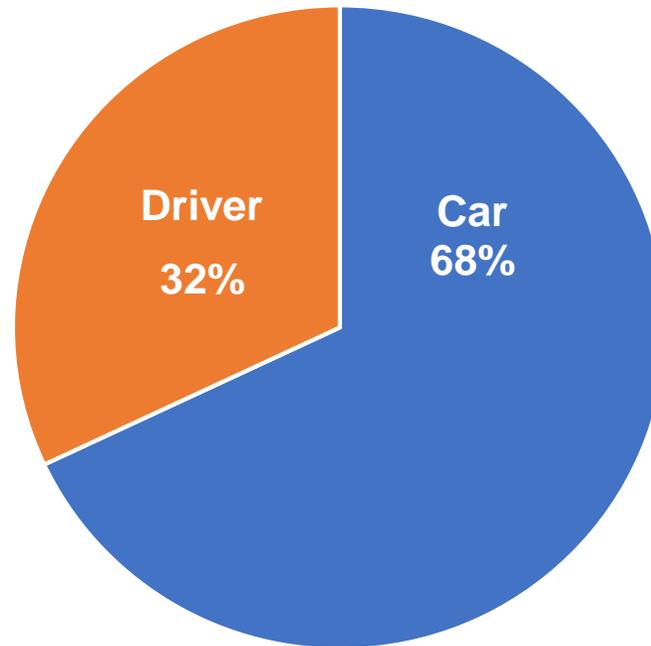
Source: California DMV

[*Help me get the data](#)

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DISENGAGEMENTS – DRIVER TAKES OVER

Triggered by:



1 crash every 178 disengagements

- Occurs 2,882 miles on average (Waymo, Cruise)
- In 12,000 miles/year 4-5 disengagements

Sources: California DMV, Favaro et al. 2017 [“Analysis of Disengagements in Autonomous Vehicle Technology”](#)

AV CARS WORK WELL WITHOUT PEDESTRIANS & CYCLISTS

Some pedestrians such as the following may not be detected by the radar sensor and camera sensor, preventing the system from operating properly:

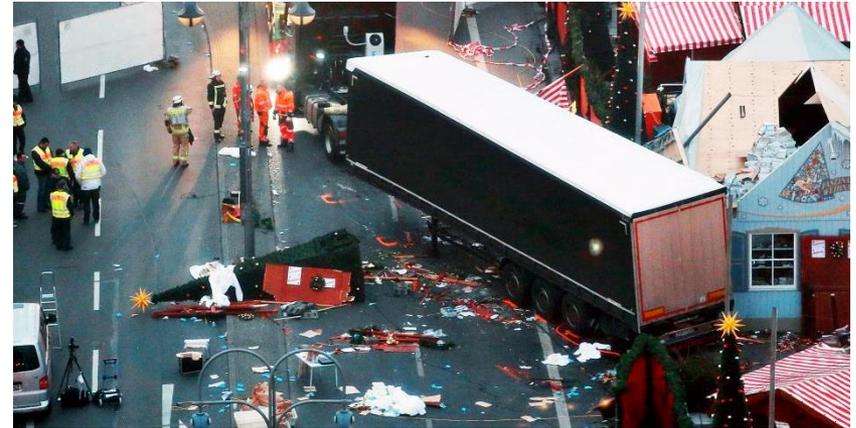
- Pedestrians shorter than approximately 3.2 ft. (1 m) or taller than approximately 6.5 ft. (2 m)
- Pedestrians wearing oversized clothing (a rain coat, long skirt, etc.), making their silhouette obscure
- Pedestrians who are carrying large baggage, holding an umbrella, etc., hiding part of their body
- Pedestrians who are bending forward or squatting
- Pedestrians who are pushing a stroller, wheelchair, bicycle or other vehicle
- Groups of pedestrians which are close together
- Pedestrians who are wearing white and look extremely bright
- Pedestrians in the dark, such as at night or while in a tunnel

MOTOR VEHICLES USED AS WEAPONS RISING



Nice Attack: At Least 84 Killed By Lorry At Bastille Day Celebrations

BBC News – July 15, 2016



Christmas Carnage In Berlin 12 Killed

The Times – December 20, 2016



Van Hits Pedestrians in Deadly Barcelona Terror Attack 13 Killed

NY Times – August 17, 2017



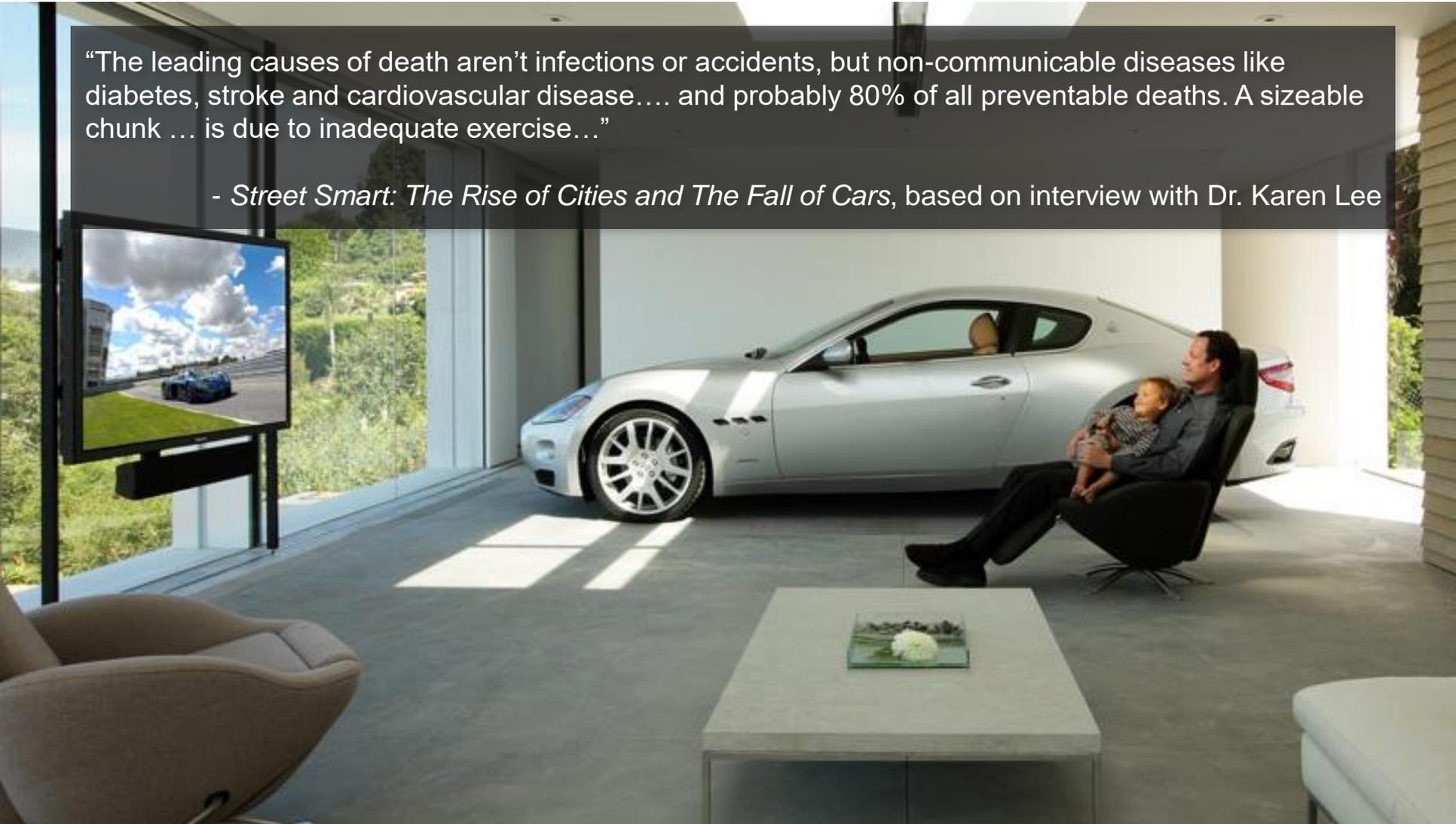
8 Killed As Truck Plows Into Pedestrians In Downtown NYC Terror Attack

NY Post – October 30, 2017

MORE INACTIVITY: A LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH

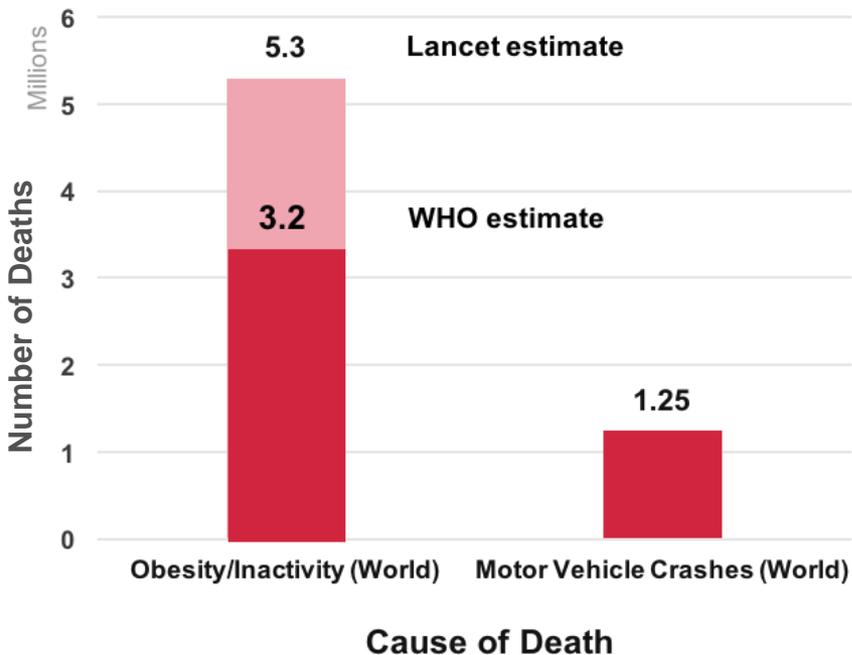
“The leading causes of death aren’t infections or accidents, but non-communicable diseases like diabetes, stroke and cardiovascular disease.... and probably 80% of all preventable deaths. A sizeable chunk ... is due to inadequate exercise...”

- *Street Smart: The Rise of Cities and The Fall of Cars*, based on interview with Dr. Karen Lee

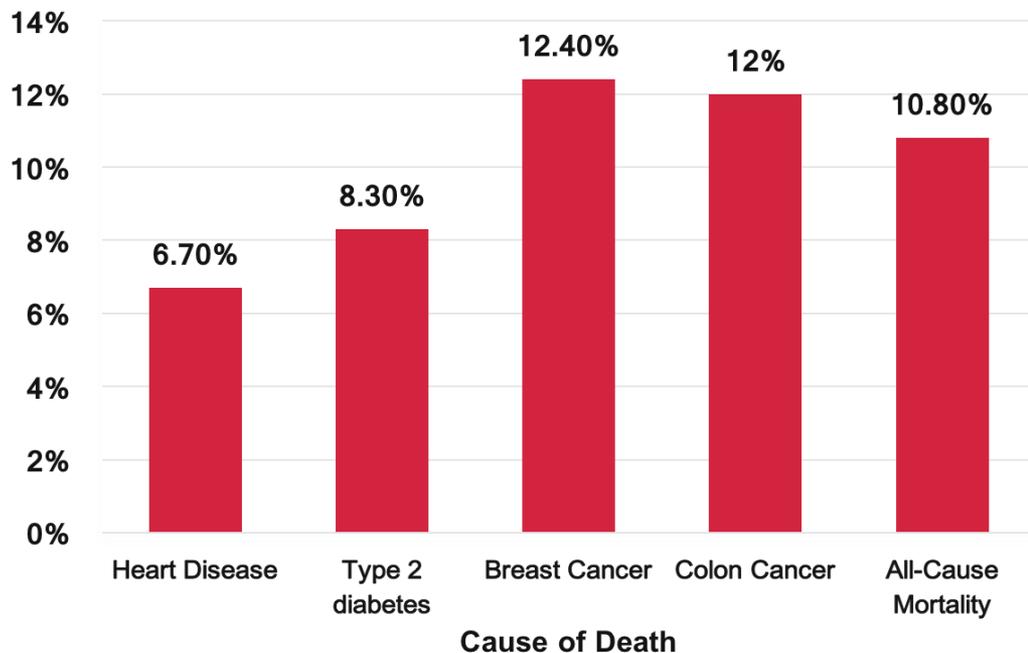


INACTIVITY TAKES MORE LIVES THAN CRASHES

World Deaths (Inactivity vs. Crashes)



U.S. Percent of Deaths Attributable to Inactivity



Inactivity Levels:
U.S. - 40.5%

Sources:
WHO, National Safety Council, 2013
The Lancet, 2008

Source:
CDC, 2014

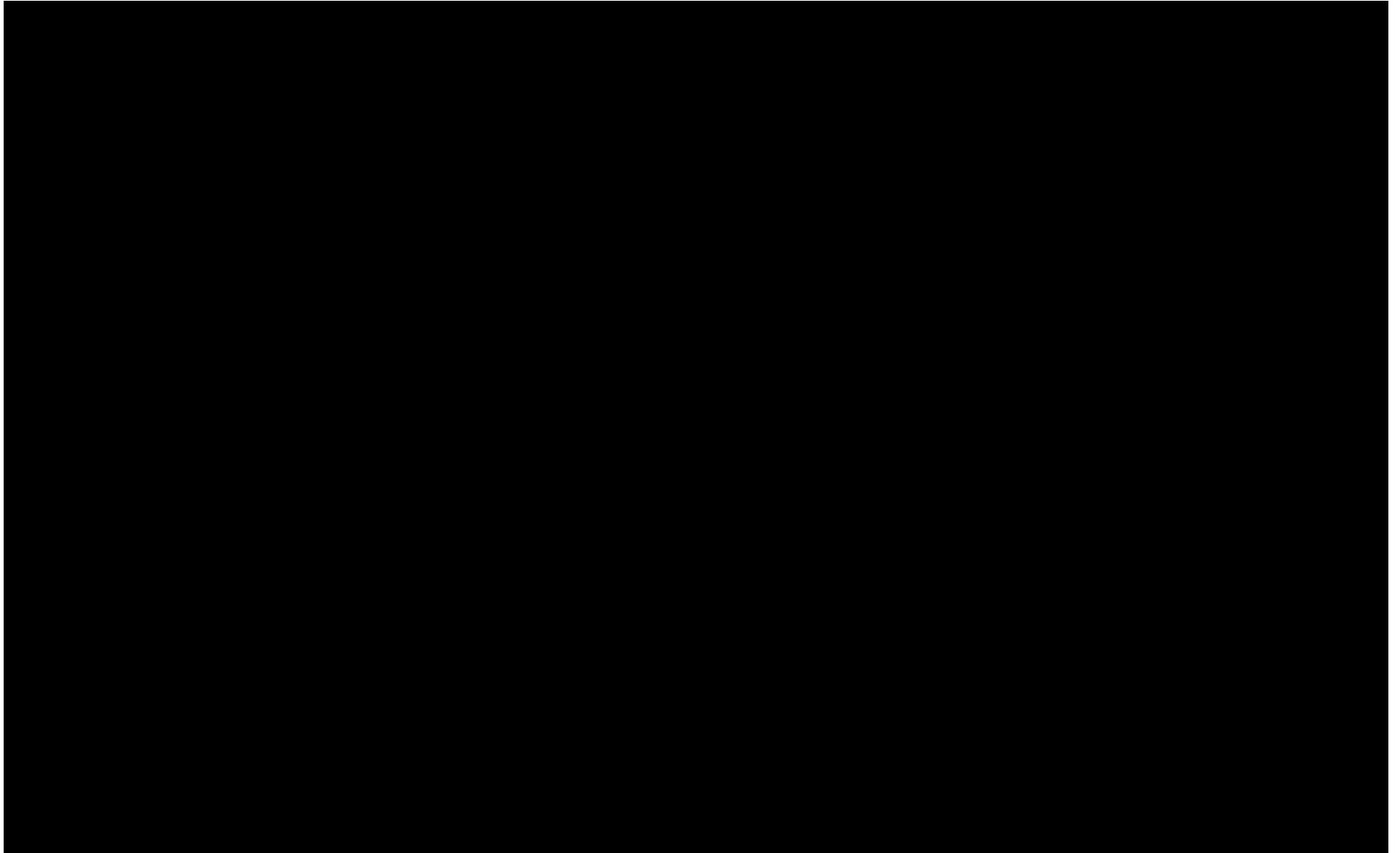
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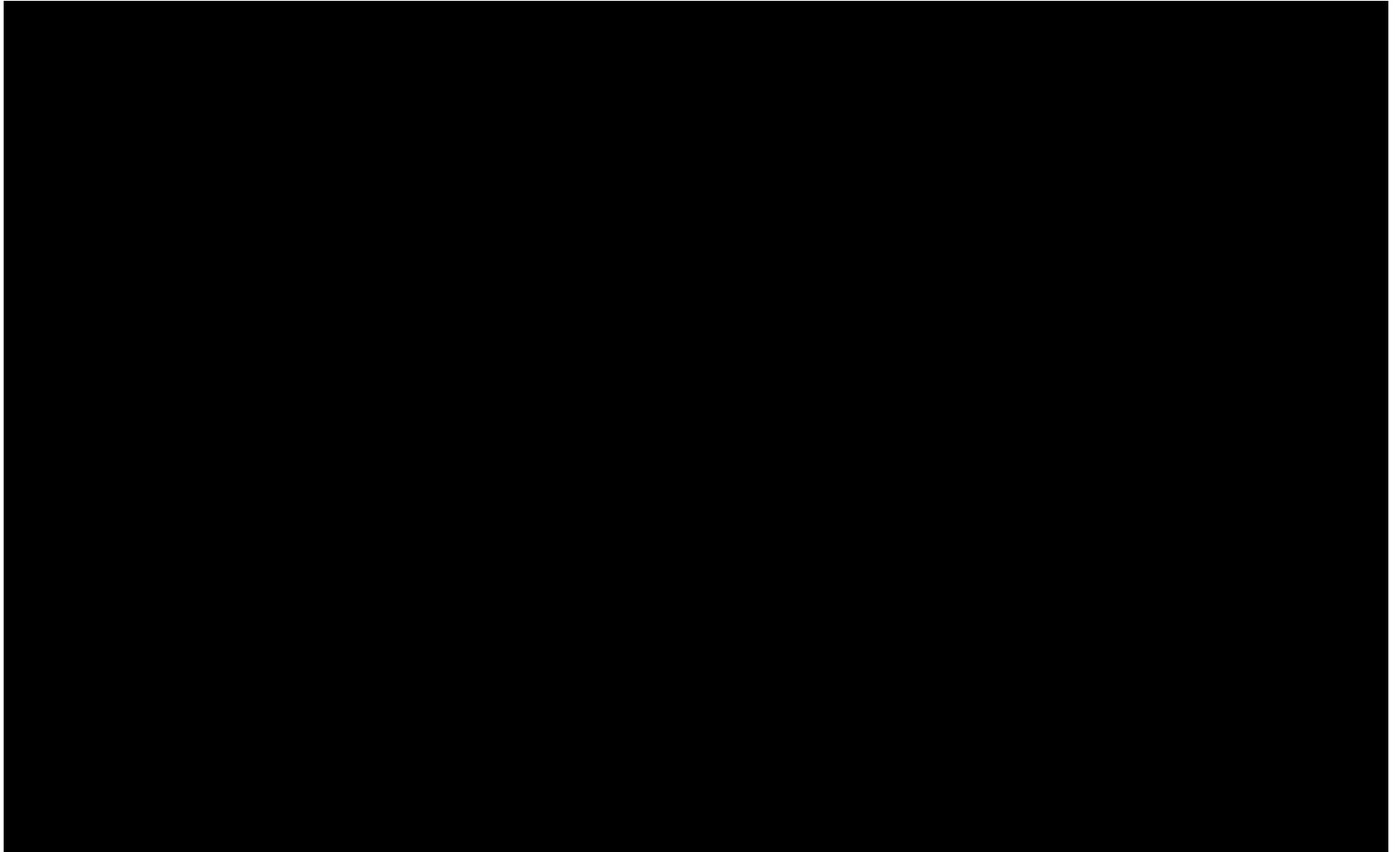
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Traffic Impacts

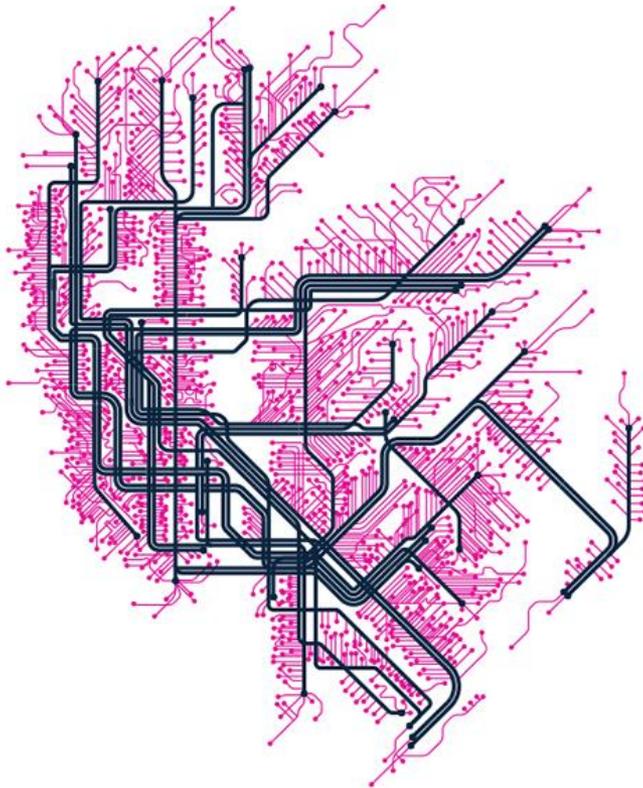
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PROMISE

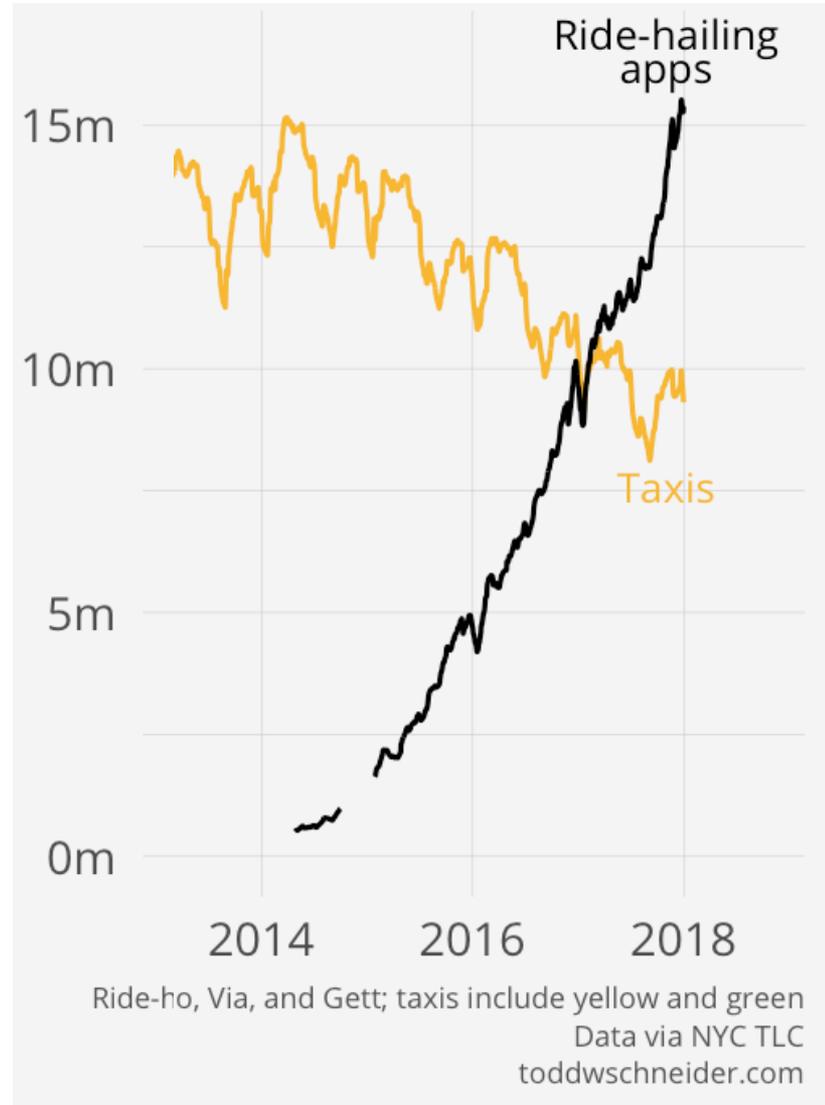
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THE PROMISE: IMPROVED LAST MILE FOR TRANSIT ACCESS & SHARP REDUCTION IN TRAFFIC

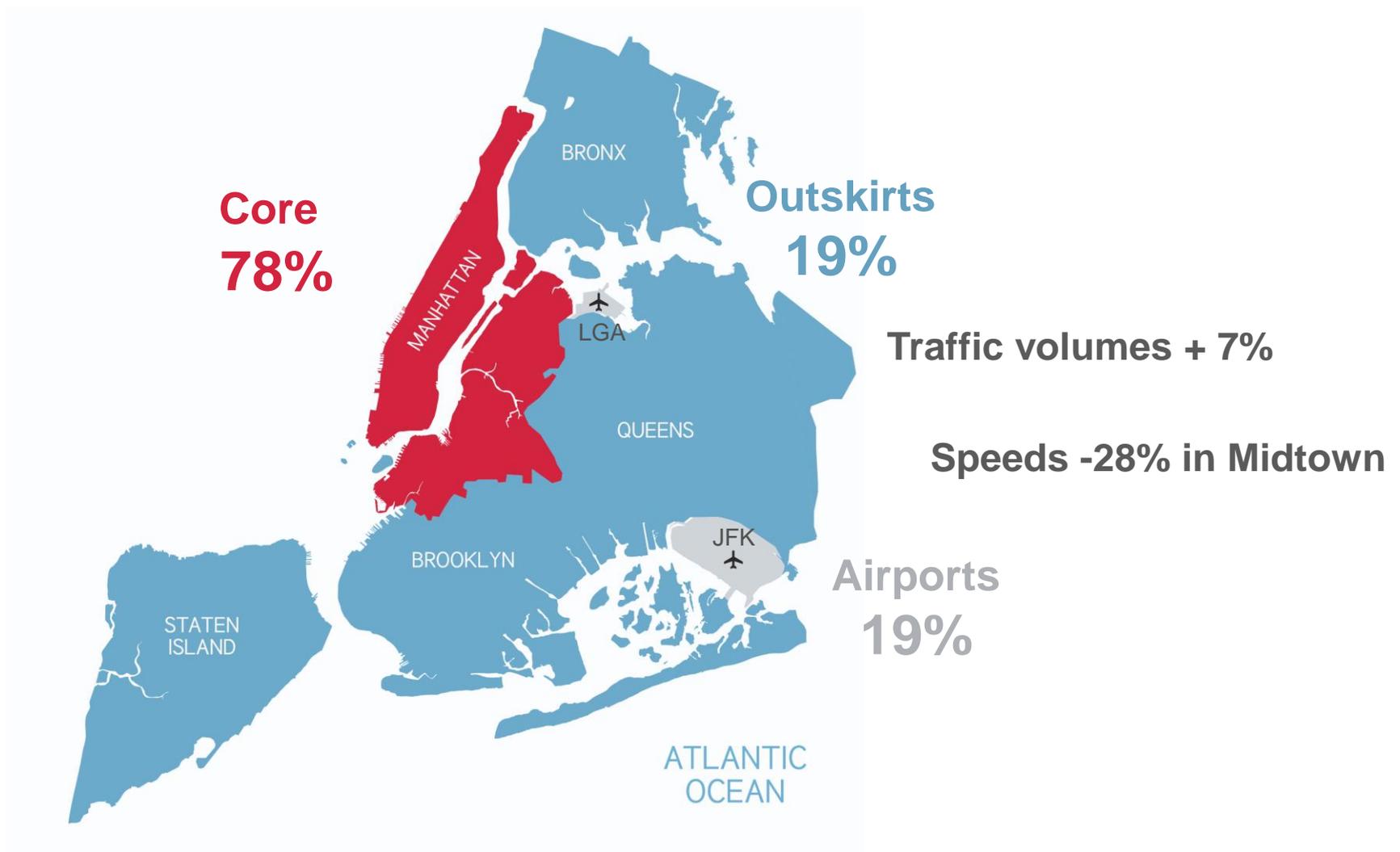
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NEW STOPS.**



  DOWNLOAD & RIDE



THE REALITY – APPs concentrate where transit's rich, traffic's jammed, and highest income people live

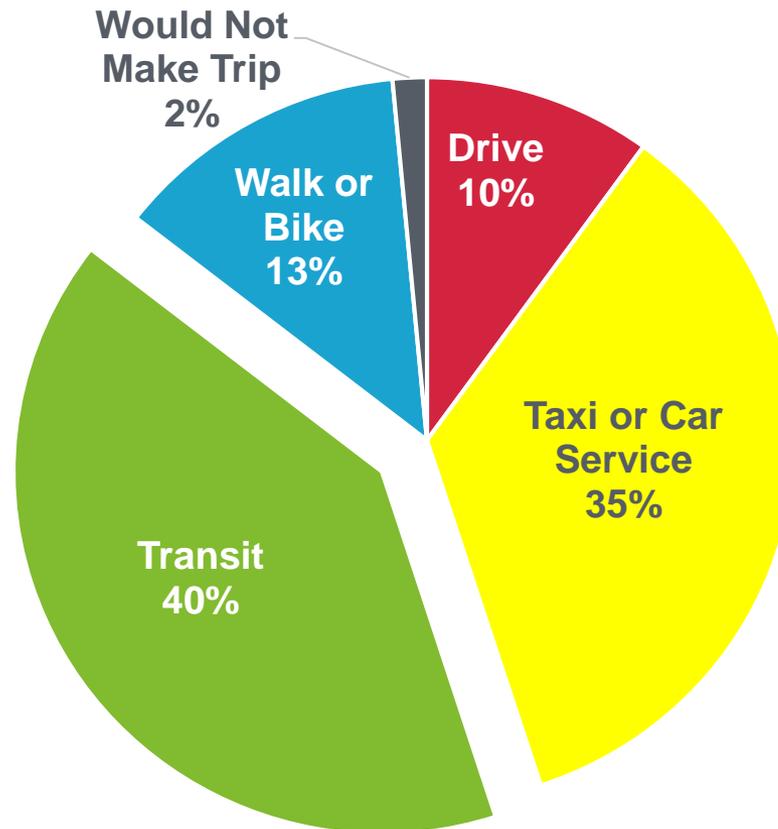


Source: "Unsustainable?" by Bruce Schaller, February 2017. Commissioner Polly Trottenberg, NYT October 23, 2017.

NYC APP-BASED RIDERS SECOND CHOICE

What mode of transportation would you have used had ride-hailing service not been available?

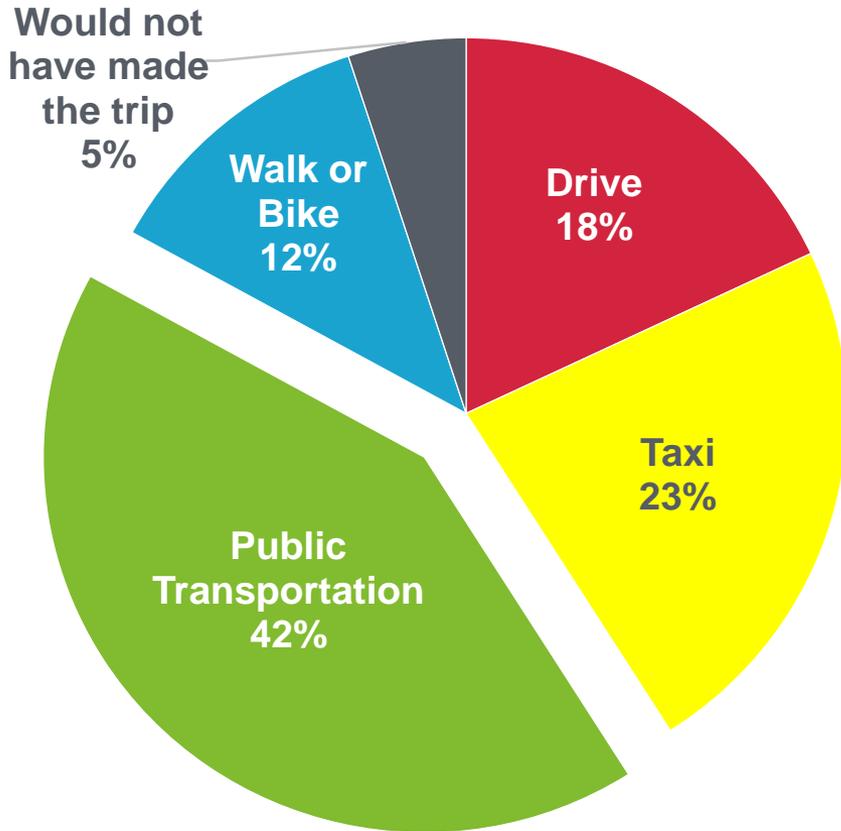
New York



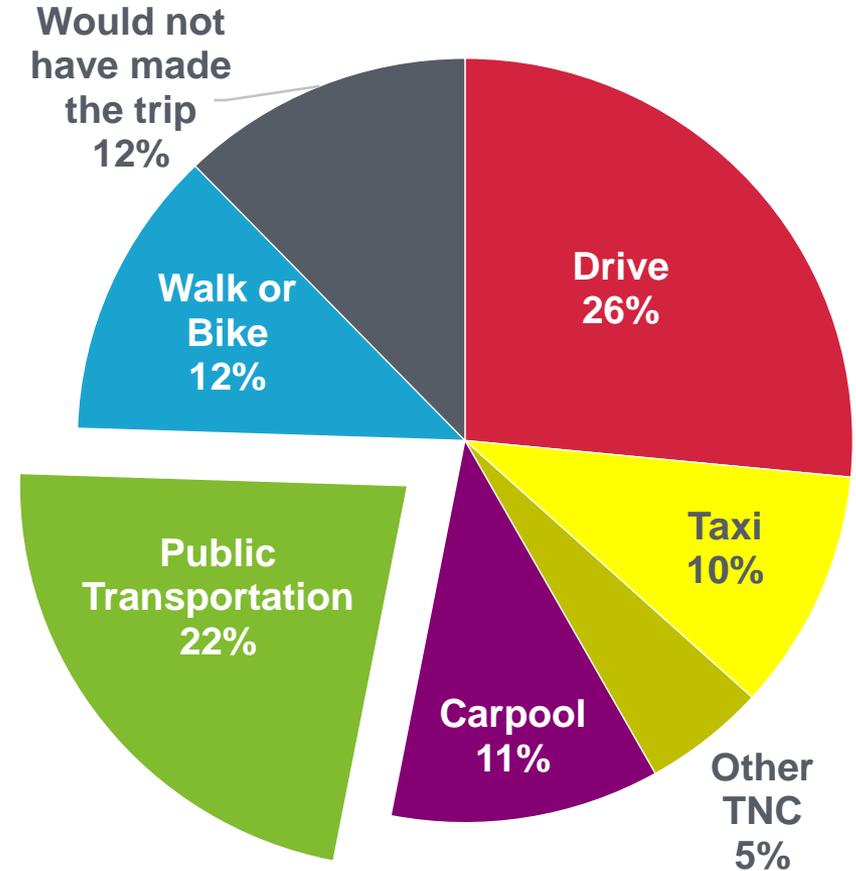
Source: NYC DOT Mobility Report 2018, 616 respondents; normalized to equal 100% by Sam Schwartz

MODE REPLACEMENT BOSTON AND CALIFORNIA

Boston



Denver

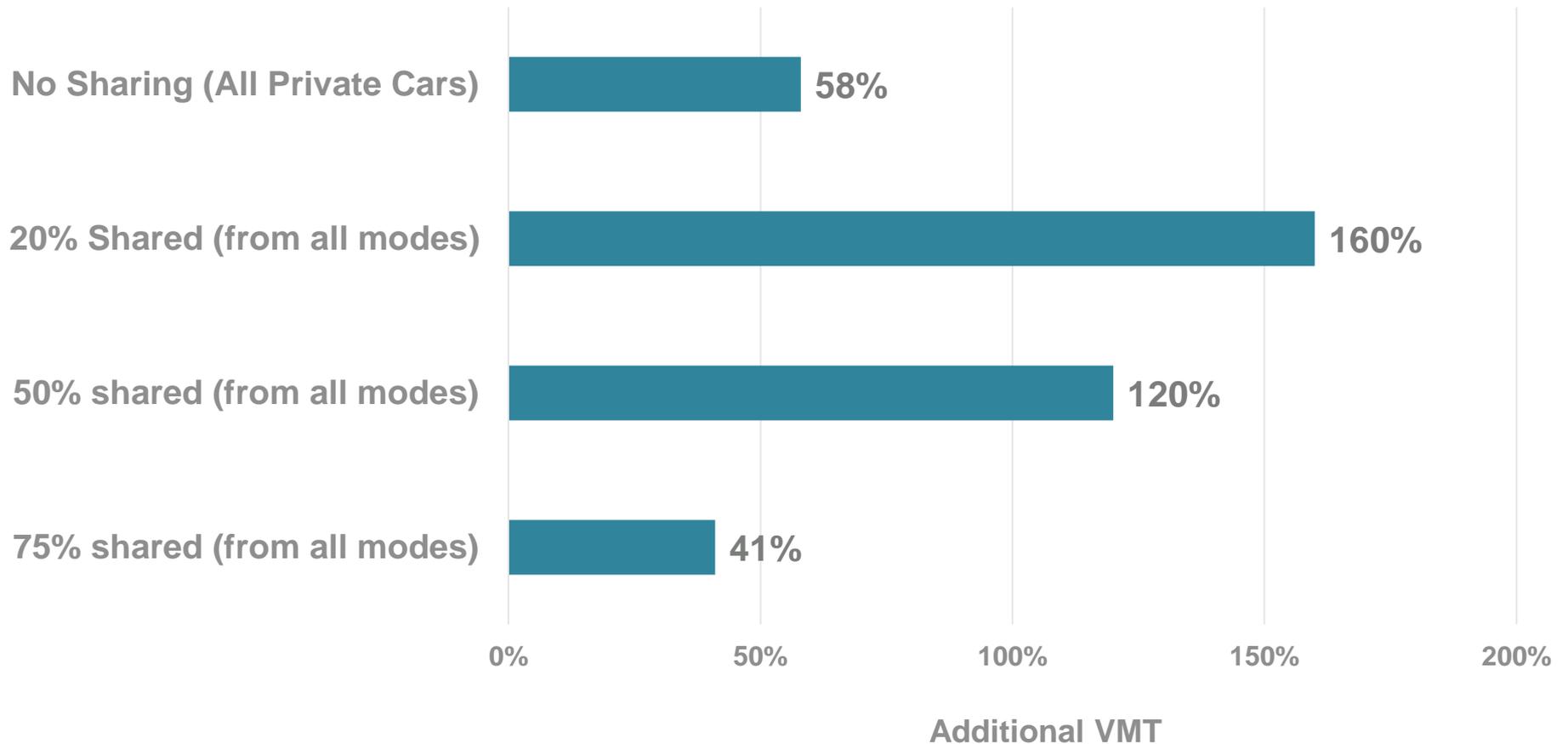


Source: Fare Choices: A survey of Ride Hailing passengers in Metro Boston, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, MAPC 2018; The Adoption of Shared Mobility in California, Circella et al. 2018

Source: "Impacts of Ridesourcing—Lyft and Uber —on Transportation including VMT, Mode Replacement, Parking, and Travel Behavior," Henao 2017.

APP-BASED CARS TRAVEL 1.58m FOR EACH PASSENGER MILE

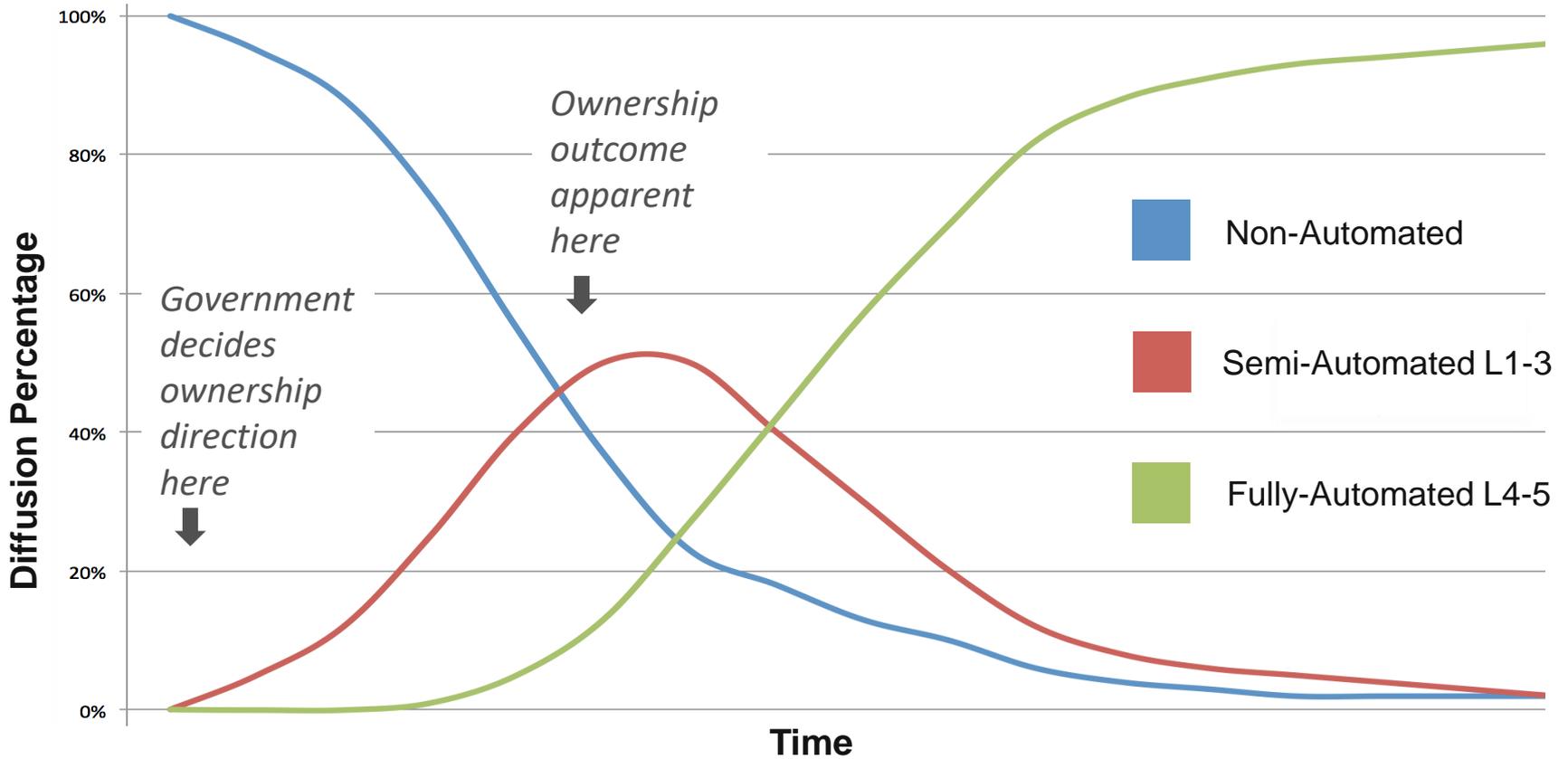
Additional VMT Induced by TNC Rides



Source: The New Automobility: Lyft, Uber and the Future of American Cities by Schaller Consulting, July 2018

WARNING: MIXED TECHNOLOGIES AHEAD

(UNCERTAIN TIME SCALE)



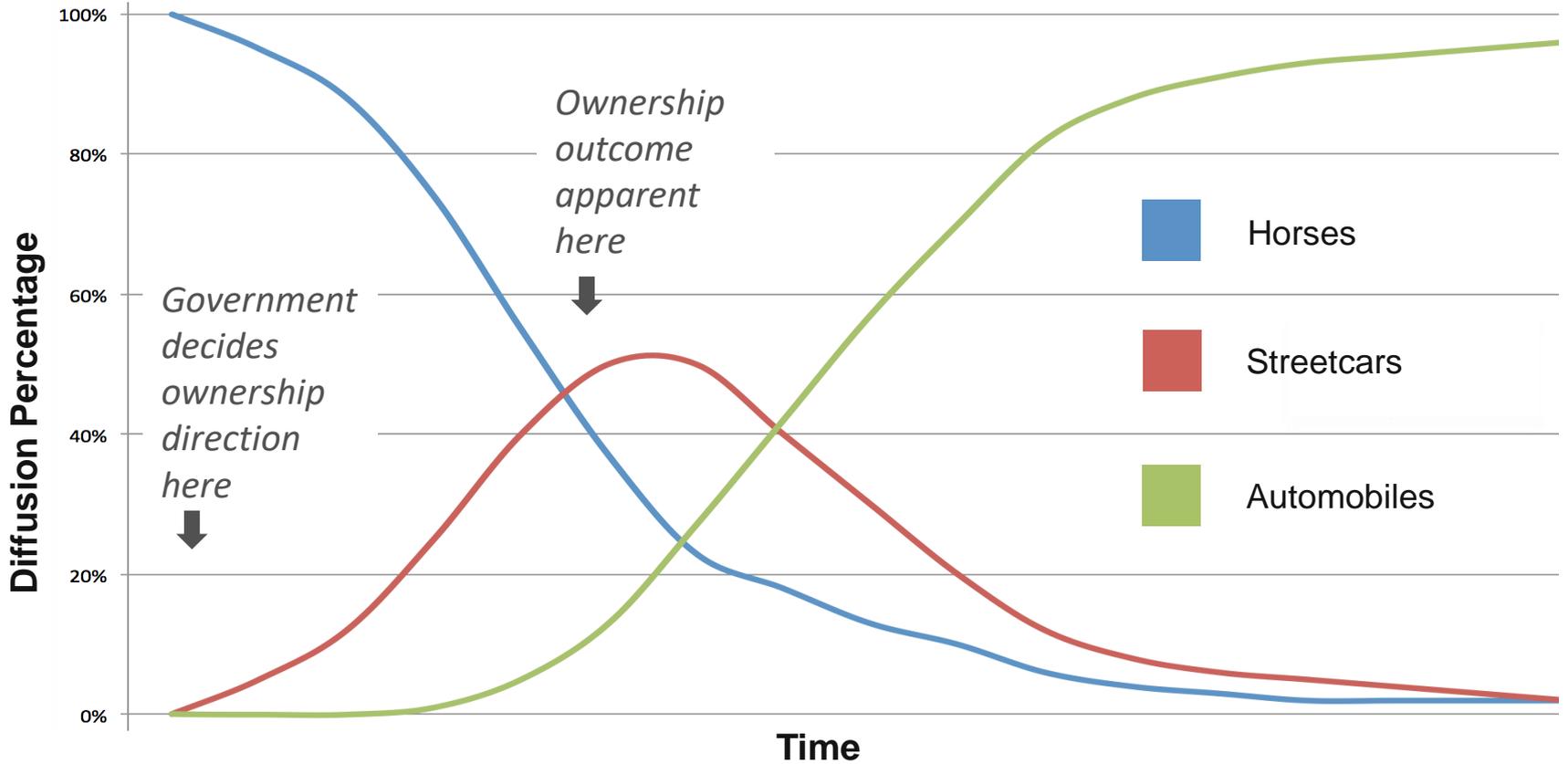
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40 - 50 years of mixed car technologies

2050-2100

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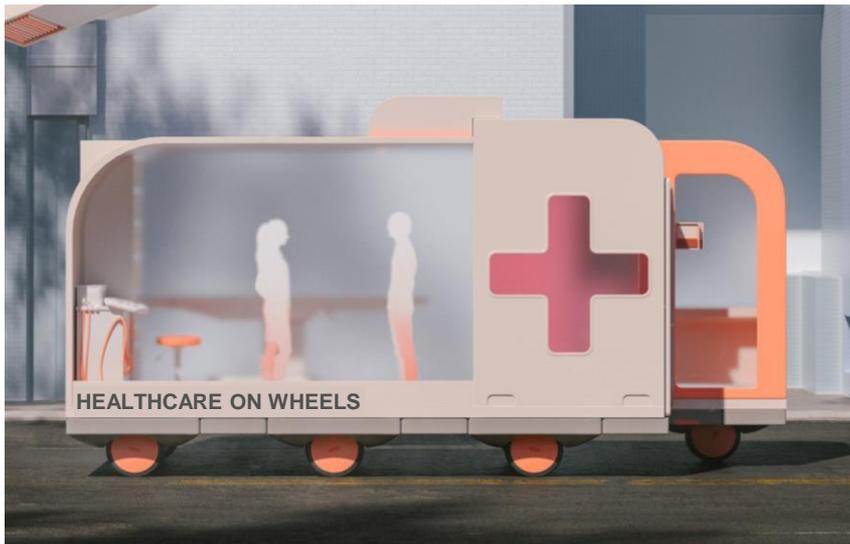
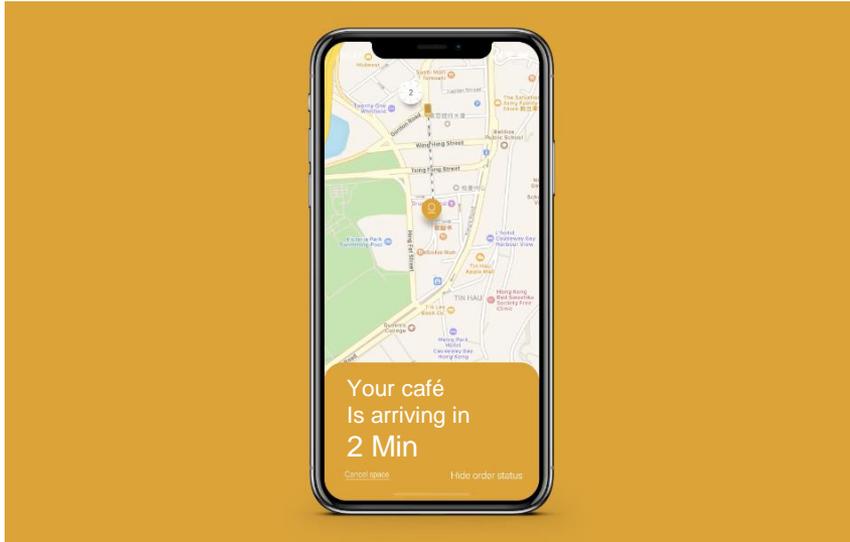


1900

30 years of mixed car technologies

1930

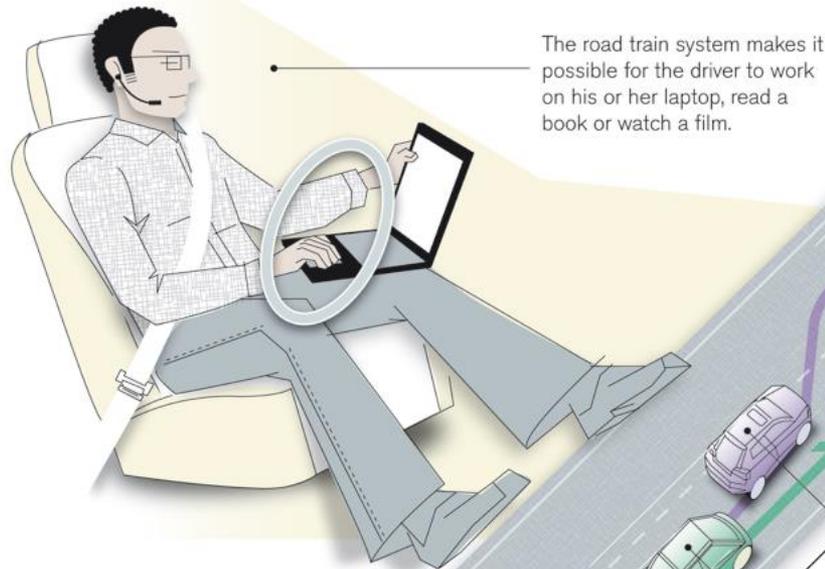
AVs NEED NOT LOOK LIKE CARS OF TODAY, COULD BE WIDER + LONGER, AND ANY SHAPE



DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE ON “ROAD TRAINS”

Join a road train

A safe and energy-efficient way to travel



The road train system makes it possible for the driver to work on his or her laptop, read a book or watch a film.

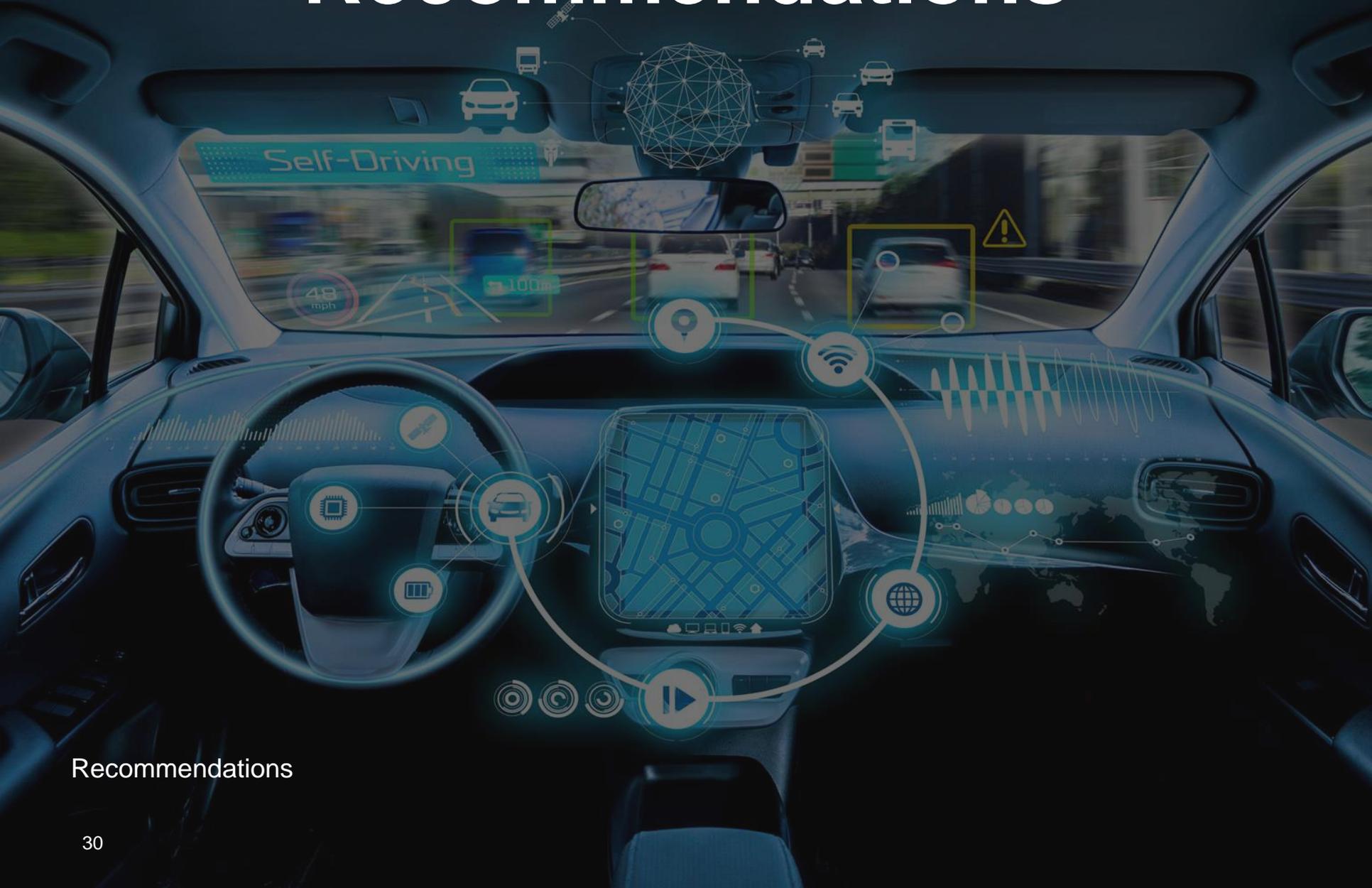
6-8 vehicles
in each convoy

- “Road Trains” - a fraction of transit capacity
- Instead, maintain good existing systems
- Use AVs for last mile transport
- Prepare transit workers for jobs in AV transit

VMT SOARS, CONGESTION REMAINS AWFUL



Recommendations



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SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Government and Society Should Get Ahead of the Curve

- Discourage private AV ownership; support AV-transit integration
- Maintain and support good *mass* transit
- Emphasize last mile in sprawl areas and transit deserts
- Ensure system equity for low income, disabled, and elderly
- Utilize congestion pricing strategies to maintain adequate mobility
- Don't mess with bike/ped growth in cities
- Reallocate parking for better use
- Enact legislation and enforcement policies preemptively
- Get AV sector \$support for some infrastructure upgrades & maintenance
- Develop a counter-terrorism strategy
- Humanize street design: narrow lanes, widen sidewalks, don't add lanes
- Establish AV street typology plan

STREET TYPOLOGIES FOR AVs

Compliance Through Public - Private Agreements



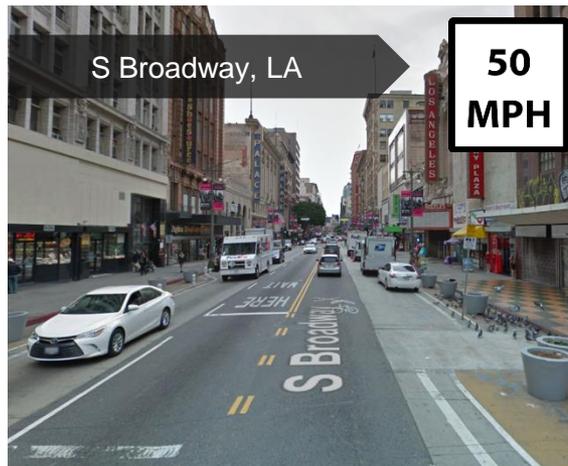
Car Free



Pedestrians Rule, Car is Intruder



Slow Streets



Moderate



Urban Arterial



Freeway/Highway

HUMANIZE STREET DESIGN



New York City: Amsterdam Avenue

HUMANIZE STREET DESIGN



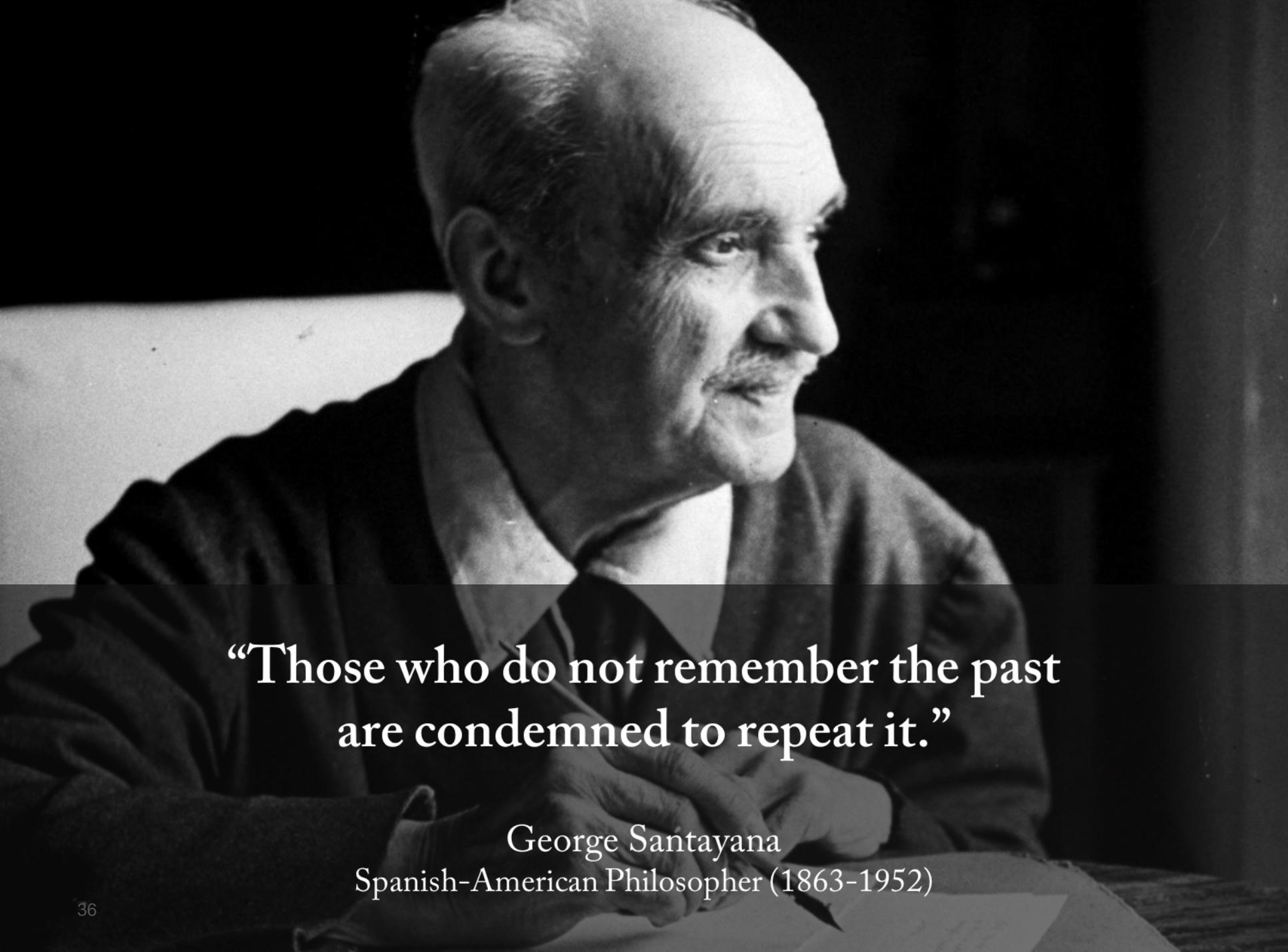
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HUMANIZE STREET DESIGN



Credit: Clarence Eckermen - StreetFilms

New York City: Amsterdam Avenue



**“Those who do not remember the past
are condemned to repeat it.”**

George Santayana
Spanish-American Philosopher (1863-1952)



“I don’t even know why we study history. It’s entertaining, I guess – the dinosaurs and the Neanderthals ... stuff like that...In technology, all that matters is tomorrow.”

Source: “Did Uber Steal Google’s Intellectual Property?”
New Yorker, October 22, 2018

Anthony Levandowski
Google self-driving car engineer +
Otto Co-founder

The background features a dark blue, textured surface with several overlapping clock faces. The clock faces are semi-transparent and show various numbers and hands. Curved, dark blue arrows are scattered across the scene, pointing in various directions, suggesting movement or a path through time. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and digital.

Let's go back to 1911

RESPECTING HISTORY – A WALK BACK IN TIME

NYC 1911



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**A visitor from 2100
travels back to 2019**

BY 2030 WALKERS IN CITIES SLOWED AV TRAFFIC TO A CRAWL



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IN 2035, WE FENCED IN PEDESTRIANS LIKE CATTLE, AND SOON WE
HOLLOWED OUT CITIES WHICH LED TO THE RIOTS OF THE 60s**

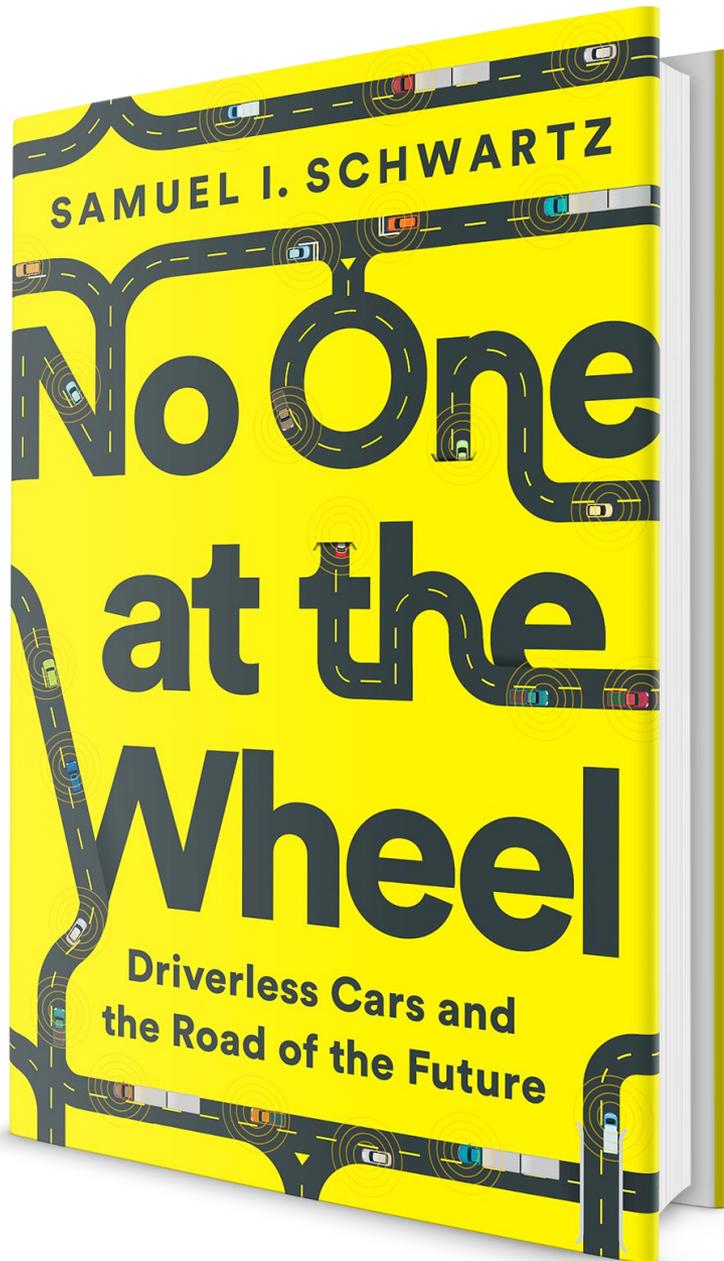


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