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## Planning Matters Series:

- November 9<sup>th</sup> Emily Talen (Chicago, IL)
  - "Walkable + Diverse Urbanism: The Complications of an Ideal"
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> Eric Avner, Joe Nickol & Kevin Wright (Cincinnati, Ohio)
  - "The Neighborhood Playbook"
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Kristen Jeffers (Washington DC)
  - "The Black Urbanist"



## Planning as if People Mattered: How our Current Approach to Mobility Makes us Fat, Poor, Angry, and Depressed How Technology will Worsen Things and What to Do to Fix It



### Agenda

- Why Transportation?
- What is Congestion?
- Will Autonomous Vehicles Save Us? (Spoiler: No)
- Aligning Values with Governance
- Measuring Equity as Tool for Action

# Why Transportation?



#### **Transportation Demand Management**

- Making more efficient use of existing infrastructure
- Making sure mobility is always available, whenever needed



#### Quantity

#### **Induced and Latent Demand**





## What can't we do?

## Solve Congestion

#### Old Speed Paradigm → Roadway LOS

LOS	Average delay in seconds per vehicle	Description of motorist perception
A	< 10	Free-flow traffic: "Good" LOS
В	10.1 - 20	Reasonable free-flow
C	20.1-35	Stable but unreasonable delay begins to occur
D	35.1 - 55	Borderline "bad" LOS
E	55.1 - 80	"Bad" LOS: long queues
F	> 80	Unacceptable: very high delay, congestion

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#### **Traffic Economics**





### Level of Service A

Level of Service F

1

## What's important depends upon perspective



Traffic engineer:

**Economist:** 





#### Vehicle Delay, Not Person Delay Not Moving 150-400 sq ft 50-400 sq ft 20 20 5 5,000 sq ft Moving 1,500 sq ft 75 sq ft 50 20 0 0 0 0 Bus at 30 mph Single Occupant Single Occupant Walk at 3 Bike at with 40-60 pax Car at 30 mph Car at 60 mph mph 10 mph

### **Other Modes are the Problem**

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#### Mitigations – Shrink the Project?



#### Mitigations – Move the Project?



#### Mitigations – Widen the Road





# Overreliance on LOS is Creating the Problems It was intended to solve

## But Autonomous Vehicles Will save us, right?





## **Pop Quiz:**

# Who's investing the most in autonomous vehicle technology?

## **Pop Quiz:**

## What's Google's revenue model? Selling information, right?

# ~95% of Google's revenue is Advertising

Source: Investopedia

#### FACTORS THAT MAY DETERMINE ADOPTION MODEL

- Cost per ride: \$1 threshold vs. traditional autos
- Cost of AVs: **Too costly**  for vast majority of people?



Source: Walker, Jonathan and Charlie Johnson. Peak Car Ownership: The Market Opportunity of Electric Automated Mobility Services. Rocky Mountain Institute, 2016. <u>http://www.rmi.org/peak\_car\_ownership</u>



### **Minority Report**



#### **Effect on Cities – Current Trajectory**

- Upside: Parking lots and garages repurposed
- Downside: Stranded parking garages
- Parking revenue collapses
- Induced demand results in severe congestion
- Sprawl
- Public health decline



#### Image: Victor Dover. Atlanta parking

#### **Effect on Transit Agencies: Current Trajectory**

- AV fares cheaper than most transit fares for most trips
- AVs faster except at peak where transit has dedicated right of way
- Complete loss of off-peak and reverse peak revenue
- Transit agencies will seek to preserve operator jobs until retiree healthcare requires agency bankruptcy
- Huge increase in congestion and loss of person capacity
- Cities respond by offering incentives to high-capacity Chariot



#### **Alternative Model**

Streets are 25-35% of a city's area

They are its most valuable asset



#### **Managed Streets**

- Streets are city's most valuable asset
- Manage them for the public good
- Use lowest price that eliminates congestion
- Price empty seats and empty cargo space
- Replace on-street parking with protected bikeways
- Price curb access and manage for pooled rides


### **Transit Must Lead**

- Best contexts for AVs:
  Long haul trucking
  Bus Rapid Transit
- Cities must partner with transit operators: Dedicated right of way in exchange for AV BRT, 24/7 every 2 minutes
- Begin process now to minimize any job loss



# What else can we do?



### Life Expectancy, Oakland, Regions









### Happiness







## Prosperity



### space required to transport 60 people



Car?

Press-Office City of Müenster, Germany/via

Bus?

## **space** required to transport **60 people**



car

uber

#### autonomous car

Image: Jon Orcutt

### Environment

### Youth/Senior/Disabled

LOCAL

MUST INSERT

**TO BOARD BUS** 

-A TRANST

### Affordability

### MUST INSERT TO BOARD BUS

LOCAL

## Safety

### EQUALITY







#### EQUITY



Align the mechanics of governance with our Values



Goals

Objectives

Strategies

**Performance Measures** 

Budget

Reporting

### If your values aren't tied to your

## budget

Your values

don't matter

### Oakland: Sept 2016 - April 2017:

- Parking requirement reform
- Parking management reform
- ✓ Traffic analysis reform eliminated LOS
- ✓ Formed the DOT
  - Strategic Plan
  - Org Chart
  - Ryan Russo hired
- ✓ Equity analysis tools
- ✓ \$350M Infrastructure bond
- Construction project impacts rules
- Pedestrian Master Plan
- City of Oakland V New capital and operating budgets



### **OakDOT Equity Tools Links**

- Main Landing Page: <u>https://oakbec.s3.amazonaws.com/MapLanding/internal\_index.html</u>
- Equity Dashboard: <u>http://oakbec.s3.amazonaws.com/MapLanding/maps/Equity\_Dashboard\_2.</u> <u>html#</u>
- Capital Improvement Program Equity Analysis: <u>http://oakbec.s3.amazonaws.com/MapLanding/maps/CaplitalImprovement</u> <u>ProjectAnalysis.html</u>
- Pedestrian Priority for Traffic Control: https://oakbec.s3.amazonaws.com/MapLanding/maps/PedestrianPriorityfor TemporaryTrafficControl.html
- DOT Dashboard: http://oakbec.s3.amazonaws.com/MapLanding/maps/DOTDashboard.html

### **Start with Outcome Disparities**

- Health:
  - -Life expectancy
  - –Asthma
  - -Diabetes
  - -Obesity
- Accessibility
  - –Jobs within 30 minutes
  - -Access to food and services
- Safety
- Children's Issues
- Seniors' Issues

### MTC "Communities of Concern"



### **Disaggregate Community of Concern Factors**



### **Examine Factors that Align with Outcomes**



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### **Convert Flat Map to Heatmap**



### **Weight Different Factors**



### Analysis



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CartoDB. CartoDB attribution

### **Project Analysis**







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