

Automation in Transportation:What Lies Ahead?

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DISRUPTIVE FORCES AT WORK



We're on the cusp of a transformation in transportation, driven by advances in vehicle Automation, Connectivity, Electrification and Sharing. These advances will require changes to our transportation infrastructure...in some unexpected ways.



AUTOMATED VEHICLE BUSINESS CASES

- Ride-hailing and fleets of shared use vehicles
- First and last mile opportunities
- Residential, CBD and campus circulation
- Automated transit
- Truck automation and platooning
- Package and food delivery
- Highway maintenance operations

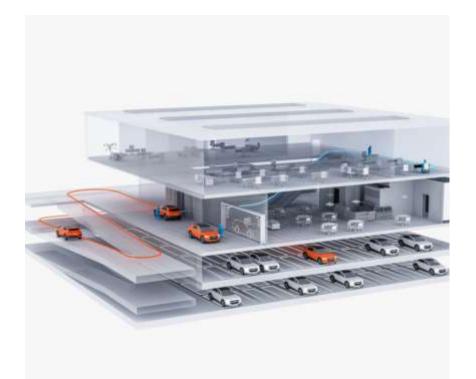






Ride-Hailing Services

- Introduction in geofenced areas of cities
- Entertainment and sports venues
- Transit stations, mobility hubs and airports
- Impacts:
 - Curb management needs
 - Reduced parking requirements more productive use of real estate
 - Parking structure design considerations
 - Repurpose parking for automated vehicle staging, queuing and charging
 - Buy rides, not cars garaging and residential home design considerations









First and Last Mile Services

- Deliver residents / workers to and from mobility hub or transit stop
- Remote parking shuttles
 - Residential communities
 - Resorts / beaches / parks
 - Airports and event venues
 - Commercial / business parks
- Impacts:
 - Remote parking facilities
 - Reduced congestion in sensitive areas
 - Concessions and TOD around mobility hubs









Circulators

- Campus, Airport and CBD Circulation
- Planned Community Circulators
- Examples:
 - University of Michigan
 - Jacksonville Ultimate Urban Circulator
 - Columbus, OH
 - Babcock Ranch, FL
 - Treasure Island, San Francisco
- Impacts:
 - Reduced congestion
 - Walkable communities

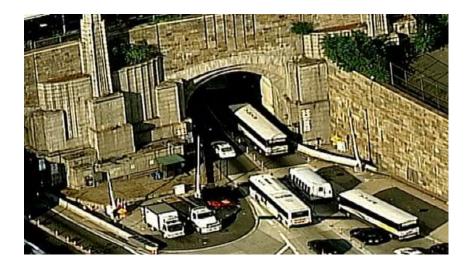






Transit Automation

- Higher Speed on Dedicated Roadways or Lanes
 - Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) solutions
 - Alternative to Light Rail and APMs
- Slow Adoption Rate Among Bus Manufacturers -Shuttle Makers Fill the Void
- Challenges of Precision Docking, Platooning, and Charging
- Current Plans
 - Lincoln Tunnel Pilot
 - MDX XT Lane Concept
 - Osceola County, FL
 - Houston METRO







Automated Goods Movement

- Intermodal connectivity at ports and airports
- Assembly and distribution centers
- Long-haul trucking efficiencies
- Local delivery
 - Land vehicles
 - Unmanned aerial vehicles
- Impacts:
 - More efficient inventory handling = reduced space needs
 - Docking solutions and building design







Truck Platooning

• Impacts:

- Less wheel wander = pavement wear pattern
- Less time for pavement slabs to recover
- Dedicated lanes for truck platoons on highways
- Bridge weight limits







TRANSITIONING ON OUR HIGHWAYS

- Managed lanes in a new context
- Should we separate automated vehicles from others to generate the most benefits?
- At what penetration rate should we dedicate a lane?
- Incrementally increase the number of special lanes as the fleet turns over?



Highway Construction, Maintenance & Operations

- Construction processes and equipment
- Inspections
- Mowing
- Sweeping







INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACTS

MUTCD changes

 Design criteria changes – ODD for ADS

- If cars don't crash
 - Traffic signalization impacts
 - Signage
 - Seamless travel between roads and modes





Expected Benefits of Automated Vehicles

INCREASED
MOBILITY FOR
NON-DRIVERS
IS RECOGNIZED
AS THE SINGLE
MOST IMPORTANT
BENEFIT OF
AUTONOMOUS
VEHICLES.



52%
Increase mobility
for non-drivers



43% Reduce accidents and increase safety



23% Improve the environment



23% Improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists



22% Reduce congestion



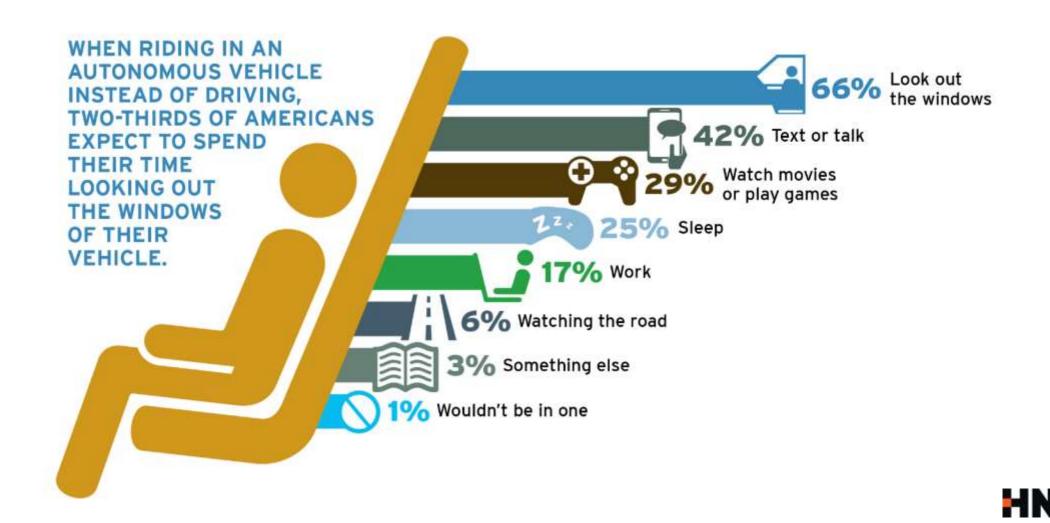
19%
Increase ability of existing highways to handle more traffic



19%
No benefits from autonomous vehicles



What People will do in Automated Vehicles

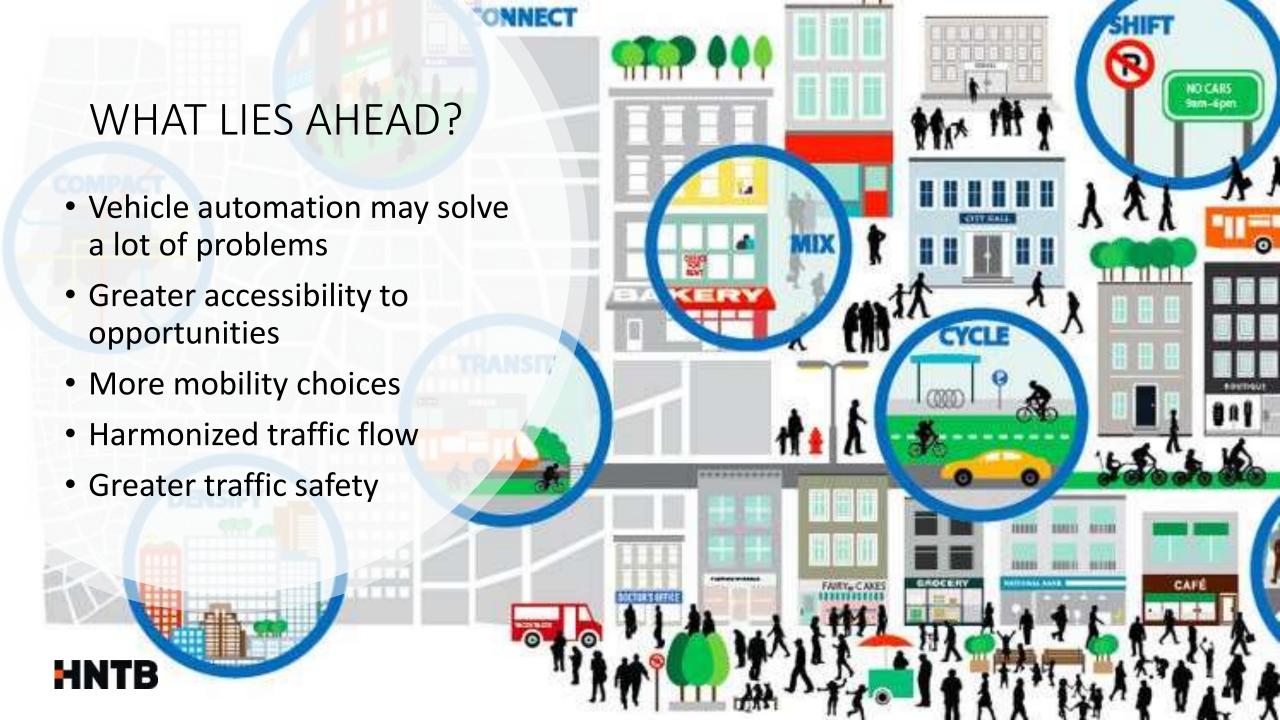


- More VMT or less?
- Less parking?
- Private versus fleet ownership models?
- Impacts on transit?
- Climate impacts?
- Quality of life?
- Urban form?









- On the other hand...
- Vehicle automation may promote longer commutes
 - Work, sleep, eat on your ride
- Impacts:
 - Urban sprawl
 - Large lot developments and rural transformation
 - Property value decreases in urban core
 - Decentralization of housing and jobs to exurban areas
 - Additional strain on infrastructure





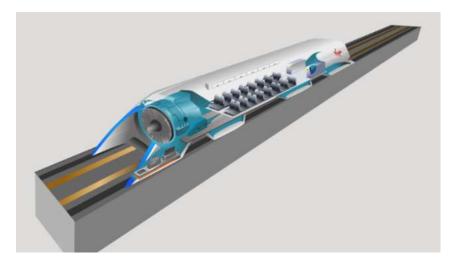


- "Nomadization"
 - Untethered to place
 - Work, sleep, eat and <u>live</u> in your automated vehicle
 - Highways as homesteads
 - Strip cities / "sprawl on steroids"





- This is just the beginning...
- Future of mobility
 - "Flying cars"
 - Hyperloop networks
- What impacts will they bring?







GAME CHANGER

- Automated Vehicles will change the face of transportation
- Impacts on operations, urban form and land use, transportation system design, intermodal coordination, parking, green space
- Future can't be left to chance



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