

# SuSMo (Sustainable Urban Shared Mobility) Project Webinar

## How can cities evaluate the impacts of shared mobility?

Results from ongoing work on the state-of-the-art and state-of-the-practice from cities around the world

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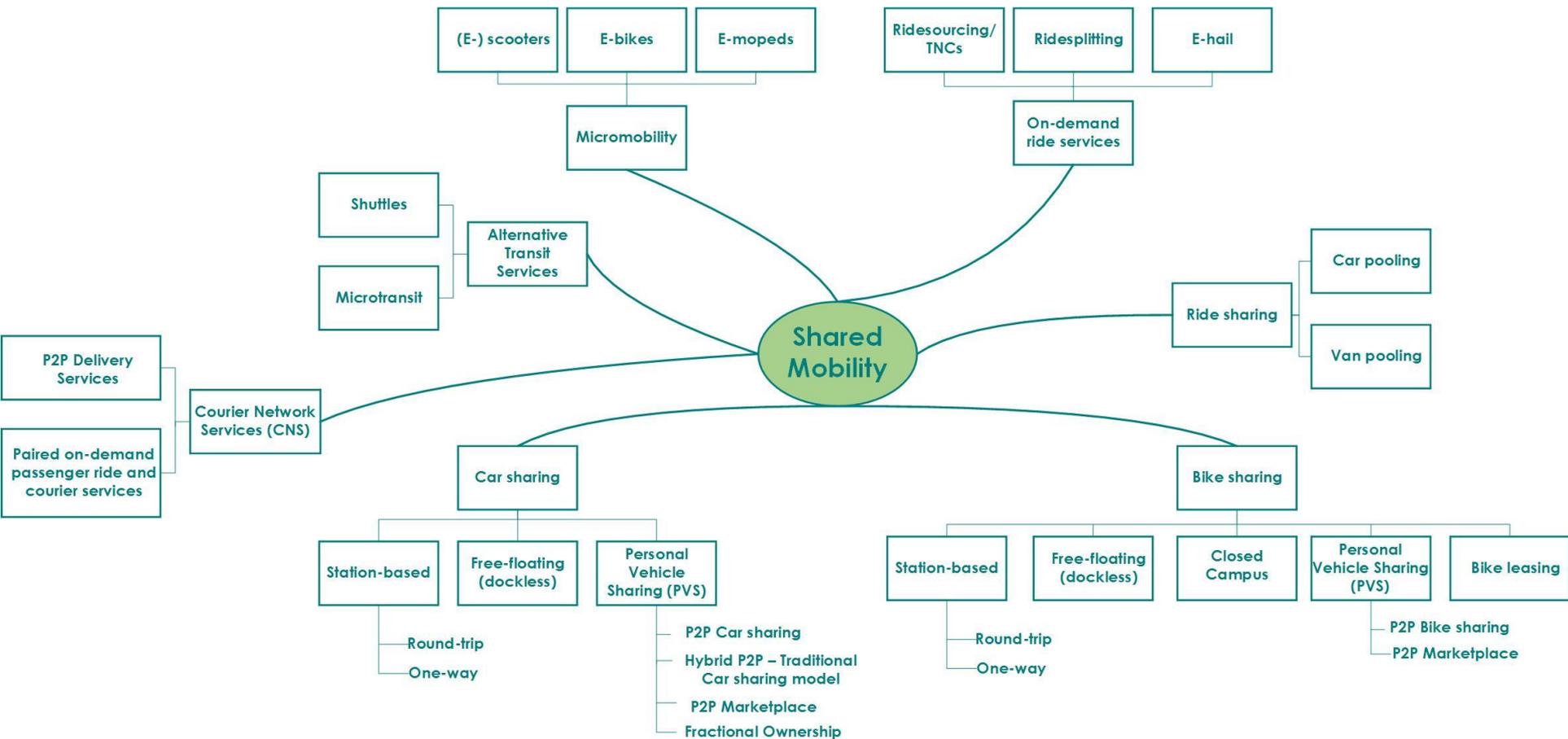
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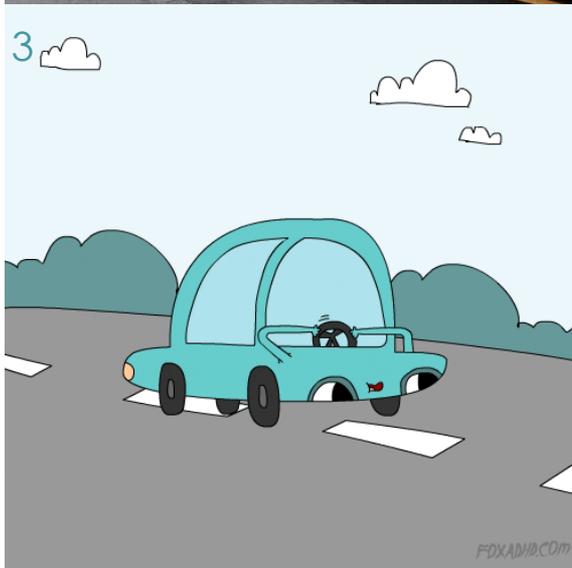
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- Shared mobility modes and services
- Evolution and trends of shared mobility
- Shared mobility and Covid - 19
- Categories of impact of shared mobility
- Evaluation of impacts
  - ✓ Methods (State-of-the art)
  - ✓ Case studies (State-of-the-practice)
- Conclusions, open questions & perspectives

# Shared mobility modes and services



# A large part of the recent literature focuses on Shared Electric Vehicles and Shared Autonomous Vehicles

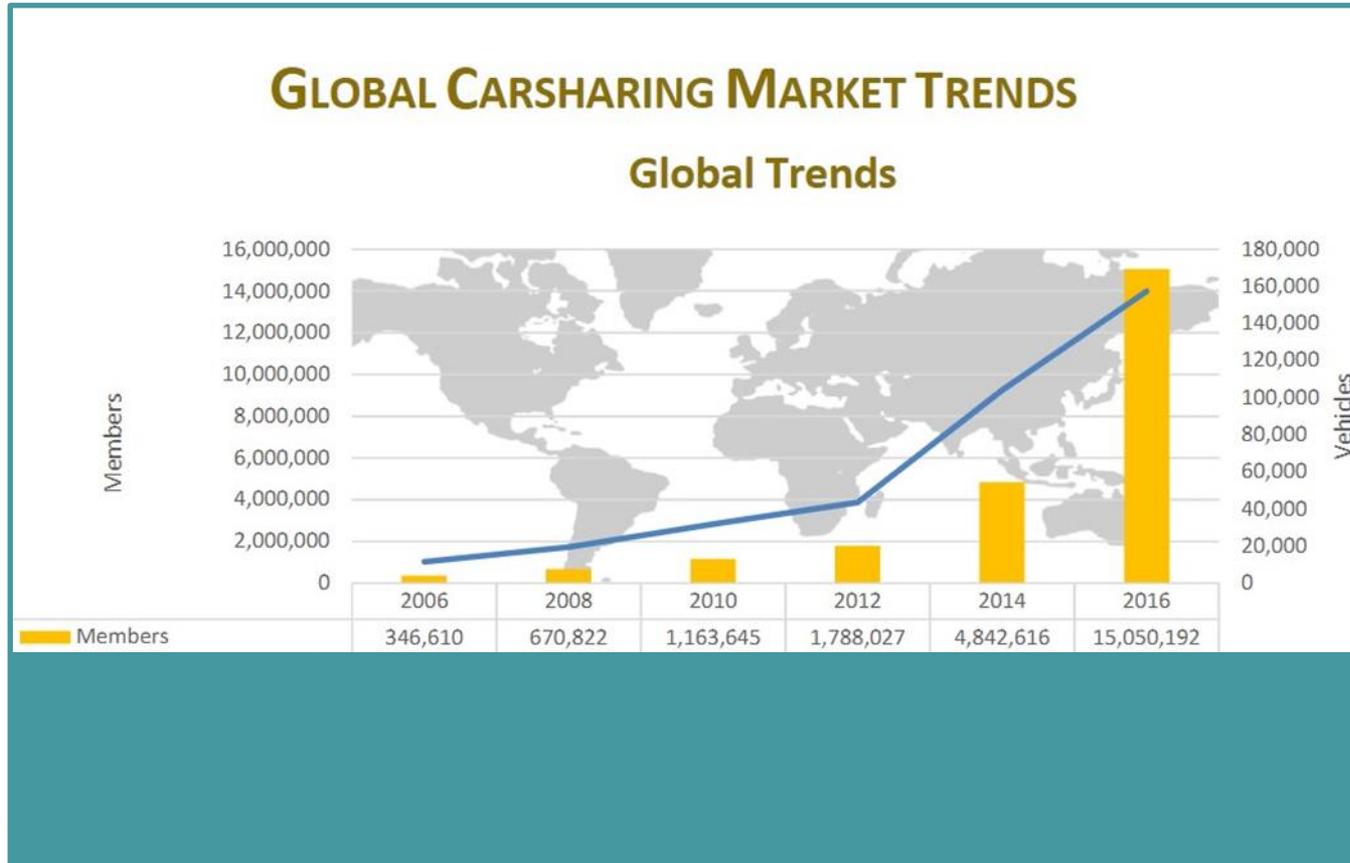


# Shared mobility of the future?



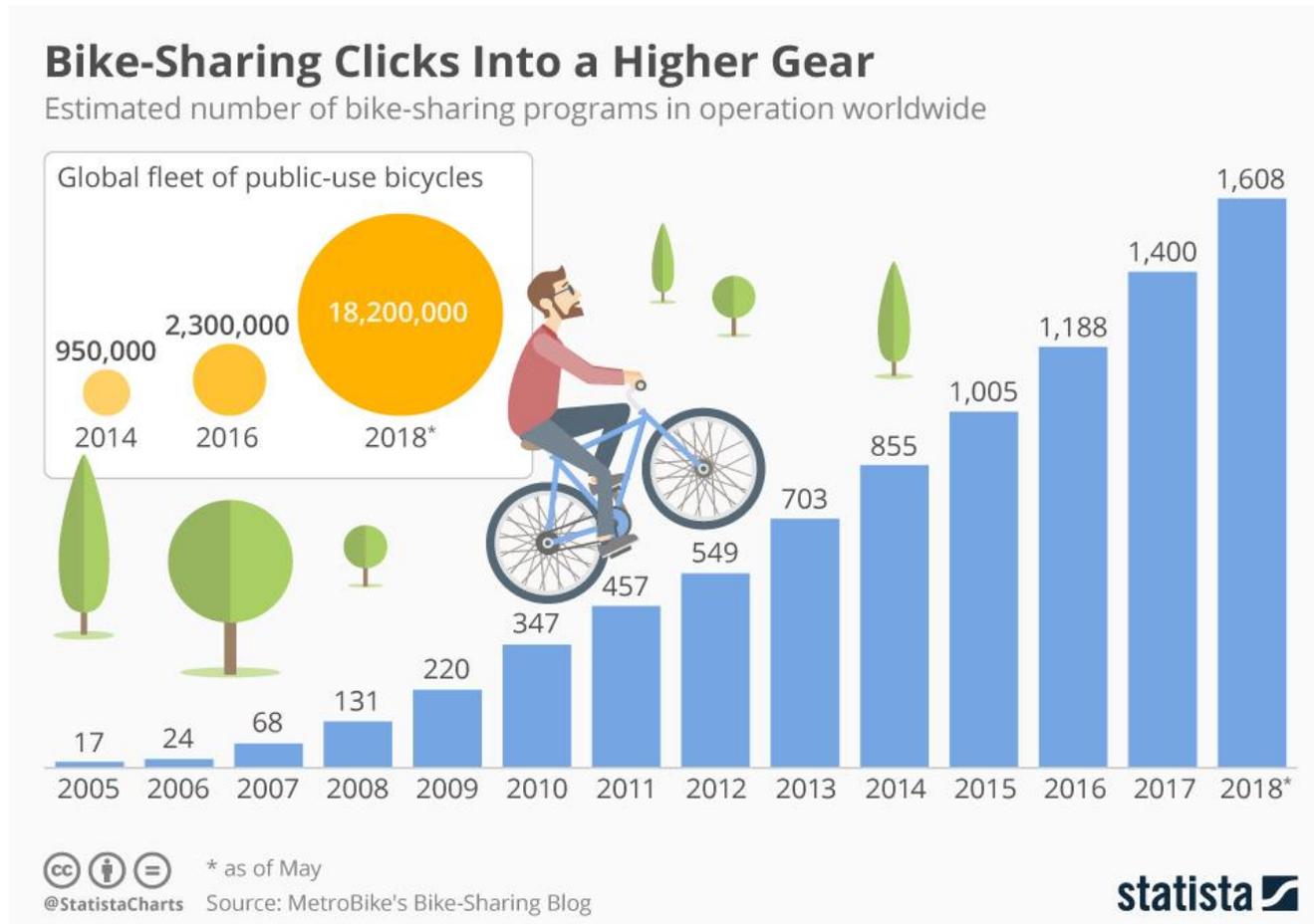
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# Evolution of car sharing worldwide



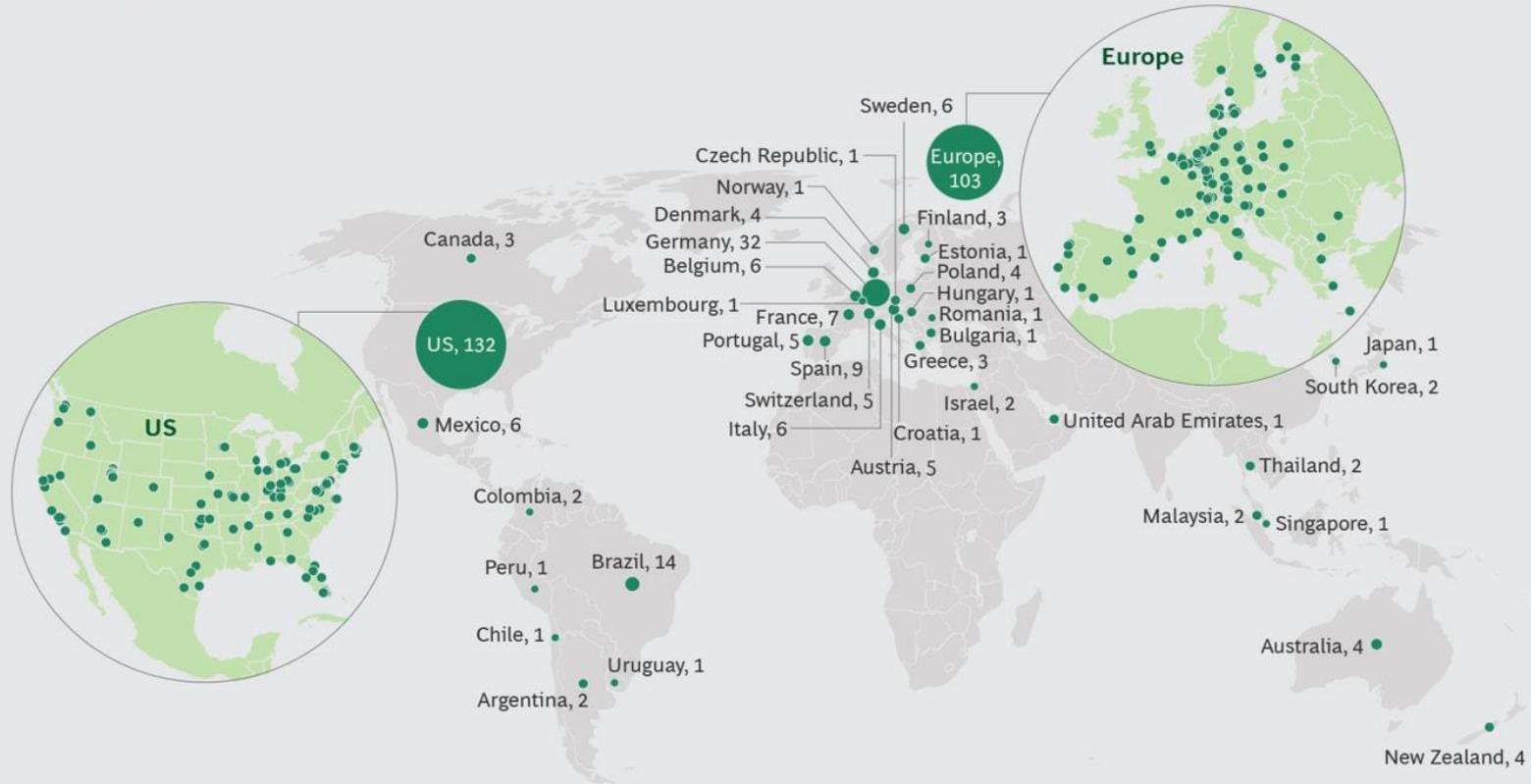
Source: Shaheen, S., Cohen, A. and Jafee, M. (2018), "Innovative mobility: carsharing outlook. Carsharing market overview, analysis and trends", Transportation Sustainability Research Center, University of California, Berkeley.

# Evolution of bike sharing worldwide



# Evolution of shared micromobility worldwide

EXHIBIT 1 | E-Scooters Are Rapidly Expanding Across the Globe



Source: BCG analysis.

Note: The number after each country identifies the number of cities per country with an e-scooter presence as of November 2019.

# Shared mobility and Covid – 19..

## How shared cars, scooters and other mobility solutions are fighting coronavirus



## COVID-19: IMPACT ON SHARED MOBILITY



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### COVID-19: Impact on shared mobility

In these unprecedented and very confusing times, it is safe to say that the COVID-19 virus has had an impact on every aspect of our daily lives, including the transportation services that we regularly use.

Most operators have experienced free-fall declines in bookings and journeys because of people staying and working from home. This is also the first time that a virus of this kind has managed to unearth the epidemiological aspect of shared mobility, on a global scale. With social and physical distancing measures in place in many countries, ridehailing, public transit and carpooling services have had to re-evaluate how to safely transport passengers in services where people not only use a shared vehicle consecutively but simultaneously with strangers.

Never before, have personal transportation offers, whether they're airlines, shared mobility operators or transit authorities, had to adapt their core services in such a fast time frame. The resulting pressure to reduce service or even shut down operations altogether has thrown the service and entire transportation networks into an unknown territory.



## Shared mobility firms experiment with new models as Covid-19 cripples their business

Companies that have captive fleets will eye increased occupancy with business-to-business partnerships, corporate tie-ups and product delivery in the near term.

Aditi Shrivastava | ETech | Updated: May 05, 2020, 00:32 IST

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Amazon signals entry into alcohol delivery in India with nod in key state



Flipkart to launch hyperlocal delivery services starting with Bengaluru



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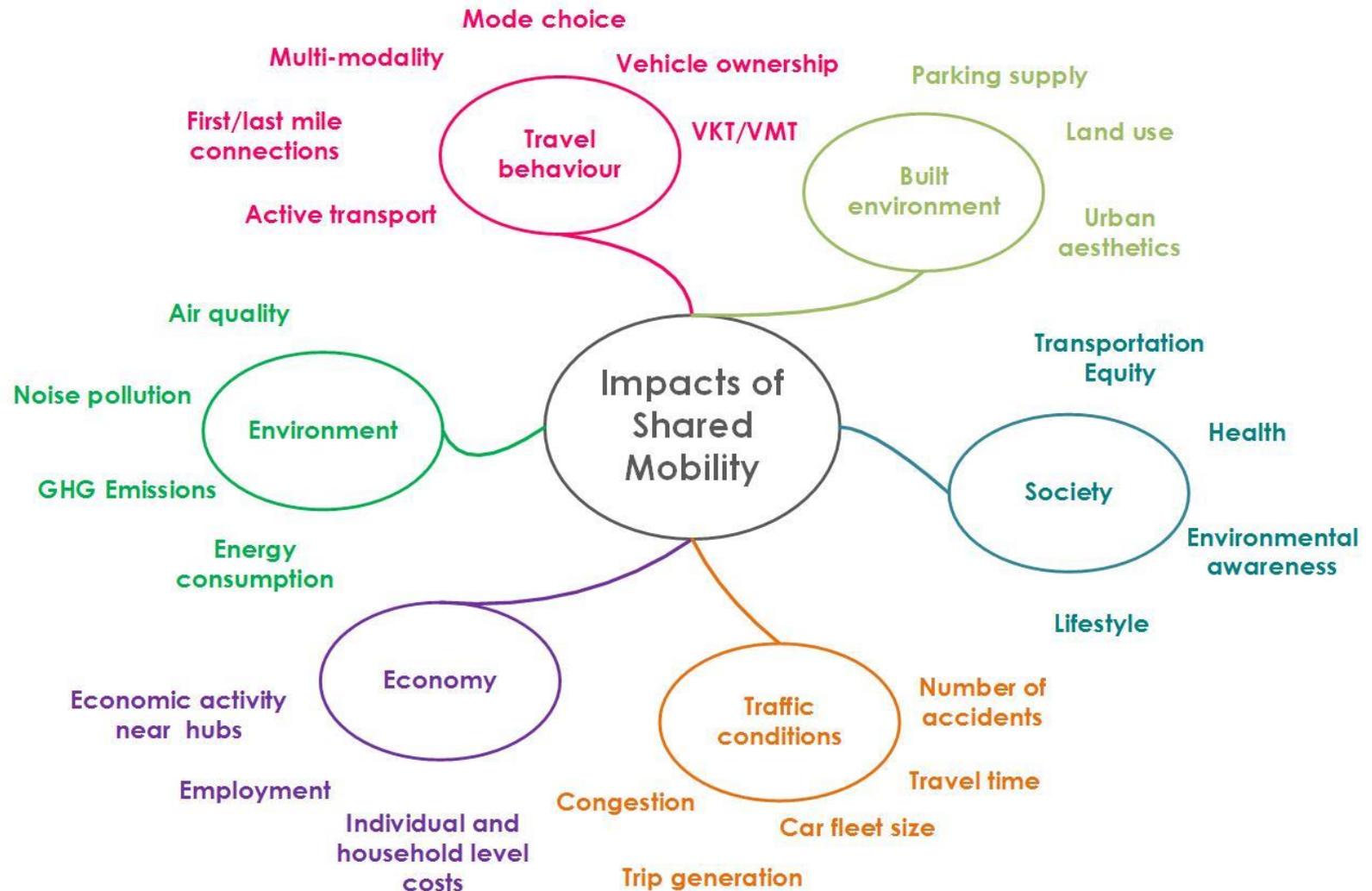
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## HOW THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IS SPEEDING THE SCOOTER APOCALYPSE

The scooter sharing industry is getting killed by COVID-19, but something better may emerge

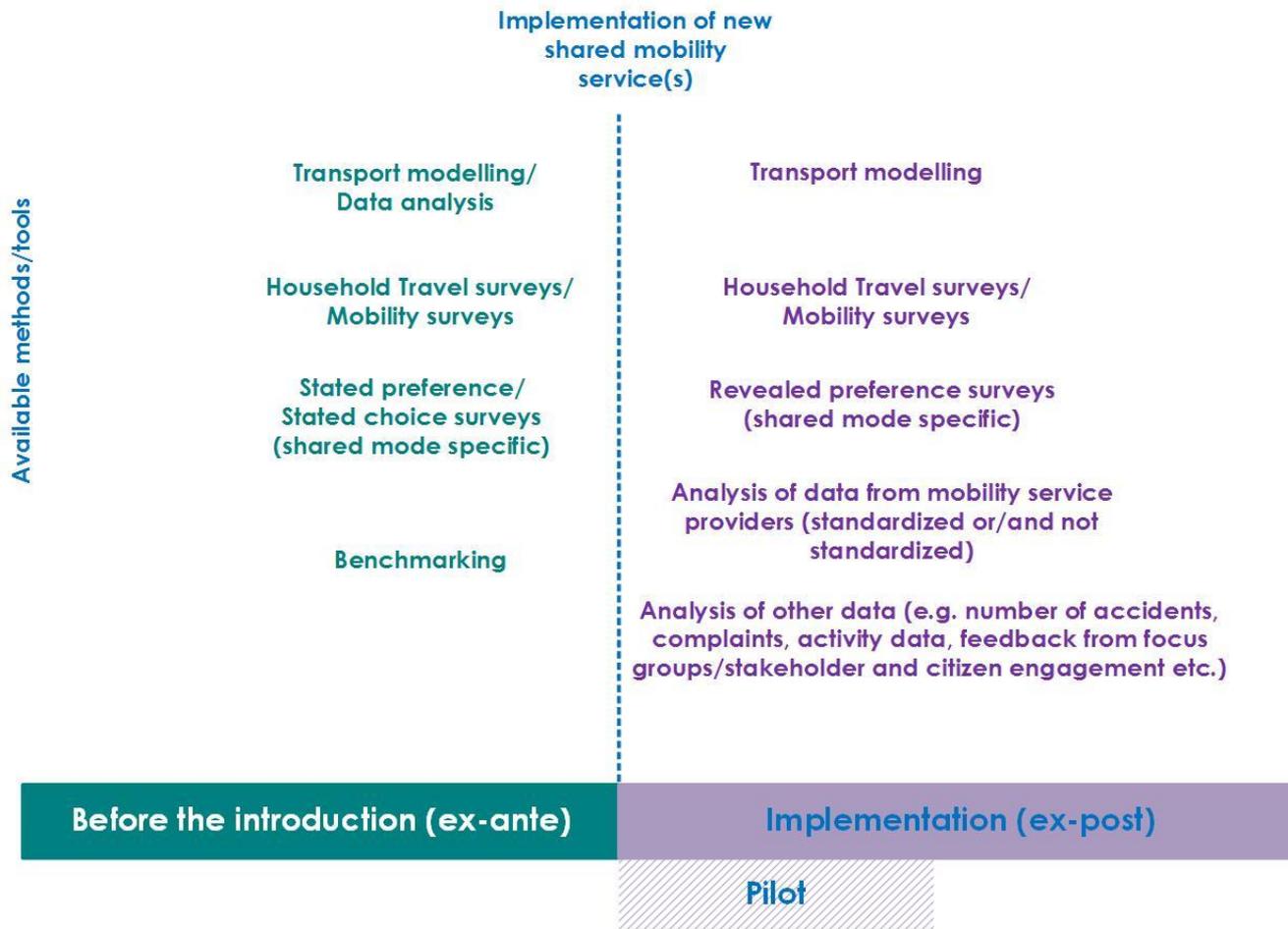
By Andrew J. Hawkins | @andjphawk | May 13, 2020, 12:51pm EDT

# Categories of impacts of shared mobility



# Available evaluation methods

How cities can evaluate the impacts of shared mobility?



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# Ex-ante evaluation

# Ex-ante: Stated preference/stated choice surveys

- Stated preference (SP) or stated choice (SC) surveys have been extensively used in the last decades in transport and other fields to **identify behavioural responses to choice situations** which are not yet revealed in the market (Hensher, 1994)
- These surveys provide **answers to hypothetical situations** with “what would you do/what would be your choice” type of questions.



Sources: Hensher, D.A. (1994), "Stated preference analysis of travel choices: the state of practice", *Transportation*, 21, 127-133.

1: <https://www.dragnsurvey.com/blog/en/the-difference-between-survey-and-questionnaire/>

2: <https://www.mememaker.net/meme/survey-meme-128532>

3: <https://www.memecenter.com/fun/1156002/true-story>

# A stated preference mode choice experiment for car-sharing in Copenhagen

- Objective: to examine how individuals value various characteristics of free-floating car sharing services and explore substitution patterns between them and traditional transport modes (private cars, public transport, bike).
- The willingness-to-pay for vehicle reservation, parking availability and convenient access to car sharing vehicles was estimated.

You are commuting to work or your place of education or similar.  
Assume that *it is raining*.

**Based on this information, please indicate your mode choice:**

<b>Public Transport</b> Time: 18 min Cost: 8 DKK Access Time: 8 min	<b>Car</b> Time: 14 min Cost: 15 DKK Parking Search: 12 min Parking Cost: 5 DKK/hr	<b>Car-Sharing</b> Time: 14 min Cost: 10 DKK Access Time: 4 min Parking Search: 4 min Parking Cost: 4 min reservation possible	<b>Bike</b> Time: 23 min Cost: 0 DKK
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You are going out to pursue a hobby where you need to take a large bag. (e.g. sports equipment for playing golf or hockey or taking a large musical instrument, ...)  
Consider that the travelling distance is 4 km.  
Also, assume that *it is not raining*.

**Based on this information, please indicate your mode choice:**

<b>Bike</b> Time: 18 min Cost: 0 DKK	<b>Public Transport</b> Time: 16 min Cost: 19 DKK Access Time: 4 min	<b>Car-Sharing</b> Time: 10 min Cost: 14 DKK Access Time: 6 min Parking Search: 0 min Parking Cost: 10 DKK/hr reservation possible	<b>Car</b> Time: 10 min Cost: 11 DKK Parking Search: 0 min Parking Cost: 10 DKK/hr
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# A stated preference mode choice experiment for car sharing in Copenhagen

- Results show that free-floating car sharing is a strong competitor of public transport and bike trips and to a lesser degree of private car trips.
- Value of time spent searching for parking > by 20% and value of access time > 30% than value of the actual travel time inside the vehicle.
- Guaranteed availability of car sharing vehicles, convenient access and parking availability are very valuable characteristics for the users and could play an important role in car sharing adoption.



Sources: Carrone, A.P., Hoening, V.M., Jensen, A.F., Mabit, S.E. and Rich, J. (2020), "Understanding car sharing preferences and mode substitution patterns: A stated preference experiment", Transport Policy, in press

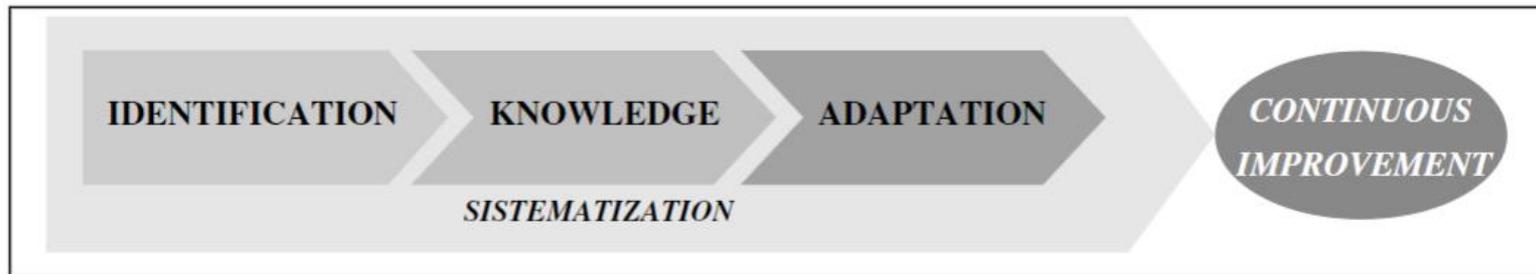
1: <https://www.iexpats.com/wonderful-copenhagen-wins-best-city-vote-for-expats/>

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# Ex-ante: Benchmarking

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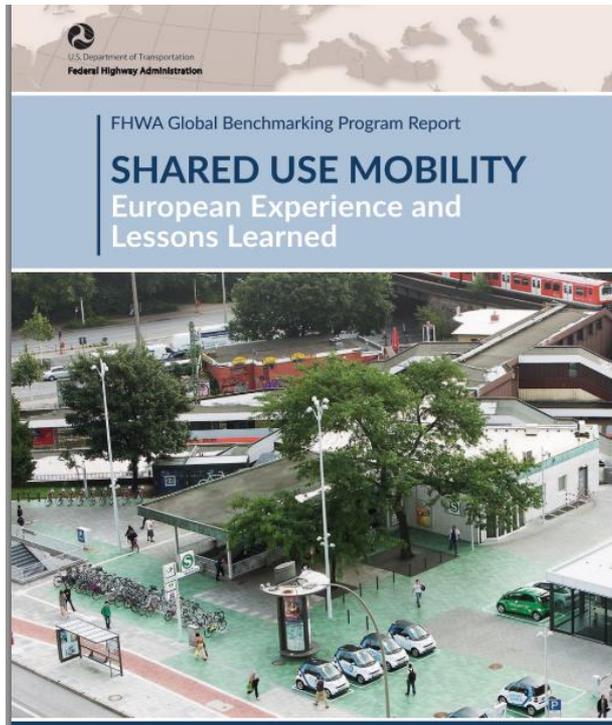
- Camp (1989) defined benchmarking as “the search for industry best practices that lead to superior performance”.
- In the context of city planning, benchmarking is a systematic and continuous process that includes identifying, learning from and eventually implementing the most effective practices from other cities (Zope et al., 2019).



Basic conceptual process of city benchmarking (Luque-Martínez and Muñoz-Leiva, 2005)

# FHWA Global Benchmarking Program Report on Shared Use Mobility in Europe

Objective: to study the European experience and lessons learned in shared mobility, to help avoid duplicative research, reduce overall costs, and accelerate improvements to the U.S. transportation system.



## Methodology:

- Literature review
- Interviews and meetings with experts
- Synthesis of the information

Three cities were selected (Munich, Paris and Brussels) based on factors such as the size and scale of their shared mobility systems and the existence of policies relevant to U.S. practices.

# FHWA Global Benchmarking Program Report on Shared Use Mobility in Europe

The study focused on three main topics:

- ✓ Incubating new shared mobility innovations to fill important service and system gaps.
- ✓ Sustaining and growing the scale and scope of shared mobility programs to meet expanding mobility needs and population demands.
- ✓ Successful integration of shared mobility services with existing public transport services, in areas such as on-demand services, first mile/last mile services, fare payment, and information/data sharing.



Source: Feigon, S., Frisbie, T., Halls, C. and Murphy, C. (2018), "Shared Use Mobility: European Experience and Lessons Learned", FHWA Global Benchmarking Program Report No. FHWA-PL-18-026

1: <https://sharedusemobilitycenter.org/fhwa-global-benchmarking/>

2: <https://transportpolicymatters.org/2020/01/13/paris-managing-the-shared-mobility-revolution/>

3: <https://www.brussellife.be/en/article/mobility-shared-in-brussels-services-that-move>

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# Ex-post evaluation

# Ex-post: Revealed preference surveys

- Can be addressed to users or/and non-users of a shared mobility service. Objective is to obtain a better understanding of travel behavior and of the motivational factors influencing it.
- Typical questions to users:
  - ✓ How did you travel before?
  - ✓ How would you travel if X was not an available option?
- To non-users:
  - ✓ What are the reasons for not using the service?



# Bike-sharing systems' impact on modal shift: A case study in Delft, the Netherlands

- This study examines the modal shift dynamics and influential factors with respect to three different bike-sharing systems that operate in Delft:
- OV-fiets (round-trip docked bike-sharing)
- Mobike (free-floating bike-sharing)
- Swapfiets (bike lease)

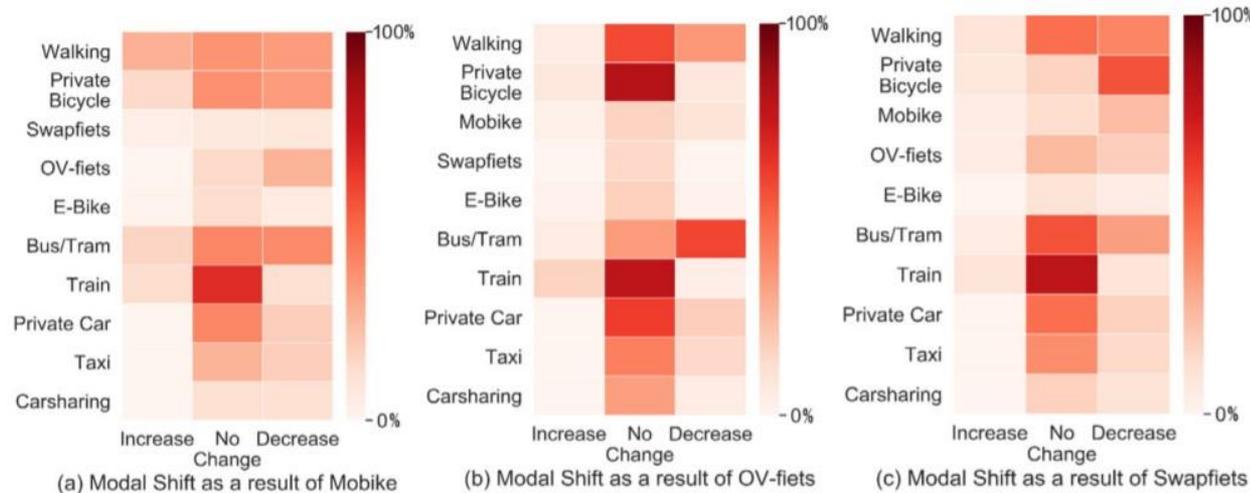


Sources: Ma, X., Yuan, Y., Van Oort, N. and Hoogendoorn, S. (2020), "Bike-sharing systems' impact on modal shift: A case study in Delft, the Netherlands", Journal of Cleaner Production, 259, 1-13

1: <https://www.iamexpat.nl/expat-info/dutch-expat-news/ns-trialling-bikes-you-can-unlock-your-ov-chipkaart>

2: <https://androidworld.nl/apps/mobike-rotterdam-delft/>, 3: <https://www.dutchnews.nl/features/2019/06/pay-to-pedal-subscription-biking-model-wants-to-shake-up-the-way-we-cycle/>

# Bike-sharing systems' impact on modal shift: A case study in Delft, the Netherlands



## Key findings:

- Except for train use, bike-sharing users reduced walking, the use of private bicycle, bus/tram and car
- Swapfiets showed a most significant influence on modal shift
- “Public transport subsidy by employer” encourages commuters to shift to docked bike-sharing
- Male and multimodal commuters more likely to use dockless bike-sharing

# The impact of shared mobility on trip generation behavior: Findings from the 2017 National Household Travel Survey, US

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- The NHTS is an annual survey designed to understand the daily travel habits and patterns of Americans. It has a long history of being used for transportation research, especially to understand people's travel behaviour and patterns.
- The survey asks households to keep a travel diary of all the trips they made in a single travel day. It is not a static survey; every year it is updated to reflect changing mobility patterns.
- Starting in 2017, the NHTS asked about shared mobility services: bike sharing, ride-hailing, and car sharing, due to their increasing popularity and usage in US cities.
- The NHTS data sets include person, trip, household and vehicle level data.

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Key findings after analyzing the data using models:

- Ride-hailing services appear to be causing people to make more trips than they otherwise would if they did not have access to them, in contrast with bikesharing and carsharing which do not seem to induce travel demand.
- Ride-hailing shows potential to enhance individual level urban mobility; however, it may also cause more strain on road networks.



# Data standardization: Mobility Data Specification (MDS)

- The **Mobility Data Specification (MDS)** is an **open-source project**, created by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation in 2018 and owned and managed by the **Open Mobility Foundation** since late 2019.
- Aim: to provide a standardized way for municipalities/regulatory agencies to **receive, compare and analyze data from mobility service providers**, and also to give them the ability to **express regulation in machine-readable formats**.

- MDS comprises three **Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)** for
  - e-scooters,
  - bicycles,
  - mopeds
  - carsharing

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'openmobilityfoundation / mobility-data-specification'. The repository has 107 watchers, 438 stars, and 60 issues. The main content area displays a commit history table with columns for the committer, commit message, and time ago. The commit history includes:

Committer	Commit Message	Time Ago
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schnuerle	add missing event_type_reason to schema template	4 months ago
schnuerle	Add versioning for Agency and Policy API (#444)	4 months ago
schnuerle	Merge pull request #478 from jfh01/vehicles-clarification-patch	last month
schnuerle	add missing event_type_reason to schema template	4 months ago

The repository also features a 'Join GitHub today' banner, a 'Go to file' button, a 'Clone' button, and an 'About' section with a description: 'A data standard to enable communication between mobility companies and local governments.' The 'About' section also includes links to 'mds', 'scooters', 'cities', 'carshare', 'bikesharing', 'scooter-sharing', 'mobility-as-a-service', 'bike-share', and 'bike-sharing'.

# Examples of how cities can use MDS in practice

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- **Verify** how many shared e-vehicles are operating and whether they are being deployed equitably across neighborhoods and being parked in appropriate spaces, within their service area.
- **Make more informed decisions** on infrastructure planning efforts/investments such as the addition of bike lanes or street redesigns.
- **Understand** the relationship between shared mobility and public transit.
- **Develop ways to communicate dynamic information** on unplanned events to mobility providers, such as emergency road closures.



# Challenges related to the MDS implementation

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- Data include trip distance travelled, origin – destinations, trip duration and vehicle status changes.
- A growing body of research demonstrates that anonymous mobility data can potentially still be used to re-identify specific individuals and activities – compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)?
- Additional challenges: Do cities have the ability and knowledge to store and analyze the data, once they have them (computer, personnel..)? Sometimes an “intermediary” body is needed.

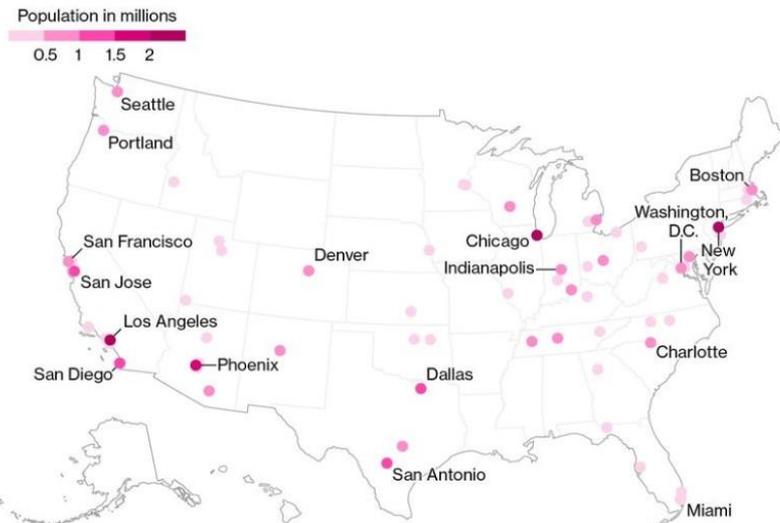
# Cities where the MDS is being used

More than 80 cities and public agencies around the world are currently using the MDS.

Cities in Europe include Zurich, Helsinki, Brussels, Lisbon, Lyon, and Hamburg.

## Cities Using the Mobility Data Specification

By February 2020, at least 68 U.S. cities had adopted LA's data-sharing standard



Sources: Open Mobility Foundation, CityLab reporting, U.S. Census Bureau

Note: This map represents the best, most up-to-date information on U.S. municipalities that have adopted MDS and may not be a complete list. Counties that have adopted MDS were excluded.

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Sources: <https://github.com/openmobilityfoundation/mobility-data-specification>

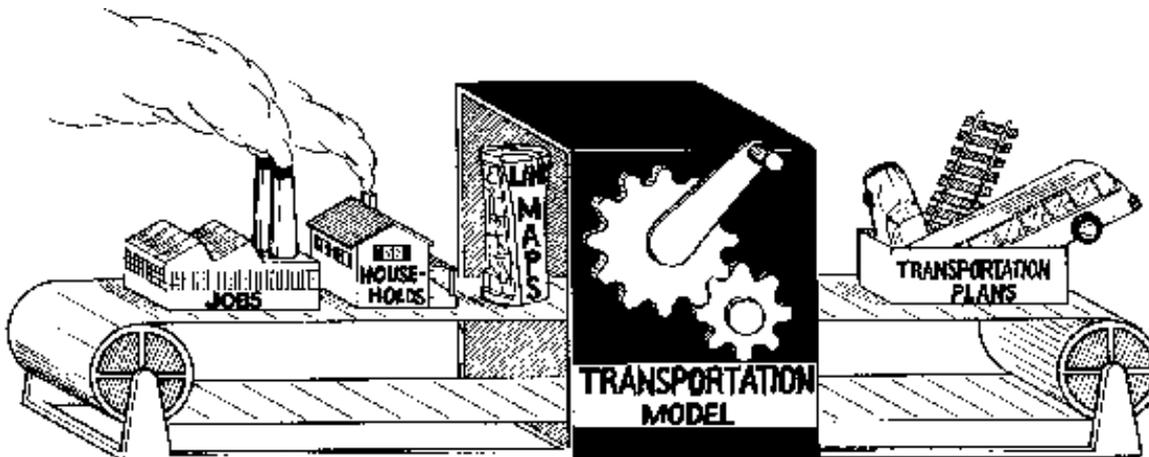
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# Ex-ante and ex-post: Transportation Modelling

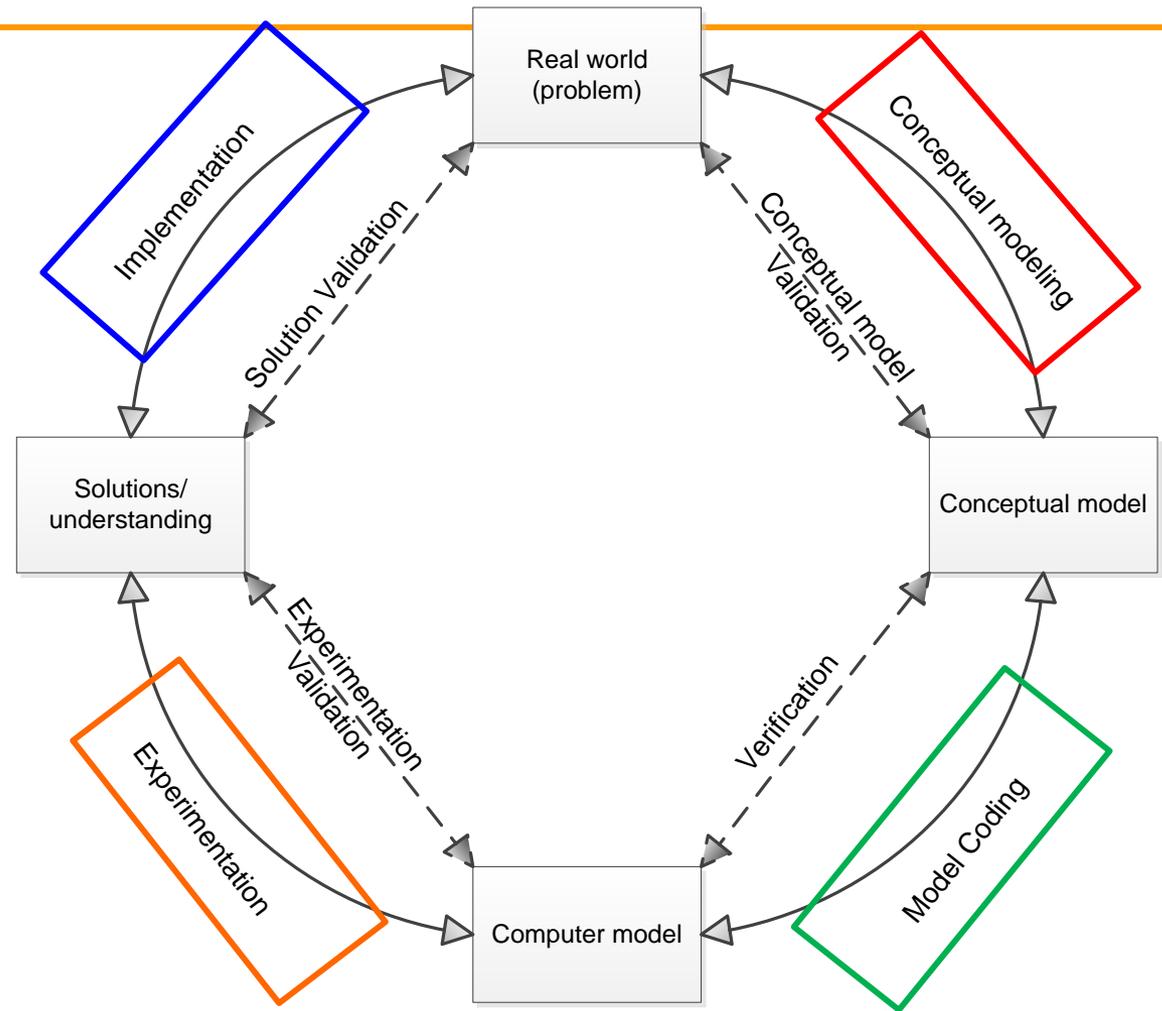
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- Predict the effect of a certain policy, change of the transport system, society trend before it happens.
- Many academic studies, fewer possibilities in commercial software



# General approach

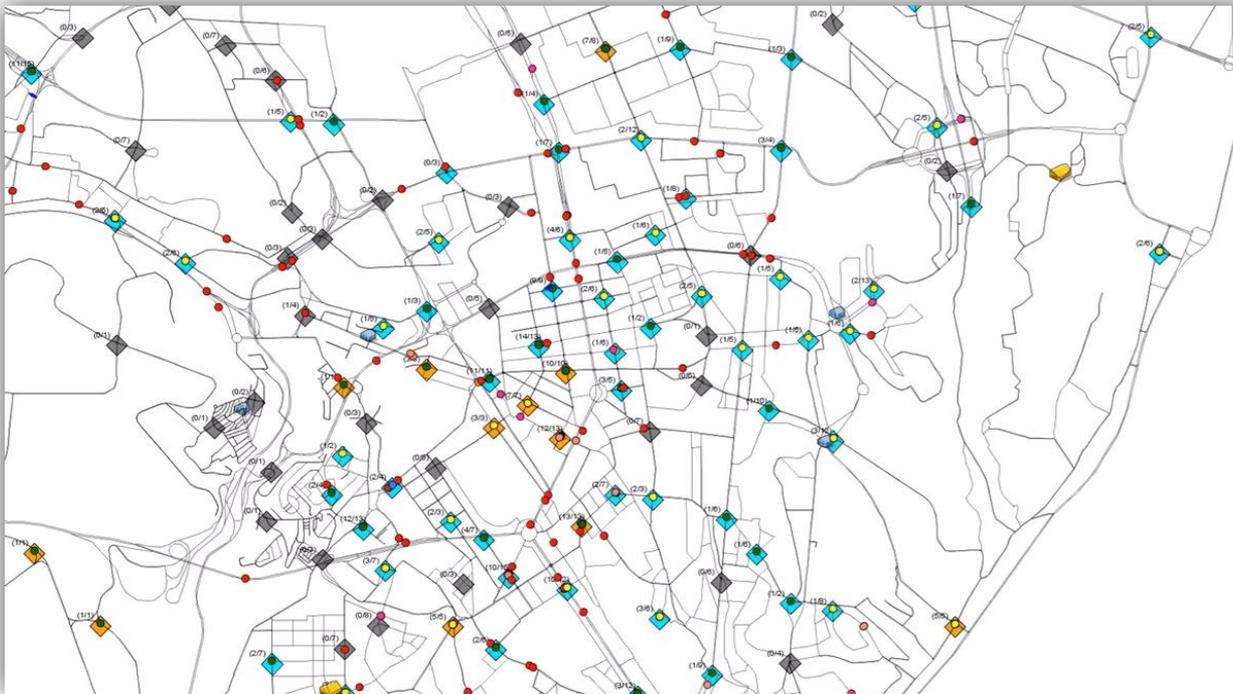
- Identify the problem, build a conceptual model of the simulation, code the model, experiment with the model and implement the solution.
- For share mobility our main problem is understanding what changes with its implementation and how to manage these systems in the most sustainable way.



Adapted from (Robinson, S., 2003)

# Carsharing simulation

- Simulation of station based carsharing system in Lisbon (Portugal)



- Demand-supply integration.

# Carsharing simulation

- Mode share changes

**Table 2.** Modal share before and after the introduction of carsharing (realistic system).

Scenario	Private car (PC)	Taxi	Bus	Metro	Walk	Moto	Heavy + light	Carsharing (CS)
Census 2011 work and study trips (%)	43.7	0.7	21.4	13.8	19.4	1.0		—
Model before CS (%)	38.9	1.4	23.0	7.8	26.3	1.1	1.5	—
Model after CS (%)	38.3	1.3	22.5	7.5	25.5	1.1	1.4	2.4

- 40% of carsharing trips come from walking trips, 26% used private cars, 22% took the bus, 10% took metro, 2% used taxi and the remaining used the Heavy/Light public transport combination or motorbike.

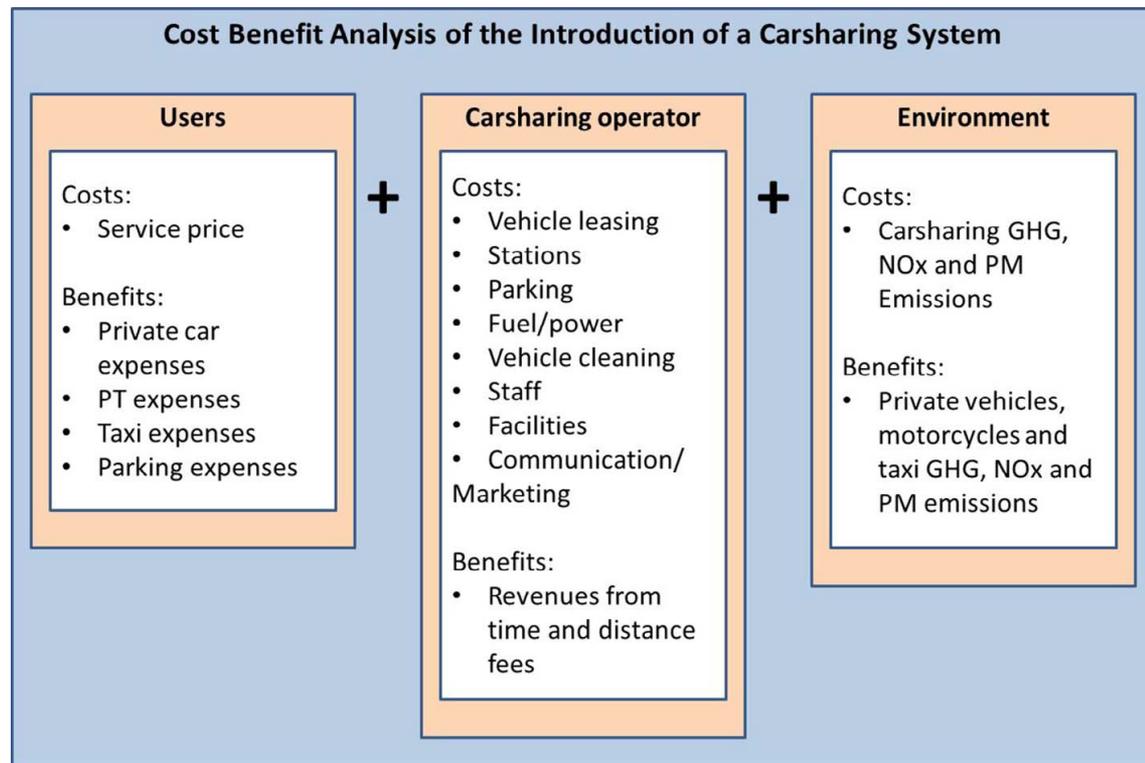
# Carsharing simulation for effect of relocations

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Models	69 Stations in Lisbon	
	Profit (€/day)	Improvements (€/day)
No relocations	<b>-1160.7</b>	--
Optimization of relocation operations	<b>3865.7</b>	<b>5026.4</b>

# Cost-benefit (CBA) analysis

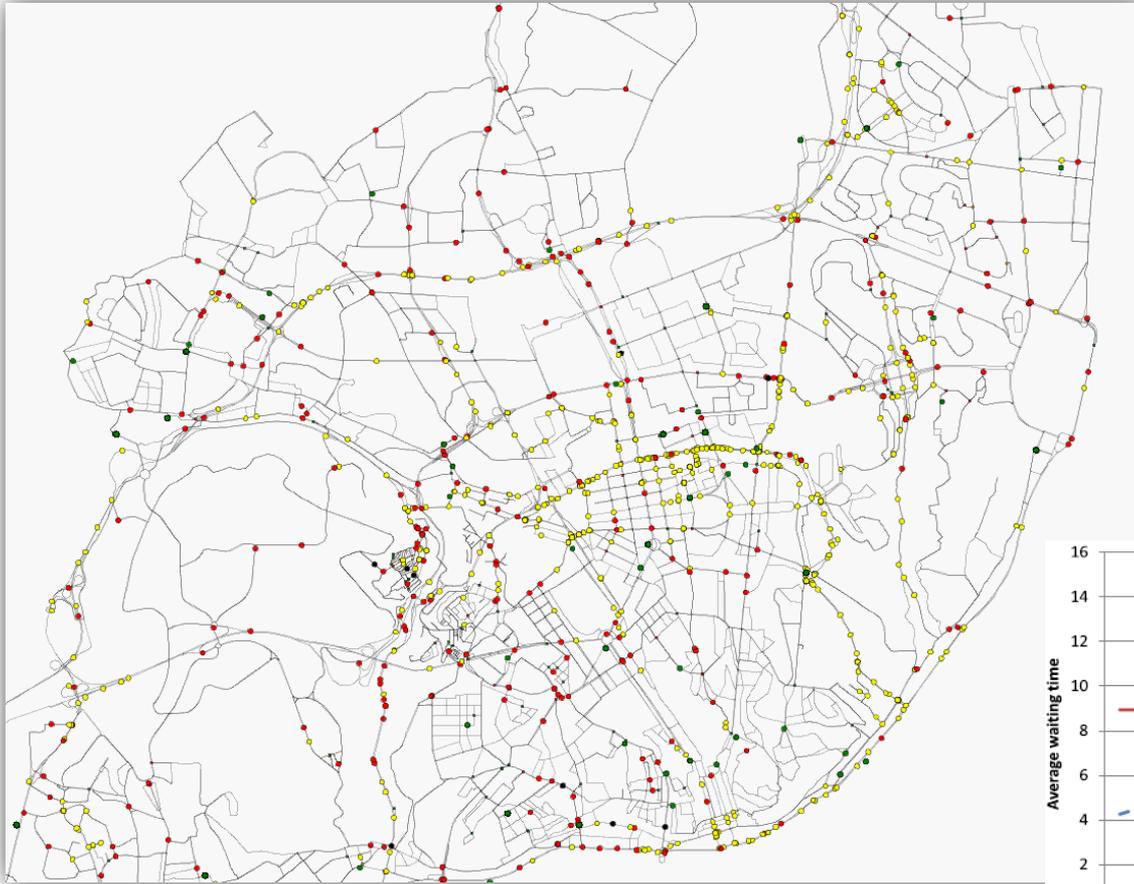
- Running the simulation model it's possible to calculate costs and benefits of carsharing.



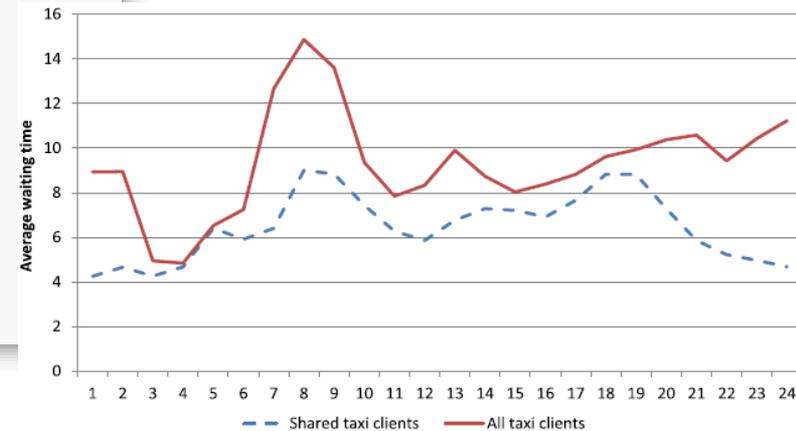
CBA yearly results for a carsharing system with vehicle relocation using electric vehicles (EV) (values in thousand euros) under different scenarios.

	Base-scenario	Parking for EV = 0	VAT = 0 for EV	EV cost = Diesel cost
Revenues	5748.3	5748.3	7465.4	5748.3
Costs	-6640.1	-6460.1	-6640.1	-4501.7
<b>ANP</b>	<b>-891.7</b>	<b>711.8</b>	<b>825.3</b>	<b>1246.6</b>

# Shared taxis simulation



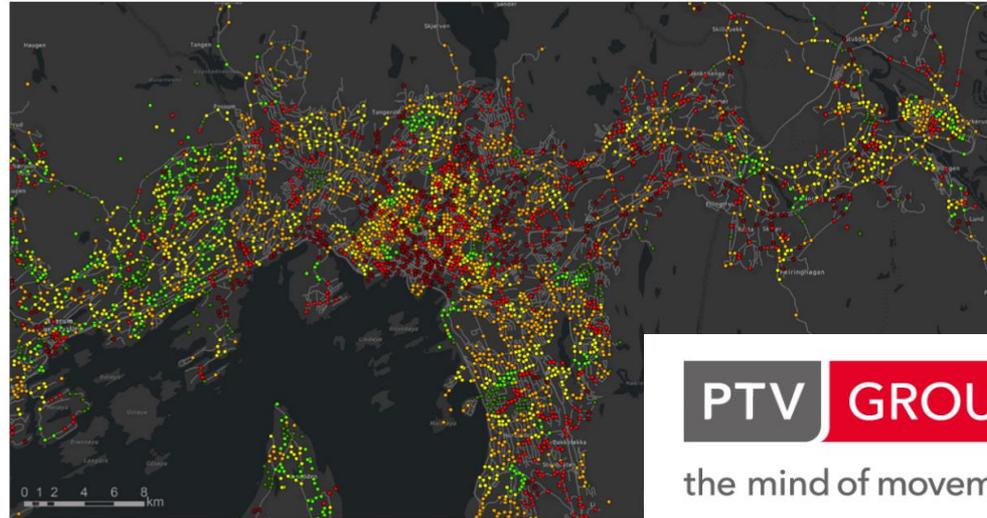
- Assess more advanced modes in this case shared taxis (like Uber ride-pooling)



# Commercially available software

## MaaS of the Month: PTV MaaS Modeller

Scenario analysis to support  
integration of ride-pooling in a  
mobility ecosystem



Pick up and drop off activities in one of the scenarios analyzed in 'The Oslo Study'



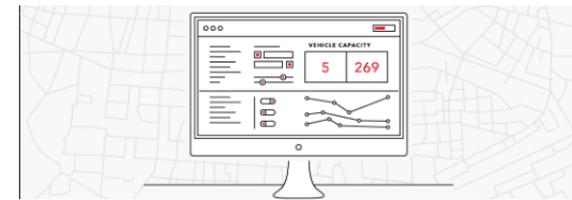
### Establish holistic mobility concepts

Plan and test sharing concepts within a digital replica of your city.  
Customer centric, integrated, on demand and/or for fixed routes.



### Forecast mode choices

Calculate the switch in mode choice from public transit, single occupancy car, walking and biking to ride-sharing



### Analyze public policy impacts

Evaluate how to best regulate sharing services in cities:  
What is the impact on travel times, access to transportation and cost of operations?

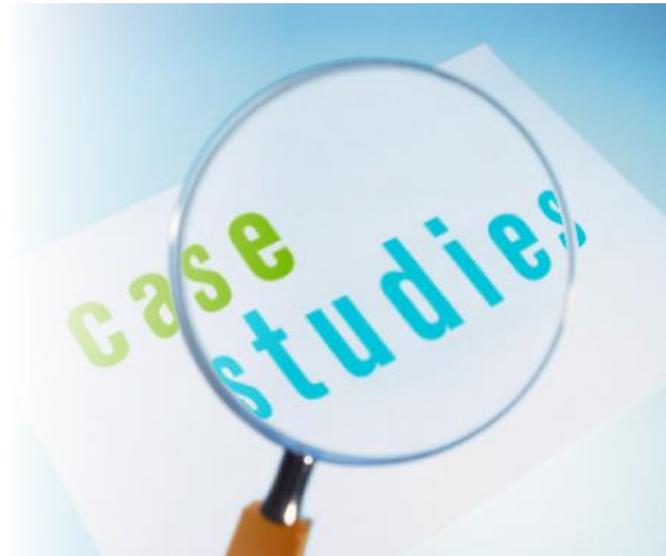
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# Case studies

# State-of-the practice: Case studies

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- E-scooter pilot, Portland, Oregon, USA
- BlueLA pilot (EV car-sharing), Los Angeles, California, USA
- “Direct Connect” pilot (transit authority - TNC partnership to provide first/last mile connections), Pinellas, Florida, USA

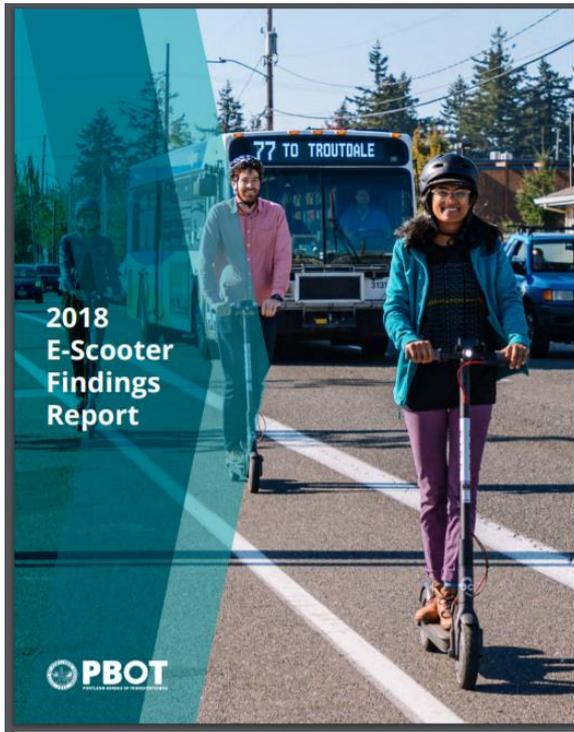


# Case studies: Portland, Oregon, USA

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- In Portland, the Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) initiated an e-scooter sharing pilot that ran for 4 months in 2018.
- Key goals of Portland's pilot included:
  - ✓ Reducing vehicular use and congestion;
  - ✓ Preventing fatalities and serious injuries;
  - ✓ Expanding access for underserved communities
  - ✓ Reducing pollution and GHG emissions.
- Methods and data used for the impacts 'evaluation during the pilot:
  - ✓ Revealed preference user-survey
  - ✓ Standardized data through MDS
  - ✓ Collection of other data: accident tracking, observational studies, feedback from focus groups and online engagement tools such as webforms, emails, polls.

# Case studies: Portland, Oregon, USA



Impact on travel behavior (main findings of the revealed preference user survey):

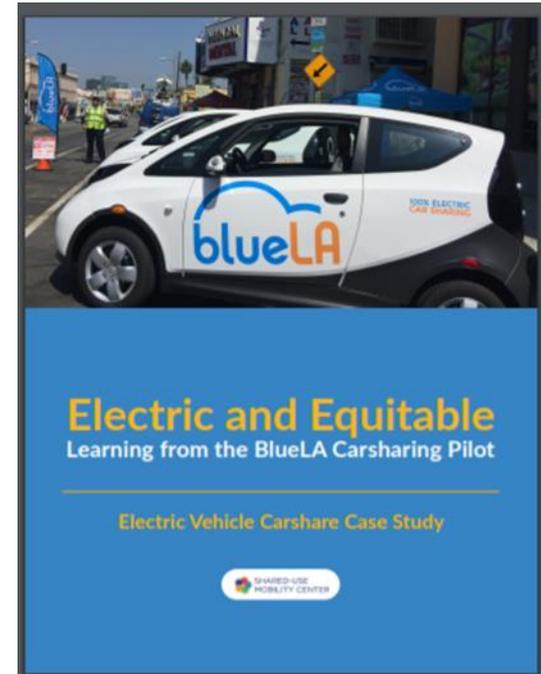
- E-scooters replaced 19% of personal car and 15% of ride-hailing trips. But e-scooters also replaced lower-emission trips, as 42% said they would have either walked or biked.
- 6% of users reported selling their car because of e-scooters and another 16% considered it. Illegal sidewalk riding caused feelings of unsafety/discomfort to pedestrians.

Impact on transportation equity (focus groups and the engagement tools):

An overall concern was expressed, as the often prohibitive cost of renting and a lack of knowledge of e-scooter laws presented barriers to use for low-income residents.

# Case studies: Los Angeles, California, USA

- BlueLA EV carsharing, launched in 2018, is a **pilot program** aiming at **improving transportation equity** by increasing the transportation options for disadvantaged communities, while reducing congestion and providing environmentally sound, all-electric transportation at an affordable price.
- **Methods and data used for the impacts 'evaluation:**
  - ✓ **Monthly reports** to the City with data regarding membership type, travel demand, and popular origin-destination pairs.
  - ✓ **Members' surveys** during onboarding (but they are not re-surveyed on a regular basis to identify changing behaviors, preferences, or provide feedback).



# Case studies: Los Angeles, California, USA

## Impact of BlueLA on transportation equity



The service has been effective in reaching low-income residents, who are able to utilize discounted pricing as “Community” members, upon income verification. **Community members have taken around 60% of all trips.**

# Case studies: Pinellas, Florida, USA

- The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) signed a service provision contract with a private TNC (Uber) to provide subsidized first/last-mile connections to transit stops, in 2015, starting the “Direct Connect” pilot.
- PSTA wanted to have access to data on a trip-level but Uber did not agree in data sharing.
- The pilot thus started without explicit goals needed to measure changes in service quality or ridership and evolved without a way of understanding its impacts.
- This limited the program’s scalability; while the pilot succeeded in reducing operational costs, it could only remain financially sustainable by serving a relatively niche travel market.



# Conclusions, open questions & perspectives

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- There is no comprehensive evaluation framework, or a step by step guide for cities to follow in order to evaluate the impacts of shared mobility (ex-ante or/and ex-post).
- Pilots exists, mainly in the USA, but the evaluation attempts are rather scarce and case-specific.
- How can we address the issue of evaluating the impacts of shared mobility in a more systematic and robust way?
- How can cities learn from the success (or failure) of other cities in an organized, constructive and dynamic way?

# Thank you for your attention!

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