

Shared Mobility: Past, Present, and Future

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Presentation Overview

- Shared Mobility Ecosystem
- Current Trends and Impacts
- Convergence
- SECA Opportunities and Challenges
- SECA Research and Methods
- Concluding Thoughts
- Acknowledgments



The Sharing Economy



Shared Mobility



Shared Mobility Ecosystem



USDOT Primers







Recent Study of One-Way Free-Floating Carsharing

Methodology:

- Online survey from ~9,500 North American car2go members residing in Calgary; San Diego; Seattle; Vancouver; and Washington, D.C.
- Activity data analysis



Martin and Shaheen, 2016

Recent Study of One-Way Carsharing

ONE-WAY CARSHARING IMPACTS

Member Vehicle Holdings



Reduction of VMT and GHG emissions

6% - 16%

4% - 18%

- Average reduction of VMT per car2go household
- Average reduction of GHG emissions per car2go household

Recent Study of Zipcar's College/University Market: Fall 2016

- Survey design conducted as joint effort among TSRC UC Berkeley, Zipcar, and university representatives
- November 2015: online survey distributed via email by Zipcar to all North American Zipcar members
 - 534 North American universities. 31 universities in Canada and 503 in the U.S.
 - 27,781 respondents completed the survey
 - 10,040 complete responses by current college/university students, staff, or faculty

Recent Study of Zipcar's College/University Market: Impacts



n=~10,000

Impact on Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions



- VMT reduction ranges from -1% to -5%
- GHG reduction ranges from -0.1% to -2.6%
- VMT reductions are greatest in urban landuse contexts
- Members of Southern and Canadian campuses have the greatest VMT reductions

Worldwide and US Bikesharing: April 2016

Worldwide: 1,019 cities with ITbased operating systems

- 1,324,530 bikes
- 1,060,850 bikes in China (and 390 cities)

U.S.: **99 cities** with IT-based systems (61 programs)

- ~32,200 bikes
- 3,400 stations

In 2016, so far, 24 new programs began operating in world: 13 in China and 5 in US



Traditional Ridesharing

- Grouping of travelers into common trips by private auto/van (e.g., carpooling and vanpooling)
- Historically, differs from ridesourcing in financial motivation and trip origin/destination
- 662 ridematching services in the U.S. and Canada (24 span both countries)
 - 612 programs offer carpooling
 - 153 programs offer vanpooling
 - 127 programs offered carpooling and vanpooling

Chan and Shaheen, 2011

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Ridesourcing Service Locations (July 2015)



Impacts of Ridesourcing in San Francisco: 2014

RIDESOURCING/TNC IMPACTS

How would you have made this trip if Uber/Lyft/Sidecar were not available?



- 92% would still have made this trip 8% induced travel effect
- 33% would have taken public transit (bus or rail)
 - named transit station as origin/destination,
 - 4% suggesting some use ridesourcing to access transit
- 20% avoided driving after drinking*

* 3% of study population would have actually driven

Microtransit Examples

- Fixed routes and fixed scheduling
 - Chariot, San Francisco
- Flexible routes and on-demand scheduling
 - Bridj: Austin, Boston, Kansas City, DC
 - Ride KC: Bridj first public-private partnership among shared mobility company, automaker, and transit agency
 - Via: New York City





Courier Network Services

For-hire delivery services using an online platform to connect couriers using personal vehicles with freight (e.g., packages, food)

P2P Delivery Services: Drivers use their own private vehicle or bike to conduct deliveries Postmates, Instacart, Shipbird, etc.

Paired On-Demand Passenger Ride and Courier Services: Dual ride services + package deliveries



Convergence



Levels of Automation



Planned Pilots: Level 4-5 Automation and Shared Mobility

- No large-scale SAV deployments with full automation, at present
- Many companies beginning to discuss shared fully automated fleets
- Notable Developments:
 - Lyft received a \$500 million investment from GM in Jan 2016
 - Uber testing in Pittsburgh
 - New Tesla vehicles will be equipped with fully self-driving hardware (announced Oct 2016)
 - Ford, GM, Fiat Chrysler, BMW, Daimler, Volvo, and others making strategic investments to transition to a mobility provider away from sole focus on auto manufacturing
 - USDOT selects Columbus, OH as the winner of the Smart City Challenge in June 2016



SECA Potential Benefits

- Reduce GHG emissions and improve safety
- Increase capacity (smaller vehicles, closer spacing, shared rides, etc.)
- Increased auto sales (higher fleet turnover from increased vehicle use)
- Reduce per mile cost (over privately-owned vehicles)
- Opportunity to add density through redevelopment
- Downsize number of privately-owned vehicles



SECA Potential Challenges

- Higher upfront vehicle costs
- Increased VMT (due to lower costs, increased use, modal shift away from public transit, longer commutes, roaming AVs, etc.)
- Will people give up private ownership?



SECA Research and Methods

- Most studies develop or modify existing travel behavior models with differing assumptions about operations and vehicle type
- Some document prior demographic trends and forecast future projections based on expert guidance
- Other studies survey potential users to develop projected impacts
- Many studies include an array of scenarios such as: no AV sharing (privately owned), shared fleet (without pooling), shared fleet (with pooling)
- Numerous studies predict modal shift away from privately owned vehicles, under specific sharing scenarios

Future impact on VMT and congestion uncertain due to a range of possible effects

Concluding Thoughts

- AVs, if shared, will begin to blur the lines between public and private transportation options
- SECA could help achieve efficient and affordable public transportation that improves access to jobs and healthcare
- Deployment opportunities for SECA in first/last mile connections, underserved populations, and areas lacking quality public transit service
- Cities and sites are different, so SECA deployments need to be tailored to varying technical, social, and legal contexts
- Pilot programs, enabled by public-private partnerships, could encourage private shared services to adapt and expand functionality to meet the needs of public transit users
- More research and informed policy needed

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