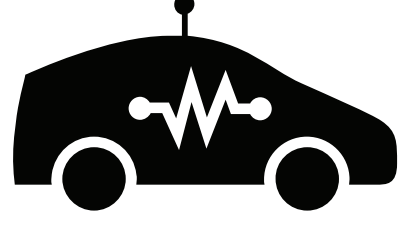


Future Scenario A

ECONOMIC POLARIZATION & SEGREGATION

The middle class is shrinking as broader economic forces have left more and more residents struggling to make ends meet, while the region continues to attract a large number of high-skill, high-paying jobs.



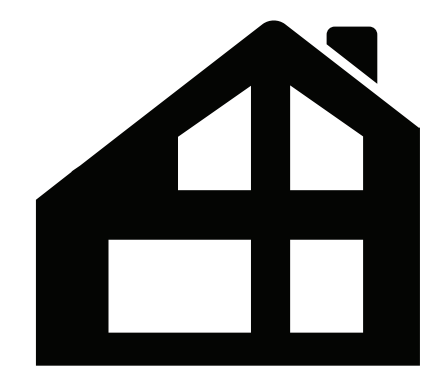
AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Because of continued concerns around liability, there are very few autonomous cars on the road. Those that do exist are located in contained settings such as college and corporate campuses or along dedicated routes.



BICYCLING

Although the most affordable transport option, bicycling has not increased significantly, with growth restrained by more unpredictable and unpleasant weather conditions, a lack of a complete bicycle network, and a higher share of high income households, who are more likely to own cars, in more bike friendly areas.



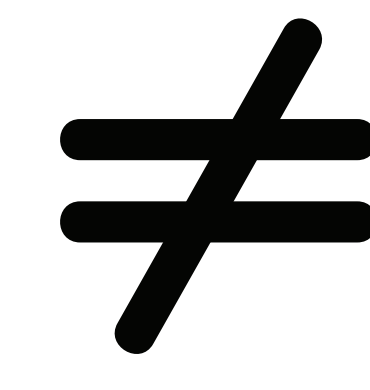
URBANIZATION

High-income households are increasingly attracted to the amenities and accessibility of the urban cores, but new housing construction is insufficient to meet this growing demand, leading to increased pressure on existing housing stock and increased displacement of middle and low income residents.



SHARED TRANSPORT

Due to high oil prices, driving is getting more expensive. More low and moderate income households now rely on car sharing and transit.



INCOME DISTRIBUTION

Most of today's high-income suburbs retain their attractiveness. Other suburbs do not and therefore become more affordable. Low- and moderate-income households have been pushed to less-desirable suburbs, to the region's gateway cities, and to the more sprawling suburban areas with fewer amenities, despite the higher transportation costs.



WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What would you need from public transit in this future?