Can New Mobility Options Support or Augment Public Transit?



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... and at 5:30 pm?

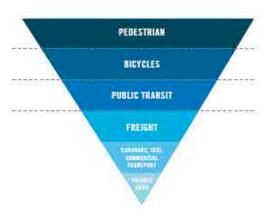
We need to be brutally honest about our current transit and ask ... is New Mobility and Public Transit a zero sum option?

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Do we need to broaden our view of transit?





Transit is still the most efficient way to move large numbers of people ... and pedestrians need to be prioritized

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A missing community asset?

Fixed-route shuttle ...

or

... on-demand shuttle?

Could low-ridership routes be served by on-demand shuttles?



City of Lenexa, Kansas taxi program for seniors ... and KC's shuttle experiment with Bridj

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Could we have seamless connectivity ...

... what about something like Helsinki's WHIM?

Should we be treating transit as a regulated city utility? We need to have seamless connectivity between all modalities



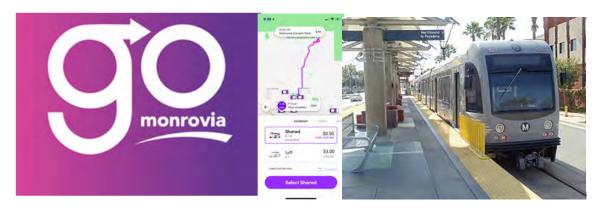
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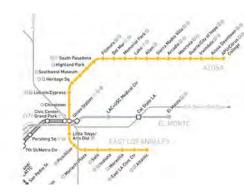


Maybe we need to look at what is going on in Monrovia, CA?

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Feeder to the Gold Line as well as providing transit around Monrovia and to neighboring retail and medical centers

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... and now a warm welcome for our two panelists, Oliver Chi & Paul Davis











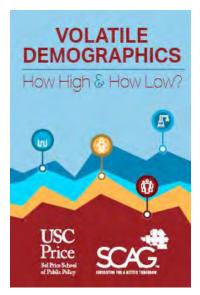
GOMONROVIA OVERVIEW

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WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT MOBILITY?

BECAUSE DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND HOUSING POLICY HAVE CREATED A CRISIS SITUATION.

- Demographic trends indicate that Southern California is about to get a lot more crowded!
 - In the next 25 year period, the SCAG planning area is projected to <u>add the</u>
 <u>equivalent population of the entire state of Oregon!</u>
 - +/-4 million more people!
- More people, coupled with a lack of supply, has created a true housing crisis in California
 - A 2016 McKinsey Global Institute report illustrated the depths of CA's housing crunch
 - Real estate prices in CA are rising 3x faster than household income
 - 50% of the State's population cannot afford housing
 - CA needs 3.5 million more homes by 2025





WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT MOBILITY?

BECAUSE MONROVIA IS IMPACTED... AND GROWING.

- In Monrovia today, the average rent for an apartment is around \$3 / square foot!
 - 1,000 SF apartment currently costs \$3,000 / month!!!
- Against that backdrop, a housing renaissance is occurring
 - We have around <u>2,300 proposed housing units in the</u> <u>development pipeline</u>
 - 15% increase in our housing stock, 13% increase in population
- Monrovia has also added <u>more than 2,000 new jobs</u> to the local economy during the past 3 years
- Our Metro Gold Line boasts nearly 54,000 riders / day!
 - Intense interest to pursue transit-oriented development projects







WHY ARE WE TALKING ABOUT MOBILITY?

BECAUSE IN MONROVIA, WE WERE LOOKING FOR BALANCED SOLUTIONS.

 The politics of growth, housing, and development often pit two sides against one another...

No-Growth – Until we have more water, clean air, and no traffic, we shouldn't allow any additional development

VS.

Free-Market Growth - Build. BUILD. BUILD.

In Monrovia, we were looking for a better way...

Balanced Growth

In our community, we were searching for a balanced response to housing policy, environmental policy, and traffic policy?





WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT BETTER MOBILITY BECAUSE...

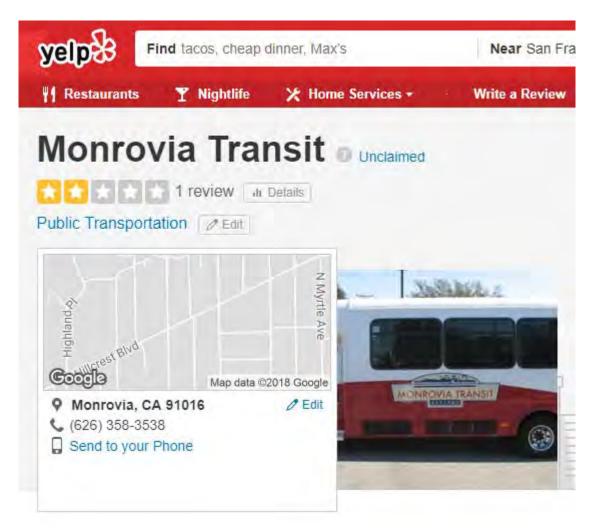
- A limited housing supply is driving housing costs up to unacceptable levels
 - At the same time, our region is growing denser, which means more people and more cars, and we don't have the resources to infinitely expand our roadway / parking infrastructure
- Against that backdrop... we were searching for policy options that would allow for continued housing growth, while also addressing environmental and traffic concerns?
- Could we develop a new model of suburban mobility to give people simple and easy to use public transportation options?



HOW DID MOBILITY USED TO WORK IN MONROVIA?







ANNUAL BUDGET

~ \$1 million / year

OPERATING STATISTICS

Avg. Monthly Riders ~ 3,200

Avg. Annual Riders ~ 38,000

Avg. Monthly Disabled Riders ~ 255

Avg. Trip Length: 1.19 miles

Avg. Cost / Passenger ~ \$19.70



MONROVIA TRANSIT (DIAL-A-RIDE) BY THE NUMBERS

IS THERE A MORE COST-EFFECTIVE, CONVENIENT, & RELIABLE WAY TO PROVIDE EXPANDED TRANSIT OPTIONS FOR OUR GROWING POPULATION?

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HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS







- A public-private partnership with ride-sharing provider, Lyft
- Lyft serves as the City's primary public transit provider for all non-ADA related services
- The City operate an integrated transit service to accommodate ADA calls for service
- Passengers pay \$1.00 for a shared ride, or just \$0.50 to/from Gold Line and Old Town, or \$3.50 for a classic ride

- Bike-share program through a partnership with LimeBike
- LimeBike is different from traditional bike-share models
- There is no need to deploy expensive docking stations throughout a community with LimeBike
- Instead, LimeBike offers bikeshare options utilizing GPS technology to offer dockless bikesharing
- Riders pay \$1.00 to start plus \$0.05 / minute



Initial Mobility Study Session – January 2018

Agreements with Lyft and LimeBike approved - February 2018

Launched GoMonrovia program - March 2018

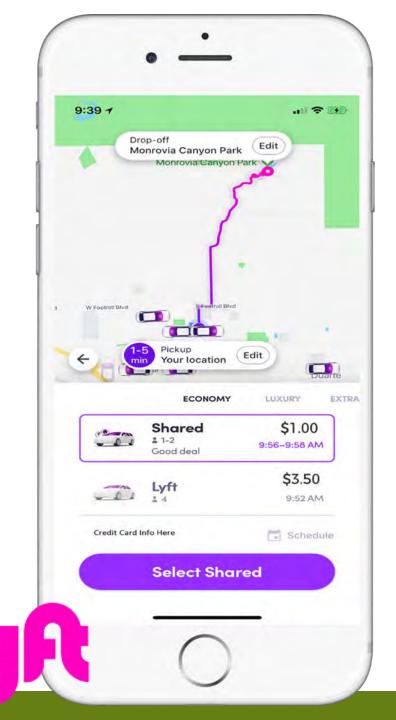
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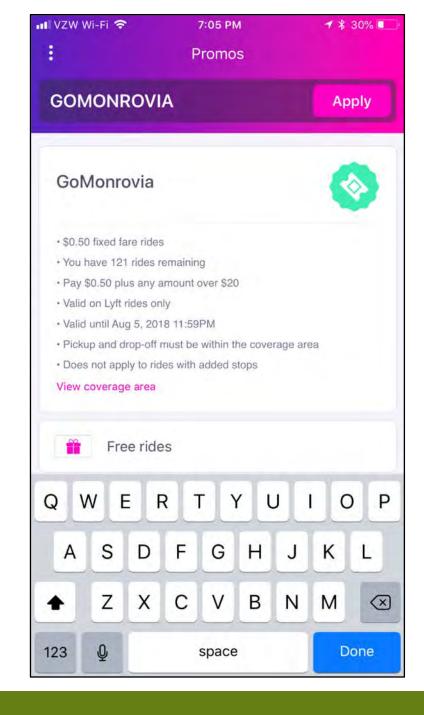


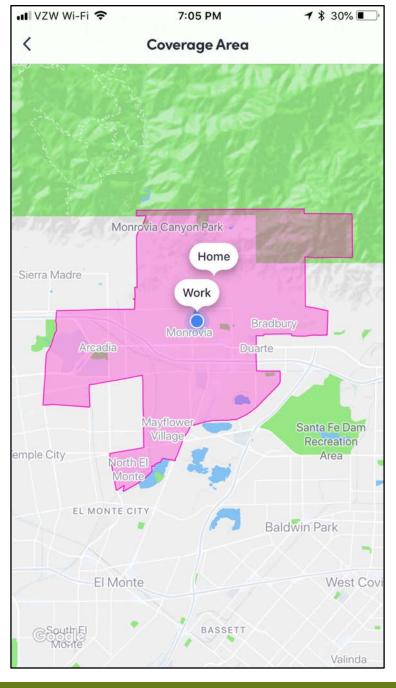
LYFT ROLL-OUT DETAILS

- Participants apply "GoMonrovia" promo code and discount is automatically applied on eligible trips
- Participants can view service area in the app itself
- Promoted program in partnership with Lyft
- Targeted outreach to existing dial-a-ride users
- Advertised at Station Square, Old Town, Library, and City facilities



HOW MUCH CUSTOMIZATION COULD WE ACTUALLY DEPLOY IN DESIGNING A **TRANSIT PROGRAM** THROUGH LYFT?





WHAT ABOUT PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES?

- Restructured the City's Dial-A-Ride program to improve efficiency and response times
- Effective February 1, 2019, closed system that requires passengers to pre-register with the City and verify ADA-related needs to be eligible
- Working with dial-a-ride operator to increase service to 24/7 to mirror Lyft service hours
- Goal of adding wheelchair-accessible vehicles to Lyft platform



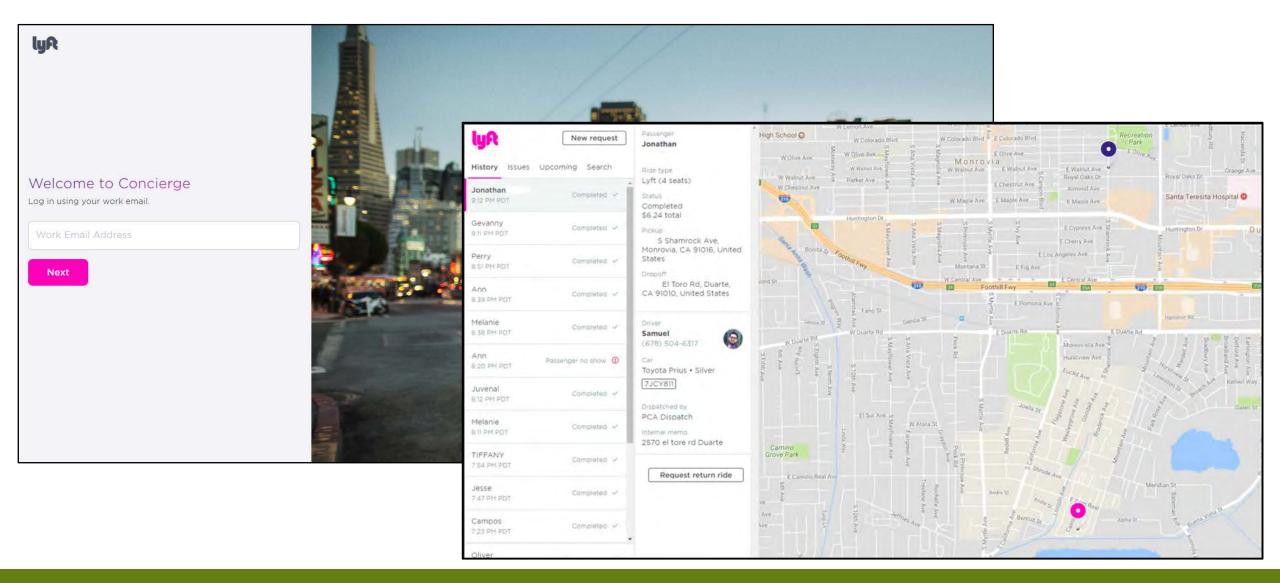
Beginning February 1, Monrovia Transit will serve ADA passengers only.

To provide faster and more efficient service for passengers with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) needs, the Monrovia dial-a-ride program will now require ADA passengers to register in advance. The City's GoMonrovia Lyft program is also available to meet your transportation needs. Visit www.gomonrovia.com to learn more.

To register for Monrovia Transit services, please complete the following:

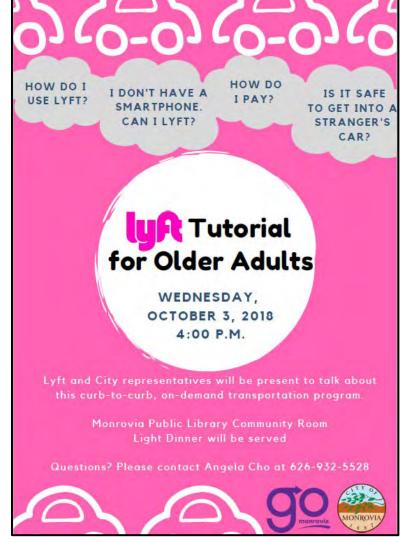
- 1. Fill out the short, one-time application and sign the waiver.
- 2. Submit the completed application to the Community Center (119 W. Palm Avenue).
- 3. Please allow for 5 7 business days for review of application.

HOW DO YOU PROVIDE LYFT SERVICES TO THOSE WITHOUT A SMARTPHONE?



WHAT ABOUT OLDER ADULTS?





BENEFITS RESULTING FROM OUR LYFT PARTNERSHIP

- Bridges first mile-last mile connections between transit stops and origin / destination
- Significant resident behavioral changes related to mobility have been observed
- Substantial savings from prior dial-a-ride service model
 - Previous subsidy amount: ~\$19.70 / ride
 - Lyft program subsidy amount: ~\$4.00 / ride
 - Savings of ~80% / ride!
- More convenient, faster, and personalized public transportation
- Reducing parking demand and helps ease commuter parking shortages
- Addressed late-night and holiday service interruptions





GOMONROVIA LAUNCH PARTY

MARCH 17, 2018



COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE





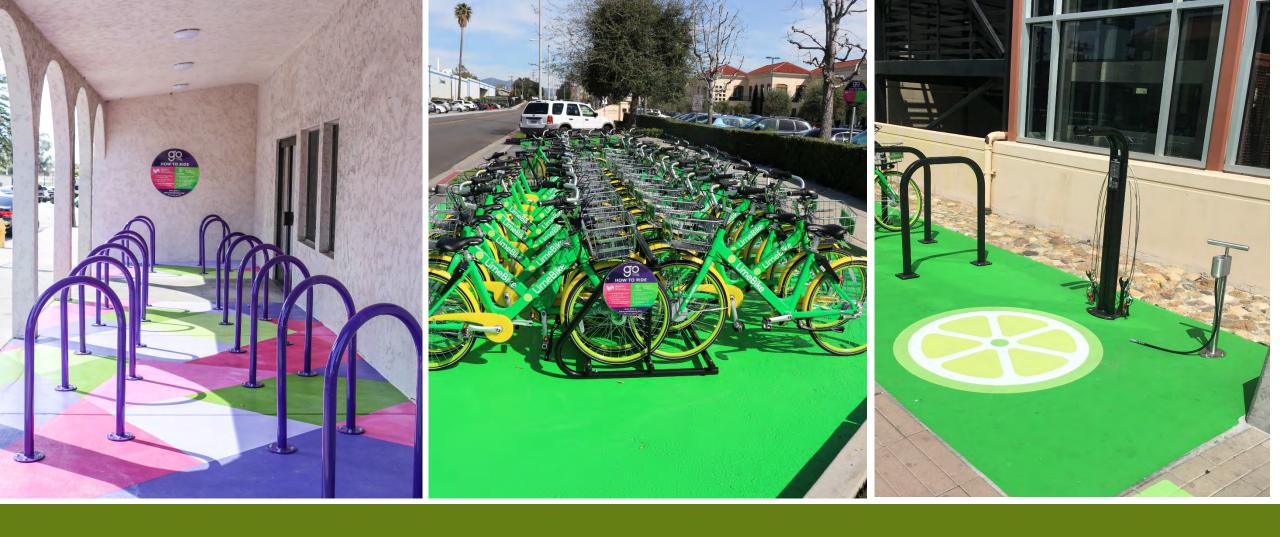
GOMONROVIA MARKETING & OUTREACH





LimeBike

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BUT... ARE PEOPLE EVEN USING GOMONROVIA?

GOMONROVIA LYFT USAGE

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Thank you for riding with GoMonrovia

Starting September 1, GoMonrovia's pricing will change to incentivize Lyft Shared rides as follows:



Lyft Shared price: \$0.50 per ride (1-2 passengers, carpool option)



Standard Lyft price: \$3.00 per ride (for private rides or groups up to 4 passengers)

Thanks again for riding! To learn more about the GoMonrovia program, follow the link below.

LEARN MORE

View in Browser | Unsubscribe | Contact

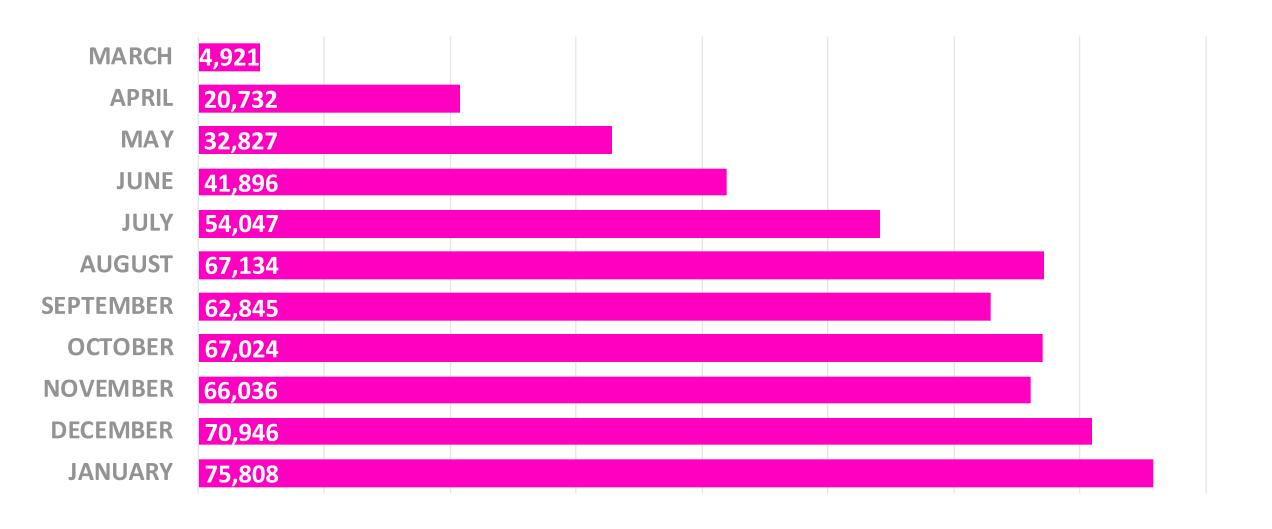
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Lyft's most utilized transportation partnership program!



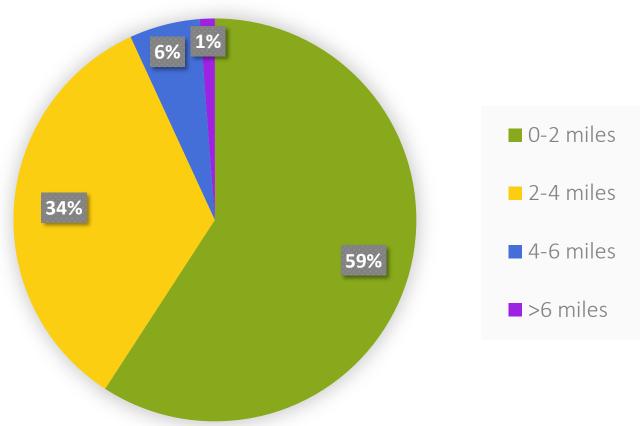


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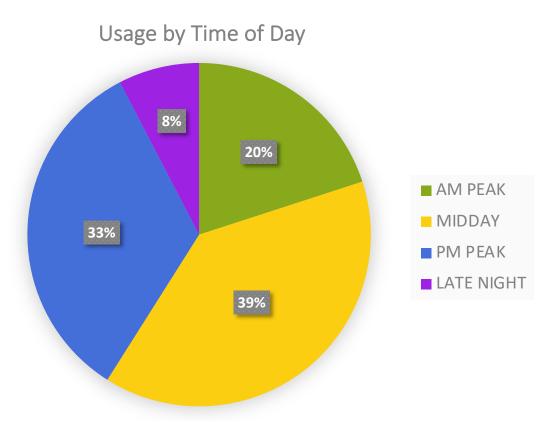






GOMONROVIA LYFT USAGE

- Midday and evening rides most popular time of day
 - Going out to lunch and after-work errands
 - 1/5 potentially using for commute
- Most rides are for short distances
 - 30% of rides were 5 miles or less
 - 83% of rides were 10 miles or less
- Rides evenly distributed throughout the week
 - Sunday least popular day of the week
 - Tuesday Friday most popular days







WHERE ARE PEOPLE RIDING?

30% of all rides begin or end at Old Town / Gold Line

That's about 20,000 rides / month!





Nearly half of all rides are to an identified hot spot



SOME KEY TAKEAWAYS

GOMONROVIA PROGRAM RESULTS

Lyft Program

- Substantial cost savings per ride compared with dial-a-ride service
- Serves to address development concerns related to traffic and parking
- Significant program participation within the community
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions! Every Lyft ride is <u>carbon-neutral</u>!
- Shared rides count as public transit

WHY HAS THE COMMUNITY RESPONDED SO WELL TO THE GOMONROVIA PROGRAM?

- We kept the program design simple
 - Any ride that starts and ends in the service area is eligible for the discounted ride
 - But...keep in mind that if a program is too successful at the beginning, it
 may create challenges if you need to make significant modifications later on
 - Each community and city organization is different, and programs should be thoughtfully designed to meet your needs in a way that fits with operational capacities
- We really focused on developing and executing an effective GoMonrovia marketing campaign



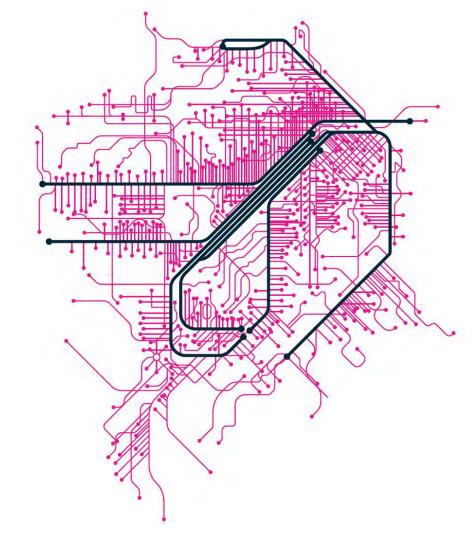
THANK YOU!



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City Partnerships

Working with agencies to redefine how communities move





City Partnership Examples | Where we fit in. . .











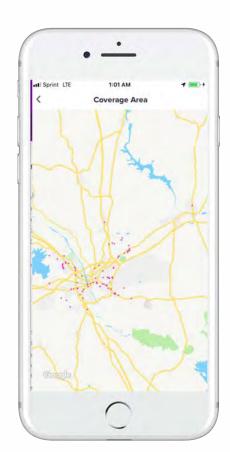


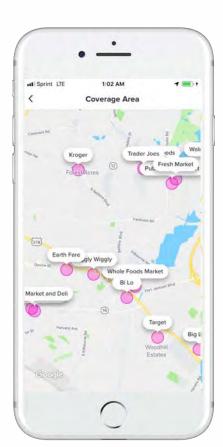
Mobility On-Demand Everyday for Seniors - Santa Monica, CA



- AGENCY GOALS: To provide on-demand services via an updated Dial-A-Ride program for older adults and people with disabilities
- CONSTRAINTS: Previous program had 6 vehicles leading to inability to serve clients at the times they wanted to travel.
- PROGRAM DESIGN: Seniors and individuals with disabilities can use Lyft to travel anywhere in Santa Monica and to select medical and shopping destinations outside the City limits for \$0.50 per ride
- OUTCOMES: New MODE with Lyft is meeting the travel needs of over twice as many residents - overcoming transportation access barriers to medical appointments, social events, and grocery shopping

Overcoming Barriers to Fresh Food Access - Columbia, SC



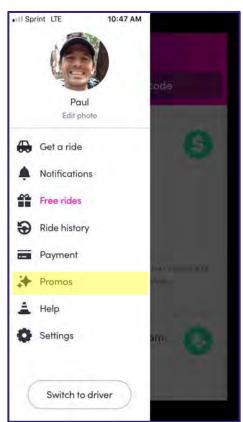


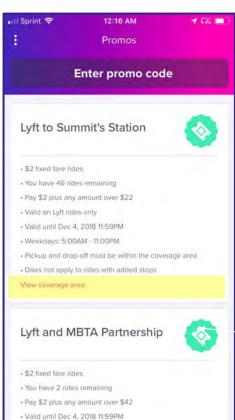


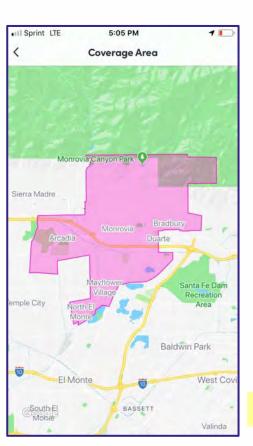
- AGENCY GOALS: Closing the gap between growing food deserts and regional clusters of fresh food marketplaces.
- CONSTRAINTS: Difficult multi-transfer journeys from food deserts to nearest fresh food grocery store
- PROGRAM DESIGN: Program provides 10 discounted rides a month to and from any of the fresh food grocery facilities. \$5 subsidy provided on each trip.
- OUTCOMES: Thousands of users signed up and hundreds taking a ride each month to access fresh food grocery stores.



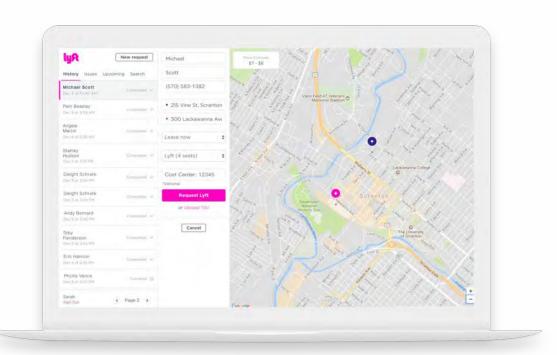
Program Delivery







Concierge Booking for Non-Smartphone Users





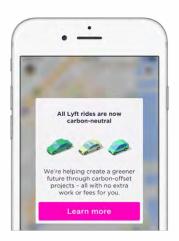
- USED BY TRANSIT AGENCY PARTNERS TO FULFILL TITLE VI providing booking options for those
 without smartphones.
- USED WEEKLY BY MANY AGENCIES: Metrolink, MBTA, Monrovia, RTC of Southern Nevada

Creating programs to meet greater community goals

Shared Rides Emphasis

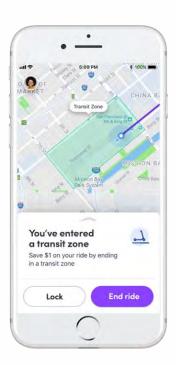
Focus programs around Shared

Carbon Offsets
Bakes in Cost of Carbon





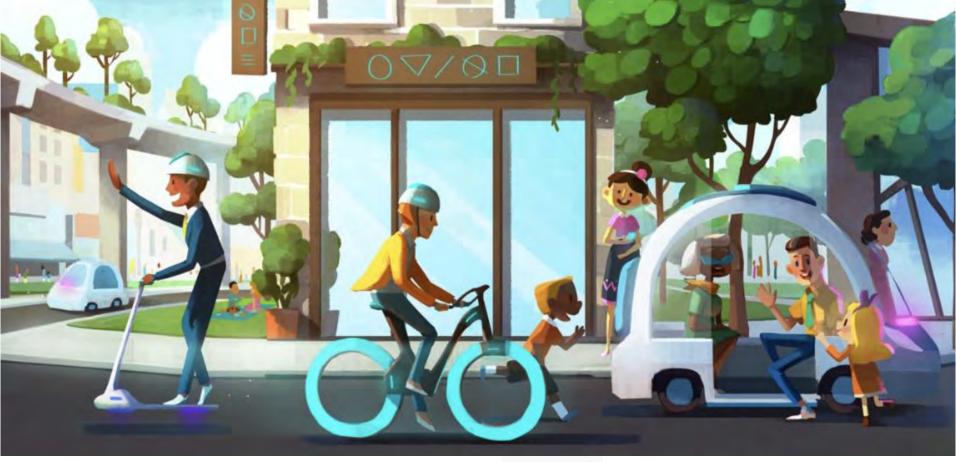
Lower Emission ModesBikes and Scooters Options



Transit Integration

Emphasize access to Transit





Thank You.

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A New Approach to Suburban Microtransit - GoMonrovia







- AGENCY GOALS: Improve suburban mobility through On-Demand Shared Ride Service.
- PROGRAM DESIGN: Riders pay \$1.00 for a shared ride within the City Limits.
- ELIGIBILITY: Anyone can enter the program by entering GOMONROVIA into the Promo Section of their app.
- OUTCOMES: Public transit ridership has risen from 40,000 to 600,000+ trips per year. Service has provided tens
 of thousands of connections to transit. Residents are selling their cars and converting to shared mobility.

Options for Unbanked Passengers





Prepaid Debit Cards:

- You can sign-up for Lyft without a Credit Card today.
- Prepaid Debit Cards can be purchased any supermarket or convenience store.
- Notable % of ride on Lyft occur on prepaid instruments

Collaborate with Carlsbad on Unbanked Solution

- Can offer Prepaid cash cards at ticket purchasing location.
- In person paperless ticket/code purchases associated with user accounts.