

# VTrans2040 Scenario Analysis

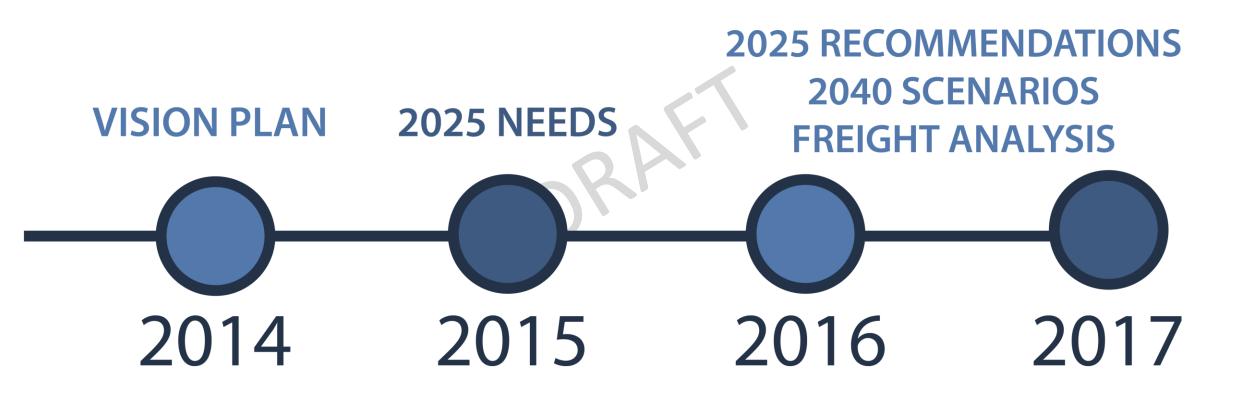
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## Timeline



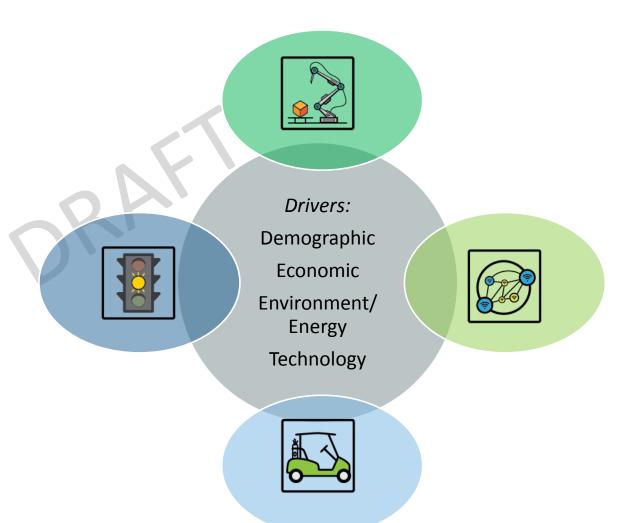




### **Exploratory Scenarios**

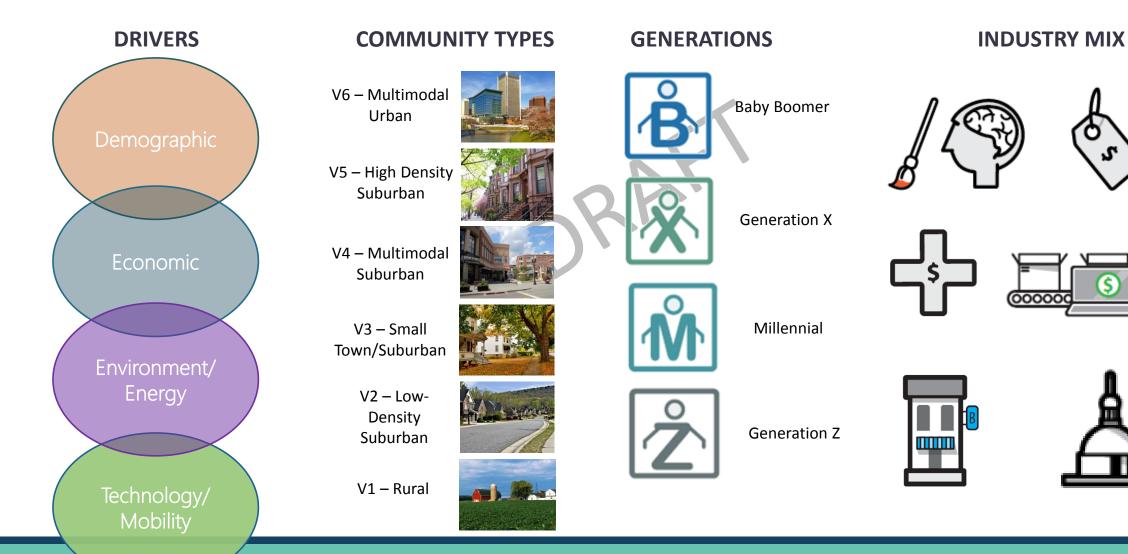
Ask "What Could Happen?" . . . As opposed to, "What Should Happen?"

Not looking at What is Best, but rather, What to be Prepared for.



## Scenario Planning Toolkit

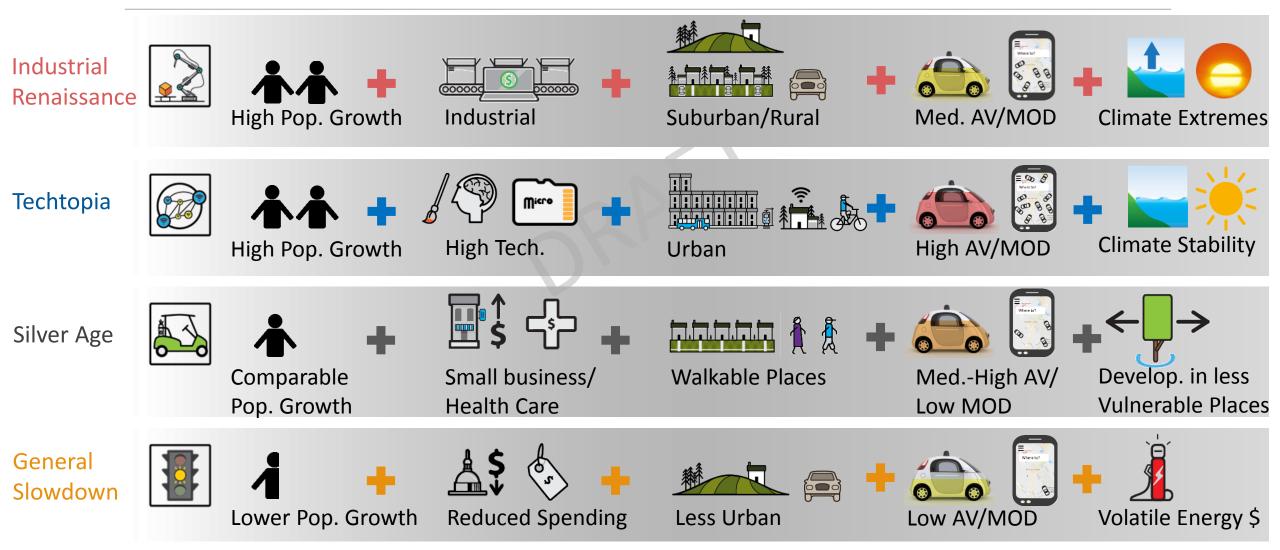




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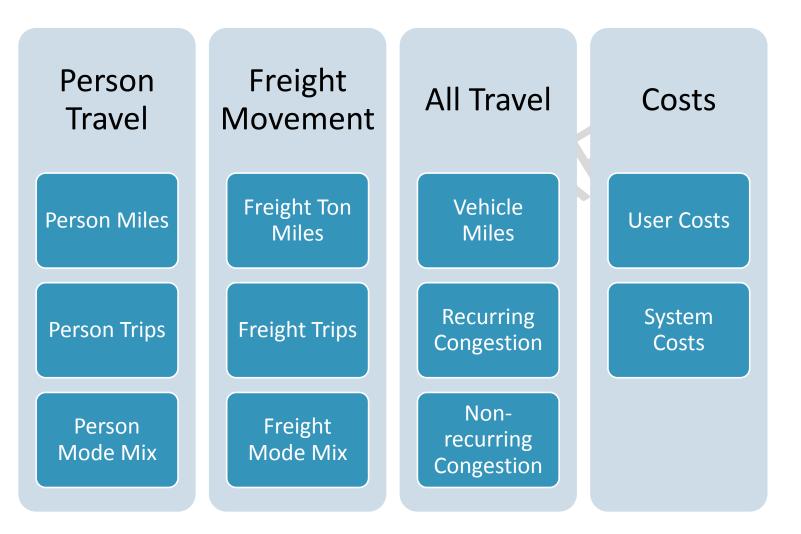
### Scenarios Recap



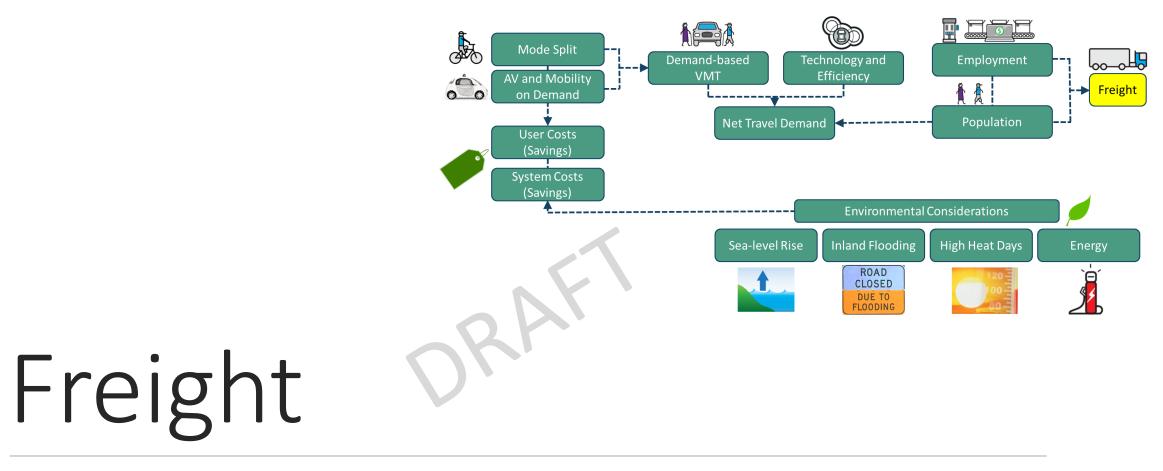


## Sketch Planning Outputs





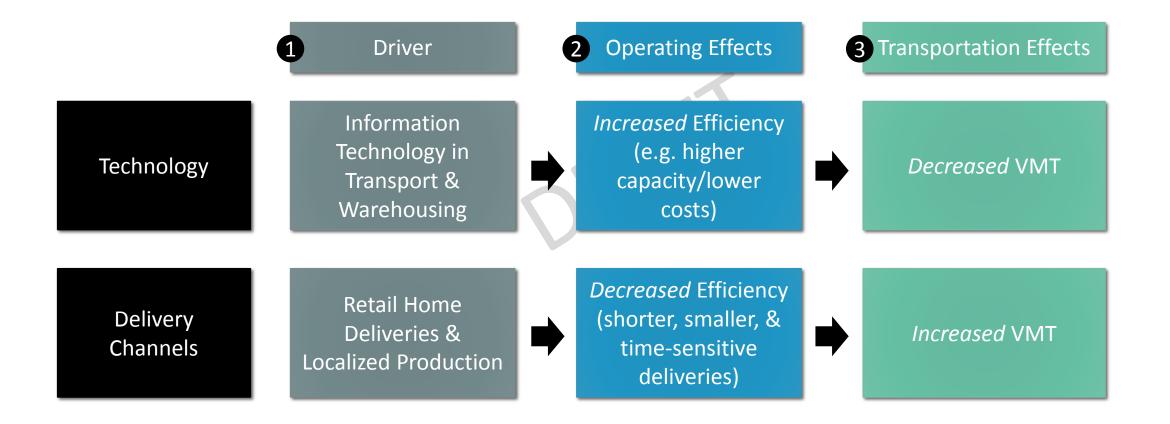
- Quantitative
- Qualitative
- Directional/Relative



DEMAND, MODE, EFFICIENCY, AND VMT

## Supply Chain Dynamics



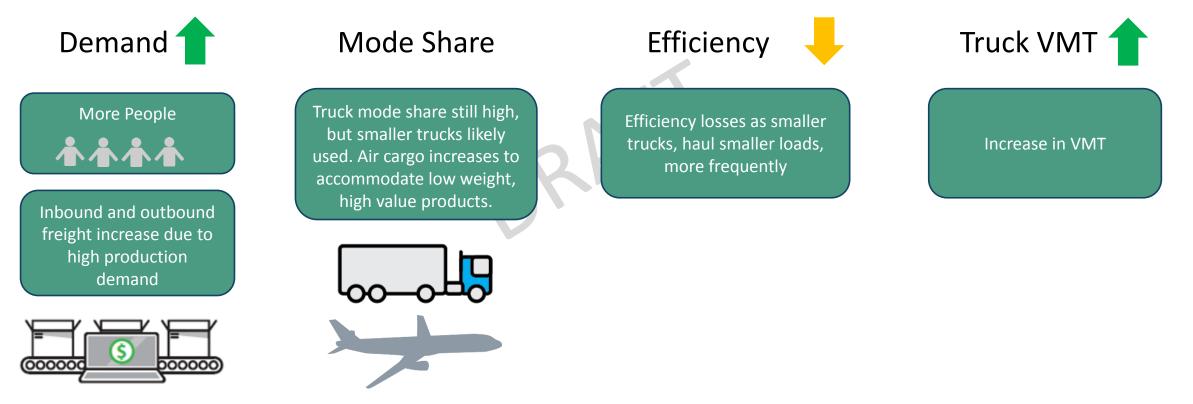




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#### How does it differ from the Baseline?





## Freight Results: Techtopia



How does it differ from the Baseline?

Demand More People

High consumption & retail demand and desire for just-in-time deliveries. Inbound freight activity exceeds outbound activity





Mode Share

High service trucking with lower unit weights, but higher value products. Intercity rail/trucking serve smaller distribution centers on fringe of metropolitan areas



Intercity Service



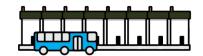
Less focus on stocking shelves and more focus on prompt delivery reduces productivity of freight system

At the same time, technology and automation could help increase efficiency

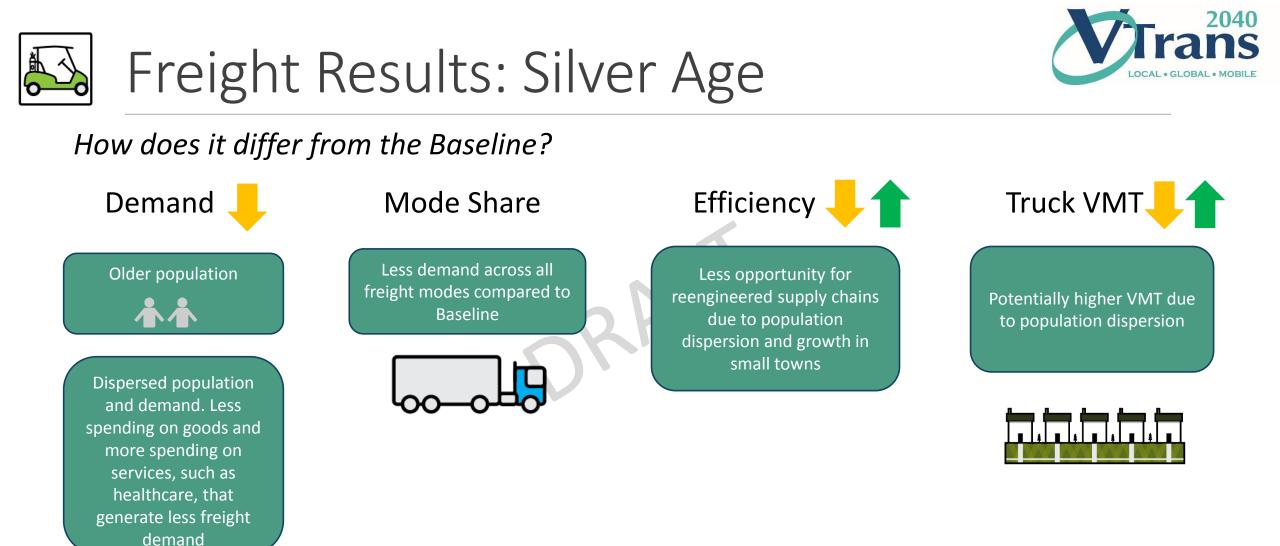


Increase in VMT with disproportionate increases in metro areas. Potential VMT reductions in rural areas







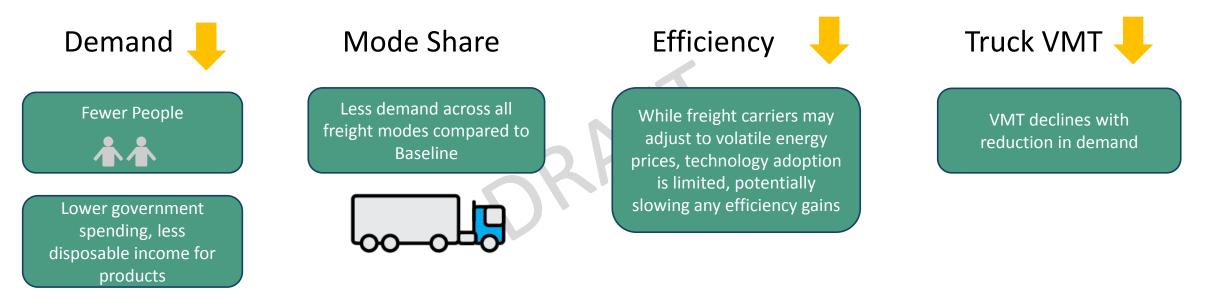




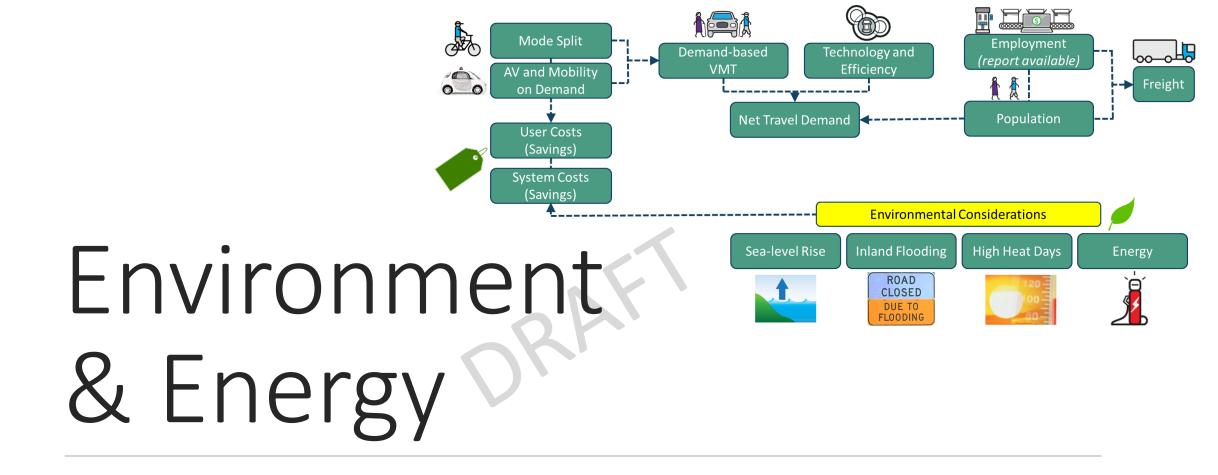
### Freight Results: General Slowdown



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# Industrial Renaissance and Techtopia: Climate Change

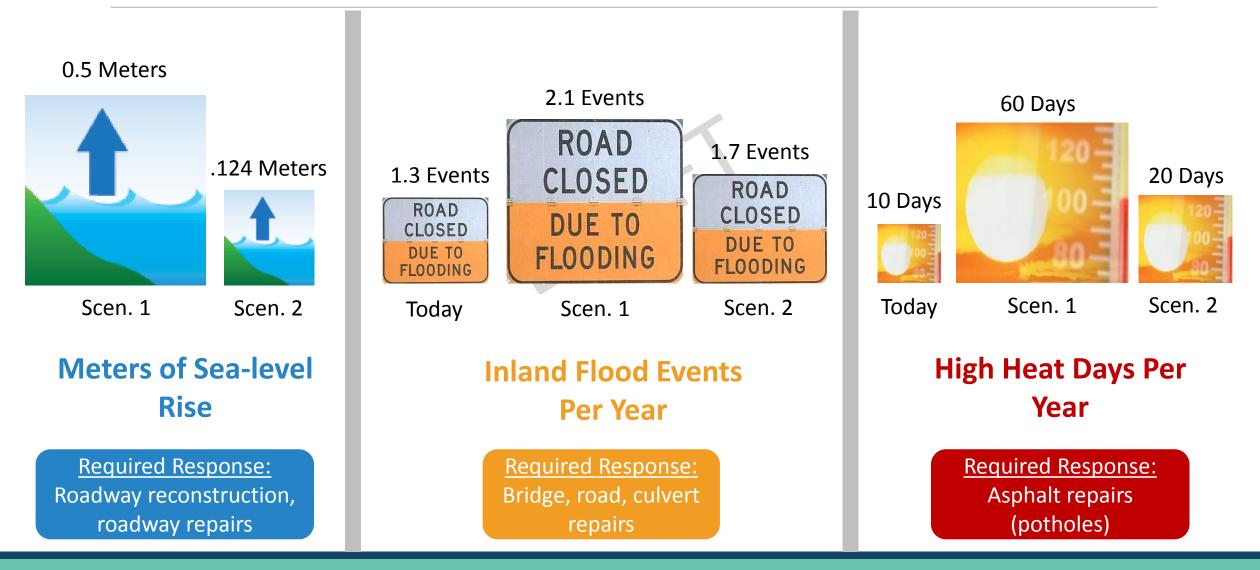


Hampton Roads is rated second only to New Orleans as the most vulnerable area to relative sea level rise in the country (<u>http://www.centerforsealevelrise.org</u>)

Former Norfolk Mayor, Paul Fraim, has stated, "We deal with stormwater flooding in the city now on a monthly basis" and..."in a severe Category 2 or Category 3 storm, if we were to receive a direct hit, almost all of the city would be underwater." (<u>http://www.centerforsealevelrise.org</u>)

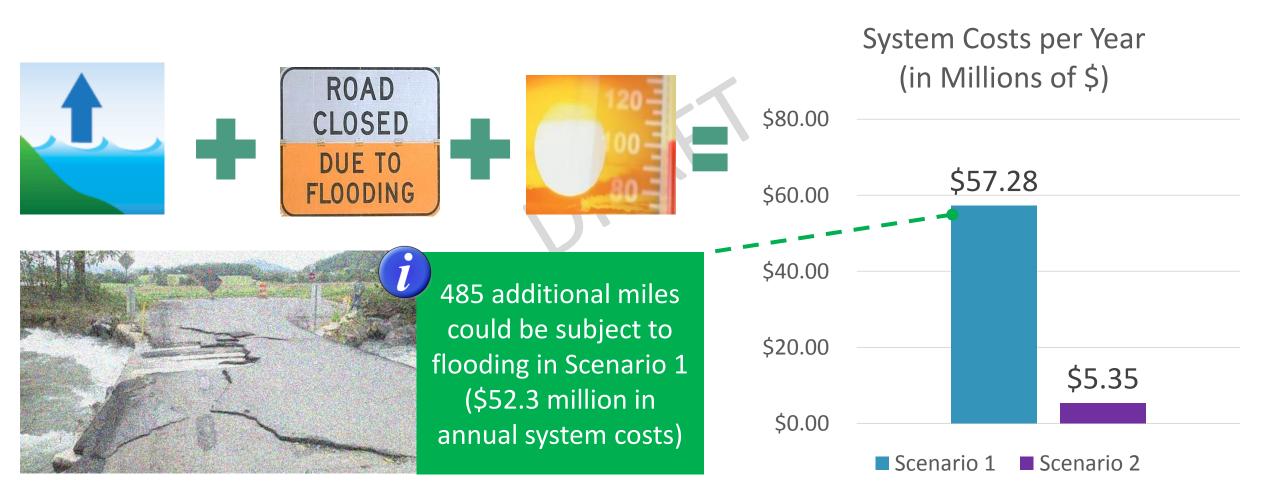
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# Scenario 3 Assumptions: Virginia develops away from the most vulnerable areas



It's unknown where residents and businesses would relocate to in the event of extreme sea-level rise

Communities, like Norfolk, are developing Resilience Plans to acknowledge vulnerabilities and to work proactively to find solutions.

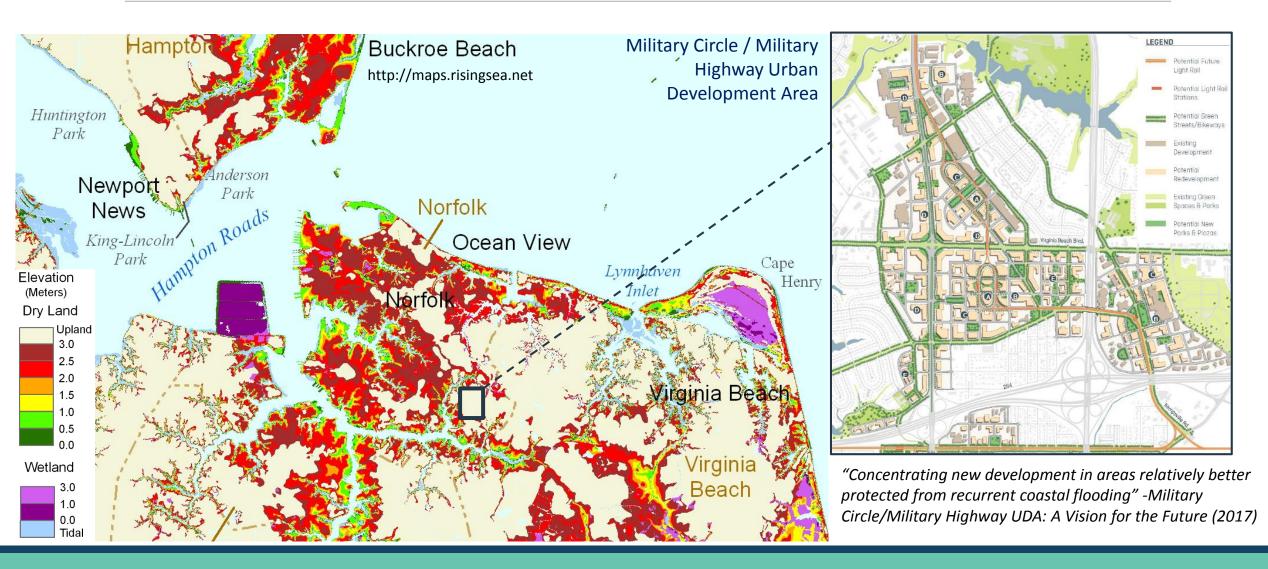


Ideas for Water Storage in Norfolk, Virginia. Source: Dutch Dialogues

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# Scenario 3 Results: Virginia develops away from the most vulnerable areas





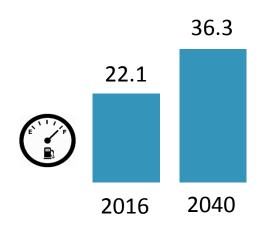
### Scenario 4 Assumptions: Environment status quo; Volatile global energy prices



What does the research say?



The U.S. Energy Information Agency (EIA) predicts that gasoline will remain the dominant automobile fuel through 2040, and that the average cost of gasoline will increase by 49% It does not appear as though 2040 roadway demand will be constrained by rising energy prices, particularly if fuel efficiency continues to improve

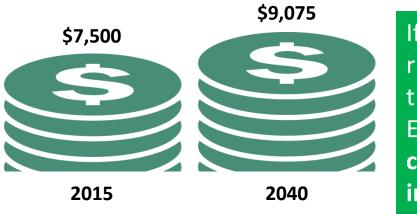


The EIA predicts that average vehicle efficiency will increase by 64%, from 22.1 miles per gallon to 36.3 miles per gallon Scenario 4 Results: Environment status quo; Volatile global energy prices



### What if energy prices outpace EIA expectations?

#### **Driving Cost Per Year**



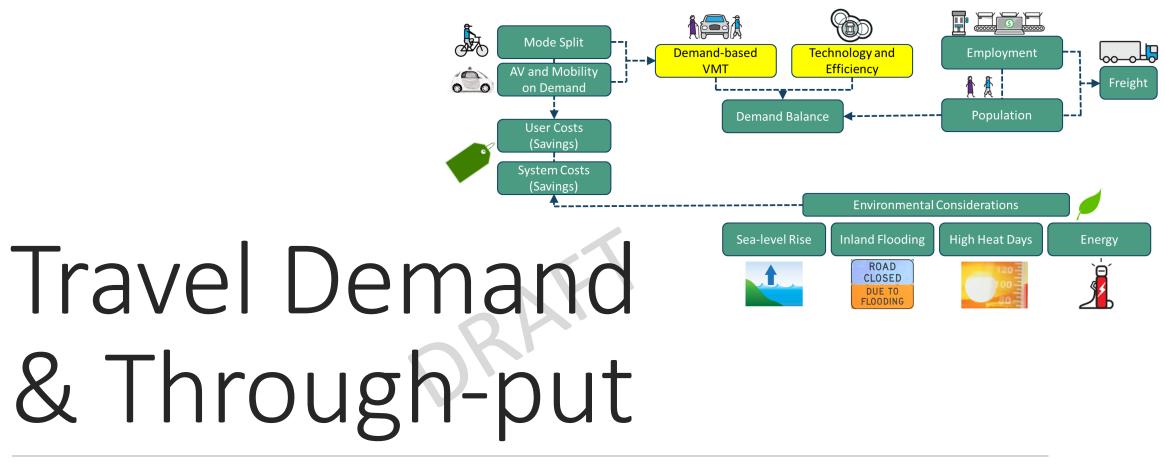
If energy prices rise at double the rate that the EIA anticipates, cost per mile will increase by 21%



Transit Mode Share could increase 1.9% in urban areas



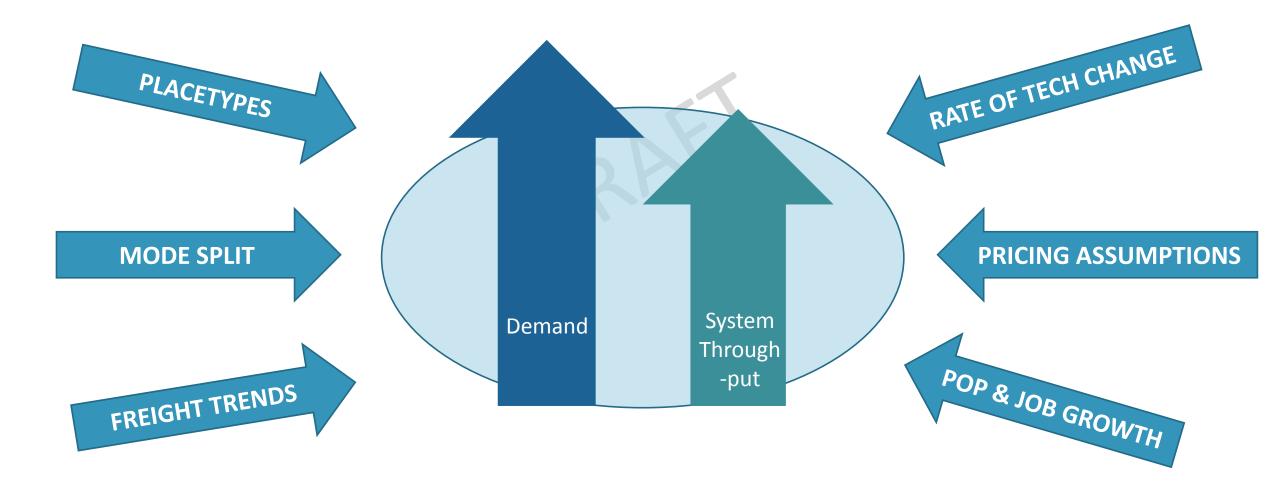
Overall VMT could **decline by 2.7%** 



DEMAND-BASED VMT, TECHNOLOGY, AND EFFICIENCY

## Factors Influencing Demand

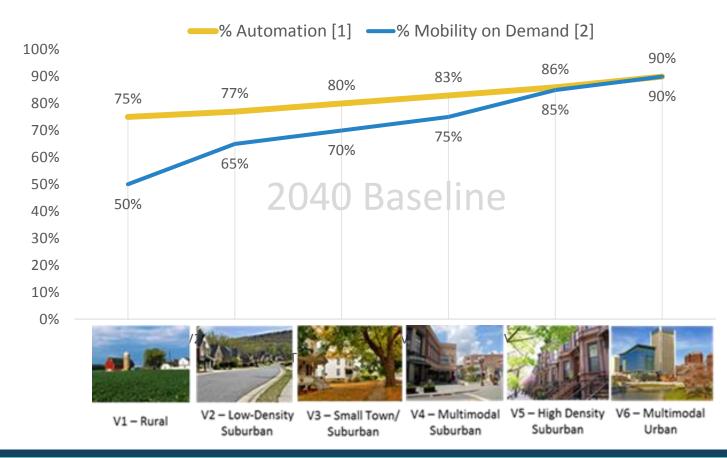






## **Baseline Technology Assumptions**

Percent passenger travel by autonomous vehicles and Mobility on Demand *in the 2040 Baseline* 



By 2040...it is likely that autonomous vehicles and Mobility on Demand (ex: Uber and Lyft) will play a significant role in passenger travel, especially in urban areas.

Automation and Mobility on Demand assumptions vary across placetypes and by scenario.



## What's Driving Demand in 2040?

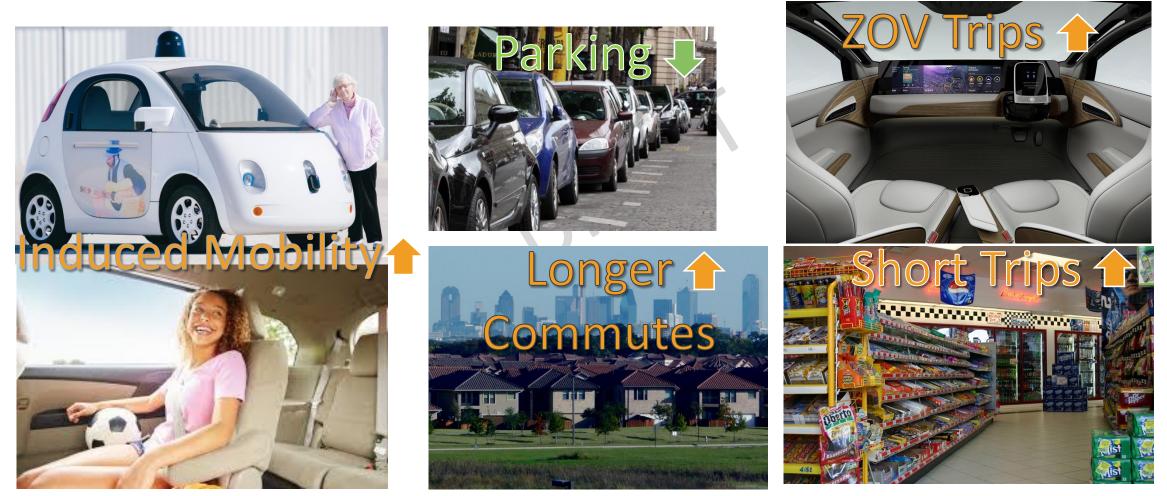
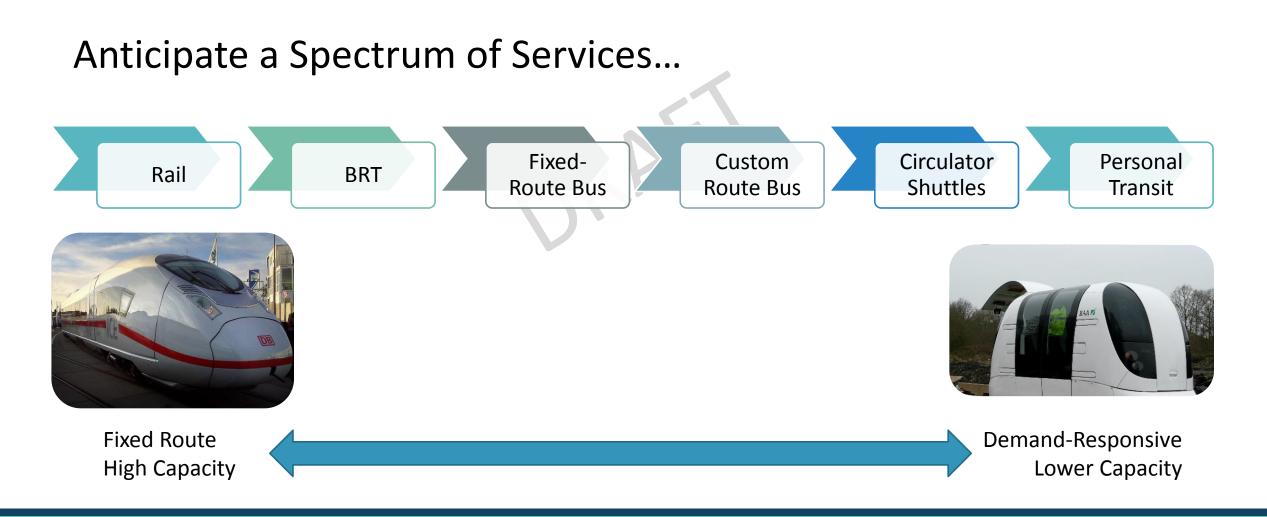


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## Aviation in 2040

- More fuel-efficient, lower maintenance costs, and greater range and utility
- Affordable commuter services, like Southern Airways Express
- Vertical take-off and landing (VTOL)
- "Uber of the skies"





Lilium launched a "flying car" in Spring 2017



Southern Airways Express shared Pittsburgh International Airport's photo. January 16 · @

{Flight Feature from our friends at Pittsburgh International Airport} Today's the day: Nonstop flights to Harrisburg!



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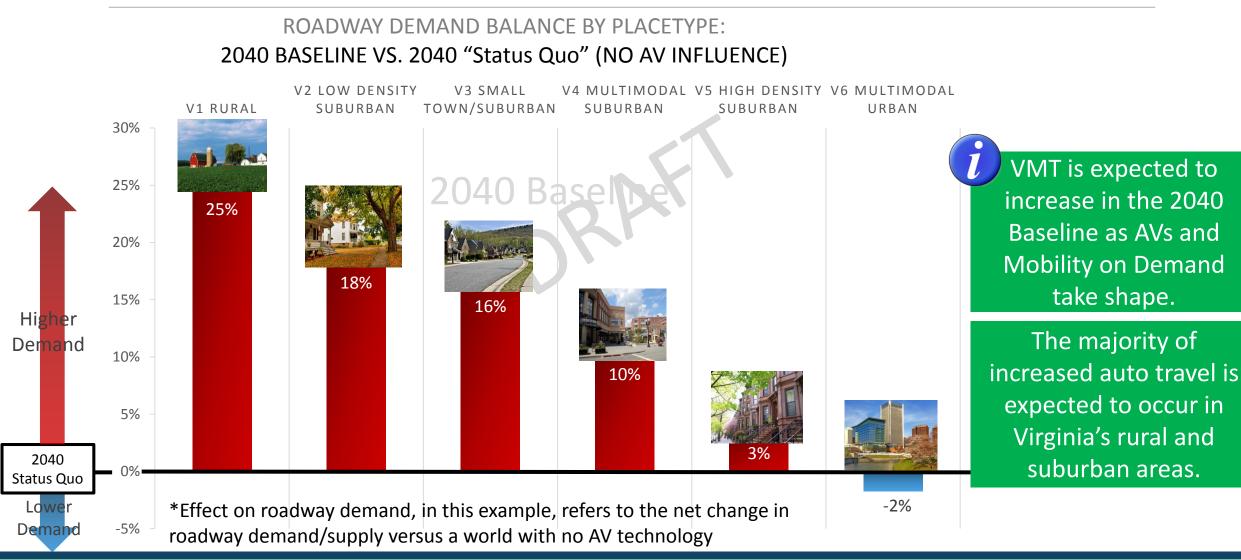
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# Results of Autonomous Vehicle Technology and Roadway Demand in 2040

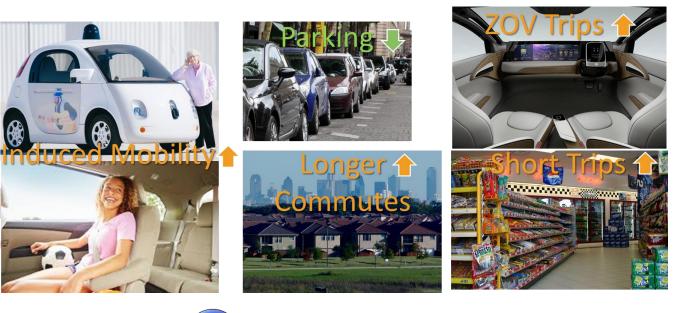






## Roadway Demand

Technology and changing travel behavior are expected to increase roadway demand (VMT) by 26%-39% (depending on Scenario)

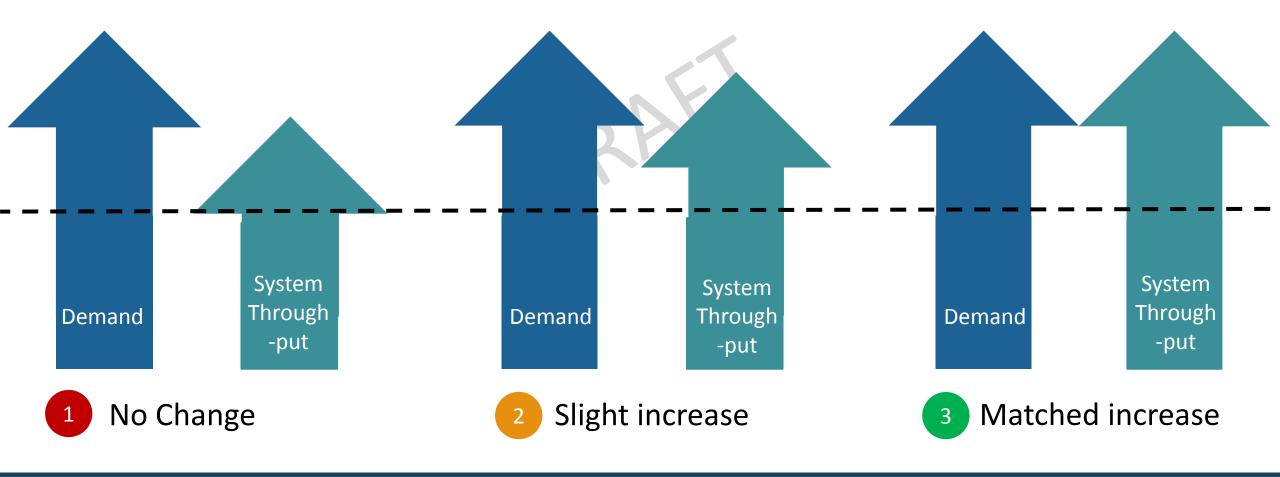


VMT is expected to increase as auto travel becomes safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable



## Demand and System Through-put

Different Possibilities for System Through-put...



## Technology and Efficiency



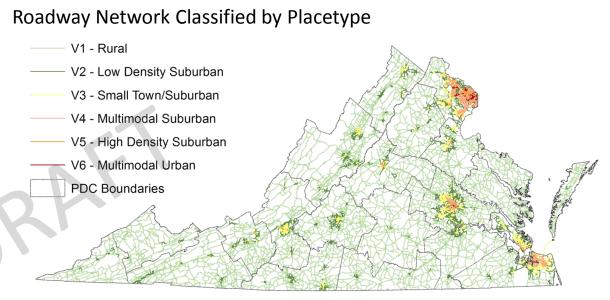


## Induced VMT Change Results



Technology's most significant capacity/through-put benefits will likely occur on *interstates and arterials* 

VDOT's interstate and arterial network was classified by VTrans Placetype to help capture the extent of technology benefits across the Commonwealth



Interstates and Arterials by Placetype (2014)

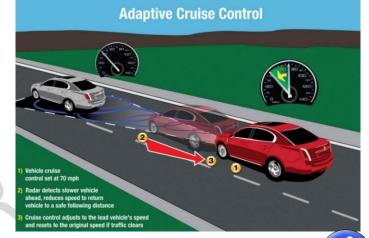
Placetype	Interstates as % of total network	Arterials as % of total network	Total
V1 Rural	4%	16%	20%
V2 Low Density Suburban	7%	24%	31%
V3 Small Town/Suburban	7%	30%	37%
V4 Multimodal Suburban	7%	31%	38%
V5 High Density Suburban	12%	35%	47%
V6 Multimodal Urban	10%	31%	42%



## Technology, Efficiency and Throughput

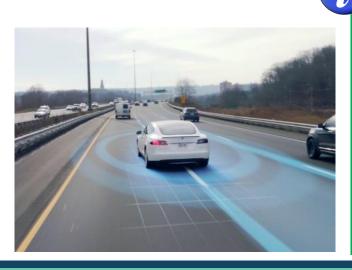
Technology and improved efficiency are expected to increase throughput by 9%-21%

(depending on Scenario)



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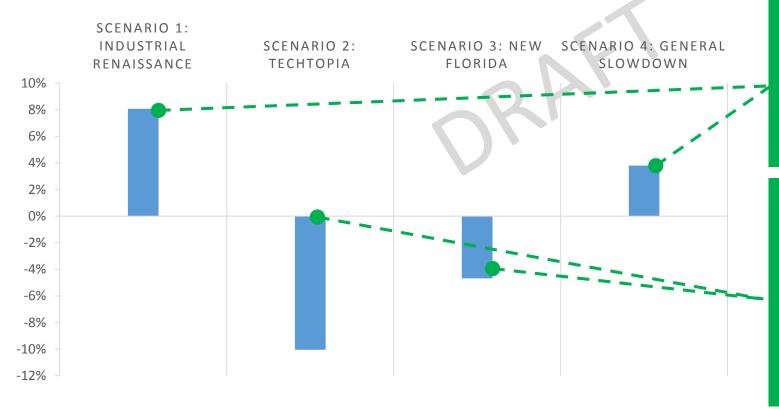


Although VMT is expected to increase, vehicle technology & infrastructure improvements will help increase travel efficiency and throughput (*effectively increasing roadway capacity*)



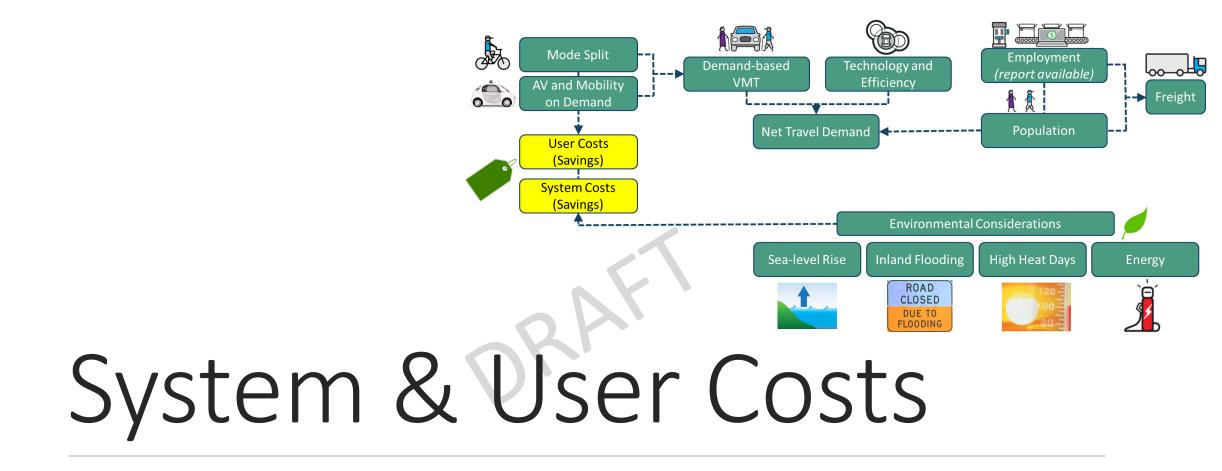
## Net Change in Roadway Demand

How can Technology and Travel Behavior Influence Demand in 2040: EXAMPLE NET CHANGE IN ROADWAY DEMAND BY SCENARIO (VS. 2040 BASELINE)



Net roadway demand is expected to increase in **Scenarios 1 and 4** as VMT outpaces the capacity and efficiency benefits provided by technology and alternative transportation.

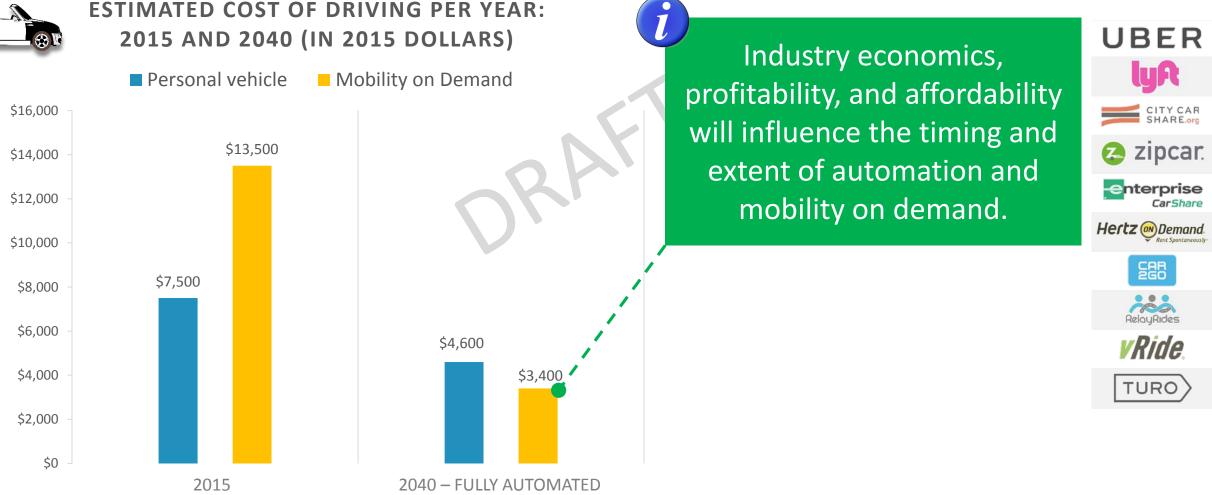
Net roadway demand is expected to decrease in **Scenarios 2 and 3** as travel behavior and efficiency increase the "effective capacity" of the roadway network





### The Assumed Cost of Driving, 2015 and 2040



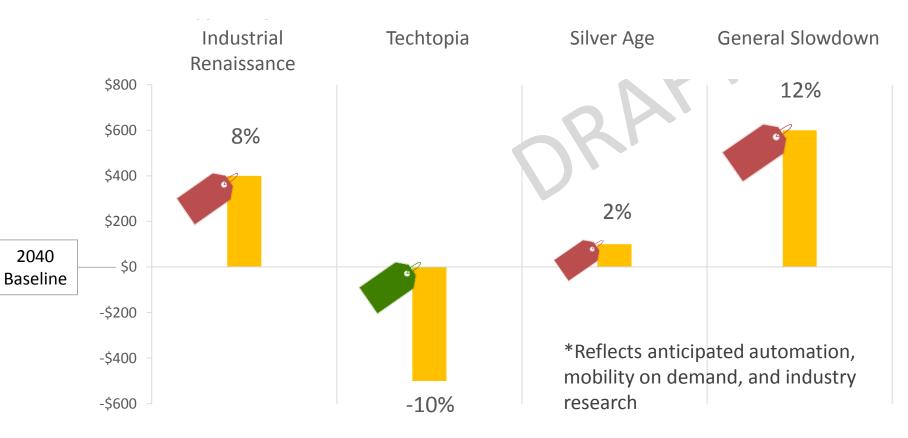




## Cost of Driving by Scenario Results



#### CHANGE IN ANNUAL DRIVING COST BY SCENARIO (VS. 2040 BASELINE)\*



Autonomous vehicles and Mobility on Demand are expected to reduce annual driving costs



## Cost Efficiencies and Mode Choice

## Autonomous taxis and public transit services are likely complements rather than substitutes

Autonomous Taxis (and other Mobility on Demand services)

- First and last mile connections
- Commutes outside the urban core
- Traditionally underserved communities

Autonomous Public Transit

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- High activity corridors
- Downtowns, public spaces
- Park and ride lots
- College campuses, military bases, airports

- More flexible
- Best for off-peak travel, short trips
- Likely more cost-effective and convenient for paratransit providers and users

OTHER ADVANTAGES

LOCATION ADVANTAGES

- More affordable
- Helps reduce VMT
- Best for peak period travel and during congestion or "surge" pricing



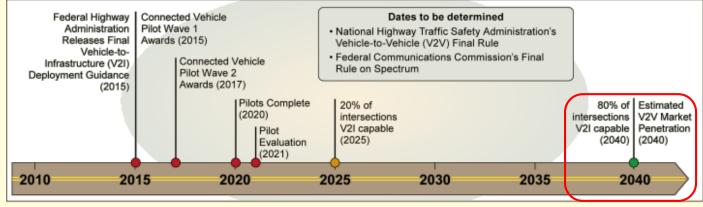
## Infrastructure Deployment Costs

The USDOT and AASHTO estimate that Vehicle to Infrastructure (V2I) technology could cost approximately \$50,000 per site (ex: an intersection) and be 80% implemented by 2040

\*Includes planning, design, equipment, installation, and backhaul (connecting roadside unit to the traffic management center/office). *Excludes operating & maintenance*.



### Figure 3: DOT's Planned Connected Vehicle Path to Deployment, 2010-2040



Many states and localities may lack resources for funding both V2I equipment and the personnel to install, operate, and maintain the technologies.



There are approximately 120,000 roadway crashes per year in Virginia, accounting for 700 fatalities per year<sup>[1]</sup>

These crashes account for over \$15 billion in costs per year (more like \$20 billion in 2040)

Driver error is responsible for 80-90% of all crashes

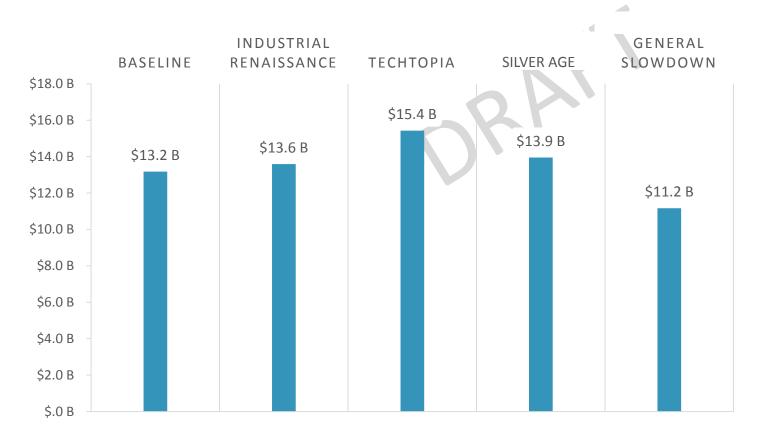
Crash reductions will save lives, reduce user costs, reduce congestion and improve system reliability

[1] Based on averages from 2011-2015 crashes



### Technology, Safety, and Societal Savings

### POTENTIAL ANNUAL SAVINGS FROM REDUCED CRASHES (IN BILLIONS)



Autonomous vehicles are expected to significantly improve roadway safety and there could be tremendous savings to society as a result of fewer crashes.



## Travel Time Savings

The USDOT estimates that *Connected Vehicle* technology could help reduce travel times by up to 27 percent

When cooperative adaptive cruise control and speed harmonization applications are optimized for the environment, they can potentially reduce travel time on freeways by up to 42 percent



Example technologies:

- Intelligent Traffic Signal System
- Freight Signal Priority, Transit Signal Priority

As technology evolves, connected vehicle solutions can help mitigate the impact of rising travel demand



### System Savings from Connected Vehicles

# VDOT estimates \$1.1 billion could be saved by eliminating....

Traffic signals (3,200 signals x \$250,000 per signal = \$800 million)
Changeable messaging signs (550 signs x \$200,000 per sign = \$110 million)
Overhead guide signs (1,000 signs x \$100,000 per structure = \$100 million)

\*Based on planning level cost estimates for removing VDOT-maintained signals and signs throughout Virginia





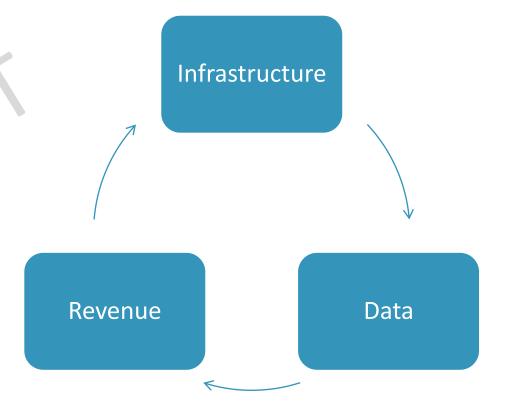


## 5G Telecommunications



Evolution to 5G

- Data: Faster processing speeds to handle massive data generated and needed by AVs
- Vehicle-to-Everything Connectivity (V2X): allowing vehicles talk to each other and the surrounding environment (giving vehicles additional "vision")
- Timing: Expected as early as 2019



# Summary

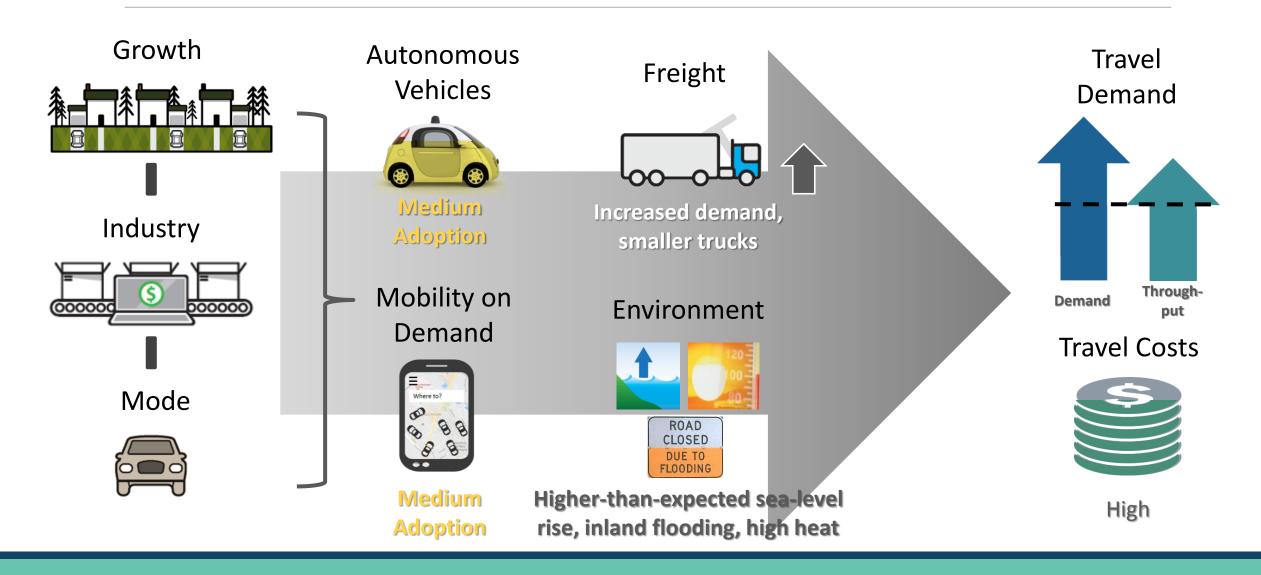
### SCENARIO OVERVIEW, INVESTMENT CHOICES

### Some Big Takeaways



- > The transportation system of 2040 is going to look A LOT DIFFERENT!
- > Freight supply chain dynamics are adaptive, helping to balance outcomes
- For environmental resiliency, we need land use-transportation coordination and vulnerability (risk) assessment
- User costs are expected to go down, especially if high demand for technology drives cost reductions. Lower costs + fewer mobility constraints = potentially significant increases in demand
- There will be challenges and opportunities in paying for our transportation system, such as the decline of gasoline-based revenue and the potential to leverage big data to fund new infrastructure
- New models of private sector involvement need to be carefully planned and negotiated



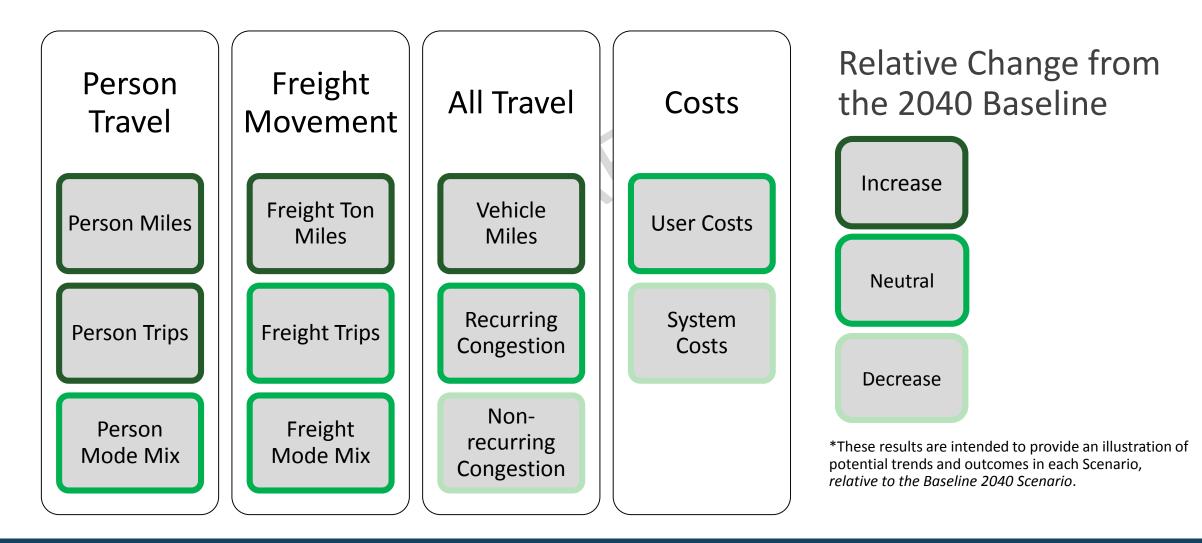


Industrial Renaissance - Trends





### Industrial Renaissance - Outcomes





Industrial Renaissance - Implications

Dispersed growth in VMT

> Reduced throughput resiliency

What are the congestion patterns?

What does this mean for investment choices?

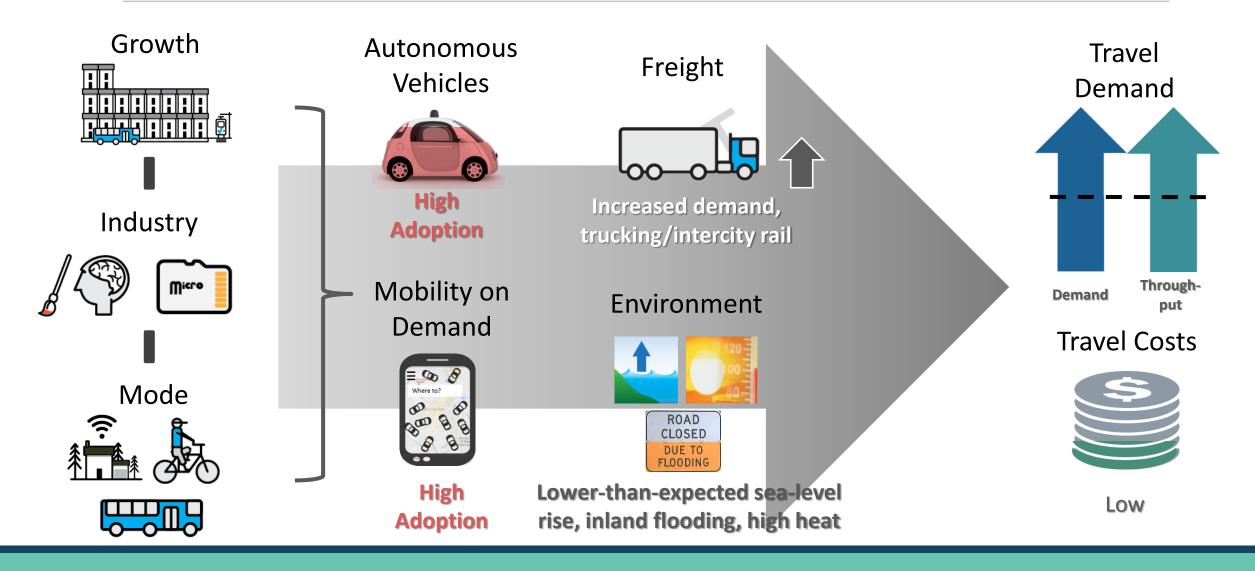
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### Techtopia – Trends

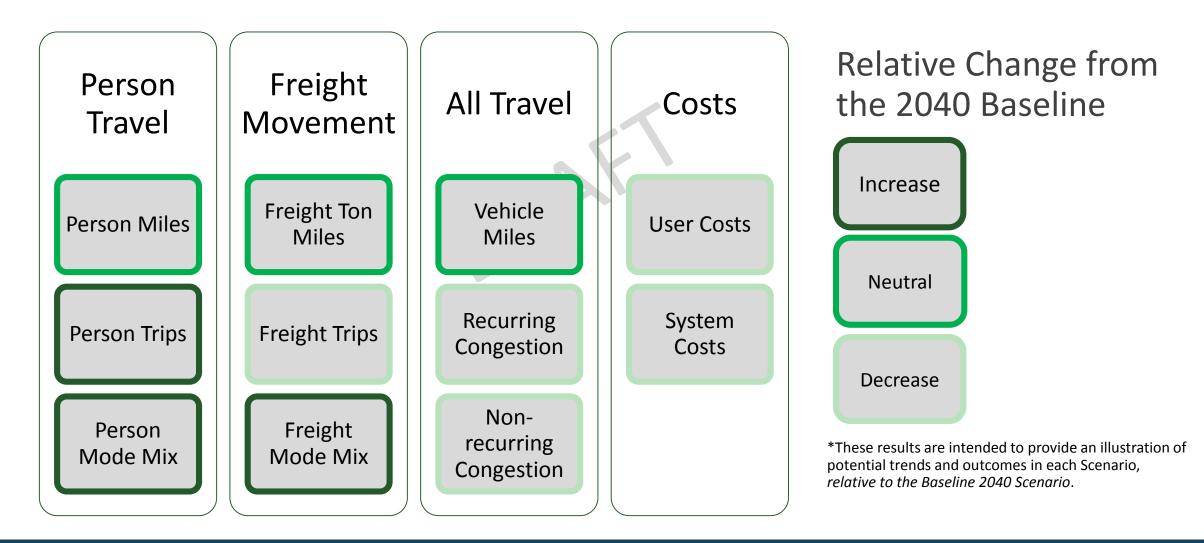




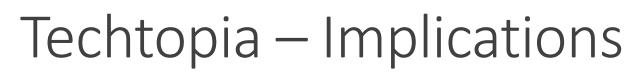


## Techtopia – Outcomes











Reduced relative VMT growth

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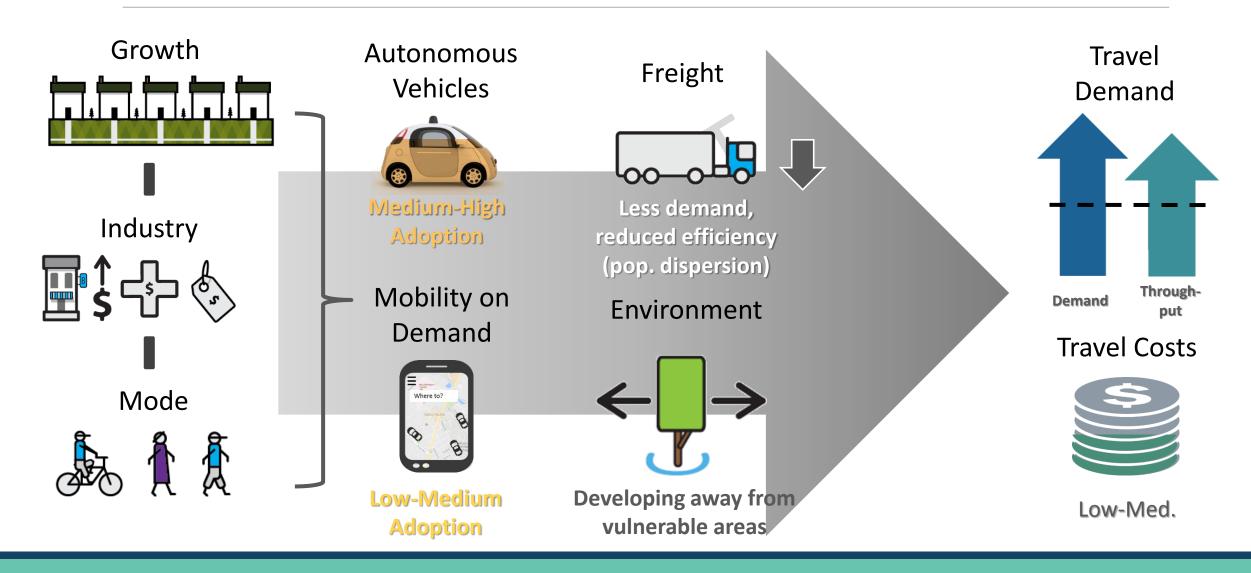
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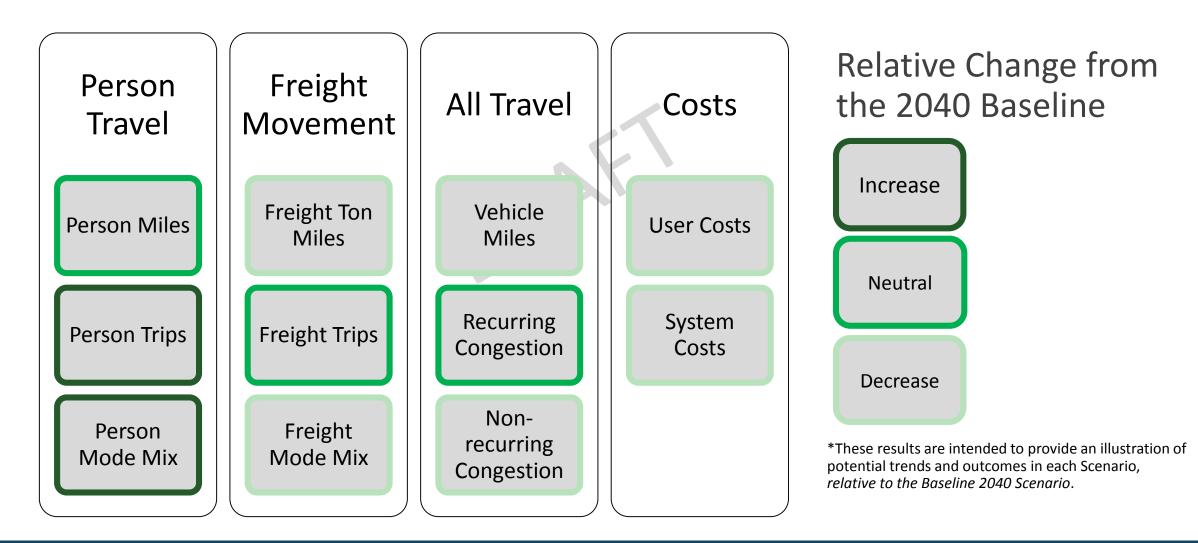






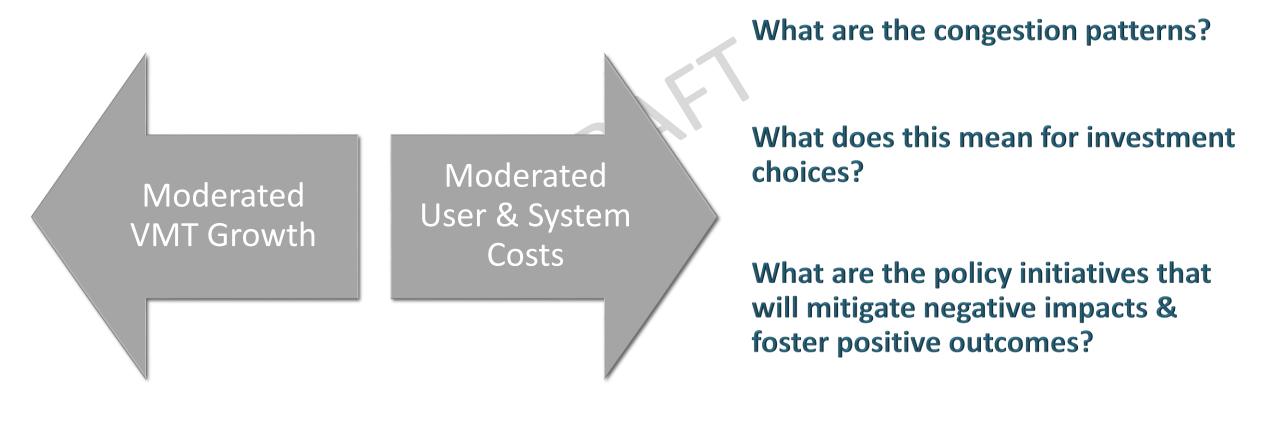
### Silver Age – Outcomes







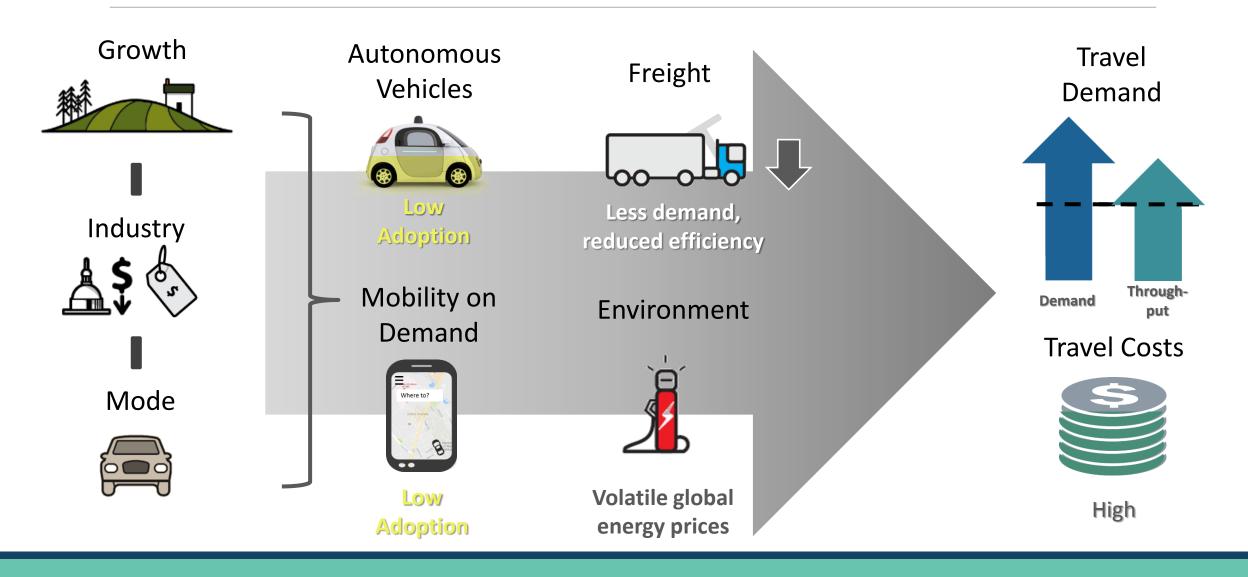






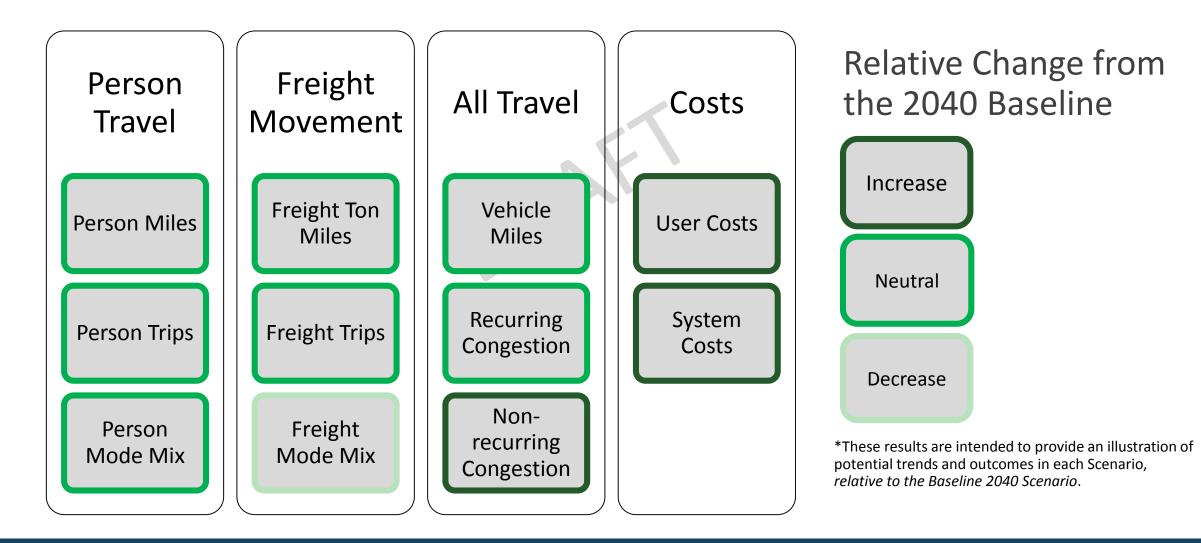
### General Slowdown – Trends















AV delay & lower growth mitigate relative VMT growth

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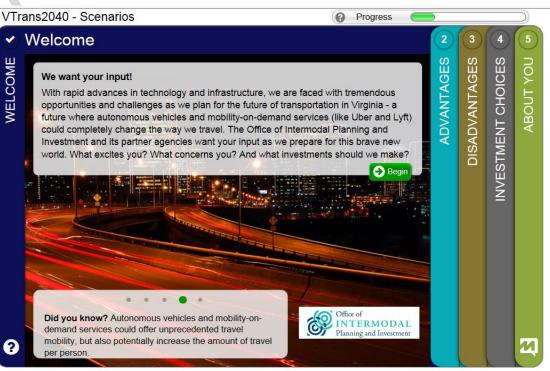
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# Next Steps

- VMTP "Stress Test"
  - Summarizing investments (operational, capacity, multimodal, etc)
  - Discussion of risks and resiliency in light of scenario findings
- Investment and Policy Findings
  - Digital outreach
  - Summarize scenario implications
  - Summarize Policy and Investment recommendations



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