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“Approaches to Working with TNCs (Transportation Network Companies)”

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Shared-Use Mobility: Transit/TNC Partnerships

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Shared-Use Mobility Center
Sharon Feigon, Executive Director
Today’s Presentation

- About the Shared-Use Mobility Center
- What Is Shared Mobility?
- Learning from Transit + TNC Mobility Pilots
- Public-Private Partnership Considerations
- Potential Challenges
About the Shared-Use Mobility Center
Shared-Use Mobility Center
Creating a multi-modal transportation system that works for all.

“...public transit is the backbone of an efficient, equitable transportation system.”
Our Work

Implementation and Pilots

- FTA MOD Sandbox Innovation & Knowledge Accelerator
- MOD On-Ramp: Business Plans for Pilots in Six Cities
- California Air Resources Board
- Clean Mobility Options Program
- Pilots in rural and suburban
- Mobility Hubs in Bay Area
- Shared Mobility Action Plans

Applied Research

- TCRP: Impacts of TNCs on Transit
- MTC (Bay Area) Study on Strategic Carsharing Expansion
- Study of European Shared Mobility Best Practices

Learning Center

- Policy database
- Case Studies, White Papers, Webinars

Convene the public and private sectors through workshops and Annual Summit
SUMC working with Federal Transit Administration to provide technical assistance, compile best practices, and facilitate knowledge exchange between MOD Sandbox grantees.

Partnerships within the sandbox include:
- First/Last Mile connections (several with TNCs)
- Multimodal App/Payment Integration
- Carpooling/Ridesharing
- Demand Response and Paratransit
- Incentive Strategies
- Expanded Services
MOD Sandbox Projects

First/Last-Mile & Paratransit

Integrated Trip-Planning

Ride Matching and Incentives
California Air Resources Board (CARB) Pilots: Measuring CO2 Reductions and Equity

• CARB’s “Clean Mobility Options” Program

• LA EV: Based in low-income neighborhoods in central LA; Community Board oversees key aspects of project

• Developing performance metrics for access to fast charging infrastructure

• Electric ridehailing and shuttles for rural California

• Mobility Hubs that provide electric infrastructure and active transportation
Shared Mobility Growing
600+ cities with TNCs
20+ cities with pooled rides
10+ cities with microtransit pilots
400+ cities with carshare (2-way, 1-way, P2P)
400+ cities with bikeshare (station-based and dockless)
20+ accessibility projects

Shared Mobility Growing and Companies Consolidating
New Models Entering the Market
Opportunity, innovation, changing demographics and needs

Adds more options to improve multimodal ecosystem

Fills gaps in service, particularly on weekends and late-night service

Provides first/last mile connections between transit stations and residential areas

Can be implemented quickly with lower capital costs

Encourages sustainable, healthy, and walkable communities

But why?
Make transit accessible to people who don’t live/work near transit or first/last mile
Learning from Transit + Mobility Research
Examining TNC Impacts on Vehicle Ownership, Driving, and Use of other Modes- 2016

TCRP 195 & 196

- No clear relationship between the level of rush-hour TNC use and longer-term changes in public transit use
- TNC usage takes place in communities of all income levels
- Most TNC trips in study regions are short and concentrated in downtown core neighborhoods, or to and from airports
TNCs Today: New Data from Chicago- 2019

- Usage widespread and growing
  - Based on trip data from November & December 2018
  - 17 million trips were taken, an average of 286,000 trips/day
- Friday and Saturday nights are most usage
- Heavy usage during rush hours (shared rides 18% or less of all rides)
- Workers in disadvantaged communities spend ~58 additional hours each year commuting compared with the average resident in the region
- Disadvantaged communities have longer trips, median trip length 4.3 miles compared to 3.4 miles and higher rate of shared rides (39% on average were shared).

Source: CMAP Study
Where & How TNCs Can Help Meet Transportation Needs

**Trip Purposes**
- First/Last Mile with Transit
- Medical related trips
- Day-to-day needs
- Social activities
- Entertainment
- Employment

**Land Use Zones**
- Strongest markets in moderate to high density neighborhoods
- Low Density Solutions generally require subsidies

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Learning from Transit + Mobility Pilots
Shared-Mobility Pilots Complementing Transit

Serving areas/routes/hours where transit is hard to run productively

- On-demand
- Low-density areas
- Inefficient routes
- Late night
Pilots Improving Accessibility

Improving mobility for people with disabilities

- Flexible, on-demand
- Shorter wait times
- Potential cost reduction
Pilots addressing Equity

Reducing cost of transportation
Equity and access to emerging transportation technologies
Concierge Services

- Unbanked, no credit card
- People without smartphones
- People with limited data plans
First/Last Mile & Equity:
• 3 in Pinellas County, Florida: First/last mile and jobs access
• GoMonrovia: TNCs and Bikeshare: First/last mile service in Monrovia, CA – incentives for shared rides
• Two programs: Capital Metro & RideAustin and CapMetro Pickup with Microtransit: First/last mile pilot
• RTA Connect with TNC Dayton, OH: Service to/from selected bus stops to low-density neighborhoods and the military base

Persons with Disabilities:
• WA State Pierce Transit: Lyft first/last mile to/from transit stops and designated zones

Persons with Disabilities:
• Boston MBTA The RIDE: Paratransit pilot projects with Uber and Lyft (Recent New Funding from MASSDOT to Subsidize WAV Access)
• RideKC Freedom On-Demand: ADA and paratransit trips, accessible via app and available universally

App Based Initiatives:
• TriMet trip planning app
• RTD and Lyft “Nearby Transit”
Multi-Modal – Mobility as a Service: TNCs are One Piece of Mobility Solutions

Cities and Regions becoming Mobility Conveners And Brokers offering a suite of options.
Public-Private Partnership Considerations
Aligning goals between public and private sectors:
- Private mobility startups always changing. Will transit partnerships continue to be important for them?

Project challenges have been mostly legal/psychological/cultural, not technical
- How can trust be built between the sectors?

Marketing is critical to community awareness, rider education, and usage
- How can that happen effectively in a small pilot?
Lessons from Trip Planning

Lack of API requirements (i.e. closed APIs)
  • Individual negotiations with providers
    • How can this be done more quickly?
  • Provider’ concerns about competition drive the discussion (e.g. side-by-side)
  • No data standards, so every project is doing a one-off agreement over parameters and data ownership
  • What does this mean for smaller agencies?
Data sharing (dis)agreements are a common stumbling block and big source of project delays.

**Agency Needs**
- Planning
- Operations
- Accounting
- Auditing

**Provider Concerns**
- Trade Secrets
- Competitiveness
- Rider Privacy
- Public Records Disclosures
Right-of-Way Policy Considerations

Competing (and incompatible) needs for curbside access:
- Transit
- Private shuttles
- Taxi and TNC pick up/drop off
- On-street parking / storage
- Delivery services
- Bikeshare, carshare, scooters
Shared Autonomous Vehicles: TNCs of Future
GOAL: Maximizing the person-throughput vs. vehicle-throughput

Space required to transport 60 people

Car  Autonomous Car  Bus
Mobility on Demand Learning Center

• Builds off the Shared Mobility Toolkit
• Curated approach to understanding shared mobility
• learn.sharedusemobilitycenter.org

Research on SUMC site
• TNCs
• Carshare
• Bikeshare
• More...
Thank You!

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Charlotte Area Transit System and Lyft, the fastest-growing on-demand transportation service in the US, have partnered in a pilot project to connect riders to the first and last miles of their commute. The collaboration will provide greater connectivity to jobs and education by supplementing affordable transportation on the first and last mile of a person's commute in areas where transit service may be too far away. CATS will provide a $4.00 contribution toward the Lyft trip fee to/from the Parkwood Station and JW Clay/UNC Charlotte Station for trips taken within a geo-fenced area surrounding both stations. (maps pictured below)

Connect to Your First / Last Mile in these Easy Steps:

1. **Two Ways to Participate**
   - Purchase a monthly pass via CATSPass mobile app. ([/cats/bus/Pages/realtime-app.aspx](https://charlottenc.gov/cats/rail/Pages/realtime-app.aspx)) Within 48 hours, a code will be activated in your Lyft app for use within the geo-fenced area. A monthly pass purchased through CATSPass provides **40 Lyft** trips per month.
   - OR
   - Enter the Lyft Station Code into the app. Riders with a current valid CATS/LYNX pass can enter the Station Code displayed at either participating station.

2. **Pick Your Station**
   A trip must originate or terminate at either of those two station locations AND end or start in the designated geo-fenced area surrounding each station. These areas were selected to fill gaps in the existing transit network in order to provide better access to the region's extended rail system. See attached maps for geo-fenced areas for each station.

3. **Pickup and Drop-off Locations**
   Each station will have a Lyft sign installed as illustrated below to designate the location to be picked up and dropped off by Lyft. Your Lyft trip must start or end at one of the two designated stations AND start or end in the geo-fenced area.

- JW Clay / UNC Charlotte Station
While CATS will provide a $4.00 contribution toward the Lyft fare at participating station, the customer is responsible for paying for any remaining fare in the app. To participate in either option the customer must have an active Lyft account to receive the subsidized trips along with commuting to and from one of the designated LYNX stations. This pilot program provides a new and innovative approach to addressing the region's transportation needs and creating a more connected community.
For customers needing a wheelchair lift vehicle Call 980-721-3440 to schedule your trip

*100 Station Code trips available for all customers

Geo-Fenced Areas for Each Station:

JW Clay / UNC Charlotte Station Area Map
Geo fenced map for use of lyft at JW Clay station.

The border consists of north tryon street to Mallard Creek Church Road, moving east along Mallard Creek Church Road to highway 29 to Pavillion road. West on Pavillion road to highway 29. West on Salome Church Road / ridge road to Mallard Creek road. South on Mallard Creek Road to W T Harris boulevard. East on W t Harris boulevard to north tryon street. North on North tryon street to JW Clay Boulevard
The border begins at North Brevard at Parkwood Street. West on 16th street bording Brookshire Freeway to I-85 north. I-85 north to Altondo Avenue. East on Altondo Avenue to North Tryon Street. South on North Tryon street to Matherson Street. Matherson to North Brevard going back to the Parkwood Station.
Transit Connect

- New pilot program
  - Replacing agency-operated on-demand shuttles
- Uber and/or Lyft partnership
- Up-to $10 subsidy per trip
- Qualified trips begin or end within 100 feet of specific fixed-route transit stops:
  - Regional Transit Center
  - NC 54 @ Alston Ave
  - NC 54 @ New Millennium Way
  - TW Alexander Dr @ Stirrup Creek Dr

Maintain cost effectiveness
Transit Connect

• Uber
  – Voucher program
  – Customers download link and accept data-sharing terms

• Lyft
  – Promo Code
  – Concierge dashboard for customers with no smartphone

• ADA Considerations
  – Contract with 3rd party private ADA taxi
  – Offer agency-operated ADA-accessible shuttles as second option (must reserve in advance)

• Goals
  – First/last mile connection
  – Increase ridership within (and to) Regional Transit Center
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