

# Vision or Illusion?



# Future Air Transportation System



# **TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT OF EMERGING AVIATION TECHNOLOGIES**

**The Case Of VTOL Personal And Mass Hybrid Air Vehicles  
For Urban And Regional Air Transportation Systems**

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# **INTRODUCTION**

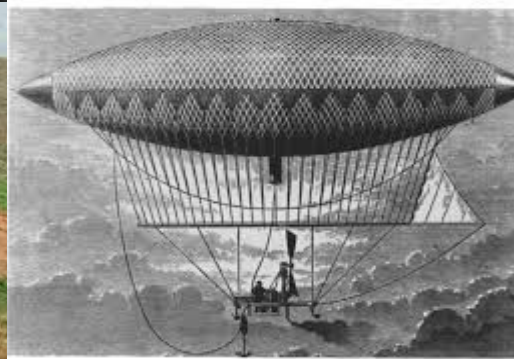
# Abbreviations

- PAV : Personal Air Vehicle
- MAV : Mass Air Vehicle
- VTOL: Vertical Take off and Landing
- PPAT : Personal and Public Air Transportation System

# Why did I Select this Topic?

- My personal motivation is to **examine technology assessment process and to practice in a real current issue** from the point of process, research methods and policy on which I think that I can contribute with my professional background.
- I intended to **provide a vision** to contribute to the public and policy opinion forming on the potential consequences of emerging air transportation technology **since** it is
  - **an answer to the existing issues and**
  - **the next logical step** in the natural progression.

# Background



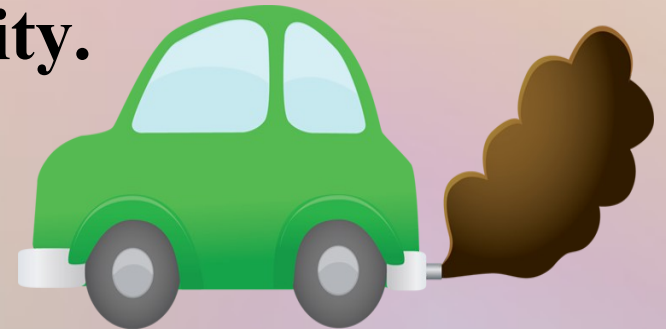


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- The **ability to travel** is one of the most basic human needs. The more travel made possible, the greater the **socio economic opportunities** available.
- The developed nations entered **the 1900s** with a transportation system for people centred upon the horse, the rail road and the steamship with associated **travel times the order of hours to days and weeks**, depending on distance.
- Now, **Travel times have shrunk to minutes and hours**. The **automobile** has long supplanted the horse and **the fix-wing aircraft** has nearly driven the rail road and steamship.

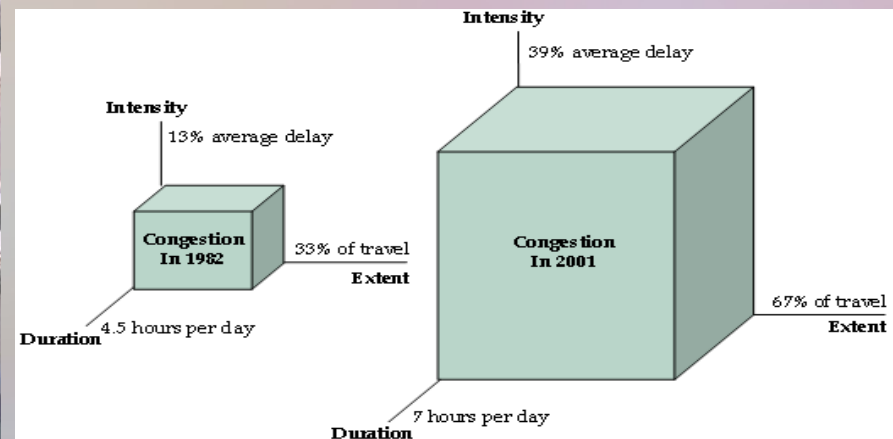
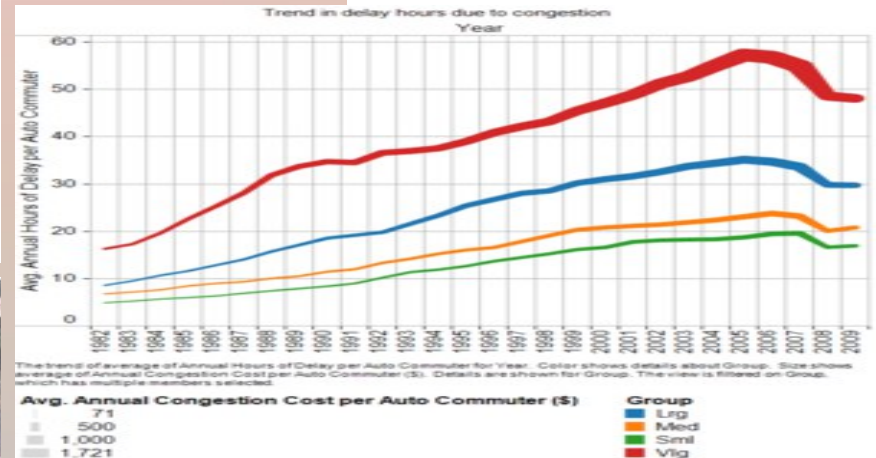
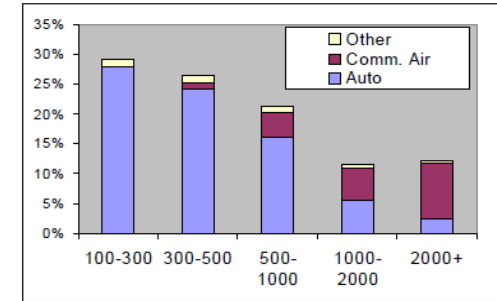
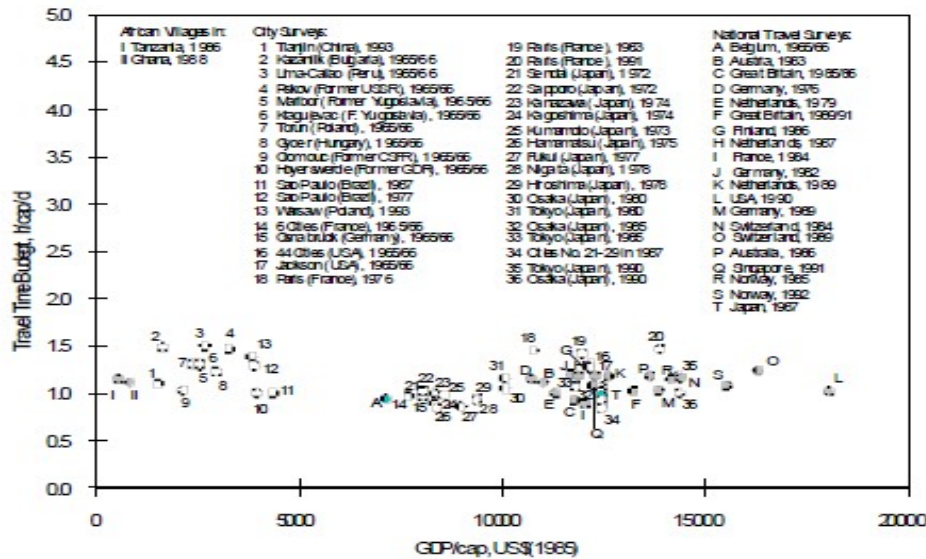
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- The **daily radius of action** has improved from about **3 miles** per day in **1900** to about **25 miles** per day in **2000** for intra urban travel. However, the **2000 data also shows the first decreases** for ground mobility speed.
- Urbans face **congestions** as well as **increasing emissions and noise** and, thus **reduced accesibility**.

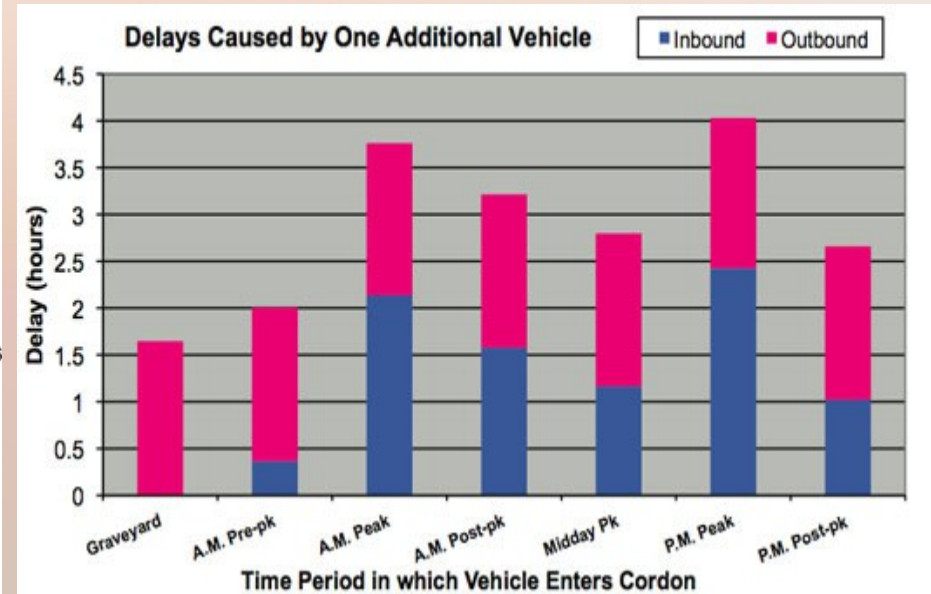
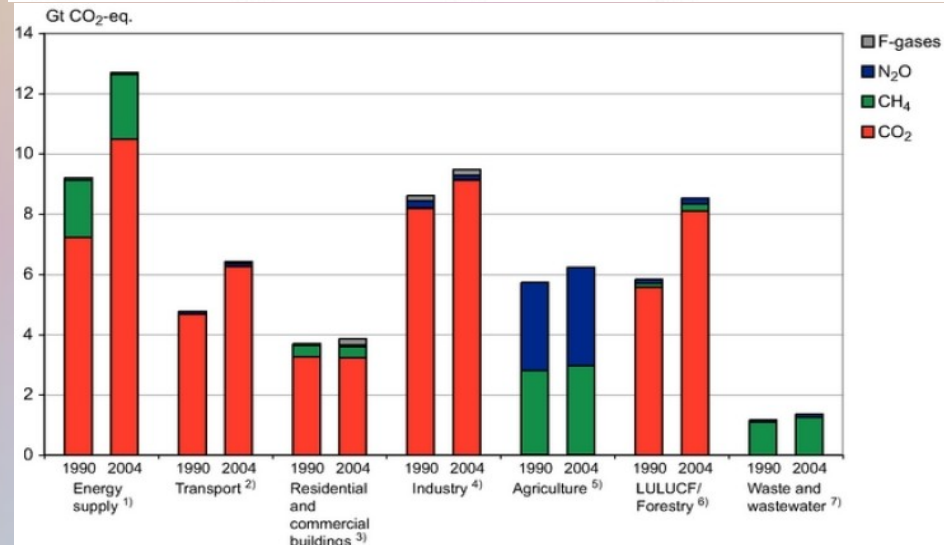
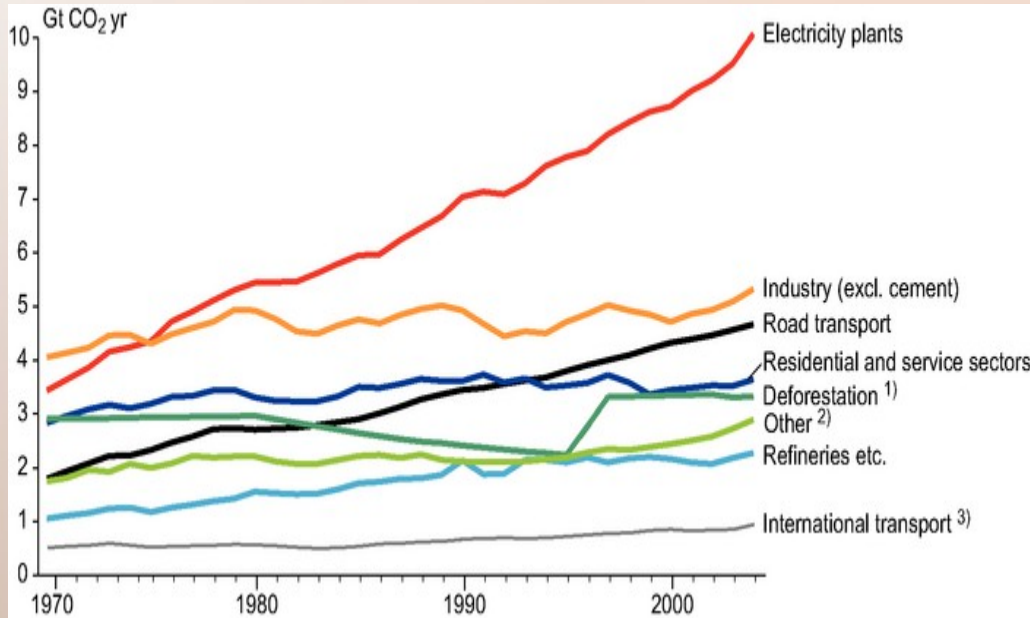


- In USA, 5.7 billion gallons of **fuel wasted** in traffic yearly due to seven fold increase in traffic delays over the 30 years. **In Europe, approximately 100 billion Euros are lost every year** as a result of congestion. **In Istanbul, 2 billion Euros yearly.**

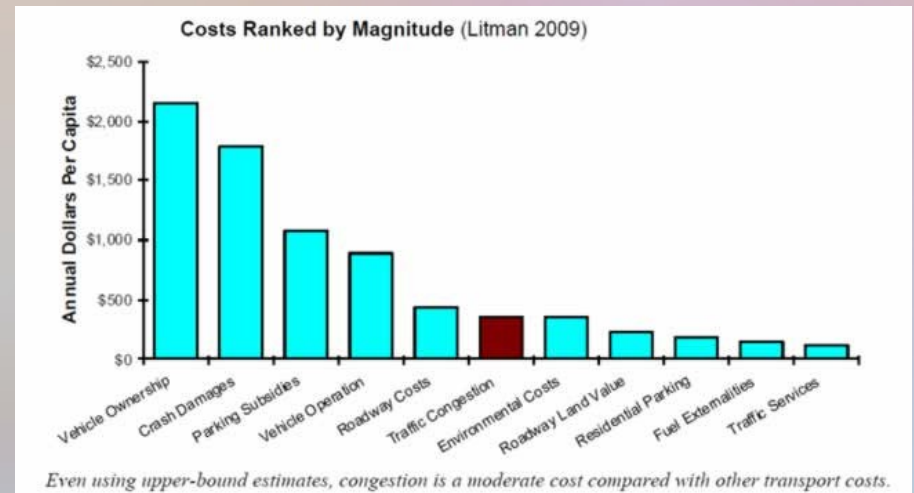
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An analysis using the Balanced Transportation Analyzer shows how much time individual drivers steal from fellow drivers by choosing to drive into the New York City CBD

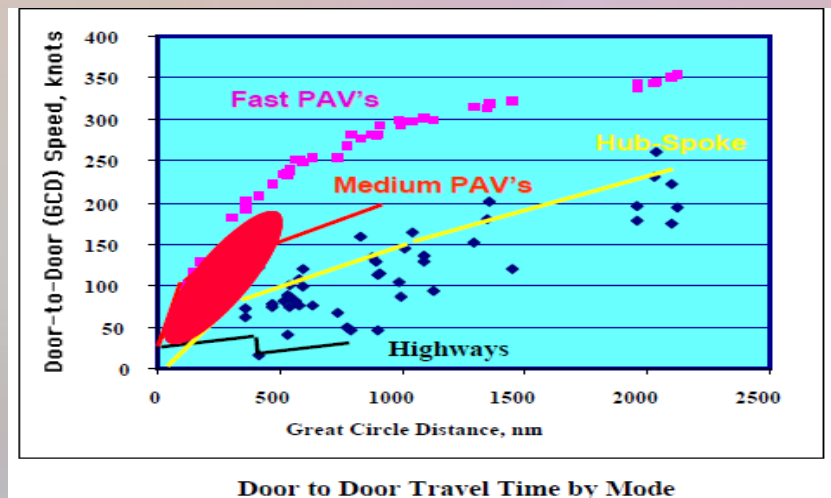


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Even using upper-bound estimates, congestion is a moderate cost compared with other transport costs.

# Background

- On the other hand, there has been a long belief that **aviation** would one day be capable of reaching on everyday impact in people's daily lives.
- As the auto improved quality of life and standards of living, PPATS are envisioned to do likewise in this century. **Considering door to door block time, PPATS have the potential to achieve another five to ten fold daily mobility reach increase over the auto today.** While not solution to all travel, PPATS would provide a new better choice up to 500-600 miles where airlines and automobiles provide poor blockspeed service.



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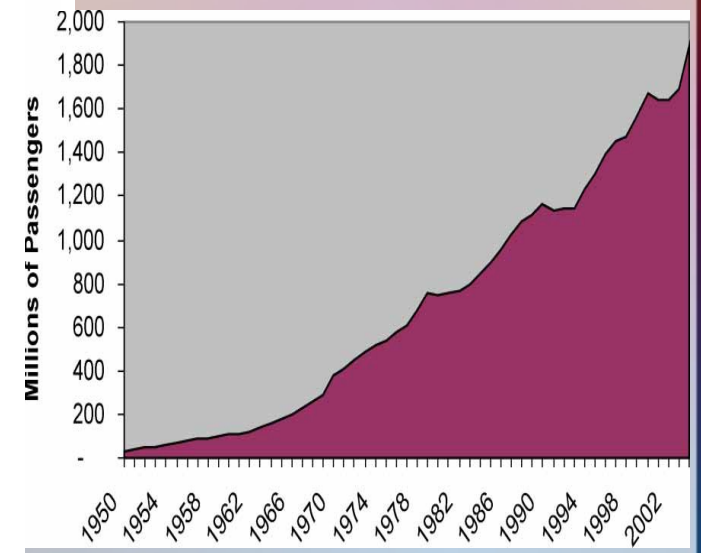
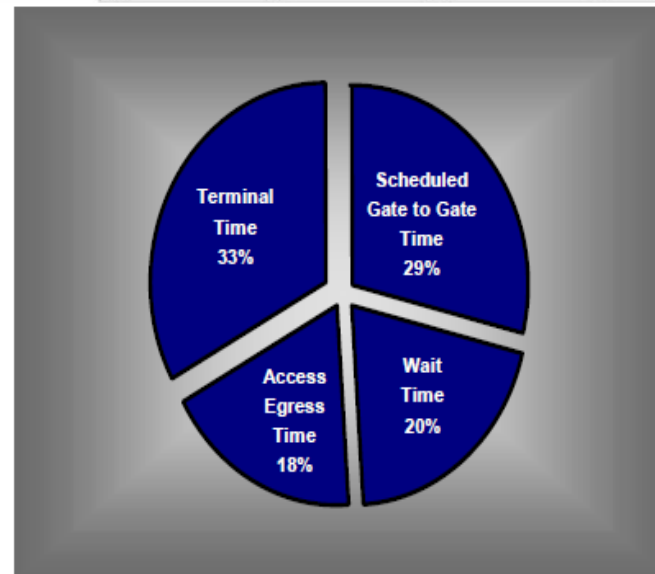
- As a result, **the needs** in transportation systems are **rapidly increasing**. The high speed railway and intelligent highway concept are not only the solution of future transportation. **The answer** to the issue might be **in the air as a radical solution**.
- Therefore NASA has initiated **Small Aircraft Transportation System (SATS)** project, Darpa has initiated **DARPA X-Plane** project, and EU has supported some projects like European Personal Air Transport System (**EPATS**), **Pplane** and **myCopter**



**MAIN IDEA**  
To shift part of  
long distance  
trips from  
cars to  
small aircrafts



# Statement of the Problem



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- Commercial Airlines Delays

Year	On time Arrivals	On time (%)	Arrival Delays	Delayed (%)	Flights Cancelled	Cancelled (%)	Diverted	Flight Operations
<u>1997</u>	4,218,165	77.94%	1,083,834	20.03%	97,763	1.81%	12,081	5,411,843
<u>1998</u>	4,156,980	77.20%	1,070,071	19.87%	144,509	2.68%	13,161	5,384,721
<u>1999</u>	4,207,293	76.11%	1,152,725	20.85%	154,311	2.79%	13,555	5,527,884
<u>2000</u>	4,125,263	72.59%	1,356,040	23.86%	187,490	3.30%	14,254	5,683,047
<u>2001</u>	4,619,234	77.40%	1,104,439	18.51%	231,198	3.87%	12,909	5,967,780
<u>2002</u>	4,329,635	82.14%	868,225	16.47%	65,143	1.24%	8,356	5,271,359
<u>2003</u>	5,317,886	81.96%	1,057,804	16.30%	101,469	1.56%	11,381	6,488,540
<u>2004</u>	5,566,323	78.08%	1,421,406	19.94%	127,757	1.79%	13,784	7,129,270

Note: For purposes of this report, a flight is considered delayed if it arrived at (or departed) the gate 15 minutes or more after the scheduled arrival (departure) time as reflected in the Computerized Reservation System.

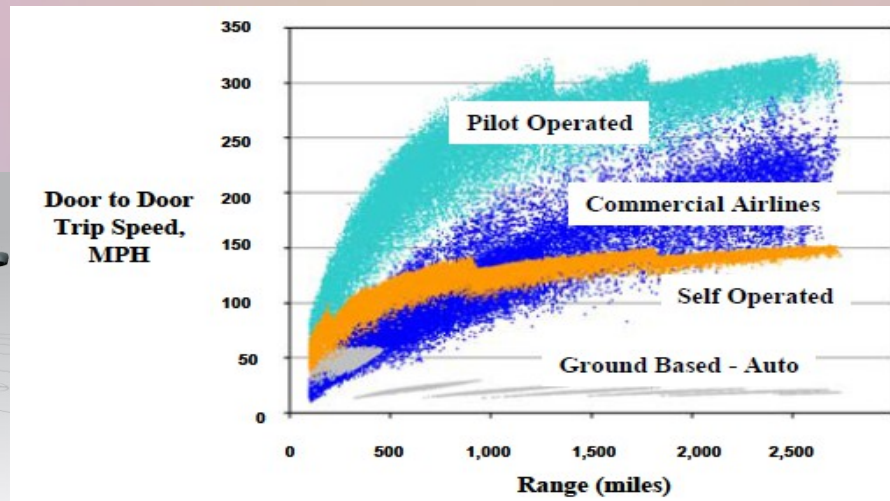


# Statement of the Problem

- 1) Limitations of the current ground and airline transportation systems,
  - 2) Increasing congestions,
  - 3) poor block speed,
  - 4) expanding population and
  - 5) demand for affordable mobility
- will drive the development of **future transportation technology and policy.**
  - **The third wave of the aeronautics** could bring about great new capabilities for society and be relevant in most people's daily lives.

# Statement of the Problem

- **So, What Is Taking PPATS So Long!**



# RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- Is the **potential benefit** of VTOL PPATS **enough to develop**?
- Can the **anticipated technological progress** be expected to be **strong enough to enable VTOL PPATS**? What are the **technologies in which considerable progress will have to take place** to enable? Are these efforts another **revisiting** or has the time **arrived**?
- What are the **success factors for social acceptability**?
- What are the **main challenges** including technology, regulation, operation, social and environment aspects?

# THE AIMS AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE THESIS

- **to provide a vision** to serve as a decision aid to developers, policy makers and users,
- to contribute to **the public and policy opinion forming**
- **to offer a technology assessment framework** through a **multicriteria analysis**.

# The Contributions of the Thesis :

- The existing literature offers several relevant insights, but also **has shortcomings within the context of technology assessment of an emerging socio-technological system of systems.**
- There are few papers considering the technology assessment of emerging VTOL Personal and Mass Air Vehicle concepts. This thesis **aims to offer technology assessment of VTOL PPATS through a multicriteria analysis.**

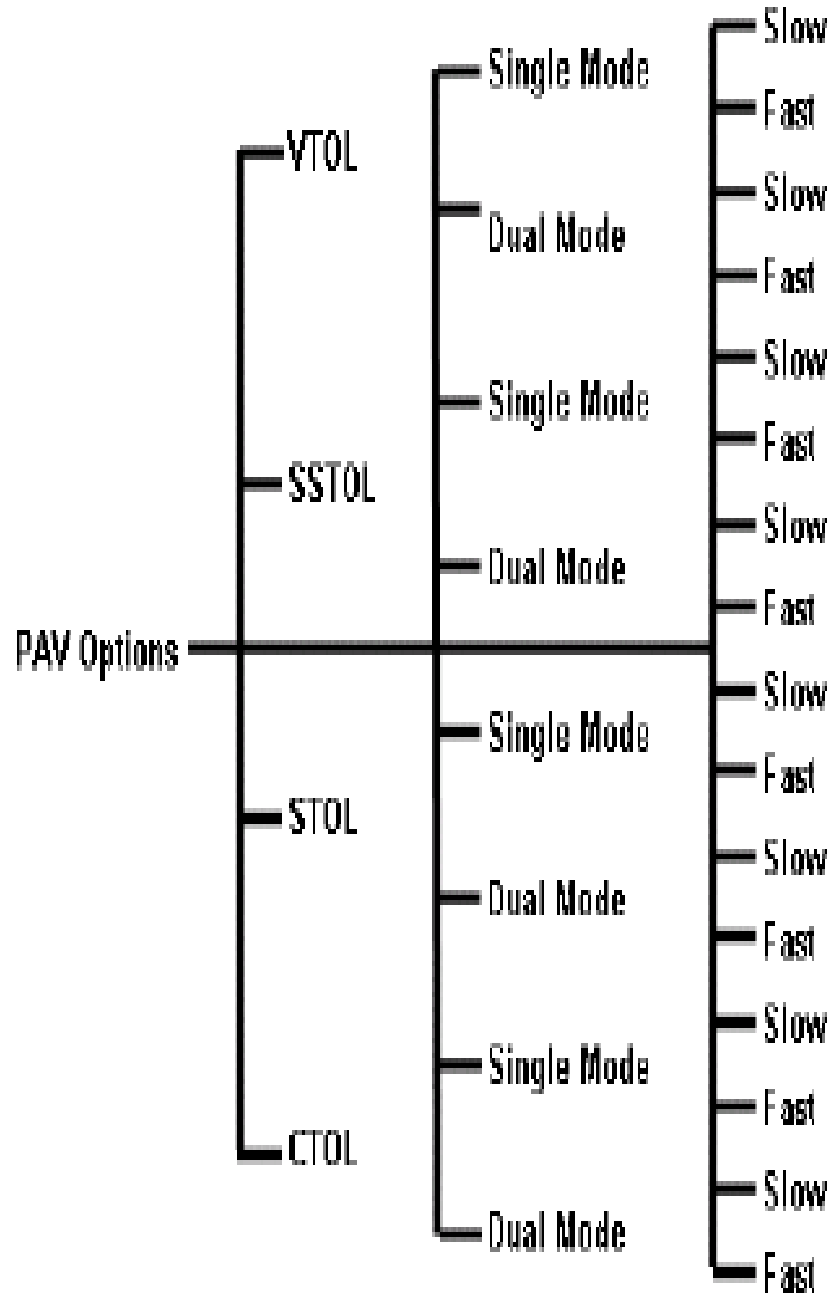


# **LITERATURE REVIEW**

# What is Meant by Personal Air Vehicle (PAV) and Mass Air Vehicle (MAV)?

- PAVs and MAVs are not today's General Aviation Aircraft, nor are they "Jetsons" like imaginations. They are envisioned as **safe, all weather, easy to use vehicles of the future (20 years) for general population to improve on demand individual mobility within the longer transportation environment.**
- PAVs aim to provide 2 to 5 seats, safe, easy to use, all weather, on demand air mobility .
- MAVs aim to provide single pilot monitored, 10 to 25 seats, safe, all weather, point to point air mobility.

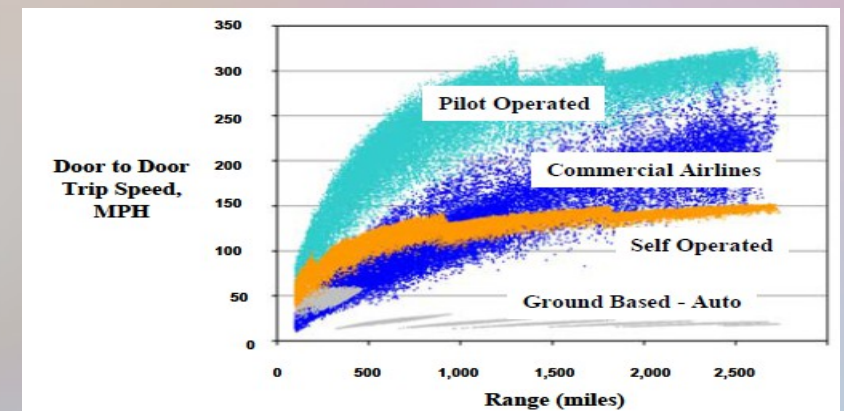




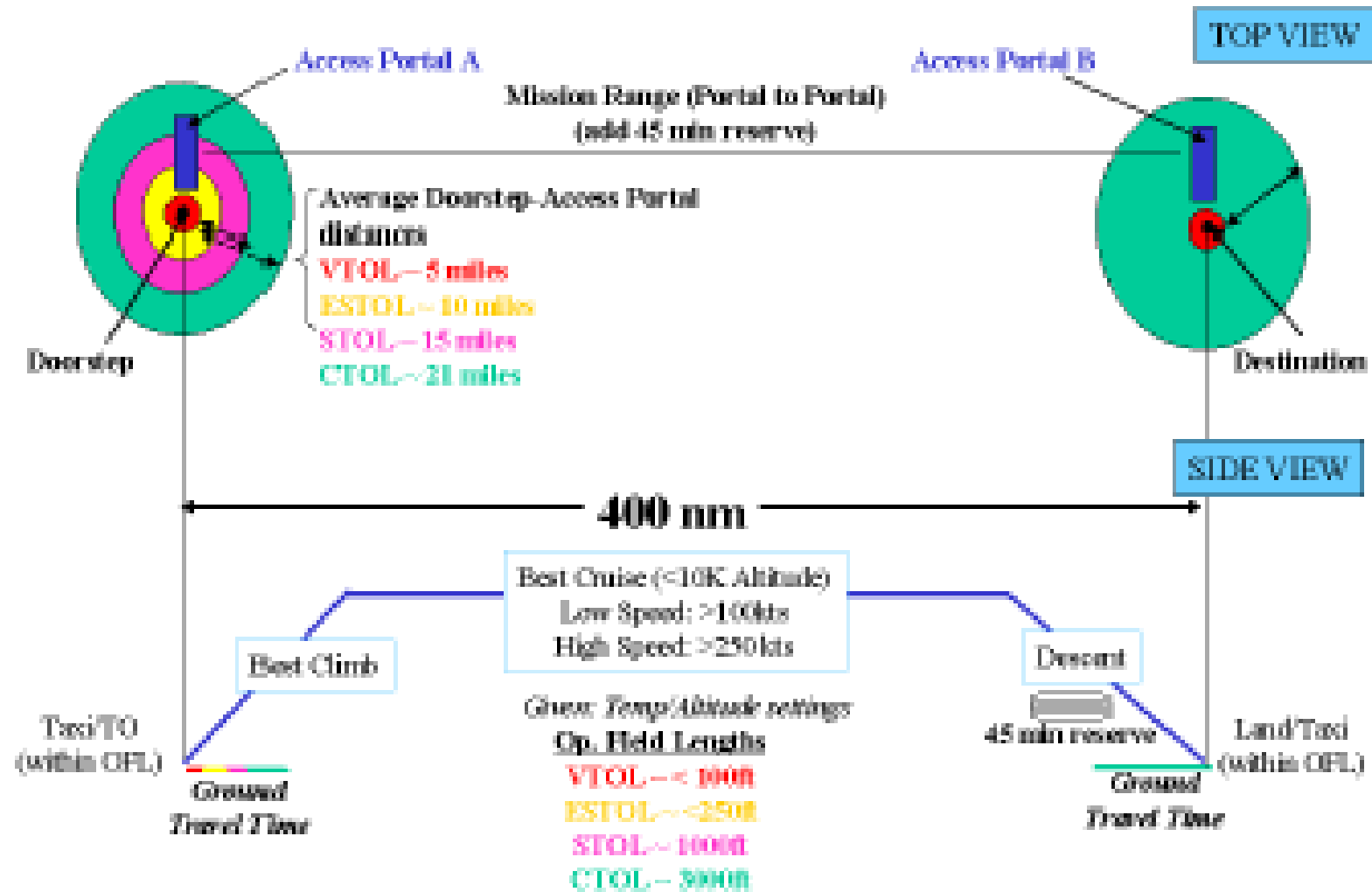


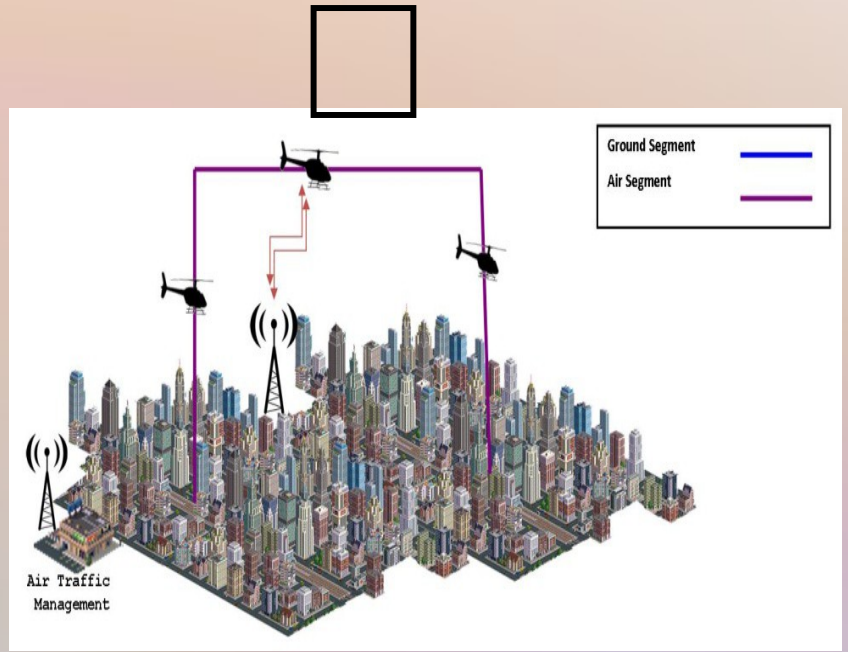
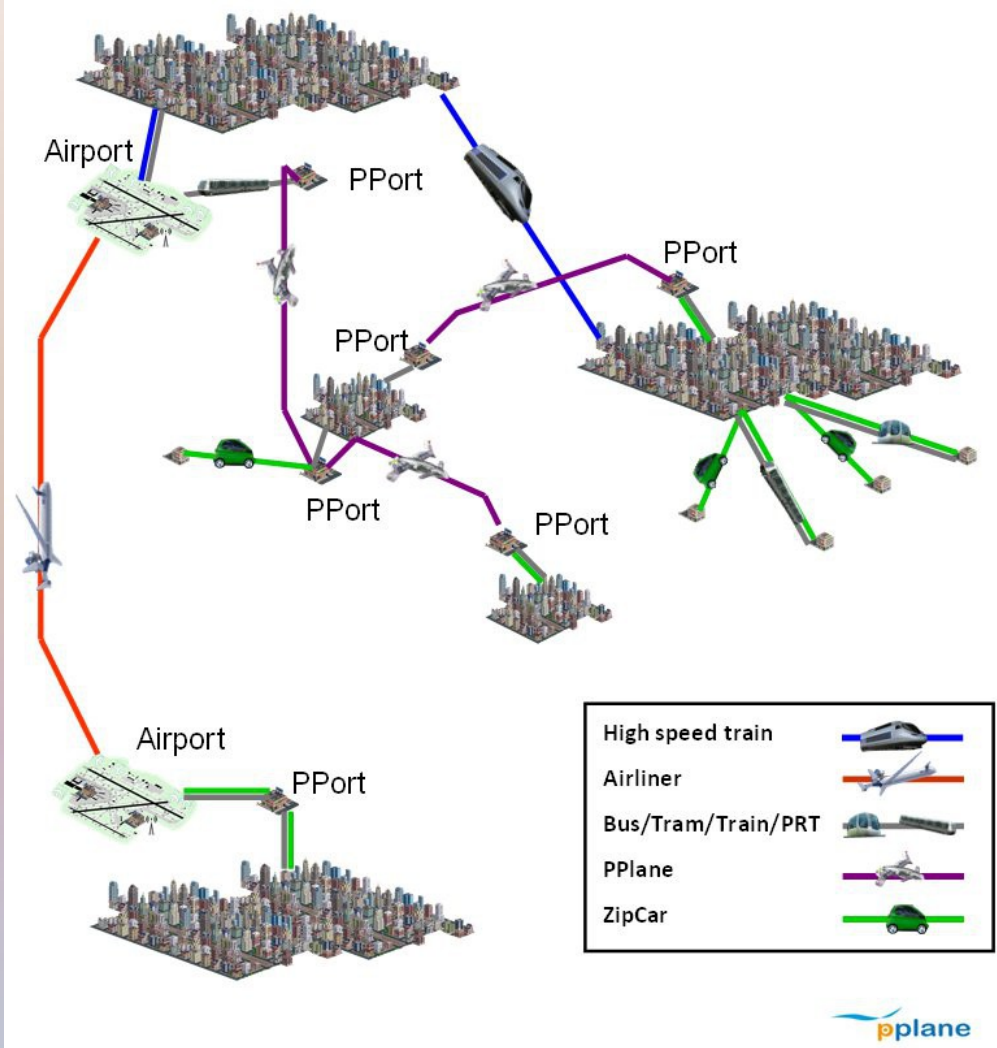
# Attractiveness of VTOL PAVs and MAVs

- Desired travel time, on demand travel
- Travel time savings, efficient blockspeed
- Extending daily radius of the action five to ten times further
- Increasing trips per day
- Less distances from doorstep to portals
- Operable from anywhere, point to point travel
- Expand transportation choice
- Comfort
- Relieve road traffic congestion



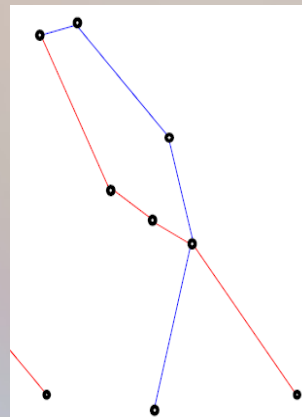
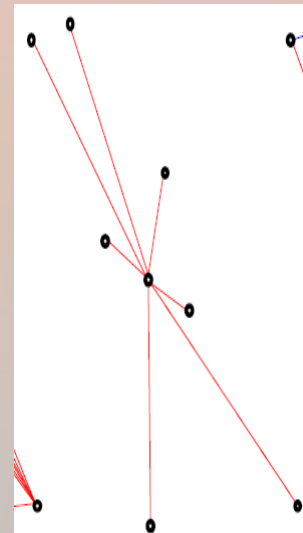
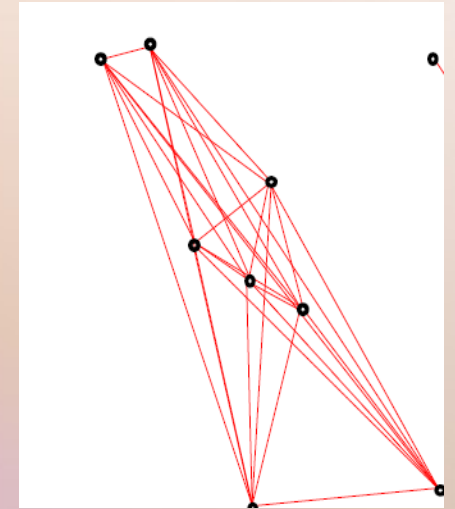
# A Typical Regional Transportation Scenario





# Basic Operation Concepts

- Point to point transportation
- Hub and spoke transportation
- Ring transportation



# Basic Mission Concepts

- Personal Transportation
- Mass Transportation

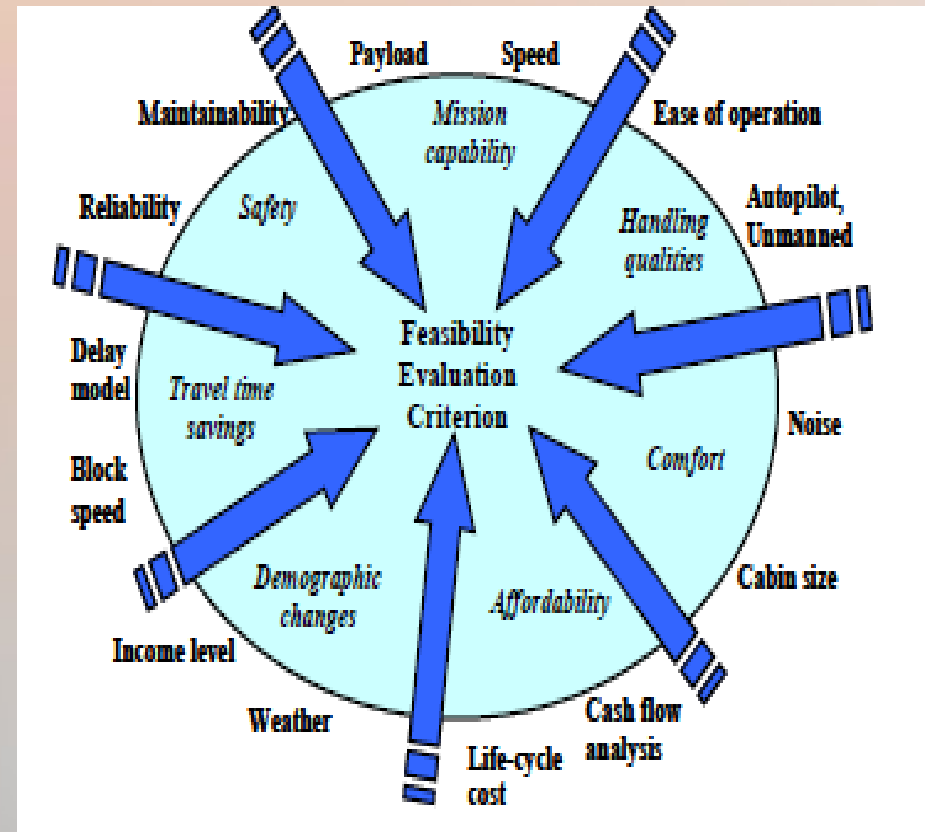


- Air Taxi
- Air Ambulance
- Air Cargo Transportation
- Fire Vehicle



# Feasibility Evaluation Criteria

- Travel time savings:  
**blockspeed**
- **Safety**: reliability, maintainability, all weather, avoidance
- **Ease of operation**: autopilot
- Comfort: **noise, riding quality**
- Affordability: **life cycle cost, cash flow analyse**
- **Mission capability**: speed, range, payload



# The Overall Goals

- Implies integrating overall technology areas with practical everyday transportation requirements to design a class of vehicle by constraint,
  - **Vertical** and extremely short **take off and landing**
  - Operation at **blockspeeds** markedly faster than **current combinations of land and air transportation** and **increasing daily radius of action**
  - **Unit cost comparable** to current luxury **cars** and small **general aviation aircraft**
  - **Reliability**
  - **Safety comparable with airlines**
  - Ability to integrate with existing **land and air transportation system**

# VTOL Air Vehicle's Advantages Over Helicopters

- **Higher cruise speed**, up to 300-400 knots
- **Lower noise**
- **Lower vibration**
- **Superior economics**





# VTOL Air Vehicle's Advantages Over Fix-Wing Aircraft

- More convenient **downtown service**
- Increased **operational flexibility** due to VTOL ability: point to point transportation, etc.
- More **competitive economics**
- Increased **mission flexibility** due to VTOL ability
- Access to **small cities and remote rural communities**
- **No need long runways**



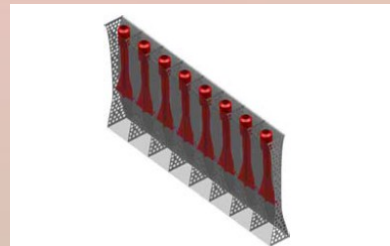
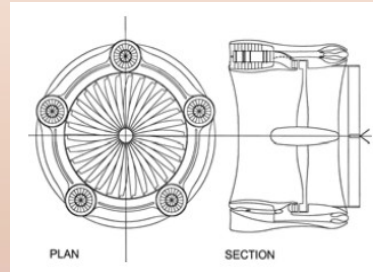
# Key Factors for Transportation Mode Choice

- Availability
- Cost
- Time saving, door to door travel time
- Reliability
- Subjective factors
  - Comfort
  - Privacy
  - Prestige

# Key Technologies To Enable

## • Propulsion

- VTOL
- Safety
- Noise
- Operating cost
- Emission
- Performance: speed, range, capacity



## • Automation

- All weather take off and landing
- Emergency recovery
- Navigation
- Crash avoidance and separation
- Safety



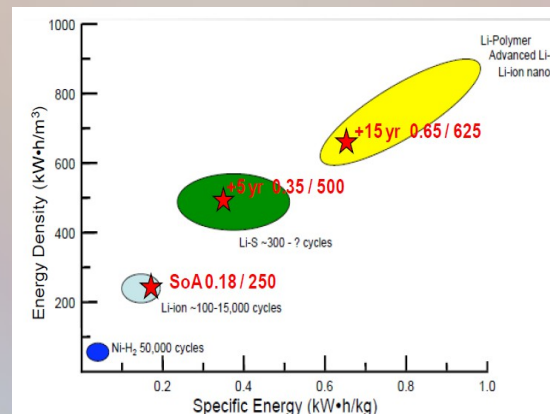
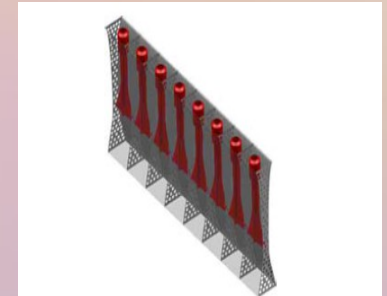
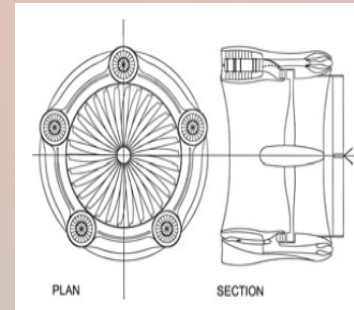
# Automation

- Autonomous technology, in the air and on the ground, is certain to be required if aviation is to break out of its niche and become a ubiquitous mode of transportation.
- Whether it is easy to fly personal air vehicles, optionally piloted air taxis or single pilot monitored mass commuter transports, aviation **will have to go beyond automation to enable wider public use of aircraft.** At least automatic:
  - **All weather take off and landing**
  - **Emergency recovery**
  - **Navigation**
  - **Crash avoidance**
- **Computer monitored by pilot authority** should be a possible automation level to enable all requirements

# Propulsion

- VTOL Flying is an **energy intensive** transportation mode.
- One of the **technological challenges** to be improved to expect requirements

- **Safety**
- **Noise**
- **Operating cost**
- **Emission**
- **Performance**



# Aviation Safety

- Aircraft accidents, especially by air carriers are often high profile events, affecting the public's overall perceptions of aviation safety.
- Governments and industry, recognizing that even small degradations can cause a loss of public confidence in flying, have gone to great lengths to ensure safety.
  - **Daily operation in all weather**
  - **Automatic integration with airspace control, automatic separation and crash avoidance**
  - **Emergency recovery, safe landing**
  - **Reliability and maintainability**

# Environmental Compatibility

- Environmental issues constrain growth in the aviation sector. Aircraft
  - **Noise**
  - **Emission** major concerns.
- The perception of flying over houses should also be taken into consideration for social acceptability.

# Major Challenges

- There are technological, regulatory and societal challenges to the vision that we have to overcome to enable:
  - **Ease of use**
  - **Safety**
  - **Airspace control**
  - **Noise**
  - **Daily operations in all weather**

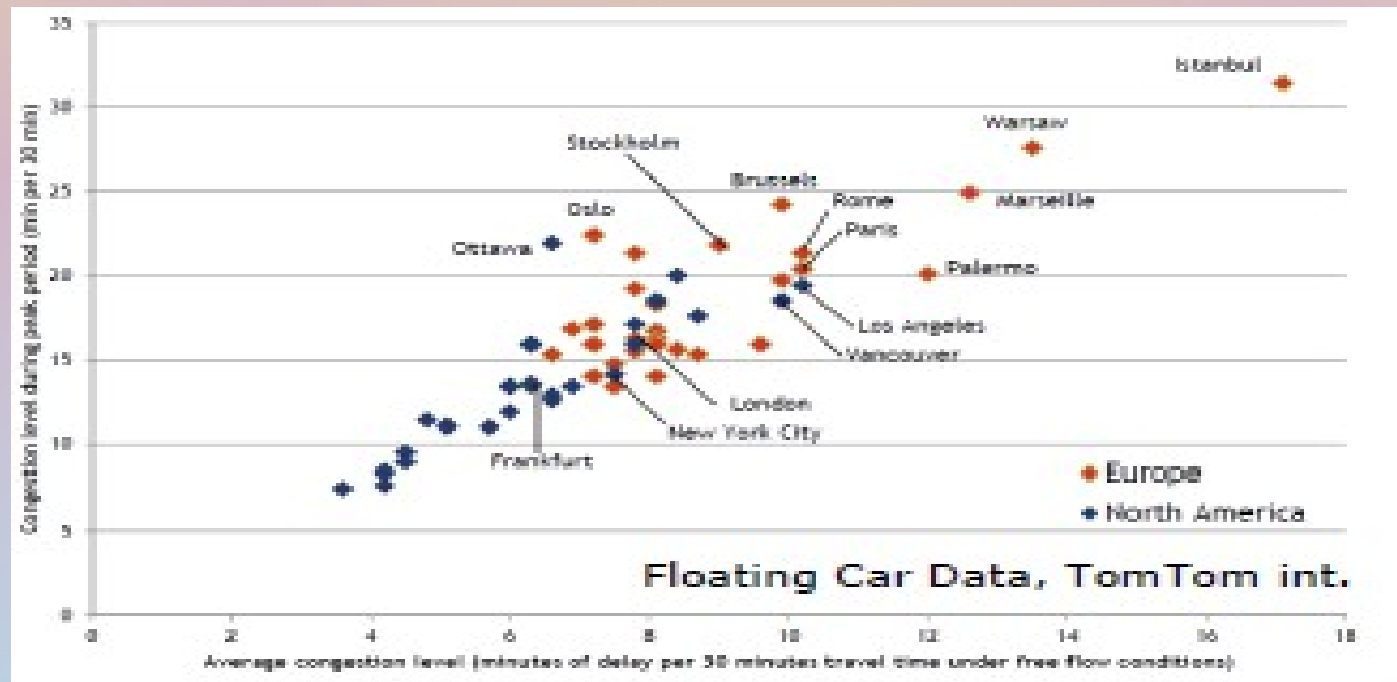


# Why Did I Select Istanbul as a Case Study for Urban Transportation?



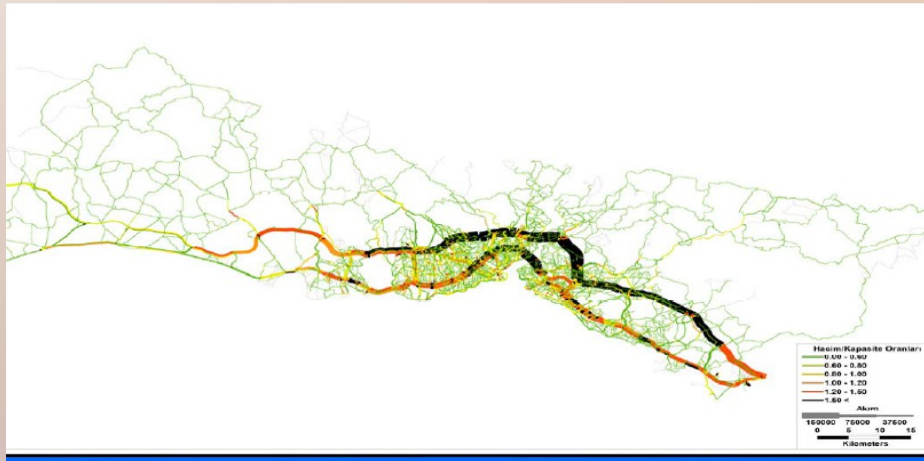
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- The **demand would be expected to grow** in the future with both population and income as well as in response to **increasing congestion**
- Approximately more than **2 billion Euros** are lost every year as a result of congestion.

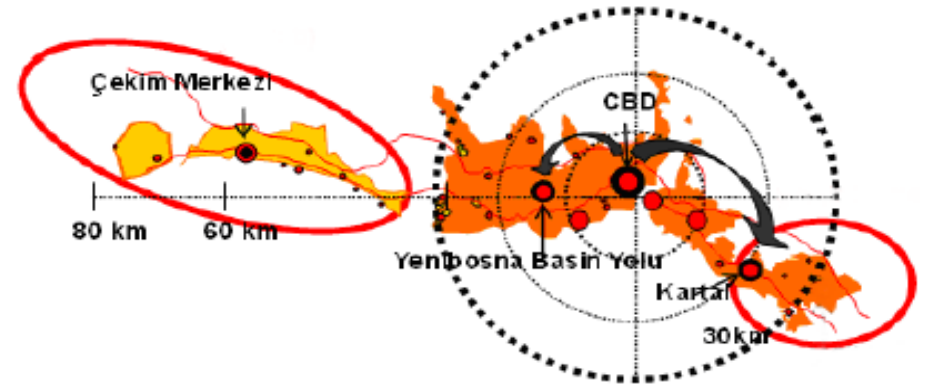


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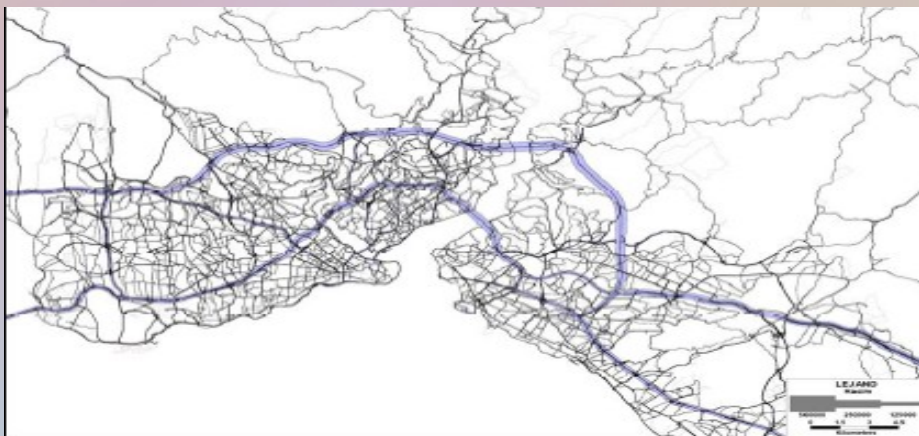
- Downtown centers and Daily road volumes



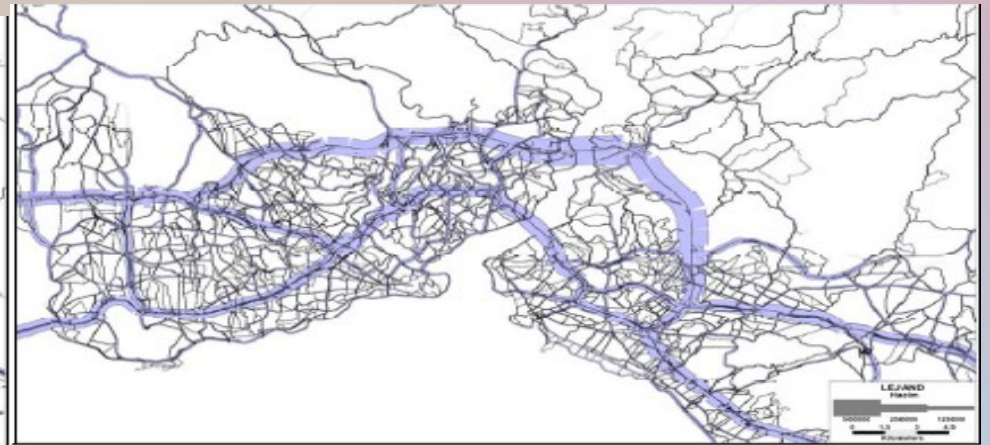
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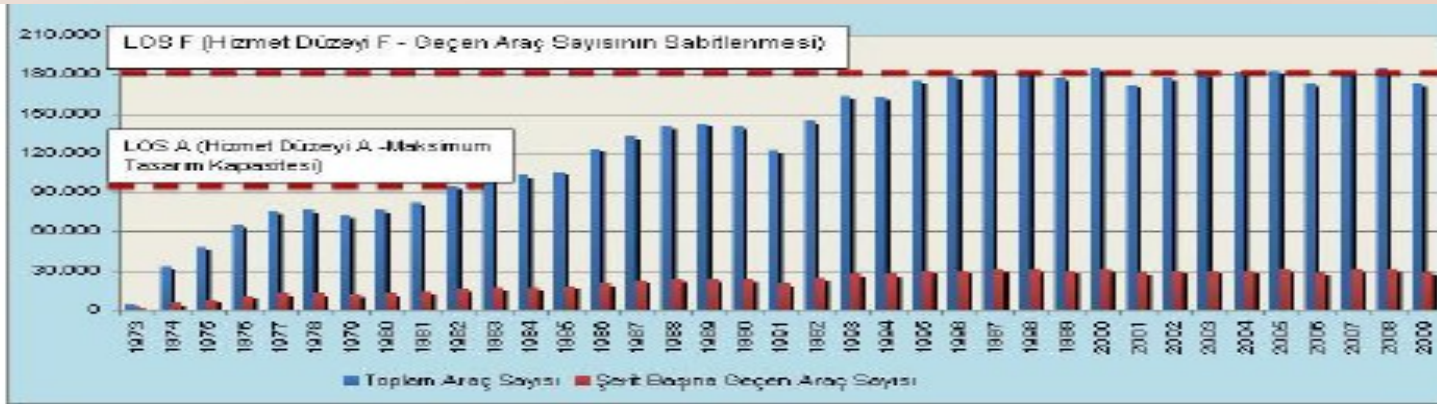
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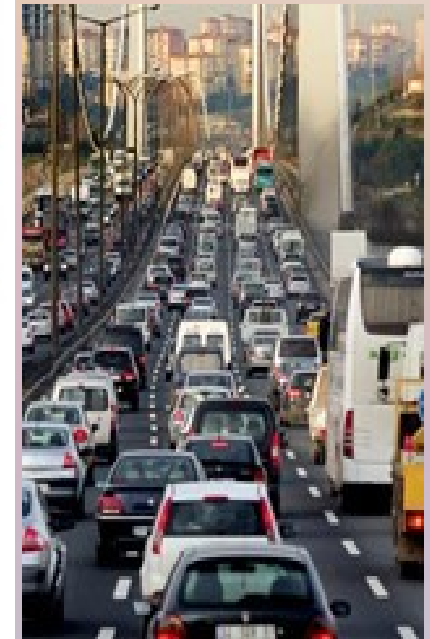
- Over capacity bridges



Şekil 12.6.4 Boğaziçi Köprüsünden Geçen Günlük Araçların Mevcut Durumda ve Maksimum Tasarım Kapasitesindeki Hizmet Düzeyi Değerleri



Şekil 12.6.5 FSM Köprüsünden Geçen Günlük Araçların Mevcut Durumda ve Maksimum Tasarım Kapasitesindeki Hizmet Düzeyi Değerleri

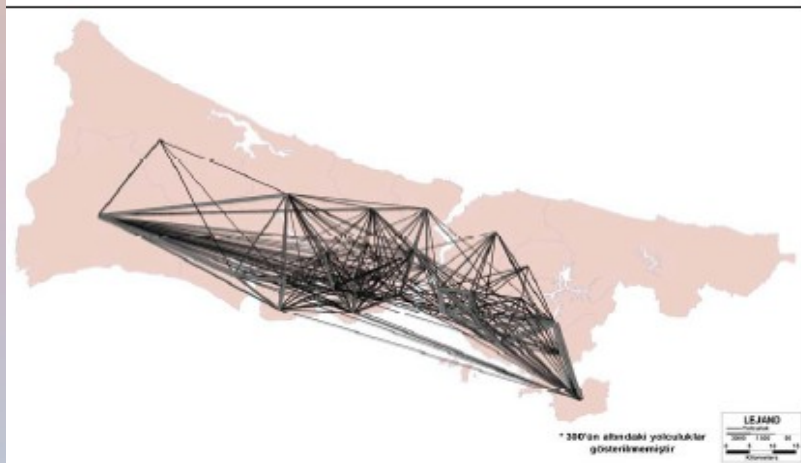


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- Cars

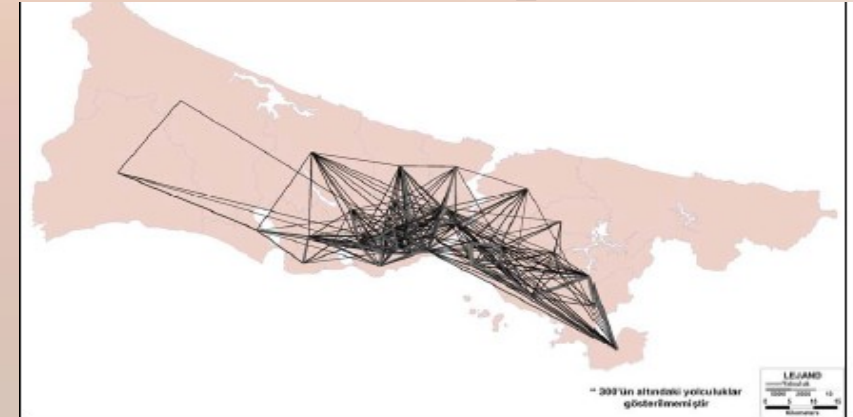


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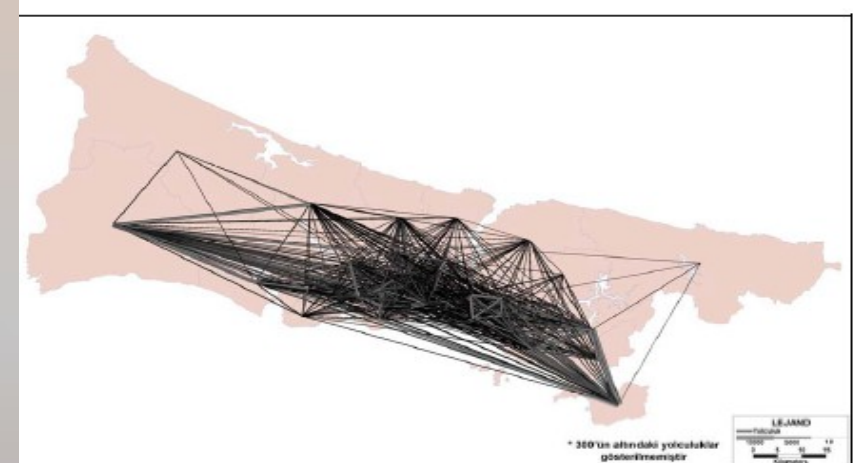


10.1.11 2023 Temel Durum için Tüm Amaçlara Göre Zirve Saat Otomobil Yolculukları

## Public Transportation



Şil 10.1.12 Mevcut Durum için Tüm Amaçlara Göre Zirve Saat Toplu Taşıma Yolculukları



10.1.13 2023 Temel Durum için Tüm Amaçlara Göre Zirve Saat Toplu Taşıma Yolculukları

# Why Did I Select Istanbul as a Case Study for Urban Transportation?

- Socio economic data

	2006	2009	2023	2023/2006
Population	12.009.000	13.393.665	17.217.056	1.43
PCGDP (\$)	4.955	9.783	20.884	4.21
Travel Number	20.924.133	24.271.995	35.027.482	1.67
Number of car	1.351.782	1.841.446	4.335.882	3.21
Mobility	1.74	1.81	2.03	1.17

**Tablo 21.2.1 2009-2023 Ulaşım Sektörü Yatırım Planı (Milyar \$)**

Yatırım Sektör Sektör	Kısa	Orta	Uzun	Toplam (Milyar \$)
Yol&Kopru	0,6	1,3	2,9	4,8
Raylı Sistem	3,7	7,1	6,6	17,4
Bakım&onarım	0,8	1,0	1,5	3,3
Diğer Alt Sektörler	3,0	4,2	3,5	10,7
Kamulaştırma Min	0,9	1,0	1,5	3,4
Kamulaştırma Max	2,5	3,1	2,7	8,3
*Toplam (Milyar \$)	8,9	13,6	14,5	36,9

\*Kamulaştırma dahil değildir.

# A Case Study For Regional Transportation

- Point to point on demand regional air transportation



# **METHODOLOGY**



# Research Design

- Factors affecting research design
  - Long term emerging aviation technology
  - A socio technological system of systems
  - In transportation area
  - Stakeholders: government, local municipalities, users, industry, research institutions, service providers, interest groups
  - Purpose of the thesis: description, prediction
  - Approach: both qualitative and quantitative
  - Methods of analysis: cost benefit analysis, life cycle analysis, scenarios, sensitivity analysis, decision analysis, case study, subjective judgement, roadmap, interview, impact analysis
  - Time and place of data collection: 2000-06.2017; USA, Europe, Turkey
  - Tools: benefit visualization tool, GOTChA chart, interviews, depth interviews, documentary analysis, attending conferences and briefings

# Research Procedure

- First step
  - Document readings
  - Interviews
- Second step
  - Description
  - Classification
  - Depth interview
  - If I need, Questionaries
- Third step
  - Data analysis
  - Follow up interviews

# Research Method Approach

- **Is the potential benefit of VTOL PPATS enough to develop?**
  - Document readings
  - Cost and Benefit Analysis, Benefit Visualization Tool
  - Interviews
  - Case scenario
- **Can the anticipated technological progress be expected to be strong enough to enable VTOL PPATS?**
  - Document readings
  - Roadmap
  - Technology GOTChA Chart
  - Interviews
- **What are the success factors for social acceptability?**
  - Document readings
  - Interviews
  - Impact analysis
  - Subjective judgement

# Benefit Visualization Tool

- A framework that integrates
  - Economic benefit metrics
  - Mission sensitivity analysis
  - Vehicle sizing capabilities
- It is a microscopic model of an individual traveler's trip from doorstep to destination, and serves as a requirement generator in the development of an ideal PAV or MAV

# Benefit Visualization Tool

- Requirement parameters
  - Mission requirements
    - Mission range
    - Wait time at portal
  - Vehicle requirements
    - Vehicle air speed
    - Acquisition cost
    - Operating cost
  - User requirement
    - Personal income
    - Utilisation

# Benefit Exploration Tool

**BENEFITS EXPLORATION  
TOOL (VER 2.0)**  
*Air Vehicle Exploration*



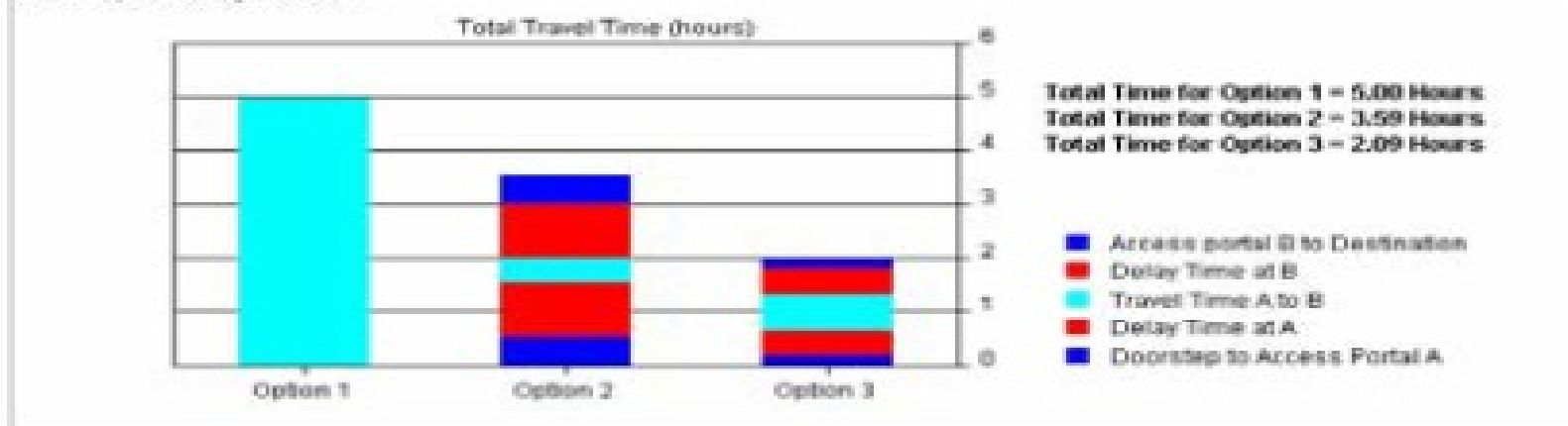
Manager Individual Inputs

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Vehicle Options

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Doorstep to Access A	17, Personal Auto	17, Personal Auto	18, Rental Car Hire
Access A to Access B	17, Personal Auto	10, Commercial Airline	6, CTOL, single fast
Access B to Destination	17, Personal Auto	17, Personal Auto	18, Rental Car Hire

PAVE Option Analysis Chart



Mission Design Range (Nautical Miles)



# Cost Benefit Analysis

## Equation 1: D-D Time Computations

$$D - D \text{ Time} = \alpha + \beta + \delta + \varepsilon + \varphi$$

where  $\alpha = \text{Travel Time}_{\text{Doorstep to Portal A}} = \frac{\text{Ground Distance}}{\text{Avg. Ground Vehicle Speed}}$   
 $\beta = \text{Travel Time}_{\text{Wait Time at Portal A}} = \text{Vehicle Specific}$   
 $\delta = \text{Travel Time}_{\text{Portal A to Portal B}} = \frac{\text{Travel Distance}}{\text{Avg. Vehicle Air Speed}}$   
 $\varepsilon = \text{Travel Time}_{\text{Wait Time at Portal B}} = \text{Vehicle Specific}$   
 $\varphi = \text{Travel Time}_{\text{Portal B to Destination}} = \frac{\text{Ground Distance}}{\text{Avg. Ground Vehicle Speed}}$

## Equation 2: Real Interest Rate Computation

$$r_o = \frac{r - f}{1 + f}$$

where  $r_o$  = real interest rate  
 $r$  = nominal interest rate  
 $f$  = inflation rate

## Equation 3: Adjusted Cumulative Cash Flow Computation

Adjusted Cumulative Cash Flow, ACF  
 = PAV Option Cum. Cash Flow - Baseline Cum. Cash Flow  
 where ACF can have negative OR positive values

## Equation 4: Value of Time Computation

Value of Time (in units of dollars per hour)  

$$= \frac{\text{Annual Income}}{2080 \text{ working hours per year}}$$

## Equation 5: Vehicle Time Saving Index (VTSI) Computation

$$\text{VTSI} = \frac{D - D \text{ Time}_{\text{Baseline}} - D - D \text{ Time}_{\text{PAV Option}}}{D - D \text{ Time}_{\text{PAV Option}}}$$

## Equation 6: Value of Time Saved Computation

Value of Time Saved (in dollars)  
 = VTSI \* Hours of Utilization \* Hourly Value of Time

## Equation 7: Cash Flow Computation

Cumulative Cash flow = Cumulative Profits - Cumulative Costs  
 = [VTSY + Cumulated Profits] - [TCPY + Cumulated Costs]

where:

VTSY = Value of Time Saved per Year for current year  

$$= \left( \frac{\text{Value of Time}}{1 \text{ hour}} \right) * \left( \frac{\text{Hours Saved by using PAV per year}}{1 \text{ year}} \right)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\text{Income Fluctuation Rate} * \text{Annual Income}}{2080 \text{ working hours per year}} \right)$$

$$* \left( \text{Hours Saved per day} * \frac{260 \text{ working days}}{1 \text{ year}} \right)$$

TCPY = Total Cost Per Year

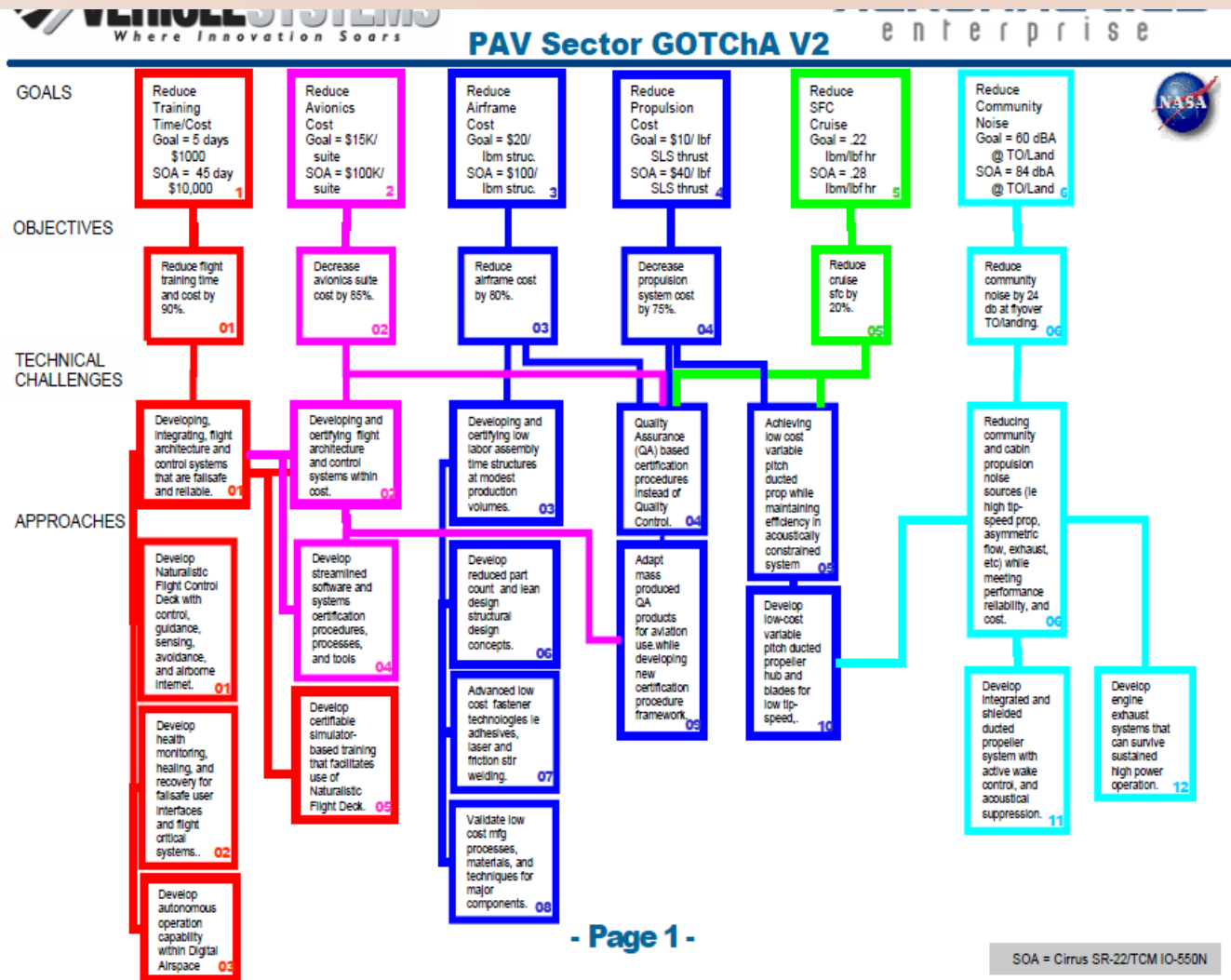
$$= \text{Annual Capital Payment} + \text{Adjusted Annual Direct Operating Cost (DOC)}$$

$$= (\text{Annual Interest Payment} + \text{Annual Installment}) + \text{Adjusted Annual DOC}$$

$$= \left[ (\text{Loan Interest Rate} * \text{Loan Balance}) + \frac{\text{Post Downpayment Balance}}{\text{Loan Period, n}} \text{ for n years} \right]$$

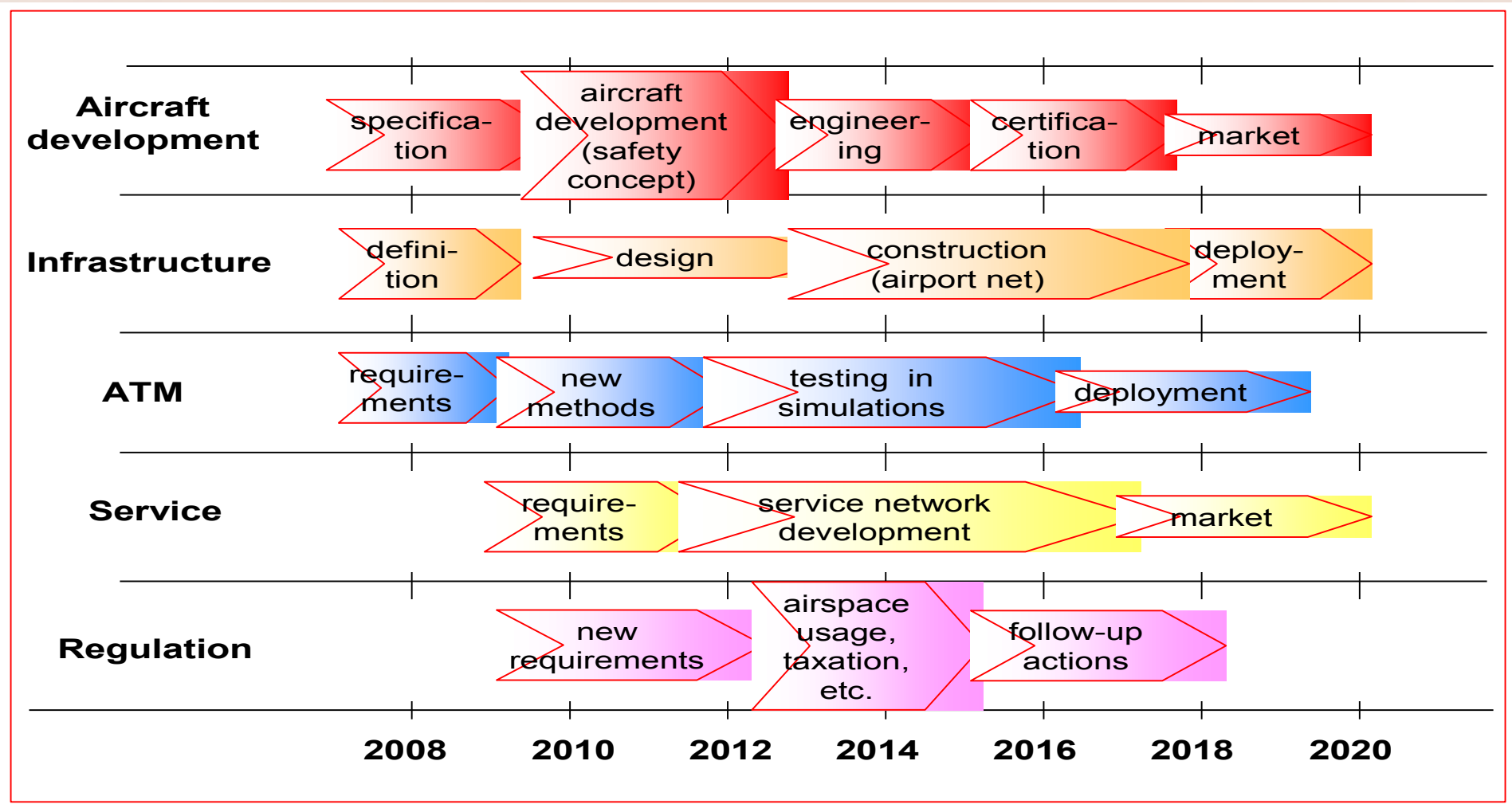
$$+ \left[ \text{Real Interest Rate} * \frac{\text{DOC}}{1 \text{ hour}} * \frac{\text{Hours}}{1 \text{ Trip}} * \frac{\text{Number of Trips}}{1 \text{ week}} * \frac{52 \text{ weeks}}{1 \text{ year}} \right]$$

# Technology GOTChA Chart



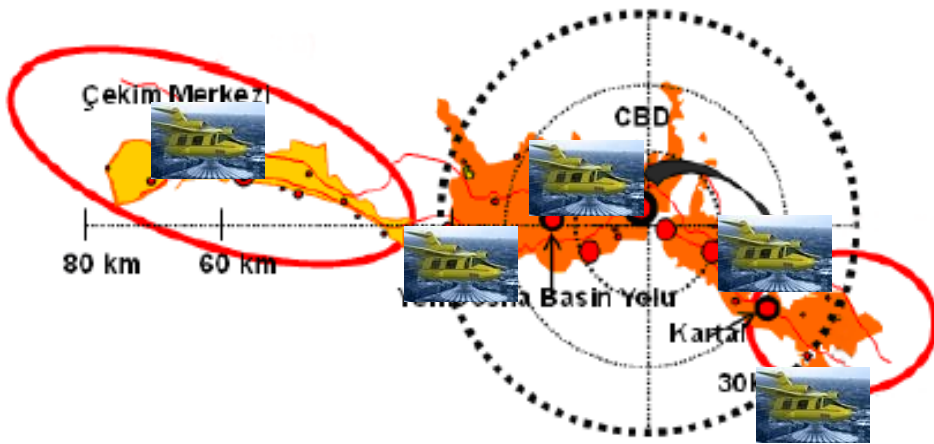


# Roadmap



# Case Study Scenario

- Point to point, and hub and spoke transportation from portals
- Personal and public air transportation, air taxi and air ambulance
- Blockspeed
- 5, 10, 25 seats
- Number of passengers travelling



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**THANK YOU**

**ANY QUESTION?**

- The developed nations entered **the 1900s** with a transportation system for people centred upon the horse, the rail road and the steamship with associated **travel times the order of hours to days and weeks**, depending on distance. Now, **Travel times have shrunk to minutes and hours**. The **automobile** has long supplanted the horse and **the fix-wing aircraft** has nearly driven the rail road and steamship. **The daily radius of action has improved from about 3 miles per day in 1900 to about 25 miles per day in 2000 for intra urban travel.**
- However, the **2000 data also shows the first decreases for ground mobility speed**. Urbans face **congestions** as well as **increasing emissions and noise** and, thus **reduced accesibility**.

As we know that, the **ability to travel** is one of the most basic human needs. The more travel made possible, the greater the **socio economic opportunities** available. However,

- Limitations of the current ground and airline transportation systems,
- Increasing congestions and the waste of time and resources
- poor block speed,
- expanding population and
- demand for affordable mobility

will drive the development of **future transportation technology and policy**.

At this point, **T**he high speed railway and intelligent highway concept are not only the solution of future transportation. **The answer** to the issue might be **in the air as a radical solution**. **The third wave of the aeronautics** could bring about great new capabilities for society and be relevant in most people`s daily lives.