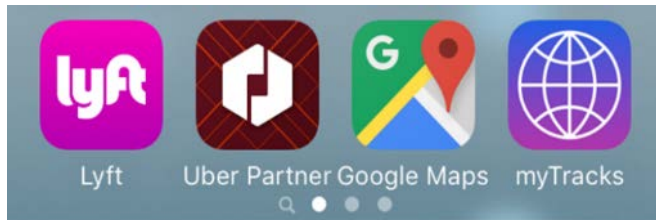


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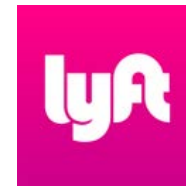
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- Classmates and Friends
- Transportation Professionals
- Lyft and Uber
- Lyft/Uber Passengers
- **FAMILY**



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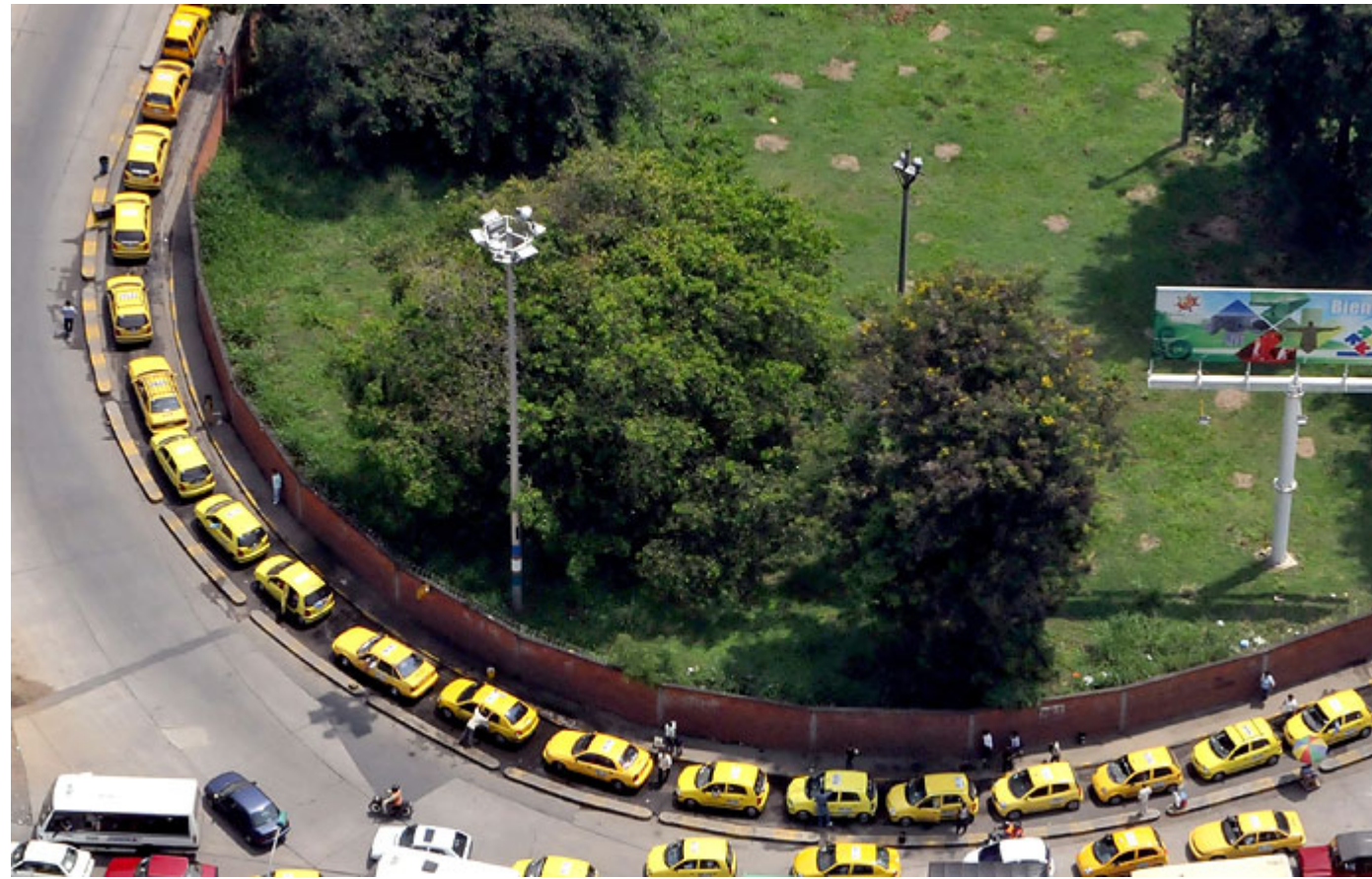
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Disrupting Transportation

Many factors, including:

- Social networks
- Real-time information
- Mobile technology

Allow the creation and popularization of on-demand transportation services all over the world.



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Ridesourcing

Sourcing of rides from a 'for-fare' driver pool accessible through an app-based platform.



Other names:

“Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)”,
“ride-hauling”, “ride-booking”, “ride-matching”,
“on-demand-rides”, “app-based rides”

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Uber Ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft let people use smartphone apps to book and pay for a private car service or in some cases, a taxi. They may also be called *ride-booking services*. Do not use *ride-sharing*.



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Lyft to go global and take on Uber outside the US

CNBC - Jan 13, 2017

Number two U.S. ride-hailing company, **Lyft**, is growing faster and cutting losses faster than its giant competitor, **Uber**. And this year, the startup ...

Lyft might be eyeing a global market to take on Uber

Business Insider - Jan 13, 2017

Uber, Lyft, transit agencies see potential for partnerships

In-Depth - San Francisco Chronicle - Jan 12, 2017

SECTIONS

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The New York Times

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Ride-Hailing Drivers Are Slaves to the Surge

By MASHA GONCHAROVA JAN. 12, 2017



Lyft drivers say they are happier, better paid than Uber drivers

By Carolyn Said, San Francisco Chronicle Updated 3:30 pm, Tuesday, January 17, 2017





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UBER

Taking our tax \$\$\$'s
offshore

Taking our jobs

Who is **next??**

BAN UBER

Save our industry



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Yellow Cab, Long a Fixture of City Life, Is for Many a Thing of the Past

By WINNIE HU JAN. 15, 2017



NYC TRANSPORTATION

Uber and Lyft cars now outnumber yellow cabs in NYC 4 to 1

Who will sing for the yellow cab?

BY RACHEL SUGAR | JAN 17, 2017, 12:15PM EST

SF blasts Uber, Lyft for downtown traffic congestion



Ride-hail companies like Uber and Lyft are being blamed by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency for a lack of regulation that has led to increased traffic in The City. (Ekevara Kitpowsong/Special to S.F. Examiner)

By Joe Fitzgerald Rodriguez on December 11, 2016 1:00 am

The potential 45,000 Uber and Lyft drivers circling San Francisco streets for commute fares are gumming up city traffic, according to transit officials.

In a recent state regulatory filing, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency took the California Public Utilities Commission — which is tasked with regulating ride-hail companies — to task for failing to reasonably limit the industry's explosive growth.

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The New York Times

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Lyft and Uber Won't Release Data to Shed Light on How They Affect Traffic

By Aaron Bialick Jun 30, 2015

As ride-hail services like Lyft and Uber have boomed in San Francisco and other cities, proponents claim they help reduce demand for parking and road space by making it easier for people to own fewer cars. But very little data has been released by the ride-hail companies that would allow experts to assess their impact on streets and traffic.

In a panel discussion yesterday, Lyft's Curtis Rogers emphasized that reducing car ownership is "our end goal that we think we share with the city."

But when Thea Selby of the SF Transit Riders Union pressed Rogers for data to show whether Lyft might be substituting for transit trips more than car trips, he said he couldn't provide it. Rogers insisted, however, that Lyft doesn't want to compete with Muni, walking, or bicycling. "We think we're just one more piece to the puzzle."

"We celebrate Muni getting better," said Rogers. "We're well
we pulled everyone off of Muni and put them in
be going two miles per hour on the road. That's

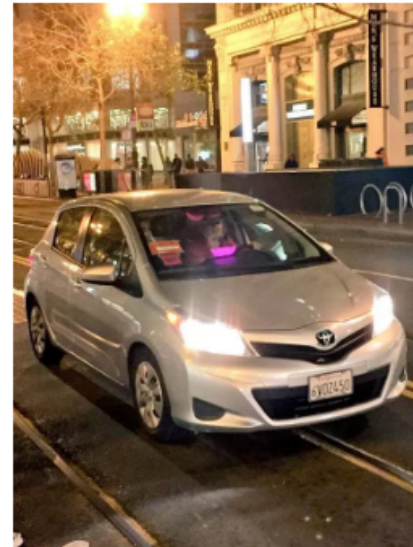
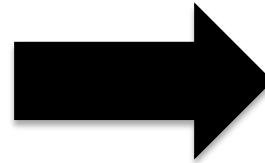


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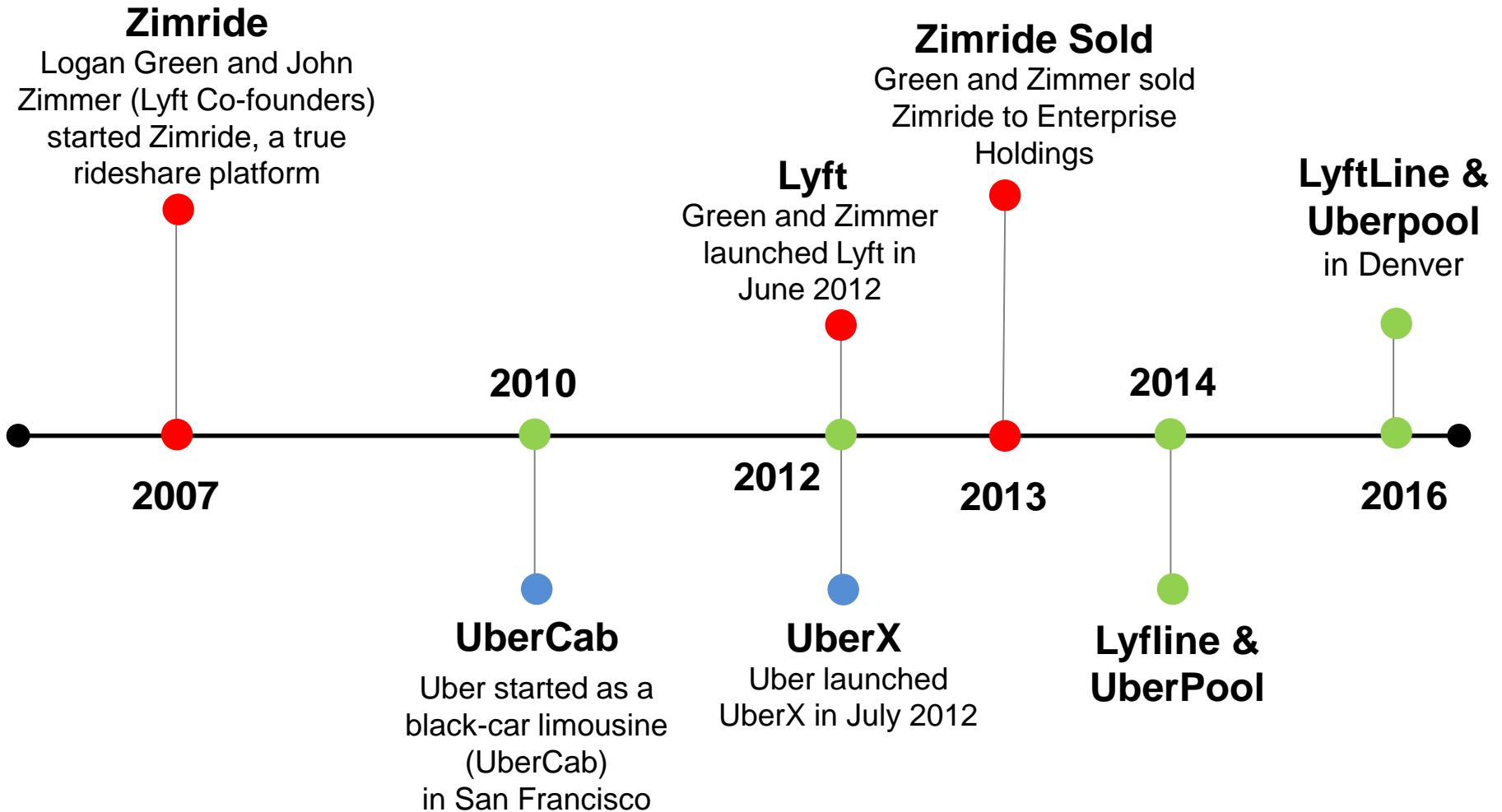


- DATA
- DRIVER SIDE
 - Efficiency
 - Earnings
- VMT IMPACTS
- PARKING IMPACTS
- TRAVEL BEHAVIOR
 - Mode Replaced
 - Why?

RIDESOURCING

STUDY

II. Background



Operations

- Uber operates globally (450+ cities)
- Uber completed 2 billion trips in the summer 2016
- First billion rides in 6 years
- Second billion in 6 months

- Lyft so far is only in the U.S.
- Lyft is giving rides at a rate of 17 million U.S. rides per month
- Lyft is estimated to have 20% market-share

Valuation

- Latest Uber valuation: \$62.6 billion
- Lyft: \$5.5. billion dollars
- Valuation without owning vehicles, physical infrastructure, or having to hire drivers as employees

III. Literature Review

Academic

- Anderson (2014): Interview 20 drivers (Anthropology) about driver strategies and possible VMT impacts
- Cramer & Krueger (2016): Comparison of UberX with Taxis. Hired by Uber to do the study
- Rayle et al. (2016): Intercept survey in San Francisco comparing ridesourcing with taxis. User characteristics, wait times, and trips served

III. Literature Review

Organizations

- SUMC (2016): Intercept Survey in seven U.S. cities. Higher use of shared modes, the more likely people use transit and own fewer cars.
- FiveThirtyEight (2015): Used data acquired via a Freedom of Information Act request to the city. In NY, Uber is taking rides away from taxis and covers a larger area

III. Literature Review

- Review of carsharing literature
- Help develop research methods for this dissertation
- Each Chapter includes a more detailed Literature Review

III. Literature Review

- Very limited research studies
- Lack of open data
 - Levitt, Freakonomics (2016). Why Uber Is an Economist's Dream.
- Independent data questionable
- Research design questionable
- Several gaps

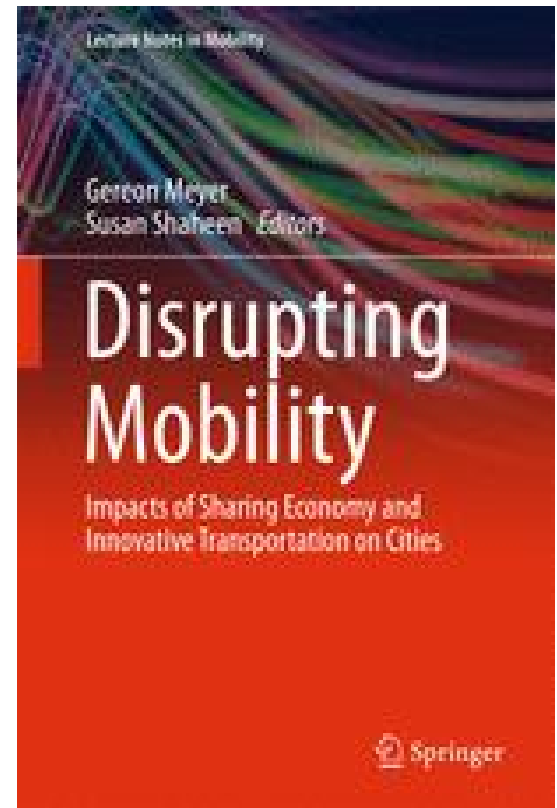
Book Chapter

“A Framework for Understanding the Impacts of Ridesourcing on Transportation”
(Henao & Marshall, 2017)

Disrupting Mobility

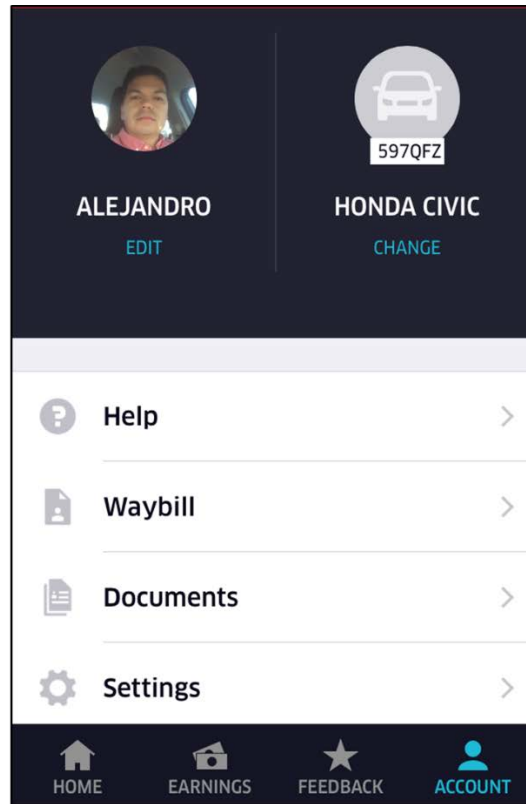
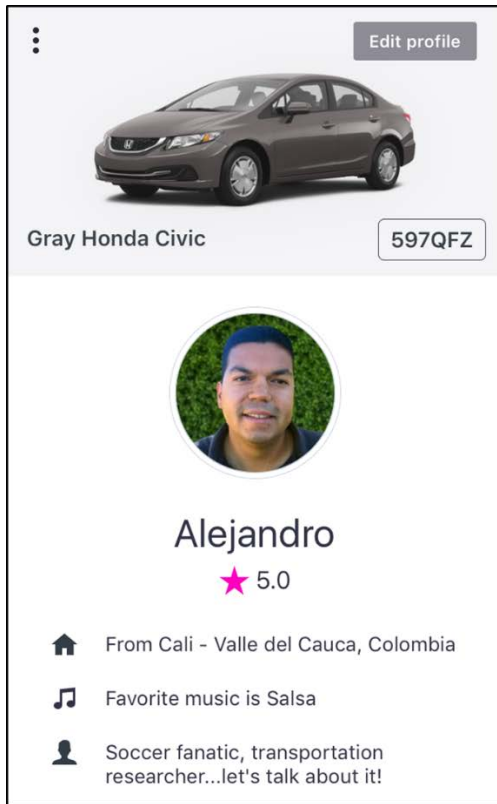
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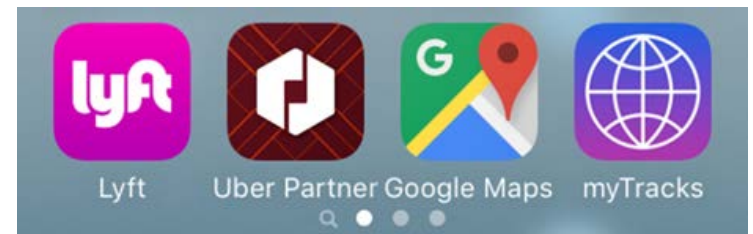


IV. Research Methods

- Innovative approach to collect data
- Became an independent-contractor to drive for both Lyft and Uber and get access to exclusive data
- Exploratory Analysis
- IRB Approval
- Two Datasets:
 1. Driver Dataset (416 rides)
 2. Passenger Dataset: (311 Surveys)



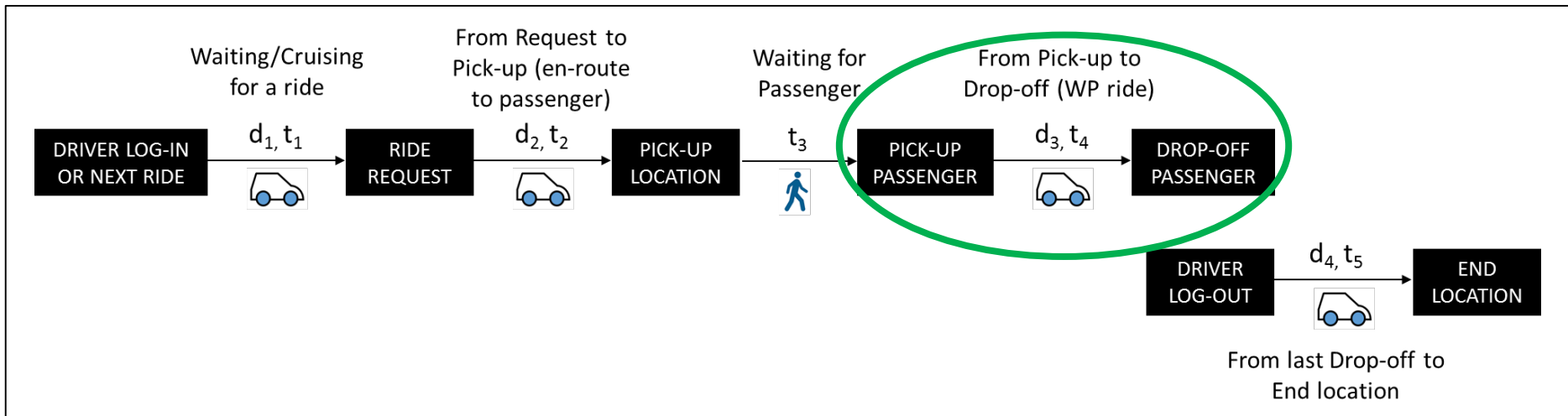
Lyft and Uber Driver Profiles



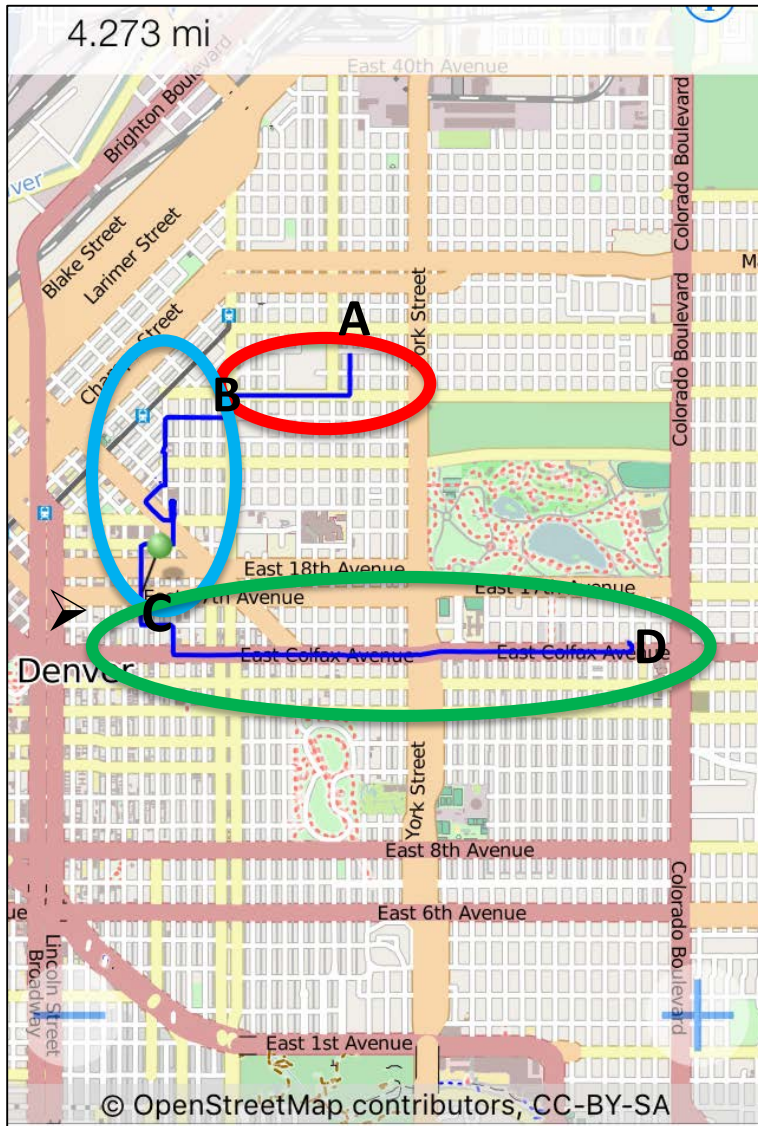
Smartphone Apps

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Driver Dataset



Driver Data Collection (e.g. travel attributes)



Mileage and Times

-  Cruising/Waiting for a ride (A-B)
-  En-Route to passenger (B-C)
-  Waiting for Passenger (C)
-  With-passenger (WP ride) (C-D)

GPS Tracking of a Lyft/Uber ride

METHODS

DRIVER DATA COLLECTION

Driver Initials: ____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Odometer: _____ **LOG-IN** - Location: _____
BREAKS - Mins: _____ Miles: _____ Last ride to **LOG-OUT** time & dist: ____ mins (____ mi)
END - Time: _____ Odometer: _____ Location: _____ Log-out to End time & dist: ____ mins (____ mi)

Ride # (shift): ____ Ride Request from: Lyft LyftLine UberX UberPool # Passengers: ____
Weather: Clear Foggy Rainy Sunny Snowy Windy Other: _____ Temperature: _____
Driver Location at Request: _____
Time at Request: _____ **Waiting/Cruising for a ride time: ____ mins** Cruising for a ride distance: ____ mi (from last)
Pick-up Location: _____ SU-L SU-M SU-H | U-L U-ML U-M U-MH U-H Special
Lyft/Uber est. time: ____ mins GoogleMaps: ____ mins (____ mi) Arrival Time: _____ **Req to Arr time: ____ mins**
MyTracks distance: ____ mi Time Ride Starts: _____ **Driver Waiting: ____ mins**
Destin. Location: _____ SU-L SU-M SU-H | U-L U-ML U-M U-MH U-H Special
Lyft/Uber est. time: ____ mins GoogleMaps: ____ mins (____ mi) Time when Ride Ends: _____ **Ride Time: ____ mins**
MyTracks distance: ____ mi Lyft/Uber report: ____ mins (____ mi)
PARKING - Location: _____ P. Cost: \$ _____ Cruising time & dist: ____ mins (____ mi)
Prime: _____ Fare shown on App: \$ _____ To Driver: \$ _____ + tip: \$ _____ Walk to dest time & dist: ____ mins (____ mi)
Did person take survey? Yes T No Where did passenger sit? Front Back Chatty Quiet Male Female

Driver Data Collection Form

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Passenger Survey

I interviewed passengers during the ride:



*“Hi rider,
I’m a grad student doing
research on transportation.
Would you help me by
doing a short survey (~6
minutes) about this ride?”*

*You can use my tablet
or go to this link:
www.ride-survey.com.*

Thank you!!”

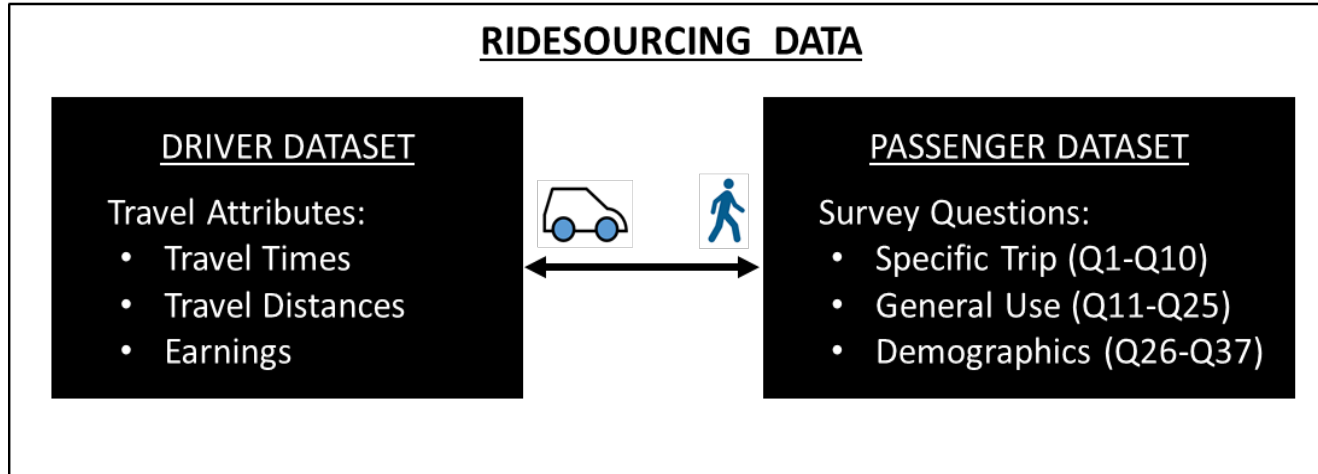
Passenger Survey

- Passengers took survey on the tablet provided
- On their own devices: www.ride-survey.com
- In some cases, verbal interview

Passenger survey questions:

1. Specific Trip Questions (Q1-Q10)
2. General Use Questions (Q11-Q25)
3. Demographic Questions (Q26-28)

V. Data



416 Rides

- 198 Lyft
- 164 UberX
- 39 LyftLine
- 15 UberPool

311 Passenger
Surveys

SURVEY RESPONSE
RATE: 87.5%

DATA

Origin-Destination (O-D) Matrix

DESTINATION ORIGIN	Home	Work	School	Shopping/ Errands	Going Out/ Social	Airport	Hotel/ Airbnb	Family/ Friend	Other	Totals
Home	2	36	16	7	34	18	0	4	12	129
Work	21	8	1	1	1	2	6	0	1	41
School	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	10
Shopping/Errands	11	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	16
Going Out/Social	30	1	0	3	10	0	3	3	1	51
Airport	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
Hotel/Airbnb	0	2	0	0	7	4	0	0	4	17
Family/Friend	10	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	2	19
Other	8	3	0	2	2	1	3	1	3	23
Totals	90	52	17	19	56	26	17	11	23	311

DATA

	<u>Ridesourcing</u>		<u>Denver</u>	<u>Ridesourcing</u>		<u>Denver</u>	
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Gender				Marital Status			
Female	145	46.9%	50.0%	Single or never married	185	62.7%	41.7%
Male	162	52.4%	50.0%	Married or in a family relationship	80	27.1%	39.2%
Prefer not to answer	2	0.6%		Separated, divorced, or widow	28	9.5%	19.1%
n	309			Other	2	0.7%	
				n	295		
Residency				Household size^b			
Local Resident	254	82.2%	--	1	65	22.3%	--
Visitor	55	17.8%	--	2	129	44.2%	--
n	309			3	56	19.2%	--
				4	30	10.3%	--
Age				5+	12	4.1%	--
18-24 ^b	78	25.2%	10.0%	n	292		
25-34	132	42.7%	21.8%	Children in household			
35-44	56	18.1%	15.4%	Yes	47	20.5%	25.1%
45-54	30	9.7%	11.7%	No	182	79.5%	74.9%
55-64	7	2.3%	10.5%	n	229		
65+	6	1.9%	10.7%	Education			
n	309			Less than High School	9	3.0%	13.9%
				Graduated high school or equiv.	49	16.5%	17.7%
Race/Ethnicity				Some college, no degree	58	19.5%	18.3%
Asian	24	7.8%	3.5%	Associate or Bachelor's degree	124	41.8%	32.5%
Black/African American	16	5.2%	9.4%	Advanced degree (Master's, PhD)	57	19.2%	17.6%
Hispanic or Latino	39	12.7%	30.9%	n	297		
White	206	66.9%	53.1%	Employment Status			
Other	16	5.2%	3.1%	Working (Full-time or Part-Time)	246	81.7%	70.9%
Prefer not to answer	7	2.3%		Volunteer	1	0.3%	--
n	308			Unemployed	15	5.0%	6.3%
				Retired	8	2.7%	--
Household Income^c				N/A	31	10.3%	--
\$30K or less	34	11.5%	28.3%	n	301		
\$31K - \$45K	56	18.9%	14.0%	Student Status			
\$46K - \$60K	58	19.6%	11.1%	Student (Full-time or Part-time)	70	23.3%	34.2%
\$61K - \$75K	30	10.1%	10.0%	Not currently a student	230	76.7%	65.8%
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Over \$100K	50	16.9%	24.9%				
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^a 2011-2015 ACS 5-Year Estimates, Denver County

^b Age 1st Range is 15 - 24 for ACS

^c Income Range for ACS slightly different

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VI. Driver Perspective

- Travel times and distances
- Earnings

Data Analysis

TRAVEL DISTANCES

$$d_{shift} = \left[\sum (d_1 + d_2 + d_3) \right] + d_4$$

$$d_T = \sum d_{shift} = \sum d_1 + \sum d_2 + \sum d_3 + \sum d_4$$

$$VMT_T = \sum d_1 + \sum d_2 + WPMT_T + \sum d_4$$

$$VMT_T = WPMT_T + \text{Additional VMT}$$

$$\text{Ridesourcing Efficiency Distance} = \frac{\sum d_3}{d_T} = \frac{WPMT_T}{VMT_T}$$

ADDITIONAL PERCENT OF WPMT

$$\frac{\text{Additional VMT}}{WPMT_T} = \frac{VMT_T}{WPMT_T} - 1$$

$$\text{Total Miles per 100 WPMT} = \frac{100 * VMT_T}{WPMT_T}$$

TRAVEL TIMES

$$t_{shift} = \left[\sum (t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4) \right] + t_5$$

$$t_T = \sum t_{shift} = \sum t_1 + \sum t_2 + \sum t_3 + \sum t_4 + \sum t_5$$

$$\text{Ridesourcing Efficiency Time} = \frac{\sum t_4}{t_T}$$

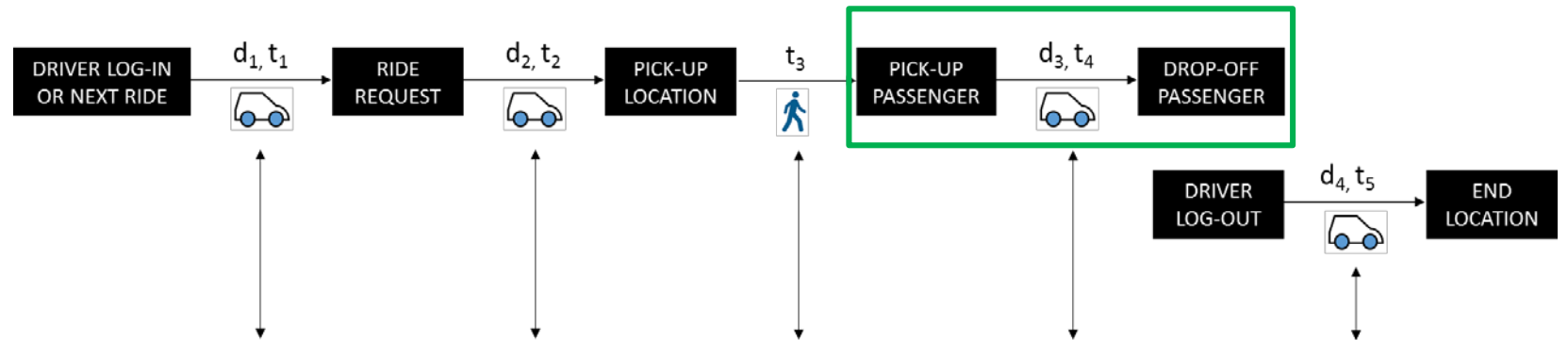
EARNINGS

$$\text{Gross Earnings } (\$/hr) = \frac{\sum \text{Driver Earnings (incl. tip)}}{t_T}$$

$$\text{Gross Earnings } (\$/mile) = \frac{\sum \text{Driver Earnings (incl. tip)}}{d_T}$$

$$\text{Net Earnings} = \text{Gross Earnings} - \text{Expenses}$$

Travel Times and Distance Summary Statistics



		Waiting/Cruising for a ride	From Request to Pick-up (en-route to passenger)	Waiting for Passenger	From Pick-up to Drop-off (WP ride)	From last Drop-off to End Location	Totals (t _T & d _T)
Time (minutes)	Total (Σt)	4,965.00	2,511.00	531.00	6,106.00	1,416.00	15,529.00
	Mean	11.94	6.04	1.28	14.68	21.78*	37.33
	St. Dev.	15.46	3.65	2.10	10.04	12.27*	20.30
	Median	7.50	5.00	1.00	11.50	20.00*	32.83
Distance (miles)	Total (Σd)	635.91	600.56		2,929.94	784.29	4,950.69
	Mean	1.53	1.44		7.04	12.07*	11.90
	St. Dev.	3.94	1.44		8.60	7.43*	10.37
	Median	0.20	1.00		3.55	12.00*	8.30
Average mph			14.35		28.79	33.23	19.13

n=416 (Lyft: 198, LyftLine: 39, UberX:164, UberPool: 15)

* Commute based on 65 shifts

Times and Distance Efficiency

	WP Ride (Σd_3 & Σt_4)	Total minus Commute at End	Efficiency: WP/(Total minus Commute at End)	Totals (t_T & d_T)	Overall Efficiency (WP/Total)	Additional Percent of WPMT	VMT per 100-WPMT
Time (minutes)	6,106.0	14,767.0	41.3%	15,529.0	39.3%		
Distance (miles)	2,929.9	4,482.9	65.4%	4,950.7	59.2%	69.0%	169.0

Earnings



DRIVER STUDY

Earnings

Lyft/Uber Fares & Commission

Passenger Cost*						To Driver**	Lyft/Uber Commision**
Lyft/Uber Service Fee	Base Fare	Cost per Minute Fare	Cost per Mile Fare	Minimum Paid by Passenger (Fee + Fare)			
Lyft	\$2.10	\$0.50	\$0.12	\$1.01	\$7.10	80% Fare + 100% Tips	100% Service Fee + 20% Fare
UberX	\$1.95	\$0.75	\$0.13	\$1.00	\$6.95		

* Rates as of Fall 2016 in U.S. dollars. Rates varied and have been lowered over time

** 20% Commision when first signed-up in 2014. Newer drivers pay a higher commision (25% or more)

Passenger Cost, Driver Earnings, Real Commission

	Passenger Cost		To Driver			To Lyft/Uber	
	Total Paid (before tip)	Total Cost per WP Mile (before tip)	Total Earned (before tips)	Tips	Total Earned (with tips)	Actual Commission (before tip)	Actual Commission (after tip)
Lyft (n=237)	\$2,934.58	\$1.87	\$2,059.25	\$276.00	\$2,335.25	29.8%	27.3%
Uber (n=179)	\$2,505.62	\$1.84	\$1,687.83	\$39.00	\$1,726.83	32.6%	32.1%
All Trips (n=416)	\$5,440.20	\$1.86	\$3,747.08	\$315.00	\$4,062.08	31.1%	29.4%

* Earnings include prime and guarantee bonus per hour but does not include initial sign-up bonus.

** Earnings in Year 2016 U.S. dollars

Gross Earnings – Lyft vs Uber

	Gross Earnings (before tip) (\$/hr)	Gross Earnings (with tip) (\$/hr)	Gross Earnings (before tip) (\$/mile)	Gross Earnings (with tip) (\$/mile)
Lyft (n=237)	\$14.38	\$16.31	\$0.77	\$0.87
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* Earnings based in Totals (t_T & d_T)

** Earnings in Year 2016 U.S. dollars

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<u>Ownership</u>				
Depreciation	\$1,320.00	\$3,960.00		
Finance Charge	-	\$500.00		
License, Registration & Tax	-	\$350.00		
Insurance	-	\$1,500.00		
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Gas	\$1,015.38	\$3,046.15		
Maintenance	\$589.60	\$1,768.80		
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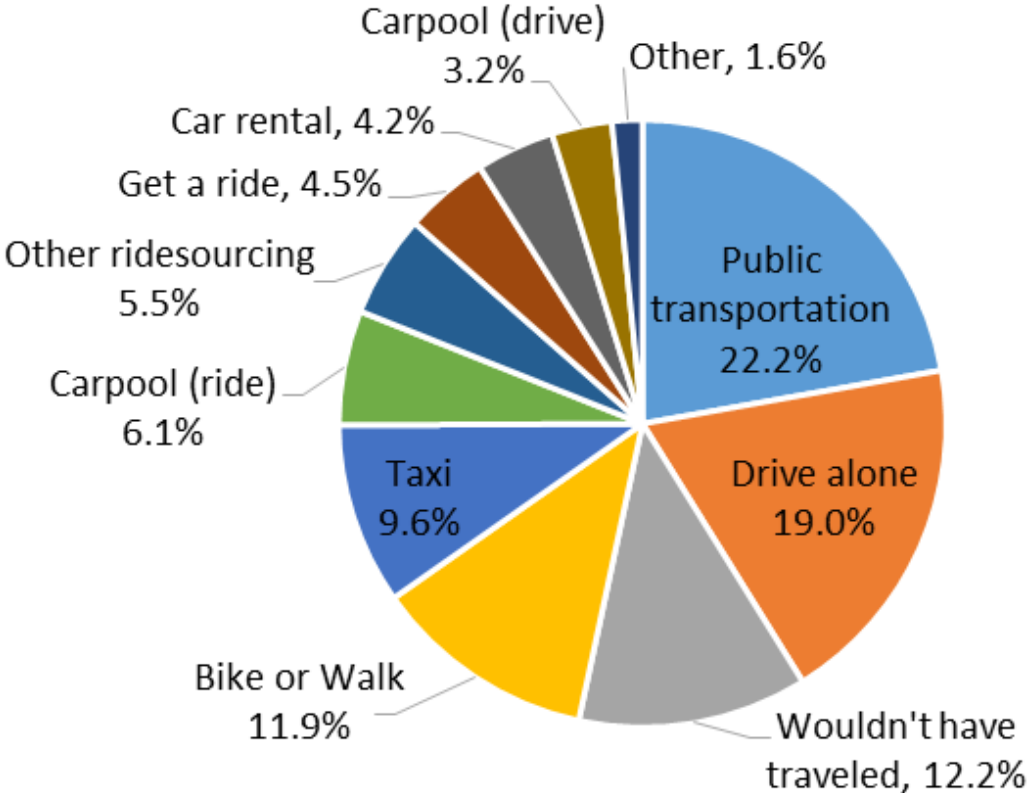
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Lyft (n=237)	\$6.63	\$8.56	29.1%
Uber (n=179)	\$6.85	\$7.18	4.9%

VII. VMT Study

- Mode Replacement
- VMT Impacts

Mode Replacement (Specific Trip)

Q5. For this trip, how would you have traveled if Lyft/Uber wasn't an option?



PMT and VMT

- Passenger Miles Traveled (PMT)
- Vehicles Miles Traveled (VMT)

Mode	PMT:VMT	PMT/VMT
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Bike/Walk	1 : 0	∞
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Ridesourcing?

PMT/VMT, before and after

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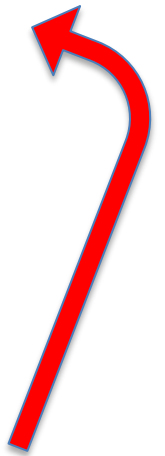
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Drive alone	59	661.3	5.17	661.2	5.17	935.5	10.97	1.000	1.415	141.5%
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Bike or Walk	37	74.3	1.65	0.0	0.00	195.9	4.95	0.000	2.638	∞
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Carpool (ride)	19	132.1	3.87	82.2	1.82	227.7	7.64	0.622	1.724	277.1%
Other ridesourcing	17	52.8	3.00	143.3	7.58	143.3	7.58	2.713	2.713	100.0%
Get a ride	14	132.6	5.67	265.3	11.33	140.5	9.75	2.001	1.060	53.0%
Car rental	13	54.6	3.71	54.6	3.50	119.7	6.52	1.000	2.191	219.1%
Carpool (drive)	10	77.1	2.74	77.1	2.74	93.6	5.51	1.000	1.215	121.5%
Other	5	37.5	2.55	9.2	2.28	54.1	6.09	0.244	1.441	589.8%
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Better VMT

VIII. Parking

- Parking Demand
- Locations, Trip Purpose, Transit Stations
- Parking as a stated reason

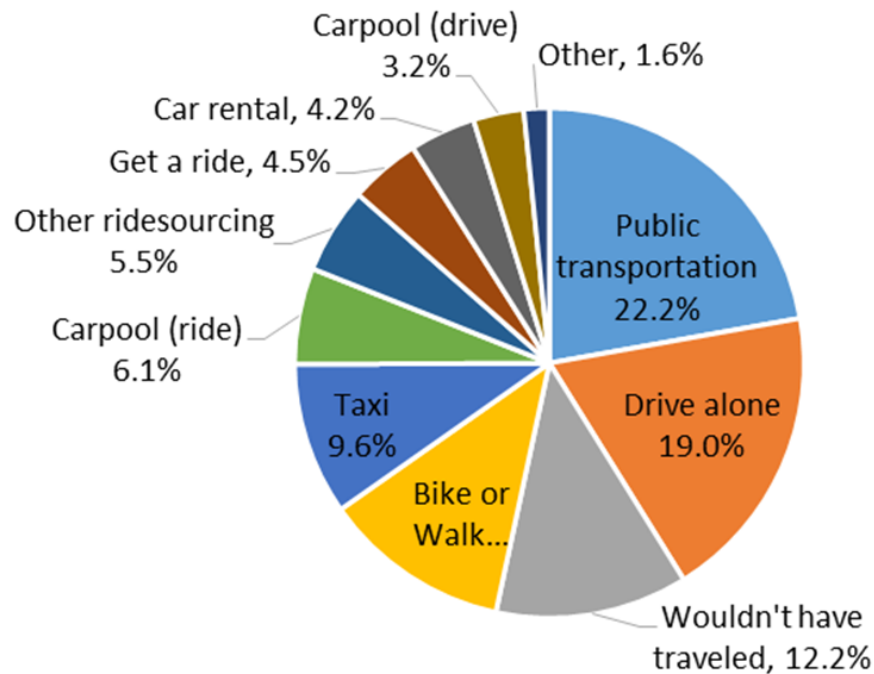
Each theme was explored for:

- Specific trip
- General use

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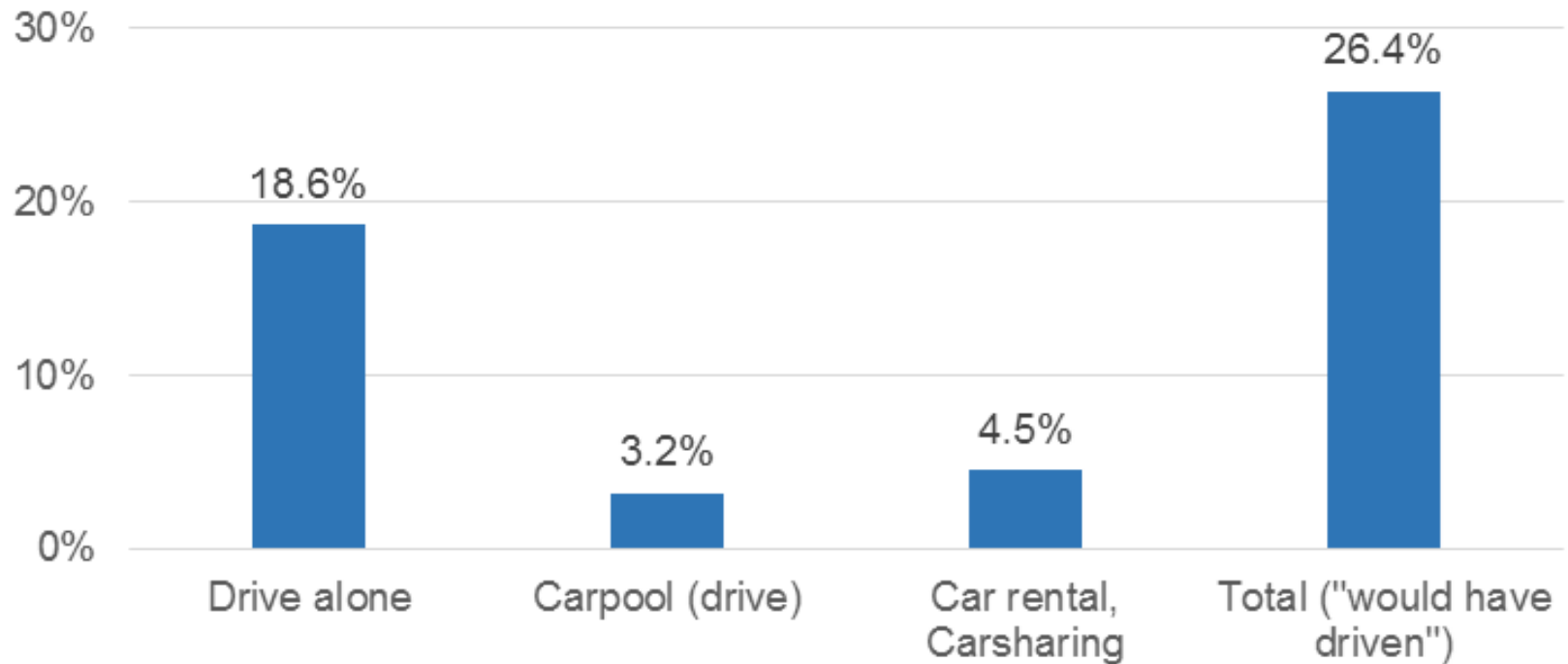
Mode Replacement (Specific Trip)

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Parking Not Needed (Percentage of all rides replaced by ridesourcing)

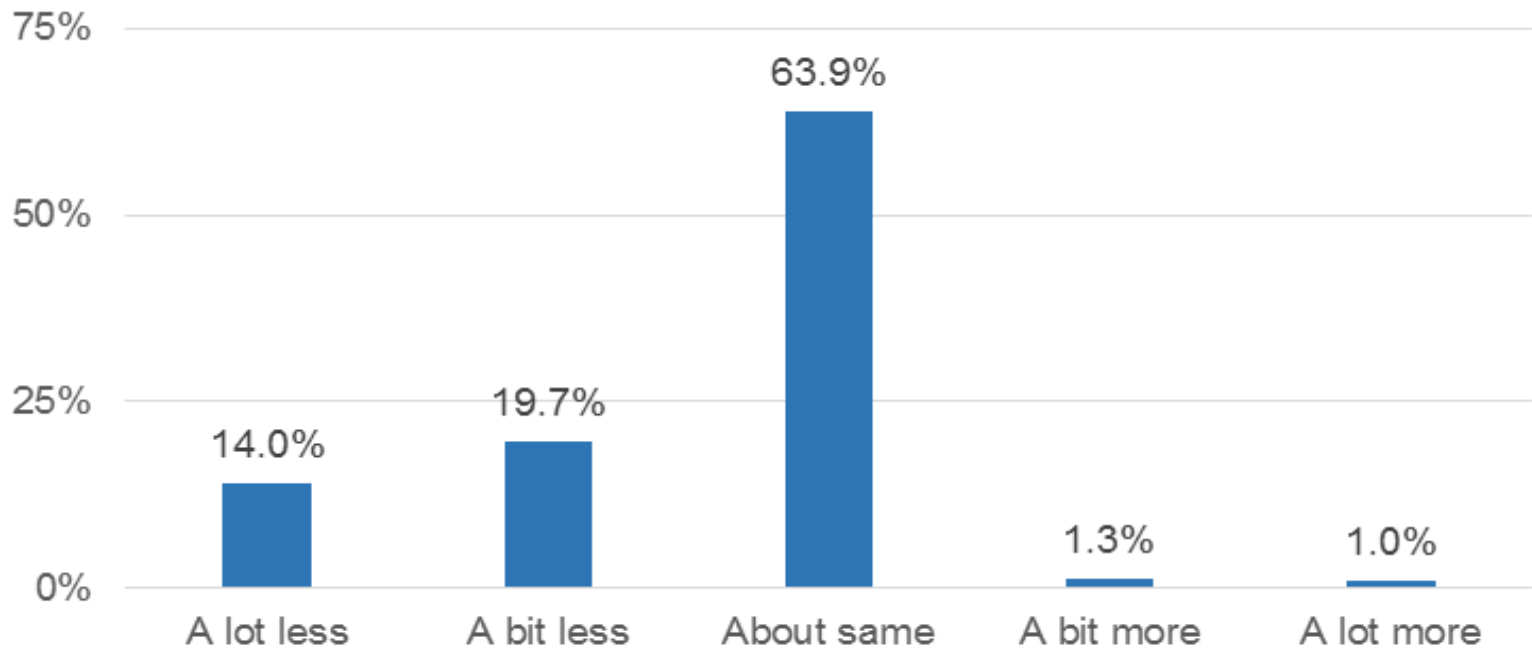


Q5: "How would you have traveled if Lyft/Uber wasn't an option?"

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Parking Demand (General Use)

Q25: Completed the sentence based on your travel today compared to the past. Because of ridesourcing, I drive...



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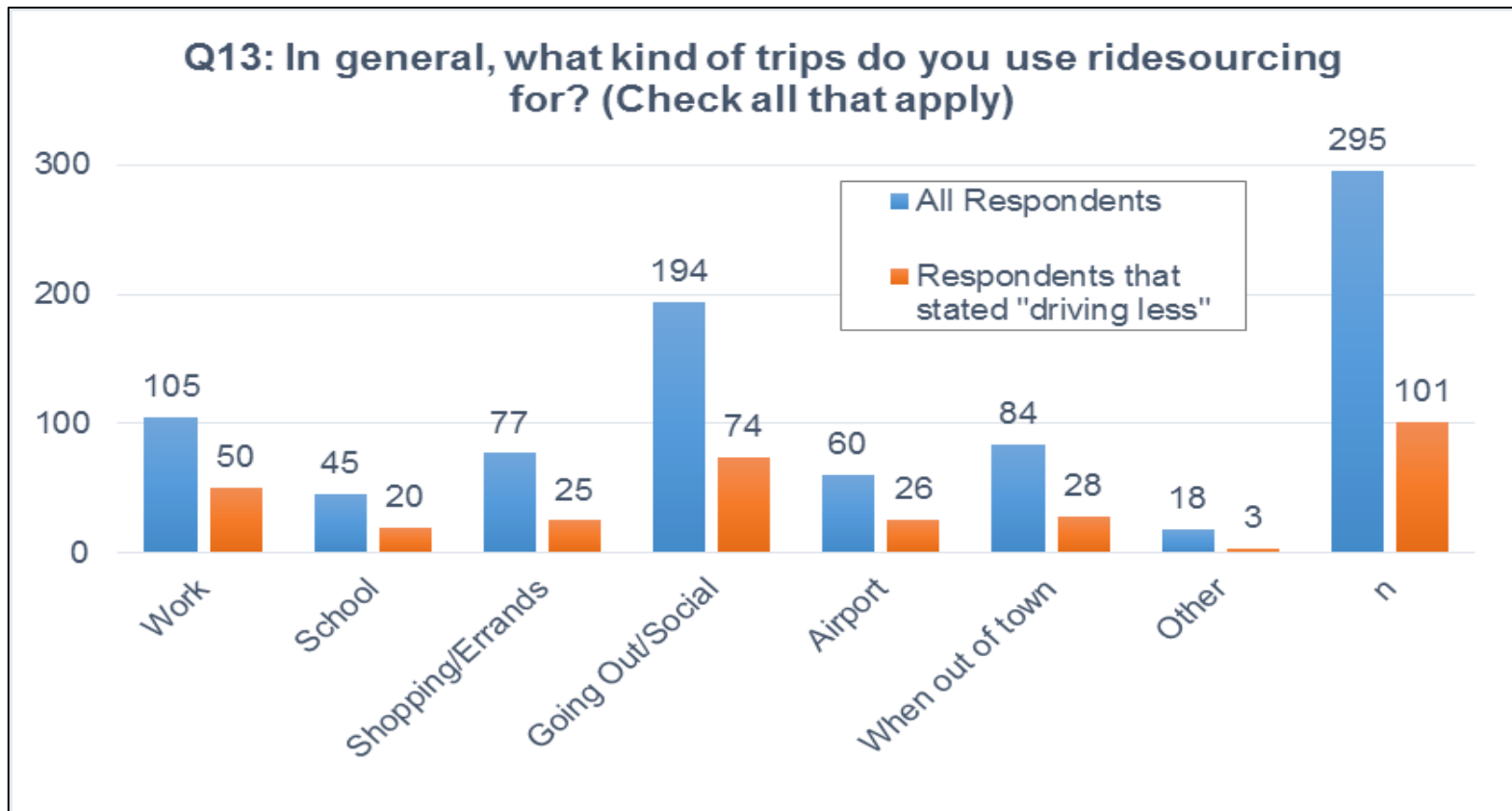
Parking: Locations (Specific Trip)

O-D Matrix (Driving Trips Replaced)

DESTINATION \ ORIGIN	Home	Work	School	Shopping/Errands	Going Out/Social	Airport	Hotel/Airbnb	Family/Friend	Other	Totals
Home	0	5	1	1	19	13	0	1	2	42
Work	2	2	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	10
School	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Shopping/Errands	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Going Out/Social	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	13
Airport	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Hotel/Airbnb	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Family/Friend	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4
Other	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	5
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Trip Purpose (General Use)



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Parking: Connectivity to Transit

Q9. Ride connecting with other mode (n=311)

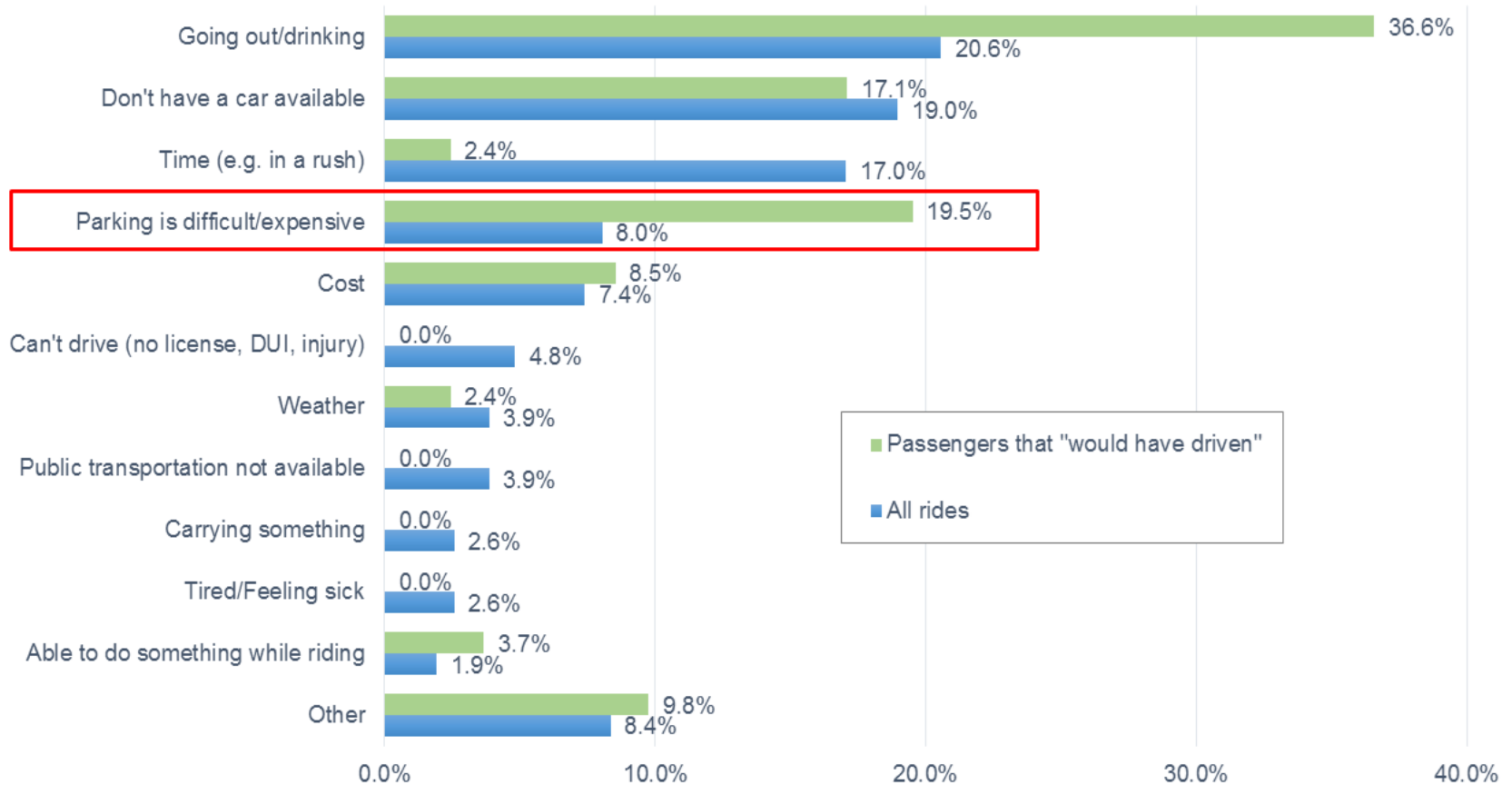
No	294	94.5%
Yes	17	5.5%
If yes, number of rides replacing driving and connecting to transit	3	1.0%

Q22. Have you ever connected with other mode? (n=293)

No	233	79.5%
Yes	60	20.5%
If yes, number of passenger that stated driving less and public transportation (e.g. bus, rail) as the connection mode	21	7.2%

Stated reason (Specific Trip)

Q8: For this trip, what is the main reason that led you to choose Lyft/Uber over other options?



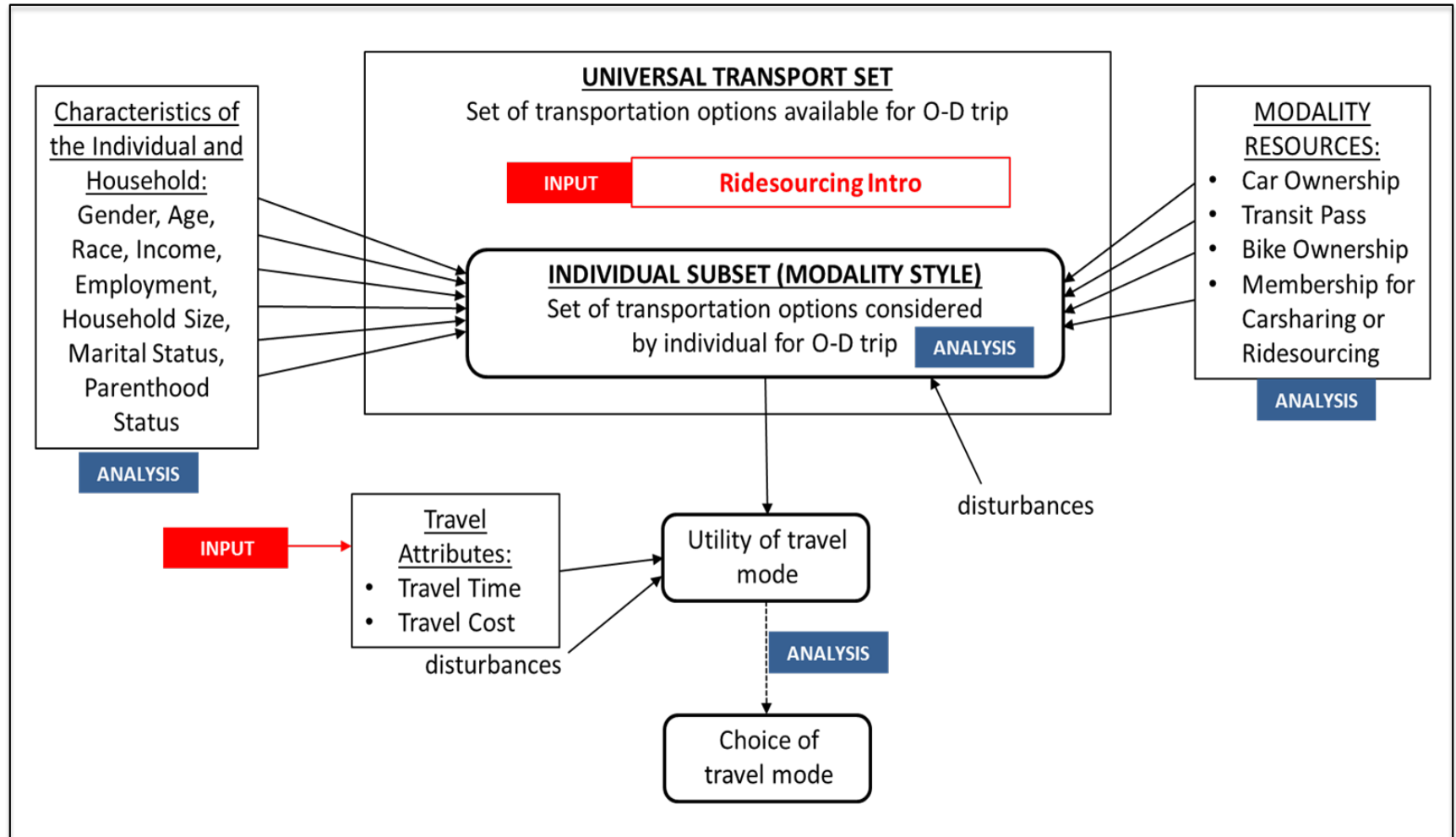
Driving Frequency and Reasons to take ridesourcing



IX. Travel Behavior

- Travel Demand Framework
- Mode Frequency
- Travel Behavior Changes
- Trip Purpose
- Reasons
- Modality Style

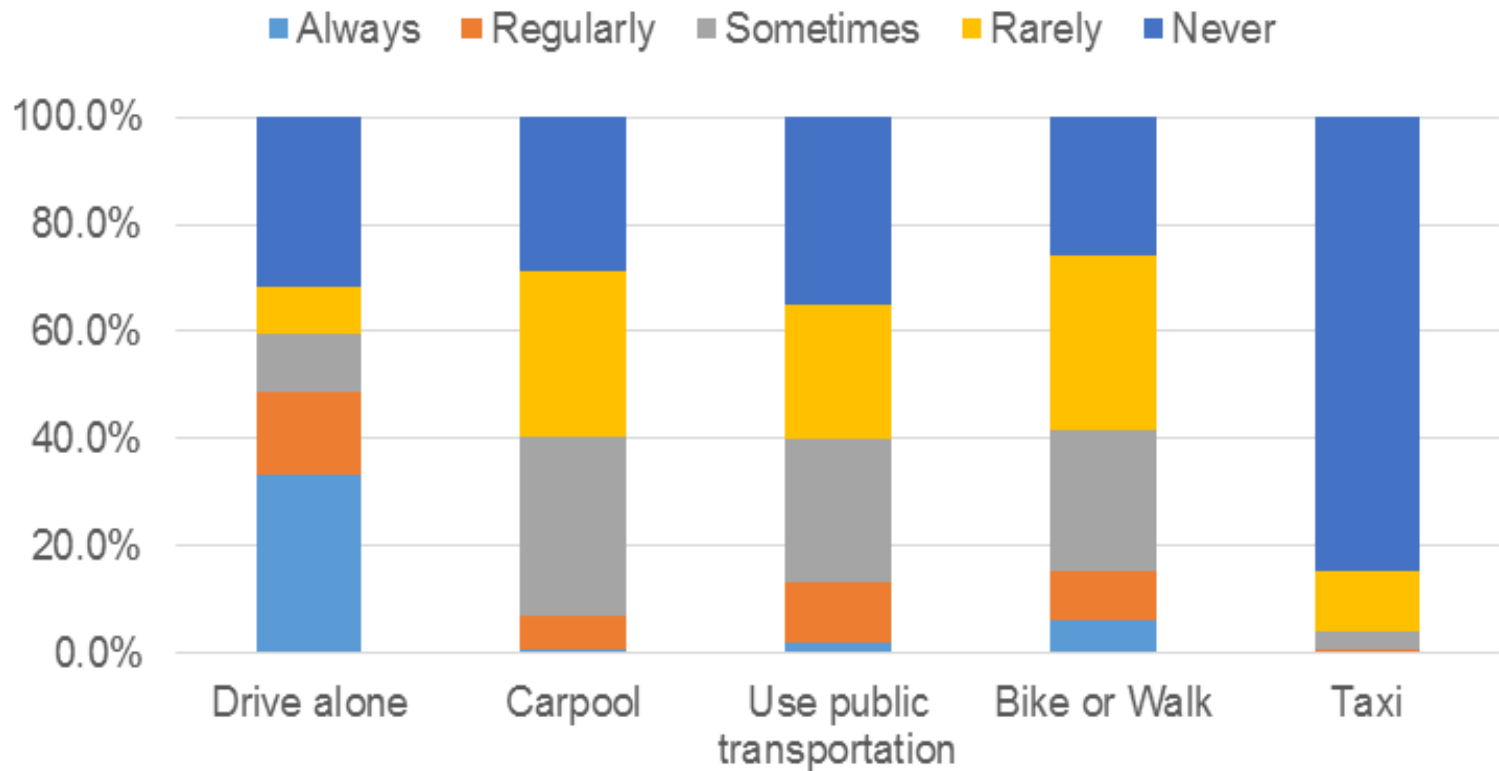
Travel Demand Framework



TRAVEL BEHAVIOR

Mode Frequency

Q21: Thinking about your typical week travel, how often do you?



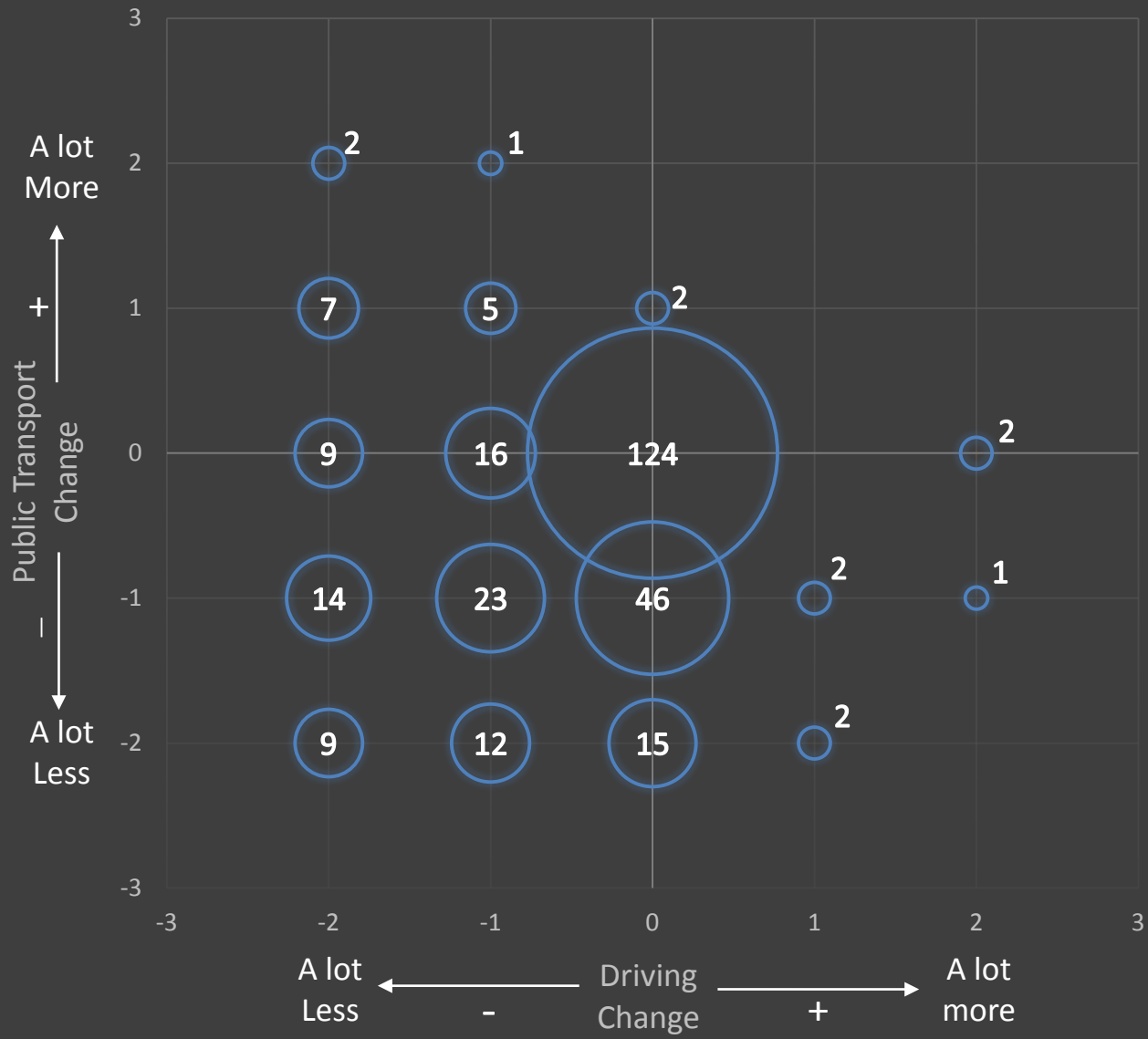
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25. For the next few questions, complete the sentence based on your travel today compared to the past

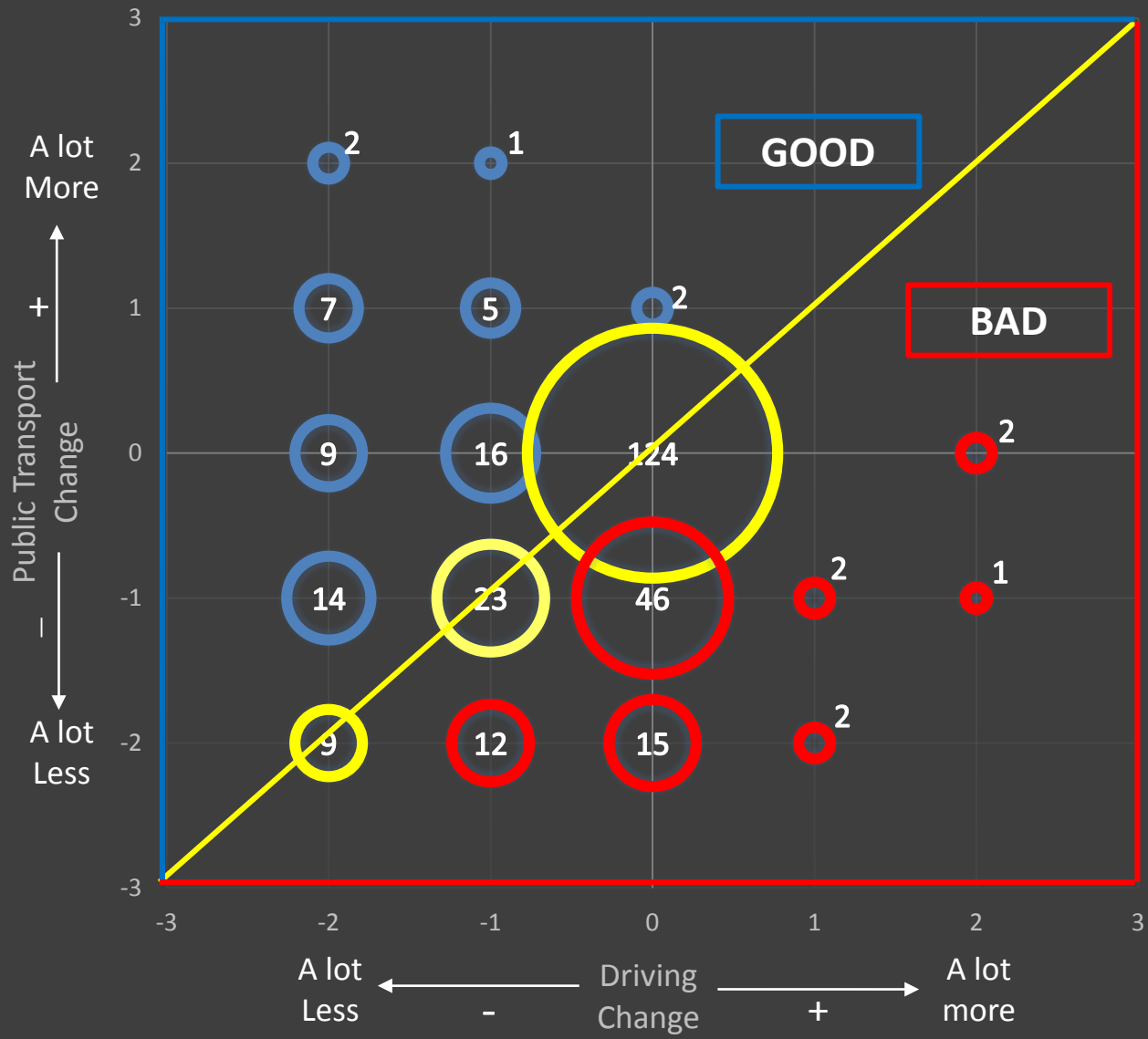
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Because of ridesourcing, I drive...	41 14.3%	57 19.9%	182 63.4%	4 1.4%	3 1.0%
Because of ridesourcing, I use public transport...	38 13.2%	86 30.0%	146 50.9%	14 4.9%	3 1.0%
Because of ridesourcing, I bike or walk...	10 3.5%	77 26.7%	187 64.9%	7 2.4%	7 2.4%
Because of ridesourcing, I take taxis...	88 31.5%	25 9.0%	165 59.1%	1 0.4%	0 0.0%

**TRAVEL
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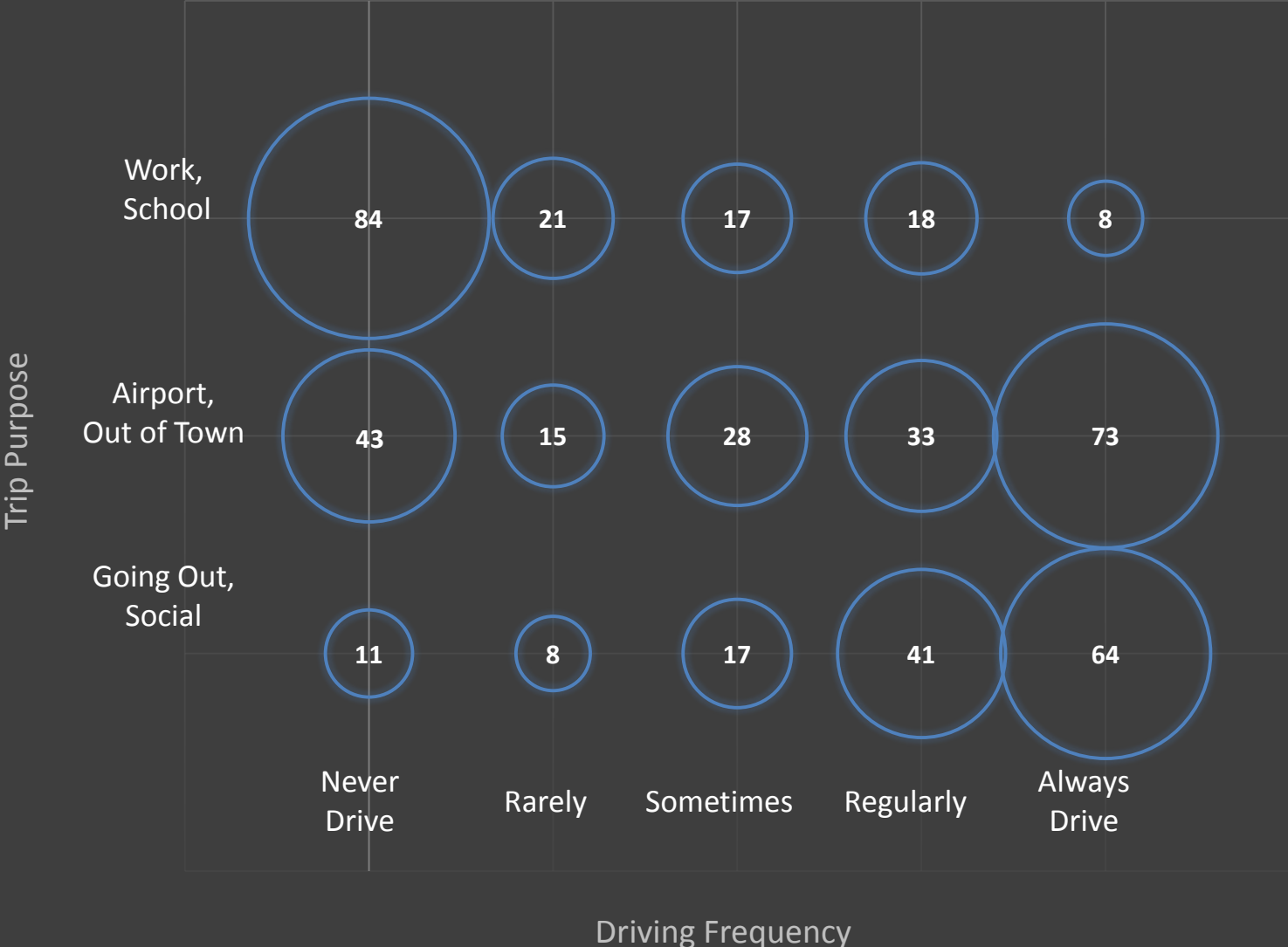
Driving Change vs Public Transport Change



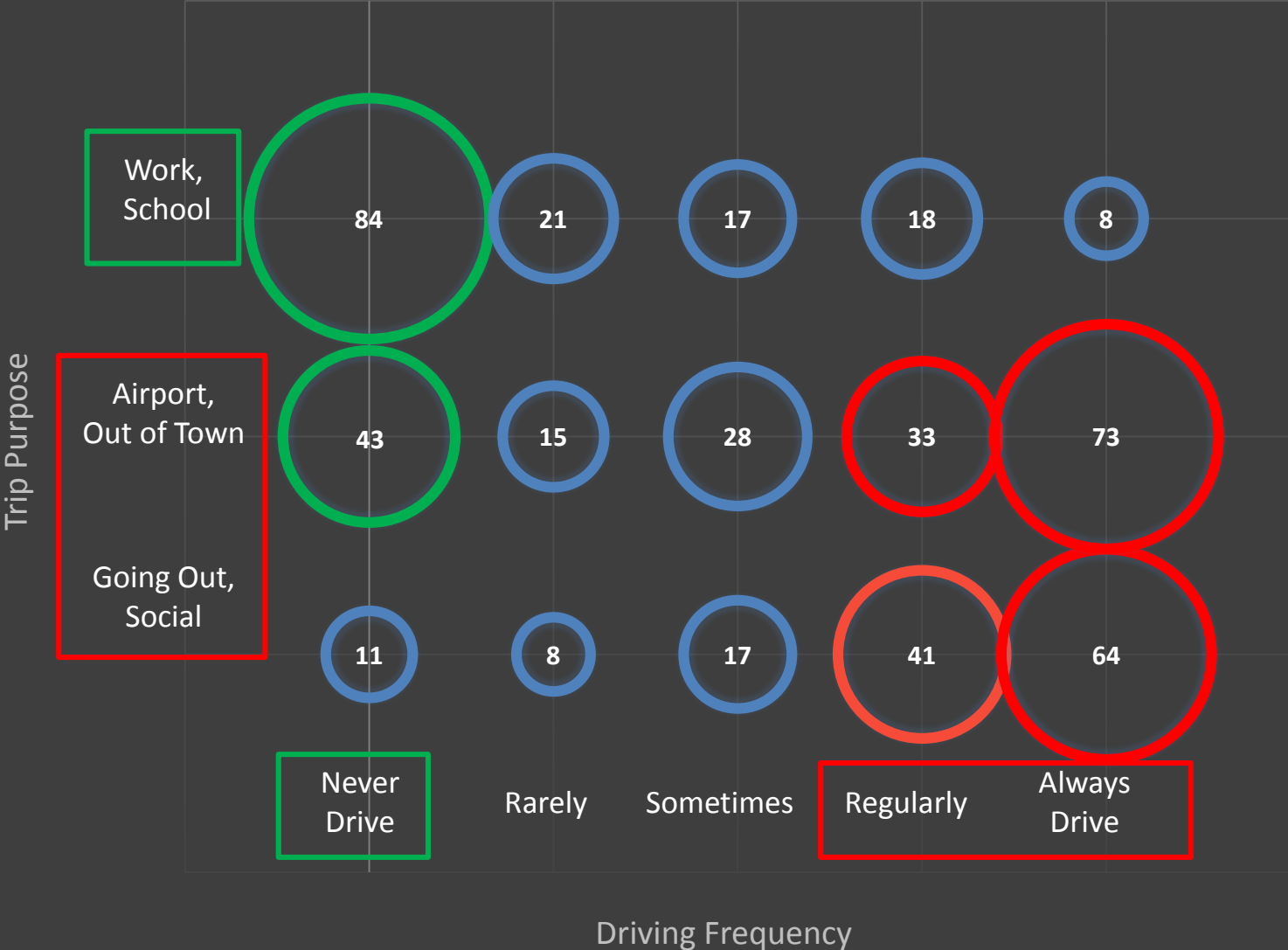
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Driving Frequency and Trip Purpose

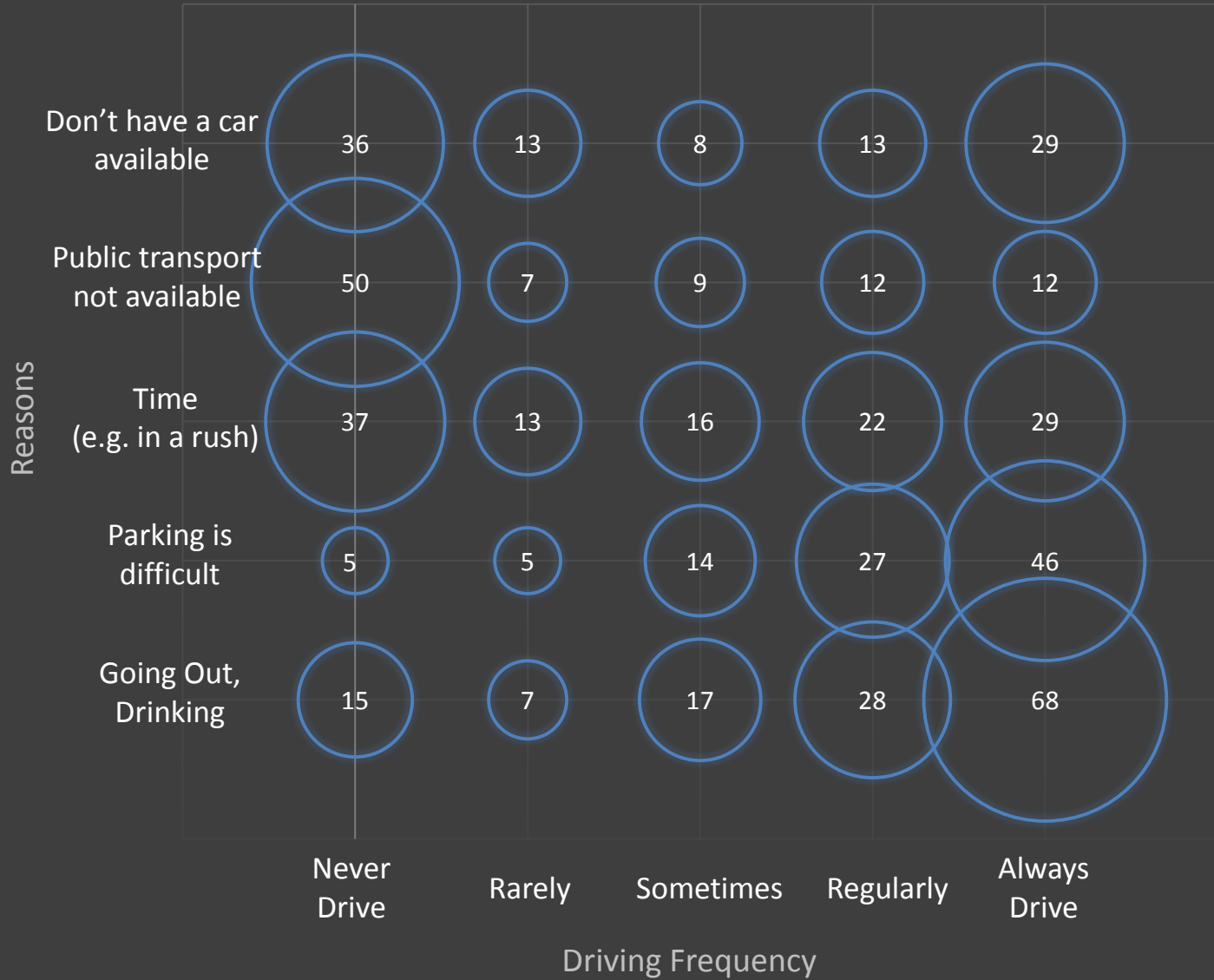


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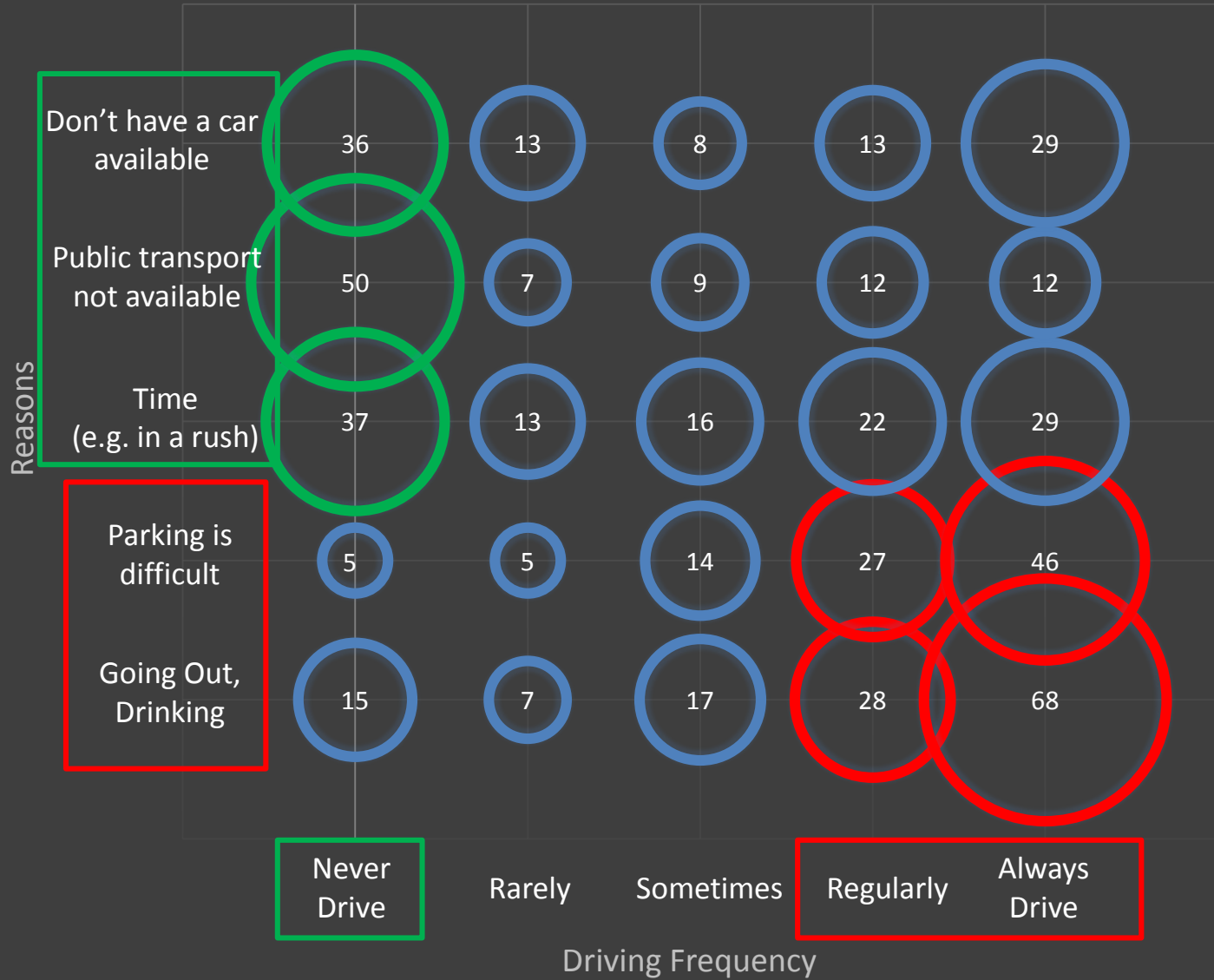


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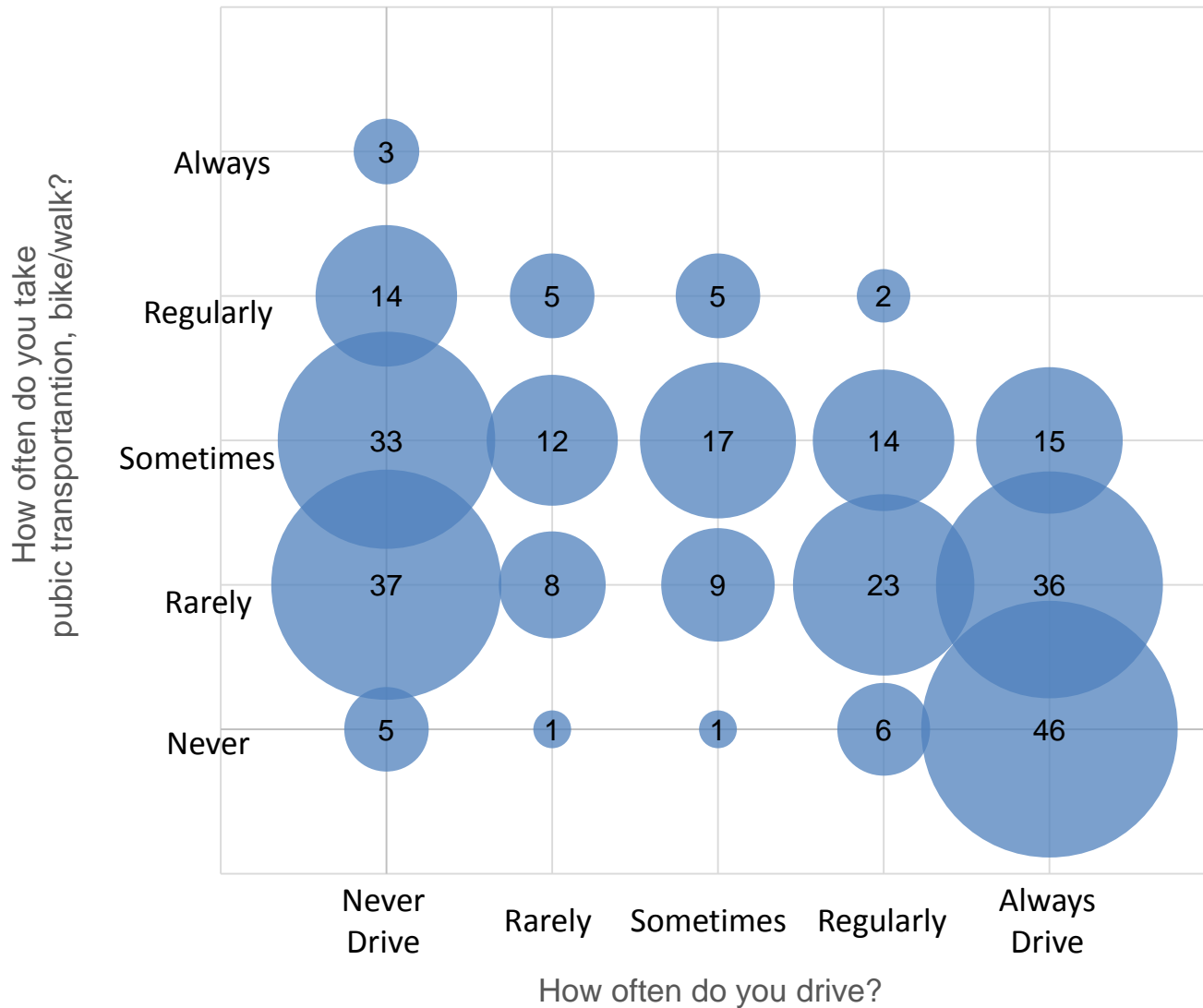
Driving Frequency and Reasons



Driving Frequency and Reasons



“Drive Frequency” versus “Public Transportation + Bike/Walk Frequency”



**TRAVEL
BEHAVIOR**

Modality Style



- DRIVERS
- MULTIMODALS
- NON-DRIVERS

**TRAVEL
BEHAVIOR**

X. Overall Results

- Driver Perspective
- VMT
- Parking
- Travel Behavior

X. Overall Results

RIDESOURCING TIMES AND DISTANCES

- Overall efficiency rate for the study is 39.3% based on time, and 59.2% based on distance
- In terms of distance, drivers have to travel 69 extra miles in dead-heading for every 100 miles with a passenger

X. Overall Results

RIDESOURCING EARNINGS

- The gross earnings is \$15.69/hour but discounting expenses is less than minimum wage, with an average of \$7.94/hr (tips included).

X. Overall Results

VMT IMPACT

- Ridesourcing provides more mobility:
 - 12.2% of passengers stated that they “wouldn’t have traveled”
- But PMT/VMT efficiency goes from 112.3% to 60.8%
- Current ridesourcing VMT is 185% what would have been before, which has significant implications for our cities in terms of congestion and environmental concerns

X. Overall Results

VMT IMPACT

Based on Lyft/Uber current rate of 1 billion rides per year in the U.S. and assuming the results hold true for the country:

Lyft and Uber rides per year in the U.S.	1,000,000,000.00
$t_{T \text{ mean}} = (\Sigma d)/\text{ride}$ (Table IV.1)	11.90
$VMT_{\text{AFTER}} = \text{Rides per year} * 11.90$	11,900,707,268.24
$VMT_{\text{AFTER}}/VMT_{\text{BEFORE}}$ (Table V.3)	1.85
$VMT_{\text{BEFORE}} = VMT_{\text{AFTER}} / 1.85$	6,446,228,741.23
$VMT_{\text{EXTRA}} = VMT_{\text{AFTER}} - VMT_{\text{BEFORE}}$	5,454,478,527.02

Estimated VMT impact from Lyft/Uber is around **5.5 billion extra miles per year in the U.S.**

X. Overall Results

PARKING

High potential to decrease car dependency

- Ridesourcing is replacing driving modes, reducing the need for parking
- Parking difficulty/expense is one of the main reasons for passengers to use ridesourcing instead of driving.

X. Overall Results

TRAVEL BEHAVIOR

- Three common groups of ridesourcing:
 1. Drivers
 2. Multimodals
 3. Non-drivers
 - Drivers become bi-modal based on trip purpose
- For typical drivers, ridesourcing is mostly replacing social trips (e.g. go out), to/from airport, and when out of town
- For typical non-drivers, it's replacing work/school trips

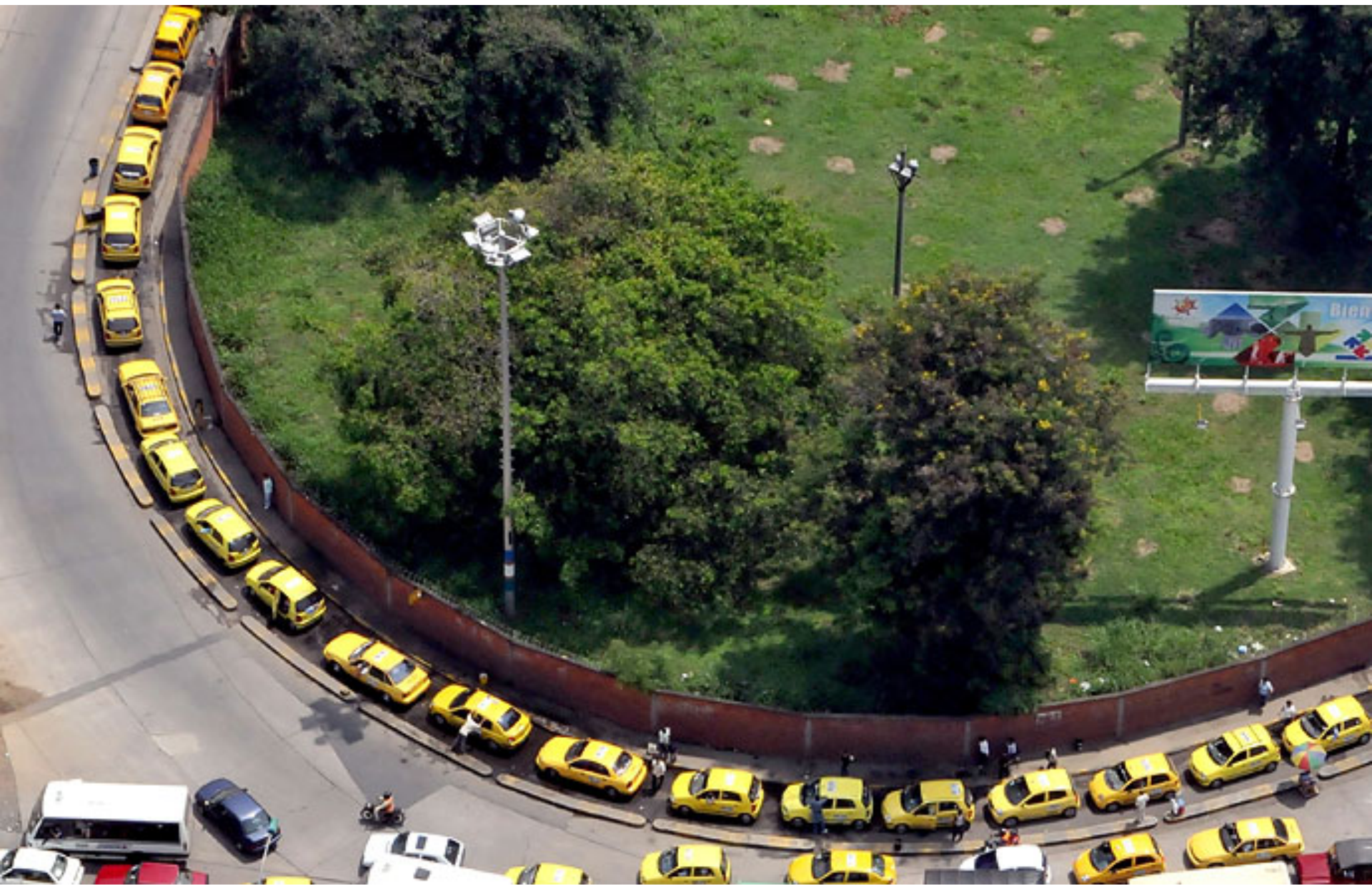
XI. Summary Conclusions

- Opportunities and Barriers
- Policy Recommendations
- Future Applications
- Future Research

Limitations

This study doesn't come without limitations:

- Trip sample size
- Denver metro area
- Driver strategy



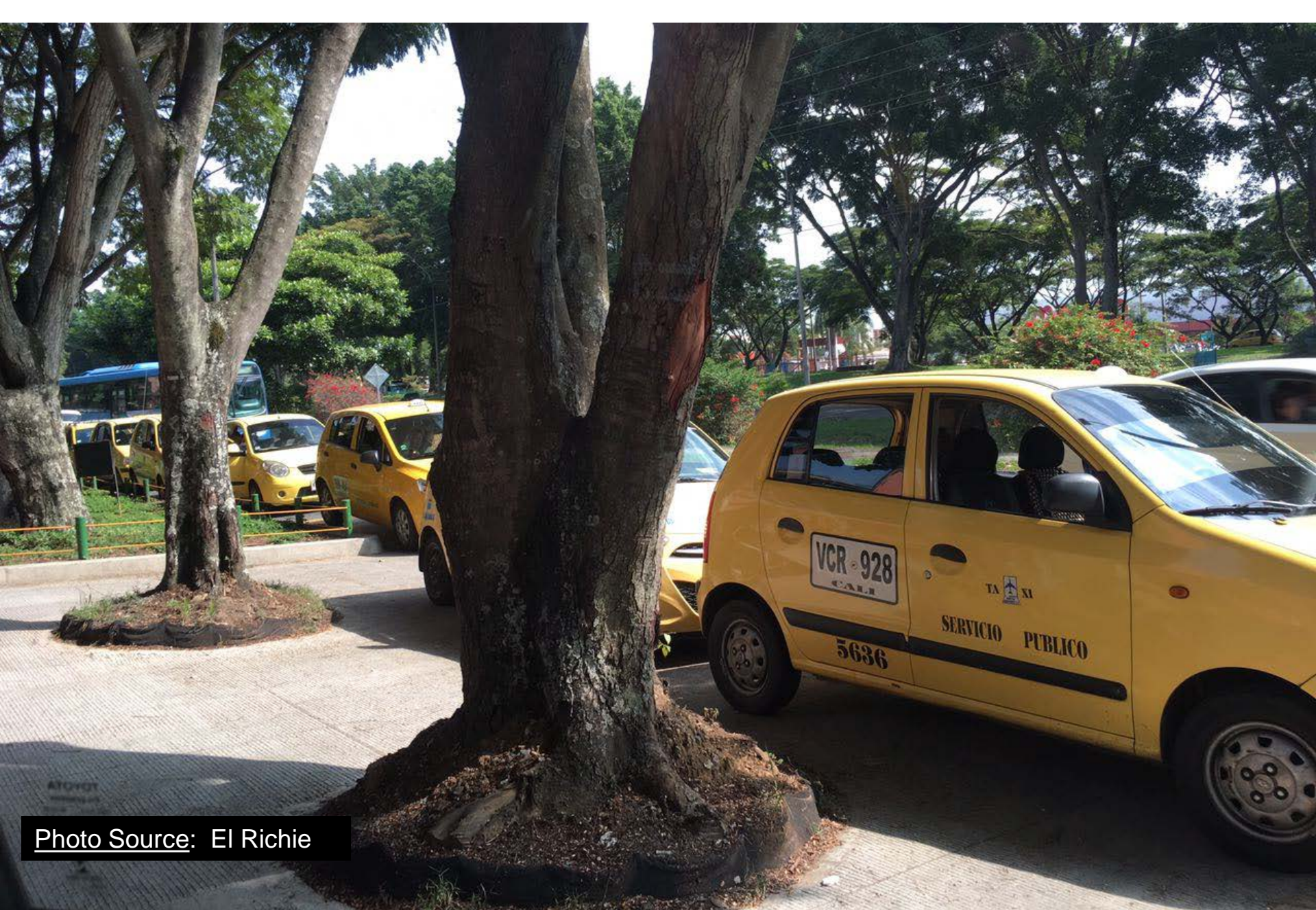


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WE NEED DATA

- Cities and agencies need data
 - REAL, USEFUL DATA

Highly touted Boston-Uber partnership has not lived up to hype so far



—Robert Galbraith/Reuters

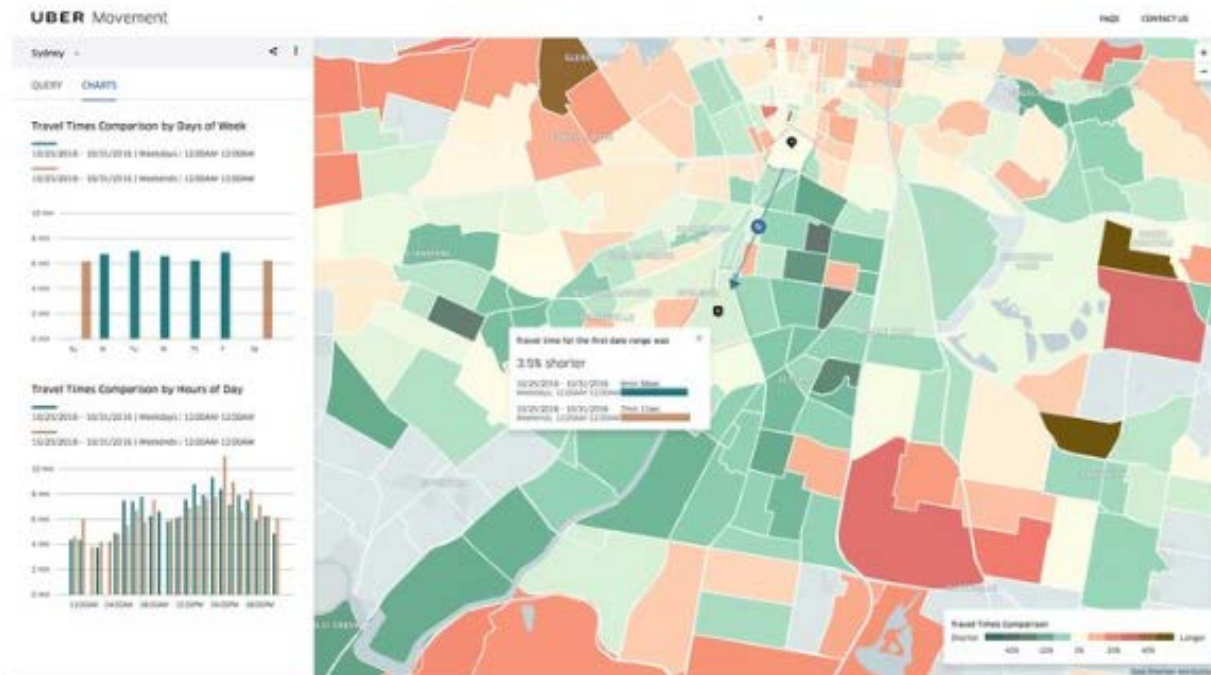
By [Adam Vaccaro](#) June 16, 2016

It was hailed as a milestone for both Boston and Uber in January 2015, when the increasingly ubiquitous ride-for-hire service [agreed to share data with City Hall on trips conducted in the city.](#)



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UBER'S MILDLY HELPFUL DATA TOOL COULD HELP CITIES FIX STREETS

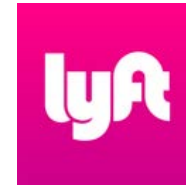


POLICY DECISIONS

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 - REAL, USEFUL DATA
 - BE CAREFUL WITH INFRASTRUCTURE DECISIONS (TRANSIT)

LYFT AND UBER

- Uber and Lyft are great and could be part of the solution for better transportation systems
 - LYFTLINE, UBERPOOL
 - DESTINATION FILTER
 - PARTNERSHIPS
 - CAR-OWNERSHIP
 - EQUITY (PASSENGERS & DRIVERS)
- Changing business models
 - CAR INDUSTRY
 - TAXI INDUSTRY
 - STAKEHOLDERS



THE FUTURE

- Autonomous Vehicles
- Infrastructure Changes
- Transportation as a service



OUR FUTURE
&
SELF DRIVING CARS



HELL

HEAVEN



The Future of Autonomous Vehicles



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CONCLUSIONS

ACADEMIA AND RESEARCH

- NEED MORE EMPIRICAL STUDIES
- BETTER RESEARCH METHODS
- BETTER IMPLEMENTATION IN MODELS
 - Alonso-Mora, J., Samaranayake, S., Wallar, A., Frazzoli, E., & Rus, D. (2017). On-demand high-capacity ride-sharing via dynamic trip-vehicle assignment. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

FUTURE STUDIES

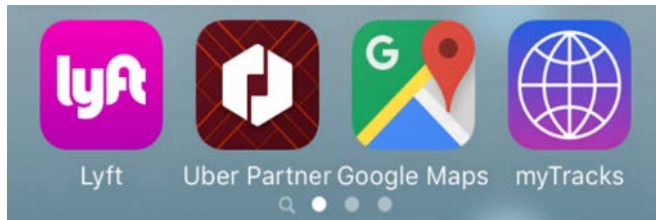
- Equity Study using the Uber/Lyft API
 - Hughes & McKenzie (2016): Equity study in Seattle
 - Yanbo Ge et al. (2016): Discrimination study in Seattle and Boston. African American sounding names.
- Deeper analysis of travel demand models
 - Demographics
 - Modality resources
 - Modality Style
 - Mode Choice

FUTURE STUDIES

- More interesting things on the data
 - Parking (extra time and cost)
 - Passenger side
 - Geographical Variations (e.g. density, urban-suburban)
 - Uber/Lyft Estimated Arrival Time (EAT)
 - LyftLine/UberPool user characteristics
 - Value of Transit increase
 - Value of Time

- Austin, Texas

Impacts of Ridesourcing – Lyft and Uber – on Transportation including VMT, Mode Replacement, Parking, Equity, and Travel Behavior



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