



Next Generation Integrated Mobility:

Driving Smart Cities

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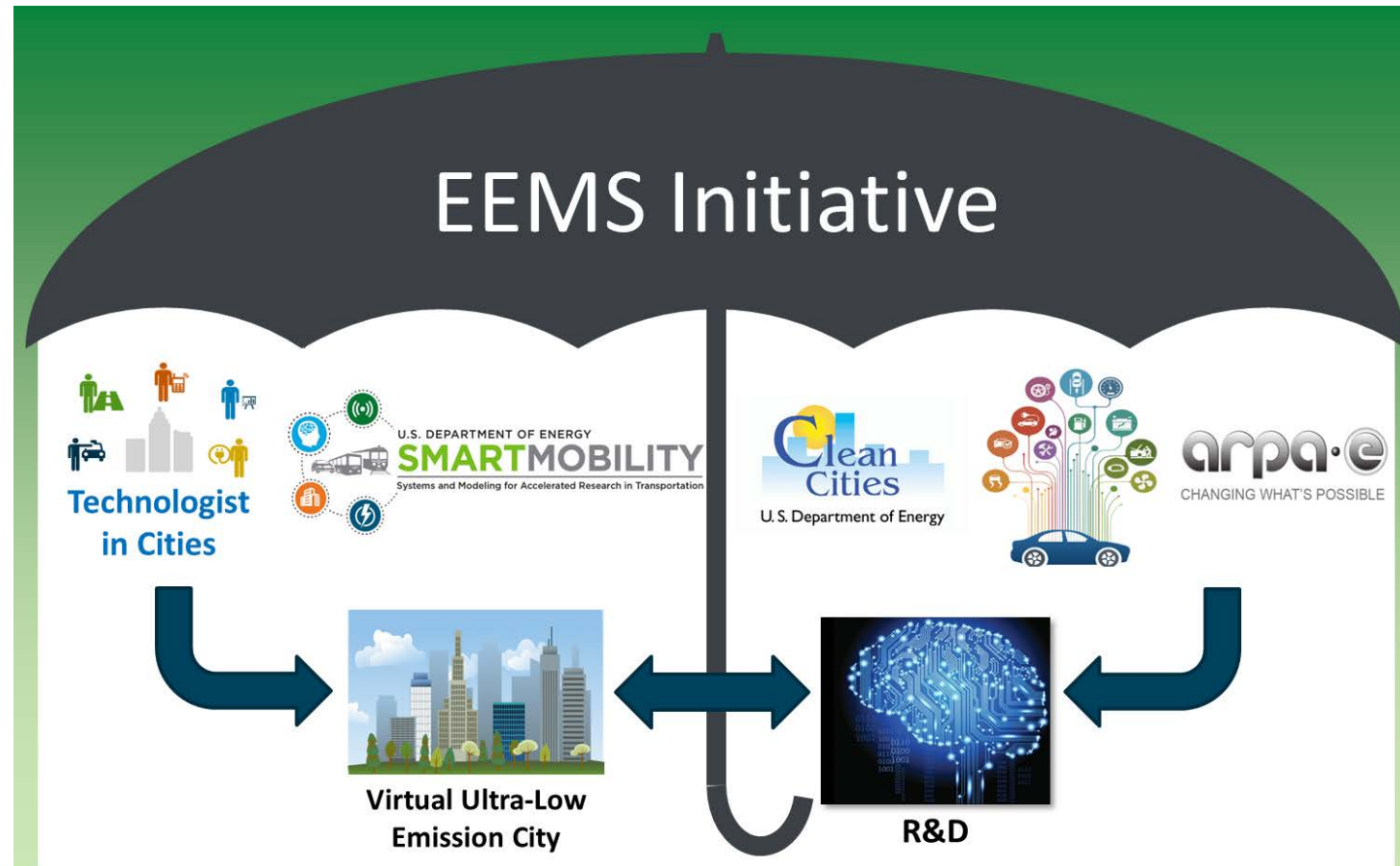
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Initial Assessment and Modeling Framework Development for Automated Mobility Districts

Energy Efficient Mobility Systems



SMART Mobility Consortium: Five National Laboratories

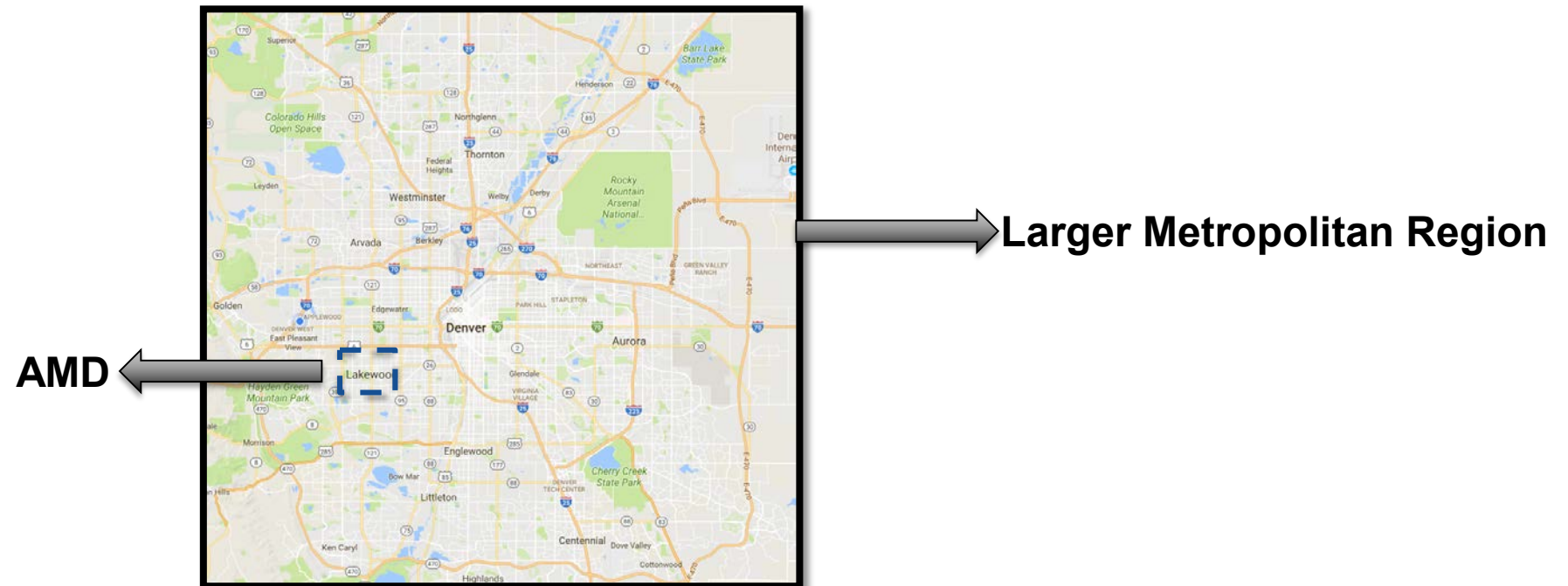


Multi-Year, Multi-Lab Effort (3 years, 5 labs)

- Energy implications of connectivity & automation
- Multi-modal transport of people and goods
- **City-scale urban mobility models for planning**
- Informed fueling infrastructure investments
- Understanding consumer mobility decisions

What is an Automated Mobility District (AMD)

An AMD is a campus-sized implementation of the connected/automated vehicle technology to realize the full benefits of a fully electric automated mobility service within a confined region on district.



Characteristics of an AMD



Fully automated and driverless cars

- Mix of on-demand and fixed route services



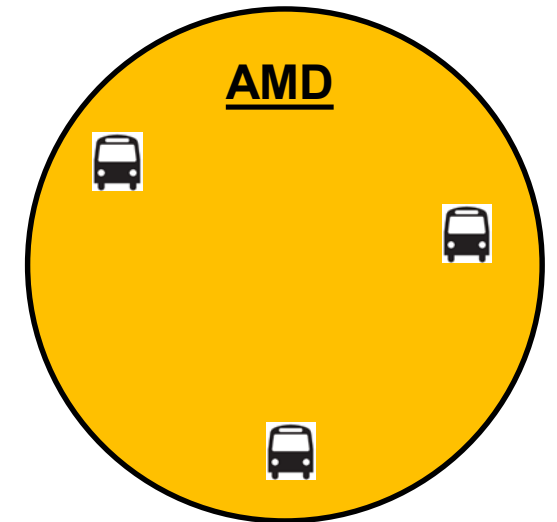
Service constrained to a dense area



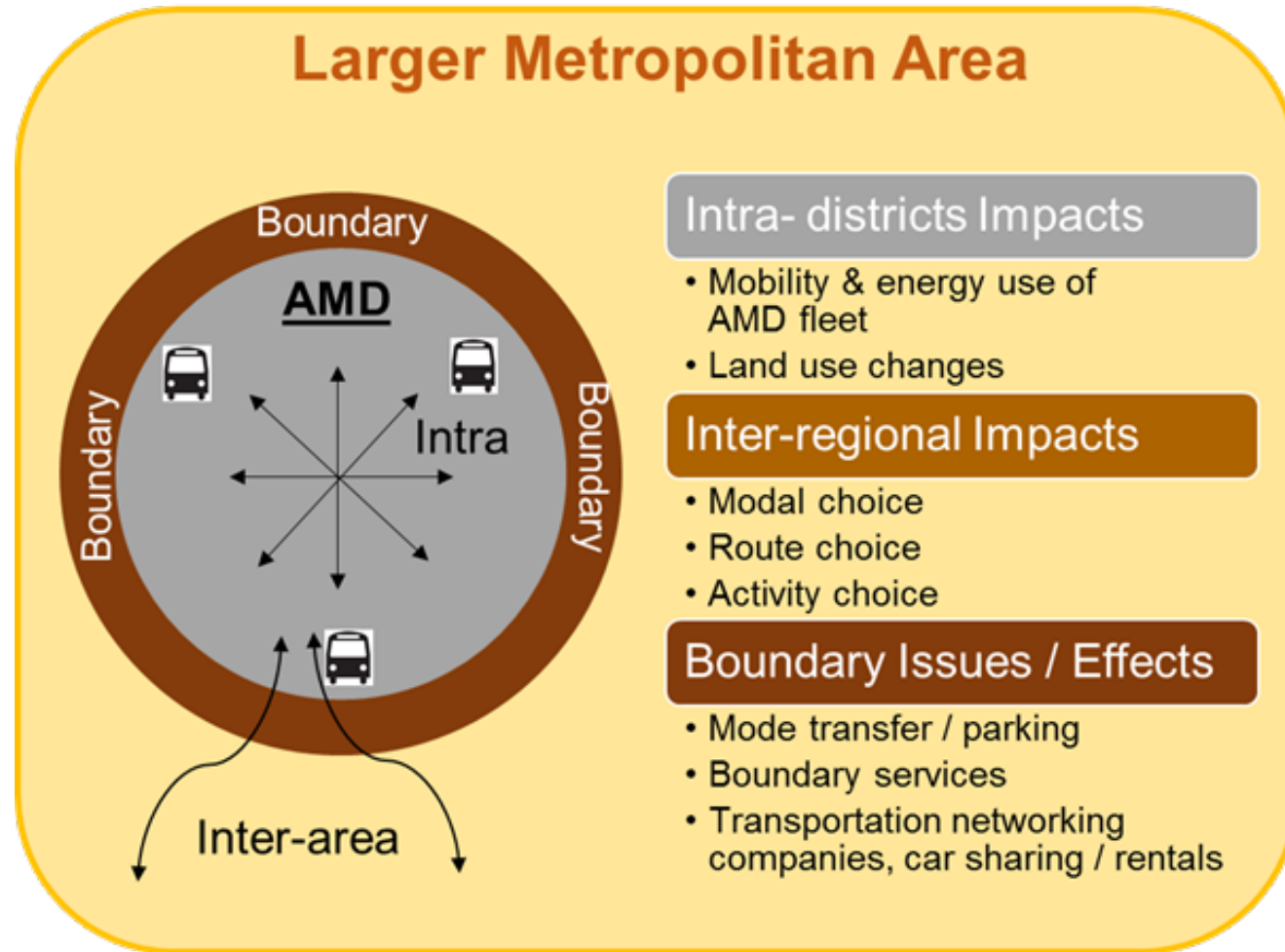
Multi-modal access within/at the perimeter



Personal vehicle use not prohibited, but discouraged

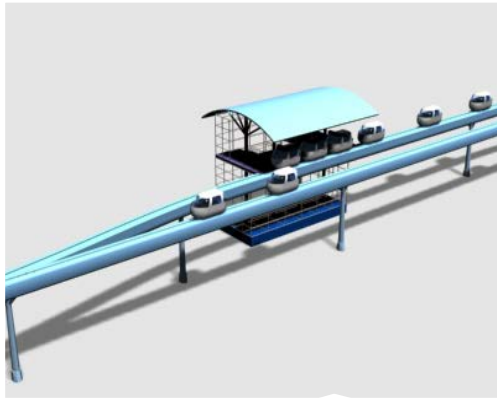


AMD Impact Perspectives

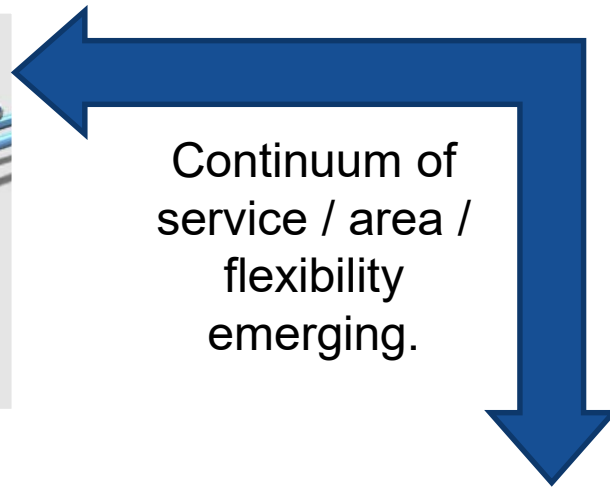


AMD – Operational and Application Contexts

Operational Context



On a captive guideway
(traditional airport APM –
restricted to guideway)



Continuum of
service / area /
flexibility
emerging.



On existing road network
(Full automation
everywhere)

Application Context

		Location			
		Military Base	Residential Community	University Campus	Neighborhood
Collaboration	Potential AMD Deployments				
	Miramar Military Base (California)	✓			
	Babcock Ranch (Florida)		✓		
	Houston University (Texas)			✓	
	Greenville (South Carolina)		✓	✓	✓
	Jacksonville (Florida)				✓
	Pena Next Station (Denver)				✓

AMD Modeling Approach

Build on existing AMD analysis

- NREL authored IEEE Conference paper (Chen et al., 2015), an analysis of proposed automated mobility system on a university campus.

2016

Exercise the model with partners either implementing AMDs, or seriously considering

2018

Develop a modeling framework and implement

- Assess mobility/energy impacts of AMDs
- Model development in **SUMO & FASTSim**

2017

Produce case studies replicable/transferable to other proposed sites

2018/2019

AMD Modeling

Where we are

Existing tools primarily emphasize on

- Limited capabilities to model AMDs
- The road network, with minimal to no consideration for ped/bike/transit
- Privately owned vehicles, but do not model shared economies
- Models built from traditional travel surveys
- **Any others...**



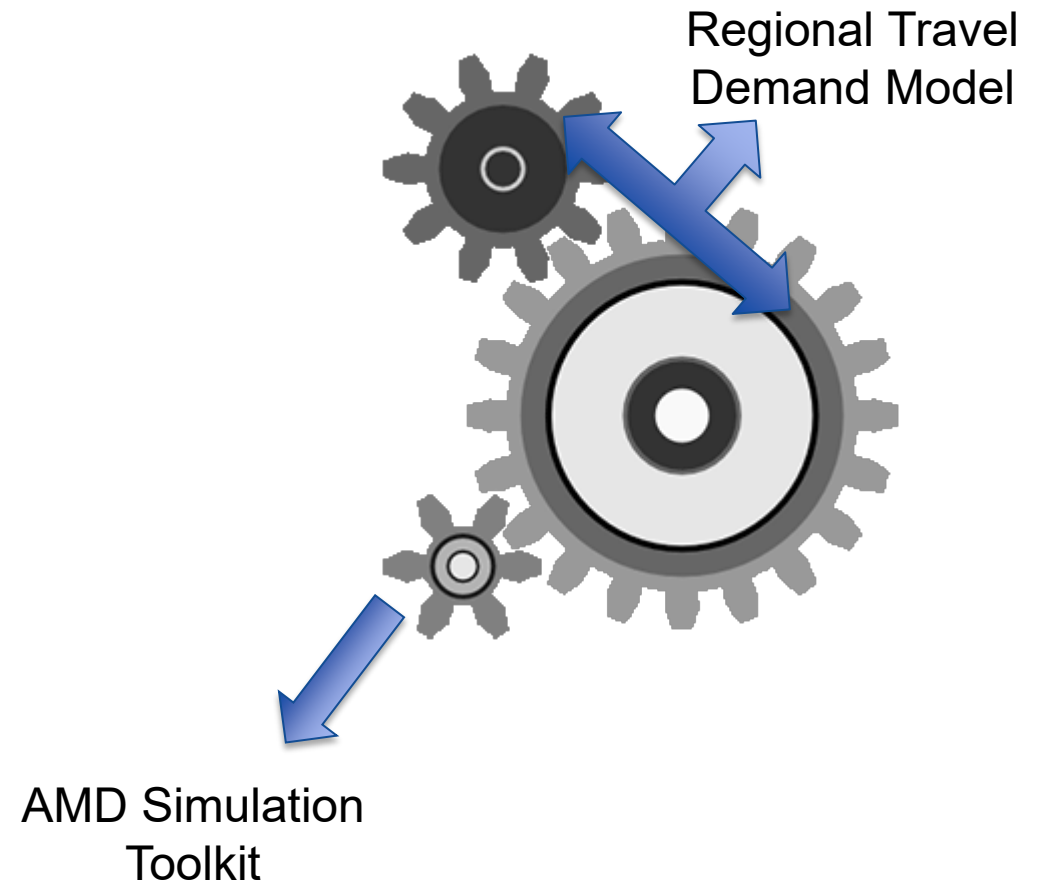
Where we want to be

The AMD modeling toolkit will

- Model the impact of AMDs on travel behavior
- Consider the interaction between different modal alternatives
- Capture private as well as shared economies in vehicles
- Are built from data based on field deployments
- Can quantify the energy and emission benefits
- **Any others...**

What is the AMD Modeling and Simulation Toolkit?

- A special generator submodel that plugs into an existing travel demand model for the region
- **Simulates** the 'micro' movements of various modes with the district
- **Considers** travel interactions between the district and the rest of the region
- **Quantifies** mobility and energy benefits of automated electric mobility service within the district



AMD Simulation Toolkit: Model Flow

Travel Demand

- Origin-Destination data from regional travel demand model
- Local surveys or counts
- Induced travel demand

SUMO (Mobility Analysis)

- SUMO – Simulator of Urban Mobility
- Carries out the network simulation of vehicles
- SUMO will output travel trajectories

FASTSim (Energy Analysis)

- FASTSim - Future Automotive Systems Simulator
- FASTSim will output vehicle energy consumption

SUMO – Inputs and Outputs

- SUMO is an open source, microscopic and continuous road traffic simulation package

Inputs

- Regional traffic demand (transportation agencies)
- Road network and configurations (OSM, agency GIS, etc.)
- Automated and connected vehicle service configurations (number of automated vehicles, vehicle capacity)
- CAV Vehicle operational characteristics (average speed, acceleration, headways, etc.)

Outputs

- Network mobility metrics: average travel time (deadheading time), average travel distance, PMT, etc.
- Other scenario related metrics (best number of shuttles, best shuttle capacity, etc.)
- Detailed vehicle trajectories.

FASTSim – Inputs and Outputs

- Output from the SUMO model will be fed into the FASTSim Model

Inputs

- 1Hz vehicle travel trajectories under different vehicle operational characteristics
- Attributes of vehicles, e.g. length, vehicle type, powertrain type, etc.
- Battery & Charging characteristics, e.g. min / max SOC, roadway charging, etc. (if applicable)
- Vehicle passenger and cargo loads

Outputs

- 1Hz energy consumption of vehicles
- Temporal or spatial aggregated vehicle energy consumption
- Comparison of energy consumption based on different vehicle type and powertrain mix
- Other scenario related metrics (best mix of powertrain and vehicle type, best vehicle range for EVs etc.)

AMD Simulation Toolkit: Array of Uses

Test various operational configurations of AMDs (Fixed route, on-demand, mixed)

Quantify performance metrics

Energy analysis (e.g., best mix of powertrain and vehicle type)

AMD impacts on travel to / from the district?

Analysis of interconnected AMDs (intra-district, inter-district, and boundary travel)

Minimum number of vehicles needed to satisfy demand

AMD – Preliminary Simulation



Future Work

- Develop a proof of concept AMD Simulation Toolkit
- Collect travel survey and vehicle operational data from a real-world AMD deployment
- Augment the modeling components of the toolkit with data from real work AMD deployments
- Integrate the AMD toolkit into a regional traffic model
- Quantify the mobility and energy benefits of AMDs

Questions/Comments