

The Market Opportunity

The (Demand Responsive) Transit Exchange

Empty Seats Travelling - Linking Supply & Demand

A Transit Exchange system is designed to complement existing travel systems

To promote the "New Mobility Agenda"

We do not aim to tell people not to use their private cars or not to take a taxi trip singly, just that the true costs of their decisions be reflected in the price

The only loser in the application of such a scheme is the single occupancy vehicle which currently comprises over 3/4 of all trips annually

So just how ripe is this opportunity?
What **do** the numbers say ?





\$500 billion p.a.

A photograph of a group of people on a boat deck, looking out at a city skyline across a body of water. The city skyline is filled with numerous skyscrapers of various heights and colors, including several prominent blue and grey buildings. The water in the foreground is slightly choppy with white foam. The sky is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy white clouds.

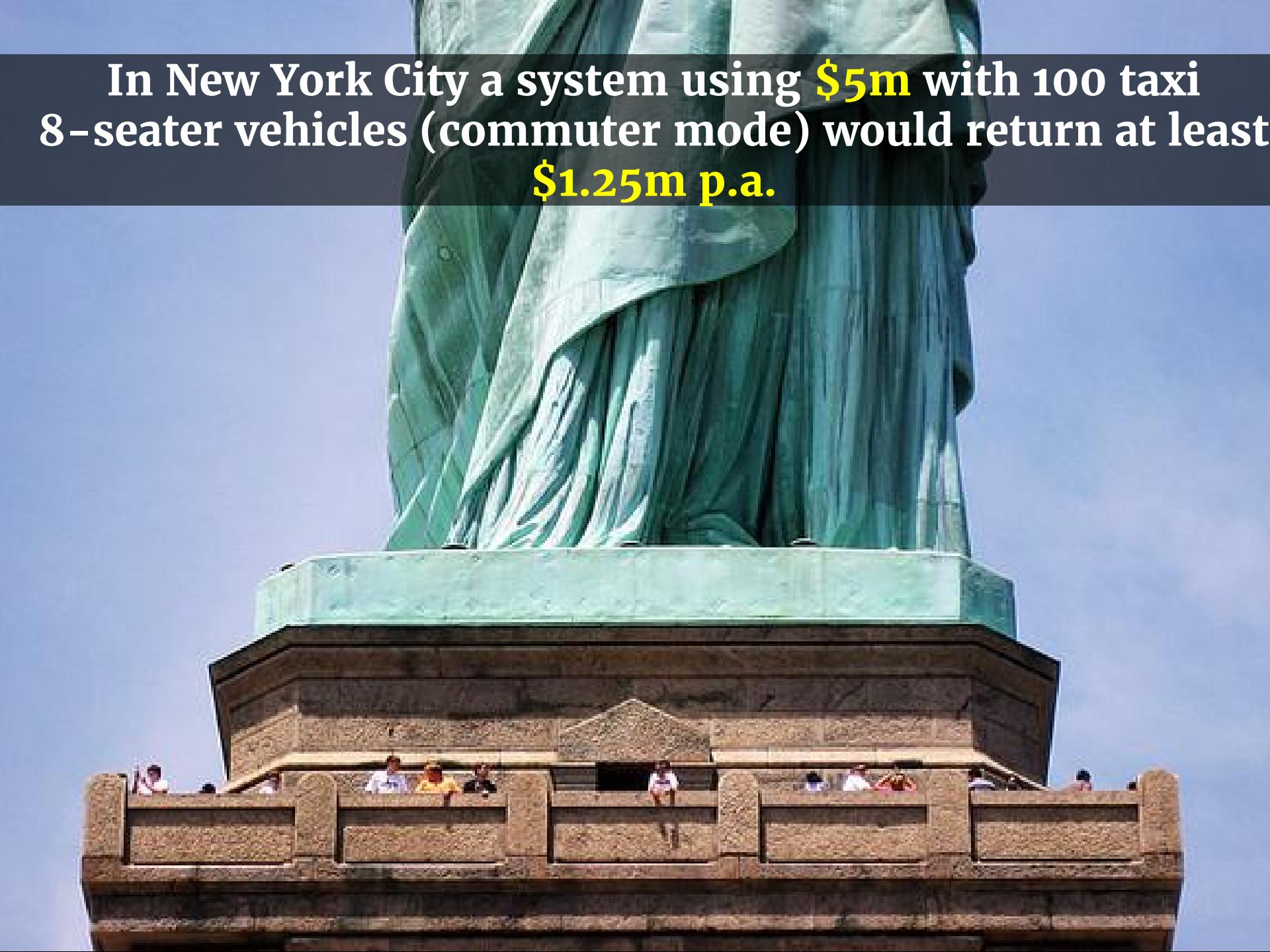
In the USA alone



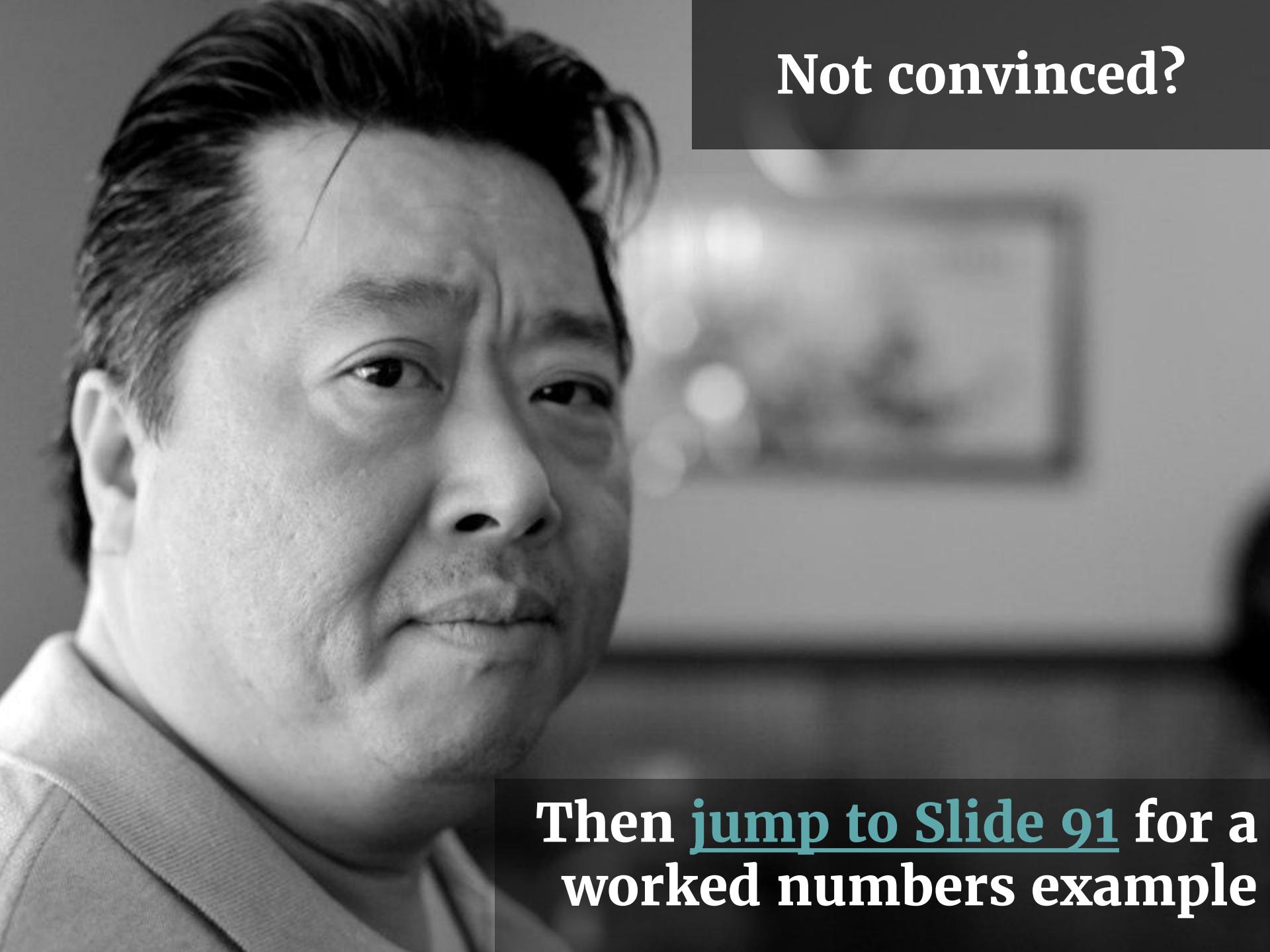
**€223 billion p.a.
in the EU5**



A full size system would yield
€0.30 – €1.0 billion
per year for the licence buyers of
such a scheme in the USA + EU5



In New York City a system using **\$5m** with 100 taxi 8-seater vehicles (commuter mode) would return at least **\$1.25m p.a.**



Not convinced?

Then jump to Slide 91 for a
worked numbers example



A Transit Exchange exists to links all forms of vehicular travel into a **free market auction mechanism** so that transport can be executed with respect to its true costs

A transit exchange does for vehicle operators and passengers what an agricultural exchange did for farmers and produce buyers





**In the market for dynamic transport it
serves, it links supply and demand**



The true costs of congestion are rarely factored into the prices of various modes of transport

Subsidies for certain other travel modes further distort the picture





Why Now?

People + Cars + Resources

Transport accounts for about one quarter of global energy use and energy-related CO₂ emissions.

In the car crazed USA, the proportion is even higher 75% of oil use and 50% of CO2 emissions.

In the absence of new policies, transport energy use and related CO₂ emissions are projected to increase by nearly 50% by 2030 and by more than 80% by 2050.

76% of commuters in America go to work alone in a private car.

The world's car fleet is expected to triple by 2050 with 80% of this growth occurring in developing economies.

See "50by50" report from the Global Fuel Economy Initiative (GFEI) for more details. See also the IEA press release.

Figure 12. Total Vehicles, 1960-2030

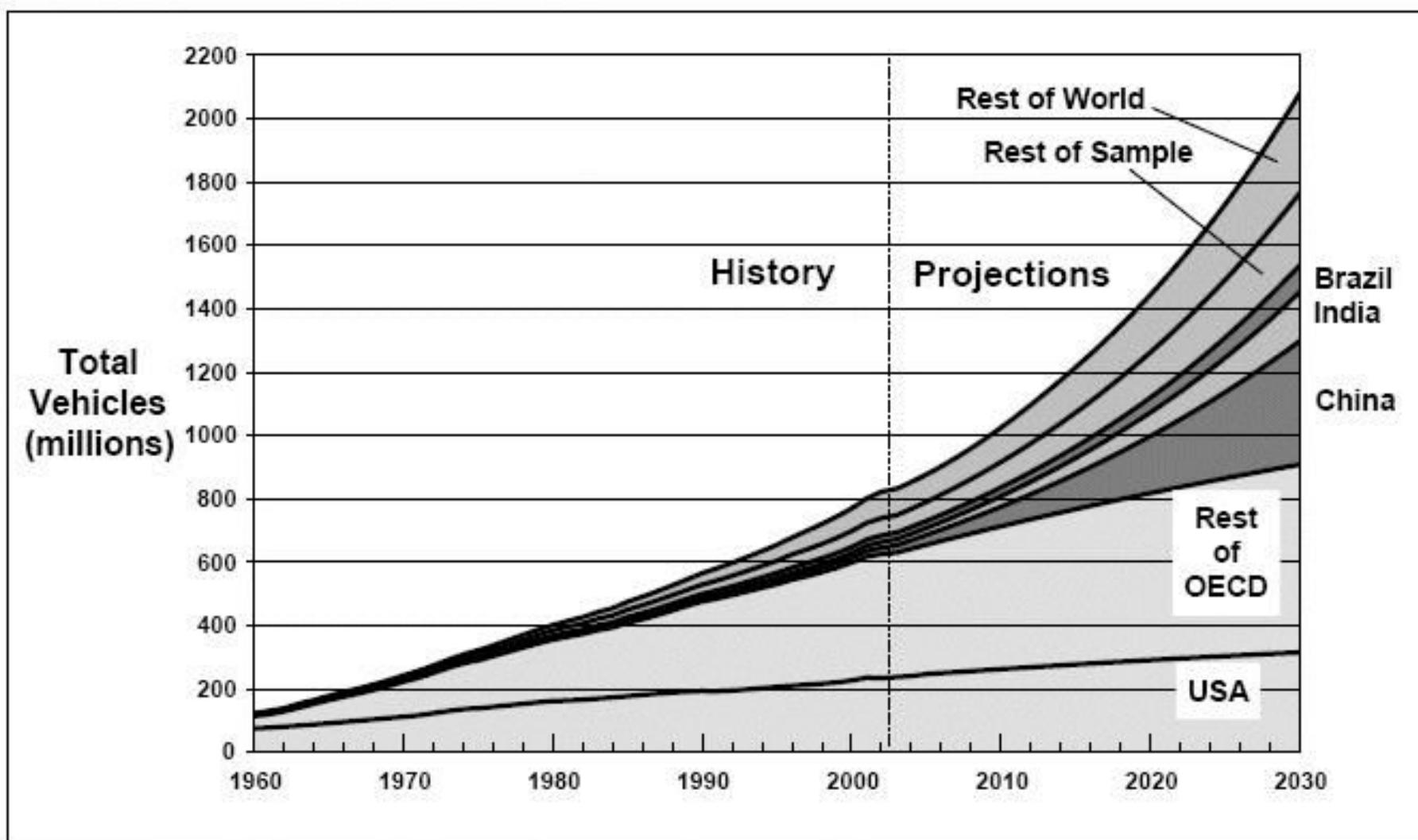


Figure 12 summarizes historical and projected regional values for total vehicles. The world stock of vehicles grew from 122 million in 1960 to 812 million in 2002 (4.6% annually), and is projected to increase further to 2.08 billion by 2030 (3.4% annually). The implications for highway fuel use are discussed in the following section.

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Increasing urbanisation is rapidly presenting a new and diverse set of challenges for many cities across the world, most notably the **BRICS** economies



According to the UN, almost
180,000
people move into cities every day

That is **2** people every second



There are predicted to be an extra **2.1 billion** people living in cities by

2040

There are currently **23**
megacities in the world with
populations over 10 million

By

2025

[UN DESA Report, March 2012 - [World Urbanization Prospects The 2011 Revision](#)
[Preparing for China's Urban Billion](#) | McKinsey 2009]

There will be 36

IN 2025

70%

of Chinese will live in cities with more than 1 million people

46%

of Indians will live in cities with more than 1 million people

CHINA

221
number of cities with more than 1 million people

→ **400**
China will add
million city dwellers



INDIA

68
number of cities with more than 1 million people

→ **215**
India will add
million city dwellers



Source: [[McKinsey & Co. report, "Preparing for China's urban billion"](#) March 2009]

China will have an estimated **8** “mega-cities”
(populations of > 10 million) by 2025.

Two of those will have populations of over
20 million.

Source: [\[McKinsey & Co. report, "Preparing for China's urban billion" March 2009 \]](#)

2025



China 2025

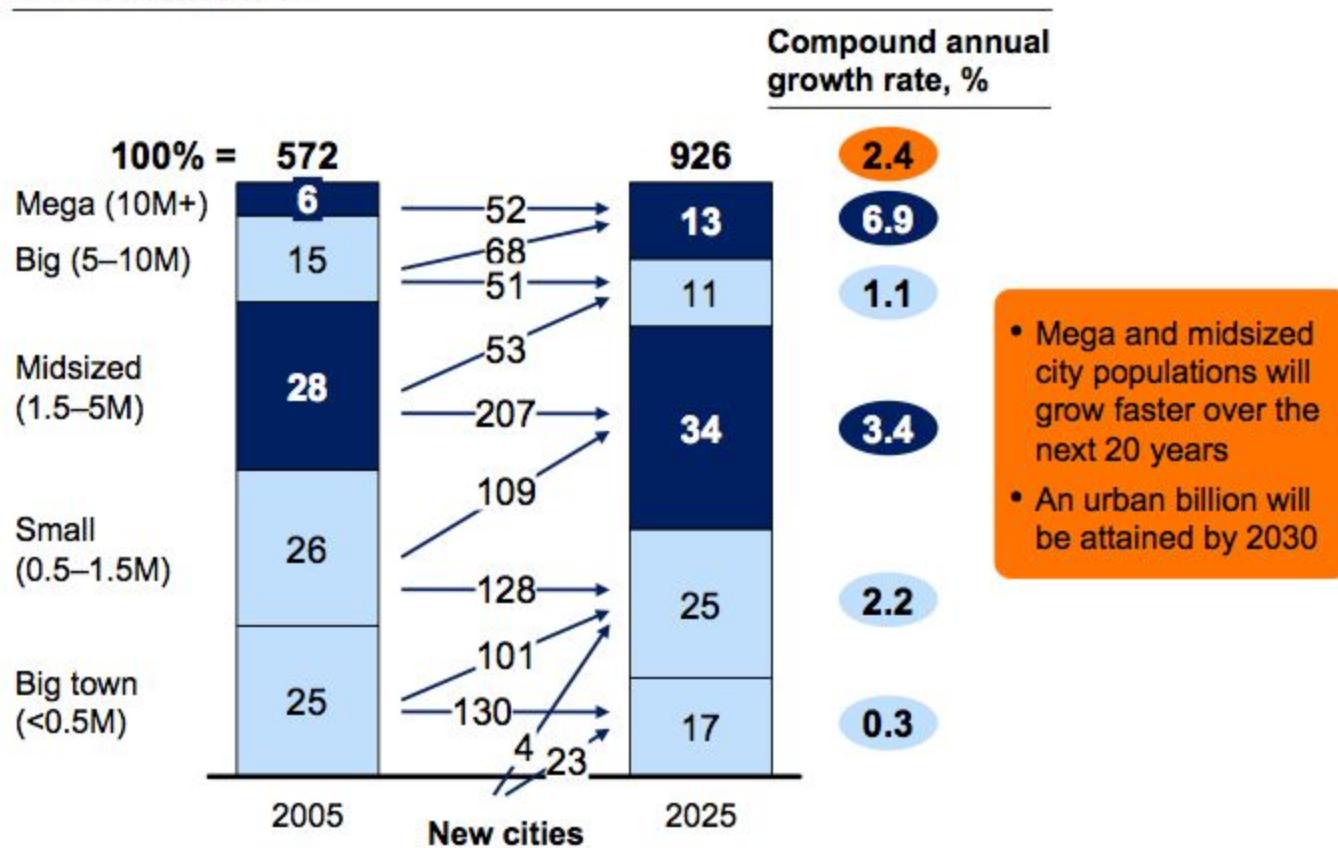


CHINA IS MOVING TOWARD AN URBAN BILLION BY 2030

TRENDLINE FORECASTS

Population by city size

Millions of people, %



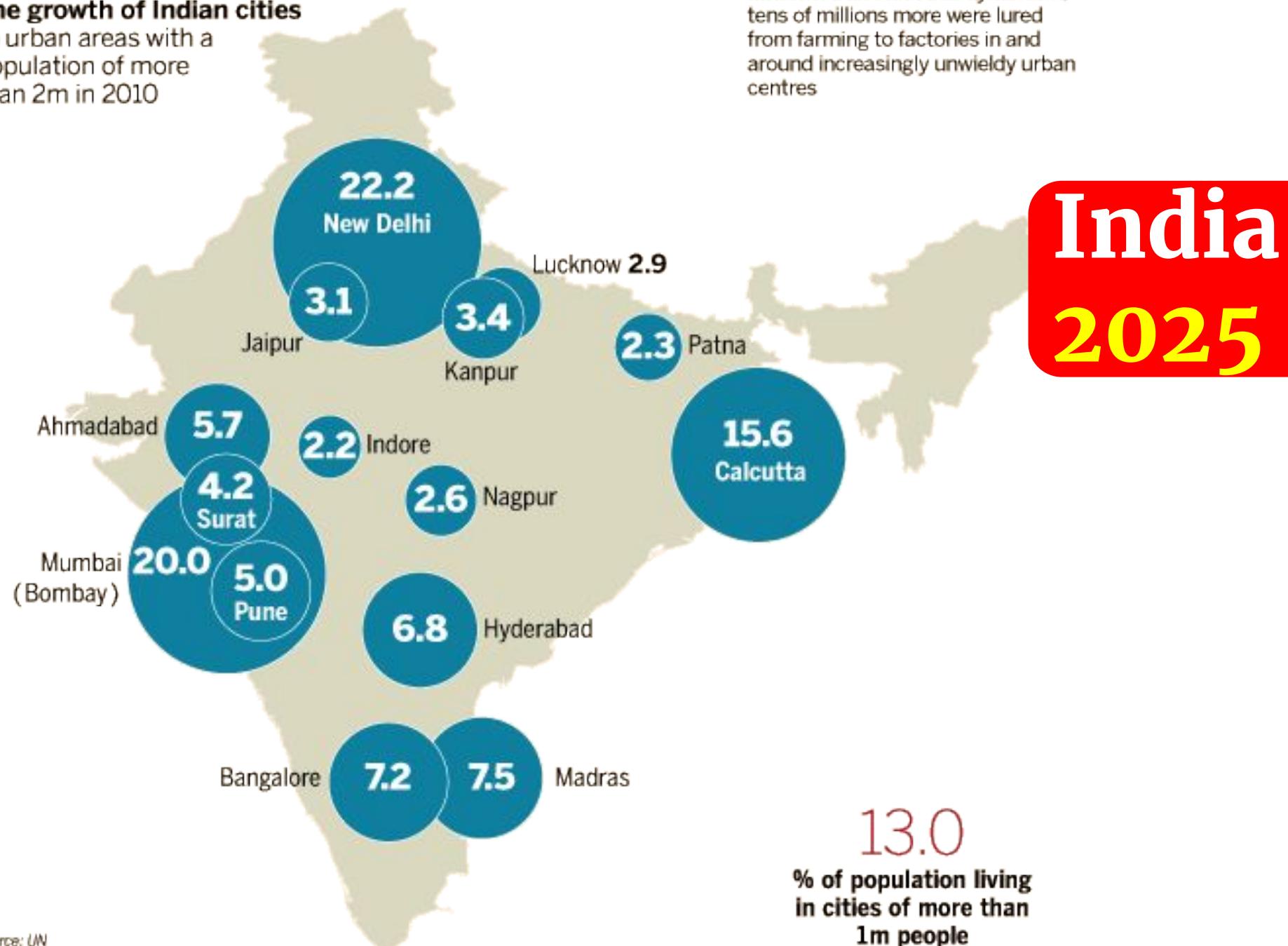
Source: McKinsey Global Institute China All City Model; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

2010

The growth of Indian cities

15 urban areas with a population of more than 2m in 2010

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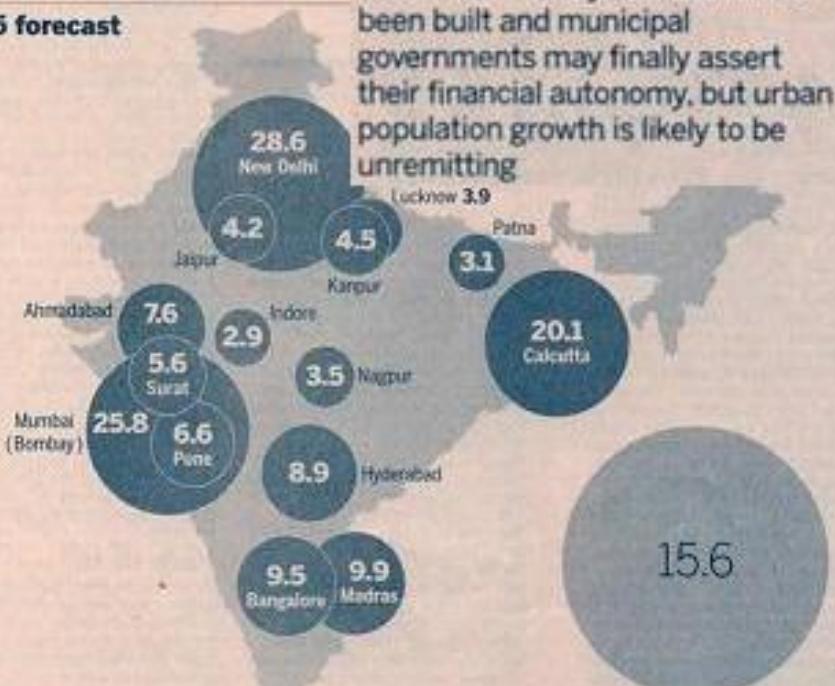
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2025 forecast

More metro rail systems will have been built and municipal governments may finally assert their financial autonomy, but urban population growth is likely to be unremitting



India will have



**cities with a
population of at least**

68

1
million

India will have



**cities with a
population of at least**

6

**10
*million***



There are predicted to be a total of **1.7 billion** cars and commercial vehicles on the planet by ^[2]

2025

Sources:

1. [Ward's Auto Report 2009 | World Vehicle Population Tops 1 Billion Units](#)
2. [International Transportation Forum Transport Outlook 2011](#)
3. [UCDavies ITS | 2 Billion Cars - Transforming Transportation](#)



Taking the total to over 2 billion
(but 4bn cars, buses and trucks by 2050)

**Average vehicle occupancy in the
United States in 1977 - 2001 was**

1.3*

And as much as **30%** of all the
fuel used by cars in the **urban USA**



is burned by people looking for
places to park in cities



Perhaps we can do better



**Even while the average vehicle occupancy
is currently higher in emerging economy
countries**



**this trend is in reverse as
both incomes and car
ownership increases**

A dense school of goldfish swimming in a dark, red-tinted water. The fish are of various colors, including red, orange, and white. They are swimming in different directions, creating a sense of movement. The background is dark, making the bright colors of the fish stand out.

The net effect of all these trends will be
global gridlock on an unimaginable scale



With the attendant
deterioration in quality of
life for all citizens on the
planet

And not **only** in the form of poor air quality,
large numbers of road deaths and social
marginalisation of the poor

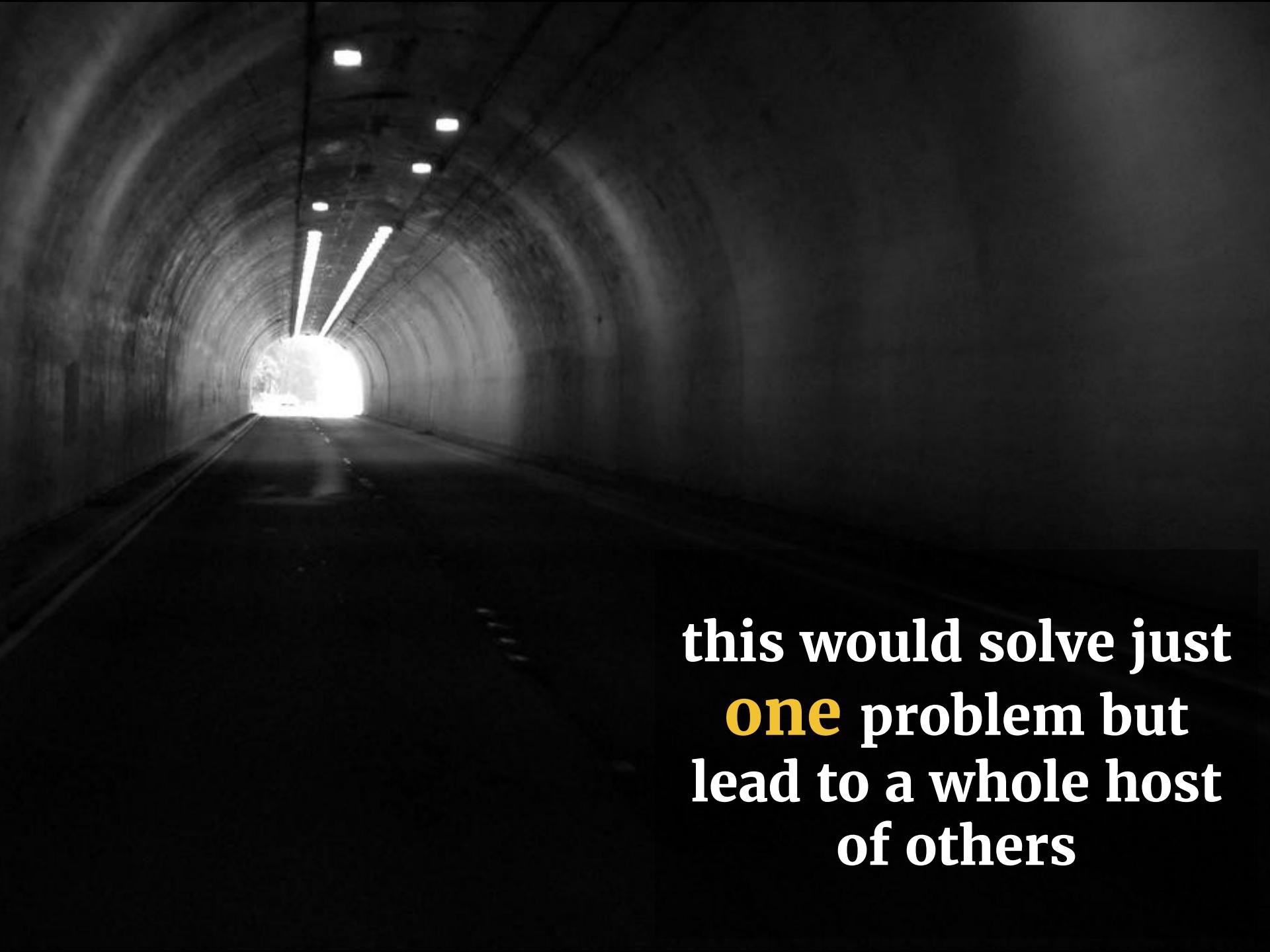




but also in overall "livability" as defined by the ability to breathe clean air, drink clean water, travel freely and easily while affording both the necessities and small luxuries of life.



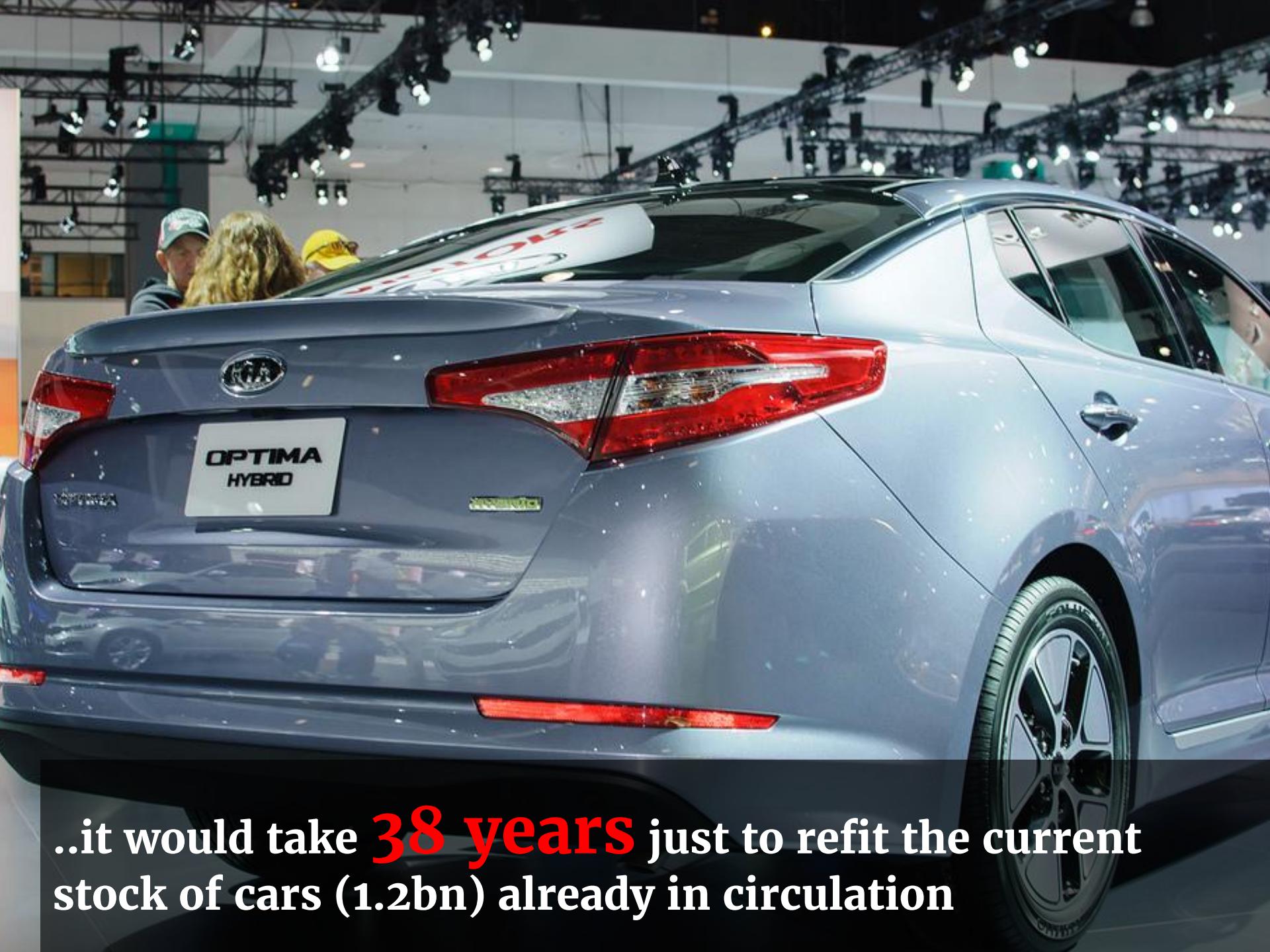
Even if we could find really cheap
or even **free** energy to power all
of our vehicles



this would solve just
one problem but
lead to a whole host
of others

For instance, if we started **right now** converting every vehicle to electric or hybrid drive at the rate of 1 a second





..it would take **38 years** just to refit the current stock of cars (1.2bn) already in circulation

And that is assuming that vehicle growth rates would be zero



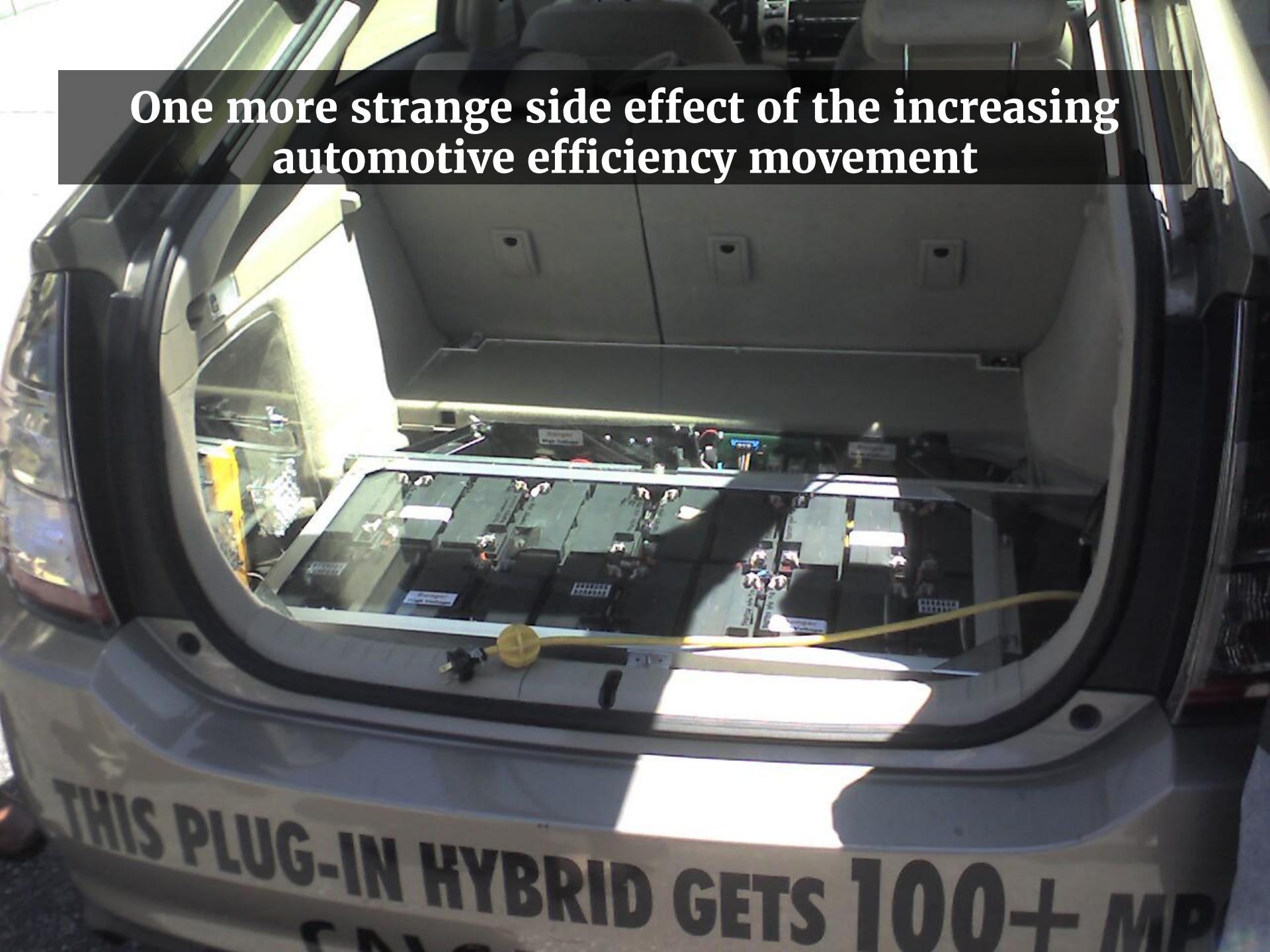


And that older vehicles do not need
replacing outright

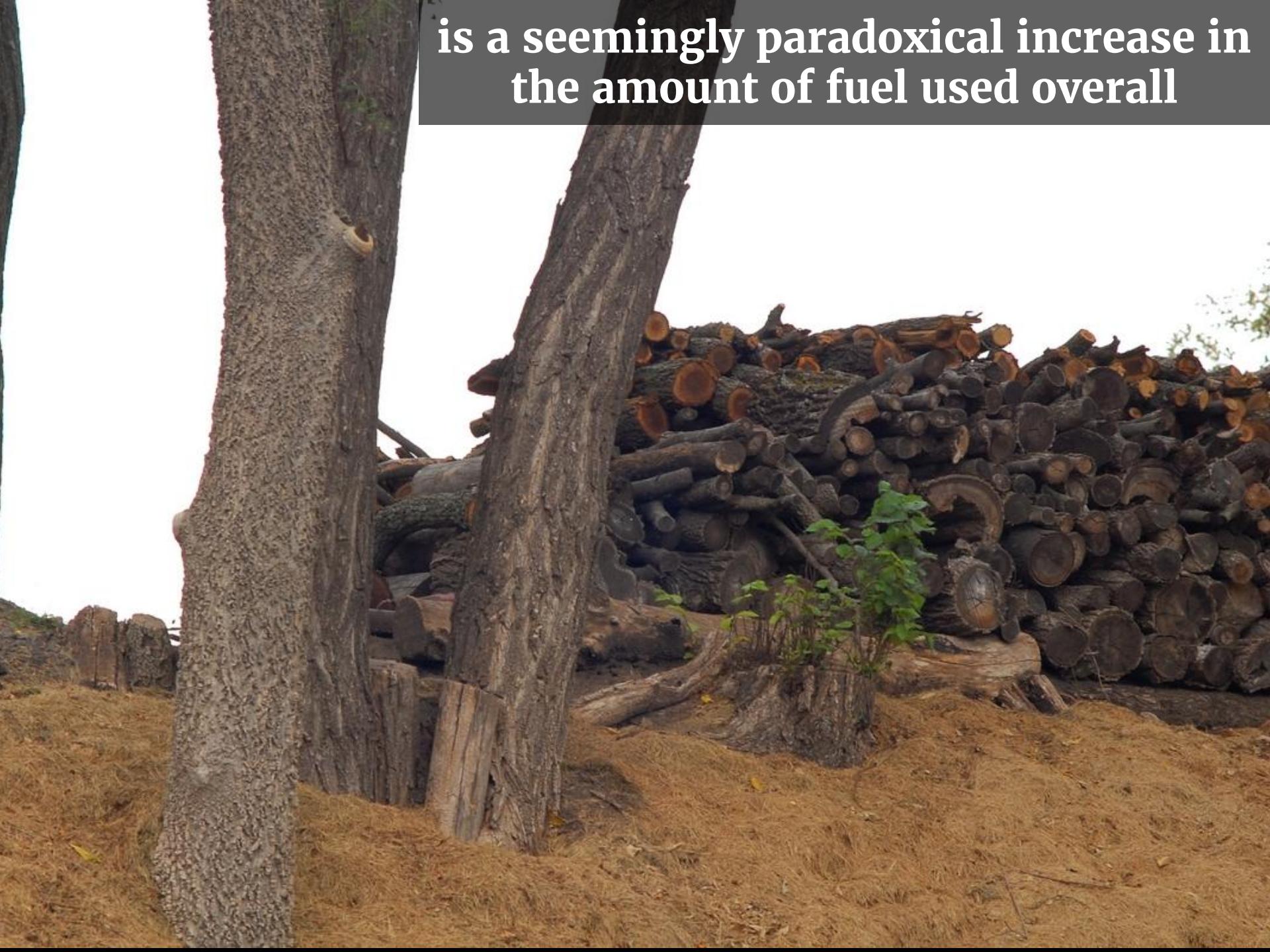
and further presuming that
we get what we need for
free



One more strange side effect of the increasing automotive efficiency movement

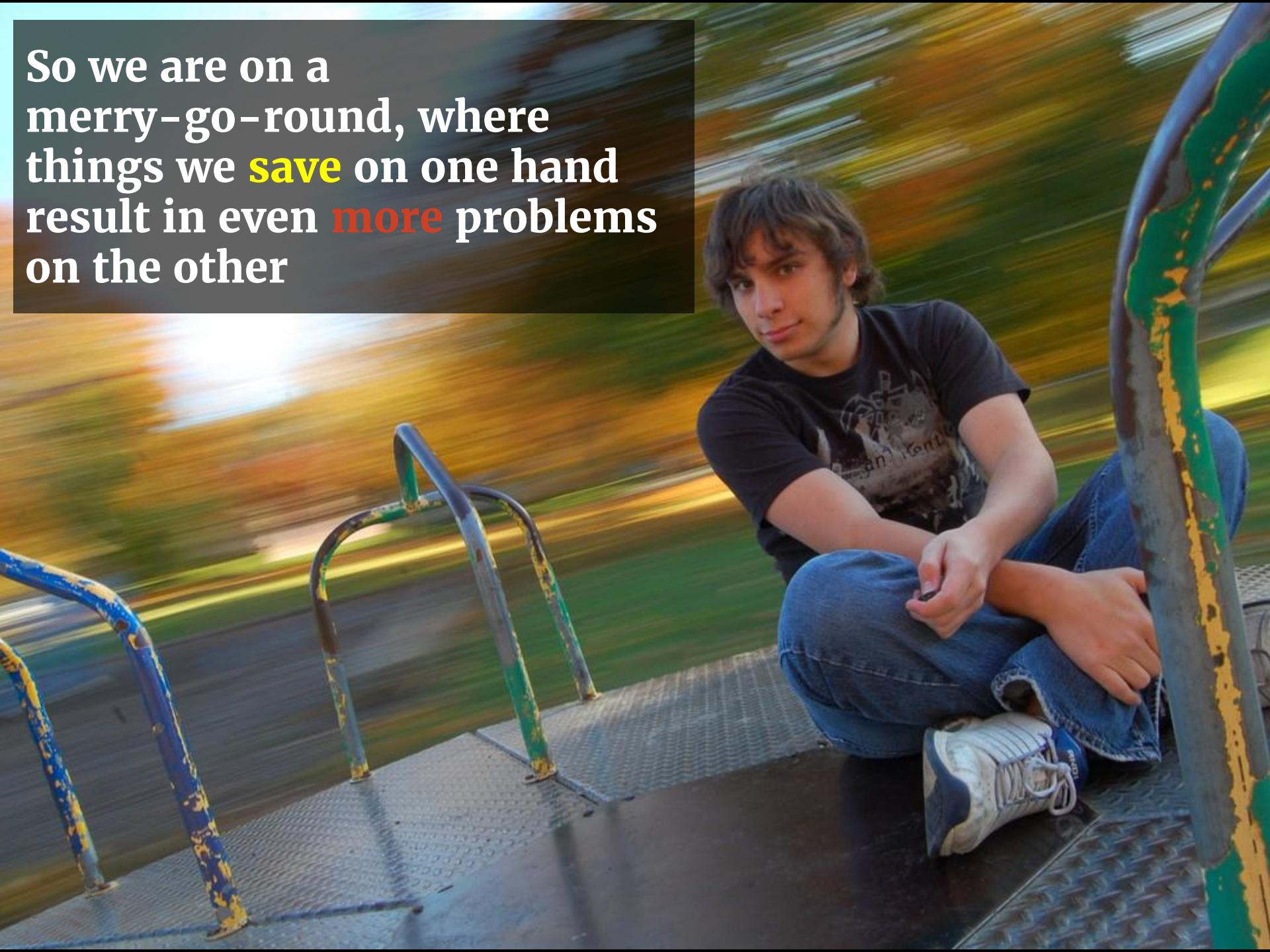


is a seemingly paradoxical increase in
the amount of fuel used overall



An effect known as Boomerang
(actually Jevons' Paradox or the Khazzoom-Brookes postulate)

So we are on a
merry-go-round, where
things we **save** on one hand
result in even **more** problems
on the other

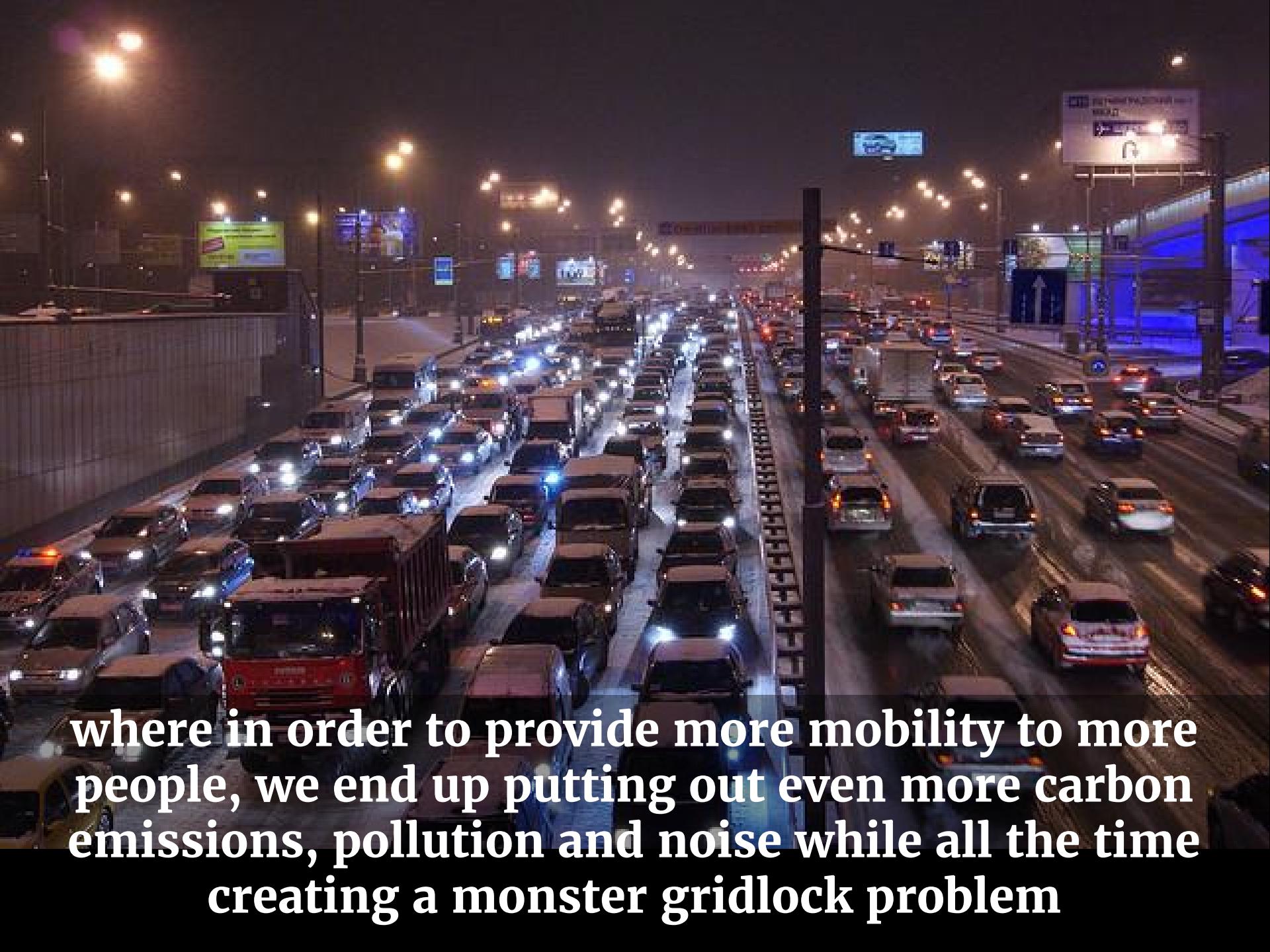




**we in fact reduce mobility by
adding more cars**

No matter what **MPG** figure such vehicles apparently get





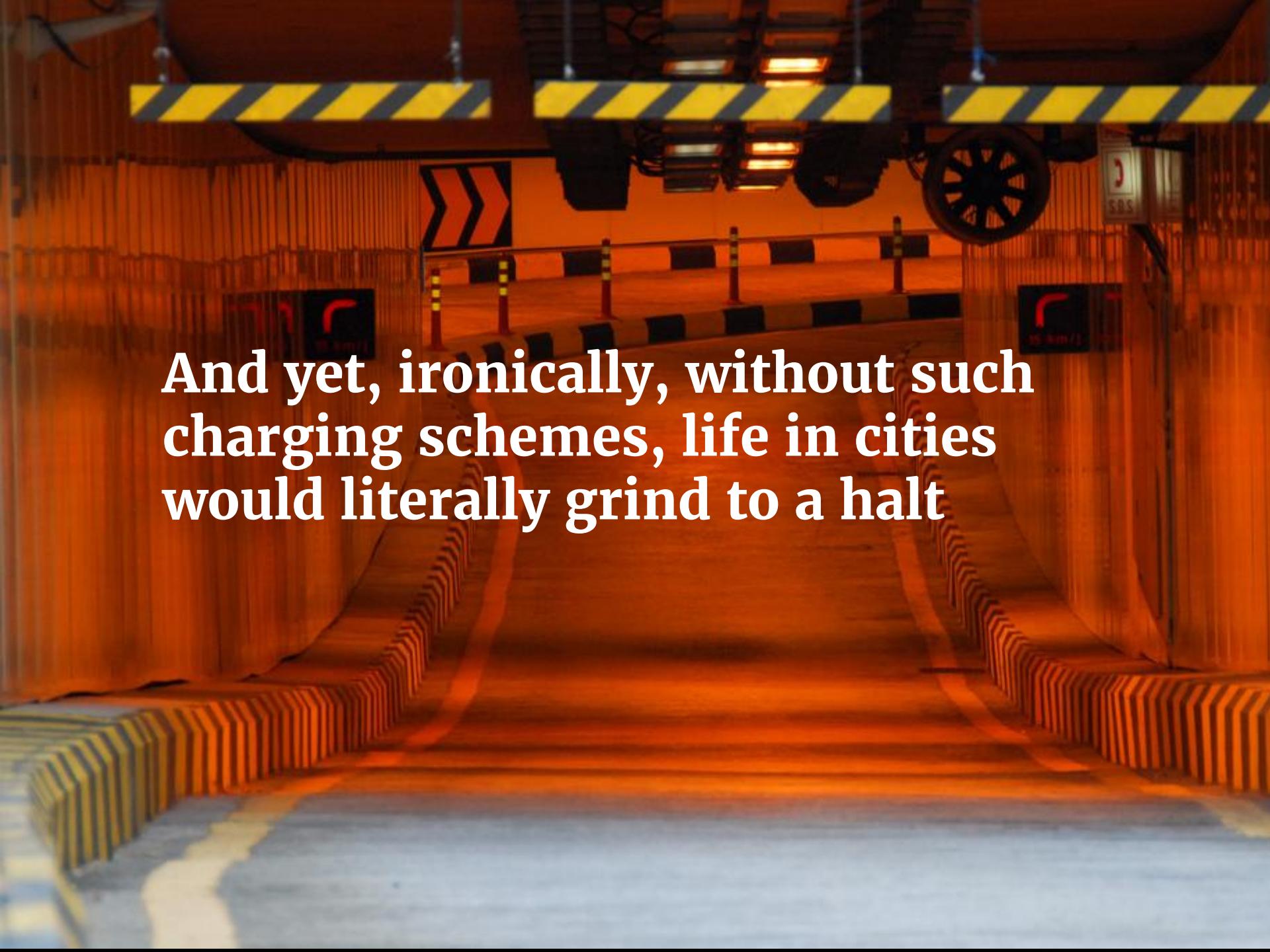
where in order to provide more mobility to more people, we end up putting out even more carbon emissions, pollution and noise while all the time creating a monster gridlock problem



**with average vehicle speeds
regressing even further back
than they did from 1901 - 2001 in
cities such as London**



So we find ourselves at a crossroads, where we may gain in energy efficiency only to use more fuel overall and require **mandatory** congestion pricing schemes



And yet, ironically, without such
charging schemes, life in cities
would literally grind to a halt

Congestion charges would
(in fact *do*)
become the new "high oil prices"

Electric vehicles simply move the point of energy generation to an area outside a city





**To yet more power stations
situated remote from the city**

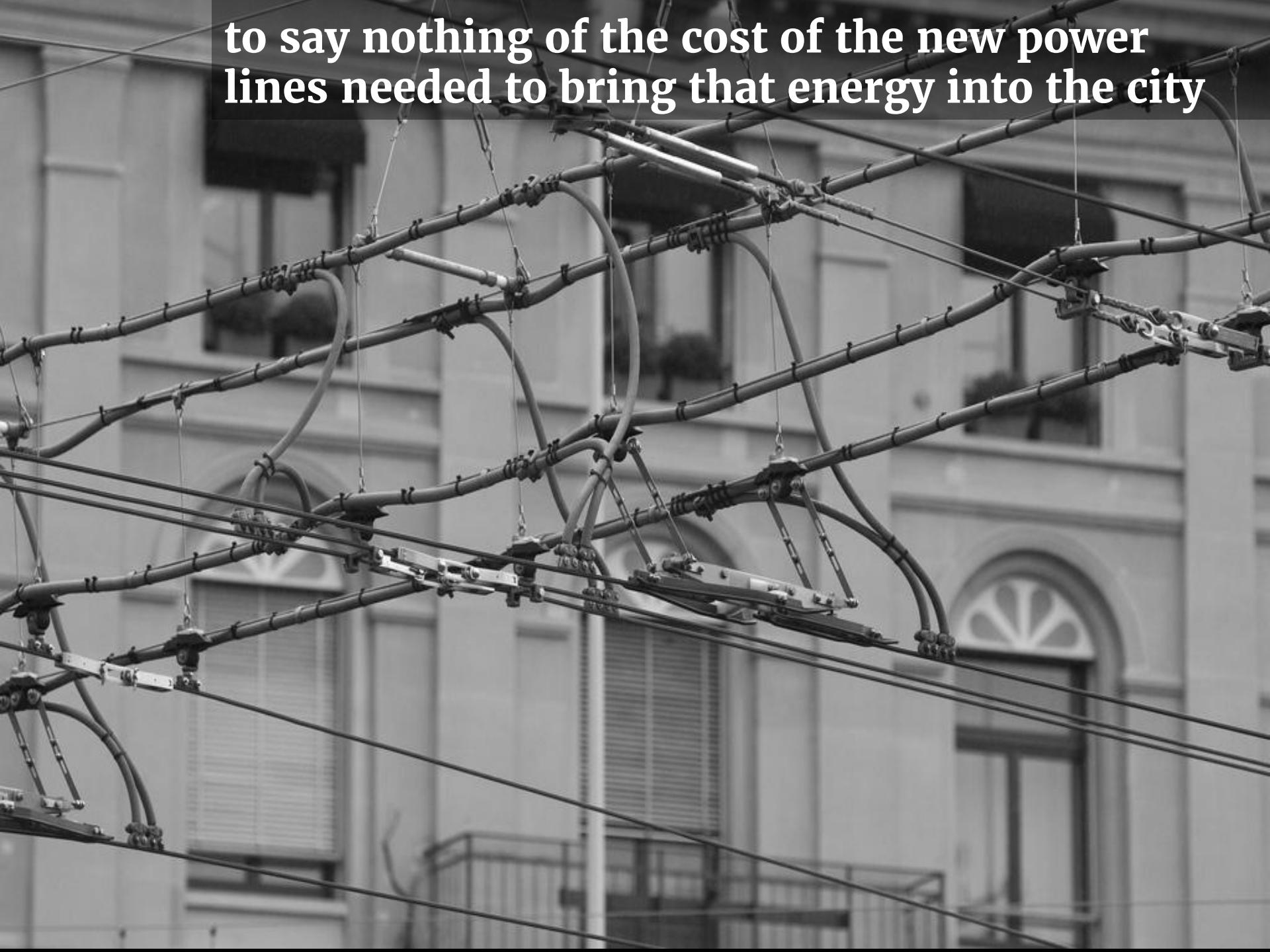
and while clearly beneficial
for the air quality within a city
(an important outcome)



the batteries in such vehicles are still a **way off** from having the same energy density as petroleum



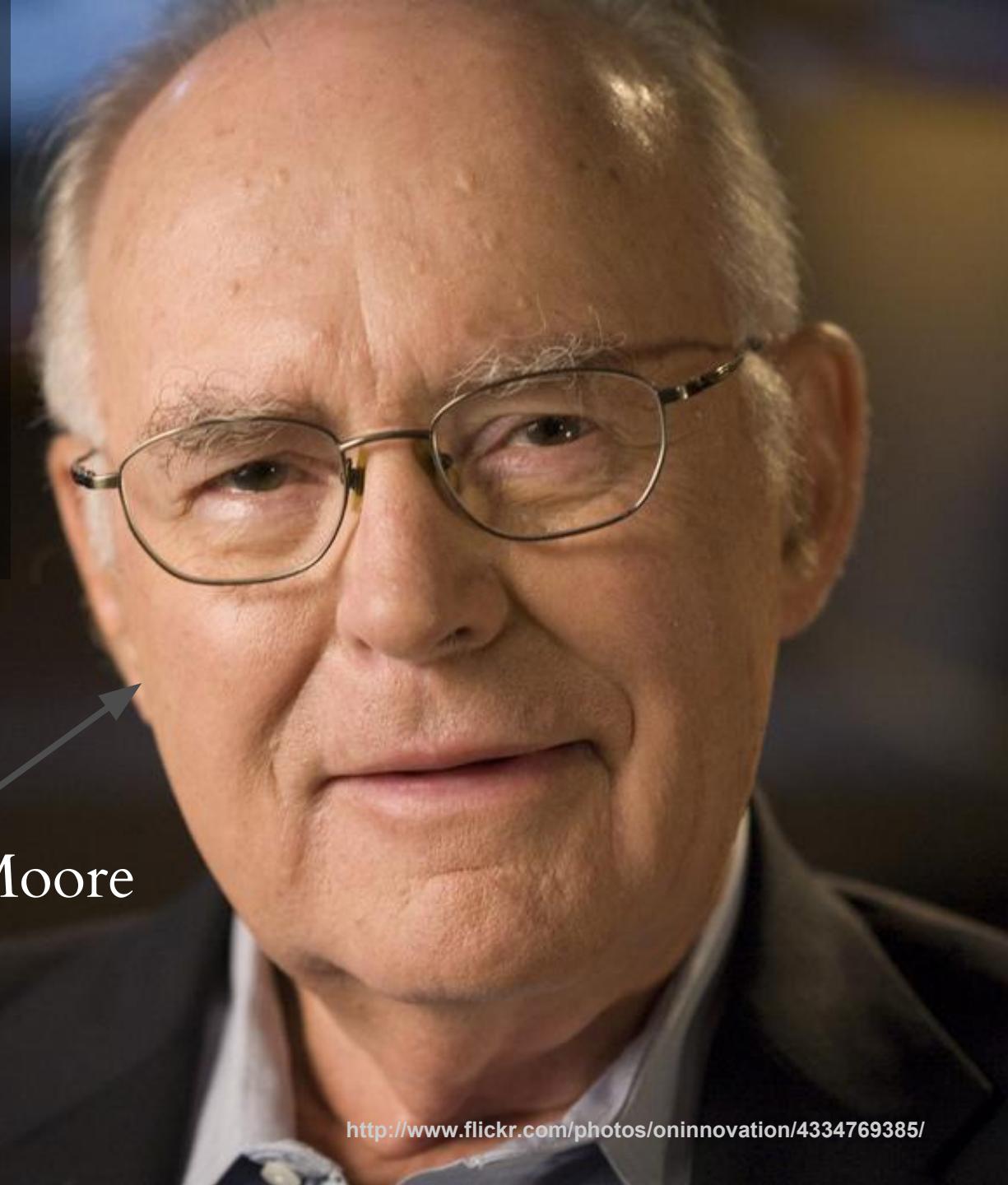
to say nothing of the cost of the new power lines needed to bring that energy into the city





or the sourcing, mining, transportation and fabricating of the rare earth metals used in such battery technology

Moore's Law
does not necessarily
work for
technologies outside
of integrated
circuits, even while
progress is being
made



Gordon Moore

Thus a 10 mpg vehicle carrying 6 passengers sharing a ride is both as fuel efficient and far more roadspacetime efficient overall...



than **6** electric hybrid cars
carrying only one person each



Is the answer more
mass transit?



Not necessarily

A photograph showing the interior of a crowded bus. Many passengers are standing and holding onto yellow handrails. The bus has large windows on the left side. A digital display is visible above the passengers. The overall atmosphere is one of a busy public transit system.

Mass transit systems are
already overstretched in
many large global cities

And require
enormous
subsidy to remain
operational





While not being particularly **green** or energy efficient most of the time (unless 100% full)



**serving necessarily only the
most popular locations while
remaining highly inflexible**

not catering to "niche" or "special needs" customers particularly well

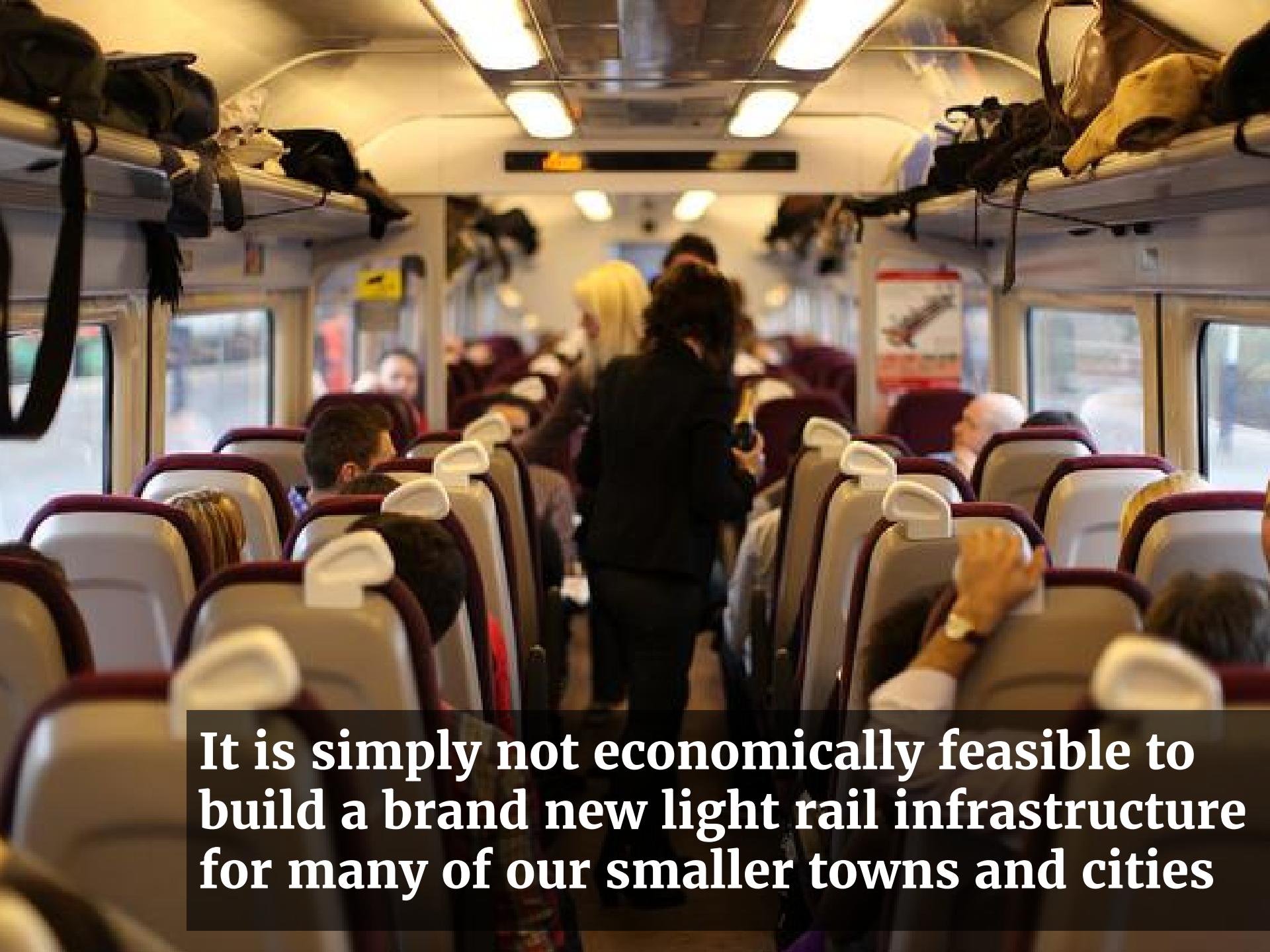


unless privately operated
and managed





So there is little economic reason to think about building new mass transit systems from scratch

A photograph showing the interior of a crowded train car. The seats are white with dark headrests. Many passengers are visible, some sitting and some standing. The train has a modern design with overhead luggage racks and bright ceiling lights. The windows show a blurred landscape outside.

It is simply not economically feasible to build a brand new light rail infrastructure for many of our smaller towns and cities

But the good news is



We do not always have to!



Where such systems already exist



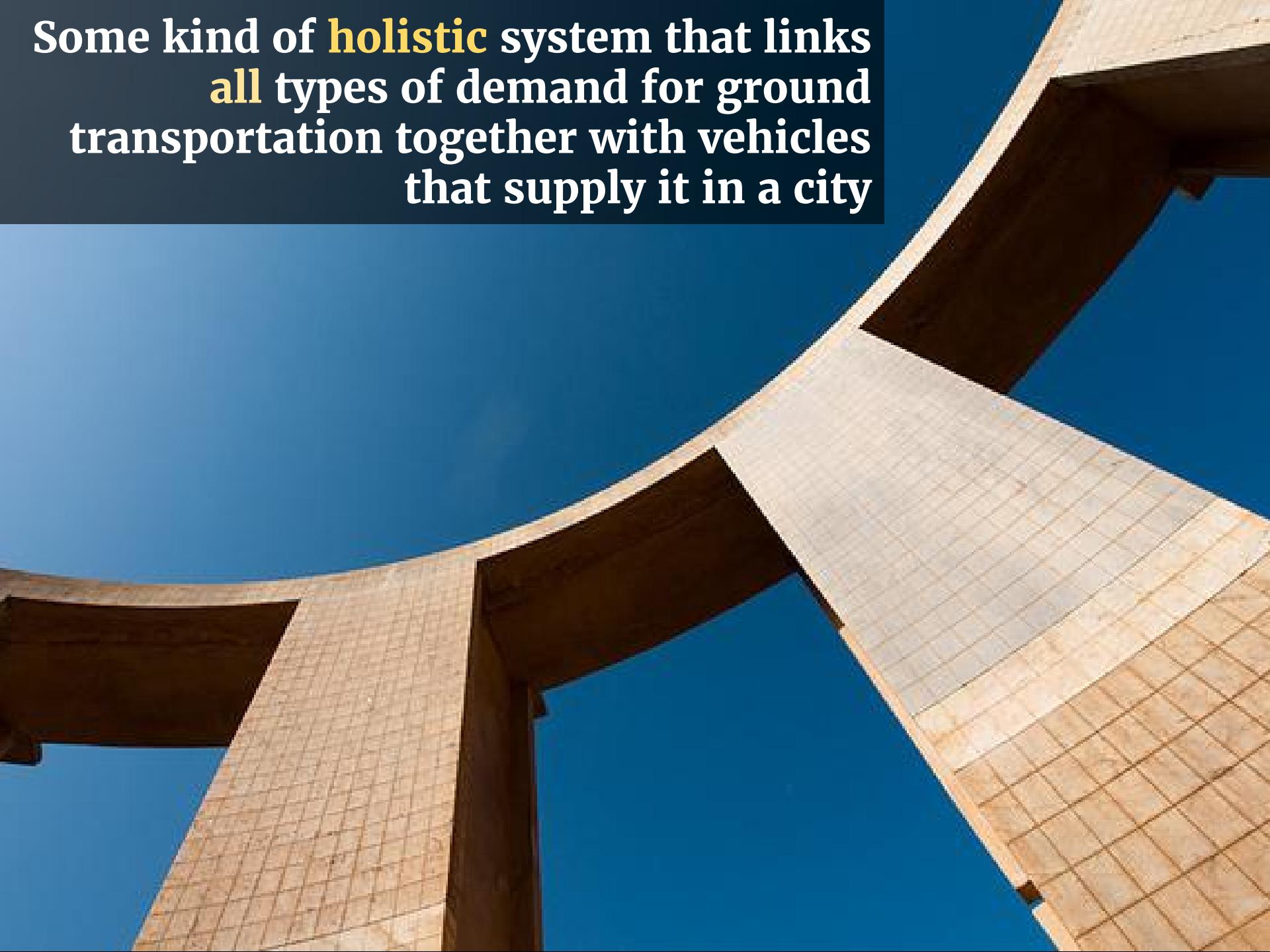
There is every reason to make the best use of them and scope to marry them into an **overall holistic urban transport paradigm**





HUH?

Some kind of **holistic** system that links
all types of demand for ground
transportation together with vehicles
that supply it in a city



**Including water borne
transport if necessary**



**So what *do* the numbers
say ?**

That the per annum market for largescale ridesharing in the EU5 alone is worth at least **€223 billion and \$500bn in the USA alone***



*Assuming \$0.05 per mile cost of a seat, that each car travels 16,550 miles p.a. and that each car has 2 seats free. Taxis cost \$3.00 / mile.

That a shift to to an occupancy rate of 3.6 or more could take as many as 75% of vehicles off the road at times of peak congestion



**Let's do the math for a fictional cab fleet
serving the commuter railway stations
north of New York City with 300 vehicles**





Assume we use **100** 8-seater taxis, an average of carrying **5** people per day to and from just **ONE** railway station

Paying \$20 each trip

(By the way, the current price for White Plains station to Downtown is \$30)

Let's say each cab does 8 trips per day

(4 trips in the morning rush hour and 4 in the evening)



$$100 * 5 * 20 * 8 = \$80,000$$

taxis	people	\$ cost per trip	trips / day	Total
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per day, gross revenue

the broker takes

25%

That makes **\$20,000** per day

shared between the local Texxi company
and the licence buyer

Is **\$20** per trip too high ?

Let us call it **\$5** per trip then

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per day, gross revenue

the broker takes

25%

That makes \$5,000 per day

**shared between the local Texxi company
and the licence buyer**

\$5,000 per day

\$25,000 per week

\$1,250,000 per year

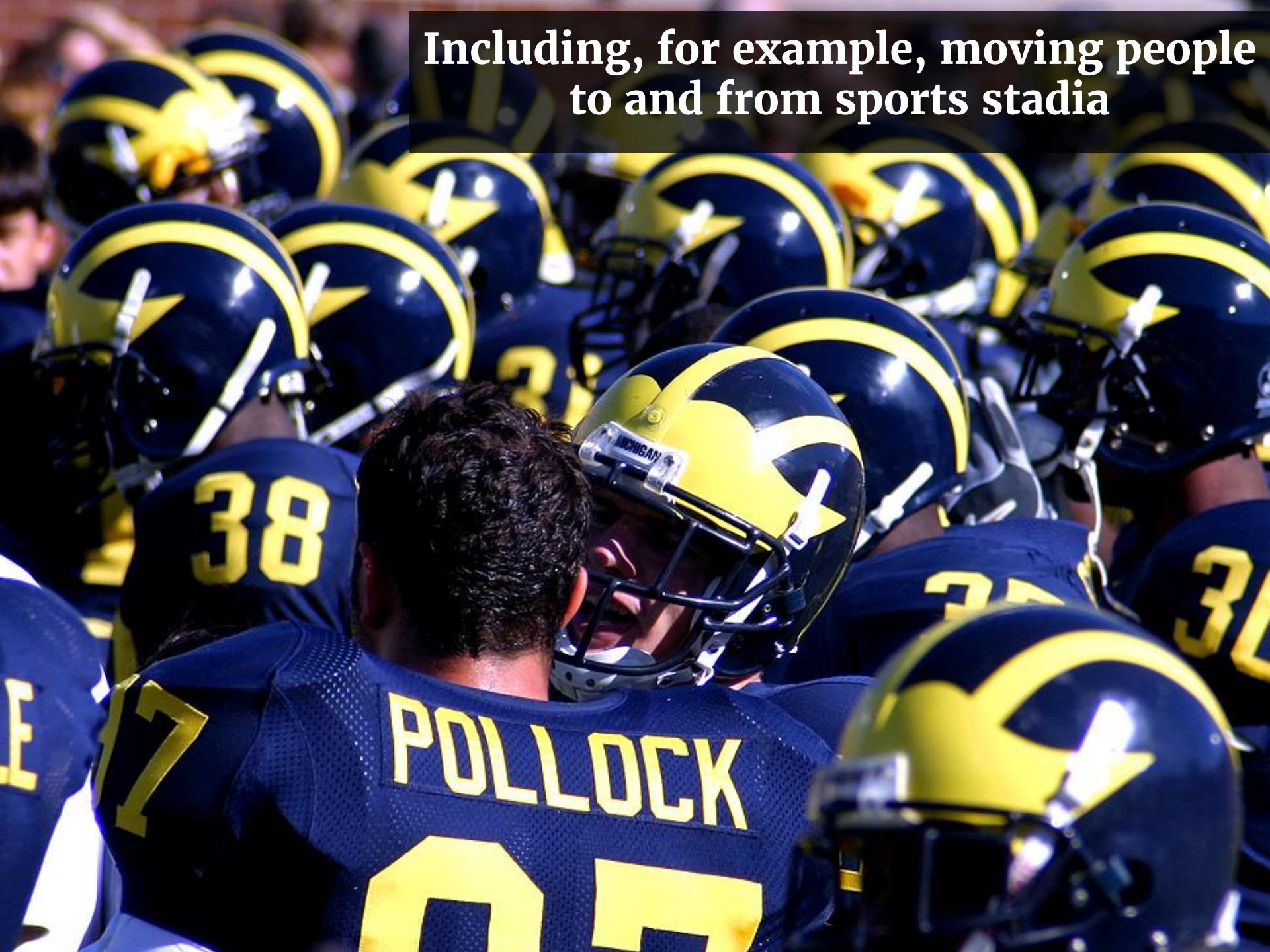
Or we can use the average **trip distance** and
average **number of seats** to calculate a seat
cost per mile on this model

A woman in a light-colored suit and sunglasses is sitting on a train, looking towards the camera. She is wearing a necklace and a watch. The background shows the interior of a train car with wooden paneling and a window. A glass of beer is visible in the foreground on the right side.

And that is **just** Commuter mode



There are **6 other modes** that can be applied for different purposes



Including, for example, moving people to and from sports stadia



or taking people to shopping malls

making it easier, safer and
cheaper for students
without cars to get around



lollipop

marimba



shore excursions for
tourists from cruise ships

**And how many taxi vehicles are there in and around
New York City ?**

65,000

cabs, livery cars and "dollar vans"

**But this sounds like
"Blue Sky" thinking**



Are those numbers realistic?





White Plains

2.383m per year
9,166 per day

North White Plains

660,400 per year
2,540 per day

Stamford

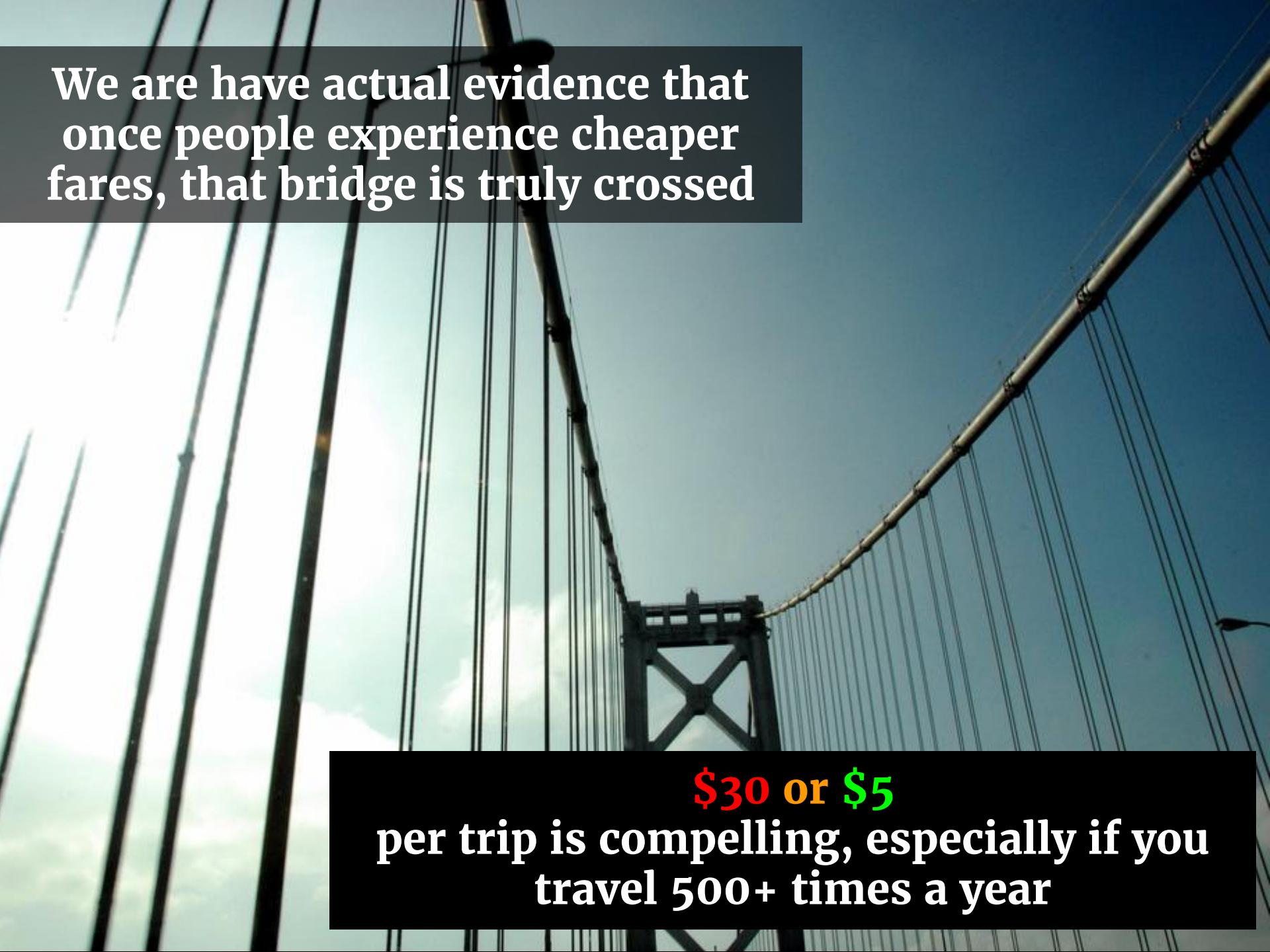
1.928m per year
7,415 per day

Greenwich

729,400 per year
2,800 per day



Would people really be
attracted to such a scheme ?



We are have actual evidence that once people experience cheaper fares, that bridge is truly crossed

\$30 or \$5
per trip is compelling, especially if you travel 500+ times a year

**And how much investment is needed to
make this example a reality ?**

\$5m

to be paid to the licensing company for the franchise rights



What would all that
money to be used for ?

Advertising and promoting the service and its capabilities





Building demand in the "ramp up" period



It takes a certain amount of time to go
from **"the ground floor"**
to a well patronised system



This is the dawn of a new
transport paradigm



We are ready to take the plunge in a number of cities



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