

LIGHT ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND URBAN MOBILITY

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US Transport Sector Impacts







Source: Prof. Robert Bertini

Safety

- 32,788 fatalities in 2010 (-3% from 2009)
- 1.09 fatalities per 100 MVMT (VMT +0.7% in 2010)
- 2.2 M injuries in 2009
- 5.3 M crashes in 2011
- \$230 B total cost (including medical)
- Leading cause of death for ages 4 to 34

Accessibility, Reliability and Mobility

- 4.8B hours travel delay (34 hours/auto commuter)
- \$121 billion cost of urban congestion

Household Expenses

- Second biggest monthly expense, after housing
 Environmental
- 28% of GHG emissions (78% CO, 58% NO_x, 36% VOCs)
- 29% of energy consumed (mostly petroleum)
- 70% of petroleum consumption (60% imported)
- 3.9 billion gallons of wasted fuel

Commute Mode Share for Portland

Reduce per capita daily vehicle-miles traveled (VMT) by 30 % from 2008 levels.



What are the critical pieces to transforming urban mobility?



Future of Mobility is E-Mobility



Come in all shapes and sizes

















KAISER PERMANENTE E-BIKE PILOT PROJECT





Kaiser Permanente E-bike Pilot Project

- 30 Currie iZip E3 Compact
 - Top Speed: 18 mph
 - Range: 15-22 miles
 - Weight: 42 lbs.
 - Folding
- Kaiser Employees at 3 campuses (1st/last mile commuting)
- Project ran from May 2014 to Oct 2015



TRANSPORTATION and COMMUNITIES







Map overview of employment centers, transit and survey respondents' homes - Portland Metro.



Barriers to participation in cycling cited by respondents

| | Standard bicycle | | | E-bike | |
|---|------------------|------------|-----|------------|------------|
| | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) |
| Sample size (n) | 56 | 31 | 87 | 80 | 86 |
| Weather conditions | 45% | 39% | 74% | 59% | 56% |
| Trip logistics, preparation and/or time constraints | 43% | 61% | 18% | 11% | 19% |
| My destination is too far | 45% | 10% | 44% | 15% | 23% |
| The bike is uncomfortable or causes pain | 2% | 0% | 0% | 8% | 19% |
| I can't carry the things I need | 0% | 0% | 45% | 19% | 21% |
| I am concerned for my safety | 5% | 3% | 0% | 19% | 14% |
| I do not have access to a bicycle <i>OR</i> there was an issue with my e-bike | 61% | 29% | 14% | 6% | 5% |
| There is no place to securely store my bicycle | 0% | 0% | 2% | 5% | 17% |
| I don't like to arrive sweaty/no showers at work | 4% | 0% | 52% | 18% | 12% |
| I am unable to bike for health concerns or am physically unable | 23% | 32% | 3% | 30% | 41% |
| Transit connections are not easy or convenient | 0% | 0% | 0% | 8% | 9% |
| "Laziness" (self-reported) | 2% | 10% | 21% | 1% | 0% |
| Hills | 4% | 0% | 41% | 1% | 0% |
| Other | 4% | 6% | 3% | 1% | 5% |

(A): Pre-use: Why did you stop biking for transportation to work?

(B): Pre-use: Why did you stop biking for recreation?

(C): Pre-use: What are the main factors keeping you from biking more often?

(D): Mid-use: If you would like to use the e-bike to commute to work more often, what prevents you from doing so?

(E): Post-use: If you weren't able to use the e-bike as often as you would have liked, what prevented you from doing so?

Frequency of bicycle usage by trip purpose, before and during program



Reported usage of e-bike (trip frequency) for commuting by distance from work.



■ 5+ day/week ■ 3-4 days/week ■ 1-2 days/week ■ Less than once per week

Main Conclusions

- E-bikes reduce some barriers to participation in cycling
- E-bikes may help people be more comfortable on bicycles
- E-bikes encourage more trips by bicycle

