

# drivers and opportunities **Technology**



### Technology is a major force of disruption

- Automated vehicle (AV) and connected vehicle (CV) technologies will likely change how we travel and how goods travel. AV and CV will make travel faster and more efficient. They will also affect how business is done, how land is used, and the quality of life.
- Ways to get from Point A to Point B have increased, especially in urban areas. New ways to travel include bike share to ride hailing (Uber and/or Lyft) to e-scooters.
- More travel options have changed the conversation from traveling one way everywhere (car, bus, bicycle) to "mobility-as-a-service" (MaaS). MaaS means you can use different types of travel for each trip based on how much it costs, how long it takes, and personal preference.

## No one knows what the future of transportation looks like

- The universal need to get from Point A to Point B has created new ways of traveling. There are new ways to rent or share cars, new types of fuels, and other emerging modes, like e-scooters.
- These changes affect government agencies and what they do every day.
   Public agencies, like transit operators, must plan for future changes in technologies.

North Carolina is preparing for the future of transportation. The State has passed policies that support testing new technologies. AVs are now being tested on the Triangle Expressway.





Source: Alta. "The Rise of Micromobility." By Jean Crowther. Alta Innovation Lab: 20 September 2018.

#### **Changes and Uncertainities**

- Mobile and web platforms are becoming a part of daily travel for many people. Platforms can create more efficient travel.
- AV technologies will affect trucking. For example,
  "platooning" technology is being tested now. "Platooning"
  is when trucks can drive very close to each other with little supervision. This can increase efficiency and lower costs.
- Drones could make services like package delivery easier and more efficient. Drones could also aid with moving people or taking aerial photos.
- Mobility options such as bike shares, ride sharing and e-scooters have grown in the past decade. These options help with short trips and completing first/last mile trips.
- More people want to travel between their city and another city. Many are traveling for work. Right now, there are several technologies that could help. High-speed trains or similar technologies could move people longer distances faster.
- Electric vehicle sales have increased in the last few years and are expected to continue growing.



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