

ULI: Millenials & Transportation October 30, 2014

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### Millenials

b. 1982 – 2003ish

Gen Y/We or 9/11; Echo Boomers

No defined end point, yet...

Economic Agnostics

Technology & Diversity-centric



## Their world

- 24/7 news & 250+ channels
- Internet & Mobile Phone always existed
- They/parents victims of Great Recession
- Environmental awareness has meaning
- Social Justice isn't a buzzword



## **BIG IMPACTS:**

- No longer can afford to be a "grown up..."
  - weddings & housing & childbirth
  - health, retirements & salaries
  - Parental wealth + higher ed costs



## **BIG IMPACTS:**

- Re-define Adulthood
  - Knowledge & Opinions
  - Ability to "tune out" or "turn off" noise
  - Being different from parents/others



# Research Data (APTA 2014)

- Digital use = multitasking = value
- Affordability
- Transportation CHOICES are critical
- Emphasis on urban center & cool factor



# Research Data (APTA 2014)

- proximity & ability to move around
- car ownership AND driving declining
- work & life is mobile, so place matters
- Bike/ped is the MOST popular travel mode



# Millennials frequently use multiple transportation options & describe this as an increasing trend.

Frequency of Using Multiple Transportation
Options to
Reach a Destination
(Among % Total)

A few times per
week or more

Once a week to a
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Once a week to a few times a month

Once a month or less

your own life or behaviors?

Using more than one transportation option to reach a destination

have you noticed others doing

more of or seen more of in

42%

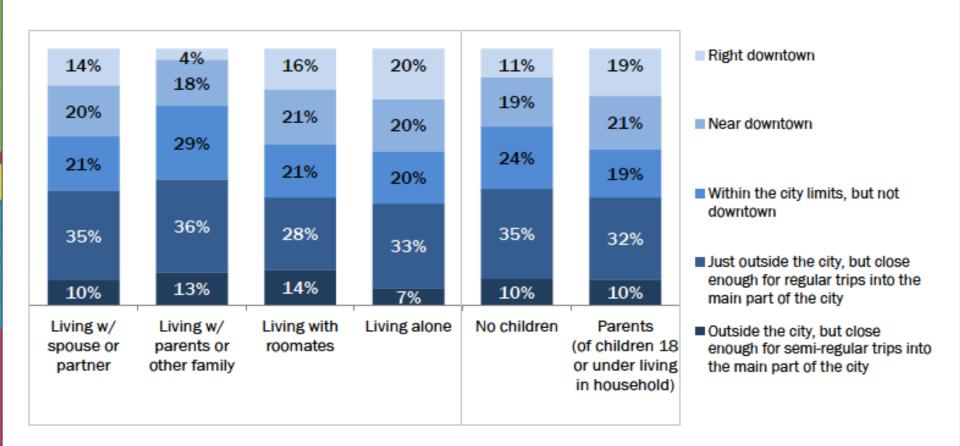
TOTAL

(n=1,000)

Q16 - How often do you use more than one transportation option for getting to a destination? Please note, you should consider all options for transportation - including walking in answering this question. 7-Point Scale (n=1000)

# Those who live alone or are parents living with children are most likely to live in or near "downtown".

Home Neighborhood Proximity to "Downtown"
(Shown among Living Situation Groups & Parental Status)



### Personal Car Ownership & Purchase Plans

Boston,

Chicago.

S9 - Which of the following

best describes your car

ownership status or plans?	TOTAL	MA	IL	CA CA	WA	OR	ton, DC	27	34
n=	1000	167	167	167	167	167	167	500	500
Car Owners vs. NON Car Owners									
Currently own a car	60%	57%	53%	64%	58%	59%	69%	55%	65%
Do NOT currently own a car	40%	43%	47%	36%	42%	41%	31%	45%	35%
Car Ownership Plans									
I currently own a car (personally)	60%	57%	53%	64%	58%	59%	69%	55%	65%
I have <b>regular access</b> to a car someone else in my household owns	16%	18%	20%	19%	17%	14%	9%	18%	14%
I don't currently own a car, but plan to buy one within the next 1-2 years	15%	13%	19%	11%	18%	14%	14%	17%	13%
I don't currently own a car, and have no plans to buy one in the immediate future	9%	13%	8%	7%	7%	13%	8%	10%	8%
S10 - How many cars are owned by people in your household, including yourself?	TOTAL	Boston, MA	Chicago, IL	San Francisco, CA	Seattle, WA	Portland, OR	Washing- ton, DC	Ages 22 to 27	Ages 28 to 34
n=	1000	167	167	167	167	167	167	500	500
Mean # of Cars in household	1.55	1.35	1.52	1.62	1.69	1.71	1.41	1.62	1.48
Median # of Cars in household	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
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San

Seattle.

Portland,

Washing-

# **Impacts**

- Cities must focus on bike/ped & safety
- Transit must be smart & frequent
- Create an "opt-in" mentality
- Suburbs are becoming independent & must act like municipalities to survive

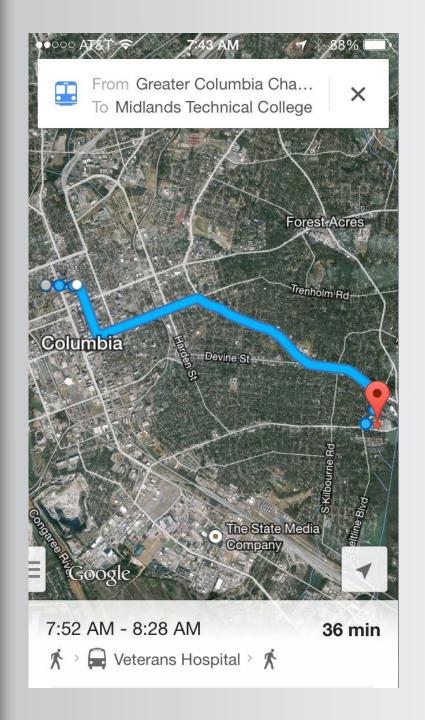


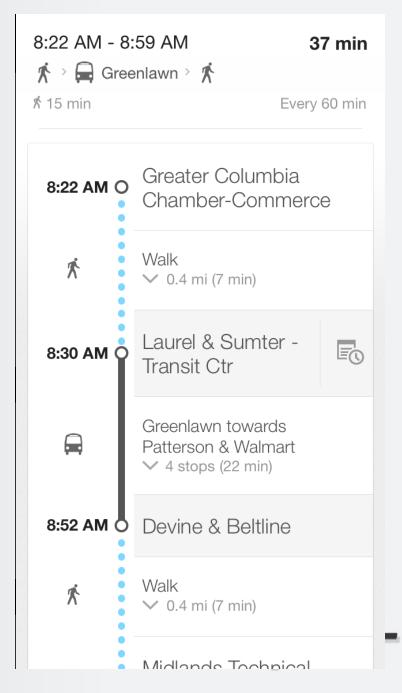
# How has The COMET adapted?

Cool factor: CMRTA vs The COMET

- Visually attractive w/ simplification of info
- Technology adoption
- Frequency & reliability











COMET Ride 2



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31 Day Pass: 1x Regular 31 Days

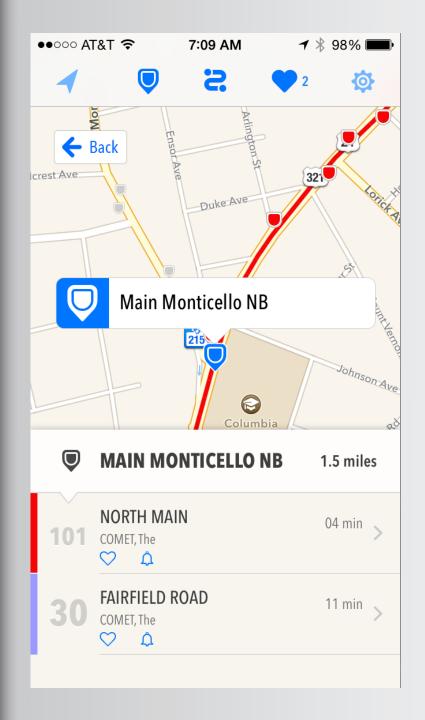
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#### Continuation...

- Focus on the students (HS & college)
- First-Year Freedom, UPass, etc.
- Employer-based options coming
- Connect <u>neighborhoods</u> & bike/ped



