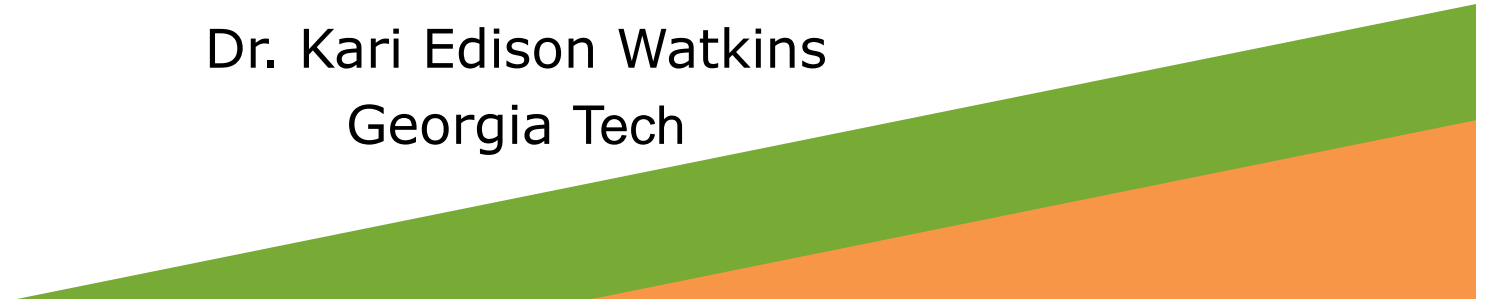




Impacts of the Sharing Economy in Transportation

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All I really need to know I learned in Kindergarten

1. Share everything.
2. Play fair.
3. Don't hit people.
4. Put things back where you found them.
5. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN MESS.
6. Don't take things that aren't yours.
7. Say you're SORRY when you HURT somebody.
8. Wash your hands before you eat.
9. Flush.
10. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
11. Live a balanced life - learn some and drink some and draw some and paint some and sing and dance and play and work everyday some.
12. Take a nap every afternoon.
13. When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together.
14. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.
15. Goldfish and hamster and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup - they all die. So do we.
16. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned - the biggest word of all - LOOK.



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Robin Chase



Source: CNN Money

- Zipcar
 - Buzzcar
 - Peers incorporated
- Bedsharing



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	AGE	ROOMS	HOTELS	COUNTRIES
Marriott	67	1,590,000	2000	110
Wyndham	58	1,000,000	1500	70
Choice	5	600,000	1000	100



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	AGE	ROOMS	HOTELS	COUNTRIES
	3	2,500,000		220
	4	650,000		192
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My Research

- Overcome barriers to transit and cycling with better information
- Need a good source of data
 - Open data
 - Crowdsourced data
- A way to get the information to people
 - Usable apps
 - Multiple means of access





Shared transportation

ONEBUSAWAY



Why Shared Transportation?



Where is your bus?

Let's find out. We provide easy access to real-time transit information for the Atlanta region and beyond.



Our Goal

We want to make it easier to use public transit by providing easy access to schedule and real-time arrival information for the buses you ride every day.

We provide:

- Real-time arrival information for [MARTA](#) and [other agencies](#).
- Arrival info for every bus stop.
- Easy access to information across a variety of devices.

Why? We're riders just like you and we don't like waiting for the bus any more than we have to.

Tools

[Our tools](#) are available across a number of interfaces:



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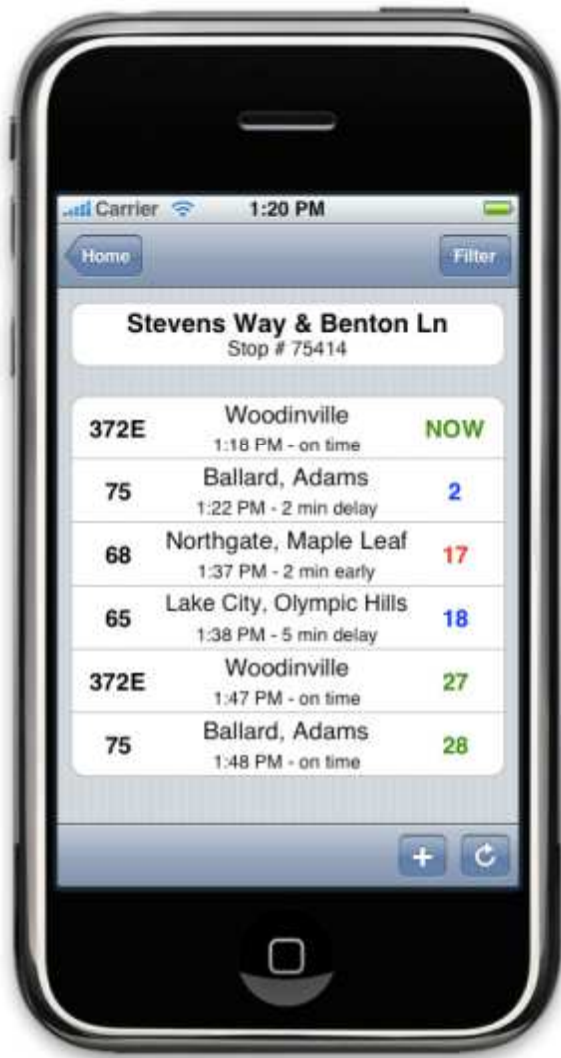
See [our instructions](#) for downloading and configuring the iPhone app.

Research



OneBusAway was started by students at the University of Washington, and it has been deployed in Atlanta by Georgia Tech. Check out our [research page](#) for more information.

Our work is all [open-source software](#), so that others may reuse and build upon our efforts. As a result, OneBusAway software has been deployed to [many other communities as well](#).



NW Market St & 17th Ave NW

Stop # 29214 - E bound

route	destination	minutes
44	Downtown via University District 10:33 - 2 min delay	NOW
44	Downtown via University District 10:46 - on time	15
44	Downtown via University District 11:00 - on time	29

Last Update: 10:31 PM

Nearby stops:

[NW Market St & 17th Ave NW - W bound](#)

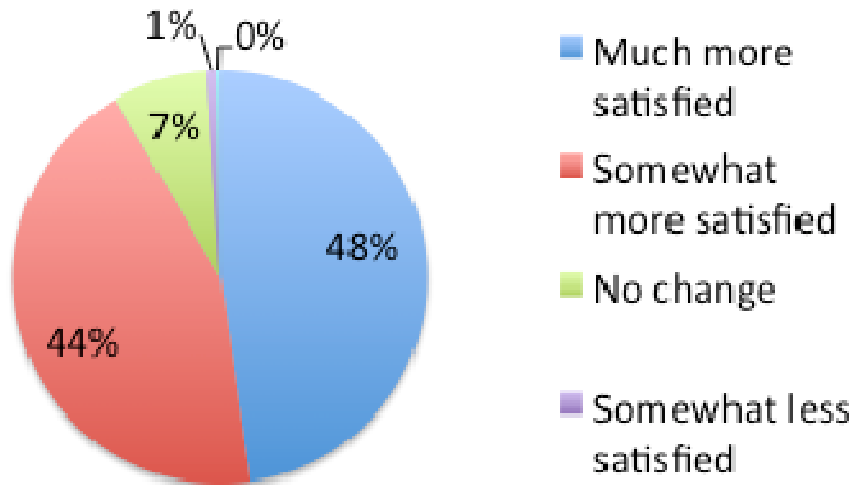
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Change in Satisfaction

Change in Overall Satisfaction with Public Transit

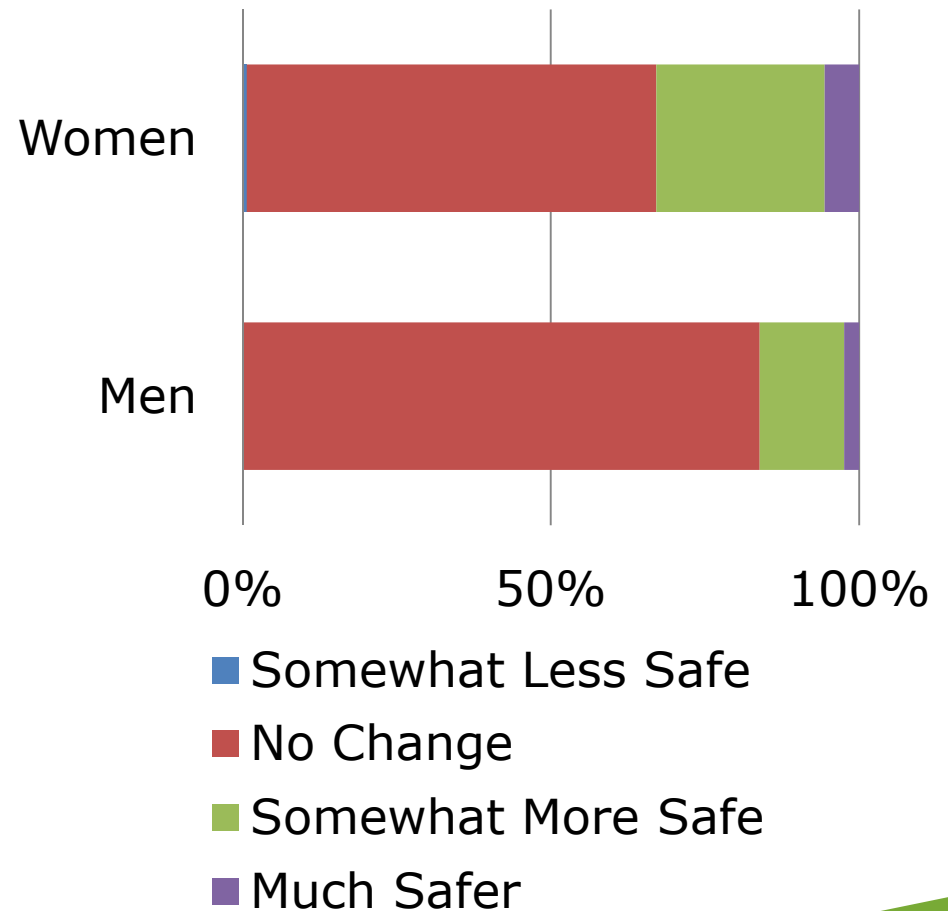


"I no longer sit with pitted stomach wondering where is the bus. It's less stressful simply knowing it's nine minutes away, or whatever the case."



Perception of Safety

- Perception of Safety
 - 79% no change
 - 18% somewhat safer
 - 3% much safer
- Safety correlated with gender
 - $\chi^2=19.458$
 - p-value=0.001



Perceived and Actual Wait Time

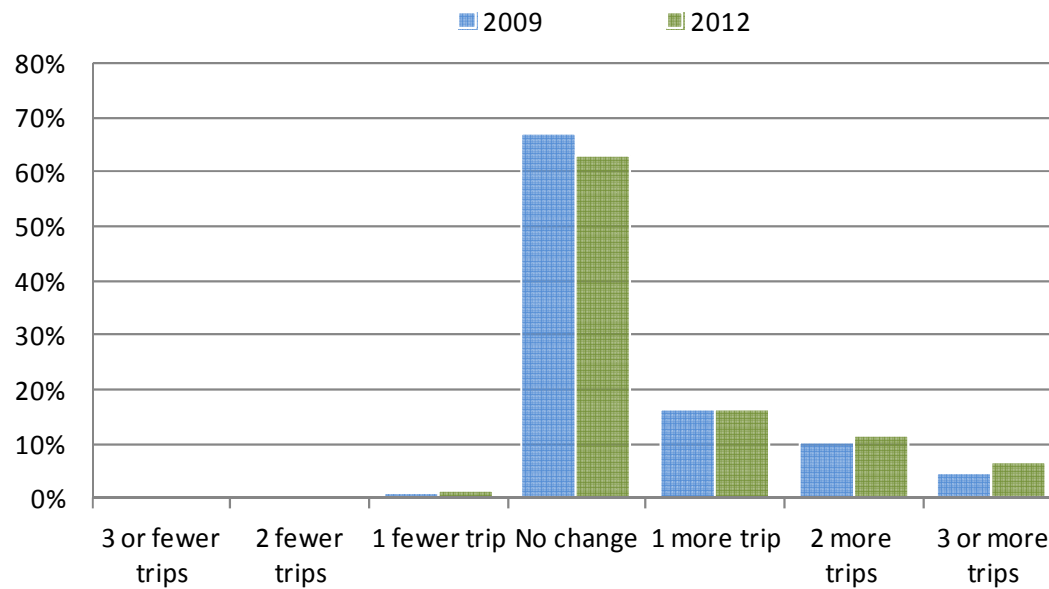
- Without real time, perceived wait > actual wait
- With real time, perceived wait = actual wait
- Value of real time >> more frequent service

Group	Real Time	Schedule	Difference	T-stat (p-value)
Mean Typical Wait	7.54	9.86	2.32	5.50 (0.00)
Aggravation Level	3.35	3.29	-0.05	-0.24 (0.81)
Actual Wait Time	9.23	11.21	1.98	2.17 (0.03)

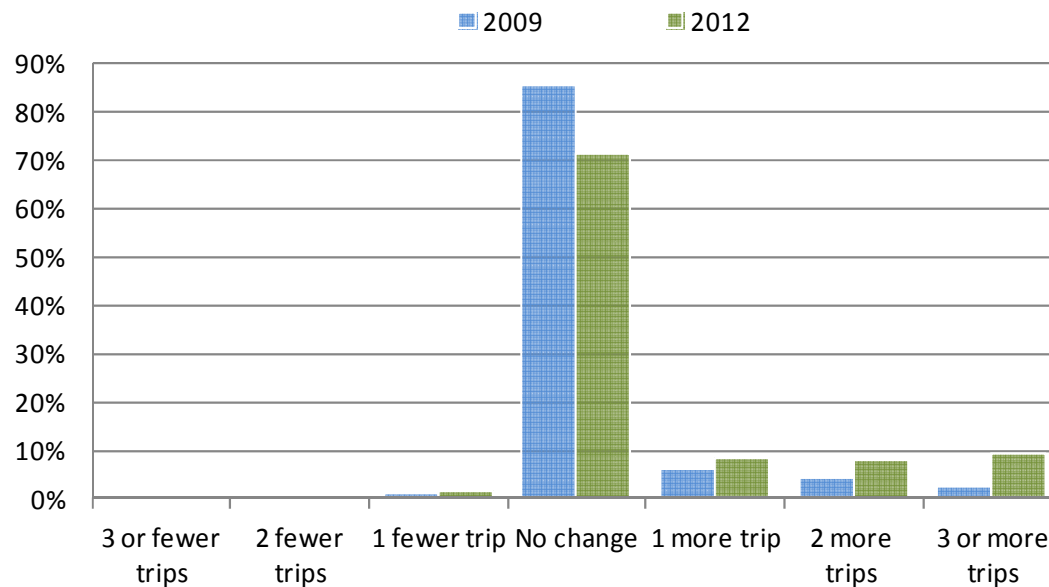


Change in Transit Usage

Number of "Other" Trips



Number of Work or School Trips



Ongoing Work

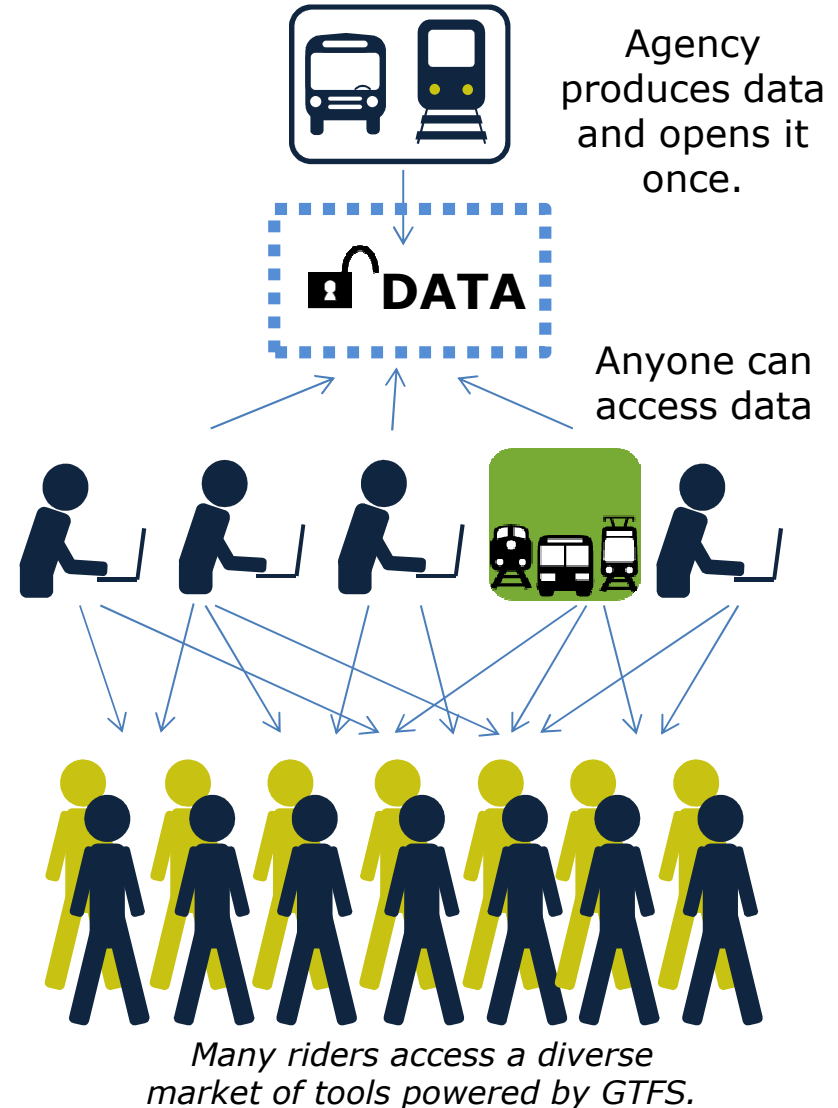
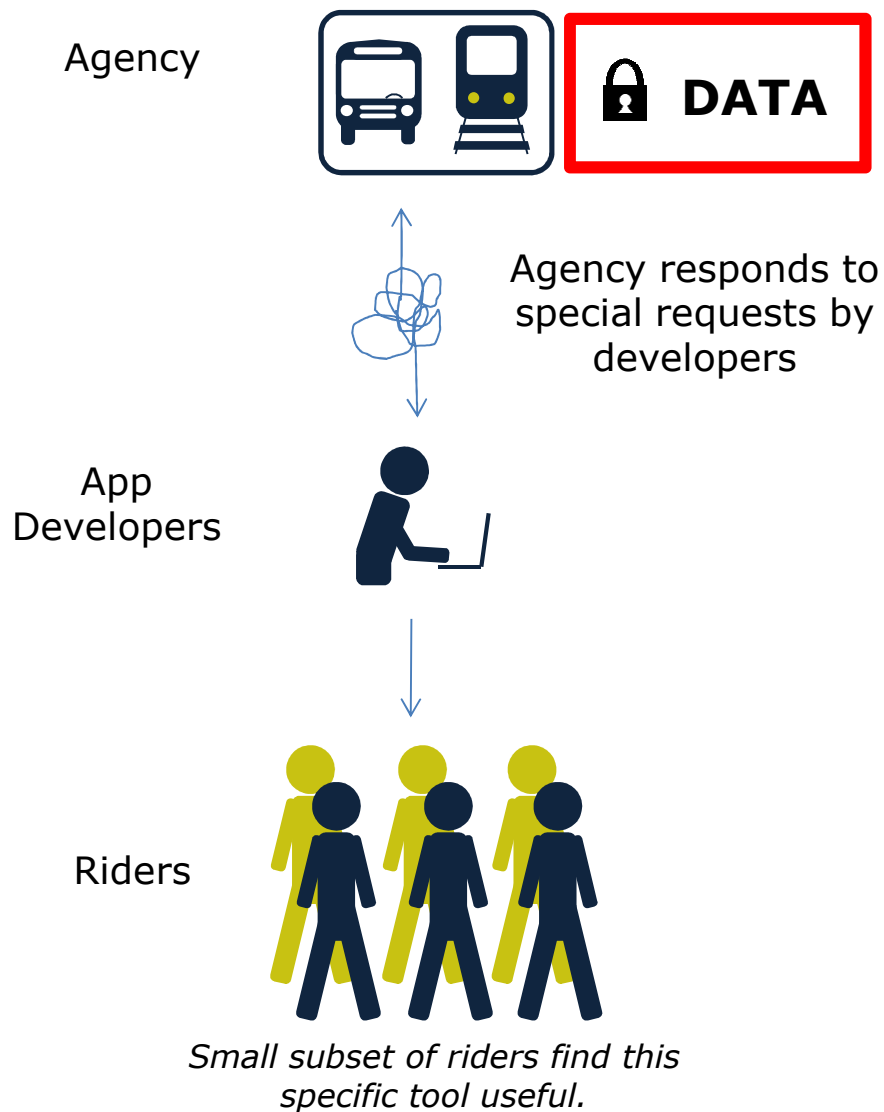
- OneBusAway Seattle
 - Continued deployment
 - Home of open source code
- OneBusAway Tampa
 - Spring 2013 Pilot Program
 - Pre-test Post-test control group design
- BusTime New York City
 - Borough by borough release of real-time information
 - Panel regression to control for external factors
- OneBusAway Atlanta
 - Recent deployment
 - Disaggregate analysis using smart card data



Image source: www.marta.com



How does Open Data help?



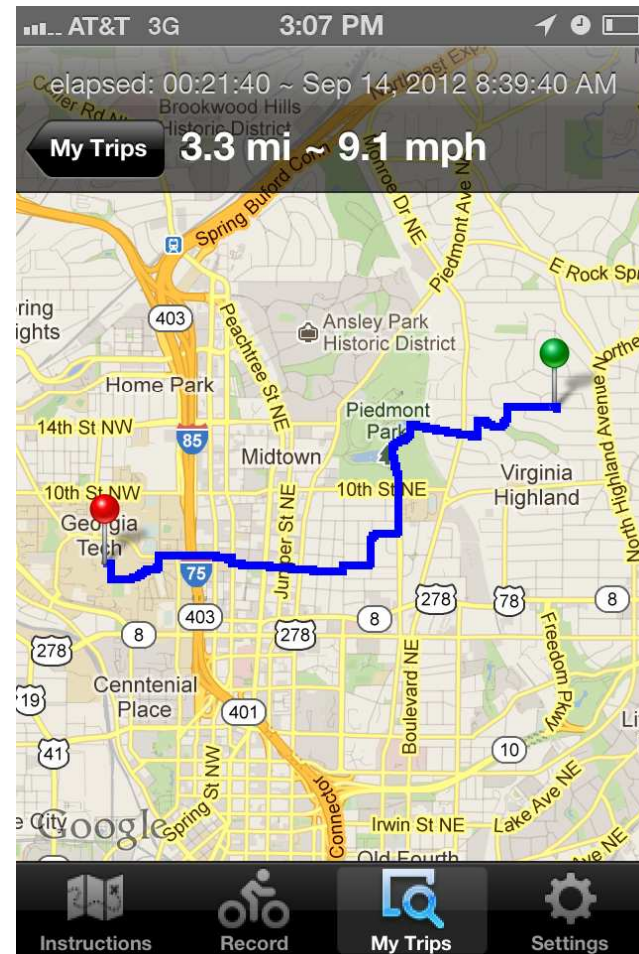
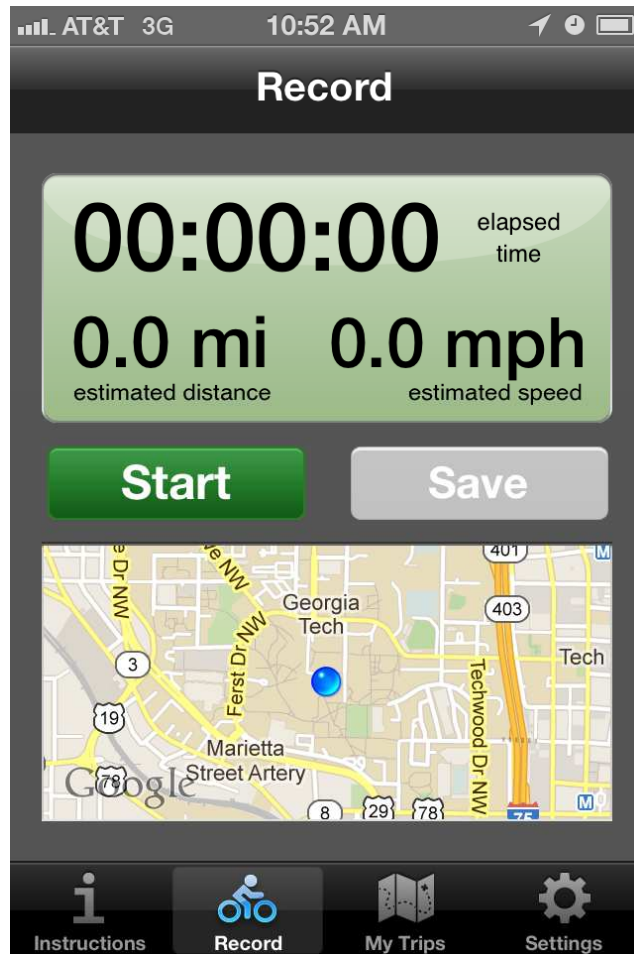


Using crowdsourced data to improve cycling

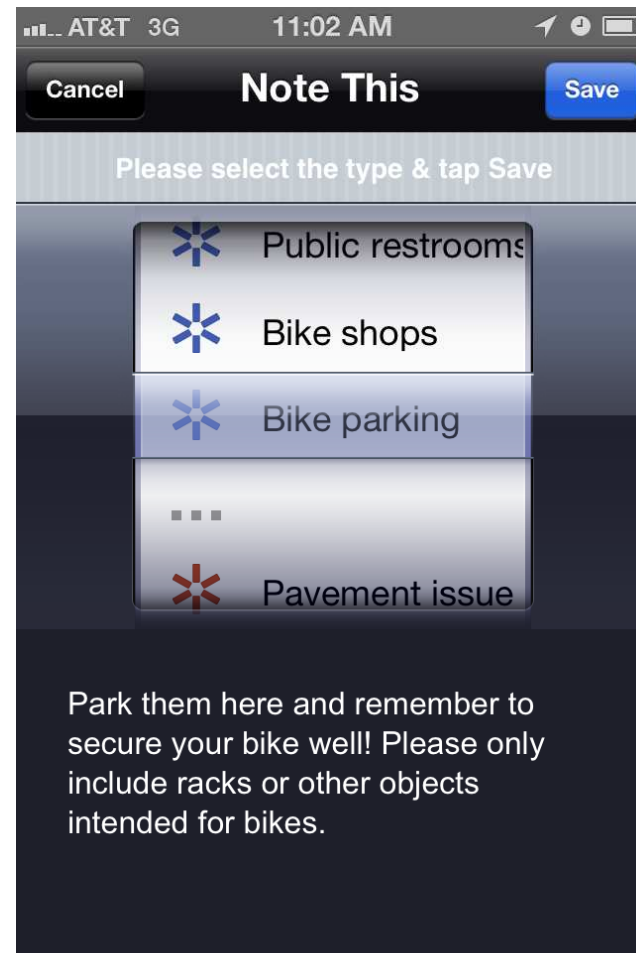
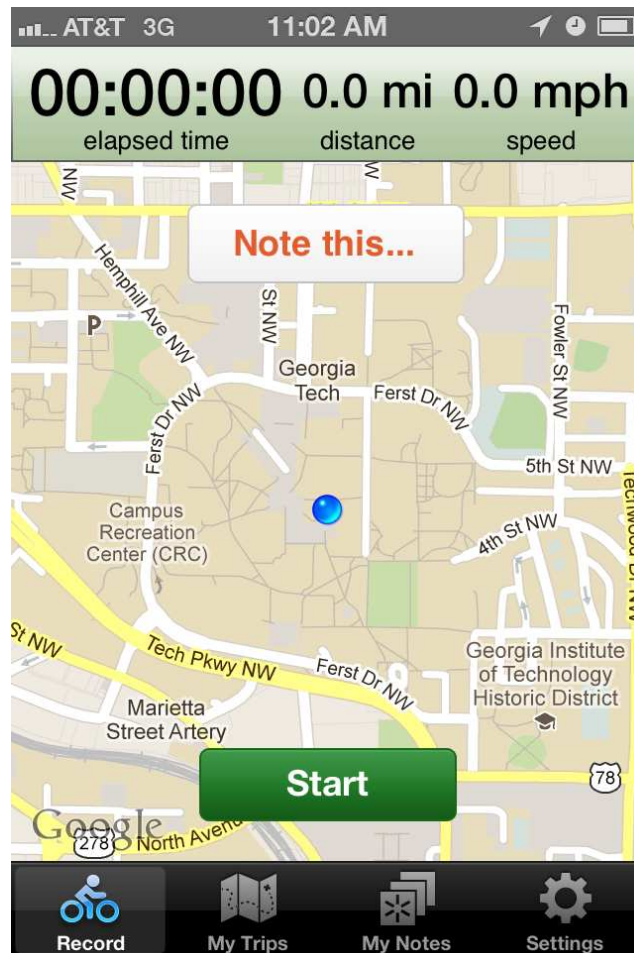
CYCLE ATLANTA



Records your bike trips



You build a community map of bike lanes and problems



Cycle Atlanta

Mapping the ride to a better Atlanta.

Ride Purpose

- ☒ Commute
- ☐ School
- ☐ Work-Related
- ☐ Exercise
- ☐ Social
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Errand
- ☐ Other

Rider Type

- ☐ Strong & fearless
- ☒ Enthusied & confident
- ☒ Comfortable, but cautious
- ☒ Interested, but concerned


Gender

- ☒ Female
- ☒ Male

Age

- ☒ 18-24
- ☒ 25-34
- ☒ 35-44
- ☒ 45-54

Without data, crowdsource

- City wanted to know where cyclists were riding
 - Very little data about cyclists at all
 - Went to the people to ask them
 - Record trips is one level, assets and issues is another
 - Easier to cycle if you know the route
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- A large orange triangle pointing upwards, located at the bottom right of the slide.

Improved Transportation Info

- People can make better choices with better data
- Need reliable, relevant information
 - When is the next bus actually coming?
 - What route should I take to bike?
 - How do I navigate this new world?
- Need open data from agencies
- Without it, crowdsource our own



FUTURE IMPACTS OF THE SHARING ECONOMY



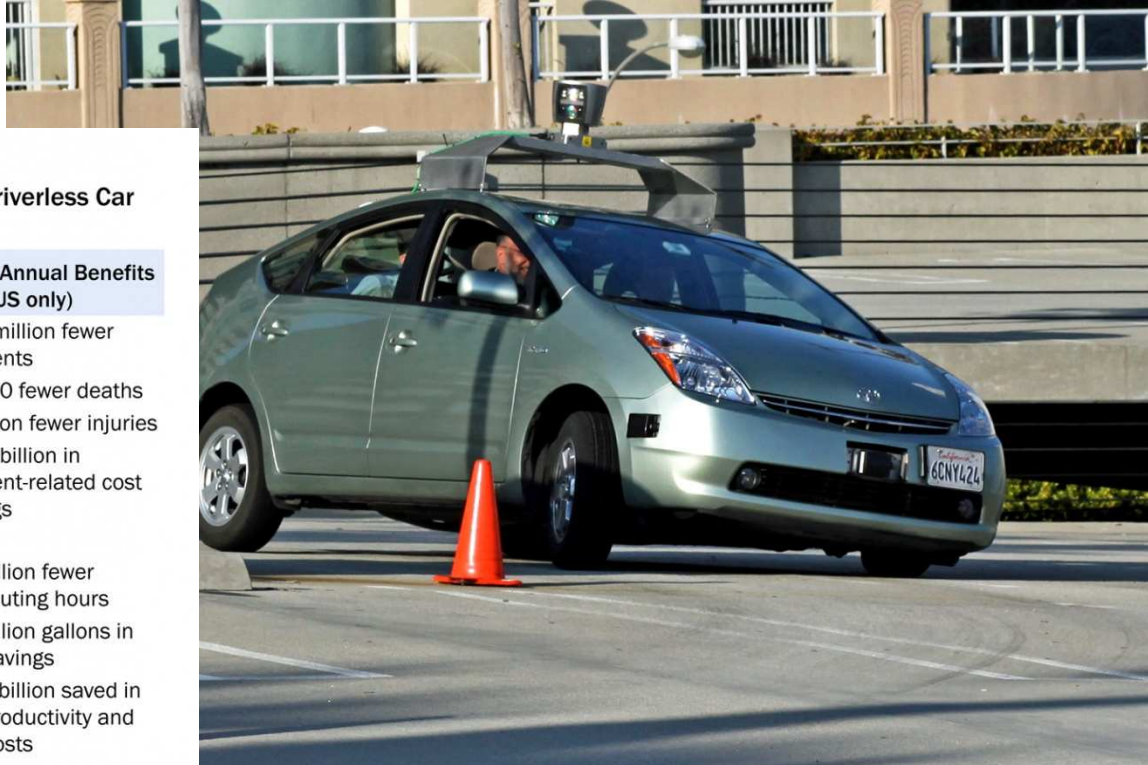
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Autonomous Vehicles



Great Mileage

Some Benefits of the Driverless Car

Google's Aspiration	Potential Annual Benefits (US only)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90% reduction in accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4.95 million fewer accidents• 30,000 fewer deaths• 2 million fewer injuries• \$400 billion in accident-related cost savings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90% reduction wasted commuting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4.8 billion fewer commuting hours• 1.9 billion gallons in fuel savings• \$101 billion saved in lost productivity and fuel costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 90% reduction in cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce cost per trip-mile by 80% or more• Increase car utilization from 5-10% to 75% or more• Better land use

Sources: Google, US NHTSA, AAA, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Columbia University Earth Institute and Devil's Advocate Group's analysis

Summary

- Sharing economy impacts to date
 - Shared vehicles, shared ride
 - Collective transportation
 - Data sharing
 - Crowdsourcing
- Sharing + Autonomous
 - = Vastly Different Transport System



Thank You!

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