Shared Mobility Systems

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Shared Mobility

Making better use of available resources

For a better quality of life





- Transport is a discrete-event on-demand service.
- A traveller requests a resource, is allocated the resource, makes use of the resource, and releases the resource.
- Resources are vehicles, road connections and parking lots...and drivers
- Auto mobility costs money and the environment and therefore optimization of resources is desirable.





Quality of Service in Discrete Event On-Demand Services

Trip Time No parking available Waiting Time

Quality of Life for All



So we need to find an equilibrium







Shared mobility systems should <u>lessen cars</u> on the roads and not merely fill in 'EMPTY SEATS'

This leads to

- Less congestion
- Less CO₂
- Less parking bays required





Three Types

- Private Taxi Share (Taxi Pooling)
- Private Car Pooling
- Private Car Share





Taxi Share – Dial-a-Ride

SHARED MOBILITY

- Taxi is shared between independent passengers.
- Similar to PTS, but with flexible routes and timetables.
- Five star PTS.
- Taxi picks-up or drops-off passengers on the way.
- Taxi fleet and taxi drivers owned by a company.
- Promises a reduction of standard taxi fares to competing levels, comparable to the cost of owning and operating a private car.
- Can contribute significantly to a reduction in car ownership.







Routes are defined by the demand. So system is auto adaptive







Dynamic Dial-a-Ride (Taxi share)

Mean cost per passenger is 1.45/1.90 Euro. (8/6 seat) Promises a reduction of standard taxi fares to competing levels, comparable to the cost of owning and operating a private car.

Trip Length	2km	4km	6km	8km
Private car Fuel only	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00
Private car	0.60	1.20	1.80	2.40
+ parking	2.00 - 9.00	2.00 - 9.00	2.00 - 9.00	2.00 - 9.00
DaRS 8 seat car	0.80	1.20	1.40	1.80







Dynamic Taxi Share

- Requires full ICT infrastructure, including smart phones and micro-payment systems.
- Can run at high efficiencies and at relatively low-cost.
- Great for commuters with flexible hours







Static Taxi Share

- Static taxi share requires basic ICT infrastructure and human operator.
- Low efficiency and costly.
- Good to support other shared systems when disruptive events occur.
- Good for off-peak hours, to replace private car ownership, and provides accessibility to all.







Car Pool

- In its simplest form...A group of private car owners share rides with similar ODs on an agreed roster basis....thus <u>saving on fuel</u> and <u>parking costs</u>, if any.
- Additionally relieves traffic and overall trip times.
- No Monetary transactions are carried out.











Three classes

• Small group Car Pool

• Large Company Car Pool

• Public Car Pool







Technology

- Basic ICT personal phone.
- Web Based
 - Peer-to-Peer
 - Pattern recognition
- Smart Phone and Wireless Communication Systems















- Variability among participants in morning departure and evening leave.
 - Jobs characterized by a strict timetable
 - Large subscription to a car pool
 - Dynamic allocation algorithms with instant updates







- Most systems in place do not have a fair regulated system that keeps track of the roster such that costs are distributed.
 - Simple manual on-line log is a solution.
 - Advanced technology can automate the process







- Lack of Trust in Quality of Service or Experience
 - Some people are always late!
 - Some people do not wait!





- Legal and Fiscal Issues
 - Car Pooling is a peer-to-peer business model based on bartering....where overheads are kept to a minimum.
 - Bartering limits subscriptions to car owners.
 - Variability in OD undermines car pooling
 - To solve some inherent car pool problems a legal framework is required....unless payment is done with goods.
 - Current Businesses in Transport do not like car pooling







- Security issues. Some participants might have bad intentions.
 - Is more likely to happen in mass car pooling
 - Requires constant screening of drivers and passengers
 Variability
- Variability in cultural and habitual backgrounds







People may need an added incentive to join car pool

- Reward scheme or penalty scheme.
- A reward scheme may be difficult, from savings or from city council
- Penalty scheme is easier...parking charge







Benefits

- One car instead of three/four on the road
 Less congestion, less CO₂
- 60% savings on fuel and car park costs
- Increased socialisation and sharing
- Better quality of life







Current-state-of-the-art in R&D

- Car pool is integrated with Taxi-share and legally regulated
 - Taxi share is a full-time backbone resource
 - Car-pool is a part time resource
 - Car-pool monetary / barter rewards
- Mass public subscription is necessary
- Real-Time on-demand service
- Basic access is via web-site
- Full-service is via smart phone app







Minimum that can be Done

- Large company based car pool
- Study current travel patterns and predict post travel patterns
 - Some employees will adapt in exchange of a reward
- Set reasonable target
- Maintain on-line website with email notifications







No of Employees using a private car = 1000 Employees opting for car pool = 600

Car occupancy (passengers)	Parking bays required		Fuel saved
1	600	-0%	0%
2	300	-30%	30%
3	200	-40%	55%
4	150	-45%	68%





Minimum target = share a ride once a week, and offer a ride once a week





Thank You

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Car Share

- An alternative to full car ownership.
- Car ownership is divided among a number of owners.
- May reduce congestion and parking problems, but not CO₂
- Operated by a company, with part-owners contributing to fund car fleet.
- Dynamic and static versions depending on ICT infrastructure.