


Autonomous vehicles: The next step in accessibility?

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Expected changes and challenges

Expected changes

Autonomous vehicles:

- Management of the transition until 2025-2040
- Reorganisation of public transport by new fleet operators
- Mobilisation of all current non-car users
- Accessibility gains and related urban sprawl

Behavioural changes:

- On-line shopping growth and its delivery services (drones, delivery robots, delivery points, autonomous delivery/pick-up)
- Timing and location of work
- (Scale of formal work)

Challenges

Making the Paris 2015 real:

- Electrification of regional traffic
- Continuing growth in long distance travel/freight

Balancing work/home locations:

- ,Optimal' built density (m^3/km^2) and human density (m^2/head)
- Balanced road use (noise, emissions, quality of stay)

CBDs with radically fewer/other retail outlets

Aging of society

Potential loss of control of traffic flow

- What can the public still do ?

Expected AV impacts

Some expected AV impacts

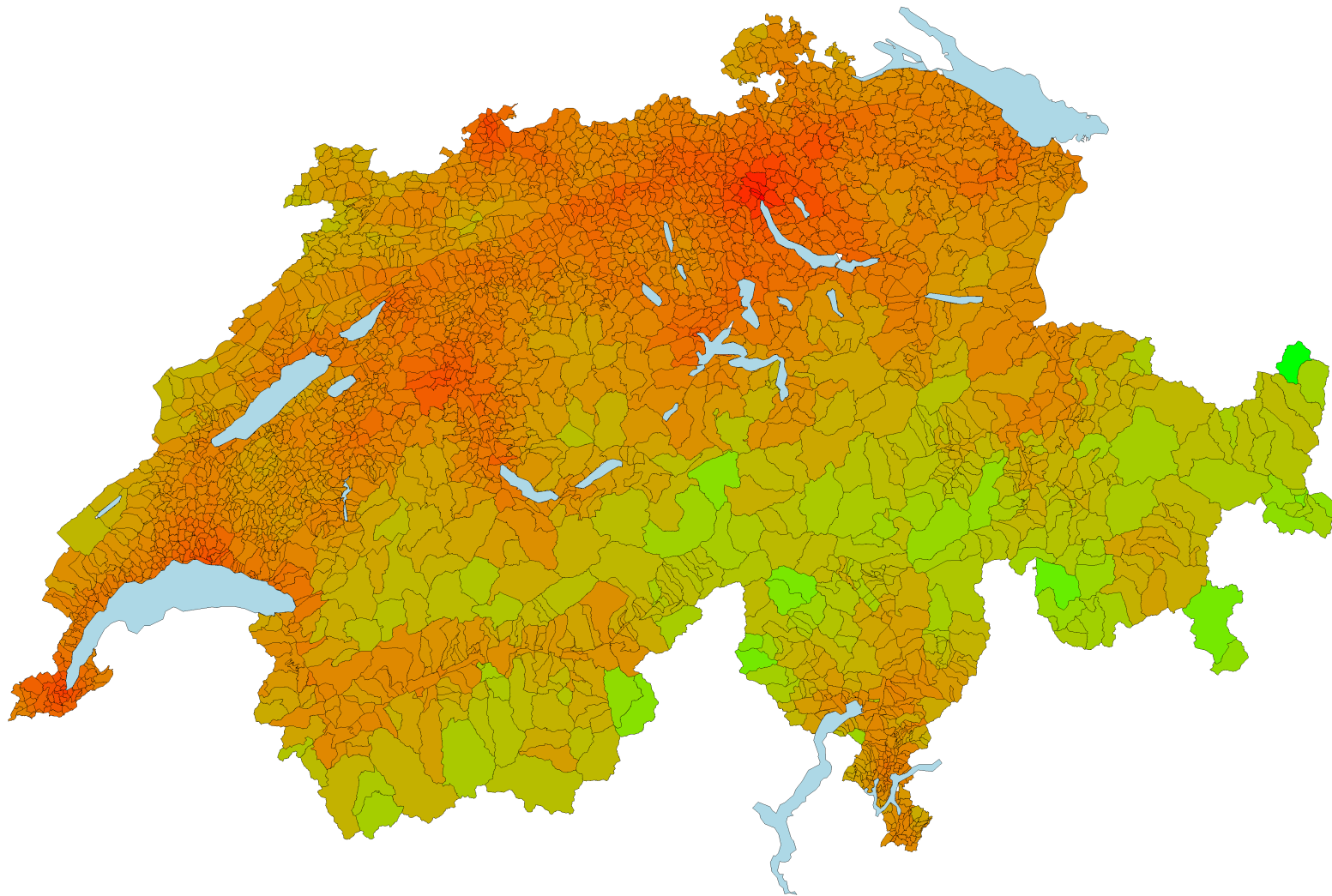
- New travellers in Switzerland:
 - Between 6 and 17: 2.3%
 - Between 65 and 80: 3.3%
 - Over 80: 3%
- Volume of empty trips: 18-53% of current car flows
- Additional capacity:
 - + 78% (Friedrich, 2015)
 - + 270% (Tientrakool et al., 2011)

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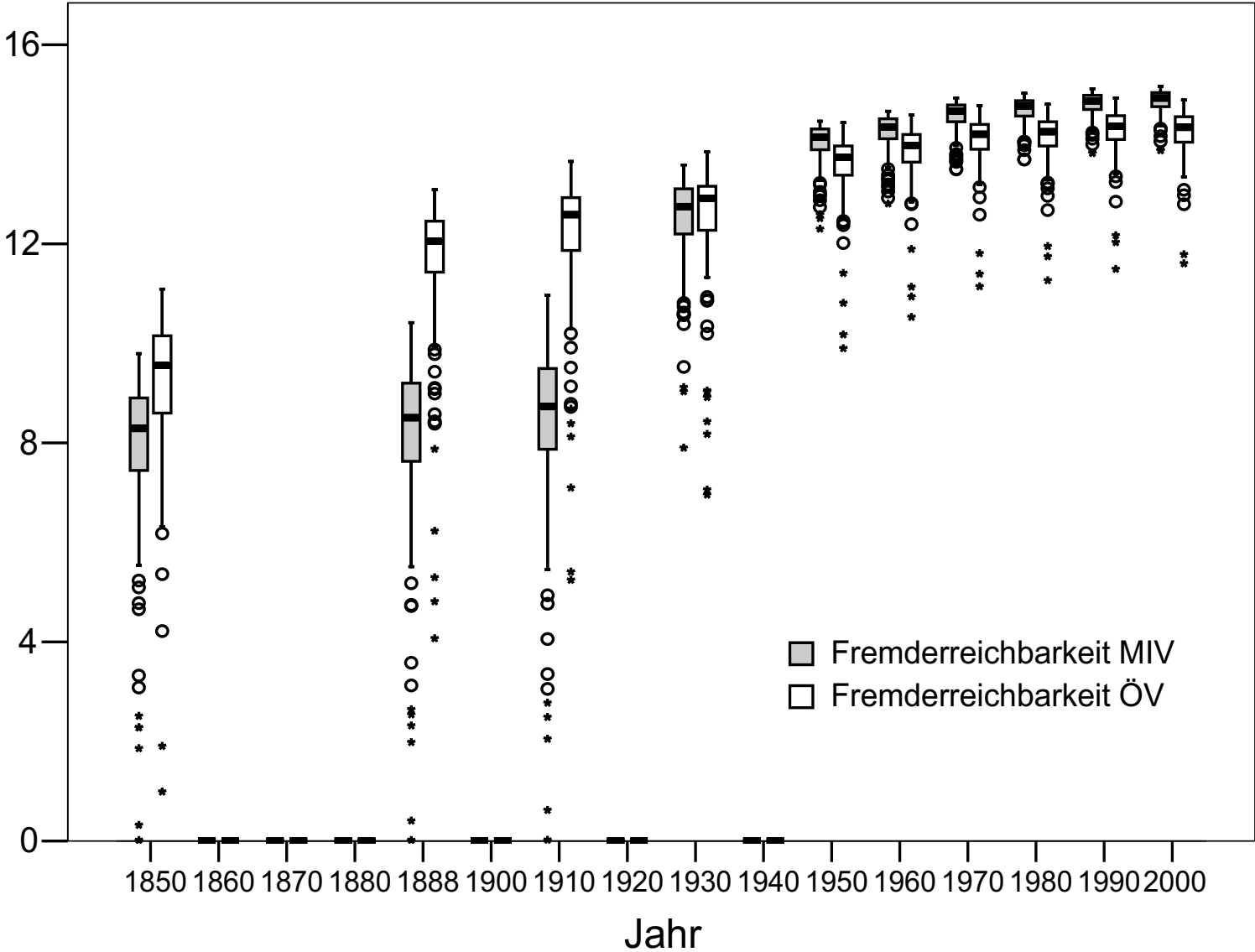
- Lower per km costs:
 - Shared fleets (between 10-30% of the current Swiss fleet depending on service levels (See Bösch et al., forthcoming))
 - Market power in purchasing and servicing the fleet
 - Electrified fleet
 - Vehicle pooling, say doubling of the current car occupancy (see Dubernet, Rieser-Schüssler and Axhausen, 2013)
- More comfort and time usability during the ride

Expected AV impacts on accessibility

Switzerland: current general accessibility



Accessibility of Swiss Bezirke since 1850



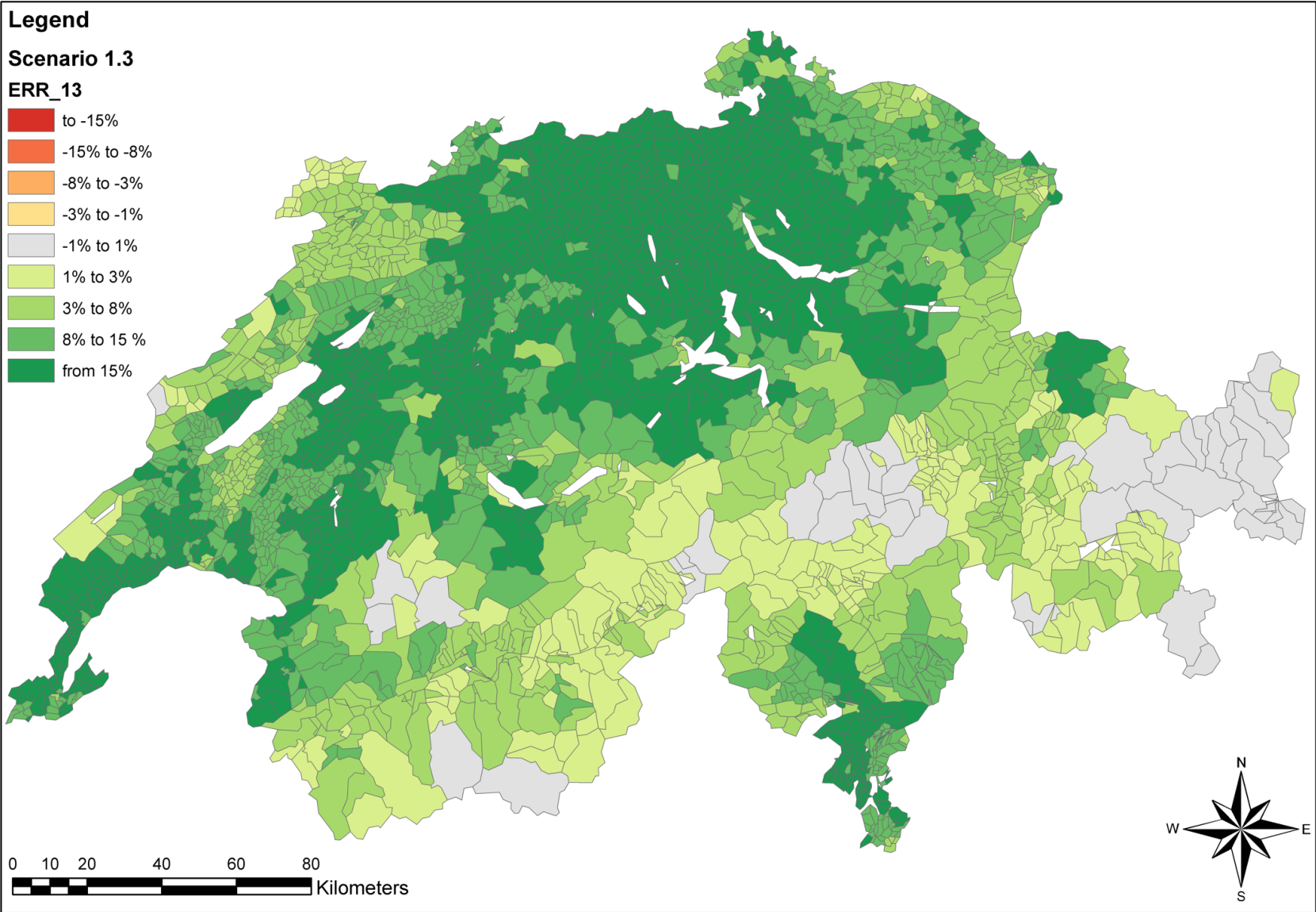
Source: Axhausen wt al. (2011)

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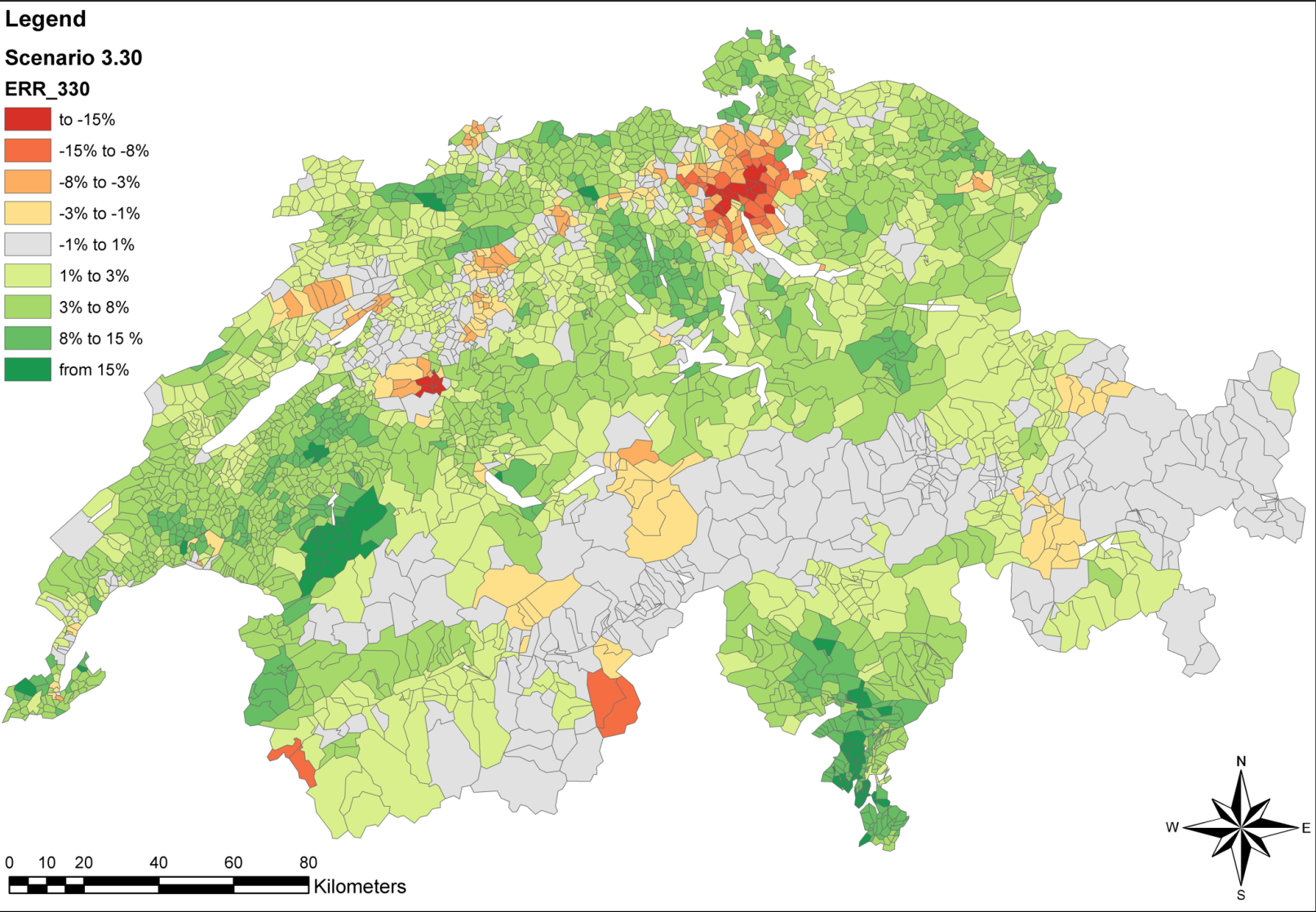
Demand facets	Elasticity wrt accessibility	Elasticity wrt price index
Share out-of-home	0.61	-0.06
Number of trips	0.44	-0.19
Number of trips per journey	0.24	-1.66
Time out-of-home	0.10	-0.84
Daily VMT	1.14	-1.95

Accessibilities after 100% AV introduction

+78% capacity, current demand with 100% private AV



+78% capacity, pooling only, 15% more + 100% of transit



Summary of the very first assumption-driven results

- The future of transit hangs in the balance
- The gains need to be translated into a new balance :
 - More street space for pedestrians and cyclists
 - More street space for pick up/delivery points
 - Rethinking urban form
- New price systems for public transport and low income residents

Questions ?

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