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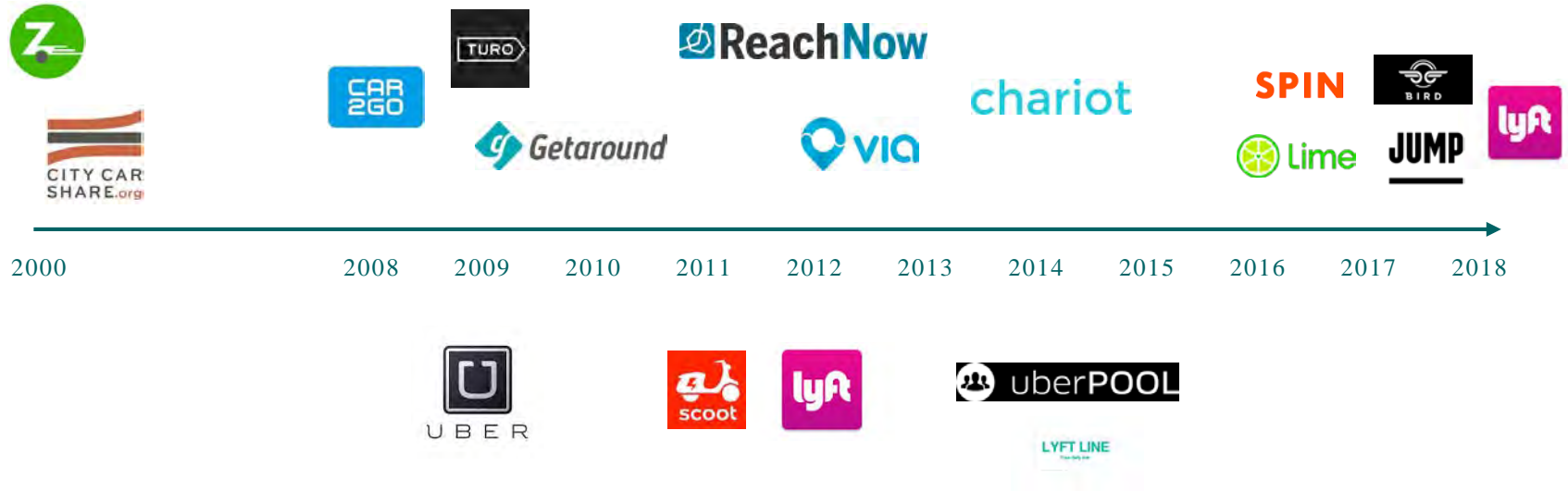
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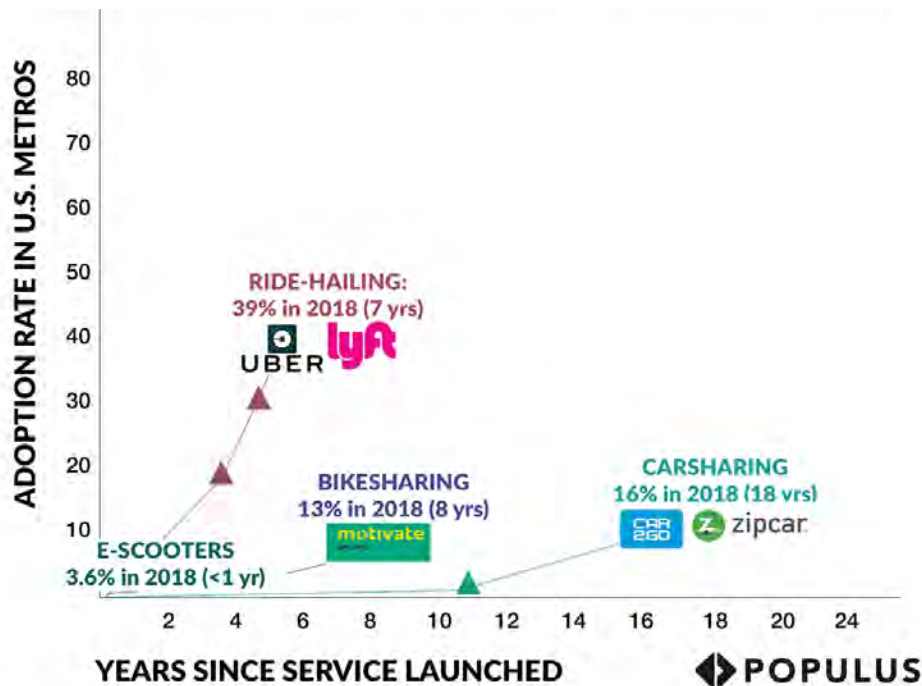
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SHARED MOBILITY SERVICES HAVE RAPIDLY EVOLVED IN CITIES

| 2000 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |

ADOPTION OF NEW MOBILITY SERVICES IS ACCELERATING

RIDE-HAILING:
39% in 2018 (7 yrs)

BIKESHARING
13% in 2018 (8 yrs)

CARSHARING
16% in 2018 (18 vrs)

E-SCOOTERS
3.6% in 2018 (<1 yr)

ADOPTION RATE IN U.S. METROS

YEARS SINCE SERVICE LAUNCHED

Source: The Micro-Mobility Revolution, A Populus Research Report, July 2018

KEY FACTORS HAVE LED TO RAPID GROWTH

1 **GPS:** smartphone adoption has risen from 35% in 2011 to 77% in 2018

2 **Traffic:** in multiple major cities, it is likely faster to bike or scooter trips that are 3 miles or less

3 **Venture capital:** these companies have raise more money faster than prior mobility service providers

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THE IMPORTANCE OF DATA FOR MANAGING MOBILITY SERVICES

Cities need data to developed informed policies and transportation plans. Their goals typically are to steer progress towards:
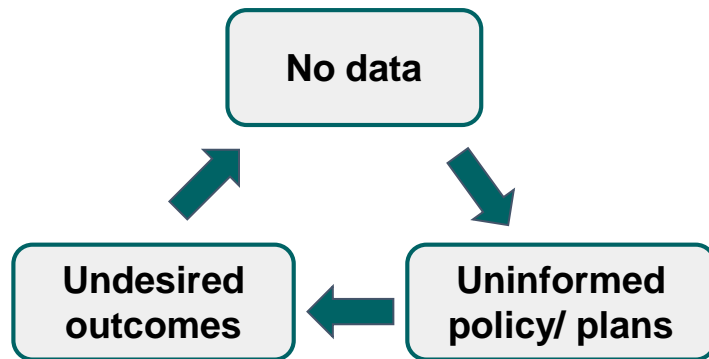
CITIES ARE LOOKING OUT FOR THE COMMON GOOD

1 **Safety:** reducing transportation-related injuries and fatalities.

2 **Equitable access:** improving availability and accessibility of transportation services to people of all backgrounds.

3 **Efficiency:** prioritizing efficient use of public space, and reducing transportation energy use/ climate impacts.

No data

Undesired outcomes

Uninformed policy/ plans

WHY DOCKLESS MOBILITY HAS BEEN EASILY AND QUICKLY REGULATED

Cities from coast to coast have adopted dockless mobility regulations in 2018.

- Fleets are owned

- Vehicles are small

- Vehicles are stationary (for a significant portion of time)

- Shared best practices

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2 **General parking restrictions:** general guidelines related to where scooters/ bikes cannot be parked, and potentially language reserving the city's right to designate incentivized or dis-incentivized (fined) parking areas.

3 **Data sharing requirements:** real-time or archival reports on vehicle fleet size/ availability, trips, and incidents (e.g. complaints, safety, etc.).

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COMMON MICROMOBILITY DATA REQUIREMENTS

COMMONLY REQUESTED DATA POINTS FROM OPERATORS

- Trips

- Vehicles

- Maintenance logs

- Complaints

- Injuries

REQUEST DATA THROUGH INDUSTRY STANDARDS

- GBFS (General Bike Feed Specification) is commonly required for public-facing APIs of vehicle locations (for example to third-party apps).

- MDS (Mobility Data Specification), introduced by LADOT, is now being used widely to require trip, vehicle status, and route data.
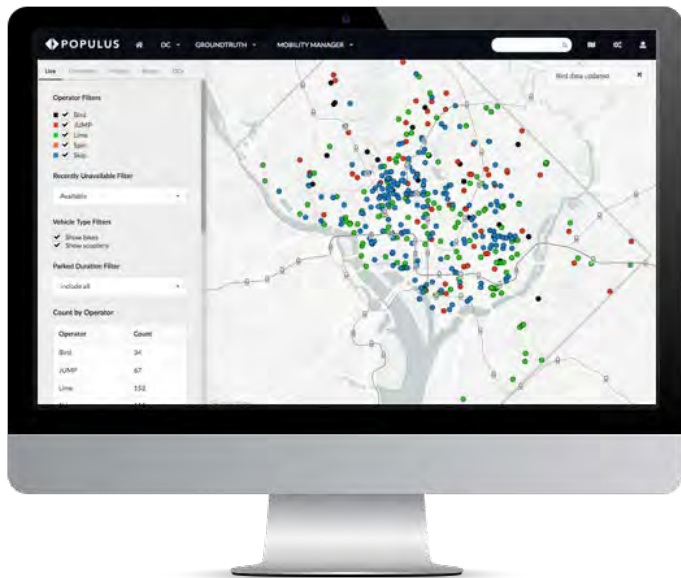
COLLECT SURVEY DATA TO ANSWER KEY QUESTIONS

- Many key policy questions cannot be answered with GPS based locational data alone. They require asking people to respond to a survey.

- Cities should require that operators collect data in a consistent format approved by the city.

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CITIES ARE TRANSITIONING TOWARDS ACTIVE MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

With access to real -time data for new mobility services (today primarily dockless shared bikes and scooters), cities are entering a new era of active mobility management.

KEY EXAMPLES

- Vehicle and fleet monitoring
- Incident management
- Data-driven policy (e.g. flexible vehicle caps)
- Data-driven planning
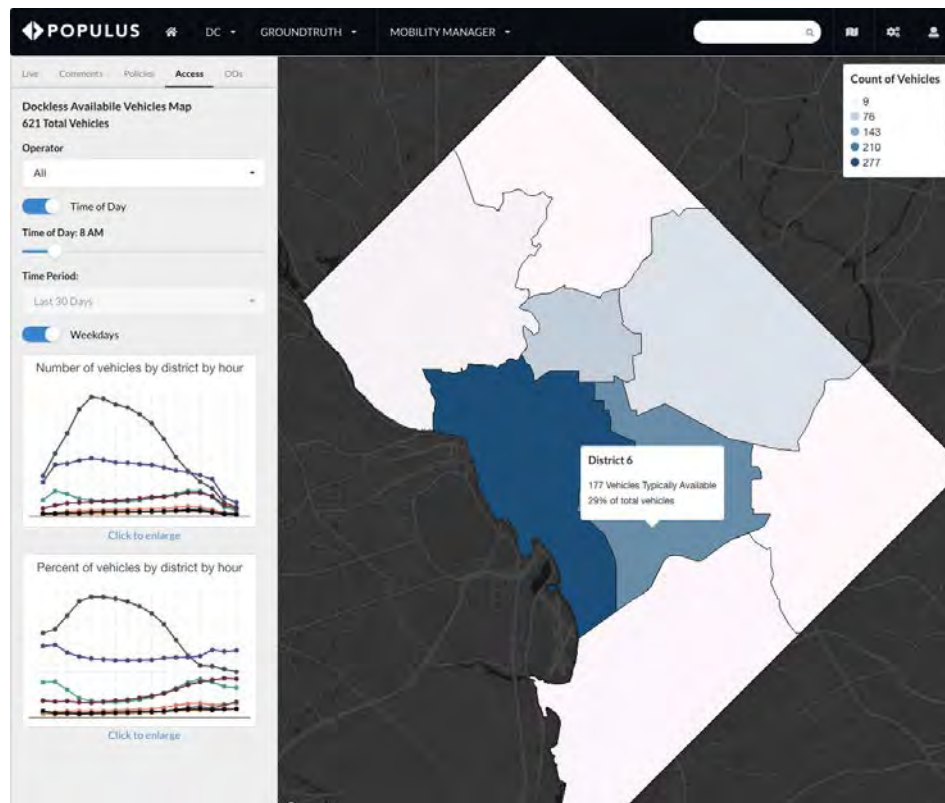- Pricing to efficiently allocate public space

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EVALUATING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO MICROMOBILITY

Equitable access to new mobility services by disadvantaged communities is a key concern for cities.
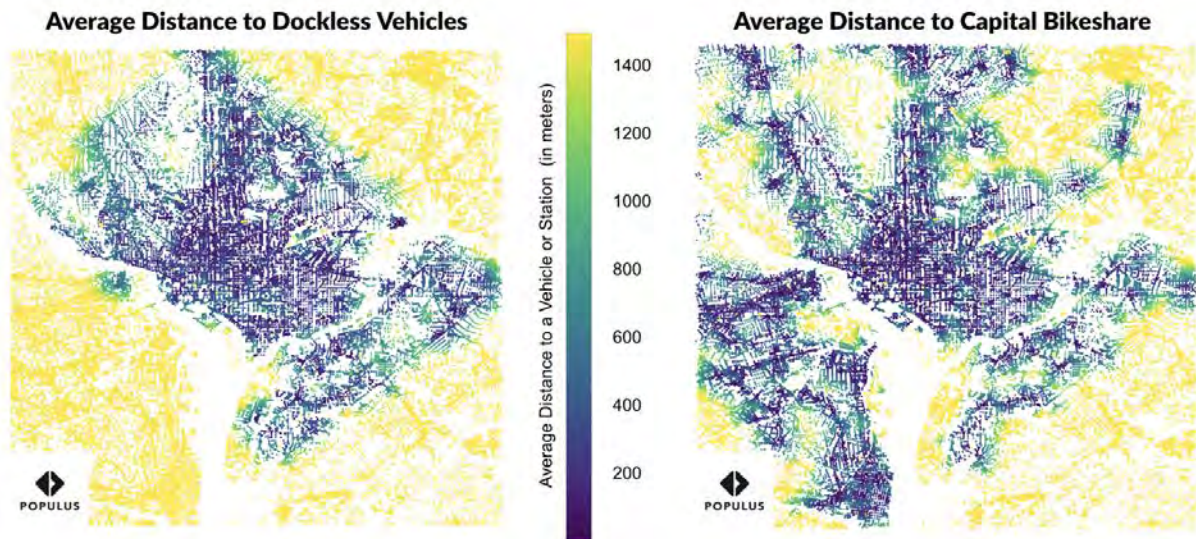
With access to real-time and historical data, cities can better design for equity.

Key examples:
- Incentivizing placement of a specific # or % of vehicles in underserved communities.
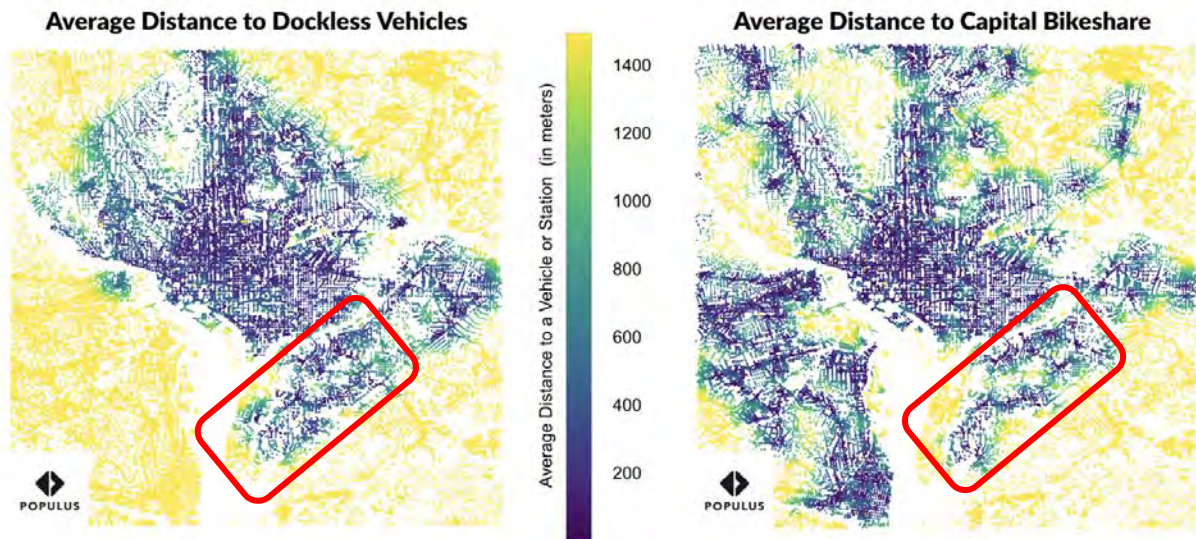- Developing a low-income program for new mobility services and to <u>measure</u> progress.

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EVALUATING EQUITABLE ACCESS: A MORE ROBUST ANALYSIS

Average Distance to Dockless Vehicles

Average Distance to Capital Bikeshare

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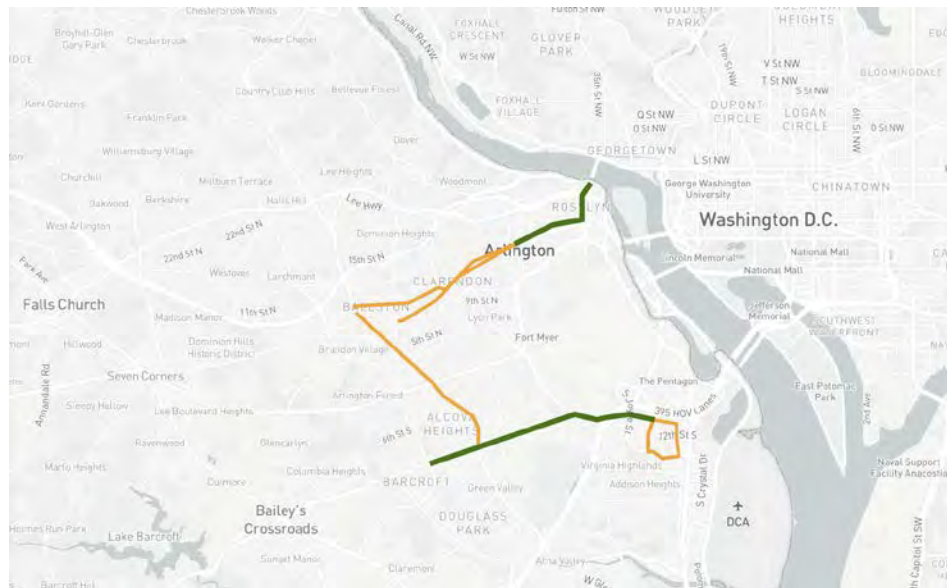# EVALUATING EQUITABLE ACCESS: A MORE ROBUST ANALYSIS

- We evaluated the average distance to a bike (or scooter) for each street intersection.
- In Ward 8 (traditionally underserved), one can access a dockless vehicle within a shorter distance than the pre-existing docked system.
- Analysis of utilization rates suggests that dockless is not cannibalizing the existing docked system.

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EXPANDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Cities that receive detailed trip data can now harness GPS trace data to plan safer routes for bicycling and scooter infrastructure such as protected lanes and parking areas.

In addition to requiring that operators provide stationary vehicle location data (i.e. parked vehicles), the city would also need to require trip and route data through a standard such as the Mobility Data Specification (MDS).

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EFFICIENT ALLOCATION OF SCARCE PUBLIC SPACE

As we look to the future, many cities are exploring strategies for more efficient curbside utilization, including:

- Removing underutilized on-street parking to create pick-up/drop-off zones for fleet vehicles.

- Pricing and incentivizing public space for shared fleets, including curbs and sidewalks, for micromobility parking.

- Using data to identify mobility hubs, where transit and shared modes can be designed to be complementary.

Lime and Populus announced a new partnership to validate use of on-street parking for their free-floating car-sharing vehicles, the LimePod, for a city.

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