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## Consider Novel, High-density, CarFree Urban Modules for Efficient Use of Land, Material, Energy

Please anticipate now millions of internally displaced persons (IDP's) fleeing rapid sea level rise, within a few decades, in CA and USA alone: where will we put them ? What will we build for them that they, and we, can afford ? Is this our opportunity to rectify USA's post-WW2 mistake -- building our cities for cars instead of for people ? CEC should try, via a new GFO focused on this and / or similar concepts:

https://vimeo.com/373679728

" Designing "CarFreeâ€● Cities to Welcome Millions Fleeing Rapid Sea Level Rise, Within a Few Decades "

Many CEC and social equity objectives will be embraced by imagining and designing new mixed-density urban modules accommodating 100,000+ people, of loop toplogy based on concentric, contra-rotating fixed-guideway transit systems serving all accessibility needs for people and goods, while excluding all personal private vehicles from the "CarFree" urbanized area. CAPEX, OPEX, and land use would be greatly conserved. Many such urban "donut", "torus" shaped urban modules would necessarily be superimposed upon -- helicoptered down upon -- low-density regions of CA and USA cities, which includes most of the land areas, a "taking" of extant private property for which compensation is required: justified, in the context of the "Climate Change" emergency.

These "CarFree" loops would be built with best-practices conservation of materials and energy, water and land, attempting a "circular economy". People would walk and interact more than in today's USA urban life. Mental and physical health care savings might supply most of the needed capital. Savings in personal after-tax income required to own and operate several personal vehicles per family would service the balance of needed capital.

This will be a better investment than futile attempts to prevent loss of coastal property to rising seas, or dangerous attempts at geoengineering to reduce insolation upon Earth. We should now carefully consider such extraordinary responses to the unprecedented and imminent panoply of dangers self-inflicted by unrestrained anthropogenic GHG emissions, while we may still have time to act. California is probably the best place to start; CEC might lead, with EPIC or other funds.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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- Mitigation: cut GHG
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- Geoengineering



## **Greenland Ice Melting**

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## Antarctic tidewater glacier calving



## **Antarctic Ice Melting**



## The Next Okies

- Another tragedy:
  - New "Dust Bowl"
  - "Global Climate Change" (GCC)
  - Displaced by rapid sea level rise
- Load the SUV, drive uphill, inland
- Lost real estate equity
- Welcome them: empathy
- National, global emergency
- Where put them ?
- What build for them ? What afford ?
- Avoid sprawl

# WHY "CARFREE, USA" ?

- "Climate Change Emergency": plan, design NOW
- Within a few decades
- Millions of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's)
- Unfortunates. Tragedy: Dust Bowl
- Real estate equity lost; homes, jobs lost
- Migrate upland, inland

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### New, complete, urban "Loop Communities" upon extant USA low-density cities: "city within a city"

Helicopter down	Overlay
Drop	Inflict
Impose	Envision, design, build, operate
no will own, operate	?

Who will live there ? IDP ghettos ?

# WHY "CARFREE" ?

- "Climate Change Emergency": plan, design NOW
- Millions of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's): 2100
- Real estate equity lost
- Migrating upland, inland
- Cannot afford tract home; we don't want sprawl
- How accommodate ? Where ? What build ?
- Anticipate, now: design, zone, comp plans, RFP
- "Access", not "mobility"
- Lower capex: private, public
- Lower opex: private after-tax, public
- Lower "embodied" energy, materials = lower GHG
- Recover from post-WW2 mistake: designed for cars, not people → Opportunity



New York Scenario 2100

Unconstrained fossil fuel combustion

Source: Climate Central 29 Oct 2019



New York Scenario 2100

Extreme carbon cuts

Source: Climate Central 29 Oct 2019



#### San Diego

Scenario 2100 Unchecked pollution Very difficult to predict

Source: Climate Central 29 Oct 19



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#### **Bangkok**

Unchecked pollution Estimated date: 2100 Very difficult to predict

Source: Climate Central



Bang Bua Thong Bang Yai n Pong **Bang Kruai** Bangkok-Sam Phran Chach haram Krathum Baen Ban Khlong Bang Sao Thong **Ban Phaeo** Ban Bang Bo (1) Samut Sakhon Bang Pake buri Samut Songkhram

#### **Bangkok**

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### Land at risk of inundation by year 2100: Thailand



# **3 REVOLUTIONS**

Institute of Transportation Studies (ITS), UC Davis Dan Sperling, et al, 2018

- **1. Autonomous Vehicles (AV's) -- "self-driving"**
- 2. Shared mobility: Transportation Network
  - **Companies (TNC)** 
    - -- Uber
    - -- Lyft
- **3. Electric vehicles: (all sizes)** 
  - Battery Electric (BEV)
  - Fuel Cell (FCV), hydrogen fueled hybrid electric

Panacea ? Help with sea level rise emergency ?

# WHAT IS "CARFREE, USA" ?

- Complete necklace of "Villages" dropped on low-density US cities
  - Complete "city within, upon, a city"
  - Diverse
  - Most services
- No: -- Personal vehicles in urbanized areas.
  - -- Parking lots or structures
  - -- Driveways, garages
- 100,000 + people
- Density high, stress low
- Low COL (cost of living)
- New urban lifestyle
- New urban topology
- Prevent sprawl
- Personal vehicles stored

# WHAT IS "CARFREE, USA" ?

- Efficiency:
  - Land, habitat
  - Energy
  - Materials
  - Time: everyone
- Replicate:
  - Many US cities
  - Intersect, as needed
  - Prevail in USA ? Beyond ?
  - Replace "car culture"





#### "Village" node

- Typical; unique
- Transit station centric
- Build "Community"
- Dominant use varies
- Influence envelope
- Pavement
- No private LDV's
- No "parking"
- No driveways
- No garages
- TAAS
- TNC's
- More "Access"
- Less "Mobility"
- Pearls on necklace

**TAAS:** Transportation As A Service

TNC: Transportation Network Company (Uber, Lyft)

# WHAT IS "CARFREE" ?

- Response to national, global emergency: rapid sea level rise
- New urbanity "imposed" upon extant cities
  - Low-density regions
  - Overlay
  - Helicopter down
- "Taking" of private property
- High-density
- No private personal vehicles in urbanized areas
- Topology: loop, donut, torus
- Station-centric "village" nodes
- "Access" via contra-rotating fixed-guideway transit, stations @ 500 m
- Light rail, streetcar, hybrid:
  - Electric drive
  - On-board Hydrogen or battery energy
- Passengers, packages, mail, freight UPS, FEDEX, other
- Paving:
  - Walk, bike
  - Service vehicles
  - Emergency vehicles

# WHAT IS "CARFREE" ?

- Rapid Response to national, global emergency: rapid sea level rise
- Conceptual template
- Planned community: many examples
- "Access" replaces "Mobility"
- Peripheral parking for personal vehicles

#### **Complete necklace of "Villages" dropped on low-density US cities**

- Complete "city within, upon, a city"
- Diverse
- Most services: max "access"

## **Benefits, Costs**

#### **Benefits:**

- Walk, bike more: healthier, reduce all health care costs
- Lower COL (cost of living): Lower --
  - Private vehicle ownership
  - Private after-tax expense
  - Lower public capex, opex
- Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions:
  - Transportation
  - New buildings
  - Lower embodied energy
- Avoid sprawl
- Envelope influence effect: car-independence propagates outward
- Enhance human contact; community → Happiness

#### **Investments:**

- Taking private property: eminent domain
- Transport system: fixed guideway loops, rolling stock, stations
- Other infrastructure: utilities, village paving



#### **Costs:**

**Reward-to-Risk ratio:** 

## **DESIGNING CARFREE, USA** Very complex: start NOW

- Recruit, select host cities: reception, permitting
- Verify market: finance ?
- Topology: Transportation system loop
- Loop diameter, village diameter
- Right-of way, footprint, influence envelope
- Population target
- Schedule: urgent
- Compose RFP; RFQ. Design-Build ? Operate ?
- Finance: costs, cash flow, reward : risk
- Success motivates:
  - Car-independent living propagates beyond loop
  - Greater devotion to mitigation



Fleeing Rapid Sea Level Rise

Salt Lake City, UT low density

Google Earth

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Des Moines, IA Surrounded by world's best farmland

Des Moines









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" There's a better way to do it ... Find it " Thomas Edison

## Think: systems engineers

#### Perpetual motion ? Free storage ?



## Solar Hydrogen Energy System



# **Transform Entire Human Enterprise**

- Our responsibility, obligation
- "Climate Change" emergency
- All human activity
- Near-total de-carbonization (CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Near-total de-GHG-emission
- Enormous business opportunity

FOCUS: Transform world's largest industry



# **Energy: Greatest Humanitarian Gift**

- Gaia, species, systems, peoples
- Global energy system: achieves all --
  - Benign
  - Relatively safe
  - Inexhaustible
  - Affordable: competitive
  - Preserve natural capital: Earth
  - Firm and dispatchable
  - Storage inherently free
  - Resilient, robust: acts of God and man
  - Cyberattack resistant
  - Unobtrusive infrastructure
  - Equitable: no monopoly
  - Distributed, autonomous
  - Ubiquitous on Earth



# **Transform Entire Human Enterprise**

- Humanitarian: prevent climate catastrophe
- Beyond energy, transport, electricity
- All human activity: "enterprise"
- Transform world's largest industry:
  - Quickly
  - Prudently
  - Profitably

#### World primary energy supply by source





- Peak energy ~ 2030 640 EJ =
- Efficiency up
- Fossil fuels: 81 % → 56 % 2050

#### Billion tons of oil equivalent (toe)



## World Energy Outlook 2019

International Energy Agency (IEA) www.iea.org / weo

- Dr. Fatih Birol, IEA Executive Director:
  - " ... crystal clarity ... there is no single or simple solution to transforming global energy systems."
  - "Without new policies in place, the world will miss its climate goals by a very large margin."
- Tomorrow's energy supply drivers:
  - Shale revolution
  - LNG (liquefied natural gas)
  - Falling costs of renewables
  - Digital technologies
- What is the world pathway to meet global climate targets and other sustainable energy goals?
- Africa: affect global trends ?
  - What energy choices
  - Rise of consumers
- Offshore wind: How large ?
- Could world's gas grids deliver low-carbon energy?

## **Transform World's Largest Industry**

## **Complete energy systems:**

- Renewable energy (RE)
- CO2-emission-free (CEF)
- Multiple sources
- Variable generation (VG): Time-varying output
- Integrated, synergistic
- Electrochemical or Carnot ?
- Move, store, as electricity or as water-split Hydrogen ?
  - Electrochemical: "electrolyzer" proven
  - Photochemical: catalyst
  - Biochemical: photosynthesis
  - Thermochemical: High-T solar, nuclear

Lower Dispensed Cost: Wind-source Hydrogen Fuel
 Entirely via electricity systems ?



BUSTER WAS CAUGHT BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE AGAIN. Danger: All eggs in electricity basket ?



Barking up the wrong tree!



"Grid"

Technically, Economically Suboptimal ?

**Obsolete** ?

**Opportunity cost to persist ?** 

## MITIGATION: USA, GLOBAL, LOCAL

Don't give up

- Quickly reduce, then zero, ALL anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Transform the world's largest industry from ~ 85% fossil to ~ 100% renewable, CO2-emission-free energy sources, as quickly as we prudently and profitably can
- Run the world on renewables
- Resist "adaptation" and "geoengineering"

- 1. Complete, integrated, optimized, CO2-emission-free energy systems based on C-free fuels Hydrogen (H2) and Anhydrous Ammonia (NH3) via pipelines
- 2. Deep (6 10 km), hot dry rock (HDR) geothermal via Electro Pulse Boring (EPB), to go deep enough, cheap enough, almost anywhere on Earth

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#### The Great Plains Wind Resource

#### **Continental scale**

PACIFIC





## Zion, IL

## Near Zion nuclear plant, Oct 02



Vulnerable to acts of God and man

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# Transform World's Largest Industry

#### **Hypothesis:**

- Limit elec to "first & last km, m" of energy system
- C-free fuels between: pipelines, low-cost storage

#### How to know? Who will model, study, propose?

- Urgent !
- Prevent opportunity costs: wasted capital → Grid invest
- Collaborative + funding
- Optimum mix, strategy

#### Hydrogen Energy Storage **Storage** ACgrid Wholesale 1,000 miles Hydrogen Gas Wind Pipeline 36" diameter, 1,500 - 500 psi Generators Generators ICE, CT, FC Pipeline Storage = 120 GWh Endusers Retail Electrolyzers Cars, Buses, Trucks, Trains Storage Wind Generators Liquefy Aircraft Fuel Geologic Storage ? Storage





# Out of Sight, Out of Harm's Way

8,000 MW alternatives: HVAC vs Hydrogen Pipeline

#### Wind Seasonality, Northern Great Plains 1,000 MW windplant: AEP = 3,500 GWh / yr "Firm" geal = 875 GWh / season Storage: 320 GWh per 1,000 MW wind

Source: NREL, D. Elliott



# Hydrogen Caverns in Texas Chevron-Phillips 25 years Praxair 6 years

Domal Salt **Storage Caverns Each:** 90 GWh \$15 million capex \$ 0.20 / kWh

## **TESLA Gigafactory, Nevada** 35 GWh / year Li-lon

Li-lon battery production Global total 2017 = 103 GWh / year Global total 2021 = 278 GWh / year

(Bloomberg)

- Hydrogen: 1 salt cavern @ \$ 15-20 million = 90 GWh
- Ammonia: 1 liquid tank @ \$ 15-20 million = 200 GWh



#### Capital: ROI

Deep (6-10 km) Hot Dry Rock (HDR) Geothermal



Electro-Pulse

## **Electro Pulse Boring**

- Deep geothermal heat: 240 C @ 8 km
- Electricity + DHS heat, anywhere
- Low-cost rock breaking in tension
- "Deep enough, cheap enough"
- No rotary abrasive drilling; drill rig ?
- Goal: \$ 150 / m, 50 cm diam, 5-10 km
- Hose return cuttings to surface
- Casing only through topsoil, aquifers



Thermosiphon: Greatly reduced pumping cost. No fracking at depth.



" Americans can be counted on to always do the right thing –

but only after they have tried everything else "

**Winston Churchill** 

The dog caught the car. Dan Reicher

## Far more Ambitious:

- Unacceptable scenarios: better, faster
- Renewables industry
- Beyond electricity systems
- Transportation + CHP fuels
- Hydrogen + ammonia fuels
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- ~ 100 % GHG-emission-free energy
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Following slides are supplemental. See more presentations, posters, videos at: www.leightyfoundation.org/earth.php

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This is a conceptual template for quickly installing high-density urbanization:

- Completely free of personal vehicles and their infrastructure
- As an integral loop -- donut, half-torus -- the only efficient topology for transit-only urbs
- "Helicopter down" upon low-density regions of extant cities, including brownfields
- Tangential and intersecting to accommodate more IDP's, and others attracted by CarFree lifestyle
- Population determines density and diameter: 100,000 or more, 3 km or more
- Long-term thinking guides and inspires short-term planning, to escape perpetual overautomobility

#### Addendum - B

Rationale:

- Rapid sea level rise will be a global emergency: will humanity survive ? Where and how ?
- Rapid response to rapid sea level rise: we must accommodate millions fleeing low-lying coasts.
- "Taking" private property for CarFree loops will be justified, and must be compensated.
- Plan and invest now: mature this conceptual CarFree template.
- Design first for Accessibility; then for Mobility. Good urban design minimizes need for mobility.
- Transportation trends are now toward shared, driverless, electric; CarFree is the ultimate
- Optimizes Transportation As A Service (TAAS)
- Design for people, not for cars
- Design for minimum Earth impact, smallest human footprint, closed-cycle services
- Goals: conservation of land, energy, materials, residents' time
- Lower Cost Of Living (COL); improve health, reduce health care cost -- walk & interact more
- Safer for young people: walk and bike everywhere

Enabling design features:

- Contra-rotating, concentric, transit loops
- Fixed-guideway system (FGS) transit: Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Light Rail Transit (LRT), streetcar
- Full-featured, community-center transit stations about every 500 m
- A train each way, every 5 min
- Integral, autonomous loop, donut, half-torus:
  - the only transit-efficient design
- The FGS carries people, packages, freight, mail
- Continuous paving for all service vehicles, Transportation Network
   Companies (Uber, Lyft, et al)
  - Peripheral parking lot(s) or structure(s) sequester the few for personal LDV's, plus rental cars
- "Cars" are centrally sequestered, fueled, charged, guarded, always available Low public infrastructure capex, opex
- Deduce private sensus energy
- Reduce private capex, opex

All activities are within walking distance of a transit station, a community center serving two, contra-rotating, concentric, fixed-guideway transit systems carrying people, packages, mail, and freight -- the heart of each roughly symmetrical neighborhood, community -- a pearl on the necklace.

No highway-capable personal vehicles (cars, SUV's, vans, pickups), of any propulsion energy, are allowed in the urbanized area.

These morphable "Villages" -- design and purpose, style and theme architecture, and layout and density -- may vary greatly. With the integral "donut", the community can fit any situation, geography, topology, as overlaid on a real city: Density x Diameter determines Population.

See J.A. Crawford's CarFree City graphics, books, and videos at: www.carfree.com





## IPCC Special Report 15 7 October 2018

- 1.5° C limit, or else ... tipping ?
- *likely* reach 1.5°C between
   2030 and 2052 at current rate
- ~ 2050 achieve net-zero global anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>
- DNV-GL "Energy Transition Outlook 2019"
  - Technology ready; policy not
  - Not fast enough

#### Notes - A:

- 1. J.W. Crawford, author: Joel Crawford <carfreecrawford[@]gmail.com> (edit @) <u>www.carfree.com</u> A large, eclectic website to explore. Two books may still be available:
  - a. Carfree Cities
  - b. Carfree Design Manual

2. Urgent: national, global emergency within a few decades. Sense of urgency, emergency absent. Disruption, collapse (Diamond)

- 3. Topologies, transportation systems
- 4. Health effects: walk more, improves health, reduce health care aggregate cost, pay for transport infrastructure as ROI
- 5. Accessibility, not mobility
- 6. Post WW2 mistake: design for cars, not for people; still propagating; stop digging hole deeper: Denver sprawl
- 7. IDP's: how many, when. What are needs ? Capabilities ? Where put them ?
- 8. Strategies: Avoid more sprawl Protect land; world's best farmland Minimize embodied energy + operating energy Density(ies). HongKong? Singapore Carfree: need not own one; ops and presence not allowed Big savings in after-tax car ownership ~= \$ 7,000 / yr TAAS, TNC's, "3 revolutions" Sperling hydrogen: energy systems, trains, LRT, streetcar Build human community; encounters; commons 9. Design features: Proximity; access village, neighborhood, center, industrial park, cluster plan: Tokyo rail stations, other Jane Jacobs: eyes on the street safety, quiet "design with nature", landscape architecture Flowchart, block diagram

#### Notes – B:

#### 10. Goals:

- a. Physical health
- b. Mental health
- c. Happiness, well-being: epidemic of sadness
- d. Save health care cost; walk more; healthier people; pay for public amenities
- 11. Photos: Carfree cities, city centers
- 12. Costs: infrastructure capex
  - Public
  - Private

Costs: infrastructure opex

- Public
- Private
- 13. Cash flow modeling: B&W graphic: private enterprise "new city"