

Mode Shift to Micromobility

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**make
everyday
better.**

\$2 of fuel to cross the Cook Strait...



ElectricAir founder Gary Freedman successfully made the first electric aircraft flight across Cook Strait on November 1, saying the "fuel" cost was just \$2.

<https://evsandbeyond.co.nz/e-aircraft-costs-2-to-cross-cook-strait/>



3 cent commute...

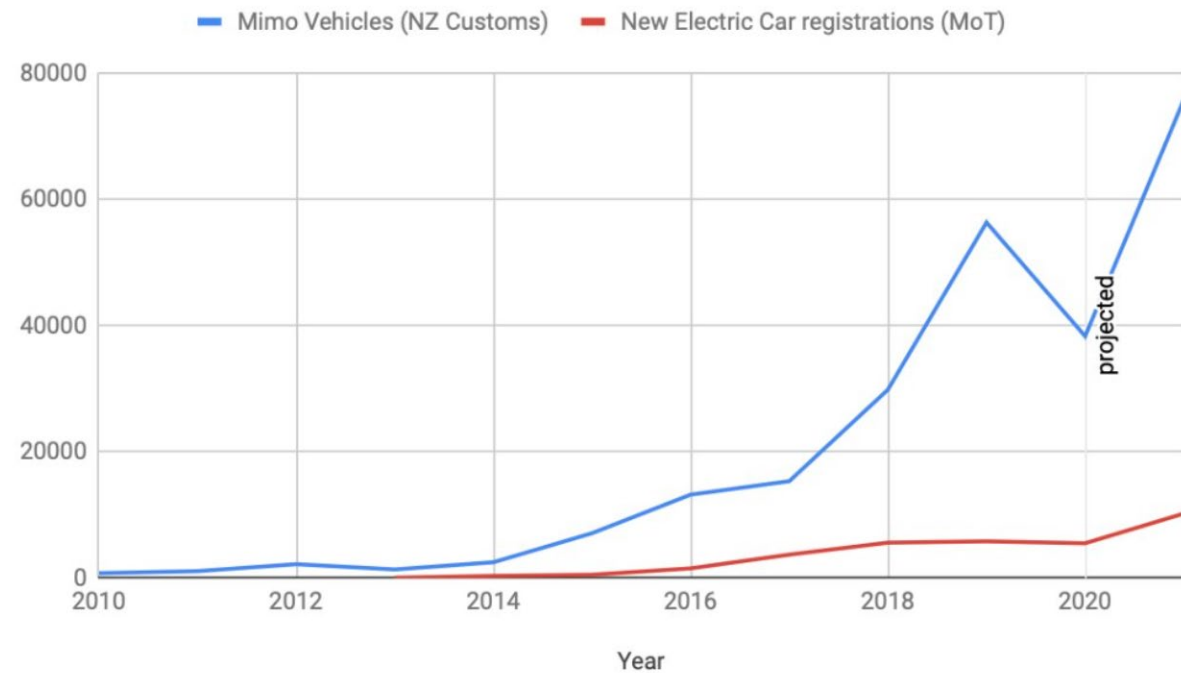
The Build Back Better Act wants you to buy an electric car. An electric bike? Not so much

The electric vehicle incentives in the Build Back Better Act show the dominance of car culture, even for people who are trying to transition to a cleaner economy.



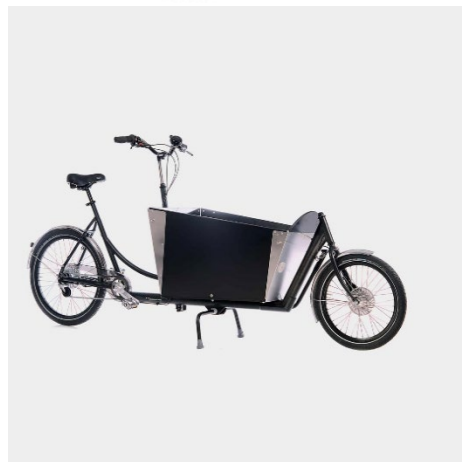
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NZ micromobility (ebikes/scooters) vs. electric car imports



Source: Oliver Bruce 2021

Micromobility



E-Scooter

E-Bike

E-Accessible

E-Moped

Powered Transport Devices
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Including e-
cargo

Powered
Wheelchairs

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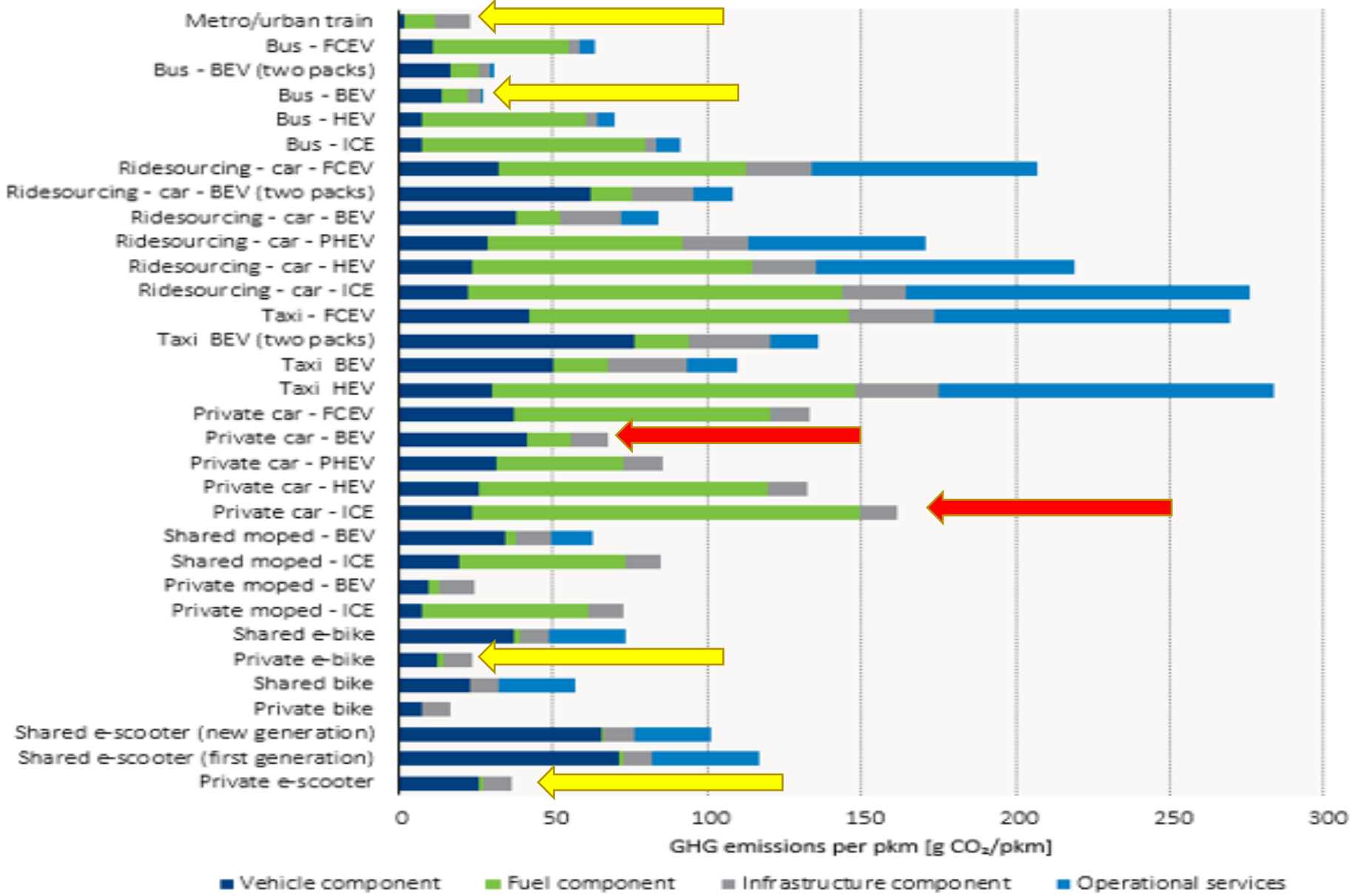


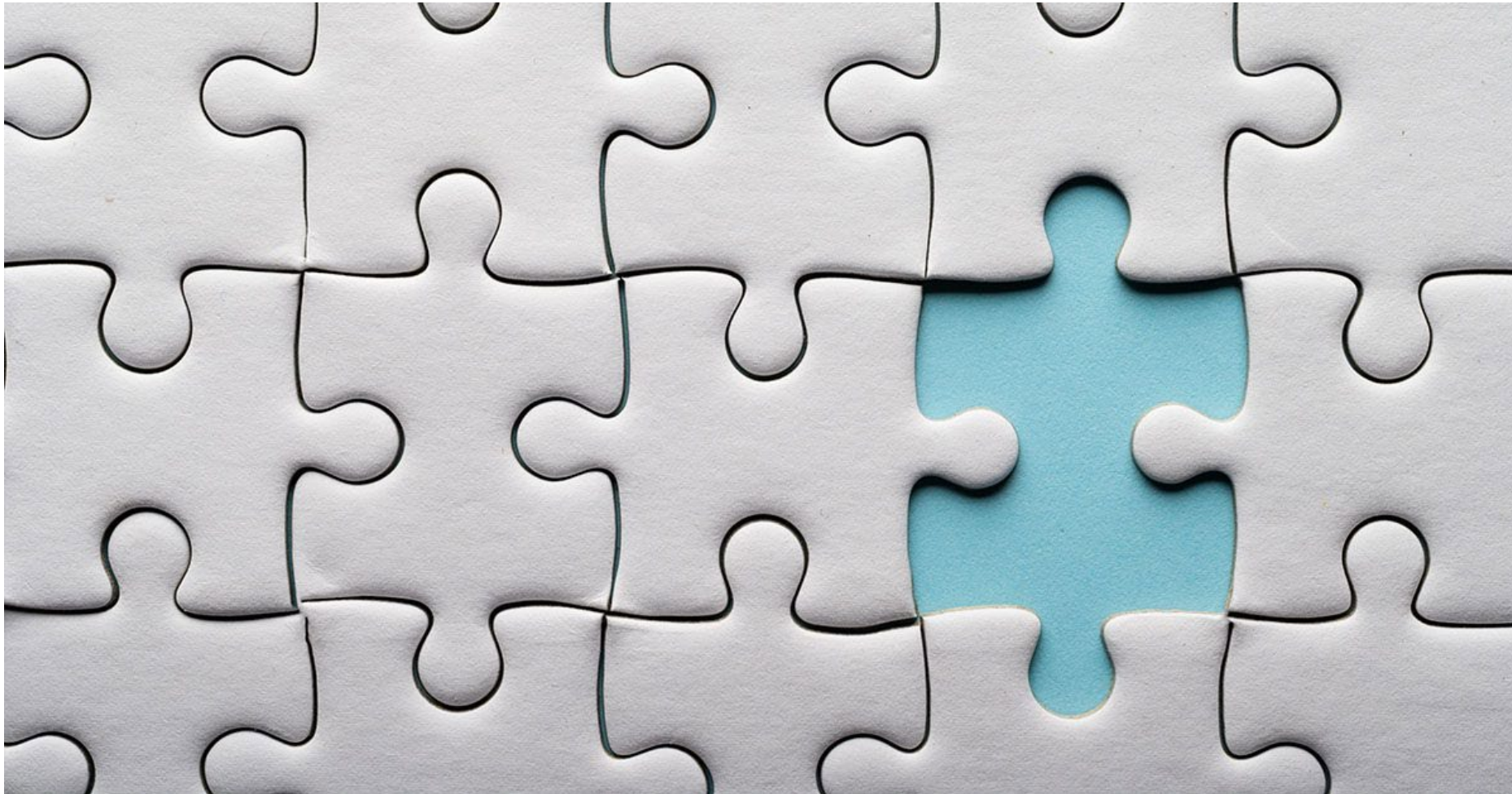
Figure 3 – Carbon Emissions per passenger km by transport mode (using NZ electricity generation)

International Transport Federation (ITF, 2020),
Good to Go? Assessing the Environmental
Performance of New Mobility (Corporate
Partnership Board Report) published 17
September 2020



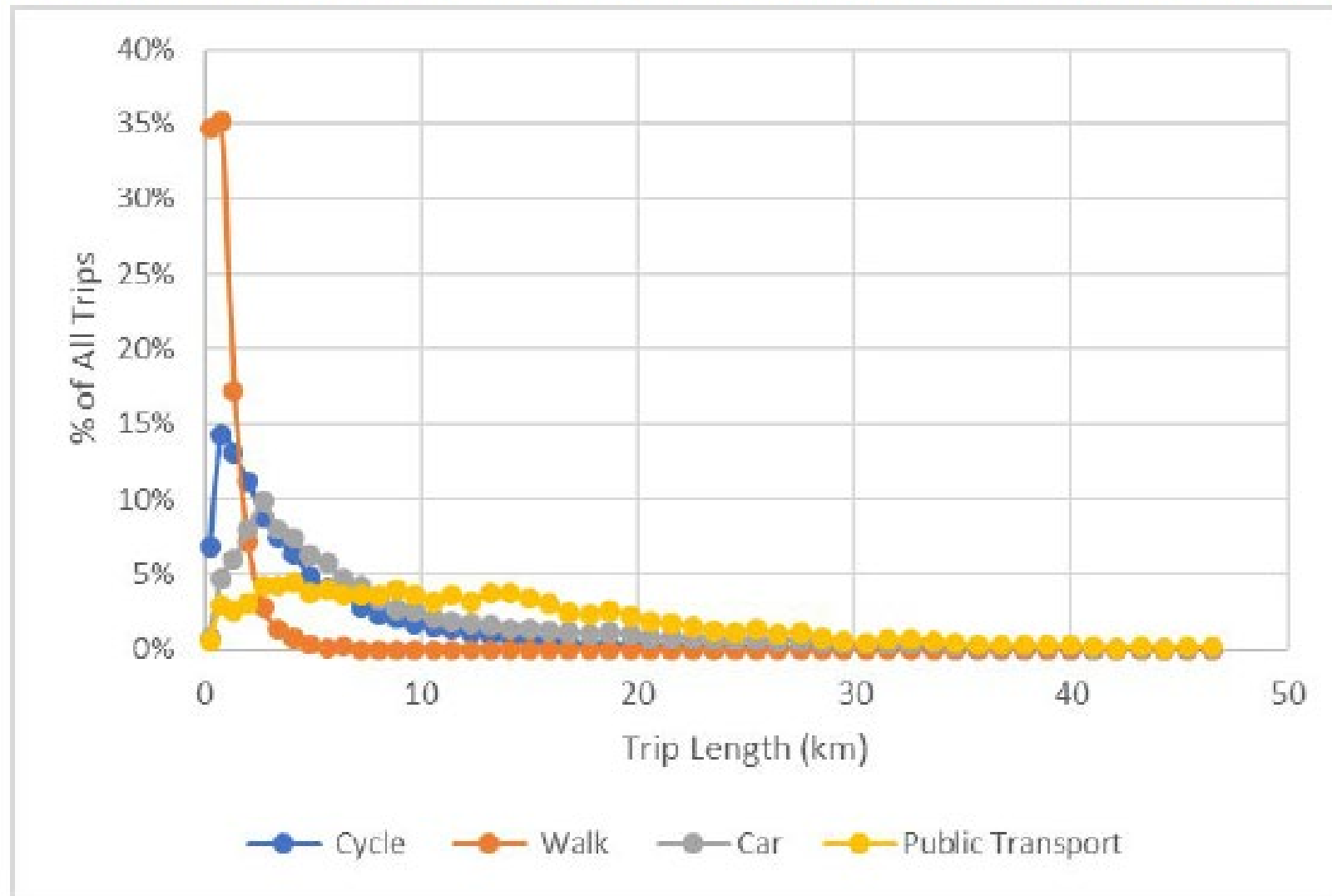
Will the growth in use of e-bikes be significant enough to **change the way we plan & invest** in our transport infrastructure?

The literature review:



The market for micromobility trips

Figure 5.4 Distribution of the existing 'market' of trips for each major mode, by trip length



Factors in mode shift

Trip range for micromobility modes

Preferences between micromobility modes

Uptake (% of people who'd consider micromobility for a trip)

Current mode

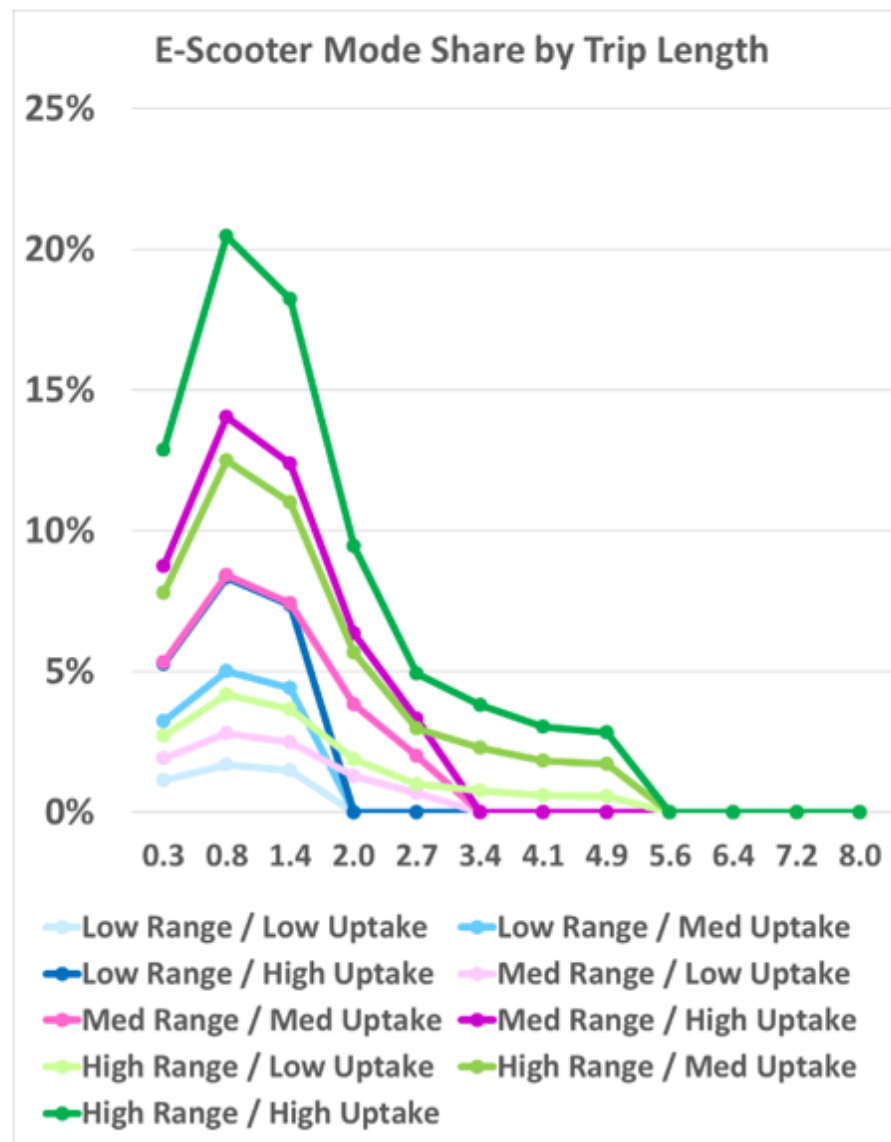
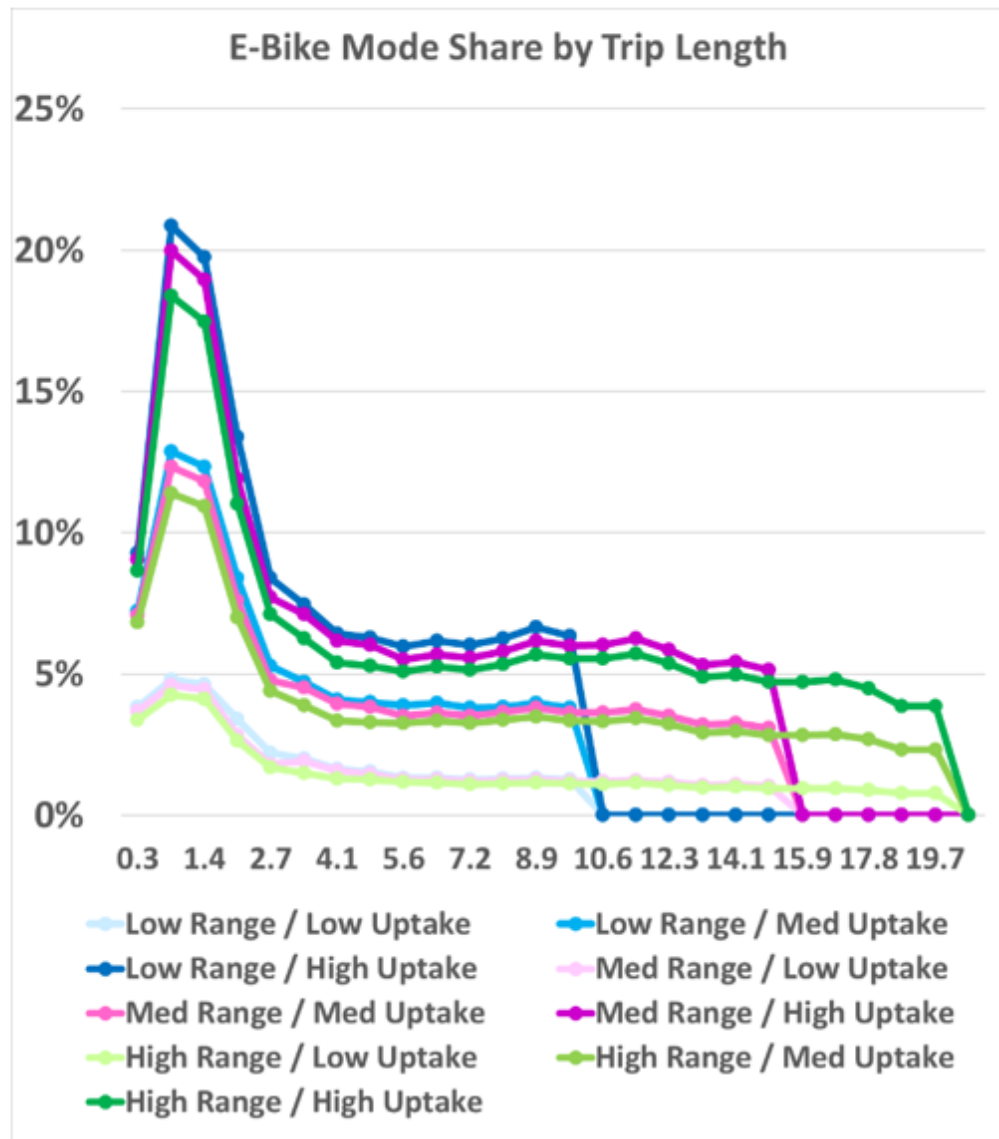

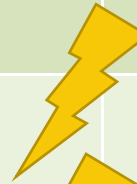




Figure 3 - Expected E-Scooter and E-Bike mode share by trip length, for various scenarios

Table 2 - Expected ranges of mode shift away from existing modes

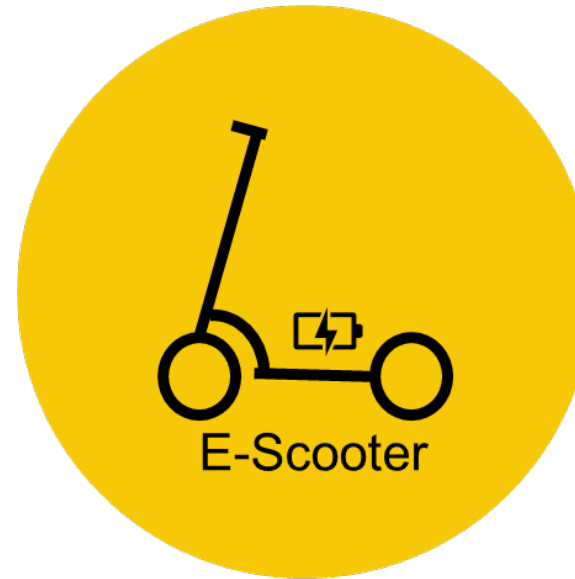
Initial Mode	Mode Shift		
	<i>To E-Scooter:</i>	<i>To E-Bike:</i>	<i>To E-Accessible:</i>
Walk	3% - 15% 	3% - 16% 	< 0.2%
Cycle	0%	34% - 46% 	0%
Car	0.2% – 1.2%	1.3% – 6.1% 	< 0.1%
PT	1% - 3%	3% - 10%	< 0.3%

Forecast Mode Share for Micromobility

Overall, **e-scooter mode share will typically be between 1.0% - 5.7%**

e-bike mode share will typically be 4.9% - 8.1%

...depending on a range of context factors.



Up to **5.7%**
mode share



Up to **8.1%**
mode share

Factors Affecting Mode Shift to Micromobility



Proximity of routes to 'attractive' destinations.



Quality and safety of route infrastructure.



Attractiveness of mode alternatives.



Maturity of network / transport culture.



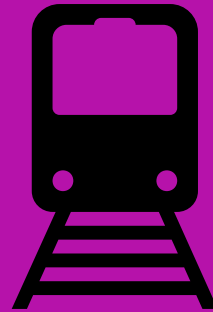
Amenity and aesthetic value of routes.



Socio-economic factors.

Mode Shift to Micromobility: Whole Trips

Up to a **9%**
increase in
PT trips



Overall, 'first mile last mile' use of micromobility in conjunction with public transport is expected to **increase public transport trips by between 3% - 9%**, depending on a range of context factors, and **decrease car trips by 0.5% - 2%**.

Factors Affecting First Mile / Last Mile Use Of Micromobility



Presence / maturity of mobility as a service (MaaS) .



Quality of public transport provided.



Availability of shared micromobility.



Provision for micromobility parking at connection points.



Ability to take devices onboard public transport services.



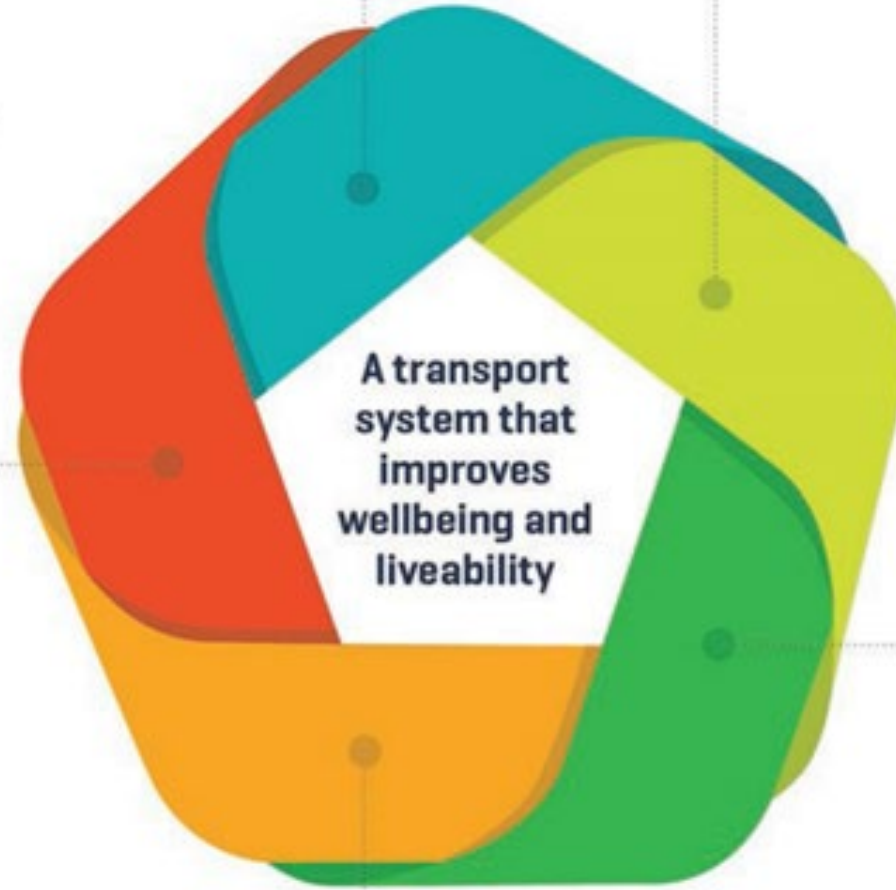
Maturity of micromobility culture in the location of interest.

Inclusive access

Enabling all people to participate in society through access to social and economic opportunities, such as work, education, and healthcare.

Economic prosperity

Supporting economic activity via local, regional, and international connections, with efficient movements of people and products.



A transport system that improves wellbeing and liveability

Healthy and safe people

Protecting people from transport-related injuries and harmful pollution, and making active travel an attractive option.

Environmental sustainability

Transitioning to net zero carbon emissions, and maintaining or improving biodiversity, water quality, and air quality.

Resilience and security

Minimising and managing the risks from natural and human-made hazards, anticipating and adapting to emerging threats, and recovering effectively from disruptive events.



To maximise the overall contribution of micromobility to wellbeing and liveability, **21 interventions** have been developed for practitioners to consider when planning micromobility initiatives.

Prioritise aesthetic, safe routes for investment

Provide clear signage for parking areas, speed

Introduce grant / subsidy schemes for purchase

Forecast space required on public transport

Plan for a micromobility role in resilience



More than 90% of trips won't shift to micromobility.

But the demand for micromobility trips will be 3 to 5 times more than for push-bikes.

If transport infrastructure programmes takes 5-10 years to implement, start now.



Discussion is welcome.

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