



North Texas UAS Safety and Integration Task Force

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NREL Overview



NREL at a Glance



1,998

Employees,

Plus more than

600

early-career researchers
and visiting scientists



World-Class

facilities, renowned
technology experts

nearly
820

Partnerships

with industry,
academia, and
government



Campus

operates as a
living laboratory

\$1.1B
annually

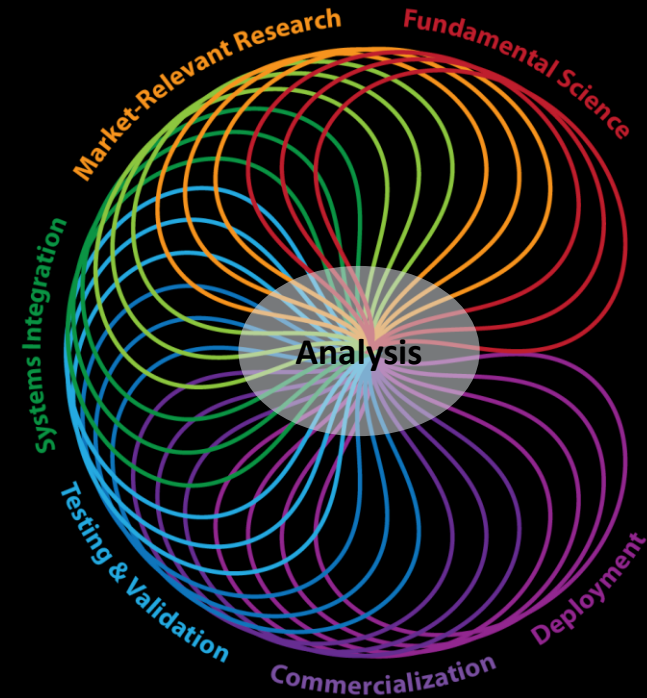
**National
Economic
Impact**

innovation Through *Deliberate Science*

Spectrum of Energy Innovation

From Science through Deployment

- Comprehensive approach to innovation
- Collaboration with private industry
- Connect science to the marketplace
- Deliver market-relevant technologies and competitive clean-energy products
- Guide with leading analysis



NREL Science Drives Innovation



Renewable Power

Solar
Wind
Water
Geothermal



Sustainable Transportation

Bioenergy
Vehicle Technologies
Hydrogen



Energy Efficiency

Buildings
Advanced Manufacturing
Government Energy
Management



Energy Systems Integration

High-Performance
Computing
Data and
Visualizations

NREL Core Capabilities: Foundation for Innovation



Analysis and System Integration

Decision Science
and Analysis

Systems Engineering
and Integration

Policy and Markets



Innovation and Application

Biological and Bioprocess Engineering

Chemical Engineering

Mechanical Design and Engineering

Power Systems and Electrical Engineering



Foundational Knowledge

Applied Materials Science
and Engineering

Biological Systems Science

Chemical and
Molecular Science

Advanced Computer Science,
Visualization, and Data



Crosscutting

Large-Scale User Facilities

Answering crucial questions about:



Technologies

What electric technologies are available now, and how might they advance?



Consumption

How might electrification impact electricity demand and use patterns?



System Change

How would the electricity system need to transform to meet changes in demand?



Flexibility

What role might demand-side flexibility play to support reliable operations?



Impacts

What are the potential costs, benefits, and impacts of widespread electrification?

Need for Decarbonization




Transportation Megatrends

Seven key megatrends are poised to **transform our transportation system**.

These trends have begun to affect our mobility behaviors, and impact how we, and the goods we need, will travel sustainably in the coming decades.

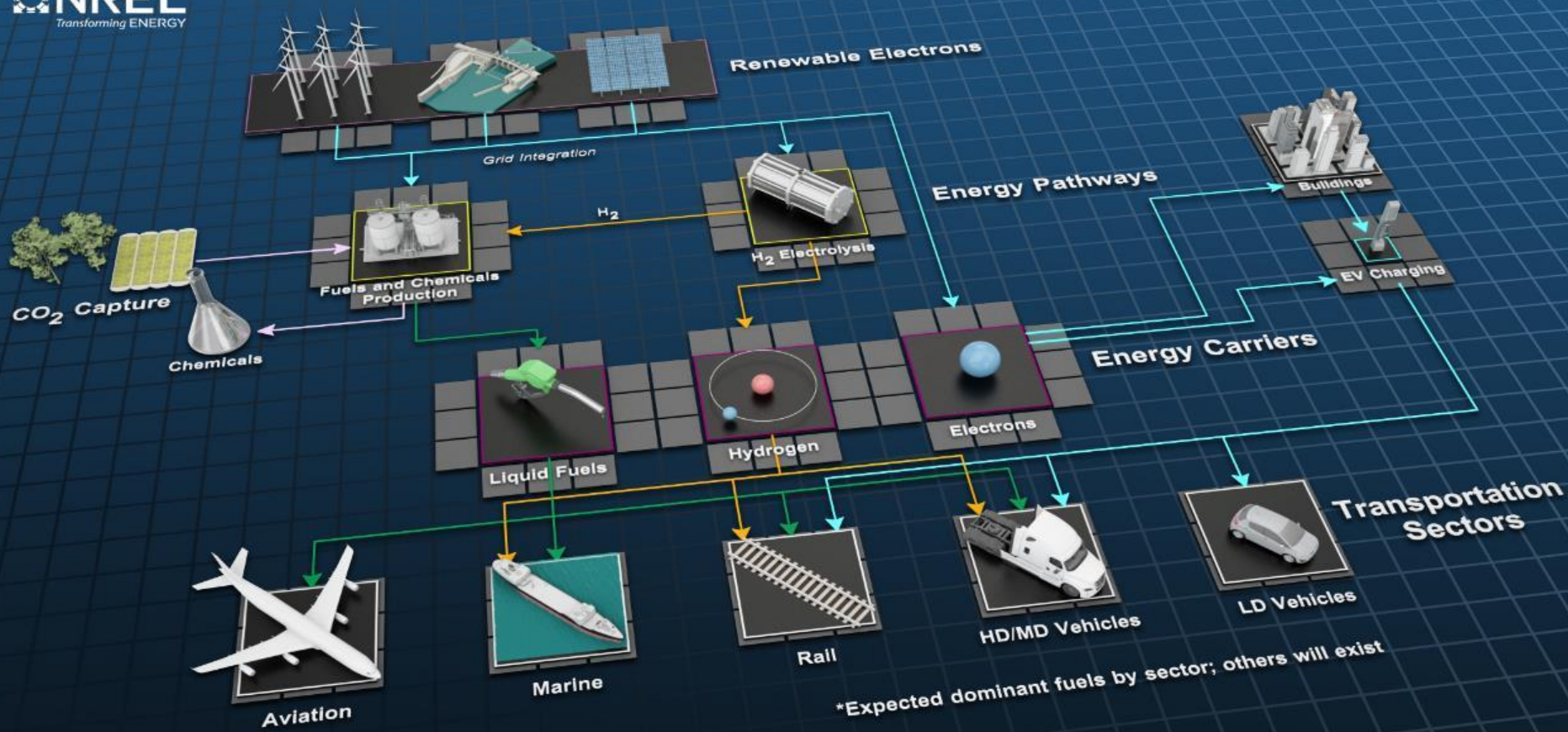
1. Rapid technology change
2. Customer demand
3. Live, work, and study anywhere
4. Environmental sustainability and energy security
5. International trade
6. Our growing and aging population
7. The need for healthier lifestyles



Implications for Research Needs

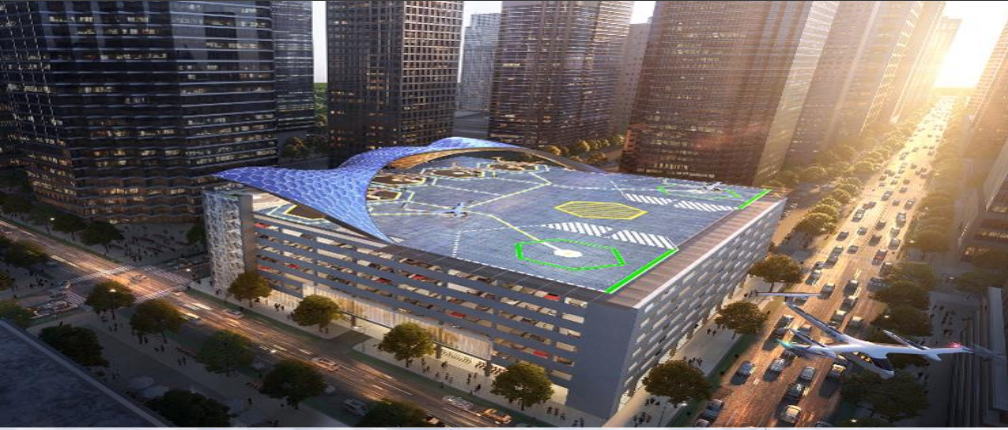
- **Rapid changes in vehicle technologies** – electrification (batteries and fuel cells), connectivity, automation
- **Global drive for increased transportation efficiency** – reducing emissions and decarbonizing transport across the light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicle, rail, aviation, and marine sectors
- **Maximizing future use of renewable electrons through time and sector shifting** – storing as H₂, liquid fuels, chemicals (long-term storage)
- **Realizing the system-wide benefits** of optimally integrating transportation with buildings, grid, renewables.

NREL's Vision for Decarbonizing the Transportation Sector



Aviation Revolution

An Aviation Revolution is underway



An Aviation **Revolution** - Background

- 2018: **4.8 Billion** passengers & **58 Million** tons of freight
 - Both could more than double by 2035
 - **US** – Passenger aircraft energy usage: 89GW of equivalent energy
- Market for Advanced Air Mobility (e.g. flying taxis, drones, etc) should continue to mature during this decade, growing to \$1.5 trillion globally by 2040
- Driving this trend: fully autonomous vehicles, more efficient batteries and advanced manufacturing techniques.
- Driving forces: FAA, NASA, Numerous private companies

Four Elements of Sustainable Mobility



Movement of people



Powering mobility

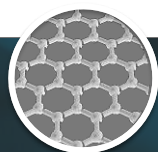


Movement of goods



Transformative technologies

Moving people



Advanced
Materials

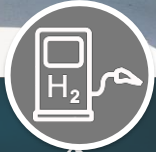
Energy
Storage & Power
Management

Power
electronics

Charging/
Load Management

Connectivity

Moving goods



Advanced
Combustion

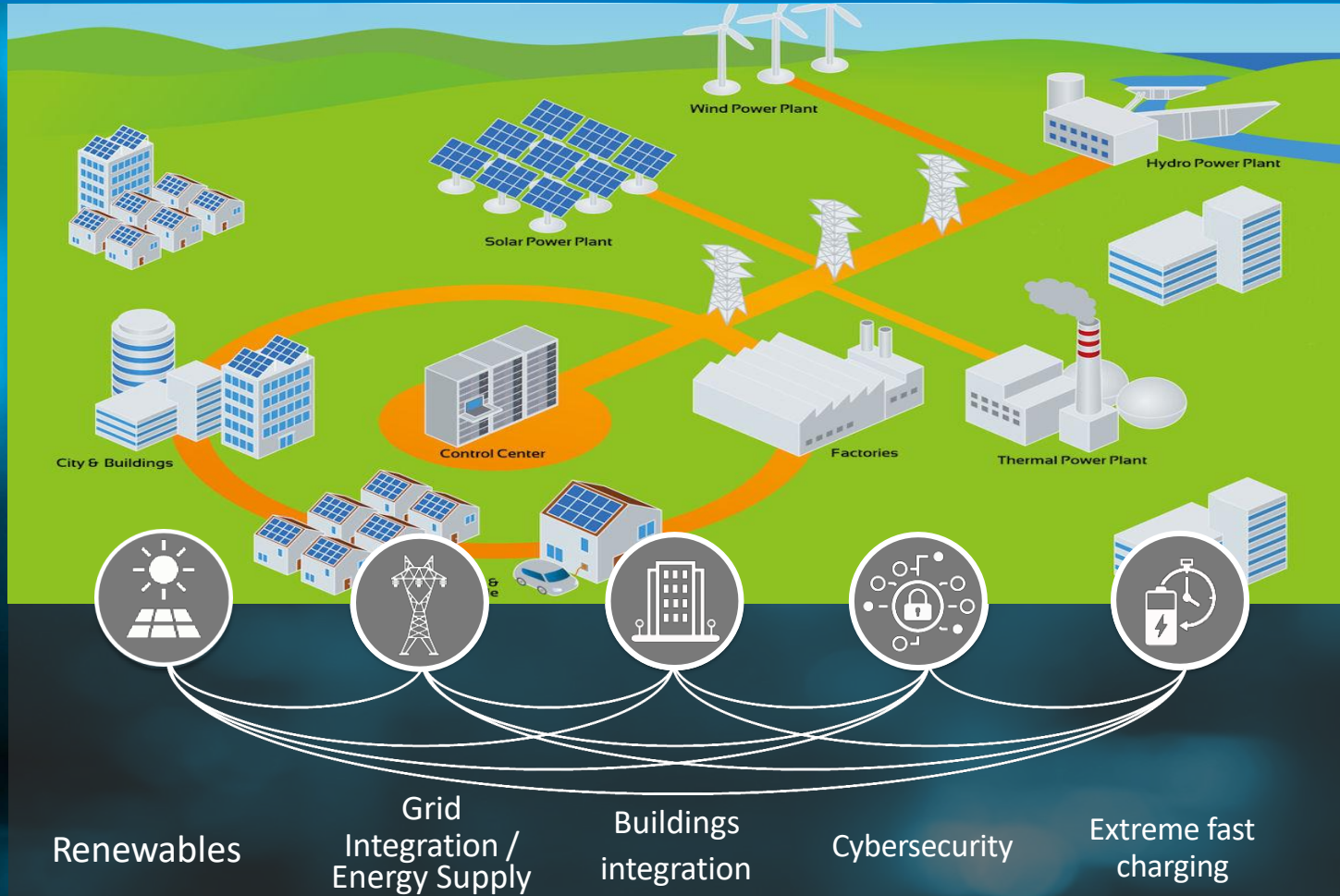
Hydrogen

Hybridization
&
Electrification

Biofuels

Energy
storage

Powering mobility



Transformative technologies



Automation



PHIL - Testing



Wireless
charging



Big data/
analytics



Deep
learning

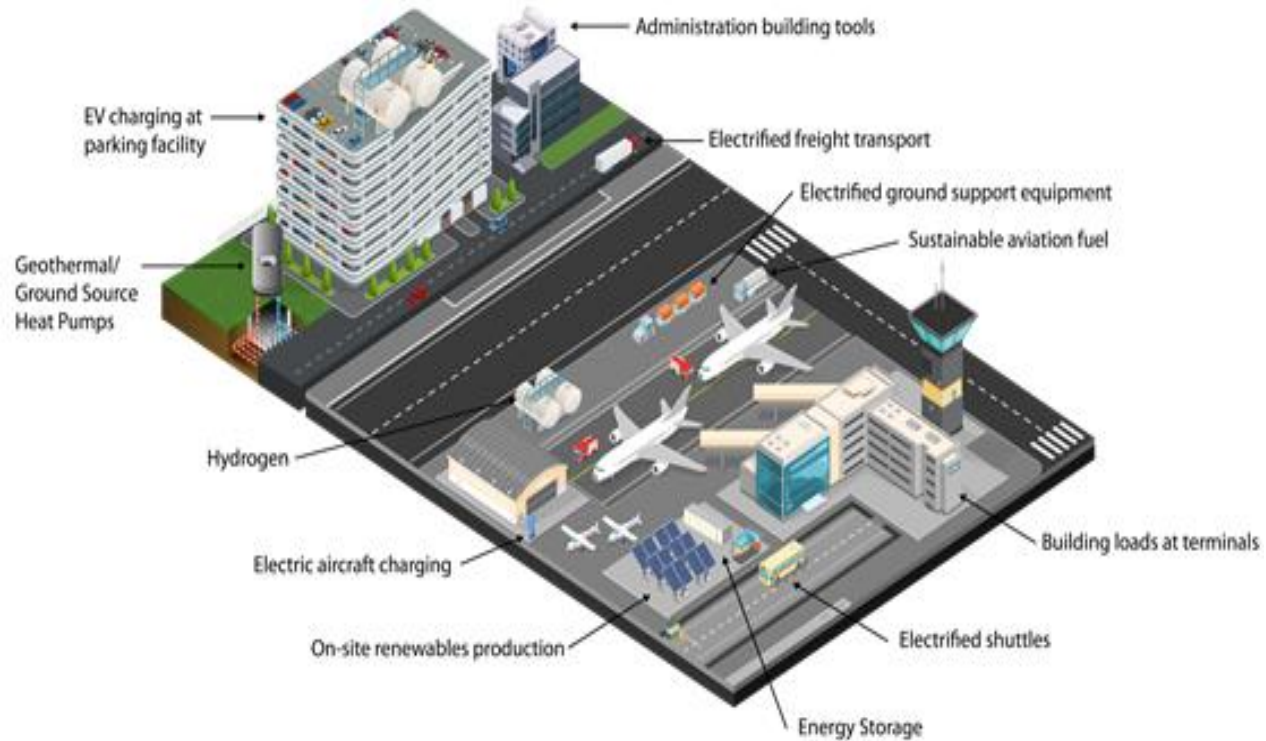
The Challenge

The challenge:

Airports/Airlines are under transformational pressures on emissions and electrified aviation

Cities are searching for clean energy and advanced mobility options

Rural communities are in need of mobility, commerce, and energy resilience opportunities

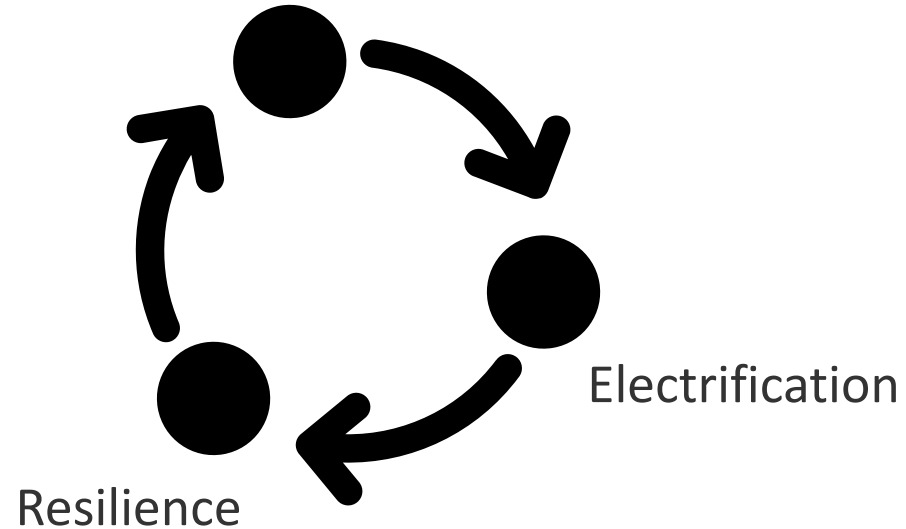


Sustainable Aviation (SA) will bring together NREL's experience, expertise, and capabilities to codevelop and help implement options that address stakeholders' unique energy-mobility goals and diverse priorities.

Sustainable Aviation

- Multiple pathways to carbon neutrality
- SAF easiest pathway utilizing existing infrastructure and long-haul flight viability
- Electrification applicable to Urban Air Mobility, Drone, short haul (<500 miles), and ground support vehicle use cases
- With growing electrification, the need for vastly improved electrical resilience need for continuity of operations

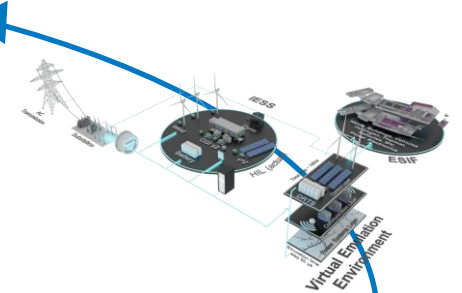
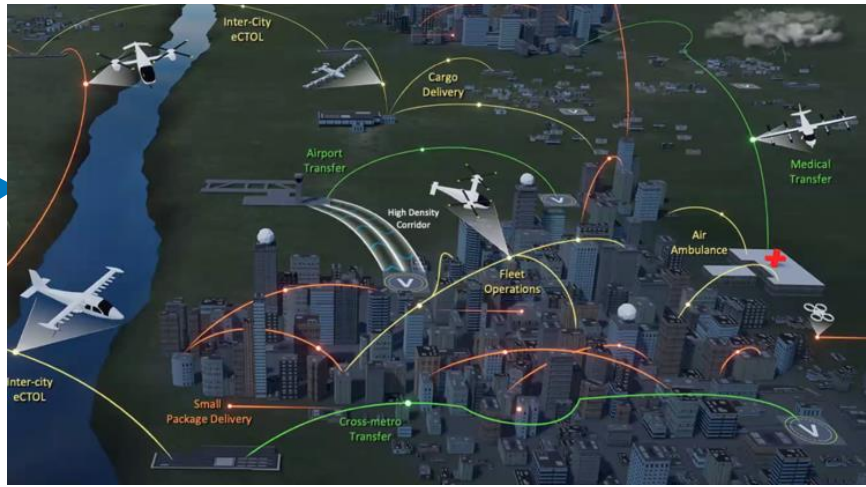
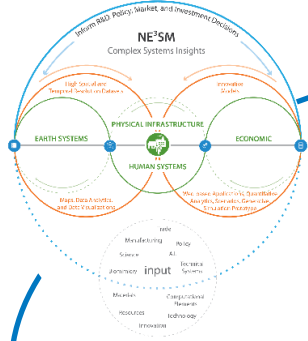
Sustainable Aviation
Fuel (SAF)



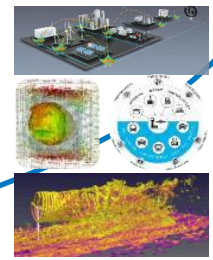
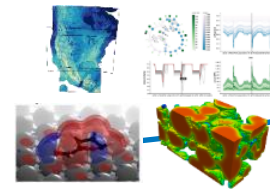
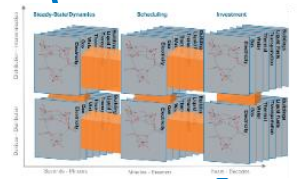
Initiative Summary

- Influence a generational shift that will affect mobility, energy, climate, commerce
- Transitioning the aviation industry's energy needs towards a cleaner and lower cost future
- Utilization of existing industry infrastructure to advance deployment and lower cost (SAF)
- Utilization of unique NREL capabilities around Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) and Electrified Aviation (e.g., generation, delivery, storage, usage)
- Alignment of: Biden Administration; Public (DOE, DOT, USDA); Govt Agency (FAA, NASA, AFWERX) and Private (Airport Consortium) strategic goals

Electrified Aviation vision



Accelerate transformation of the Advanced Air Mobility through integrated analytics and physical/virtual testing.



Integrated Analytics at Scale

Advanced Computational Science

Sustainable Aviation Partnerships

NREL already has partnership with many of these key stakeholders (FAA, NASA, AFWERX, and Multiple Airports/Airport Consortium) in/nearly in place, and now we need bring in DoD, EPA, FEMA, DOT, and USDA to support larger vision

- **ASTM:** To expedite SAF approval process
- **FAA:** Task 1 (underway now) Electrified Aviation Energy and Infrastructure analysis. Task 2 (proposing) **Energy Self Sufficient Airports**
- **NASA:** Task 1 (working towards IAA) Energy supply and infrastructure analysis for electrified aviation – regional and airport level. Task 2 (proposing) **Integrating ARIES capabilities virtually into NASA models**
- **AFWERX (US Air Force's R&D center):**
 - Hydrogen systems research
 - Electric Mobility fueling infrastructure planning
 - Grid modernization (focus on issues such as renewables integration and vehicle charging optimization)
 - Energy storage and electric motors
 - Technical system validation
- **Airport Consortium:** Previously negotiated but never executed (COVID) consortium of Dallas-Fort Worth, Port Authority NY-NJ airports, Los Angeles, Denver, and Atlanta airports on areas of SAF, energy resilience, and electrification

Alignment with Biden Administration Initiatives

100% Clean Energy & Net Zero by 2050

Stronger, More Resilient Nation

Address Climate Change

Build Modern Infrastructure

Clean Energy Innovation

Investment in Sustainable Agriculture

Sustainable Aviation focus areas by use

Conceptual

Markets

Intra City/Region

Electrification

Short Haul

Electrification

Hydrogen

Medium/Long Haul

Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF)

Resilience/
Ground Vehicles

Electrification

Hydrogen

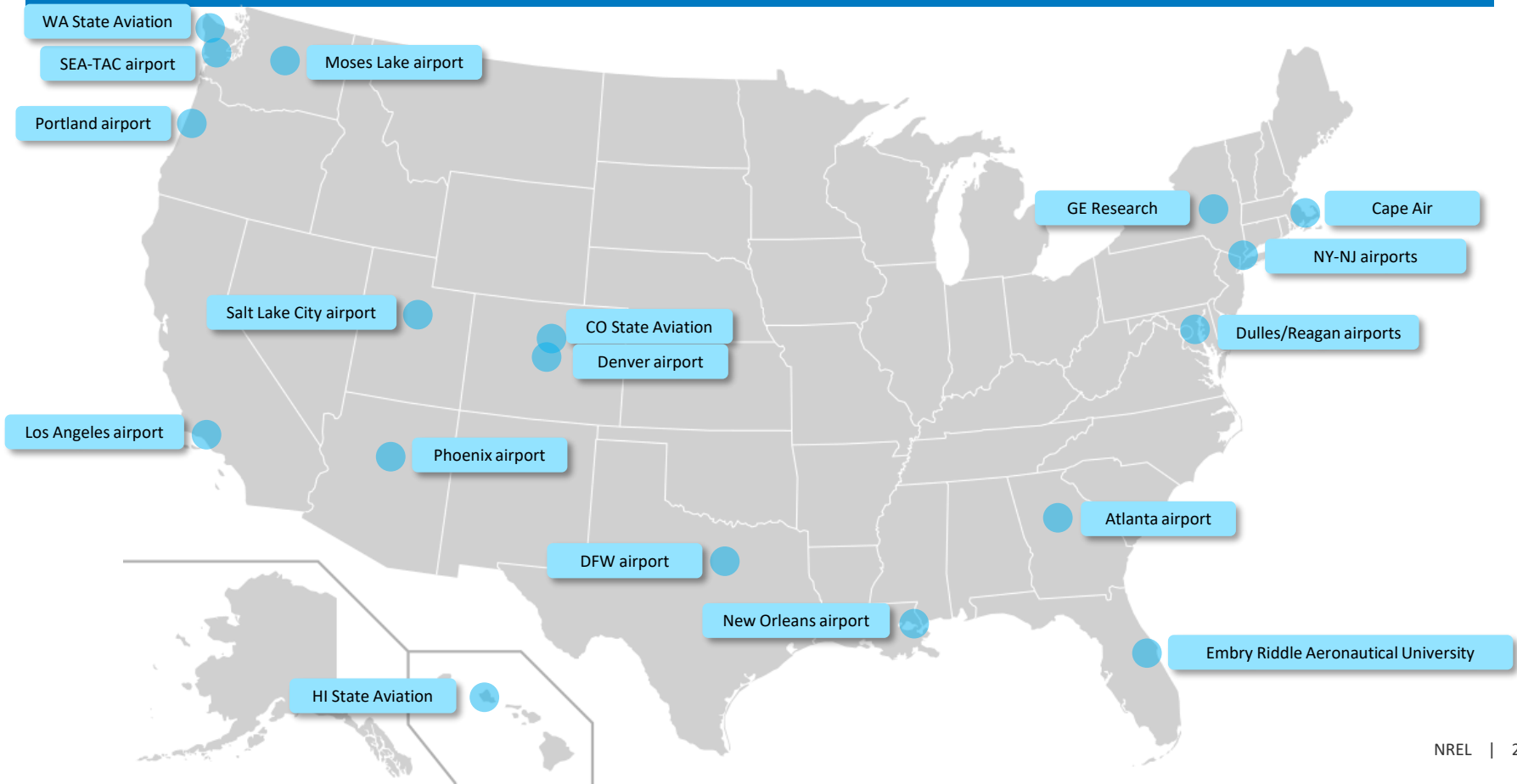
Timeline (years)

Significant challenges exist today for fully electrified aviation (especially long haul)

- *Sufficient battery size (energy capacity) for flights over >500 miles*
- *Energy storage need to “refuel” plane would be astronomical (TWhs of energy)*
- *Charging Infrastructure poses very high hurdles to deliver energy in 30-45 minutes for each plane*

➤ ***NREL addressing various segments of aviation market with SAF, electrified, and hydrogen solutions***

Existing regional interest in collaborations



Questions?

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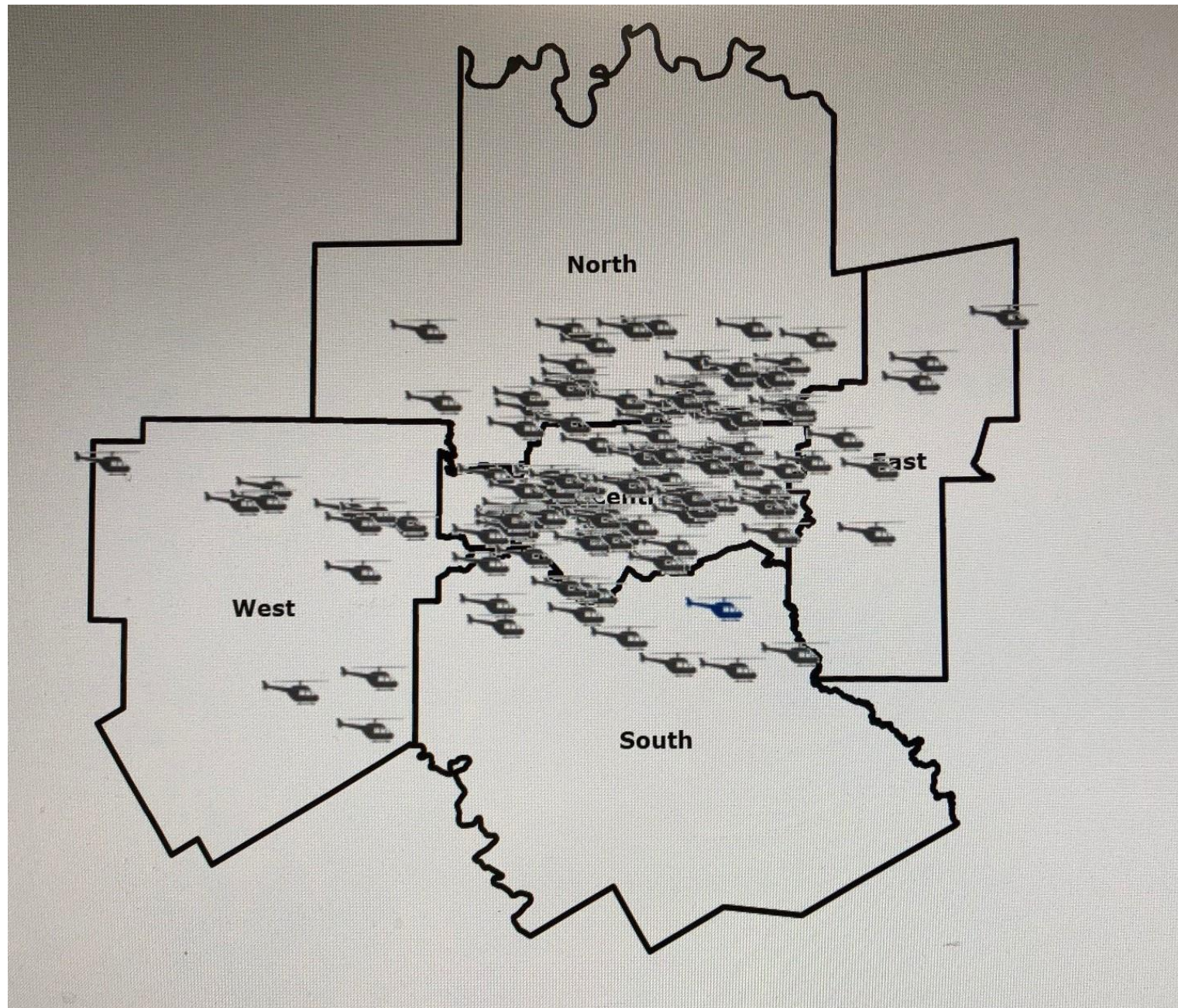
**UAS Safety and
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Force Meeting**

June 29, 2021

**DFW Area
Heliports**

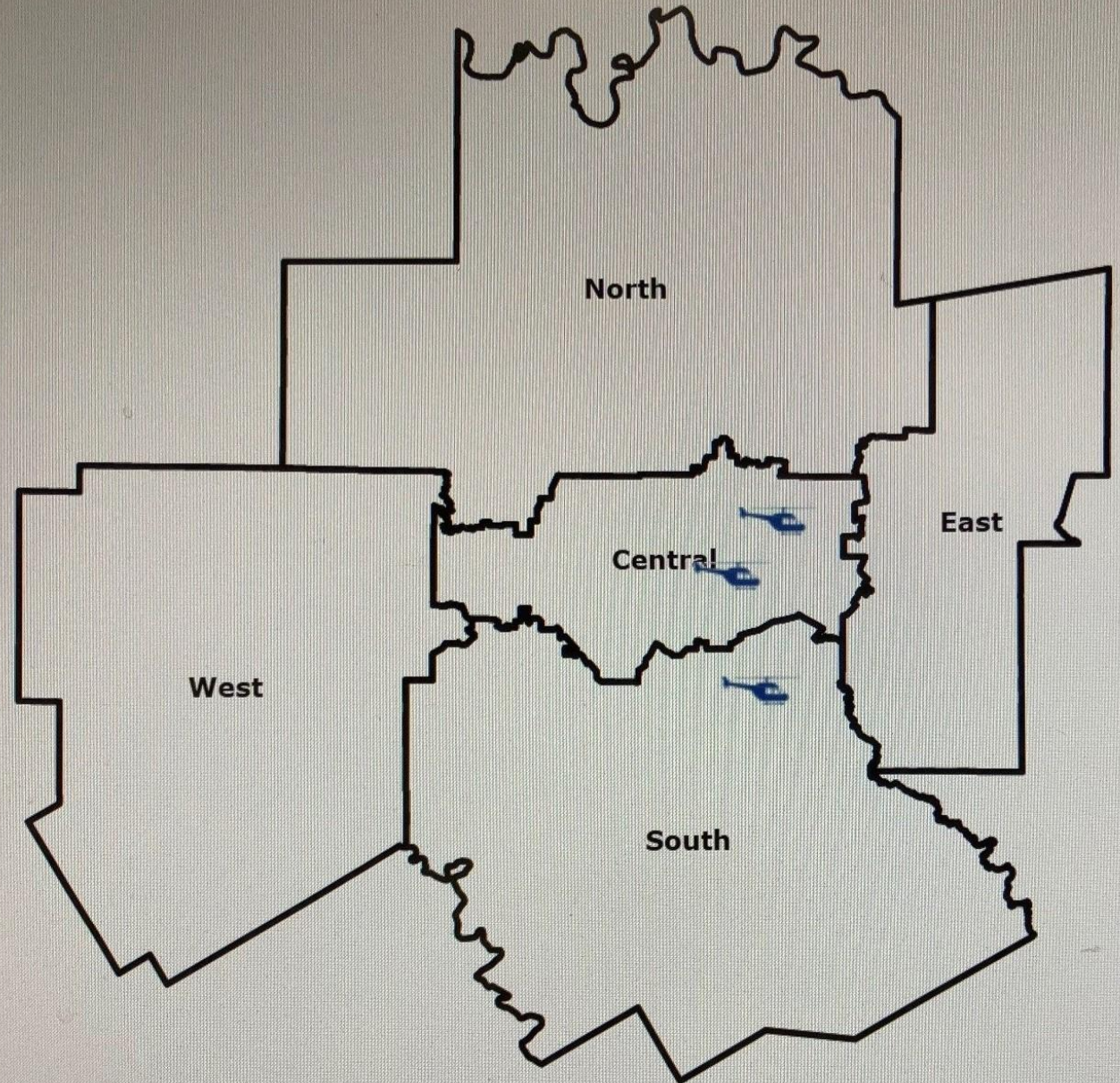
DFW AREA HELIPORTS

*Source: NCTCOG
General Aviation & Heliport System
Plan - Mapping Tool*



DFW AREA **PUBLIC** HELIPORTS

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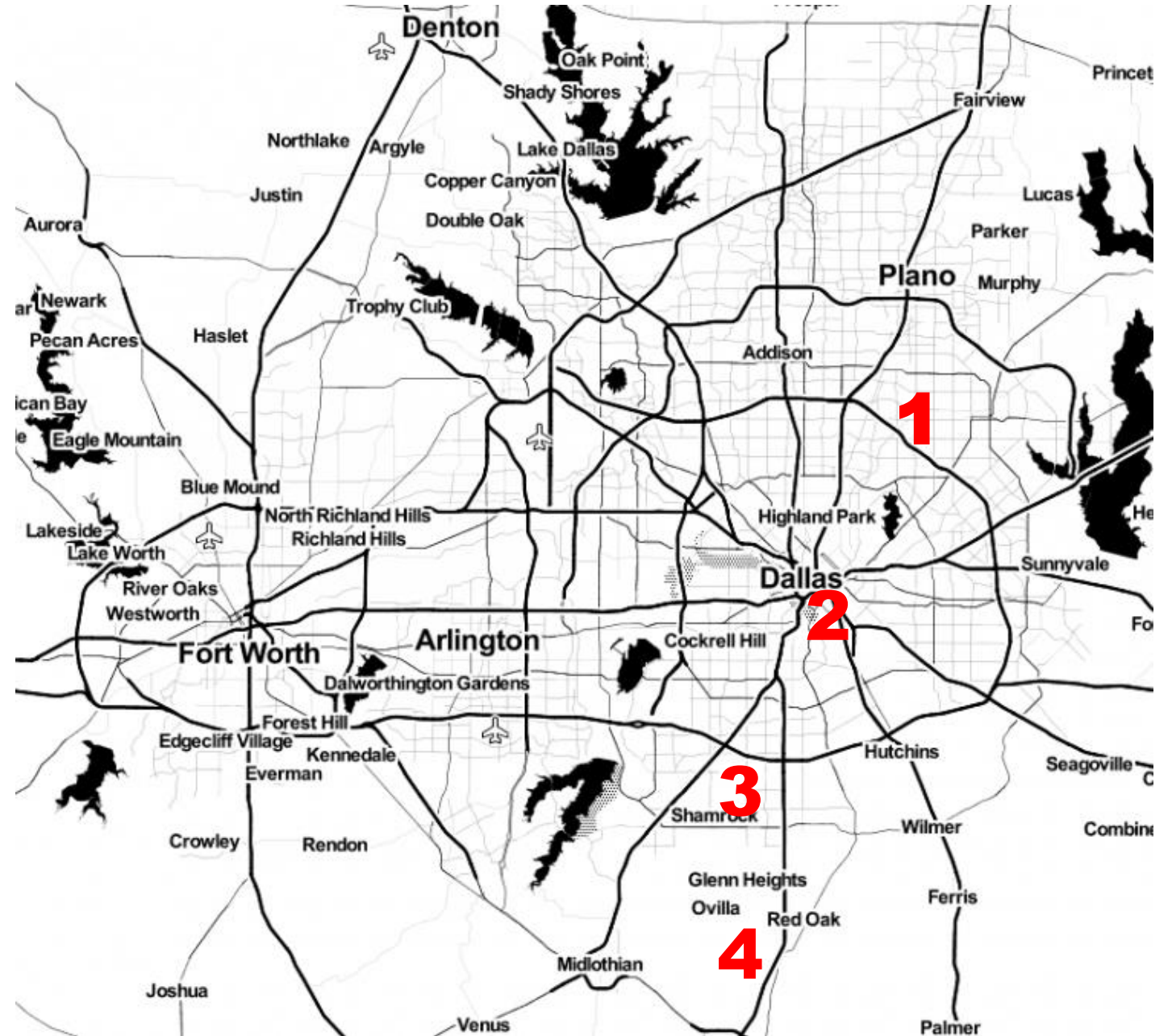


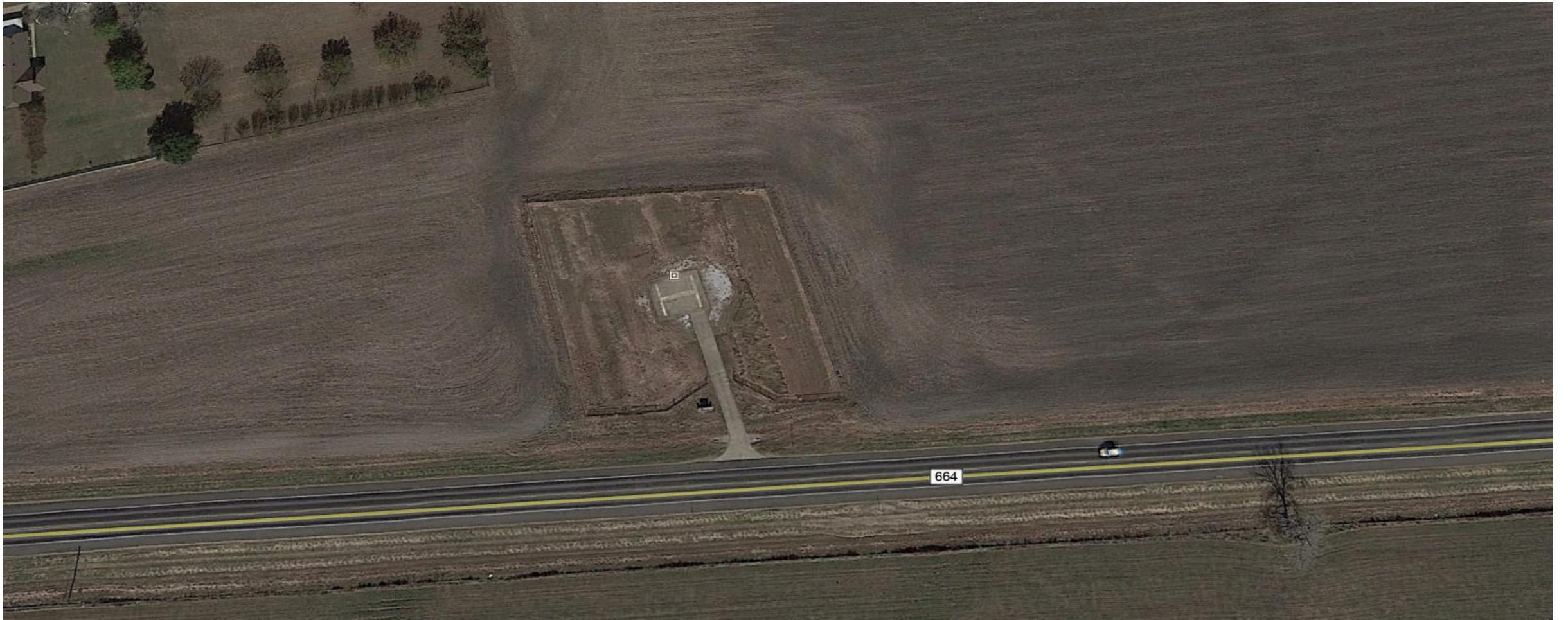
DFW AREA

PUBLIC

HELIPORTS

- 1. Garland/DFW Heliport*
- 2. Dallas CBD Vertiport*
- 3. Heliport DeSoto*
- 4. Ferris Red Oak Heliport*





Ferris Red Oak Heliport

Ellis county



Dallas CBD Vertiport

Downtown Convention Center



Garland/DFW HELIPIORT

FAA-Approved Public Facility

Opened 1989

Initial Build-out 1993

Expanded 2005

Expanded 2012



Garland/DFW HELIPORT

SKY Helicopters - FBO

8 Acres - Long-Term Land Lease

part 145 Repair Station

part 135 Air Carrier

part 141 Training



HELIPORT DeSoto

FAA-Approved Public Facility *SKY Helicopters – FBO*



HELIPORT DeSoto

Corporate Tenant - *PHI AirMedical*



HELIPORT DeSoto

EMS, Maintenance Base



HELIPORT DeSoto
US Training base, Fuel Sales



HELIPORT DeSoto

19 Acres, Long-Term Land Lease



HELIPORT DeSoto

Easy Metroplex Access, I-20/I-35/I-45

Questions?

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Can Texas lead Advanced Air Mobility?

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Intro

- AAM – Advanced Air Mobility
 - RAM – Regional Air Mobility
 - UAM – Urban Air Mobility



DoD interest & support – Agility Prime / SBIR / STTR

- Round 1 – Drones
- \$42 billion by 2025

- Round 2 – eVTOL aircraft
- \$9 trillion by 2050



eVTOL Aircraft

Vertical Aerospace
\$2.2B SPAC - \$BSN



Archer Aviation
\$3.8B SPAC - \$ACHR

Joby Aviation
\$5.7B SPAC - \$RTP



AGILITY PRIME

Lilium
\$3.3B SPAC - \$QELL



Lift Aircraft – Austin, TX



AGILITY PRIME



Ehang
NASDAQ: EH



Airbus

Volocopter



Beta Technologies



AGILITY PRIME

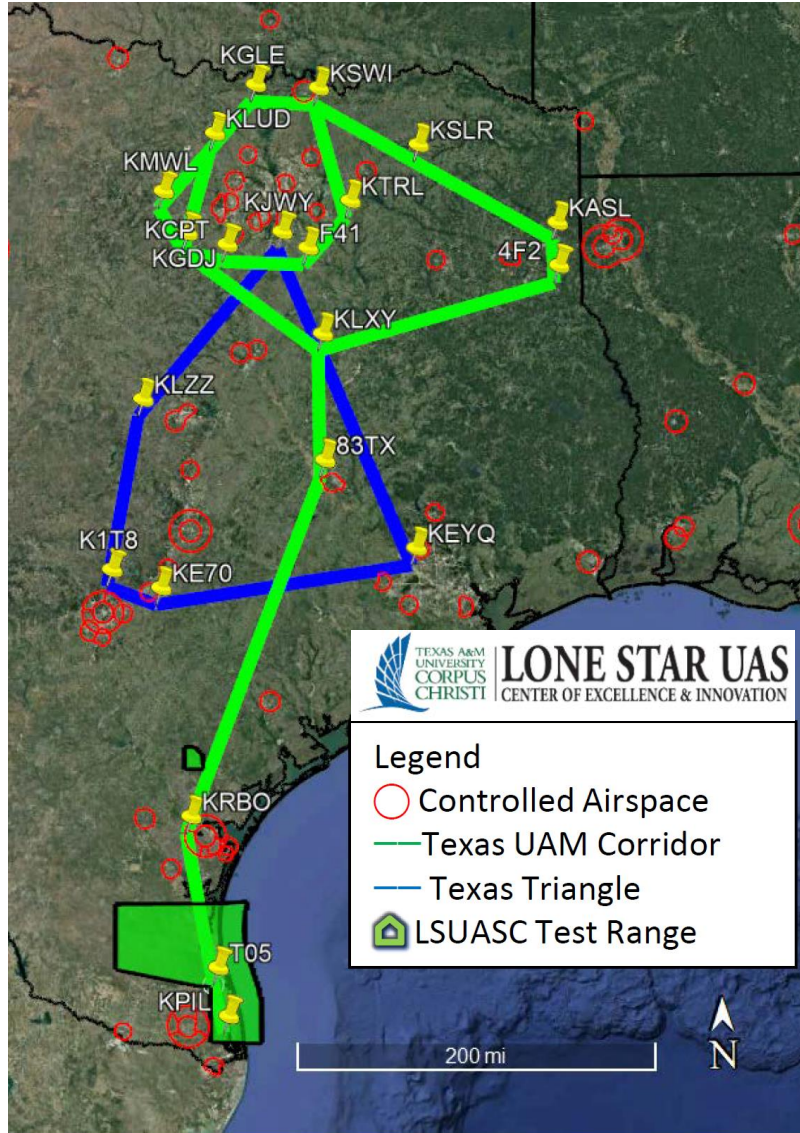


Wisk Aero (Boeing JV)



Kitty Hawk + 3D Robotics

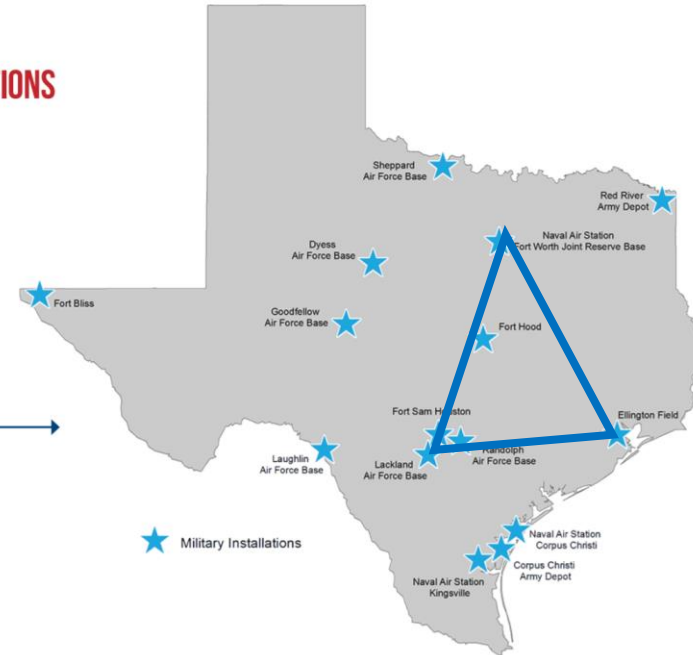
Texas - AAM / RAM / UAM



TEXAS COMMERCIAL AIRPORTS



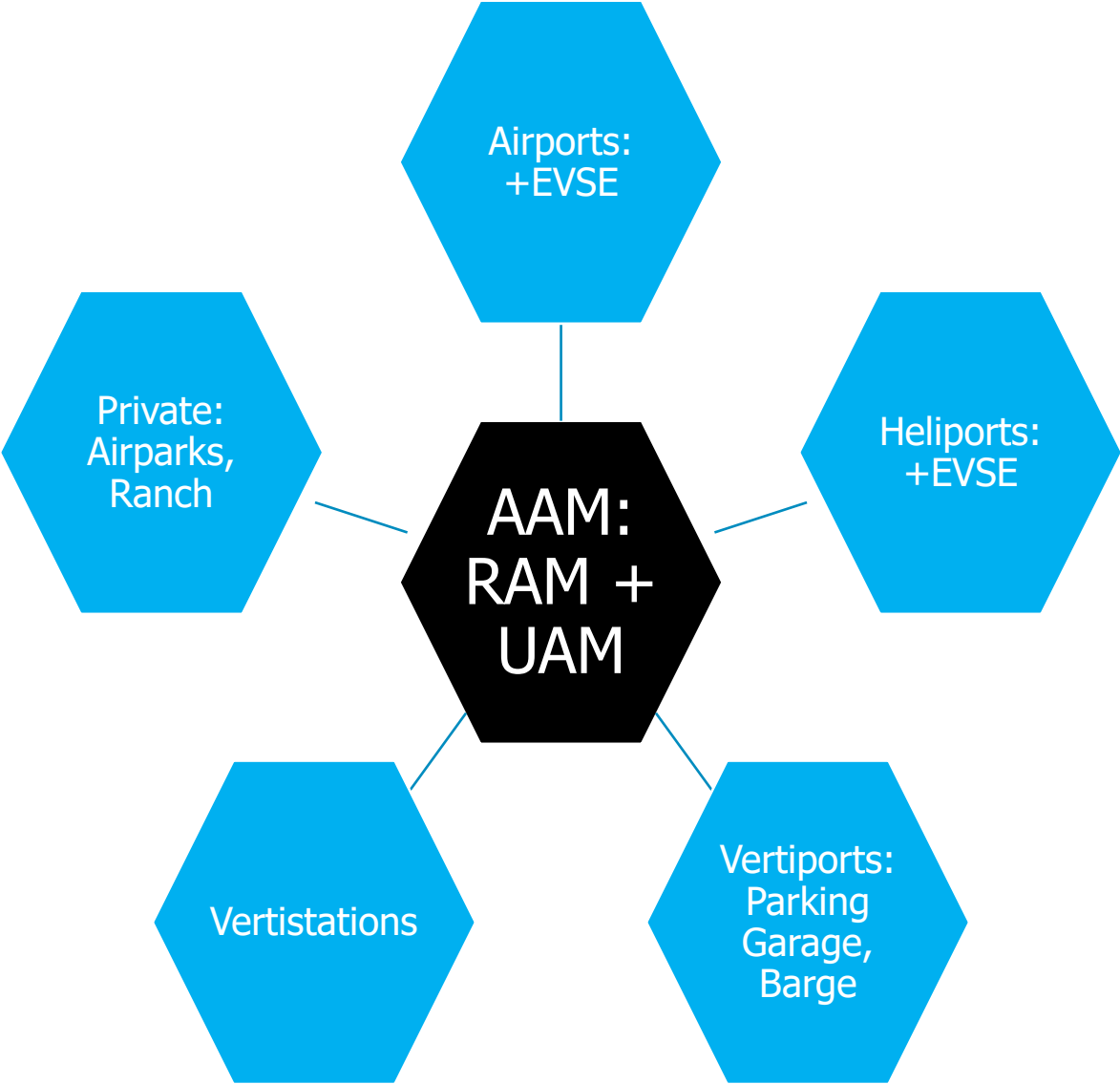
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN TEXAS



AAM Infrastructure – Need Electrification



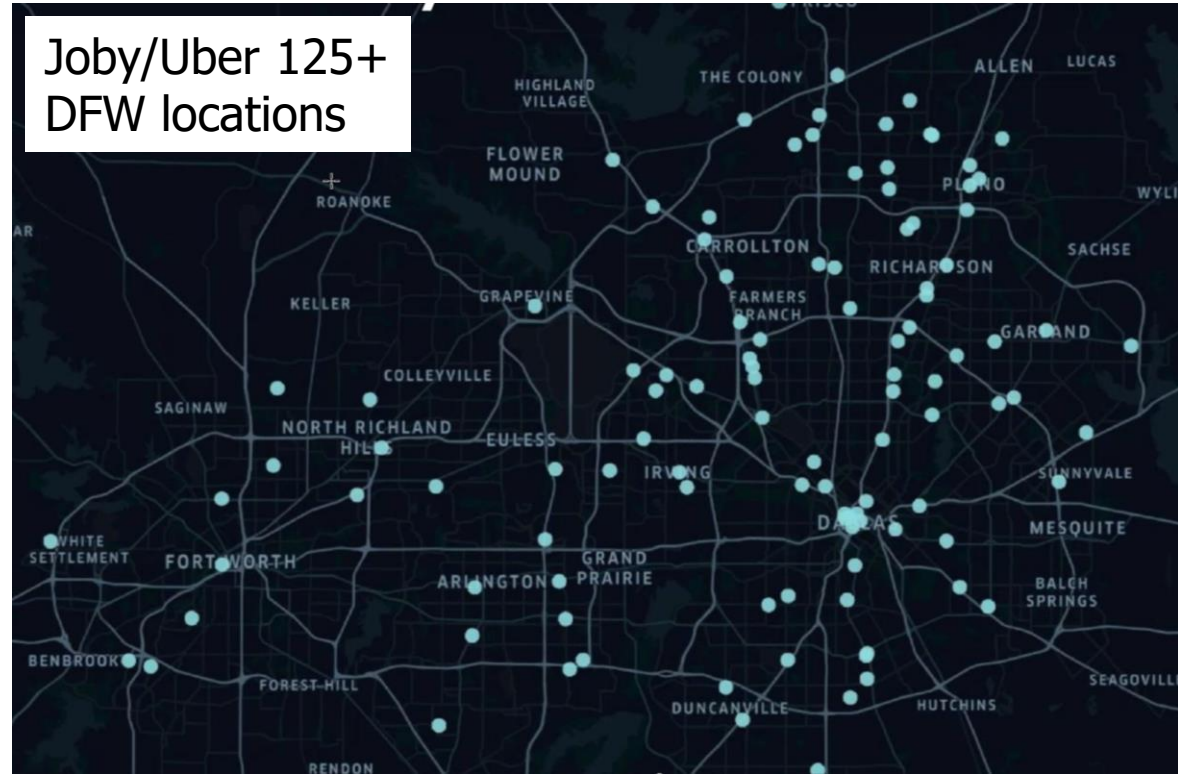
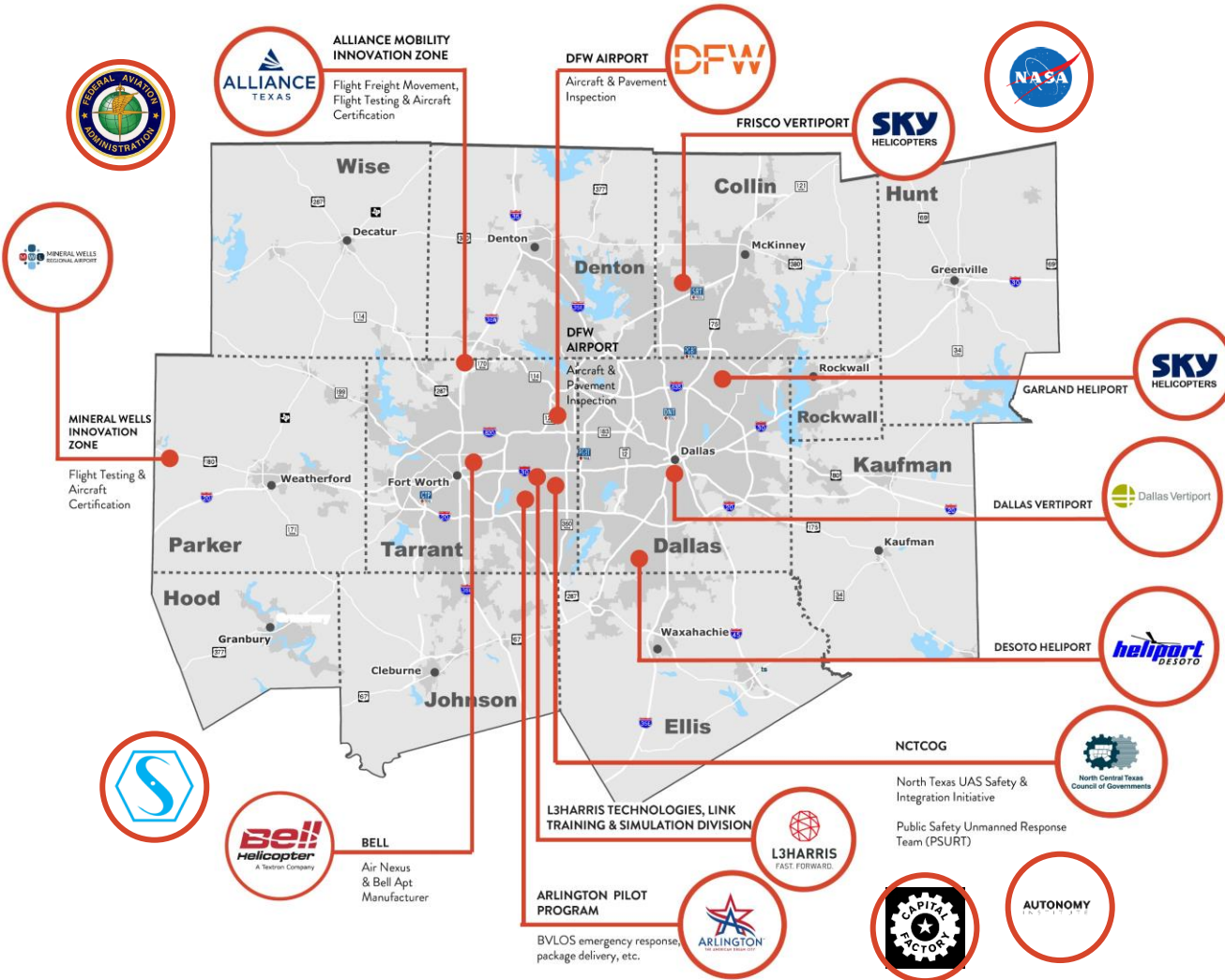
"Dallas Skyport" by The Beck Group, Dallas



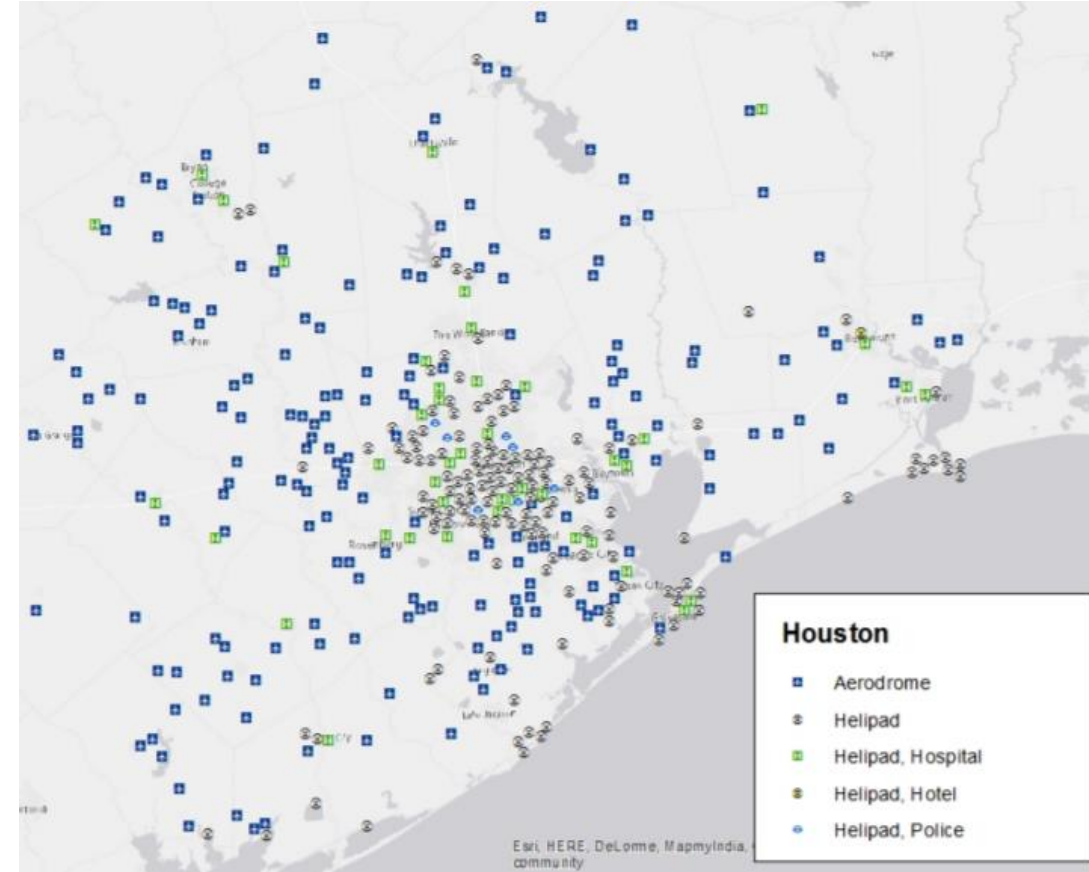
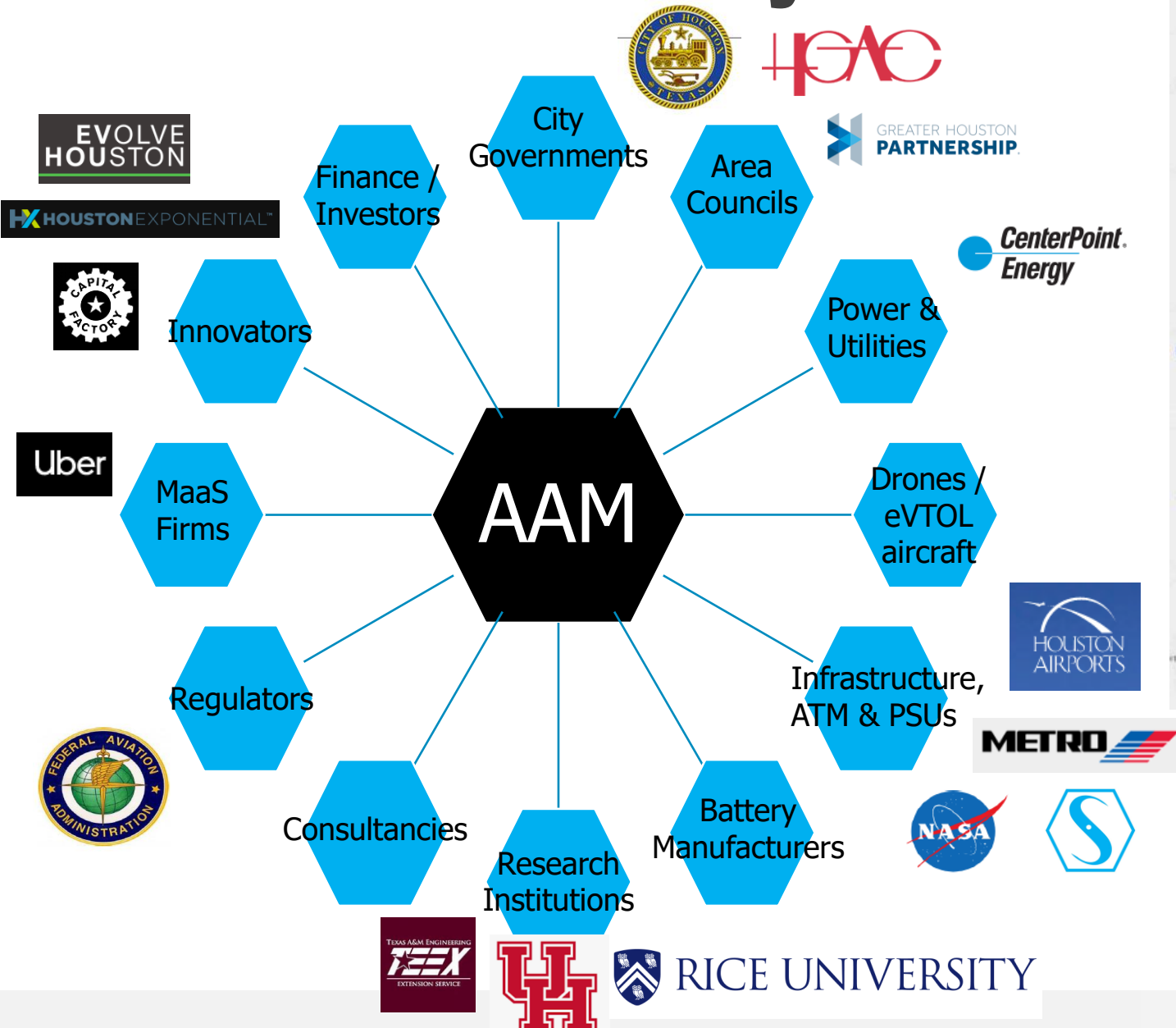
Dallas-Fort Worth - AAM Ecosystem



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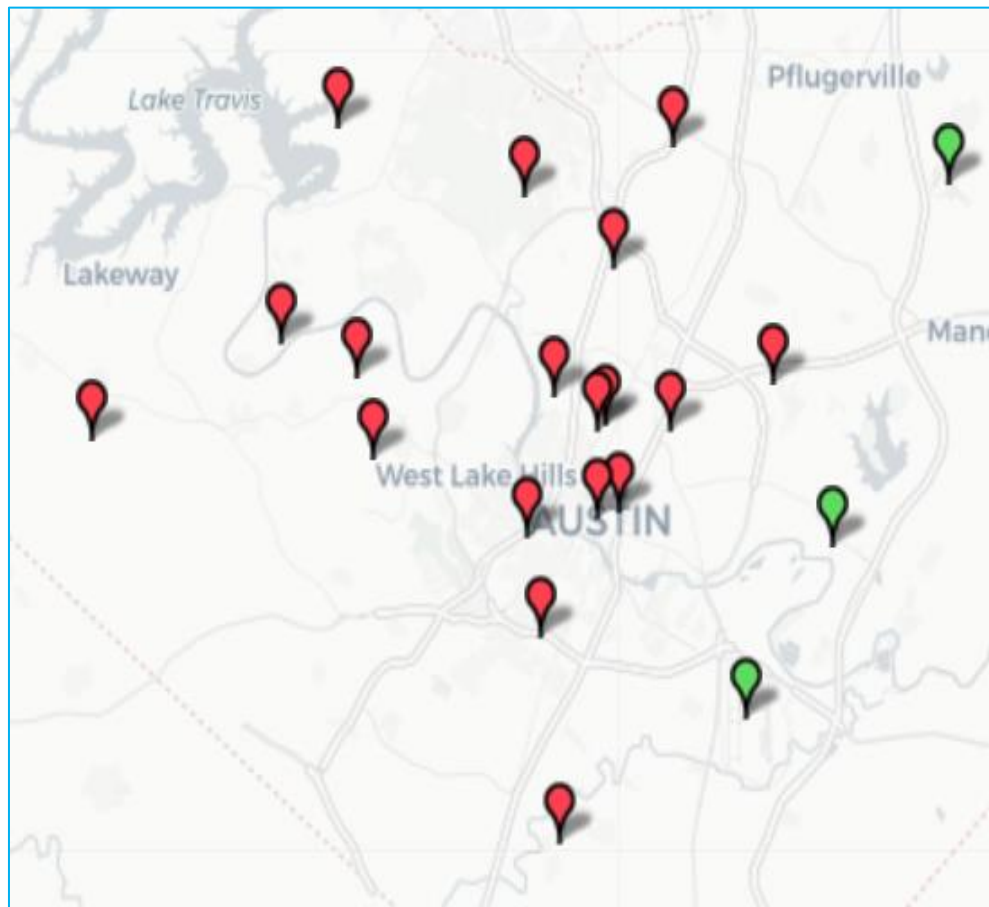


Houston - AAM Ecosystem

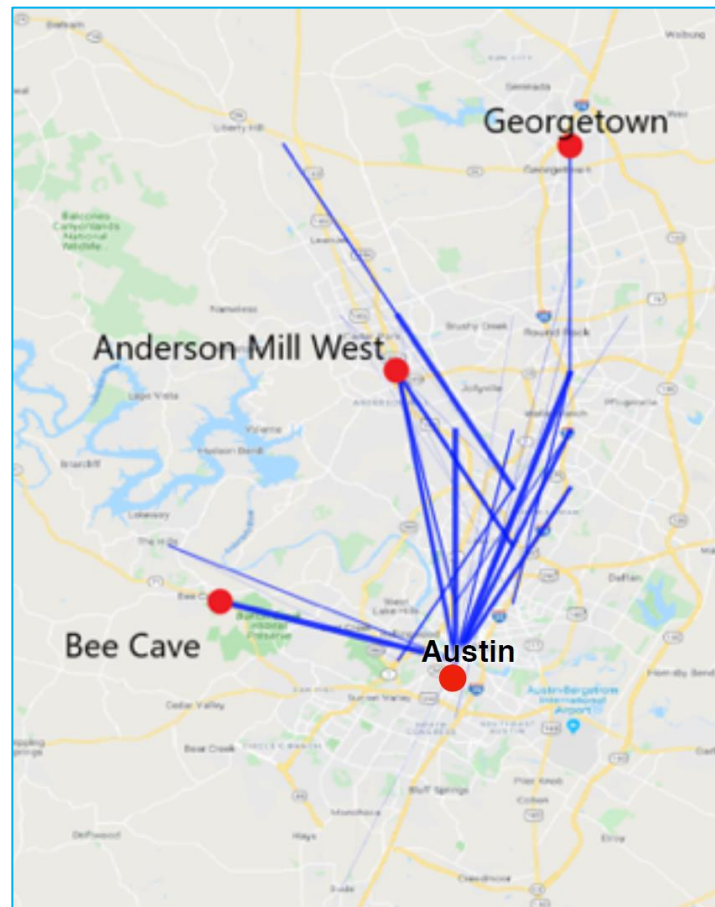


Black & Veatch
 189 aerodromes
 195 helipads
 100 mile radius

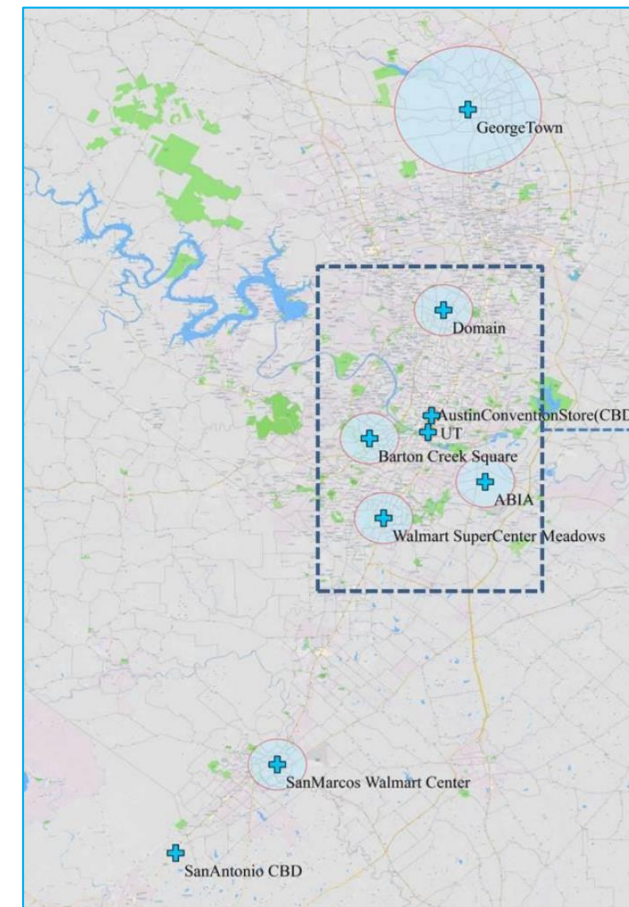
Austin – Urban Air Mobility



Existing
Heliports & Airports



4 Vertiports
INRIX Research (2019)



9 Vertiports
UT Austin Research (2020)

Ohio Advanced Air Mobility Opportunity



\$13B

Economic Activity



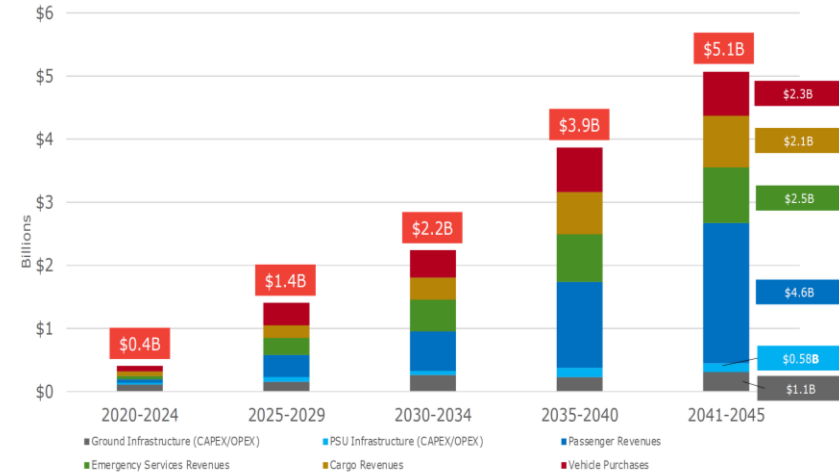
15,000

Additional Jobs



\$2.5 Billion

Tax Revenues



CROWN | NEXA Capital Partners, LLC | University of CINCINNATI

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1st AAM Charger
 \$226,000 in grant from JobsOhio's Ohio Site Inventory Program (OSIP) to the Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport (SGH)

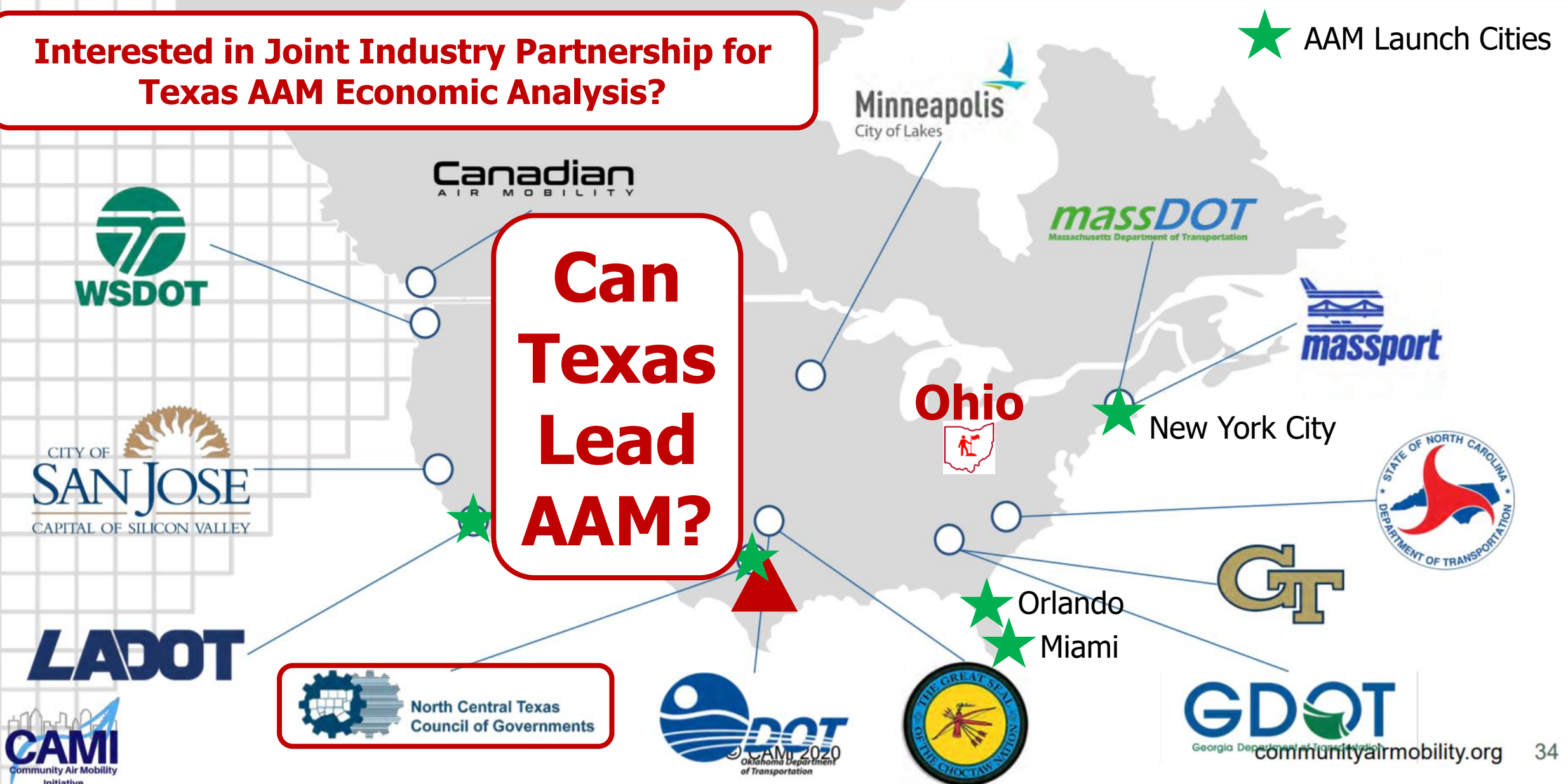
	Ohio	Texas
Area	44,825 mi ²	268,597 mi ² (6x)
Population	11.8 million	29.1 million (2.5x)
GDP (2020)	\$0.59 trillion	\$1.76 trillion (3x) (world's 9 th largest)



Interested in Joint Industry Partnership for Texas AAM Economic Analysis?

★ AAM Launch Cities

Can Texas Lead AAM?






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What's the next step?

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UAS Safety and Integration Task Force Meeting

June 28, 2021

87th Legislative Session

HB 1758 (Krause) - Relating to the operation and use of an unmanned aircraft.

- Defines “drone”
- HB 1758 also ensures that law enforcement agencies seeking to use drones must adopt written policies detailing the agency’s use of force via drone and transmit those policies to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement annually.

SB 149 (Powell) - Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities.

- Also adds airports and military installations to the list of critical infrastructure

Questions and Comments

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