

## Current Technological Trends in Sustainable Aviation

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### NREL at-a-Glance

#### Workforce, including

2,926

219 postdoctoral researchers60 graduate students81 undergraduate students

#### World-class

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facilities, renowned technology experts

#### **Partnerships**

More than

900

with industry, academia, and government

#### Campus

operates as a living laboratory

## **NREL Science Drives Innovation**



## We Reduce Risk in Bringing Innovations to Market

- NREL helps bridge the gap from basic science to commercial application
- Forward-thinking innovation yields disruptive and impactful results to benefit the entire U.S. economy
- Accelerated time to market delivers advantages to American businesses and consumers



# 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?

#### Four Elements of Sustainable Mobility

Movement of people

Powering mobility

Movement of goods

Transformative technologies

Uniter

## Moving people



#### Moving goods



#### **Powering mobility**



#### Transformative technologies



## **Global Transportation System**

Global Roads Air Networks Shipping Routes

https://i.imgur.com/MItUKcO.jpg

## 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 H<sub>2</sub>, liquid fuels, chemicals (long-term storage)
- Realizing the system-wide benefits of optimally integrating transportation with buildings, grid, renewables.

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## GHG - Scope 1-2 Airport Pathways



- Landside
- Building
- Airside
- Ground Fleet Improvements
  - Green energy sources
- Clean energy/resiliency
- Grid Interactive Efficient Buildings (GEB)
- Energy Source/Storage Diversity



## But what about Scope 3 emissions?

• 9% of global emissions from aviation

- Airport Controlled Emissions
  0.20% of total emissions
  - 9-20% of total emissions

 To meet industry goals, Scope 3 (aircraft, passenger, and tenant emissions) are the next step.



#### Sample Large Hub Emissions profile

#### Aviation Low- and Zero-carbon energy sources

					2040	2045	2050
Commuter » 9-50 seats » <60-minute flights » <1% of industry CO2	SAF	Electric and/or SAF	Electric and/or SAF	Electric and/or SAF	Electric and/or SAF	Electric and/or SAF	Electric and/or SAF
Regional » 50-100 seats » 30-90-minute flights » ~3% of industry CO2	SAF	SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/orSAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen fuel cell and/orSAF
Short haul » 100-150 seats » 45-120-minute flights » ~24% of industryCO2	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	Electric or Hydrogen combusion and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen combustion and/or SAF	Electric or Hydrogen combustion and/or SAF
Medium haul » 100-150seats » 60-150-minute flights » ~43% of industryCO2	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF Potentially some Hydrogen
Longhaul » 250+seats » 150+ minute flights » ~30% of industryCO2	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF	SAF

## Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Development

- Strong US focus
  - Drop-in replacement
  - Multiple pathways
    - Waste product
    - Biomass
    - E-fuels



## What about Electrified Aviation?

- Case Study –
  Essential Air
  Service Denver
  - Four routes
    served by
    Pilatus PC-12



Illustration by Emma Robertson, NREL

## **Essential Air Service Subsidies**

Table 2. Essential Air Service Subsidies (2019–2022)<sup>a</sup> and 2020 Enplanements for Markets Served within 280 Miles of Denver International Airport

Airport	2019	2020	2021	2022	2020 Enplanements <sup>C</sup>
MCK	\$2,462,456	\$2,511,705	\$2,561,939	\$2,613,178	1,269
CDR	\$2,456.787	\$2,518,208	\$2,737,716	\$2,808,159	2,462
ALS	\$2,891,307	\$2,949,133	\$3,505,574	\$3,505,574	4.742
CEZ	\$3,579,703	\$3,669,195	\$3,760,925	\$3,854,948	5,603

<sup>a</sup> "Essential Air Service," Department of Transportation Accessed August 2021.

https://www.transportation.gov/policy/aviation-policy/small-community-rural-air-service/essential-airservice, accessed August 2021. Data for 2022:, MCK: USDOT 2018-5-10 Order Re-Selecting Air Carrier and Establishing Subsidy Rates; CDR: USDOT Order 2021-4-6 Selecting Air Carrier: file:///Users/aschwab/Downloads/DOT-OST-2000-8322-0160\_attachment\_2.pdf, ALS: USDOT 2020-9-17 Order Extending Contract, <u>https://www.regulations.gov/document/DOT-OST-1997-2960-0193</u>; CEZ: 2018-8-1 Order Re-Selecting Carrier and Establishing Subsidy Rates, https://www.regulations.gov/document/DOT-OST-1998-3508-0062 <sup>b</sup> MCK = McCook Ben Nelson Regional Airport; CDR = Chadron Municipal Airport, ALS = San Luis Valley Regional Airport; CEZ = Cortez Municipal Airport <sup>c</sup> "Passenger Boarding (Enplanement) and All-Cargo Data for U.S. Airports," FAA, last modified August

12, 2021, https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning\_capacity/passenger\_allcargo\_stats/passenger/.

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ALS	4	179	80	88	\$440	36	334	\$43	34	2
CEZ	3	277	80	88	\$440	56	516	\$66	53	3
МСК	2	217	65	72	\$358	44	404	\$52	41	2
CDR	2	222	70	77	\$385	44	414	\$53	42	2

Assuming a \$5/gallon fuel cost 14

<sup>b</sup> PAX= number of passengers carried by an airline, assuming eight passengers.

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<sup>d</sup> kg CO2 calculated from the use of coal and utility scale solar to produce the needed amount of energy ("IPCC Working Group III – Mitigation of Climate Change, Annex II Metrics and Methodology" IPCC https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2018/02/ipcc\_wg3\_ar5\_annex-ii.pdf#page=26).

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#### **Delivering Power to Electric Vehicles**



## Infrastructure Peak Loads



Potential load impacts of 2019 flight schedule between DEN and ALS, CDR, CEZ, and MCK

## Hydrogen



#### The Opportunity: Clustering Fuel Cell Applications To Drive H2 Demand At Airports



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Hydrogen

• Department of Energy announced Earth Shot – 2021



- Multiple OEM': 1 Dollar 1 Kilogram
  - Airbus/Universal Hydrogen/ZeroAvia/Cranfield Aerospace
- FAA currently focusing upon SAF
- Growing interest and energy delivery models growing
- https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/hydrogen-shot

#### Potential Benefits of Electrolyzer Grid Integration

# Reduce energy usage and emissions in end-use applications

- Petroleum displacement
- Chemical processes (metals refining, fertilizer production)
- Natural gas supplementation
- Combined heat and power with fuel cell systems

# Improve grid performance, reliability, and resiliency

- Avoid curtailment of renewables
- Mitigate voltage/frequency disturbances



# Who is working on solutions to assist industry?



#### Resources

- A sampling of resources/activities:
  - NASA RAM study <u>https://sacd.larc.nasa.gov/ram/</u>
  - WSDOT electrification study <u>https://wsdot.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2020/11/18/Electric-Aircraft-Feasibility-Study-Nov2020.pdf</u>
  - NREL
    - SAF Delivery <u>https://www.osti.gov/biblio/1768316-airport-infrastructure-sustainable-aviation-fuel-</u> Partner with PANYNJ
    - SAF Production <u>https://www.nrel.gov/news/program/2021/from-wet-waste-to-flight-scientists-announce-fast-track-solution-for-net-zero-carbon-sustainable-aviation-fuel.html</u> Partners with Alder Energy, Southwest, etc.
    - Extreme Fast Charging Lessons underway in Class 8 trucking <u>https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy20osti/75705.pdf</u> Partner with multiple OEM's
    - Electrification of Aircraft: Challenges, Barriers, and Potential Impacts https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy22osti/80220.pdf
    - FAA/NASA/DoD recurring Aviation efforts Batteries, SAF, H2, Electric, Power Electronics
    - State/Local assisting early adopters accelerate adoption
    - OEM's Component, Infrastructure and Life Cycle Support
  - DOE
    - SAF Grand Challenge <u>https://www.energy.gov/eere/bioenergy/sustainable-aviation-fuel-grand-challenge</u>
    - Grid Modernization Initiative <u>https://www.energy.gov/gmi/grid-modernization-initiative</u>
    - H2 @ Airports <u>https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/h2airports-workshop</u>
  - CAMI https://www.communityairmobility.org/resources
  - Future efforts ACRP, FAA, NREL, NASA, SAE, DOE, etc.

## Thank You

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## **GHG Emissions Intensity**

#### Grams CO<sub>2</sub>-e per tonne-km for transport of goods by sea, land, and air



Source: IMO GHG Study, 2009 (\*AP Moller-Maersk, 2014. Graph provided courtesy of the International Chamber of Shipping (ICS)

## Initial charging implications

- Charging capabilities
  - Current High power charging maxes at 350kW
  - Class 8 Truck 1MW Charging Analysis underway
  - CHARin- Testing 3.75MW testing standard
  - Initial deployments possible
  - Scale and battery improvements are focus area
- No Standard currently exists in Aviation
  - eVTOL focusing upon existing technologies with potentially cooling of cables, batteries, etc.
  - RAM appears targeting 1MW level and higher to meet ops pace

#### Fuel cells may be promising for UAVs, UAM-air taxis, **UAM-helicopters, and regional planes**

H<sub>2</sub> fuel cells can provide competitive TCO in UAV, UAM-air taxis, UAM-helicopters, and regional planes

#### UAVs

- Longer lifetime and lower maintenance cost than ICE and battery-powered UAV
- · Longer mission times than batteries, allowing for a smaller fleet and lower TCO

#### UAMs

- Air taxis: Fuel cells provide longer durability than batteries as the duty cycle has rapid charge and discharge rates
- Helicopters: Can replace aviation gasoline and piston engines on the basis of gravimetric energy density

#### Small regional planes

- Can replace aviation gasoline and piston engines on the basis of gravimetric energy density
- Fuel cells have lower specific power (W/kg) than turbine engines, but hydrogen can replace aviation gasoline
- Hydrogen has lower volumetric energy density than aviation gasoline

TCO (\$/PAX.mile) for battery powered UAM more expensive than FC versions



FC Dominant Battery FC Hybrid

#### TCO (\$/h) for FC regional plane less than that for piston engine plane



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H2@Airports Workshop November 4, 2020





Source: E4tech for DOE analysis project

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#### NREL focus areas across multiple segments



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
- Research ongoing in various segments of aviation market with SAF, electrified, and hydrogen solutions
# SAF - An "All of the Above" Approach Will Have To Be Used To Achieve 35 BGPY of SAF

#### ASTM Approved Pathways Address a Broad Range of Feedstock To Achieve Scale

Feedstock	Pathway	Approved Name	Blending Limitation
Municipal solid waste, agricultural and forest wastes, energy crops	Fischer-Tropsch Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene	FT-SPK, ASTM D7566 Annex <b>A1</b> , 2009	50%
Municipal solid waste, agricultural and forest wastes, energy crops	FT-SPK with Aromatics	FT-SPK/A, ASTM D7566 Annex <b>A4,</b> 2015	50%
Oil-based feedstocks (e.g., jatropha, algae, camelina, and yellow grease)	Hydroprocessed Esters and Fatty Acids	HEFA-SPK, ASTM D7566 Annex <b>A2</b> , 2011	50%
Algal oil	Hydrocarbon-Hydroprocessed Esters and Fatty Acids	HC-HEFA-SPK, ASTM D7566 Annex <b>A7</b> , 2020	10%
Fatty acids or fatty acid esters or lipids from fat oil greases	Catalytic Hydrothermolysis Synthesized Kerosene	CH-SK or CHJ, ASTM D7566 Annex <b>A6,</b> 2020	50%
Sugars	Hydroprocessed Fermented Sugars to Synthetic Isoparaffins	HFS-SIP, ASTM D7566 Annex <b>A3</b> , 2014	10%
Cellulosic biomass, waste gas, syngas	Alcohol-to-Jet Synthetic Paraffinic Kerosene	ATJ-SPK, ASTM D7566 Annex <b>A5</b> , 2016	30%

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### **Ground Infrastructure for Complex UAS Operations: The Role of Network Alliances**

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021



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# **Trends driving advanced UAS operations**

Regulatory enablement

Enabling BVLOS regulation settling in place (Part 92 / Part 135) Part 107 rule mature. Focus shifting to Part 91, BVLOS NPRUM FCC/FAA spectrum policy maturing; shift from Part 15 to C-band, LTE, Satcom Industry standards slowly emerging (RTCA, ASTM)

Technology

BVLOS-ready UAV's proliferating – 10+ aircraft pursuing certificationFirst generation of UTM network (Vantis) turned BVLOS operational in 2021Testing of LTE for use in commercial drone application is growing

Customer demand

Line-of-sight growth continues unabated – building momentum for BVLOS Package delivery, industrial, public safety, and security accelerating Public UTM networks poised to open up new applications (ND, NY, OH) Momentum building up for accelerating advanced operations in 2022 and beyond

End customers are increasingly embracing UAS

Timing is opportune to implement and validate UAS networks to enable BVLOS operations



# Capabilities needed to commercialize advanced UAS operations





# Goals for a UAS Network Alliance (UNA)

**Technology**: Identify, mature, and validate the stack of UAS technologies that can enable efficient and advanced commercial drone services

**Regulatory approvals**: Secure regulatory authorizations for launching commercial network operations

**Business model**: Demonstrate customer value creation and profitability of the core business models supporting advanced UAS operations

**Business Plan**: Develop a robust business plan for rolling out the UAS network and related supporting UTM services across the country

**Operating entity**: Define the long-term operational business model and structure partnerships to execute the business plan

**Market development**: Coordinate alliance activities in maturing public and private implementation opportunities



### Enable drone commerce and public services across the country



## **Crown Castle wireless and fiber solutions**





40,000 towers in 100 markets (49 states / 1 US territory) Additional access to 10,000 rooftop sites Wireless voice/data/broadband, TV, radio signals, hub for remote transmitters and monitors (IoT)



80,000 small cells in indoor, outdoor, and mixed-used areas Coverage in 700 municipalities

Extending core tower network coverage and adding density 24/7 monitoring by Network Operations Center



80,000 route miles – one of the largest/densest networks

25 years of experience in building DF network solutions

Customized networks – single and multi-site, from individual strands to complex multi-site designs



High-performance, efficient, and fully restorable networks



Carrier Ethernet + metro-area transport solutions – *MAPL* (Metro-E Advanced Private Line), *E-Line, EVPL* (Ethernet Virtual Private Line), and *E-LAN* (Ethernet Private LAN)



Private, point-to-point wavelength service over DWDM network and Managed Private Optical Networks

Data-intensive applications, data center backup and recovery, cloud services



Turnkey managed SD-WAN providing highly secure, scalable, and reliable virtual network

Leveraging 80,000 route miles of fiber, 900 connected data centers, PoP's, and CO's

Internet access



Enterprise-class fiber optic Internet access service – at CCI facilities, dedicated IA, and Burstable Internet Access

Supports full range of applications: cloud connectivity, VPN, email, IM, social media traffic, VoIP and video, etc.

# Private network

Turnkey, dedicated, private network with custom-designed dark fiber routes, DWDM equipment, and 24/7 NOC

Managed Private Optical Network (MPON) supporting multiple technologies, protocols, and applications



### **Crown Castle value-added solutions**



Fast, secure and direct connection between main offices, data centers, and colocation environments and the cloud

A range of bandwidth and interface options to access public, private, and hybrid clouds (AWS, MS Azure)



encryption of in-flight data from end-point to end-point Maximum protection and throughput while optimizing latency by encrypting data at optical level

Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)-certified

DDoS defense

Best-in-class security technology to monitor traffic, detect threats, and alert key personnel to mitigate the attacks

Combines network monitoring centers, threat analysis and defense systems, 24-7 available security experts



Portal access to real-time analysis, monitoring, threatdetection and alert notification for suspicious activities

Best-in-class Security Operations Center SOC with Al machine learning platform





Agility and control to upgrade bandwidth as needed across the Internet and Ethernet platforms

Ability to increase near real-time circuit capacity to port speeds in standard increments

Complementary to fiber, enterprise-grade solutions for highspeed broadband Internet and ethernet access

Technology connects two fixed locations with line-of-sight radio link (network diversity, service in challenging areas, temporary services)

Ultra-low latency



Enables transport of critical data between key data centers and interconnected facilities

Leveraging Crown Castle's state-of-the-art wavelength (DWDM) technology and nationwide fiber network



High-capacity transport for HD and 4K video (ASI, SD-DI, HD-SDI, and 3G-SDI video formats)

Leveraging Crown Castle's industry leading fiber network



# **Crown Castle's potential contributions to UNA**



Deep expertise and experience in mission-critical networks

The country's leading portfolio of **communications infrastructure and related value-add services** 

**Low-cost and commercial business** model for network financing and operations

Thought leadership in UAS strategy and business development

Strategic and growth capital

Brand and credibility



# Next steps: assemble a team to drive implementation in a particular area

Engage UAS thought leaders in a forward-leaning region to align on vision and goals

Develop a pragmatic network solution to meet the UAS industry's operational needs

Conduct a focused pilot to validate the concept

Outline a long-term implementation roadmap

Identify potential long-term partners to execute the roadmap

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Industry growth, innovation, and economic development



# Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Market Update for the North Texas UAS Safety and Integration Task Force



Service | Innovation | Results AAAE Regulatory Affairs Team November 30, 2021



### EHang's COVID Relief Efforts Continue Amidst Second Wave in Guangzhou

- 06/04/2021 Successively deployed multiple autonomous aircraft for COVID-19 prevention and control efforts
- Completing multiple support tasks in the quarantine and containment zones of Guangzhou
- Aerial logistics, emergency transportation, aerial inspections, transporting necessary daily household supplies to residents and implementing AAM systems in emergency transportation scenarios



Image // EHang



### Joby Aviation Announces Infrastructure Partnership With Largest Mobility Hub Operator in North America

- Partnership with REEF Technology and Neighborhood Property Group to develop takeoff and landing sites
- Largest parking garage operator focused on transforming these underutilized assets into multi-use mobility hubs
- Joby gains access to rooftop locations across key metropolitan areas in the US
- Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Bay Area



Image // Joby



# **DHL Orders 12 Eviation Planes, Plans First Electric Network**

- Ordered 12 electric cargo aircraft for delivery in 2024 and plans to build the world's first electric air cargo "eCargo" network
- First company in the world to order Alice aircraft from Eviation
- Alice can be flown by a single pilot and can carry over 2,600 pounds of cargo
- Charging time per flight hour is approximately 30 minutes, and the maximum range is 440 nautical miles
- Charged while loading and unloading operations occur



Image // Eviation



### EHang and Spanish Police to Collaborate on AAV EMS and Security Applications

- Coordination with Spanish National Police to explore potential use cases
- Emergency situations such as rescue, surveillance, and other missions
- EMS & Security application may be ready sooner than commercial transport (overcoming regulatory approvals, public/societal benefit)



Image // EHang



### Kaman Corporation to Develop Commercial and Military Use eVTOLs

- KARGO UAV is the only system of its class that is purpose-built to provide deployed Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and Coast Guard autonomous resupply
- Rugged design for easy transport and deployment
- System's compact form-factor fits in a standard shipping container and is designed to be unloaded/operated by as few as two people
- Demonstration



Image // Kaman Corporation



### Archer Receives Certification Standards Approval in G1 Issue Paper from FAA

- G-1 Issue Paper establishes the airworthiness and environmental requirements necessary to achieve FAA Type Certification
- Focus turns towards G-2 Issue Paper, which sets forth the means of compliance to meet the requirements set forth in G-1
- Become the third air taxi company to be listed publicly since August 2021 after successfully completing a merger with SPAC Atlas Crest Investment Corp.



Image // Archer Aviation



# **ABB to Provide Charging Infrastructure for Lilium**

- Provide development, testing, and supply services for the MegaWatt fast charging systems that will be used in Lilium's network
- Charging points designed to be capable of bringing batteries to full charge within 30 minutes
- Services in Brazil, Germany, and the US with plans to expand further
- Another vital step in the fight against climate change and building a more sustainable future



Image // Lilium 'The Lilium Jet'



# Several EU Airports Partner on Vertiport Development

- Urban Blue a joint venture between airport operators and administrators that will oversee the construction and management of eVTOL vertiports
- Transport airline customers on the final leg of their journey from their passenger jet to the city center
- eVTOL routes operated by Volocopter beginning in Summer 2024 in conjunction with the Summer Olympics hosted in Paris
- 2022 Conduct technical and economic studies and begin master plans for vertiports



Image // Volocopter



### Vertical Aerospace & Heathrow Airport to Collaborate on Future of Urban Air Mobility

- Gearing up to operate its electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft at Heathrow by mid-2020s
- Has the potential to reduce congestion and pollution on local roads
- Transport 4 passengers from Heathrow to London in 12 minutes, with zero operating emissions and at a cost similar to a taxi
- Partnering with Ferrovial to build 25 vertiports across the UK. This will allow Vertical's eVTOL to operate from these sites for the proposed launch of its UK services with Virgin Atlantic
- Significant milestone for Britain's zeroemissions aviation industry



Image // Vertical Aerospace



### Texas Urban Air Mobility Advisory Council

- ➤Voted on today
- ➤Task Force Members Listed
  - Chad Sparks Bell
  - Chris Ash Hillwood/Alliance
  - Michael Hill Cumulus Technologies
  - ➤ Gus Khankarli City of Dallas

# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- ➢Airport Funding
  - ➤ 25 Billion over the next 5 years
- ➤The Promoting Services in Transportation Act
  - ➤ 5 Million a year to promote Transportation Careers
- The Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation program
  - ⋟ \$100 Million a year over the next 5 years
  - To help cities conduct "smart city technologies" demonstrations that include supporting advanced air mobility initiatives.

#### NASA Community Planning and Integration Annex

- Workshop #4 tomorrow
  - Planning and Multimodal Integration
  - Interoperable Infrastructure and Operations
  - Workforce Development

#### Regional Conference with Choctaw Nation

- ➢ February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Still determining the duration

#### Building Back Better Communities Grant

- > Working Groups meetings next week
  - December 7<sup>th</sup>

#### Know Before You Fly Your Drone Workshop -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFdemmexMXE

- Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>
- UAS Rules and Regulations
- Tyler Dicks Airspace Link's Pilot App
- Mark Colburn Notify and Fly
- Evan Merelli UAS Mapping

#### > Community Integration Working Group Update

#### Cities interested in UAS Pilots and Operations

- City of Arlington
- City of Carrollton
- City of Dallas
- City of Fort Worth
- City of Frisco
- City of Lakeside
- City of Plano
- City of Richardson
- Duncanville

#### ➢ Next Meeting

➢ January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022