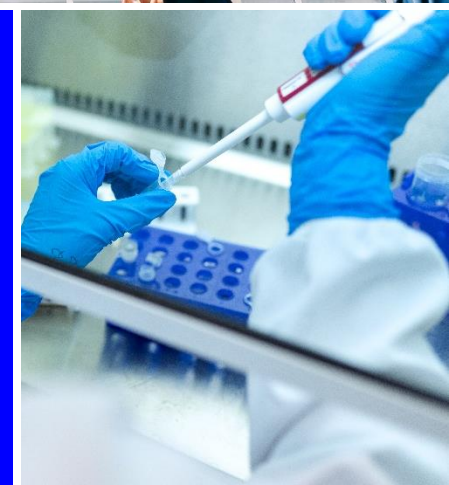




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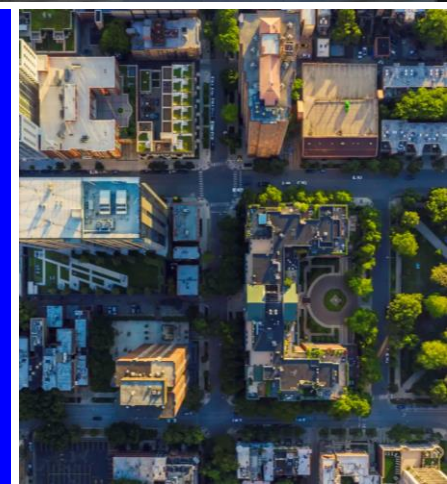
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AV's core mission is to invest in evidence-based solutions that **maximize opportunity** and **minimize injustice**.



Infrastructure

- Arnold Ventures (AV) aims to bolster the country's ability to build the necessary infrastructure faster, better, and at lower cost.
 - This includes supporting policymakers at the federal, state, and local levels to craft and implement solutions;
 - identifying and removing barriers that unnecessarily slow down building timelines and add costs;
 - and working to enhance the capacity of government to effectively support delivering on the promise of major infrastructure investments.



Transit is a partnership between:

- Government
 - Federal
 - State
 - Local
- Local Businesses
- Employees
- Community organizations
- Riders
- Residents
- Advocates
- Real Estate
- Manufacturers and Service Providers



What are the main challenges and opportunities for public transportation?



Challenges

- Uncertain funding environment
- Changes to ridership patterns post-COVID
- Continued advances in the transportation sector

Opportunities

- Project delivery and streamlining
- Maximize the investment around transit
- Adopt new technology and practices



Uncertain funding environment

- Federal
 - Surface transportation bill reauthorization bill in 2026 or beyond –unclear funding environment
- State
 - Varies depending on state commitment to transit
- Local
 - Some areas are generating new local funding sources
 - Others are reconsidering local support
- Farebox
 - Many systems are not generating the fares they once did



Ridership changes post-COVID

- Pandemic impacted ridership across transit agencies
- Many systems back to pre-pandemic ridership levels or even higher
- Many systems are still significantly below pre-pandemic highs
- Commuter ridership not the driver it once was
- Ridership patterns have shifted to all-day service needs



Continued Technological Advances in Transportation Sector

- Transit is one of several non-car transportation modes
- Continued advancement of competing and complementary modes where transit operates
- Advance of autonomous vehicle technology



Near-Term Opportunities

- Project Delivery
- Program Streamlining
- Project Prioritization
- Maximize the investment in transit (TOD)
- Technology Adoption

Philanthropy's Role



Creating dialogue through research, policy and data that:

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