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ANALYZING AND OPTIMIZING SHARED MOBILITY FLEET IMPACTS

Ridesourcing fleets such as Uber & Lyft enable activities, but the air emissions and traffic they create are unpriced externalities that may constitute a market failure. This presentation summarizes three studies of that market failure and potential policy responses. One study applies optimization to fleet powertrain decisions and vehicle dispatch to assess whether Uber & Lyft should use more electric vehicles for the social good. Similarly, the second study asks whether fleets should pool more riders into shared rides for the social good using a city-scale ride matching optimization. The third study applies econometrics to assess whether Chicago's 2020 downtown congestion charge met its goals of reducing solo rides and increasing shared rides. These studies highlight potential roles of public policy to improve shared transportation outcomes.

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