

#### ANTHONY TOWNSEND

# GHOST ROAD

BEYOND THE DRIVERLESS CAR ANTHONYM. TOWNSEND

### What are smart cities?

BIG DATA, CIVIC HACKERS, AND THE QUEST FOR A NEW UTOPIA



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<u>A planner's definition</u> 'communities where government, business, and citizens are using digital technology to address timeless urban problems."

# They move.





### They inform.



### They advise.



### They observe.



# They spy.

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# They spy.

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## They regulate.



## They maintain.

### They reveal.

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WHERE?

Edgbaston Constituency Erdington Constituency Hall Green Constituency Hodge Hill Constituency Ladywood Constituency Northfield Constituency Not assigned Perry Barr Constituency Selly Oak Constituency Sutton Constituency

WHO OR WHAT?

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**Chief Executive's** 

### They reveal.



### They serve on-demand.



# But they don't serve everyone in the same way.





# They delight.



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### Sometimes they are really dumb.



"The great enemy is complexity, measured in lines of code, or interactions."

- Ellen Ullman, The New York Times

### There are no overnight successes.

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### Buildings bring down their own energy costs.

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#### Drivers can see traffic jams before they happen.

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# ALSO IN 2008...

### Tech companies package a top-down vision of smart.

# Why now?

## 2008 was the turning point.

## \$1.56 trillion (2014 forecast)

~2-3% of global infrastructure spending

### this ratio of smart same at urban scale

~2-3% of a district infrastructure cost

~2-3% of building construction cost

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3 big stories about the future of automated mobility: Specialization Materialization Financialization

### Specialization







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soft trains





### Materialization. The last mile is the last barrier to e-commerce domination.



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### **Financialization.** We've never seen control of urban mobility

consolidated on a global scale.



#### Forecasts



Urban systems converge into a deep, actionable web.

Dive in the Horizon Scan by exploring six big stories on the future of urban tech.



Urban design taps life science to improve well-being.



Sustainable neighborhoods scale up.



The chaos of urban life gives way to an algorithmic hum.



Inclusive innovation strikes back at surveillance capitalism.



Big business cracks the code of the city.



### Supercharged Infrastructure

Urban systems converge into a vast, actionable web.

### Will teleoperated vehicle fleets and robot swarms define the "new normal"?

# Wild + Well

### Urban design taps life science to improve well-being.



Jian Mu Tower, Carlo Ratti Associa

Managing the microbes in workplaces.

Taking vertical farms to scale.

### Will bioengineers be as important as structural engineers for buildings of the future?

### Urban Innovation Industrializes

### Big business cracks the code of the city.

Where will companies find large-scale, real-world testbeds for urban tech innovation?

Berlin Urban Tech Republic @ Tegel Airport