Micro-mobility Status and Insights from the U.S.

& Considerations for Policy Development

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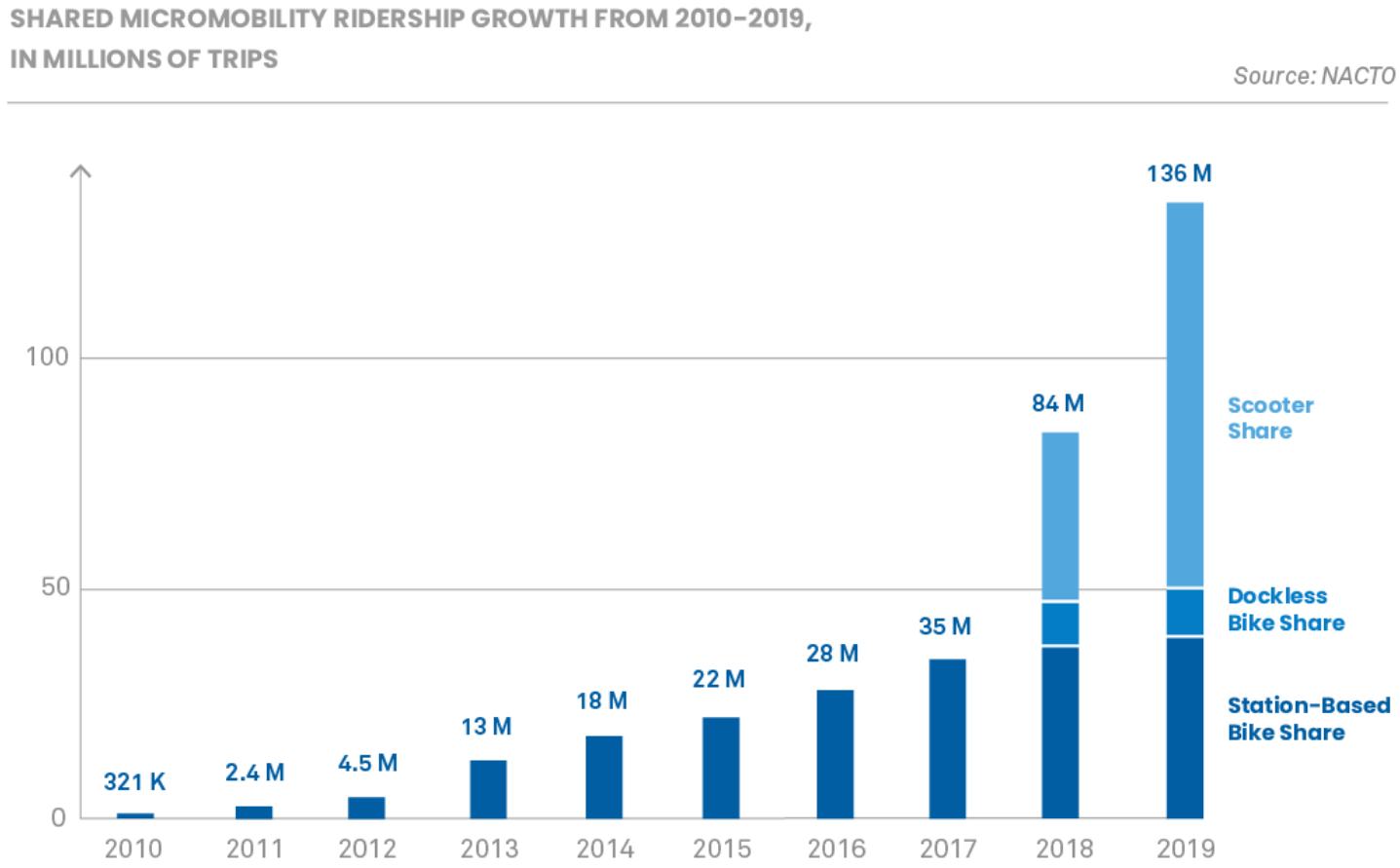
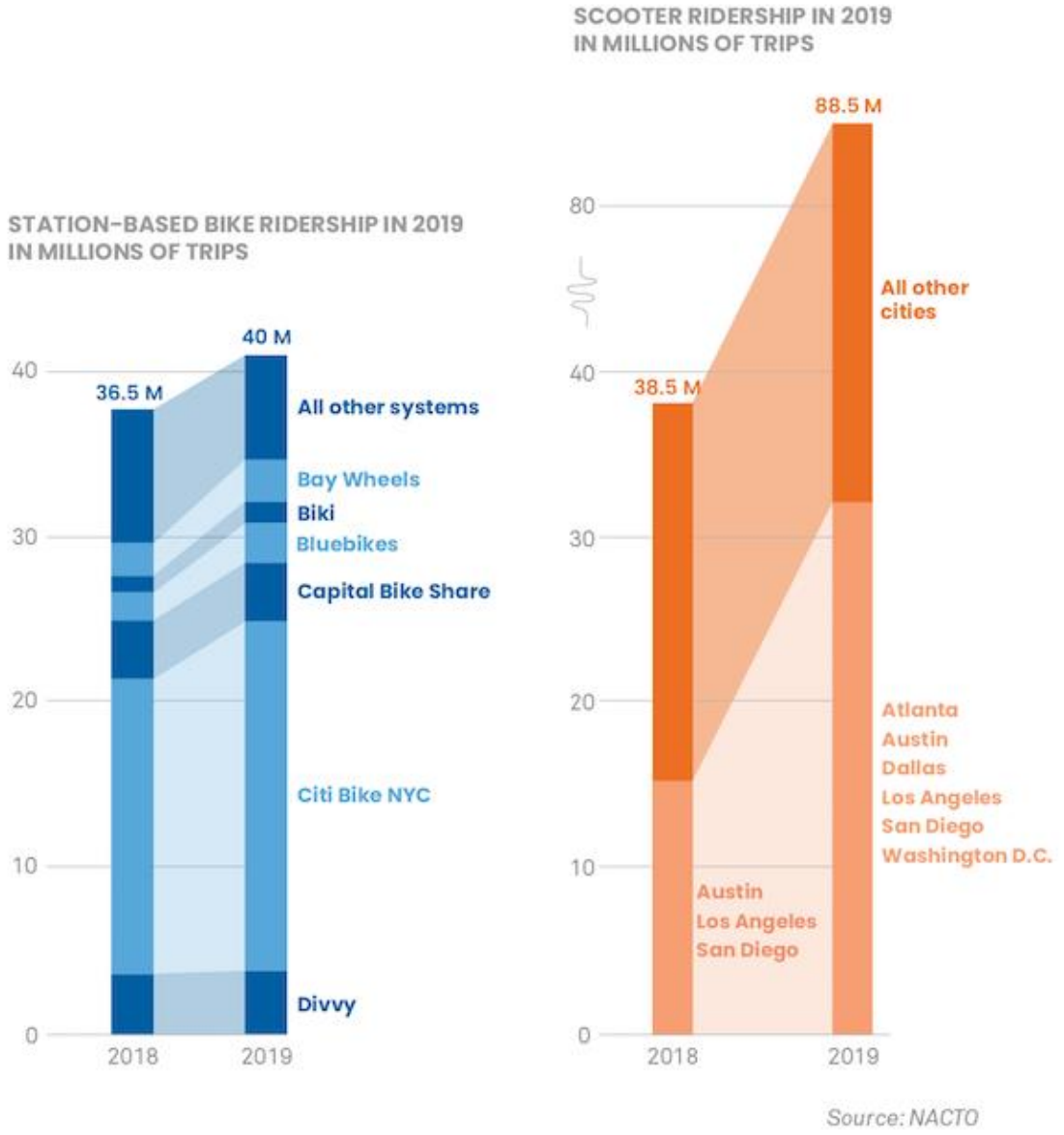
Shared Scooter Use Trends



Large City Phenomenon



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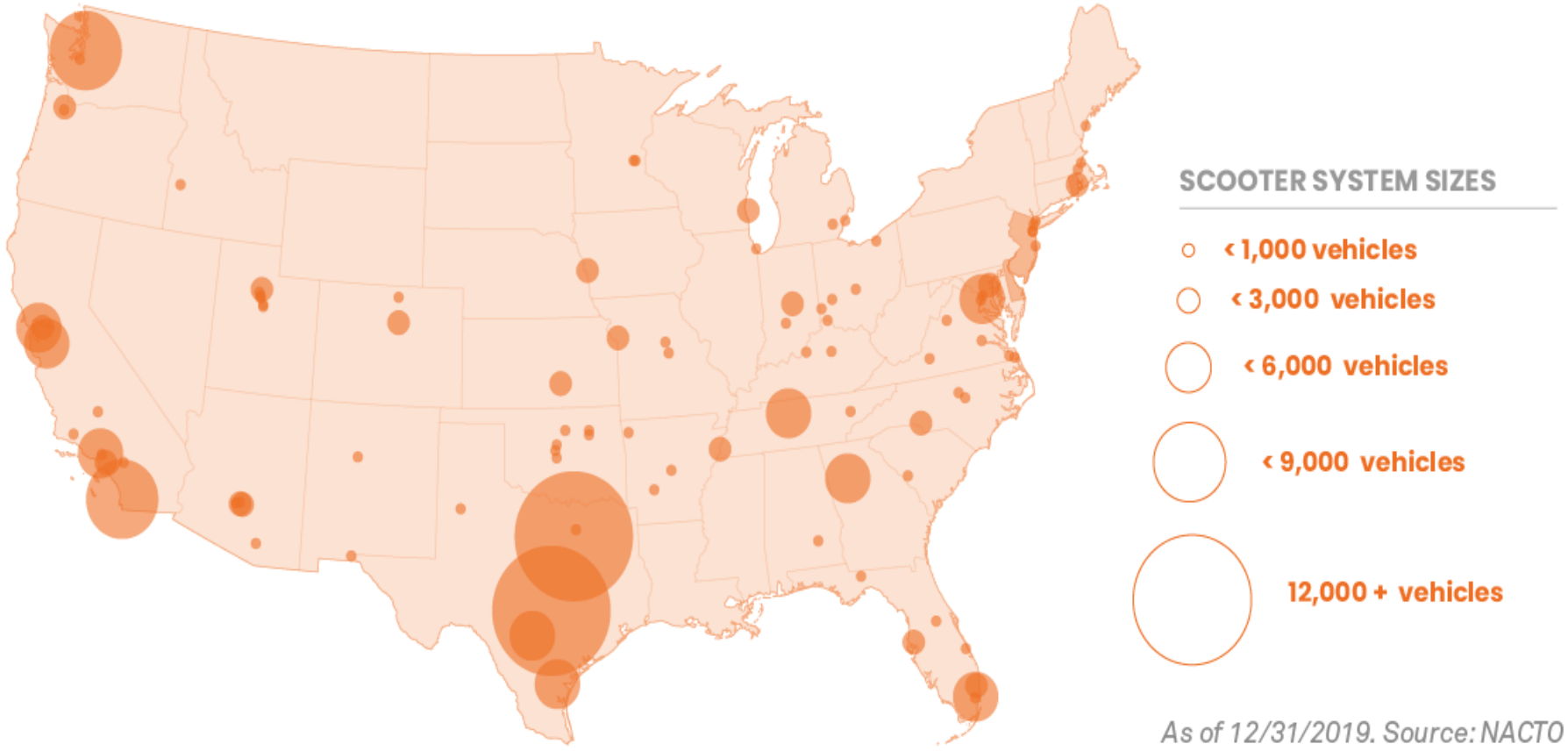
E-Scooter Systems



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Micro-mobility Vehicle Utilization

SCOOTER SHARE: RIDES PER VEHICLE PER DAY BY SYSTEM SIZE

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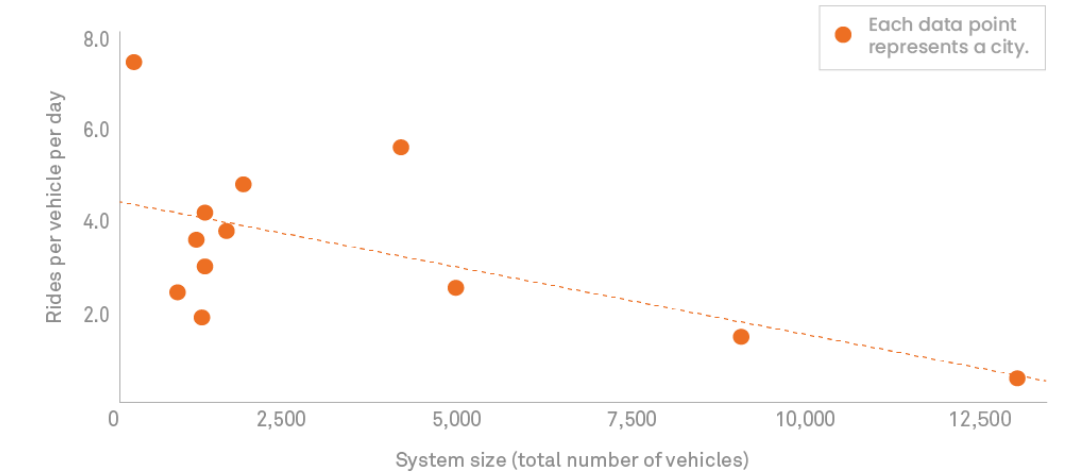

BIKE SHARE: RIDES PER VEHICLE PER DAY BY SYSTEM SIZE

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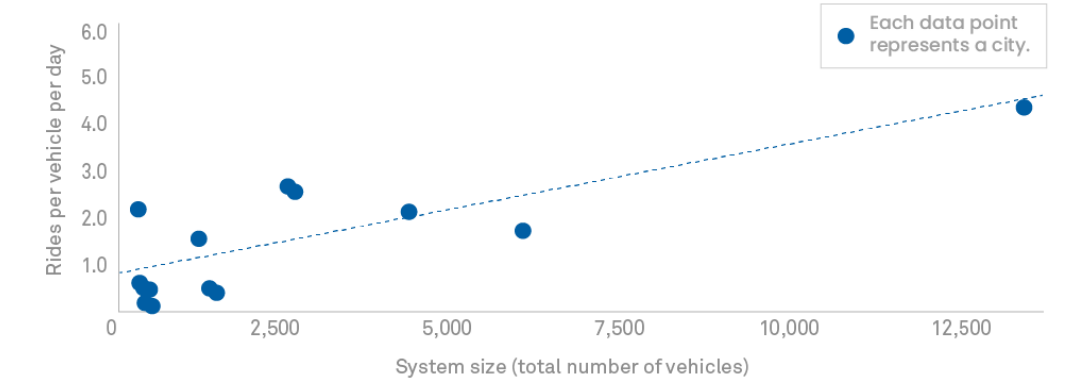
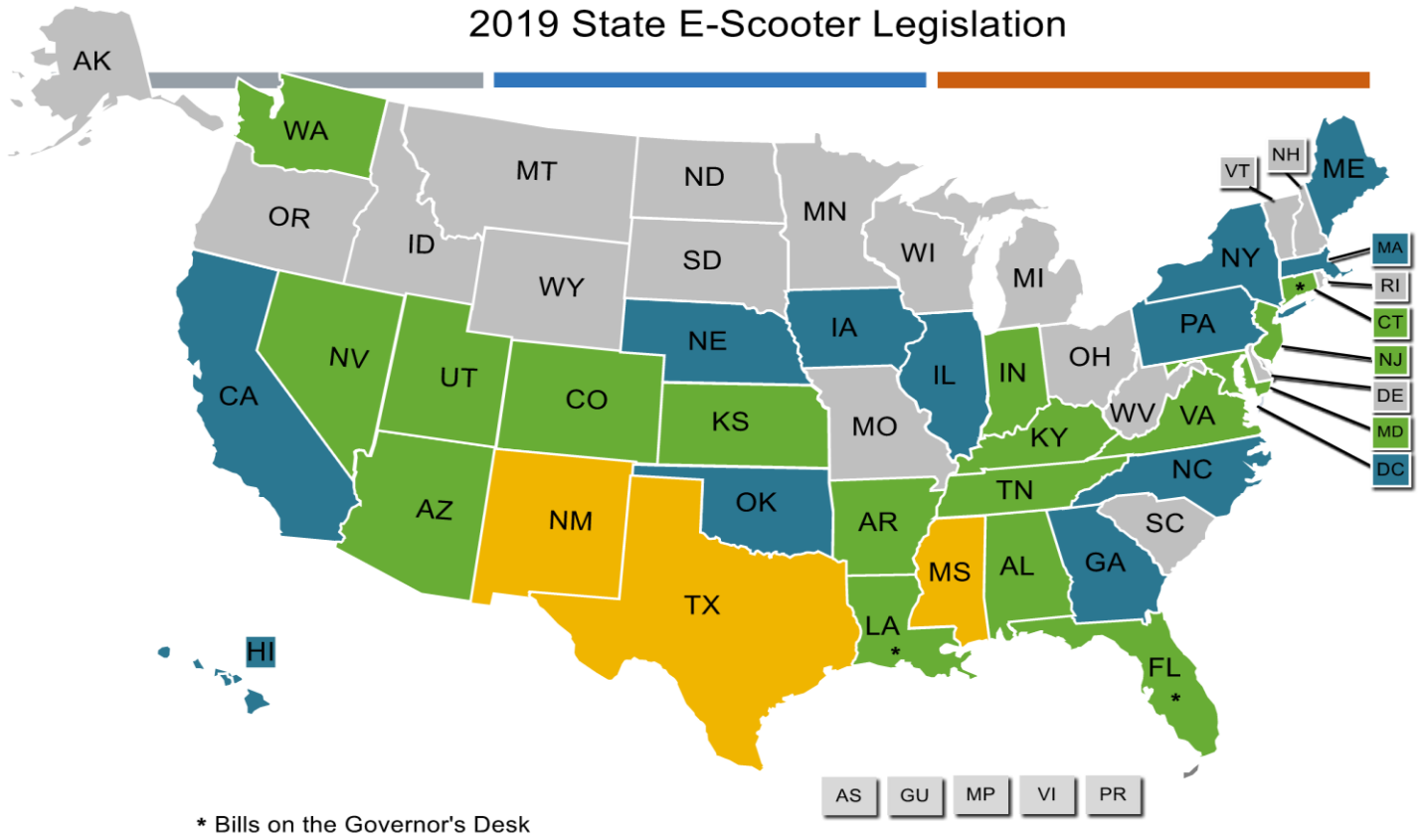


E-Scooter Legislative Activity



LEGEND	
	States considering e-scooter legislation
	Enacted e-scooter legislation
	Failed e-scooter legislation
	No state e-scooter legislation

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Legislative Trends

- Defining e-scooters
- Limiting speeds
- Setting a minimum operator age
- Requiring helmet use
- Addressing use on sidewalks and roads
- Balancing state and local regulatory authority

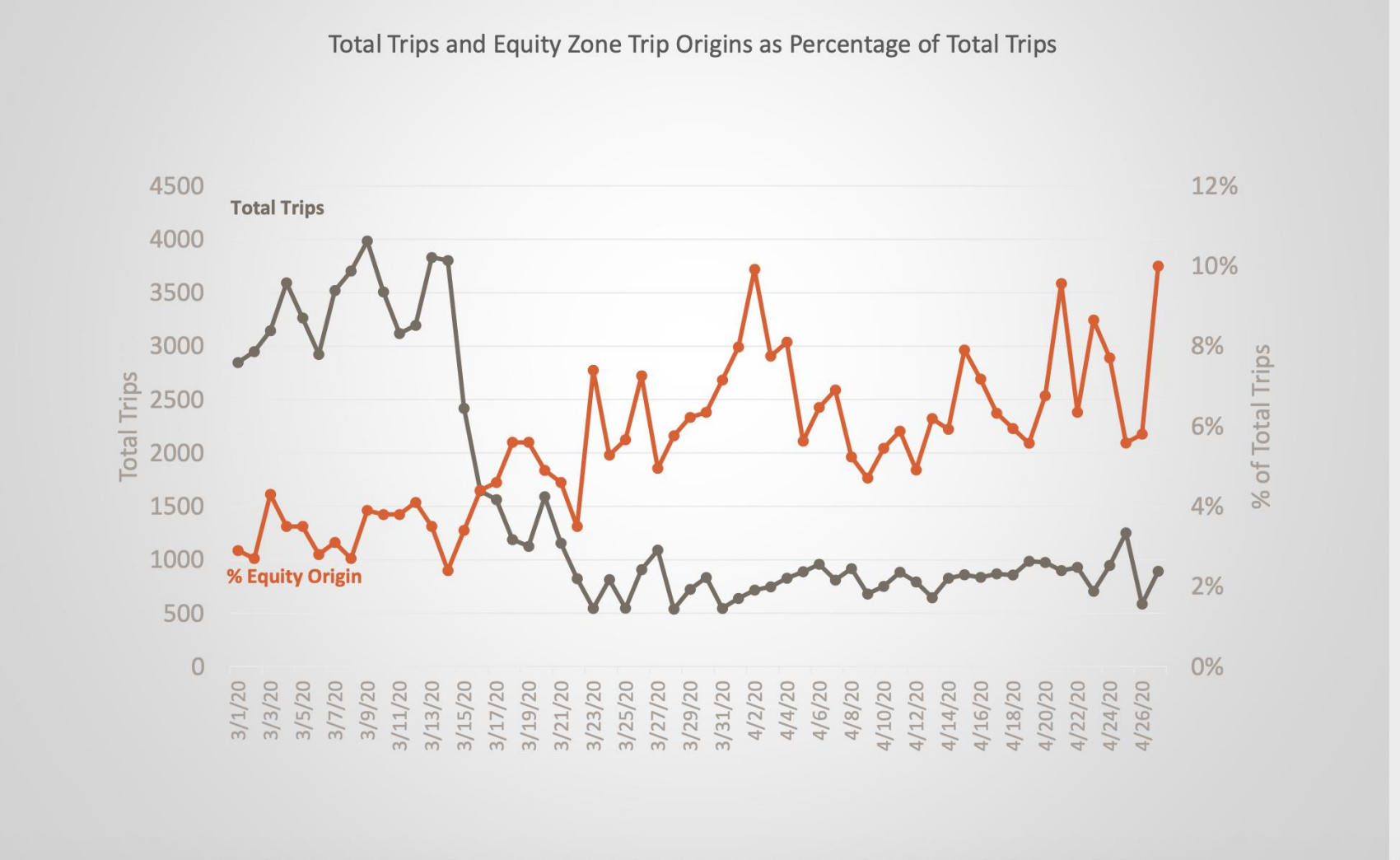
E-Scooter Injuries

- Data are scarce

- 2018-2019: 22 fatalities (Cherry, 2019)
- 2014-2018: 40,000 injuries (Namiri, 2020)

- Studies indicate:
  - More crash injuries from pavement condition than from striking cars (APH, 2019)
  - Pedestrians at risk (Trivedi, 2019)
  - E-bike injuries 3 times more likely to involve cars or pedestrians (DiMaggio, 2019)

Proportion of Use in Equity Zones



Pros and Cons

Pro:

- May fill a mobility gap
- May create a desirable modal shift
- May serve social purposes: e.g., access to jobs; social distancing

Con:

- Safety concerns
- Parking & space concerns
- Infrastructure needs: bike lanes

Next Steps?

- Model urban decision analysis
  - e.g, E-Scooter Scenarios: Evaluating the Potential Mobility Benefits of Shared Dockless Scooters in Chicago
- Model regulatory schemes
  - e.g., University of South Carolina School of Law

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