



### What is Scenario Planning?

Looking 30 years into the future is full of **uncertainty**. There have been numerous developments over the last three decades that few would have predicted in 1990: The meteoric rise of online retail, the introduction of ride-hailing companies like Uber and Lyft, and the growth of telecommuting, to only list a few. Transit Tomorrow will create a shared vision that guides the region in how it makes **choices** amid long-range uncertainty. Scenario Planning answers questions about how the transportation system could be impacted by different choices.

#### What if...



...growth was concentrated near transit service?



...growth occurred in rural areas of the region?



...more frequent transit service was provided?



...on-demand service provided first-mile last-mile connections to transit?

### What would the impacts be?



...on transit ridership?



...on vehicle miles traveled?



...on population size within walking distance to transit?



...on greenhouse gas emissions?



...on the amount of congestion?

### **Process**

The Scenario Planning process will depend on input from the Transit Tomorrow PAC at a September workshop and a winter meeting. The results of the Scenario Planning process will quantify **benefits** and/or **risks** of different choices, and will demonstrate the potential for transit in southern Maine.

## September PAC Work Session

#### Work Session Activities

**Step 1:** Consider longterm regional priorities

**Step 2:** Identify key uncertainties for southern Maine

**Step 3:** Develop "what if" questions

**Step 4:** Discuss potential impacts of different choices



Finalize scenario definitions: i.e. what will service look like?

service look like? Where should the growth be located?

# Project Team Scenario Development







**Winter PAC Meeting** 

Present findings and results for feedback