

# Barriers to large-scale pod networks

Only a handful of small ATN/pod networks are in operation.  
Why haven't they been more widely adopted?

## Cost

Elevated infrastructure (bridges) are 100 times more expensive than surface infra.

## Convenience

Small networks with stations that are far apart cannot provide car-like convenience.

## Capacity

Need high capacity to replace mass transit.

## Consultants

Transportation experts help governments evaluate and make recommendations. Few experts understand ATN/PRT so they recommend only options that are familiar and common.

## Funding

Governments will not fund or subsidize a new transpiration infrastructure.

## Fit

Large stations don't fit into urban or suburban environments (and also costly).

## Freight

As with roadways, infrastructure should support both freight and passengers.

## Fear

Most government leaders prefer to follow others and perceive anything "different" as higher risk. The risks of continuing with the status quo are considered unavoidable.

**A podway overcomes these barriers**

