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GREATER PHILADELPHIA

Scenario Planning Workshop 1
November 17, 2022

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AGENDA:

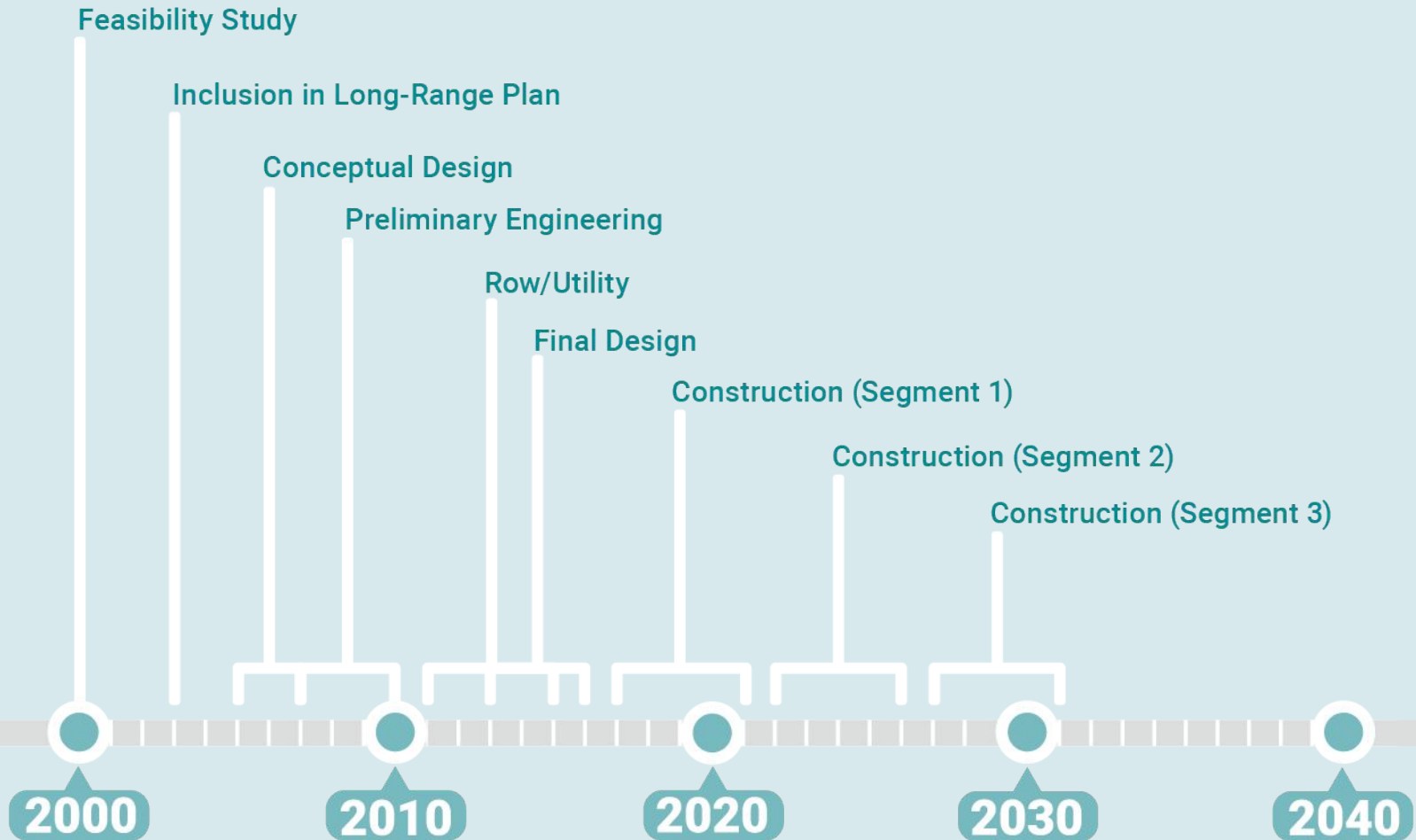
- Overview of scenario planning
- Dispatches scenarios
- Breakout group activities
- Next steps & closing

OVERVIEW OF SCENARIO PLANNING

Long-Range Planning



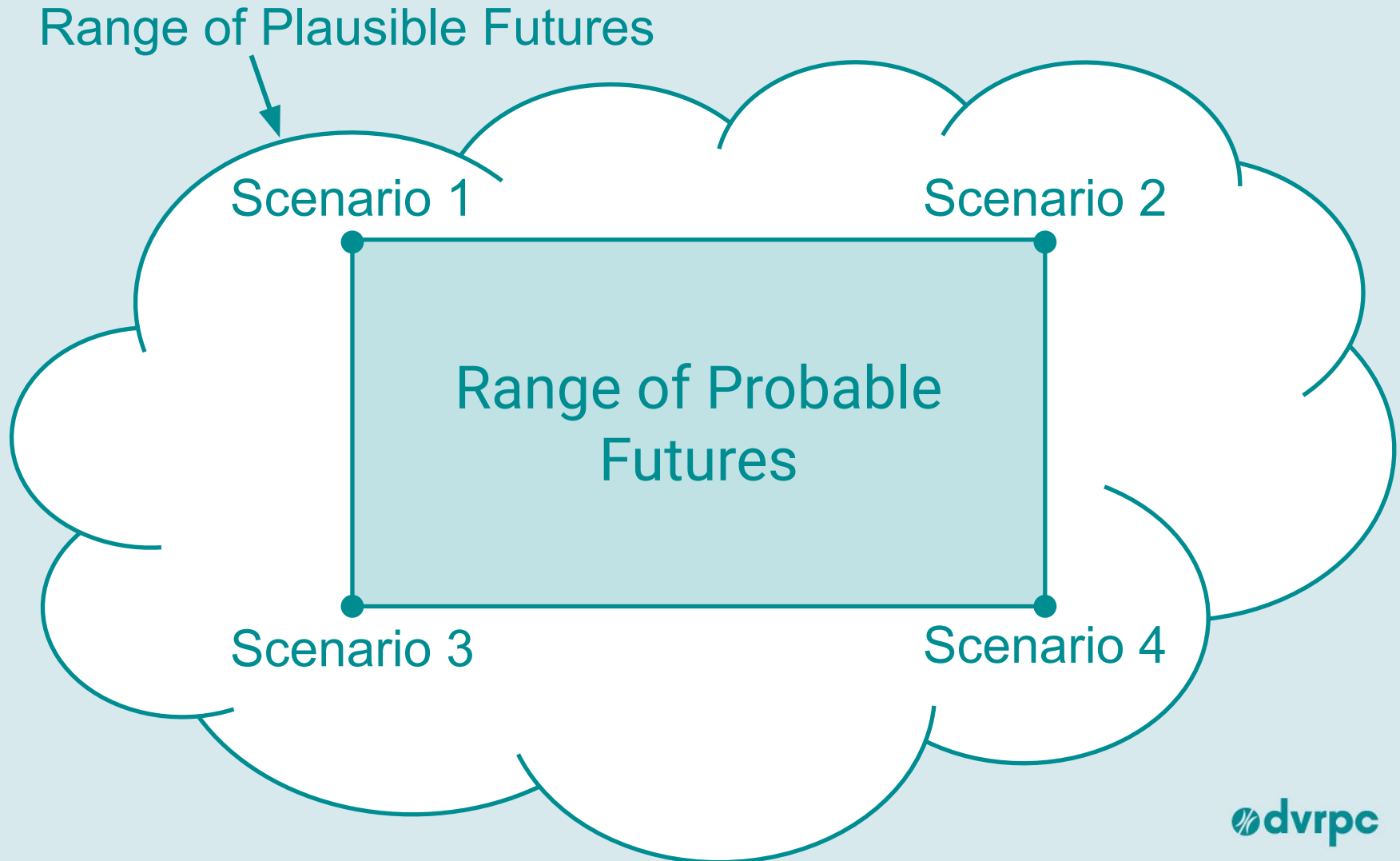
Major Transportation Project Timeline



Exploratory Scenario Planning

Stories about alternate futures
shaped by uncertainty
in anticipated trends & forces.

Plausible Future Scenarios



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Dispatches from Alternate Futures

Dispatches from Alternate Futures: Exploratory Scenarios for Greater Philadelphia is the result of the second exploratory scenario for the Greater Philadelphia region and is a key step in developing the Connections 2050 Long-Range Plan for Greater Philadelphia. It is intended to help Policymakers and public- and private-sector leaders and the forthcoming Long-Range Plan to make informed decisions that help guide the region toward more preferable outcomes consistent with the Plan's vision.

For more information on the Connections 2050 products as the Plan is developed, please visit: www.dvrpc.org/LongRangePlan

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EXPLORATORY SCENARIOS FOR GREATER PHILADELPHIA

DISPATCHES from ALTERNATE FUTURES

DELAYED EXPECTATIONS
 A world overcome by climate change and economic slowdown

PEOPLE POWER
 Grassroots movement to a more just and sustainable future

TECHNOLOGY IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT
 Big Tech takes control

INCLUSIVE TECH
 A new equitable economy emerges through open source technologies

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COVID-19 BREAKING NEWS
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2050

Preparing
GREATER PHILADELPHIA
 for
HIGHLY AUTOMATED VEHICLE DEPLOYMENT

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Delayed Expectations: Automated vehicle development stalls due to stagnant economy.

People Power: Federal government advancing truck platooning, connected vehicles, and automated shuttles.

Tech in the Driver's Seat: Automated vehicles are here. Are we ready?

Inclusive Tech: Open source principles and federal regulations shape automated vehicles.

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Talking about and understanding the future is a key step in actively shaping it to go in the direction we want it to.

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INCLUSIVE TECH

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Markets drive economic growth through Big Data, algorithms, and innovation.

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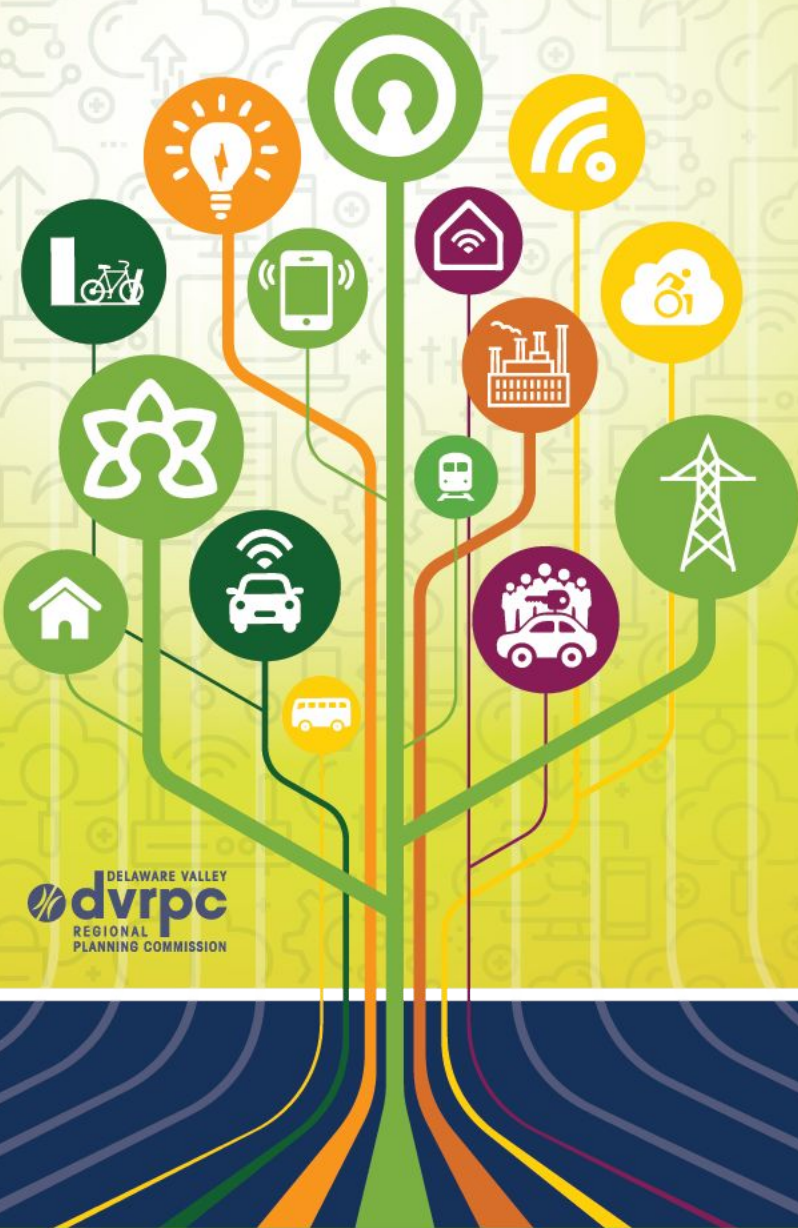
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RECENT TRENDS & FORCES

Global population hits 8 billion as growth poses more challenges for the planet

By [Tara Subramaniam](#), CNN and Reuters

Updated 3:38 AM EST, Tue November 15, 2022



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A market in Kolkata, India. The UN projects India will surpass China to become the world's most populous nation in 2023.

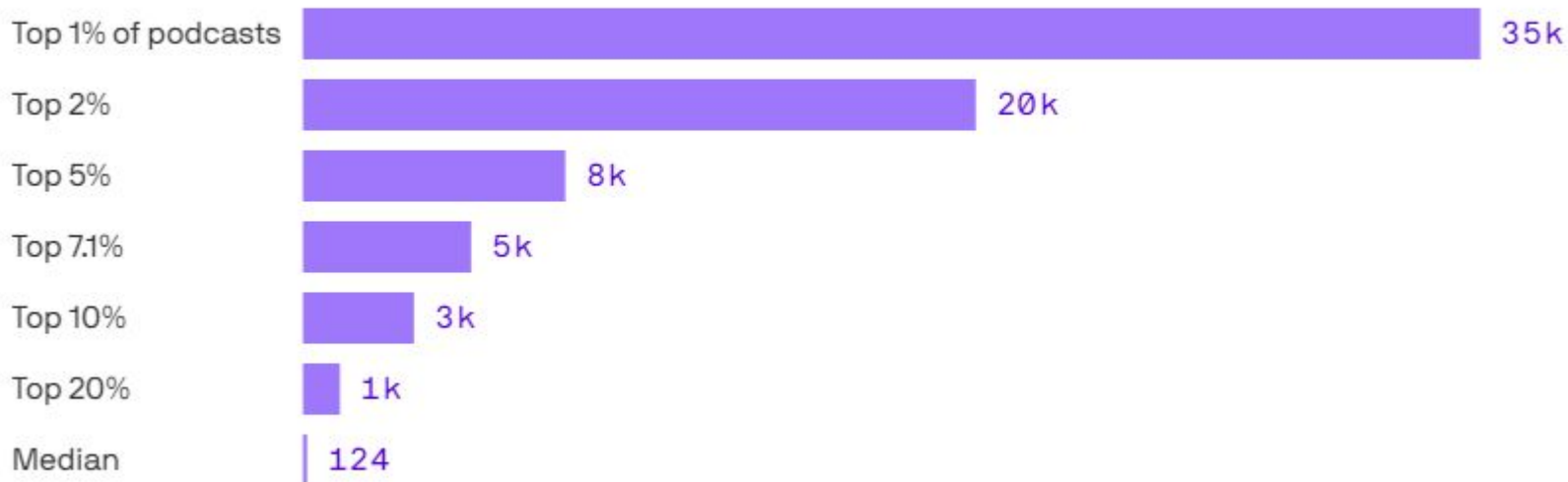
The podcast business is booming, but few are making money



Sara Fischer, author of [Axios Media Trends](#)

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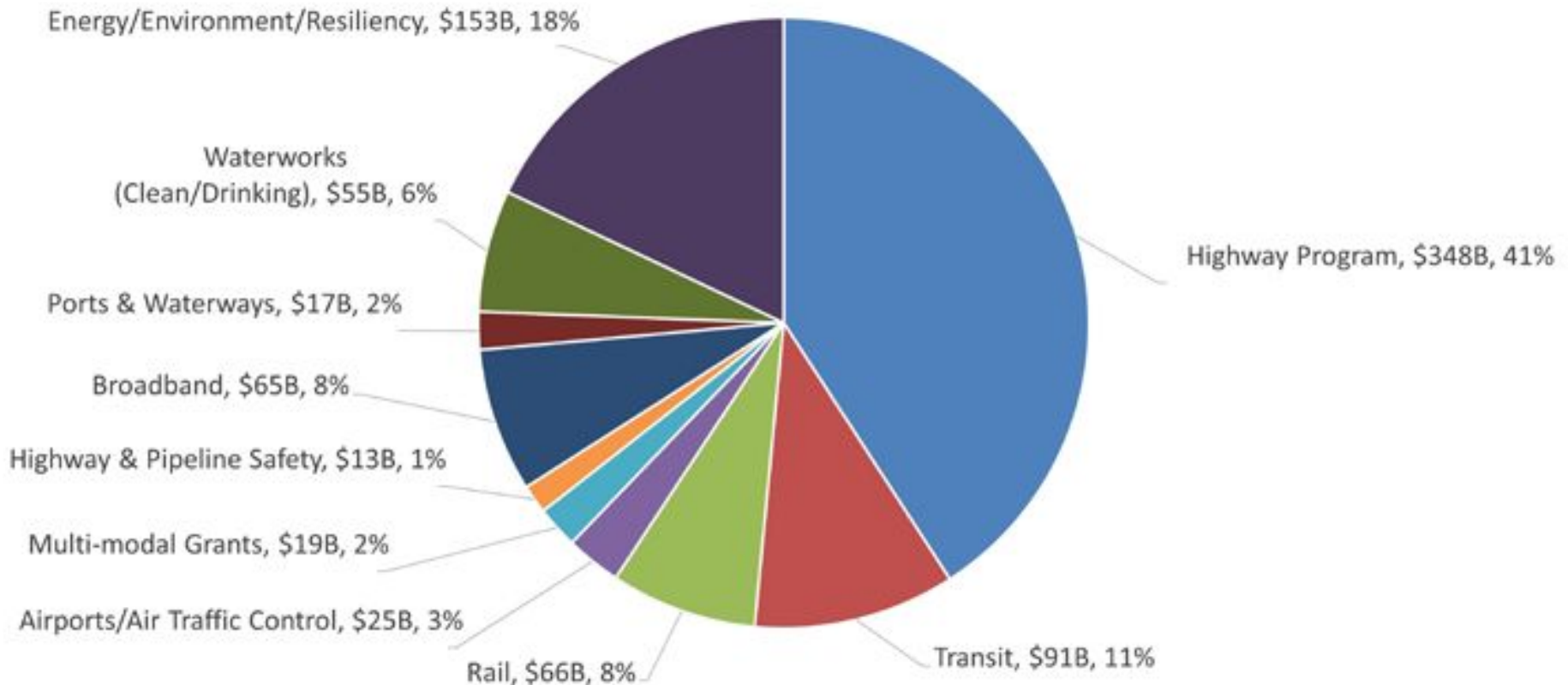
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Statement by President Joe Biden on the House Passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act



BRIEFING ROOM

STATEMENTS AND RELEASES





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Kellogg's labor strike to eat into margins as supply woes mount

By Mehr Bedi



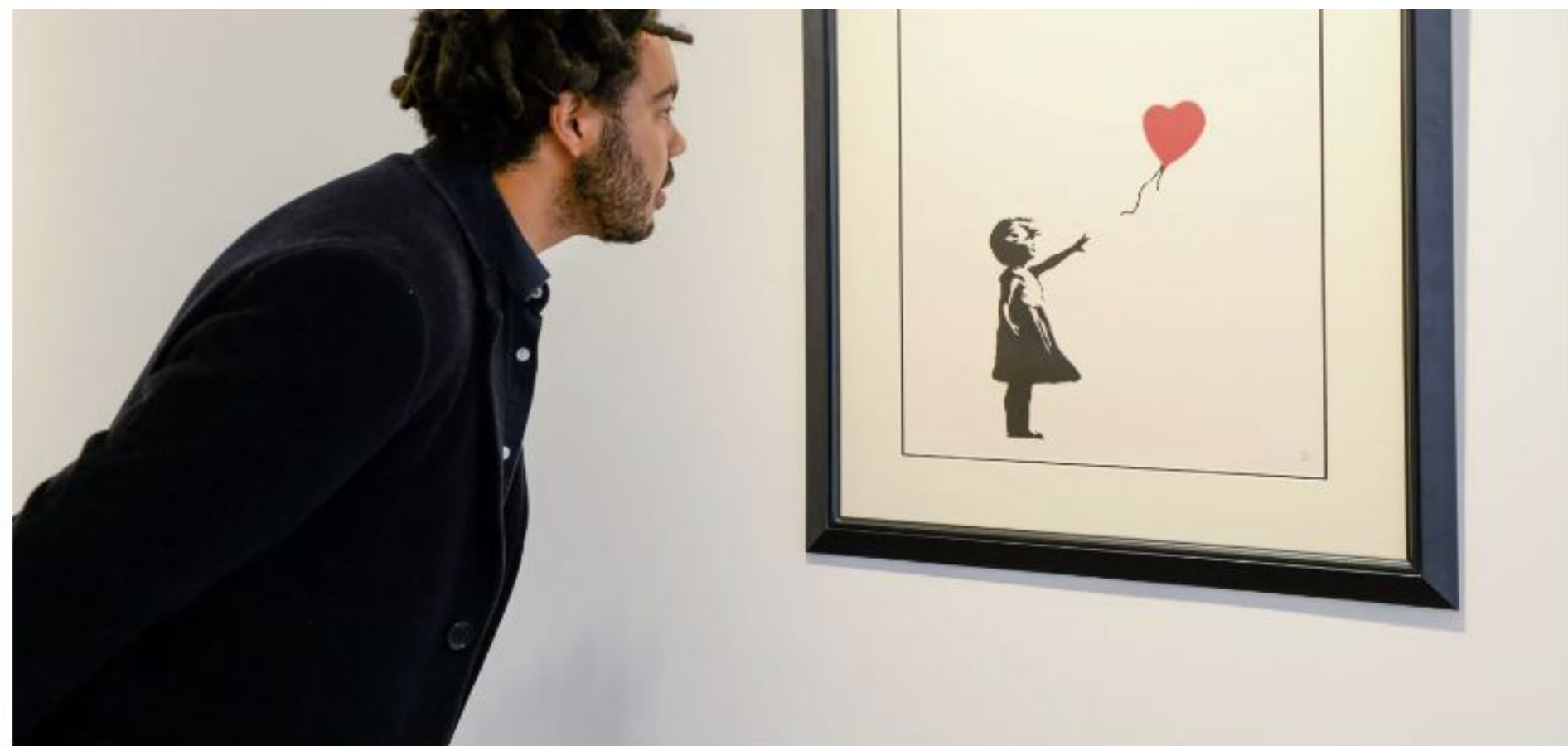
[1/2] Kellogg's Corn Flakes owned by Kellogg Company is seen for sale in a store in Queens, New York City, U.S., February 7, 2022.

REUTERS (Andrew Kelly/File Photo)

Millennials and Gen Z are a growing force in investing. The market needs to catch up

BY JEAN CASE

November 18, 2021 at 7:04 AM EST



These new investors want to use their capital for socially responsible investing and sell stocks when they think a company is not serving the best interest of society or the planet.

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Thom Taylor - Oct 9



Florida Tesla fires | via YouTube

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U.S. retail sales unchanged; consumers showing resilience

By Lucia Mutikani



People carrying shopping bags walk inside the King of Prussia shopping mall, as shoppers show up early for the Black Friday sales, in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, U.S. November 26, 2021. REUTERS/Danish Wickniewski

Defenders of Democracy Beat Election Deniers in Every 2024 Battleground



Democratic gubernatorial candidate, Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro speaks at a campaign rally in Philadelphia, Nov. 5, 2022; Michigan Secretary of State, Jocelyn Benson speaks to the media after voting in Michigan, Nov. 8, 2022. Shapiro: Matt Rourke—AP; Benson: Evelyn Hockstein—Reuters

Meta lays off thousands, FTX collapses, and Twitter has a very weird week



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Greg Kumparak @grg / 4:15 PM EST • November 12, 2022

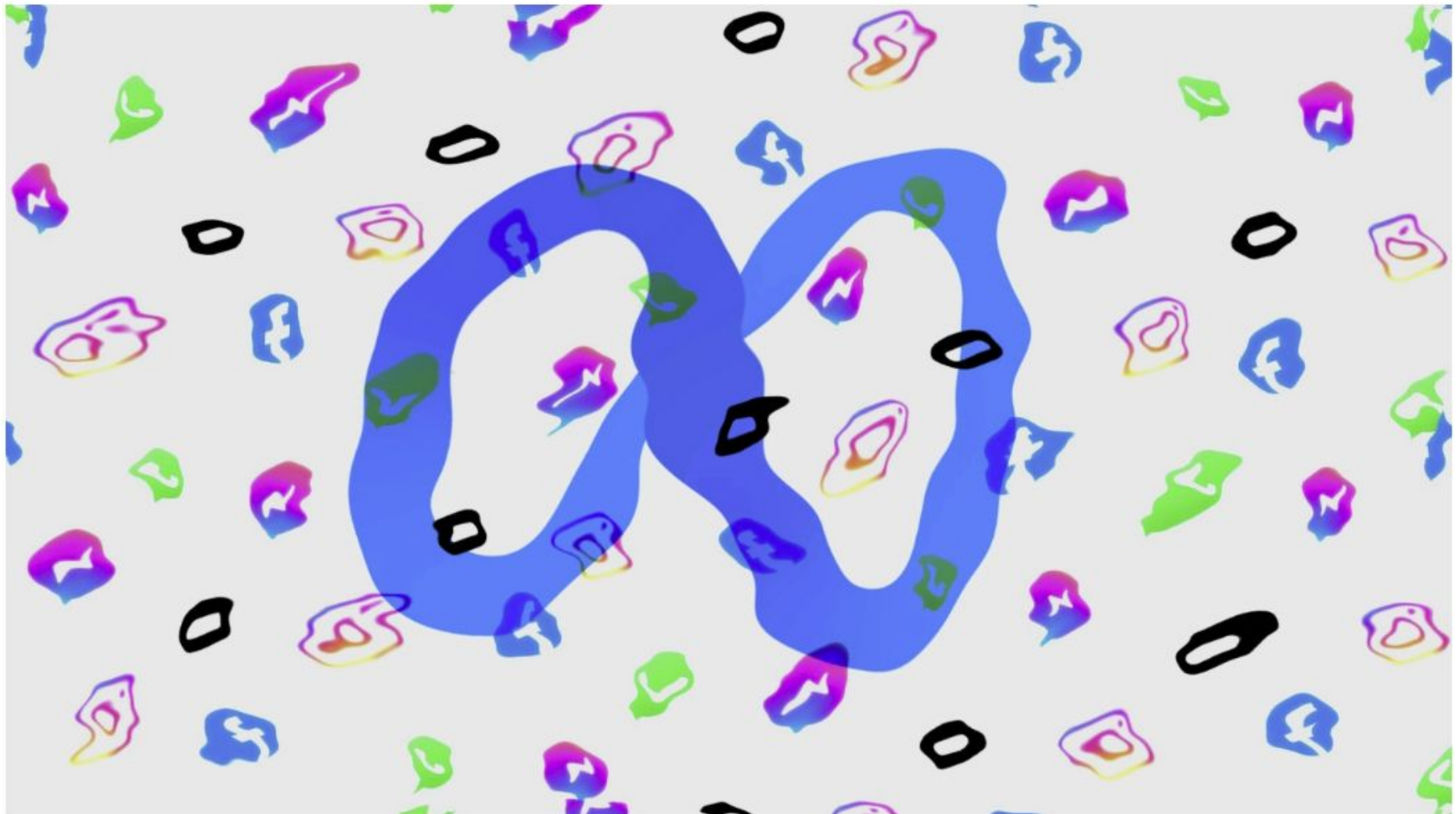


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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

EACH GROUP'S FOCUS

One focus area:

- Environment
- Communities
- Economy
- Transportation

Two scenarios:

- People Power
- Inclusive Tech
- Delayed Expectations
- Tech in the Driver's Seat

TWO QUESTIONS

What other headlines would you add in this future?

What are some challenges & opportunities in this future?

RESOURCES



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FOCUS AREA	IMPLICATIONS	HEADLINES
<p>ENVIRONMENT</p>	<p>Climate change advances far more rapidly than forecasted; inability to reduce GHG emissions means that geoengineering is increasingly seen as the only solution.</p>	<p>HURRICANE THERESA RAVAGES MUCH OF THE EAST COAST (2030'S) CALLS FOR SEED BANKS TO BE OPENED TO CURB BIG AG IMPACTS (2037) HEAT-RELATED DEATHS IN PHILADELPHIA REACH AN ALL-TIME HIGH (2040'S) STUDY FINDS LOW-INCOME, MINORITY POPULATIONS MOST VULNERABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE (2040'S) ON PACE FOR 3°C RISE BY 2100, IS GEOENGINEERING OUR LAST HOPE? (2040'S)</p>
<p>ECONOMY</p>	<p>Jobs do not change much but do use more technology; continued growth in freelancing and gig economies.</p> <p>Economic growth is slow, with more income going to those at the top as attempts to retrain and retool the workforce for modern economic needs have not kept up.</p>	<p>GIG ECONOMY ALL THAT'S LEFT? (2035) INCOME DISPARITY NOW WORSE THAN THE 1920S (2040'S) WHAT CAN DRIVE THE ECONOMY FORWARD AS INNOVATION SLOWS (2040'S)</p>
<p>COMMUNITIES</p>	<p>Low-density communities struggle to keep up with infrastructure maintenance as it ages. Housing is increasingly owned and commodified by large, global economic firms, decreasing homeownership rates.</p>	<p>HEDGE FUNDS BECOME WORLD'S LARGEST LANDLORD (2032) CLIMATE REFUGEES COMPOUND CRISIS ON SOUTHERN BORDER (2024) IS KING OF PRUSSIA BECOMING THE REGION'S ECONOMIC CENTER? (2040'S) STILL A LONG WAY TO GO IN DISMANTLING SYSTEMIC RACISM (2040'S)</p>
<p>TRANSPORTATION</p>	<p>Technological limitations have stymied efforts to create HAVs; little investment in CV technologies</p> <p>Continued shortfall in infrastructure funding and shorter infrastructure life spans due to climate change. Revenues move to mileage-based fees but are not set at a level that catches up on road maintenance needs.</p>	<p>FOLLOWING FATAL PASSIVE HACKING CRASH, AUTODRIVE IS THE LATEST SELF-DRIVING CAR COMPANY TO SHUT DOWN OPERATIONS (2029) CONGRESS NARROWLY PASSES TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION, SHIFTS FUNDING MECHANISM TO VMT FEES (2028) WITH TRANSPORTATION FUNDING STALLED, WHAT TO DO WITH THE CLOSED SECTION OF I-95 IN SOUTH PHILLY (2040'S)</p>
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>Increasing chronic health conditions shorten lifespans; lack of social safety net reduces birth rates; climate refugees are on the rise, but many residents are also leaving Greater Philadelphia.</p>	<p>NEW NOVEL CORONAVIRUS IN CHINA RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT ANOTHER GLOBAL PANDEMIC (2027) ARE WE READY FOR THE NEXT GLOBAL PANDEMIC? (2040'S) CONGRESS FAILS TO MEET DUE TO LACK OF A QUORUM (2040'S) RETURN OF A SUPERPOWER: RUSSIA'S SHOCKING AND DISCONCERTING ASCENT (2040'S) 40 CENSUS: GREATER PHILADELPHIA POPULATION DECLINES AMID UNDERCOUNT, HURRICANE, AND PANDEMIC CONCERNS (2041)</p>

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QUESTIONS?

Zoom Groups

Go to main facilitation guide

<https://tinyurl.com/2v4h957w>

Scroll to last page & click on the hyperlink for your Breakout Group (*e.g. Environment 3*)

Follow instructions on the worksheet

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- LRP staff to send report-back
- Workshop 2
 - January 12, 2023
 - 10-11:30am
 - same assigned place
 - contingent strategies

See you then!



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