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Abstract

Advanced air mobility (AAM) refers to urban transportation systems that move people and goods by air. This has significant implications for reducing traffic congestion in cities and providing an integrated approach to urban mobility. With the emergence of drone technology and the possibility of more autonomous aircraft, interest has grown considerably in AAM. The topic impacts private sector solution providers including aerospace and technology companies. It is also of considerable concern to urban planners and transportation professionals seeking solutions to urban transportation problems by better integration across all modes. This is one of the crucial aspects of AAM.

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