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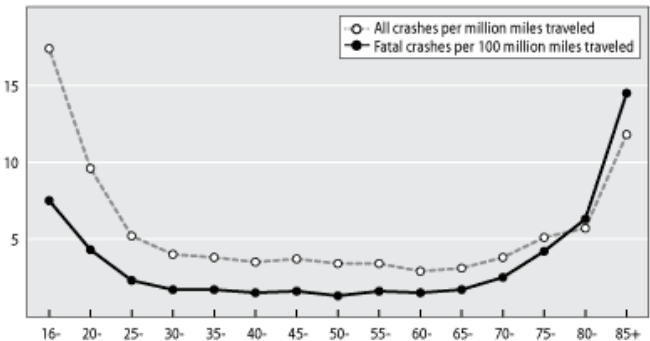
**TRANSITIONING FROM
DRIVING TO NON DRIVING
OPTIONS**



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BACKGROUND

- Population is aging
- Older drivers are driving more
- Aging can lead to declines in abilities
- Implications for crash and injury risk
 - Older drivers have higher crash rates per mile driven than all but youngest drivers
 - Given a crash, older drivers are more likely to be seriously injured or killed
- Challenge to society
 - Understand, compensate for or overcome declining abilities to extend safe driving
 - Develop options for seniors when safe driving is no longer possible



Important Issues for people who can no longer drive facing safely

- **Self-regulating driving effectively**
 - Limiting when, where
- **Recognizing when it is time to stop driving**
 - **May be difficult**
 - Land use and transportation is automobile oriented
 - Independence, autonomy, self esteem
 - “children will tell me when its time to stop”
- **Finding ways to maintain mobility**
 - **Most people do not plan for this**
 - **Public transit**
 - (~2.5% of trips by people 65+)
 - Little experience with public transit
 - **Most rely on spouse, family, friends to provide rides**



Easing transition to non driving

- **Thinking, talking about, planning for the time when I cannot drive**
- **Community-based volunteer driver programs**
 - **Bank trips while still driving**
- **There may be a future for public transit/paratransit**
 - **High gasoline/fuel costs**
 - **Emphasis on sustainability and reducing carbon footprints**

