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Are you **fed up of** endless traffic jams and **overcrowded** trains? Then how about travelling to school, university or work in your own **jetpack**?

A company in New Zealand is building a one-person jetpack that will go on sale in 2016.

It's designed to be used by emergency services but the chief executive of the company believes that it won't be long before it'll be available for everyday transport.

Realistically though, personal flight is likely to remain **elusive** for most of us.

Across the world, with populations growing, **congestion**, pollution and travel stress look likely to rise.

Major cities are approaching this challenge in different ways. Some are spending money on big **infrastructure projects**. Others see the future lying in **greener transport alternatives** such as electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles.

Cities like Copenhagen, Paris, Madrid, Barcelona and Mexico have **rolled out** electric bike-sharing schemes.

But the really big change lies not in the type of transport but how we use it. According to some experts in 10 or 20 years the types of transport may not be that different, we will still have buses, tubes and trains, but everything will be **integrated**.

We'll simply decide where we want to go and an app will work out the fastest and cheapest way to get there.

It'll give you choices based on its knowledge about you, the traffic situation and even the weather. For example it might calculate that it's a nice day, there is congestion on your normal route so it will book you an e-bike or an automated taxi.

## **Vocabulary**

### **fed up of**

tired of, bored of

### **overcrowded**

where there are too many people

### **jetpack**

a machine you wear which has a powerful engine that enables you to fly

### **elusive**

very difficult or impossible to get

### **congestion**

the situation when there is so much traffic and too many people that it is difficult to move around

### **infrastructure projects**

plans to build railways lines, roads, bridges etc.

### **greener transport alternatives**

ways of travelling that cause less pollution

### **rolled out**

introduced

### **integrated**

designed to work together smoothly

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