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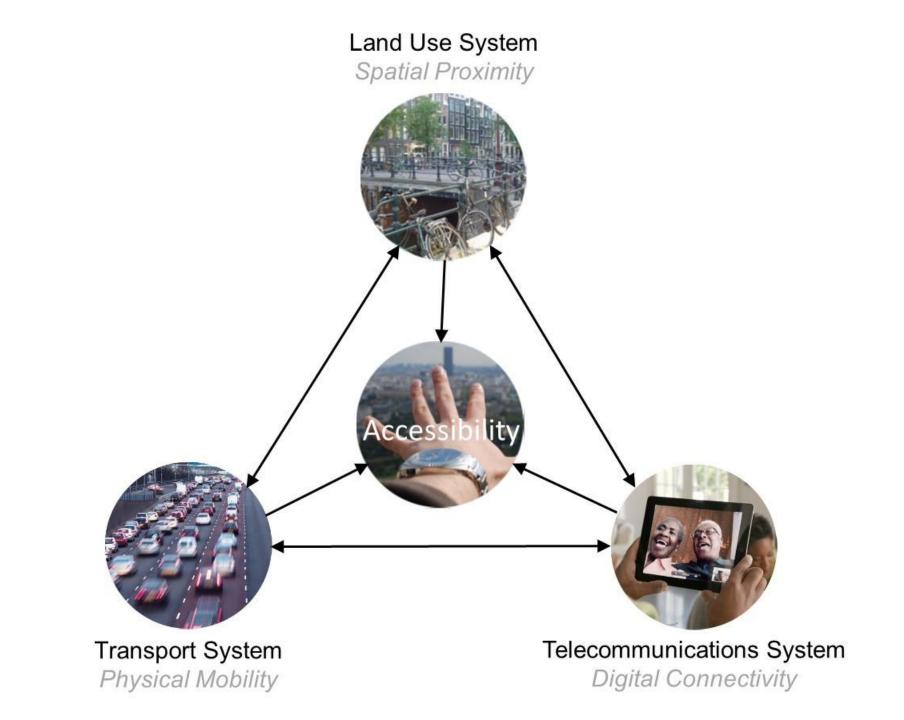
Making better policy through handling uncertainty

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motor age & digital age interactions

- *substitution* of technology use for travel (decrease in travel)
- *stimulation* of more travel because of technology use
- technology use *supplements* travel (increasing access and participation thus substituting for an increase in travel)
- technology use *redistributes* travel (even if total amount of travel is unaltered)
- technology use *enriches* travel
- operational efficiency improvements in transport system use through advances in and use of technology
- *indirect longer-term impacts* upon travel encouraged by use of technology

isolating cause and effect and in turn determining the net effect – a futile quest?

uncertainty of drivers of change versus uncertainty of consequences

uncertainty of speed of change versus uncertainty of velocity of change



changing meaning and mindset

2 through to 12 are **not all equally likely** outcomes 7 is **'central'** and the outcome that is **most likely** betting on 7 is safer than betting on 2 or 12

moving to a set of plausible scenarios equates to rolling a single eleven sided dice

at the mercy of external drivers of change

in full control of shaping the future

closing down uncertainty

regime testing

proactive policymaking that helps guard against policy failure through adaptability to unanticipated change

opening out uncertainty – 'sensitivity testing' of input drivers of change producing a set of do nothing scenarios policy testing - potential consequences of different policy options tested against each do nothing scenario

