

After a detailed study of cities around the world and their changing structure, economy and population, we can now make accurate predictions about our future. For example, over 50% of the world currently live in cities and that number will continue to increase. In China alone, 300 million people will move to major cities over the next 15 years. Cities will account for 90% of the population growth with an increase of 75% of energy use also.

This, of course, will create a housing problem so urban planning will play an important role in future changes to big cities like Vancouver, New York City and Abu Dhabi. There are projects currently being developed to help limit the potential housing problem. The expected results are a positive effect on the environment, with more green spaces, and residents living in buildings.

What about transport? Will we finally use the flying cars we see in films to limit rush hour? That is uncertain, but there are already models of driverless cars which are not in use yet. Experts believe that driverless vehicles will be one of the principal means of transport in the future. This is particularly important for our future cities, since researchers believe that computer-driven cars will result in less serious injuries caused by car accidents.

Experts also predict that public transport will change. Fast trains between cities will become even faster and more comfortable for passengers. Even inner-city public transport will face some changes. There are plans to reduce the energy used on trains, making them more efficient.

What changes have been predicted for the future?

What will the effect of the changes be?

Compare the effects of two changes.