



"We believe in the long term, VTOL will be even less expensive than owning a car," the paper notes, citing high demand that would trigger high production and lower vehicle costs.

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In the meantime, the high-tech tinkering continues in workshops around the world, driven as much by innovation as by the simple desire to get out of earth-bound gridlock.

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"Everyone's had the same dream," says Brauer. "You're stuck in traffic, and you imagine yourself simply flying away."

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