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Public transit companies now hold a monopoly on transit.

When allowed, private bus services like Jitneys are becoming profitable in many large cities that are struggling to keep up with the transit needs of a growing population. They also have managed to do so while both **keeping their costs lower and providing a faster service** than public transit.

Because private Jitneys are more adaptable, they are able to immediately **increase the number of buses at times of peak demand** or provide extra transport for special events and sports games.

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