



Mobility innovations: What do VCs and accelerators think?

Wednesday | July 8, 2020 | 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Event Overview

The way we transport from point A to point B is rapidly changing. Autonomous vehicles, flying taxis, electric scooters, and so on. How are these technologies coming to reality and what comes next? In this event you will hear from Venture Capitalists and an Accelerator in the mobility sector to picture the innovations that are going on and what comes next.

Presentation and Panel:

Morgan Livermore — Partner, Geodesic Capital

Risa Ishii — Partnerships Manager, Plug and Play

Masahiro Suzuki — Partner, Director of Strategic Services, Autotech Ventures

Shawn Koyama (*Moderator*) — Startup Liaison Manager, Hitachi

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Featured Panelists and Moderator



Morgan Livermore, *Partner, Geodesic Capital*

Morgan is a Partner at Geodesic Capital. Morgan works with various Geodesic portfolio companies including InVision, JFrog, Aurora, Marqeta, UiPath, and Workato. He primarily focuses his investments on two key themes: companies reinventing industries (autonomous vehicles, fintech) and technologies modernizing enterprises (application software, DevOps, automation, infrastructure, and AI). Prior to Geodesic, Morgan was an investor at Accel, where he invested in GoFundMe, PagerDuty, Algolia, and Browserstack. Before Accel, Morgan advised founders through capital raises and company sales at Vista Point Advisors.

Morgan received a BA from Dartmouth College, with a major in government and a minor in markets, management, and the economy. While in college, Morgan co-owned and operated Evolving Vox, Dartmouth's original furniture rental company.



Risa Ishii, *Partnerships Manager, Plug and Play*

Risa is a Partnerships Manager focusing on mobility industry at Plug and Play. She strategically supports OEMs and suppliers in their innovation activities, set up their innovation roadmaps and provide smart city related industry expertise. She is also responsible for promoting collaborations among startups that could provide solutions to large corporations' multifarious needs and vice versa.

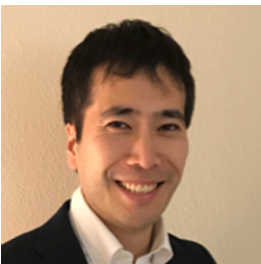


Masahiro Suzuki, *Partner, Director of Strategic Services, Autotech Ventures*

Masahiro is Partner at Autotech Ventures, a venture capital firm located in Silicon Valley that manages funds of more than \$250 million to invest in ground transportation startups. He provides corporate investors awareness of the fast-moving trends in the transportation technology and market while helping these corporate investors to engage leading ground transportation startups as their strategic technology partners.

Masahiro was previously Director of Corporate Planning at Toyota Motor, providing internal strategy consulting and forming technology partnerships with outside corporations while reporting directly to the CEO and Board of Directors.

Masahiro graduated from the Executive MBA program at Stanford and holds a BA degree in Psychology from Nagoya University.



Shawn Koyama (*Moderator*), *Startup Liaison Manager, Hitachi*

Shawn is a Startup Liaison Manager at Hitachi. Shawn focuses on designing new businesses for Hitachi in collaboration with startups especially in the railway sector. His experience includes designing, developing, testing, and selling various railway solutions for Japanese bullet train (Shinkansen) and the UK railway market. He grew up in the US and received a BA Degree in economics from Keio University.



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