

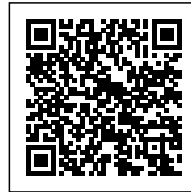
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## **Uber and NASA to bring flying cars to Los Angeles. Pictured here: Flight path over Dubai, another city Uber plans to target for its flying transportation technology. (Image via TechCrunch)**

The battery-powered, four-person electric helicopter would sail above L.A.'s clogged, serpentine road network, logging 60 miles with just one four-minute charge. The project, dubbed [Elevate](#), relies on UTM, NASA's emerging air traffic control technology.

UTM stands for [unmanned traffic management](#), a way to control low-altitude flights, without orange flag-waving workers.

While this idea may seem far-fetched to outsiders, the project partners are optimistic that the flying cars could be a viable transit option by 2028, just in time for the L.A.'s Olympics hosting duties.

Previously, the company [announced](#) it will bring its flying car service to Dallas and Dubai.

[According](#) to *Forbes*, Embraer, Bell Helicopter, and Aurora, a Boeing-owned company, have already

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signed onto Elevate. Here's a video from Uber that explains the project, the [research](#) behind it, and next steps:

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