The year 2020 has changed cities forever. Or at least it should have. More than ever, the deficiencies of cities, the inequities within cities, and the lack of foresight and infrastructure for a sustainable city have become widely apparent in metropolises around the world. The environment of cities throughout history has developed as a result of market forces, political maneuvers, planning ideologies, new technology, nature and human evolution. Cities are always changing, sometimes they work, often they don’t. We (unfortunately) accept cycles of “good and bad” periods of a city and pass through “good and bad” parts of city. We generally tend to envision a future of better cities and “smart” cities. But today, after a year of lockdowns, closures, and the major adjustments and attention to how we live, work, learn, eat and travel, we should have a much better idea of what the future of cities should actually be.

At MITdesignX, we design business ventures for the future of cities. We take ideas and transform them into actions that will improve cities and the lives of people who live in them. What ventures can we expect for the post-pandemic city of the (now arriving) future?

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