

The company, located in Kirkland, Washington, is developing electric planes to get travelers out of cars and into the air for regional travel. They're expected to be able to fly up to 400 miles on each electric charge.

Along with partners Boeing and JetBlue, Zunum predicts that hybrid passenger aircraft will be operating within the next decade. Because the engines don't use expensive gasoline, Zunum expects ticket prices will be much lower than on today's huge, high-cost, gas-guzzly airliners.