CITIES ARE NOT GETTING FARTHER APART, BUT FLIGHT TIMES ARE GETTING LONGER DUE PRIMARILY TO CONGESTED AIRSPACE

Block times, the total amount of time a flight takes from pushing back at the gate to arriving at its destination, have expanded to accommodate congested airspace. Flights are getting longer when they should be getting shorter, and it is a nationwide problem.

Flight delays cost $25 billion in 2016.1

Sources: 1. FAA; 2. U.S. Department of Transportation data analyzed by Airlines for America (average of all carriers outbound and inbound)