



Traffic Disruption Village asks us to consider what we would need to survive under the conditions of a mass stalled auto disaster. In 2010, China experienced a 9 day, 100 km long traffic jam that turned the road into “a collection of rooms”: a temporary village born of disaster. *Traffic Disruption Village* will serve as a drill for New Yorkers to prepare for a similar potential disaster phenomenon before it occurs.

In the event of a sustained jam, drivers and passengers will need to work together to create a vivid and user-friendly web of resources for living in gridlock. This open design charrette invites automobile users to envision what their cars could become in order to sustain livability during the disaster.

As a complete event, *Traffic Disruption Village* aims to provide a full and interconnected range of services and activities necessary for temporary human habitation on the road.

2-hour charrette instructions: Using the materials you would have on hand, imagine a redesign of your vehicle. Create a design strategy retrofitting the exterior or interior of your car for individual or collective use during a prolonged traffic disaster. You may choose to focus on the scale of interior furniture, energy components, or the entire structure and facade. Emphasize livability and maintenance over time.

Location: any road, at any time. The drill for Traffic Disruption Village will take place in a parking lot in Queens on the afternoon and evening of September 28th, 2013 (precise hours TBD).

Program: the function and activities of each car exist both independently and in tandem with all other cars in the village. What your car will provide is up to you. Consider conditions necessary for safe and happy human habitation. Activities can take place with or without inhabitants in the car, but should not rely on anything other than what the car itself can contain and provide.

** If you are creating digital drawings, please email all drawings to info@chloebass.com with the subject line “Traffic Disruption Charrette” **