The TPB What Would It Take Scenario: Meeting Regional Climate Change Mitigation Goals for the Mobile Sector

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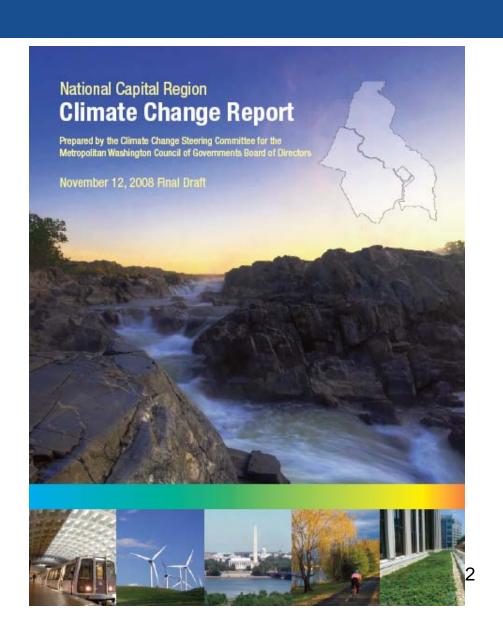
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COG Climate Change Report

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Regional GHG reduction goals

Recommendations for the mobile sector



COG Regional Goals

"Consistent with the climate science and the goals adopted by the state and local governments in the Washington region"

Return to 2005 levels by 2012 20% below 2005 levels by 2020 80% below 2005 levels by 2050

TPB is applying these goals to the transportation sector:

What would it take to meet these goals in transportation?

Two New Scenarios

CLRP Aspirations

Draws on past studies and public outreach to provide an ambitious yet attainable vision of land use and transportation for the 2010 CLRP update and to eventually serve as an unconstrained long range plan.

What Would it Take?

Starts with COG regional CO₂ goals and assesses what scales and combinations of interventions would be necessary to achieve the goal for the transportation sector.

Timeline

Began analysis and developed initial 2007 baseline Update baseline with new CAFE 2008/09 standards and updated vehicle fleet Analyzed various mobile GHG reduction measures using updated baseline Completing analysis of recommendations 2009

from COG report with final baseline

Mobile CO₂ Projections

CO₂ Emissions from Cars, Trucks, and Buses Annual MT of CO₂ Emissions 8-hour Ozone Non-Attainment Area

2005	2020	2030
24.03	30.81	32.71
	28.2%	36.1%
24.03	24.80	23.93
	3.2%	-0.4%
24.03	24.40	23.75
	1.5%	-1.2%
24.03	19.23	14.42
	-20.0%	-40%
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Source: 2008 CLRP

Example Mobile GHG Reduction Strategies to be Examined

Fuel Efficiency

- Extending CAFE requirements to heavy trucks
- Cash for Clunkers programs
- Benefits of enhanced CAFE possibilities (eg 45/55 mpg by 2030)

Alternative Fuels

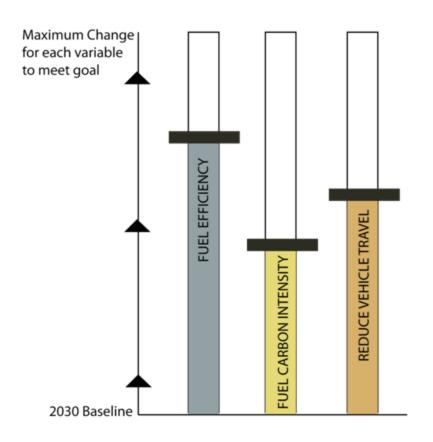
- Regional green fleet policy
- Accelerated adoption of clean-fuel vehicles (hybrids, flex fuel)

Travel Efficiency:

- Pricing policies to reduce VMT (tolling, congestion pricing, parking pricing)
- Shift short trips to non-motorized modes
- Increased transit capacity
- Land use shifts (TOD, walkable activity centers)
- Signal optimization

Products

"Sliders" metaphor



How can strategies across these categories be combined to meet our regional climate change goals?

There are many different possible combinations.

Getting to the goal of 40% reduction below 2005 levels by 2030

Can these strategies get us there?

Achieving the Goal

40% reduction in mobile CO2 emissions below 2005 levels by 2030

Fuel Efficiency Beyond CAFE standards

Fuel Carbon Intensity

Alternative fuels (biofuels, hydrogen, electricity)

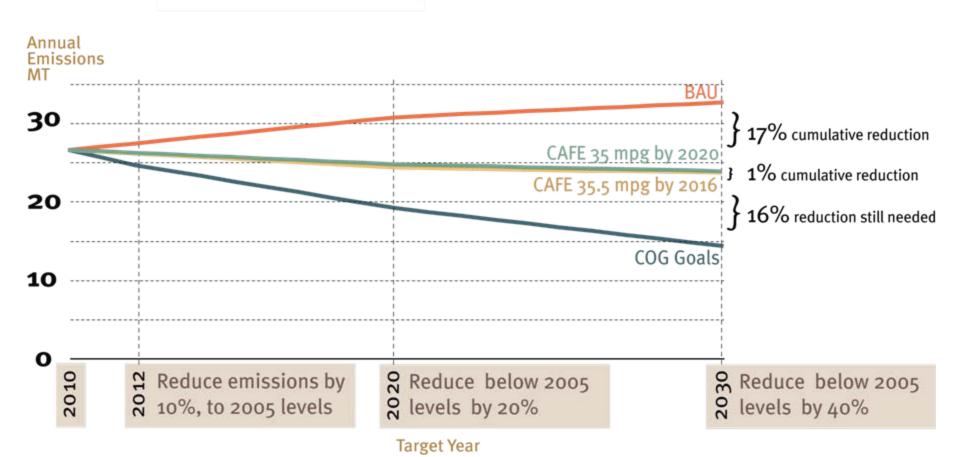
Travel Efficiency

Reduce VMT through changes in land use, travel behavior, prices

Reduce congestion

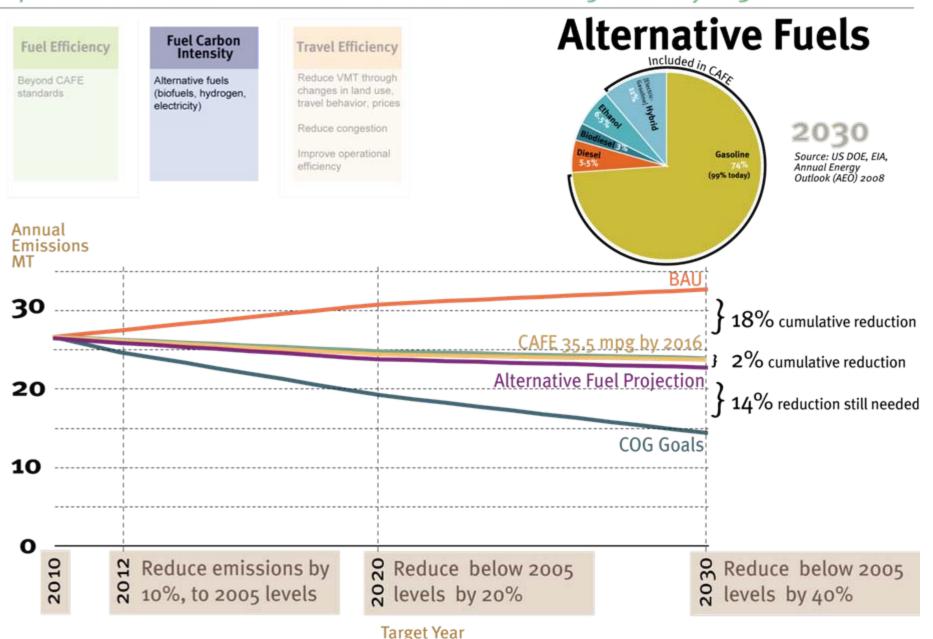
Improve operational efficiency

Fuel Efficiency CAFE Standards



Achieving the Goal

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Travel Efficiency

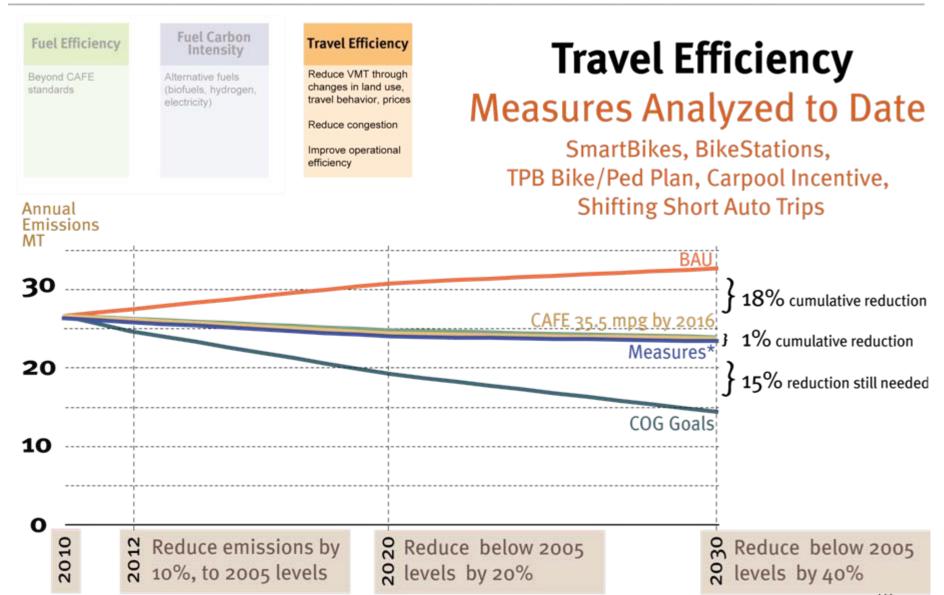
An overview of the transportation GHG reduction measures to be included in the analysis

Transportation measures analyzed to date:

Measure	Description	Reduction (tons)
SmartBike Regional Expansion	DC SmartBike Program regionally expanded by 30% (650 bikes)	20,400 (2010-2030)
BikeStation Regional Expansion	5 BikeStations in Bethesda, Silver Spring, Arlington, Alexandria and at Union Station	4,700 (2010-2030)
Carpool Incentive	SOV drivers receive \$1 per trip (\$2 roundtrip) taken by carpool on I-66, I-270, I-495 and I-395	62,000 (2010-2030)
TPB Bike and Ped Plan Construction	Fully fund and complete the construction of the TPB Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan by 2020	1,830,000 (2010-2030)
Achieve Goal of Shifting Short Auto Trips	Shift 20% of auto trips under 3 miles in length to non-motorized modes (walk or bike)	5,910,000 (2010-2030)

Achieving the Goal

40% reduction in mobile CO2 emissions below 2005 levels by 2030



Target Year

^{*} Measures are shown as additive, though the individual measures may have overlapping benefits

Other Measures to be Analyzed

Measure	Description	Reduction (tons)
Increase Fuel Efficiency Beyond CAFE Requirements	Extending CAFE requirements past 2020 Extending CAFE to heavy trucks Incentive programs for fuel efficient vehicles	
Cash for Clunkers Program	Analysis of bill signed into law on June 24, 2009, and potential future programs.	
Regional Green Fleet Policy	Examine a green fleet policy for public and private fleets, transit, and others possibly based on other regional models	
Expand existing commuter options	Expand existing programs: commuter connections, guaranteed ride home, telework, park & ride lots and bike/ ped access	
Use of financial incentives	Examine tolling, parking pricing, congestion pricing	
Land use and transit changes	Analyze GHG benefits of CLRP Aspirations Scenario	
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Next Steps

Complete ongoing analysis of transportation GHG reduction measures

Conduct cost-effectiveness and cost benefit analyses