



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Lyn Erickson, Plan Development and Coordination Program Director
SUBJECT: Public Comment for the April 2022 TPB Meeting
DATE: June 15, 2022

The Transportation Planning Board accepts public comment on a rolling basis. Comments can be submitted via email (tpbcomment@mwkog.org), online (mwkog.org/tpbcomment), and phone. Comments are collected until noon on the Tuesday before the TPB meeting. These comments are compiled and shared with the board at the meeting the following day.

Between the May 2022 TPB meeting and noon on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, the TPB received one comment submitted via email with an attached letter.

The comment is summarized below. All full comments are attached to this memo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stewart Schwartz and Bill Pugh, Coalition for Smarter Growth – Email & Letter – June 14, 2022
Schwartz and Pugh sent an email and letter to consider strong climate goals and strategies for inclusion in Visualize 2045.

MEMORANDUM

To: TPB Board members

From: Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director, and Bill Pugh, Senior Policy Fellow

Date: June 14, 2022

Re: Comment for June 15 TPB meeting

TPB needs to make real commitments on climate Wednesday in Visualize 2045, not debate or water down the COG 2030 climate plan greenhouse gas targets, which the TPB already endorsed two years ago.

CSG, 47 other regional organizations, and hundreds of public comments have asked you to set these performance targets for meeting the COG 2030 greenhouse gas reductions:

1. Achieve between 50% and 100% of light duty vehicle sales to be electric vehicles by 2030; and
2. Reduce per capita light duty vehicle miles traveled (VMT) by 15% to 20% by 2030 compared to the baseline forecast; and
3. Put these performance targets and a strong on-road greenhouse gas reduction goal into Visualize 2045.

Achieving our climate goals would also further transportation equity by giving lower-income households and workers more affordable transportation options, allowing them to drive less, enabling them to live closer to jobs and services, helping them own more efficient vehicles, cleaning the polluted air they breathe, and providing safer streets for pedestrians, transit users and others.

Hundreds of public comments, 48 regional organizations, and 84% of the region's residents polled by TPB, including overwhelming majorities in suburban as well as urban jurisdictions, have asked you to adequately address climate change.

Your top goal is to ensure that the transportation system keeps your communities safe. The time to act to prevent disastrous climate change is running out.