The Transportation and Climate Initiative

Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

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What is TCI?

- Collaboration among 13 jurisdictions.
- Developing potential regional clean transportation policy
- Modeled on successful Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)
  - “Cap-and-Invest”
What is “Cap and Invest”?  

1. Require pollution sources to turn in **allowances** for CO2 emissions.
2. Only issue a limited number of allowances.
3. Let sources trade allowances.
4. Invest proceeds from allowance auctions into energy programs.
How would a CO2 Cap work in TCI?
Fuel wholesalers would comply with a regulation by holding enough allowances to cover the CO2 from combustion of fuel sold (sometimes distributors, too).

Gas stations and consumers would not have any regulatory obligation.
How would the cap raise funds for investment?

- States would make allowances available to fuel companies through auctions.
- Proceeds from these auctions would come back to the states, to invest in clean transportation.

Example: RGGI auction price history.
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Together: Better climate, stronger economy, healthy air and communities
Current Status

• Released draft Memorandum of Understanding for comment (due Feb 28). Information on:
  – Equity approach
  – Regulatory program design
  – Cost containment and other stability mechanisms
  – Investment priorities
  – Implementation timeline

• Evaluated benefits from several program options

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Excerpts from Regional Analysis

Full results and webinar recording at:

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Emissions Cap Scenarios Results: Projected Transportation CO$_2$ Emissions

- A declining emissions cap could lock in decreases in carbon dioxide emissions that are expected through 2032 and drive additional reductions.
- In policy cases, emissions decline by roughly the levels prescribed by each cap from 2022 to 2032
  - Emissions decline slightly less in the later years, because of allowance banking
Modeled Gasoline Prices in Policy Scenarios

Compared with historical variations

*If fuel companies decide to pass on allowance costs it could mean an incremental price increase in 2022 of $0.05, $0.09 or $0.17 / gallon in the 20%, 22% and 25% Cap Reduction Scenarios, respectively. This is not a prediction of gasoline prices in the future. Several factors affect future gas prices, including policy and market forces.
Clean Transportation Investments to Reduce Pollution in Modeled TCI Scenarios

- **Electric Transit Buses:**
  Up to 44,000 transit buses by 2032.

- **Bus service and transit Improvements:**
  Up to $1.1 billion annually

- **Electric school buses:**
  Up to 42,000 by 2032.

- **Electric Trucks:**
  Up to 84,000 by 2032.

- **Bike Lanes & Sidewalks:**
  Up to $5.6 billion region-wide through 2032
  
  (Regional totals)
Preliminary Public Health Benefits

- Fewer asthma symptoms
- Fewer premature deaths
- Fewer traffic-related injuries
- Total estimated public health benefits in 2032: $3.2 billion to $10.5 billion
Avoided Climate Impacts

$249 million – $892 million in avoided climate impacts in 2032
Conclusions from Macroeconomic Modeling

• Program has a positive impact on the economy.

• GDP, income, and jobs are projected to be greater than business as usual in 2032 and substantially net positive over the 2022-2040 timeframe.

• Significant progress towards achieving climate goals by reducing GHG and other pollution from transportation at modest cost and net benefit to the economy.

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Emissions Cap Scenarios Results: CO₂ Allowance Prices & Program Proceeds

- Initial annual proceeds range from $1.4 billion at start in the 20% case up to $5.6 billion in the 25% case.

- Allowance prices reflect the combined effect of the cap and the investments.

- More stringent caps result in greater proceeds for investments.
TCI and the Draft MD GHG Plan

- Maryland’s draft plan to achieve 2030 climate goals points to TCI as a potential program to enable transportation measures (esp. EVs)
- TCI has provided sophisticated analysis on EVs, which we can incorporate into the final plan
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