

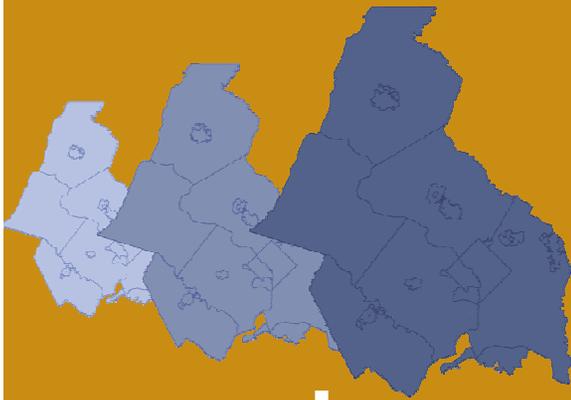


# **What Would it Take? To Reduce Mobile CO2 Emissions**

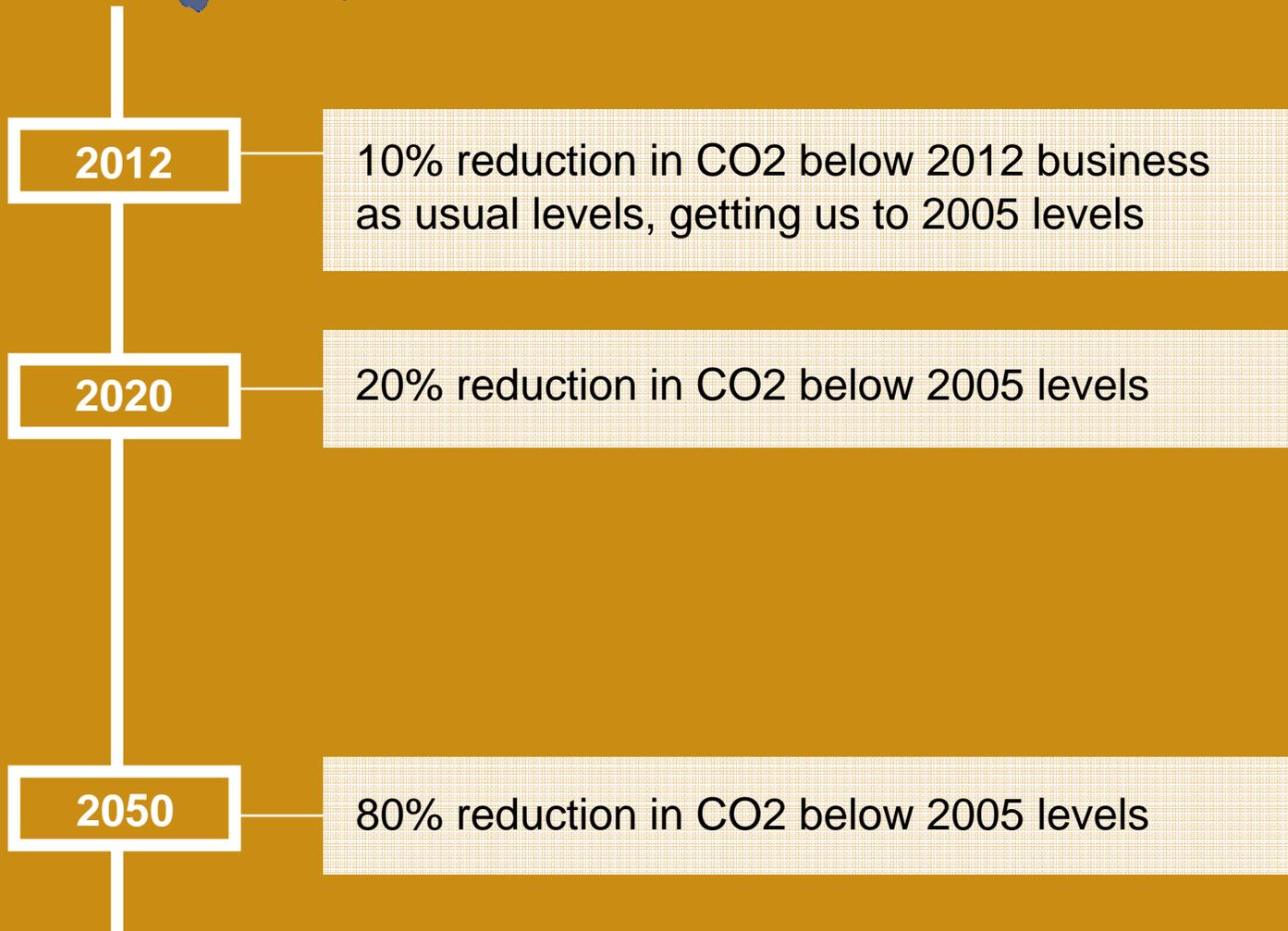
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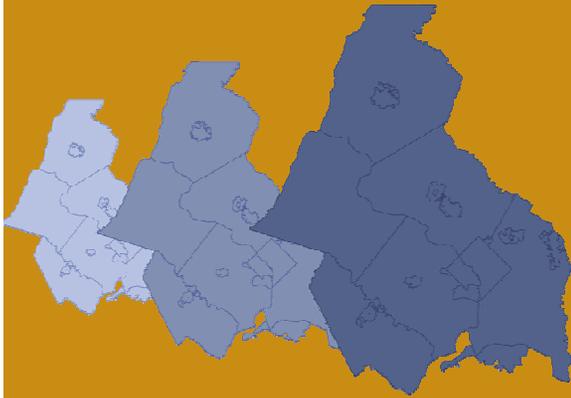
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# Goals





# Mobile CO<sub>2</sub> Projections

CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Cars, Trucks, and Buses  
 All figures are Annual Tons of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (in Millions) in the  
 8-hour Ozone Non-Attainment Area

	2005	2020	2030
<b>Baseline Emissions (prior to 2007 CAFE)</b>	<b>24.89</b>	<b>31.02</b>	<b>34.45</b>
% Change from 2005 levels	---	24.6%	38.4%
<b>Emissions With 2007 CAFE (35 mpg by 2020)</b>	<b>24.89</b>	<b>26.83</b>	<b>26.91</b>
% Change from 2005 levels	---	7.8%	8.1%
<b>CCSC Proposed Regional Goal</b>	<b>24.89</b>	<b>19.91</b>	<b>15.75</b>
% Change from 2005 levels	---	-20.0%	-36.7%
<b>Emissions with Enhanced CAFE (55 mpg by 2020)</b>	<b>24.89</b>	<b>23.63</b>	<b>20.86</b>
% Change from 2005 levels	---	-5.1%	-16.2%



# Possible CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Strategies

## Fuel Efficiency

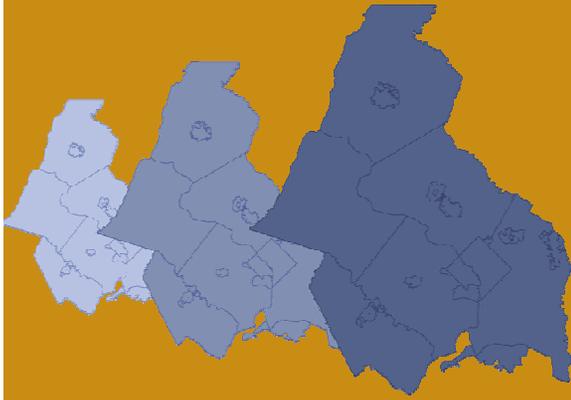
Beyond CAFE standards [currently 35 mpg by 2020]

## Fuel Carbon Intensity

Alternative fuels  
Vehicle technology

## Reducing Vehicle Travel

Changes in land use development  
Changes in travel behavior  
Changes in prices for travel



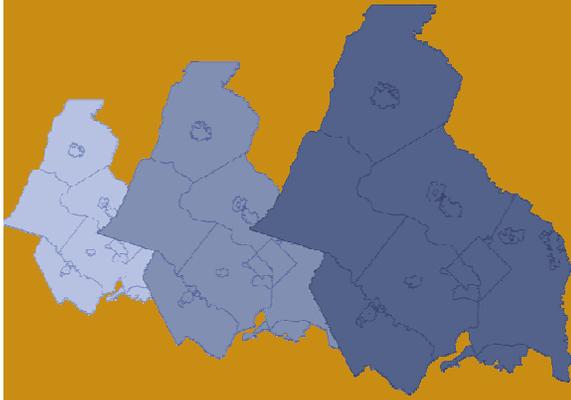
# Evaluating Strategies

## The Context

This is a *global* challenge.

A global or national **cap and trade** program (e.g. Lieberman-Warner Bill) or a **carbon tax** is expected to set a price threshold for CO<sub>2</sub> abatement, which will help determine cost-effectiveness of strategies





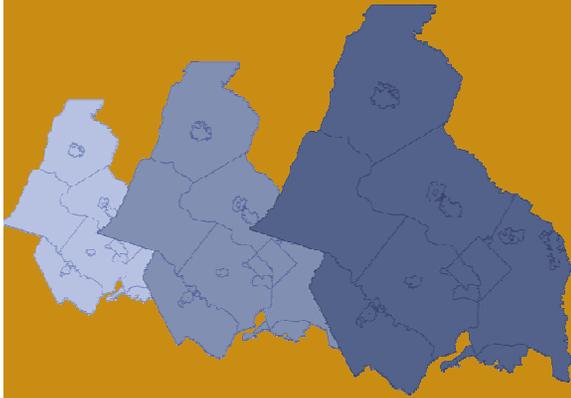
# Cost-Effectiveness

## The Current Threshold

Current studies put the price threshold somewhere between **\$30 and \$50 per ton** of CO<sub>2</sub> abated.

## Some Examples Within the Threshold

- The Commuter Connections is at \$17 per ton
- More fuel-efficient/alternative fuel vehicles
- Reduce travel with awareness campaigns



# Possible Priorities

If we want to **reduce carbon-intensive behavior**, we must offer **alternatives**:

**Incentives**

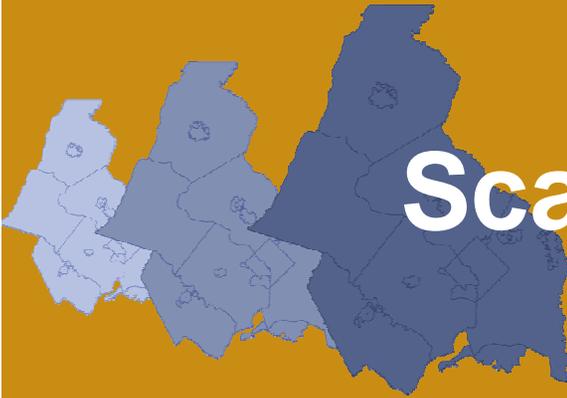
to purchase fuel-efficient/alternative fuel vehicles

**High quality transit**

possibly funded through revenues from carbon taxes or cap and trade programs

**Development policies**

to support walking and biking [large impacts are possible, but currently too limited]



# Scale of Emissions Analyses

## Local

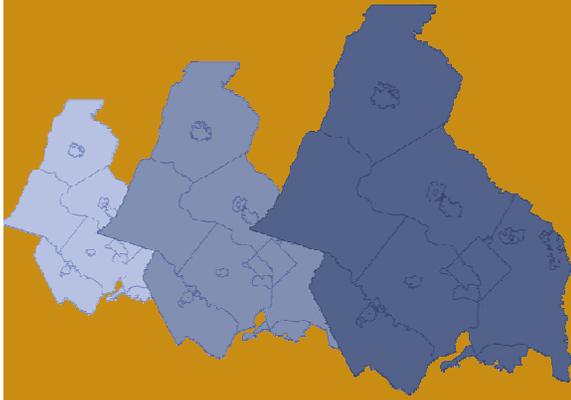
CO and PM are analyzed for local “hot-spot” effects

## Metropolitan

Ozone precursors (PM and NO<sub>x</sub>) are analyzed for metropolitan effects

## Global

CO<sub>2</sub> should be analyzed for global effects



# Other Considerations

CO<sub>2</sub> differs from CO, PM and ozone in that its effects are *global*.

**Different context** means **different goals** and **different strategies**

Maybe appropriate to purchase **carbon offsets** for high-value investments

Need to **maintain economic progress** while reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions