

THE PROBLEM

Connecticut's major urban centers are overrun with traffic congestion, causing some of the worst air quality in the nation. In the rural areas, people are deprived of economic growth due to lack of connectivity with the rest of the state and region.

At the same time, transportation contributes 38% to our greenhouse gas emissions, making it a major factor in our climate crisis.

A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION

The Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) is a regional, multi-state effort to reduce emissions in the transportation sector. Thirteen states from Maine to Virginia, as well as Washington, DC, have joined this movement.

Through a fee on prime fossil fuel suppliers in the transportation sector, Connecticut will be able to re-invest funds to cross-cutting issues such as housing, health, access to transportation and jobs, climate change, and greenhouse gas reduction.

Any transportation reform in the state must first focus on our under-served and overburdened communities. As such, TCI ensures that the concerns of these communities are heard and considered.

TCI calls for increased funding for public transportation and transit-oriented development to address the challenges faced by everyday commuters.

To ensure TCI addresses the needs of all Connecticut residents, Connecticut TCI coalition members conducted a statewide survey of roughly 1,000 residents. These survey responses demonstrate strong support for TCI and will be used to inform stakeholders of critical needs and upgrades.

TCI is the fastest, most effective, and most equitable way to transition to a clean energy economy. TCI will position the northeast as an effective leader in the fight for a healthier climate and healthier lives.

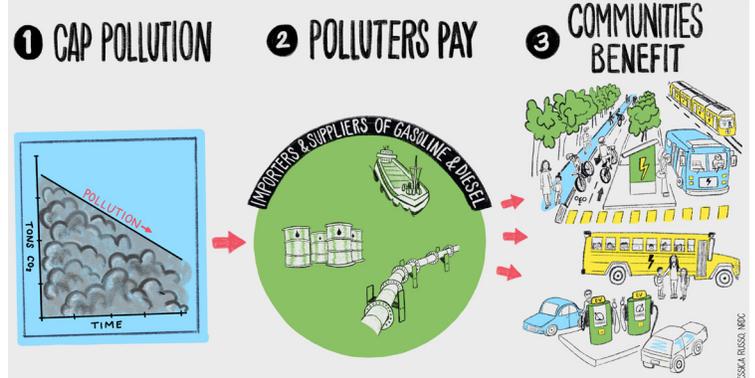


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FAST FACTS

- TCI jurisdictions include Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, & Washington, DC.
- Connecticut must reduce greenhouse emissions by 45% below 2001 levels by 2030 and 80% below 2001 levels by 2050 to comply with the Connecticut Global Warming Solutions Act (GWSA) standards.
- According to the Acadia Center, TCI would allow for \$2.7 billion to be re-invested in clean transportation options by 2030.
- Implementing TCI will create over 23,000 jobs in Connecticut, equating to \$2.2 billion in wages and \$7 billion in new business sales

BENEFITS OF TCI

- Reduction in asthma and lung diseases;
- Cleaner air and water for people and wildlife;
- Reduction in rush hour traffic congestion;
- Reduction in climate change-causing fossil fuels

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