

Understanding and Using Federal Legislation and Regulations



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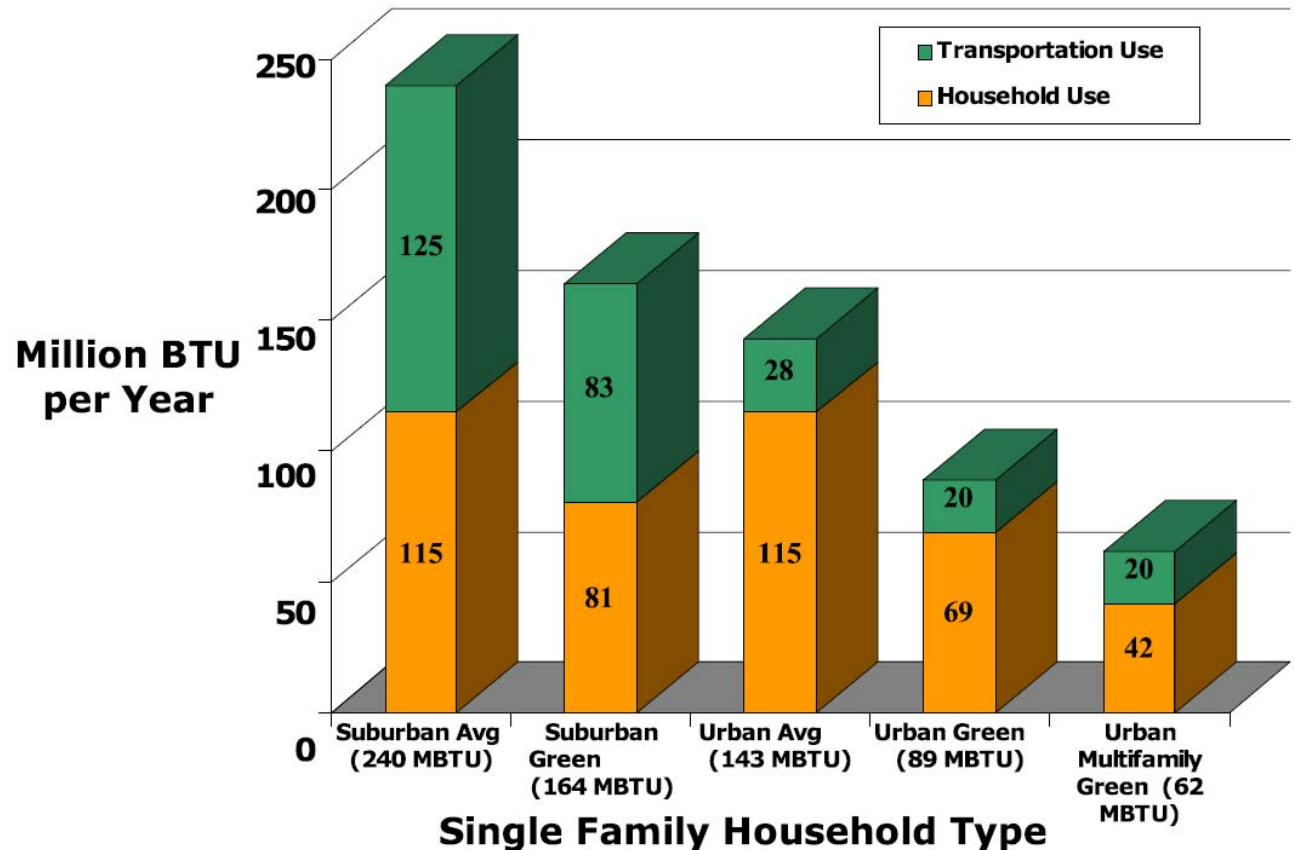
Creating and Seizing Opportunity ...the Future is What You Make of It

- Energy Legislation
- Climate Change
- Transportation
 - Reauthorization
 - Appropriations
 - Rulemaking and Implementation



Energy Legislation: Focusing on Efficiency

- Not just for oil companies anymore
 - Green buildings
 - Location Efficiency



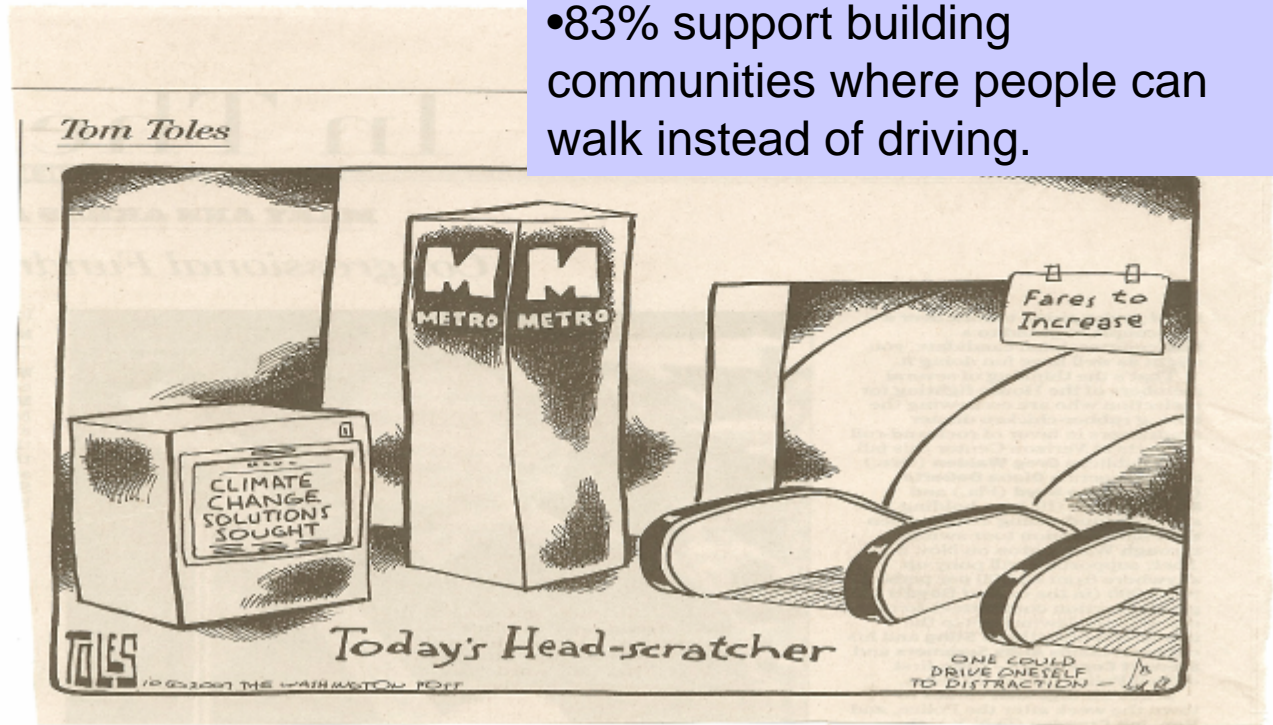
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The Climate Is Changing

In a recent poll by the National Association of Realtors

- 88% of those surveyed support improved Public Transportation including rail and buses” as important solutions to climate and energy problems.

- 83% support building communities where people can walk instead of driving.



TOD & Climate Change

- New developments that are compact, diverse and convenient will **reduce the need to drive by 20-50 percent**.
- Doubling residential density alone **reduces VMT per capita by 20%**
- If 60% of new development was transit-oriented, GHG emissions would be reduced by up to 12% by 2050
- Eliminating one vehicle and using public transit can **reduce a two-car household's carbon footprint between 25-30%**.

2 KM DRIVE

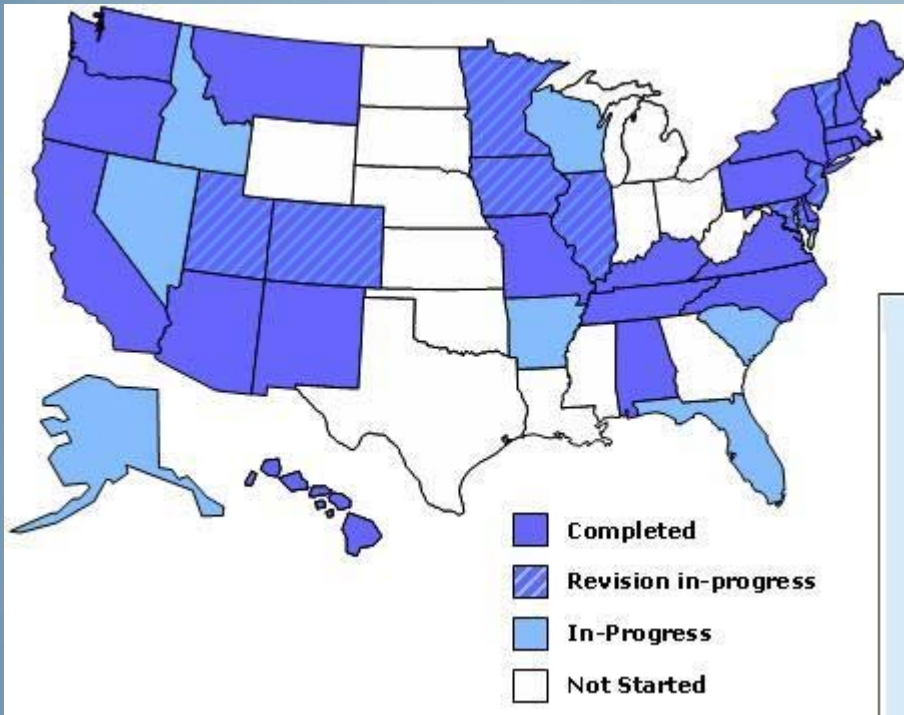


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1 KM WALK

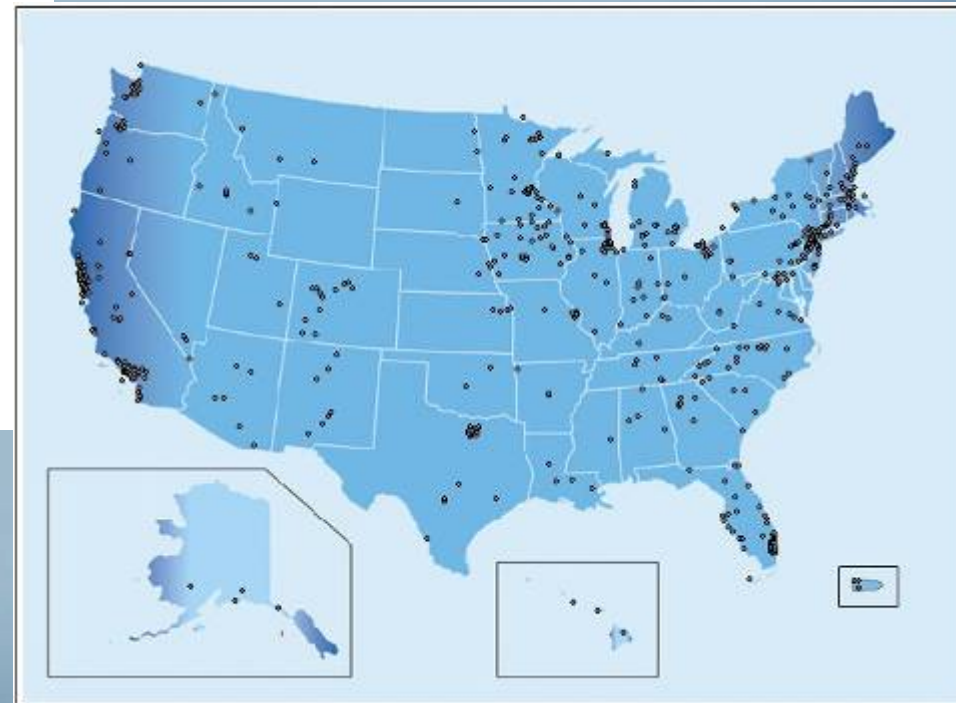


State and Local Action in lieu of Federal Leadership



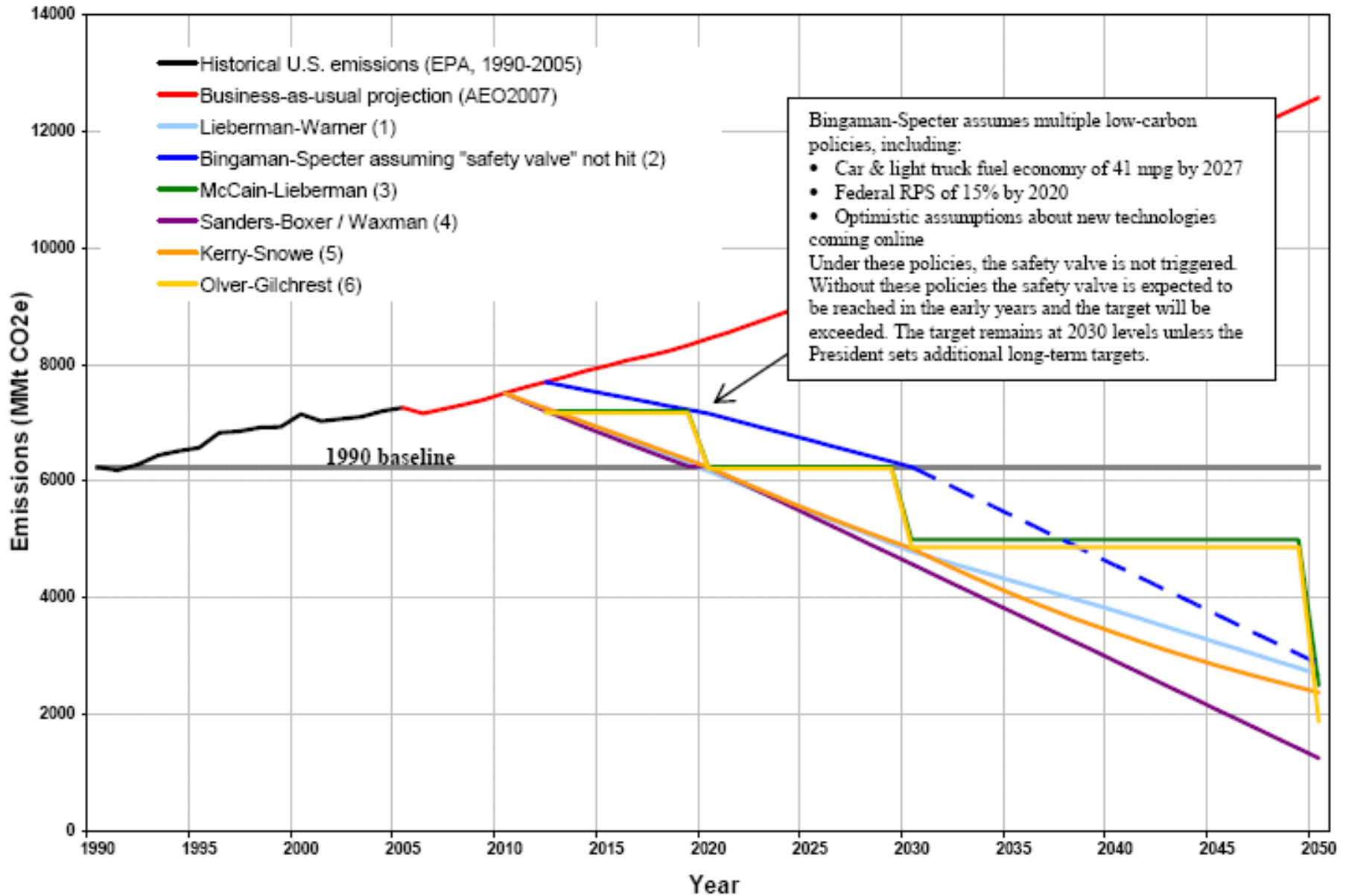
States with Climate Action Plans

Cities that have Signed USCM Climate Protection Agreement



Source: Pew Center for Climate Change (state map),
US Conference of Mayors (cities map)

Comparison of Congressional Proposals in the 110th Congress



A new TEA is brewing

- Late 2008 Recommendations from Study Commissions
- FY09 Highway Trust Fund crisis
- Administration position on tolling, congestion reduction, and “core program”
- 2008 – let the games begin
- 2009 – the real fun begins



What is the National Purpose of the Federal Transportation Program?

Just a pass through and list of projects? OR

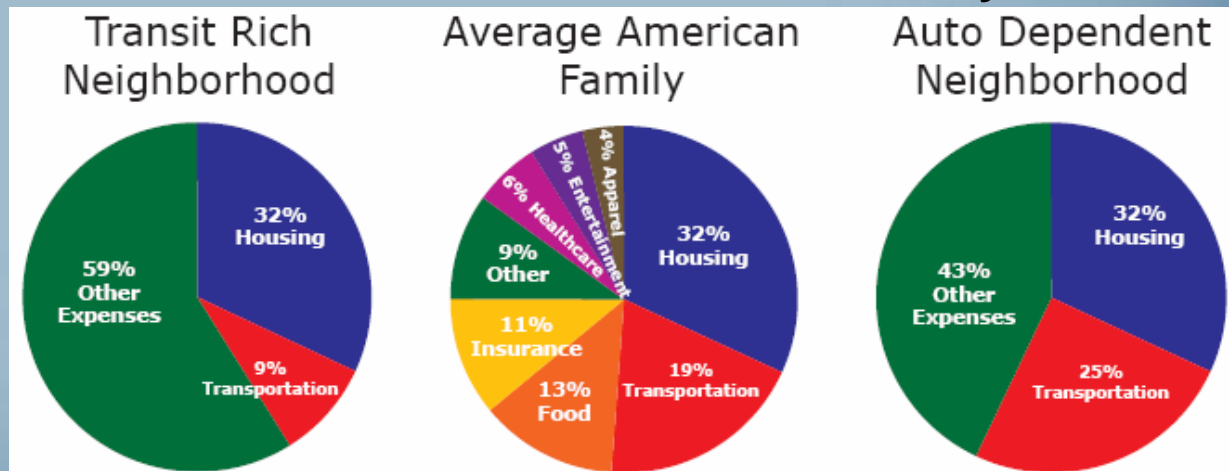
✓ **Quality of Life;**

Lower transportation and health costs
Provide more choices

✓ **Reduce dependence on foreign oil**

✓ **Economic competitiveness of our metropolitan regions**

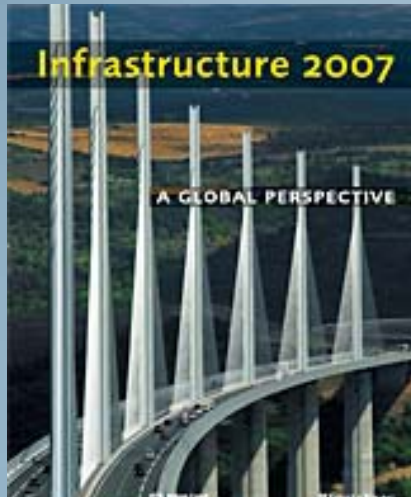
✓ **Environmental sustainability**



Source: Center for TOD Housing + Transportation Affordability Index, 2004 Bureau of Labor Statistics

Transportation is the 2nd highest household expense, after housing

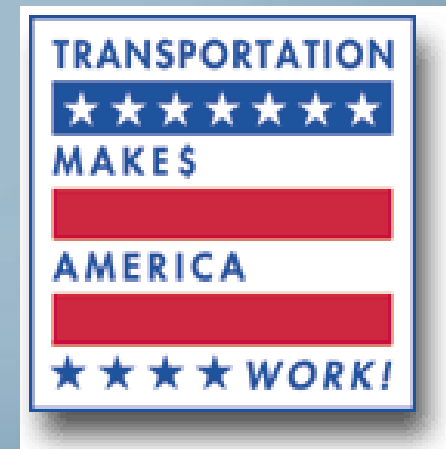
A growing constituency



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✓ Target Investments that Support National Priorities

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