## EPA's Travel Efficiency Assessment Method (TEAM): Development and Case Studies

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## Agenda

- Introduction
- Issue and Background
- Atlanta Regional Commission David D'Onofrio
- East West Gateway Lubna Shoaib
- MetroPlan Orlando Gary Huttmann
- Next round of TEAM Case Studies
- Questions

## U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Sector



Source: Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2014 (April 2016)

## U.S. Transportation GHG Emission Sources



Source: Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2014 (April 2016)

## Atmospheric concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> need to be stabilized at or below 450 ppm

• 80% reduction target are needed to limit 2° C warming



## Travel Efficiency (TE) Strategies

Strategies to reduce emissions by affecting travel activity – examples:

- Travel demand management
  - Telecommuting
  - Transit Subsidies
  - Carpool and Vanpool Programs
- Changes to public transit
  - Reduced Fares
  - Increased Frequency, Range
- Travel pricing
  - Road Pricing, Parking Pricing
- Changes to land use
  - TOD, Mixed Use, Jobs/Housing Balance







## The Travel Efficiency Assessment Method

- TEAM is a methodology to assess multi-pollutant emission reductions from TE strategies at the local, state and national level
- Modification of traditional 4-step model



## The Travel Efficiency Assessment Method

#### • TEAM approach demonstrations





David D'Onofrio Principal Planner Air Quality & Climate Change Program Atlanta Regional Commission

#### The Atlanta Region



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#### Past Climate Change Work at ARC





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#### Results

Scenario	Applied to	Total 2040 Reductions
<ul> <li>Expand telework and guaranteed ride home</li> </ul>	Employees in 5 county core area of 20+ counties	<ul> <li>12 million VMT/day</li> <li>2.8 million kg/day GHG</li> <li>124 kg/day PM2.5</li> <li>535 kg/day NOx</li> <li>414 kg/day VOC</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Improve transit access times</li> </ul>	5 county area	
Parking pricing	5 county area	
<ul> <li>Increase density and mixed use land use</li> </ul>	5 county area	



Lubna Shoaib Division Manager East-West Gateway Council of Governments



## We are...

Bi State MPO

- **Eight counties**
- 2.8 Million population
- 4,500 square miles
- **Geographical Location**

Freight





## Motivation...

- Region's interest in addressing air quality issues: Long Range Plan and OneSTL
- One of 10 guiding principles in LRP: linking transportation planning to environmental sustainability
- Regional plan for sustainable development OneSTL, with goals and strategies for the region to build a more sustainable future
- City of St. Louis Mayor signed the Compact of Mayors
- Minimal level of familiarity with sketch planning tools for emissions



## Scenarios...

#### Employment Projections- Access to Jobs

Universities and millennials

#### Scenario 1 – Regional Transit Oriented Development Initiative

Increase transit oriented development around 7 existing LRT station --- sustainable development

#### Scenario 2 - Regional Transit Oriented Development Initiative and Workforce Housing Balance Initiative

Balance housing and employment density --- affordable housing

### Scenario 3 - Regional Transit Oriented Development Initiative and Workforce Housing Balance Initiative with Bicycle/Pedestrian Infrastructure

Complete bicycle and pedestrian network --- access to employment, mode choices, transit dependent population

### Scenario 4 - Regional Transit Oriented Development Initiative and Workforce Housing Balance Initiative with Bike/Ped Infrastructure and Transit Expansion

Transit expansion --- access to employment, mode choices, transit dependent population



#### Results

Scenario	Applied to	Total 2040 Reductions
<ul> <li>TOD near existing light rail stations</li> </ul>	3 county core area	<ul> <li>1.9 million VMT/day</li> <li>440,000 kg/day GHG</li> <li>16 kg/day PM2.5</li> <li>103 kg/day NOx</li> <li>80 kg/day VOC</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Increase residential density and mixed development</li> </ul>	5 county area	
Complete bicycle and pedestrian network	5 county area	
Complete light rail system	5 county area	



Gary Huttmann, AICP Deputy Executive Director Metroplan Orlando







Orlando Sanford INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



## Two million people... and by 2040, ONE MILLION MORE

## WELCOME TO ORLANDO

THE CITY BEAUTIFUL

# 66.1 million visitors in 2015

Source: Visit Orlando

**Cost of Congestion** 

# **\$1,044** per commuter

# **46 hours** stuck in traffic

Source: Texas Transportation Institute's 2015 Urban Mobility Scorecard



## **Transit Focus**







#### Results

Scenario	Applied to	Total 2040 Reductions
<ul> <li>Expand employer programs including transit pass</li> </ul>	Sub-pop. of 3 county area	<ul> <li>4.6 million VMT/day</li> <li>1.1 million kg/day GHG</li> <li>39 kg/day PM2.5</li> <li>201 kg/day NOx</li> <li>117 kg/day VOC</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Improve transit access and travel times</li> </ul>	Sub-pop. of 3 county area	
<ul> <li>VMT pricing for entire region</li> </ul>	Sub-pop. of 3 county area	
<ul> <li>Unlimited transit pass for with tuition and university employment</li> </ul>	Sub-pop. of 3 county area	

## **TEAM Next Steps**



## 2017 Case Studies

- Opening eligibility to smaller sized areas
- Offering support for
  - Assessing emission reductions under alternative travel efficiency scenarios (i.e., as in previous case studies), or
  - Greenhouse gas planning activities, e.g., developing a GHG inventory of the transportation sector
  - Have other ideas that would foster GHG planning/emission reductions? Let us know

For more information on the TEAM approach, TEAM case studies, and other useful documents, please visit:

https://www.epa.gov/state-and-localtransportation/estimating-road-greenhouse-gasemissions

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## Questions?