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TRANSPORTATION & CLIMATE INITIATIVE

Of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States







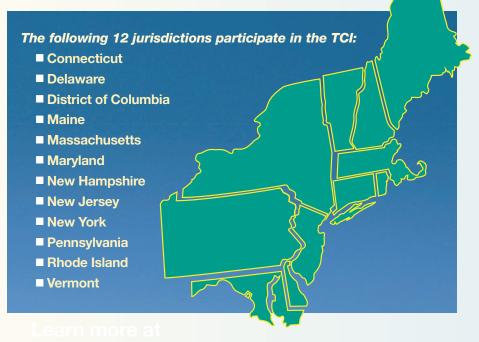


Building the Clean Energy Economy and Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the Northeast

The Transportation & Climate Initiative

The Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) is a regional collaboration of transportation, energy, and environment officials in Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states. TCI seeks to stimulate sustainable economic development and improve the environment by supporting innovative technologies and smart planning, and through finding greater efficiencies within the transportation sector.

Already, TCI jurisdictions have taken action by forming the Northeast Electric Vehicle Network, and all TCI states have agreed to regional sustainability principles that make sustainable development a top regional transportation goal.



Core Work Areas

Developing Clean Vehicles and Alternative Fuels



With the launch of the Northeast Electric Vehicle Network, TCI states are working to expedite the deployment of electric vehicles and capture their long-term economic, security, and environmental benefits.

Participating TCI jurisdictions are developing partnerships with the private sector, utilities, Clean Cities Coalitions and other

public entities; identifying and removing barriers to the expanded use of electric vehicles; and supporting regional, state, and local planning efforts to ensure that electric vehicle charging stations are placed in locations that maximize both local and regional travel. The project is funded in part by a nearly \$1 million planning grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

Creating Sustainable Communities



In June 2011, TCI states agreed to use state-level transportation policies to promote sustainable communities throughout the region, and to work in partnership with community development, economic growth, housing, and land use agencies at the federal, local, and regional levels to further spur the growth of sustainable communities.

Adopting Innovative Communication Technologies



TCI states are committed to harnessing the power of emerging information and communication technologies (ICT) to meet regional travel needs—all while reducing energy consumption, consumer costs, and greenhouse gas emissions. The group's ICT goals include promoting public transit use; expanding the use of real-time information on traffic and alternative routes; and reducing highway travel times and traffic congestion.

Advancing More Efficient Freight Movement



Understanding the large and growing impact of goods movement on our roadways and communities, TCl states are working to improve the efficiency of freight movement. TCl states aim to collaborate at the regional level to reduce energy use and emissions throughout the region.

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