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Potential Emissions Impacts of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) & TCI-P Update

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Presentation Outline

- 1. TCI-P Status Update
- 2. Potential GHG Impacts of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), or Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
 - Methodology
 - Results
 - Key findings and policy considerations
- 3. Estimating GHG reductions by strategy



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TCI-P Status Update



TCI-P Status: The Building Blocks for TCI-P are Complete

- The TCI-P Model Implementation Plan is a framework for each jurisdiction to detail how they plan to meet program goals and commitments
- The TCI-P Model Rule is a common framework for multi-state regulations of covered fuel suppliers
- The TCI-P Framework for Public Engagement outlines principles to help ensure meaningful public participation
- TCI Strategies for Regional Collaboration outlines plans to achieve other shared goals

Website: https://www.transportationandclimate.org/

Analysis of BIL & Results

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BIL Analysis Inputs: Two investment scenarios for \$599 billion



BIL Results: Potential to bend the curve down, but investment decisions matter

- Modest estimated emission reductions
 - but real potential to bend the curve, in the near-term
- Program design and implementation decisions could have significant impact on outcomes in near- and long-term



BIL long-term: Percentage of funding invested in highway expansion vs. other strategies is main driver of emissions outcomes



Policy Considerations

- BIL includes flexibility but no requirements for highway spending to go toward emission-reducing investment strategies.
- For BIL to meaningfully bend the curve down on emissions, concerted efforts will be needed at all levels of government
 - Identify the barriers to shifting highway spending priorities away from expansion projects and toward maintenance and low-carbon strategies
 - Find federal, state and local partners who can help to address barriers and take advantage of flexible highway funding
- Still don't have full picture of which programs the Administration will include in Justice 40 Initiative or what this will mean for state implementation

Estimating GHG Reductions from Transportation Strategies



Estimating GHG reductions by strategy *Transportation Investment Strategy Tool – our approach*



Opportunities and challenges of estimating the GHG impacts of specific transportation measures

- Many tools available for a variety of purposes
 - Climate action planning
 - Vehicle electrification
 - Transportation planning
 - Project prioritization
- Which tools are needed to help transportation investments support efforts to achieve GHG reduction goals?

Questions and Discussion

GCC Issue Brief summarizing modeling results & findings:

https://www.georgetownclimate.org/articles/federal-infrastructure-investment-analysis.html

