



## NEXT STEPS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE INITIATIVE

Climate change poses a clear and increasing threat to our communities, and as the transportation sector accounts for nearly 40 percent of greenhouse gas emissions across the region, bold action to reduce emissions is necessary. As signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)<sup>1</sup> prepare to launch the Transportation and Climate Initiative Program (TCI-P), our Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) jurisdictions commit to continued collaboration and individual actions to equitably reduce air pollution, create healthier communities, and invest in cleaner transportation.

- All jurisdictions will continue to collaborate through TCI, including working with the TCI-P Signatory Jurisdictions to help develop a model rule and other clean transportation and emission reduction program elements that could be implemented within each jurisdiction.
- All jurisdictions will continue to analyze the long-term impacts of COVID-19 on transportation and pollution and ensure the TCI-P is designed to boost our economic recovery and facilitate the future of work in a post-pandemic world.
- All jurisdictions will conduct continued public outreach within our respective jurisdictions to ensure that emissions reductions, as well as the economic and public health benefits from future clean transportation investments, achieve equitable outcomes and directly benefit overburdened and underserved communities. All TCI jurisdictions will prioritize addressing the needs of overburdened and underserved communities and take steps to ensure that all communities are able to provide meaningful input to decision-making processes.
- Beyond the TCI-P, all jurisdictions will continue to collaborate on other state and regional strategies, including additional equitable emission reduction policies to advance our shared climate and transportation goals.

<sup>1</sup> The MOU was signed by Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia, and is available at the following link: <https://www.transportationandclimate.org/sites/default/files/TCI%20MOU%2012.2020.pdf>

- Signatories to the MOU will continue to take the steps needed to implement the TCI-P, with emissions reporting beginning in 2022 and the first compliance period beginning in 2023. These TCI-P MOU Signatory Jurisdictions commit to collaborating closely with all non-signatory- jurisdictions to shape the program to reflect the evolving needs of the region and welcome other jurisdictions to join the TCI-P at any time.

Recognizing that addressing our significant climate and transportation challenges will require dedication and regional and national collaboration, the TCI jurisdictions look forward to continuing this productive partnership to combat climate change and protect public health while building a cleaner, more equitable, and resilient transportation system.

**Participating Jurisdictions:**

Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Maryland  
Massachusetts  
New Jersey  
New York  
North Carolina  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
Vermont  
Virginia