

Transportation and Climate Initiative Program

How could proceeds from TCI-P be invested to benefit Connecticut?

TCI-P proceeds can be used to support a broad range of transportation GHG emission reduction opportunities.

Although TCI-P includes a multijurisdictional component, Connecticut will have sole discretion to decide how to invest its TCI-P auction proceeds to meet its unique needs and circumstances. The other participating jurisdictions, and the administrative organization that facilitates the program, will have no role in how Connecticut invests its proceeds.





How does TCI-P address equity in Connecticut's overburdened and underserved communities?

The connections between climate change, public health, equity, and justice are clearer today than they have ever been. TCI-P was designed to address historic inequities through strategies developed with extensive input from those most impacted. After engaging in regional and Connecticut-based listening session, workshops, and discussions, Connecticut committed to:

Dedicated investments. Investing at least 50 percent of annual proceeds to ensure that communities overburdened by air pollution and underserved by the transportation system benefit from transportation projects and policies that reduce emissions from transportation sources. In Connecticut, this commitment is expected to result in a minimum of \$44.5 million in investments in the first year of the program and over \$500 million between 2023 and 2032

Inclusive and equitable processes. Establishing an Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Board composed of diverse stakeholder groups, including residents of underserved and overburdened communities, giving them a seat at the table to advise on decisions and outcomes.

Transparency. Performing annual reviews and reporting on how program proceeds are spent, including with respect to the equitable investment of auction proceeds.

Complementary policies that advance equity and environmental justice goals. Implementing additional, complementary policies at the local, state, and regional levels will be needed to create an equitable, cleaner, and more resilient transportation system. TCI-P can provide critical funding to enable and accelerate these complementary policies and programs.



How can TCI-P benefit Connecticut's rural communities?

TCI-P can provide significant benefits to Connecticut's rural communities, many of which are underserved by the transportation system and lack access to clean mobility options. For example, TCI-P proceeds could be used to provide incentives to help people transition to lower emitting cars and trucks, expand broadband access to enable telecommuting, telehealth, and job growth, build safer and cleaner roadway intersections, and to improve and expand clean transportation options like ride sharing, bus, bike, and pedestrian access.



How will TCI-P impact Connecticut's economy?

TCI-P is projected to be a net economic benefit for Connecticut. Transportation is the backbone of the state's economy, and TCI-P is projected to raise over \$1 billion in funding to invest in transportation options that will create jobs and contribute to increased economic activity in Connecticut communities. Increased access to transportation and broadband will expand companies' hiring pools and provide individuals with increased job opportunities. Modeling indicates that over time TCI-P investments will generate significant annual increases in gross domestic product, disposable personal income, and employment.

The Transportation and Climate Initiative Program (TCI-P) is a multijurisdictional program to cap and reduce carbon emissions from transportation and invest in an equitable, cleaner, and more resilient transportation system. TCI-P will work by placing a declining "cap" on carbon pollution from gasoline and on-road diesel fuel and require fuel suppliers to submit "allowances" to cover the carbon content of their fuel. The program will guarantee at least a 26 percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions from transportation from 2023 to 2032, especially along heavily traveled transportation corridors. TCI-P is projected to generate up to \$89 million in 2023, increasing to as much as \$117 million in 2032, for Connecticut to re-invest in clean transportation options and infrastructure, with a focus on communities overburdened by air pollution and underserved by the transportation system.

