



# Minnesota Greenhouse Gas Reduction Legislation Target Setting

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- Share and ask for feedback on the approaches and regional scenarios
  - 2 approaches
  - 3 regional scenarios
- Regional priorities activity
- Document your questions and input
- Share next steps and process

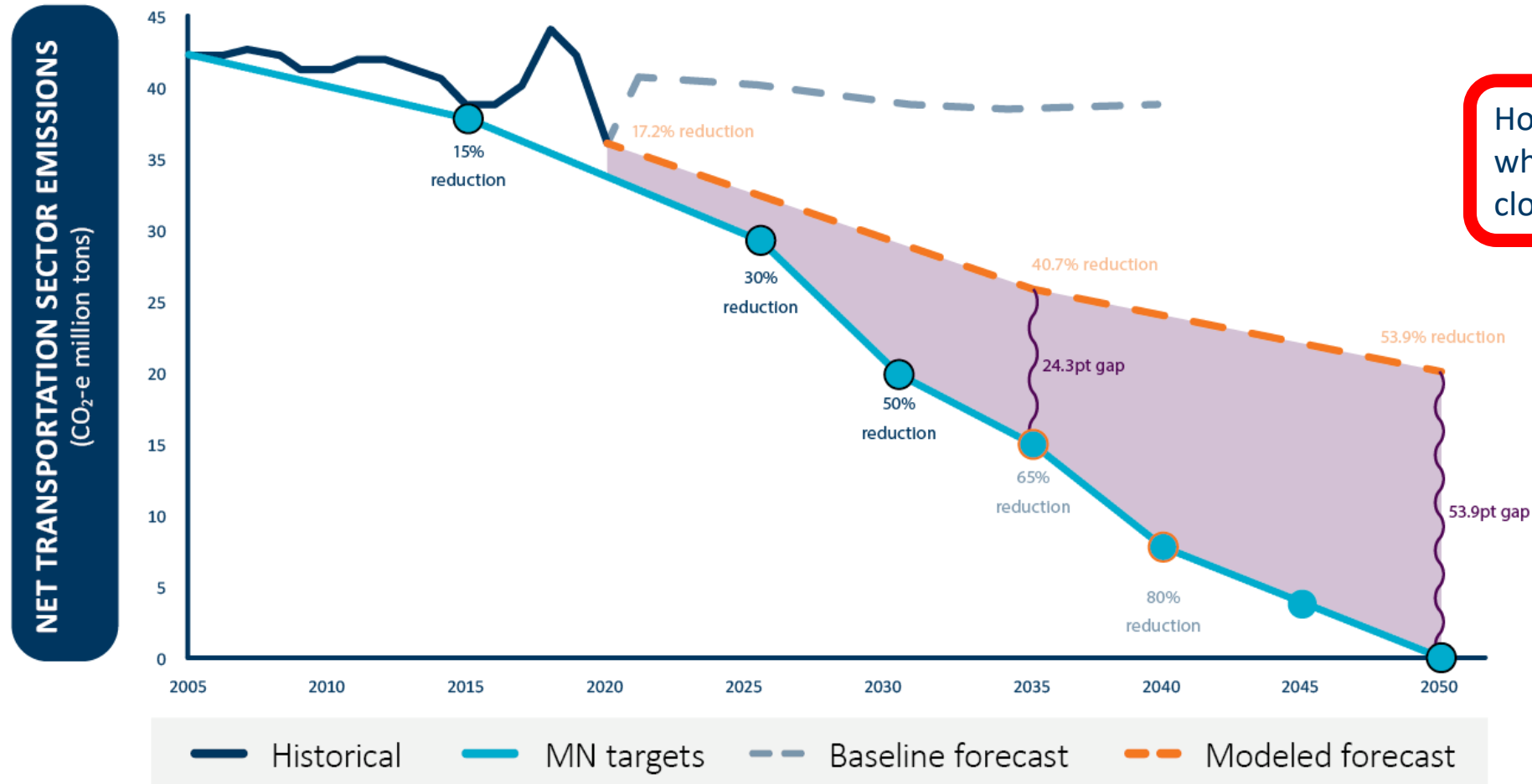
# Legislative Background

- Set targets that bridge the gap
- Develop a transportation greenhouse gas emissions impact assessment procedure
- Establish a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Transportation Impact Assessment

# Legislative Background | Target setting requirements

- Provide an allocation to the metropolitan area, as defined in statute as the seven-county metropolitan twin cities area.
- Account for differences in feasibility and extent of emission reductions across forms of land use and across regions of the state
- May include performance targets based on DOT districts, geographic regions, per capita calculations, transportation mode, or any combination.
- Targets must be allocated on a 5-year or more frequent basis.

# Target Setting | How do we close the gap?



How, where and when do we close the gap?

**NOTE:** The 'zero' at the right hand side represents a net value of zero GHG emissions from the transportation sector above those that existed in 2005 (43,557,058 tons), and net of any mitigation efforts that get counted as 'offsets' to GHG emissions.

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# Where do we close the gap? | Regional scenarios

## Scenario 1

Metropolitan  
Council's 7-county  
metro area  
*(statute defined)*

Greater Minnesota  
*(everywhere outside the  
metro area)*

## Scenario 2

Metropolitan  
Council's 7-county  
metro area  
*(statute defined)*

Greater Minnesota  
Metropolitan  
Planning  
Organizations  
*(7 urbanized areas)*

Greater Minnesota  
rural areas  
*(everywhere outside the metro  
area and 7 MPO urbanized  
areas)*

## Scenario 3

Metropolitan  
Council's 7-county  
metro area  
*(statute defined)*

Greater Minnesota  
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Greater Minnesota  
Area Transportation  
Partnerships  
*(8)*

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Minnesota – Population: 6,093,579

Target: 15,245,000 CO<sub>2</sub>e

Forecasted emissions: 23,665,000 CO<sub>2</sub>e

Gap: 8,420,000 CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Per capita gap: 1.38 CO<sub>2</sub>e**

Region	% of Population (forecasted)	Gap responsible for
Met Council	55.2%	4,642,000
APO	5.3%	446,000
MIC	4.1%	345,000
MAPO	2.0%	168,000
LAPC	0.3%	25,000
ROCOG	4.2%	354,000
GFEGF MPO	0.5%	40,000
Metro COG	1.2%	101,000

Region	% of Population (forecasted)	Gap responsible for
ATP1	1.7%	143,000
ATP2	2.3%	194,000
ATP3	7.8%	657,000
ATP4	3.5%	295,000
ATP - Metro	1.0%	84,000
ATP6	4.7%	396,000
ATP7	3.4%	286,000
ATP8	2.9%	244,000

# Per Capita | Regional scenario 3 (2050)

Minnesota – Population: 6,416,283

Target: 0 CO<sub>2</sub>e

Forecasted emissions: 16,017,000 CO<sub>2</sub>e

**Per capita gap: 2.5 CO<sub>2</sub>e**

Gap: 16,017,000 CO<sub>2</sub>e

Region	% of Population (forecasted)	Gap responsible for
Met Council	56.9%	9,106,000
APO	5.8%	930,000
MIC	3.8%	605,000
MAPO	2.0%	320,000
LAPC	0.3%	45,000
ROCOG	4.3%	690,000
GFEGF MPO	0.4%	65,000
Metro COG	1.3%	210,000

Region	% of Population (forecasted)	Gap responsible for
ATP1	1.5%	240,000
ATP2	2.2%	352,000
ATP3	7.4%	1,185,000
ATP4	3.3%	525,000
ATP - Metro	1.0%	160,000
ATP6	4.4%	704,000
ATP7	3.0%	480,000
ATP8	2.5%	400,000

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# Regional priorities | Geographies

- Statewide
  - Values only available at a statewide level (e.g., one value)
- MPO
  - Values available for the eight MPO's urbanized areas and Greater Minnesota (e.g., nine values total)
- County
  - Values available for each of the 87 Minnesota counties

# Regional priorities | Values

- Values
  - Continuous
  - 0% to 100%
- Type of values
  - Number
  - Percentage

# Regional priorities | Levers

- **Transportation Options**

- Expand miles of transit service
- Shift short trips to active transportation
- Increase density of walkable intersections in community
- Reduce lane miles of freeways and arterials

- **Land use**

- Reduce parking spaces
- Charge fee for parking
- Increase options for mixed-use living
- Flexible options for increased HH size
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- **Fuels**

- Reduce carbon-based transit fuels
- Increase zero-emission or electric vehicle adoption:
  - Transit
  - Car service
  - Heavy truck
  - Commercial
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- **Other strategies**

- Increase prices of fuel and power
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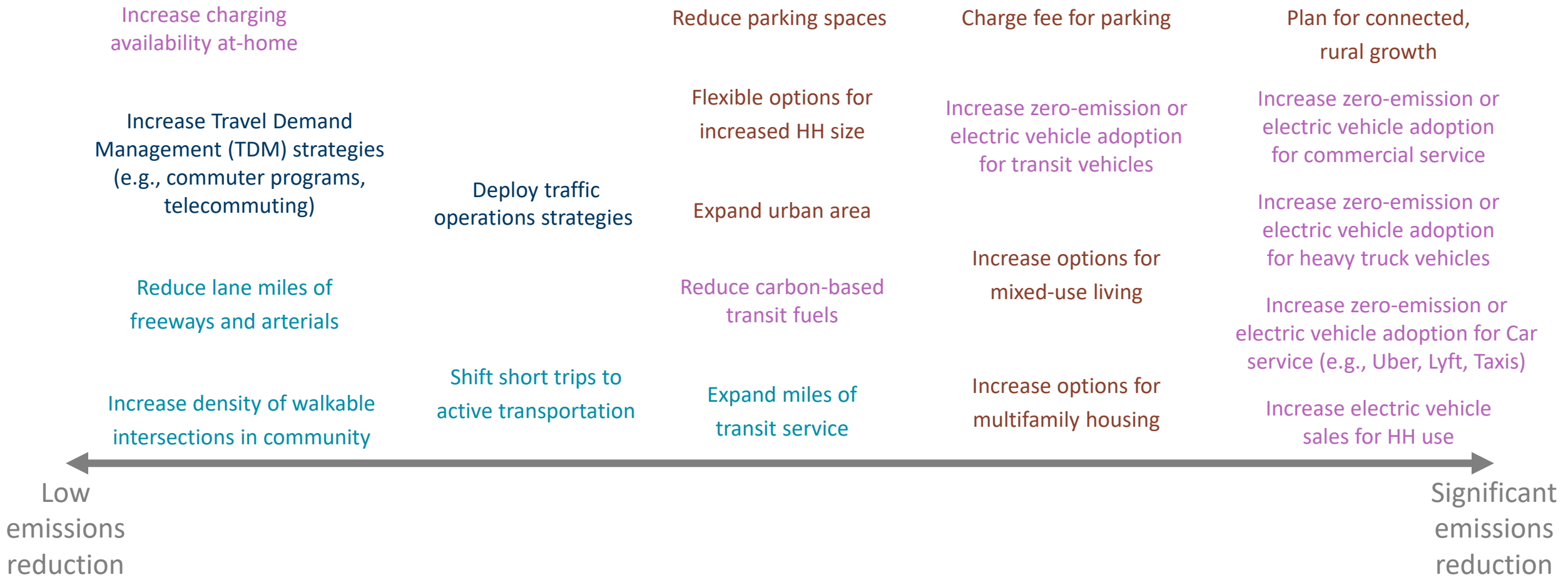
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# Regional priorities | Questions

When you look at these levers...

- Which do you feel are the easiest to increase and advance?
- Which do you feel is the hardest to advance?
- Which do you feel will reduce the most greenhouse gas emissions?
- Which are the highest priority for your region?

# Regional priorities | Levers and influence



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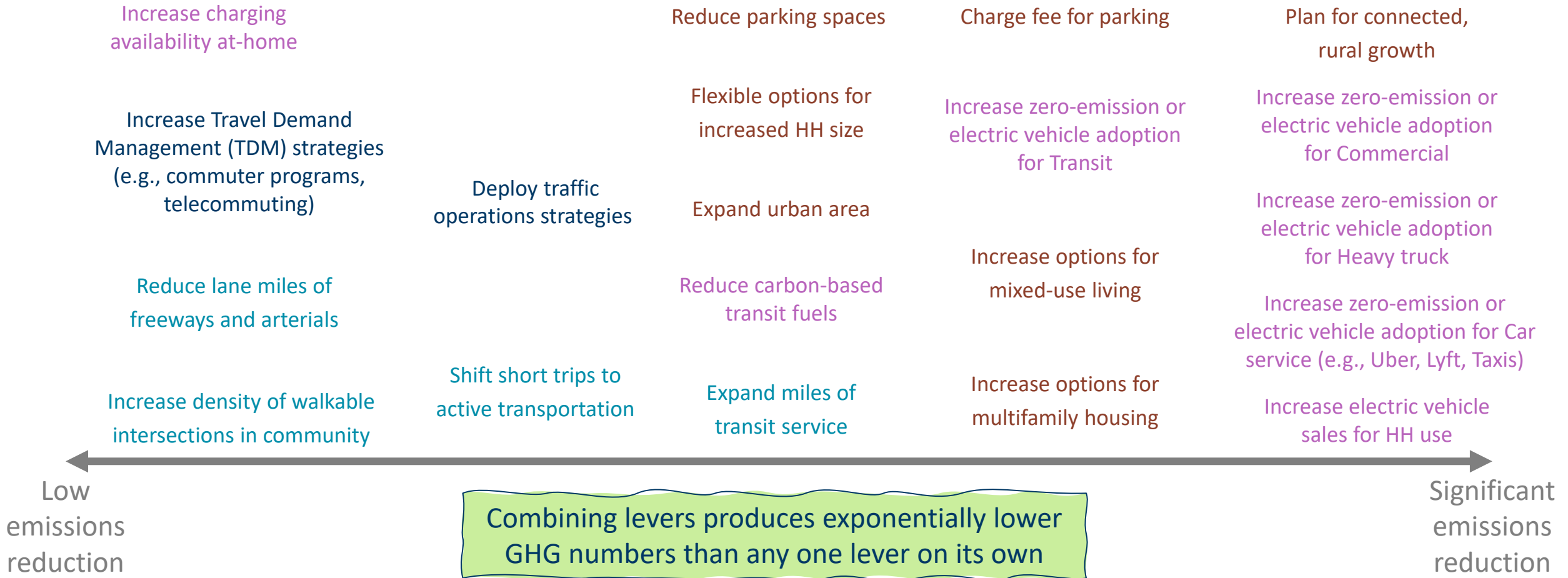
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What are the priority levers for the 7-county geographic area regardless of who implements them?

Select the top 5 levers in menti based on your understanding of your Policy Board priorities, Technical Committee priorities, City and County priorities, and public priorities.

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**EXAMPLE**

# Closing the gap

- Requires us to rethink project prioritization in order to reduce emissions
- Must consider how we encourage and implement greater accountability for emissions reduction
- Emissions reduction enhances the work we are already doing

# Closing the gap | Next steps

- Reporting the results of the modeling and comparing the approaches
- Gather input on the approaches from MPOs and ATPs
- Commissioner of Transportation sets the targets
- Working together to implement emissions-reducing policies and projects



# Questions/Thoughts

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