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## **Health Study Shows New York Would Benefit from Cleaner Air, Healthier Communities under TCI Program**

*Public health experts from Harvard, Columbia, and other universities have released a comprehensive health study showing every New York county would benefit from an equitable and sustainable Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program.*

**New York, NY** - Today, public health experts from Harvard, Columbia, and other leading universities released a preliminary study projecting up to \$5.1 billion in annual public health benefits for New Yorkers by the year 2032 under a proposed multistate Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) program. TCI is a regional collaboration of 12 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, including New York and the District of Columbia that seeks to transform transportation, supercharge the clean energy economy, and curb emissions from the transportation sector--a major source of harmful local air pollution and New York's largest source of carbon pollution.

According to today's study, a TCI program that curbs pollution and invests in clean transportation solutions across New York State--including improved mass transit, safe walkable and bikeable communities and clean electric buses, cars and trucks--could save more than 500 lives and prevent 1,700 childhood asthma cases in New York annually by 2032. Health benefits would accrue in every corner of the state, including in rural, urban, and suburban counties. Significant health benefits are projected in areas of New York that currently experience the worst levels of air pollution, including New York City and Long Island. The study shows that investments in mass transit under a TCI program in New York State would provide the greatest health benefits.

NY for TCI, a campaign led by public interest organizations and businesses focused on achieving equitable, sustainable, and accessible transportation options in New York, issued the following statement:

**“An equitable and sustainable TCI program offers New York a once in a generation opportunity to transform our state’s transportation to make it healthier, more equitable, sustainable, affordable, and accessible. Today’s study shows a well-designed TCI program would clean up our air, lower dangerous air pollution**

**from transportation vehicles across the state, and save lives by giving New Yorkers better, cleaner, healthier transportation options.**

**NY for TCI calls on Governor Cuomo to lead the regional TCI negotiations and finalize a program that will help achieve New York's nation-leading climate commitments to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 and invest in mass transit and other clean transportation solutions that provide health, economic, and jobs benefits in historically underrepresented communities.**

**In addition to TCI, we also call on New York policymakers to adopt other complementary programs to reduce pollution and accelerate New York's transportation to a more equitable and sustainable future."**

Today's health study is available at <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/c-change/news/trechstudy/>.

Consistent with New York's nation-leading climate law, the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, TCI jurisdictions are proposing to ensure historically marginalized communities, such as environmental justice and low-income communities, in New York and other participating states receive [at least 35 percent](#) of the investment benefits from a TCI program.

NY for TCI includes leading voices in health, transportation, environment, business, and clean energy working together to achieve an equitable and sustainable TCI program. To learn more about NY for TCI, visit [www.nyfortci.org](http://www.nyfortci.org).

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