



Transportation Solutions: Cleaner, Cheaper, Greener

Creating more and better options for how Minnesotans get around is good for our environment, economy, and quality of life.

Minnesotans are looking to buy cars and trucks that are **cheaper to fuel** and **cleaner to drive**. At the same time, our communities have developed in a way that leaves us little choice but to drive ever longer distances just to meet our day-to-day needs. We are spending more time in traffic, in the repair shops, and away from our families while our tax dollars go to pay for more roads.

Now is the time for Minnesota's policy makers to think cleaner, cheaper, and greener by passing three transportation policies that will save us money at the pump and give us more time at home: efficient vehicles, cleaner fuels, and communities developed in a way that pollute less.

These policies, endorsed in 2008 by Governor Pawlenty's Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group (MCCAG),* will not only help keep Minnesota's air, lakes, and rivers clean, they will also help us meet the global warming pollution goals passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Pawlenty in 2007. In addition, they will save consumers money and result in more efficient forms of development.

**See the full MCCAG report at www.mnclimatechange.us*

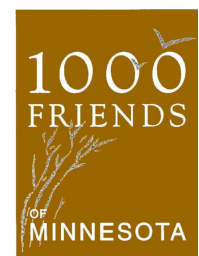
A June 2008 report by the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies found the best ways to reduce global warming pollution from transportation sources now are to:

1. require auto manufacturers to produce cleaner, more efficient cars and trucks;
2. reduce the carbon content of fuels sold in the state; and
3. employ smart land use decisions that reduce the number of miles people have to drive.

Source: <http://www.cts.umn.edu/Research/Featured/GreenhouseGas/>



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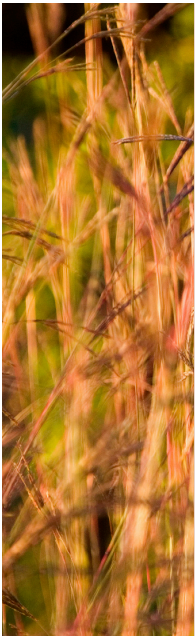
Minnesota should drive innovation with **Clean Cars standards:**

Authors: Senator John Marty and Representative Melissa Hortman

Minnesota will join 14 other states in adopting more protective vehicle emissions standards authorized under the federal Clean Air Act.

- Requires auto manufacturers to produce cleaner, more efficient cars and trucks that save Minnesotans money at the gas pump, starting with new vehicles sold in 2012
- Helps decrease Minnesota's dependence on foreign oil
- Will reduce at least 13 million metric tons of global warming pollution and other air pollutants and save consumers more than \$260 million by 2025 (MCCAG)

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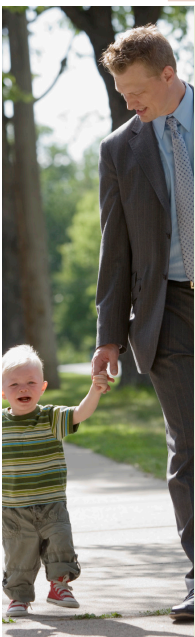
Minnesota should adopt a **Low Carbon Fuels Policy:**

Authors: Senator Kathy Sheran and Representative Melissa Hortman

Minnesota will adopt a low carbon fuels policy to reduce global warming emissions that result from the production and use of transportation fuels.

- Helps spur investments in clean energy technologies, diversify Minnesota's fuel supply, and reduce the risk from global energy price shocks
- Promotes Minnesota's own clean energy industry and local investments
- Will reduce more than 36 million metric tons of global warming pollution and other air pollutants by 2025 (MCCAG)

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Minnesota should prioritize **Building Sensible Communities:**

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Minnesota will integrate greenhouse gas reduction targets into comprehensive local planning processes; create financial incentives for communities to develop in ways that reduce pollution and expand options to walk, bike, or use transit; require MnDOT to plan for fewer vehicle miles driven per capita; and require analysis of global warming emissions as part of environmental review.

- Expands choices for where we live and how we get around
- Will reduce up to 15 million metric tons of global warming pollution and other air pollutants by 2025 at a net savings to Minnesota consumers (MCCAG)
- Saves households money and reduces local governments' tax burdens

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