

SETTING TARGETS  
FOR

FHWA'S

GREENHOUSE GAS  
EMISSIONS

MEASURE 



# Federal Guidance



## **GHG Metric and Measure** **[§ 490.511(a)(2), and §490.507(b)]**


GHG Metric- Annual total Tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on the NHS

GHG Measure- Percent change in Tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the NHS compared to the reference year(Calendar year 2022)





# FHWA METHODOLOGY



**§ 490.511: Calculating the GHG Metric – Annual Tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions on the NHS**

Gallons of Fuel Consumed × CO<sub>2</sub> per gallon of fuel × Proportion of VMT that occurs on NHS = GHG Metric: Tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on the NHS (millions of metric tons, to nearest hundredth)

- Simple calculation
- Data readily available from all states and already reported
- Nationally consistent for States
- Proportion of VMT on NHS is proxy for proportion of CO<sub>2</sub> on NHS
- MPOs may use other methods to calculate the metric

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Assessing Performance of the National Highway System  
GHG Emissions Measure

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Required by States to use

Data needed:

- Total Tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions on the NHS in a calendar year
- Total number of on-road fuel types
- Gasoline and Gasohol volume
- Gasoline and Gasohol CO<sub>2</sub> Factor
- Special Fuel Volume
- Special Fuel CO<sub>2</sub> Factor
- NHS VMT
- Total system VMT in the calendar year

## Role of State DOTs



State DOTs are required to establish 2022 baseline Greenhouse Gas metric on **March 29, 2024.**





INITIAL TARGET AND REPORTING



# BY STATE DOTS

**March 29, 2024**, INITIAL TARGETS  
DECLINING 4 YEAR  
TARGETS

The report shall include:

- 4-year target for performance period
- Basis for the established target
- Relationship with other performance expectations
- The GHG metric for CY 2022, the reference year, and the individual values used to calculate the metric



# TRANSPORTATION SECTOR EMISSIONS CONTRIBUTION



MAKES UP 37.2% OF OVERALL EMISSIONS

Target unknown, committed to setting targets on the actual date(2012, MAP-21)

METHODOLOGY

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MAKES UP 27% OF OVERALL EMISSIONS

27% of IL's overall emissions reduction between 2005-2021

**Target: 2.6% Reduction from 2022 to 2026**

METHODOLOGY

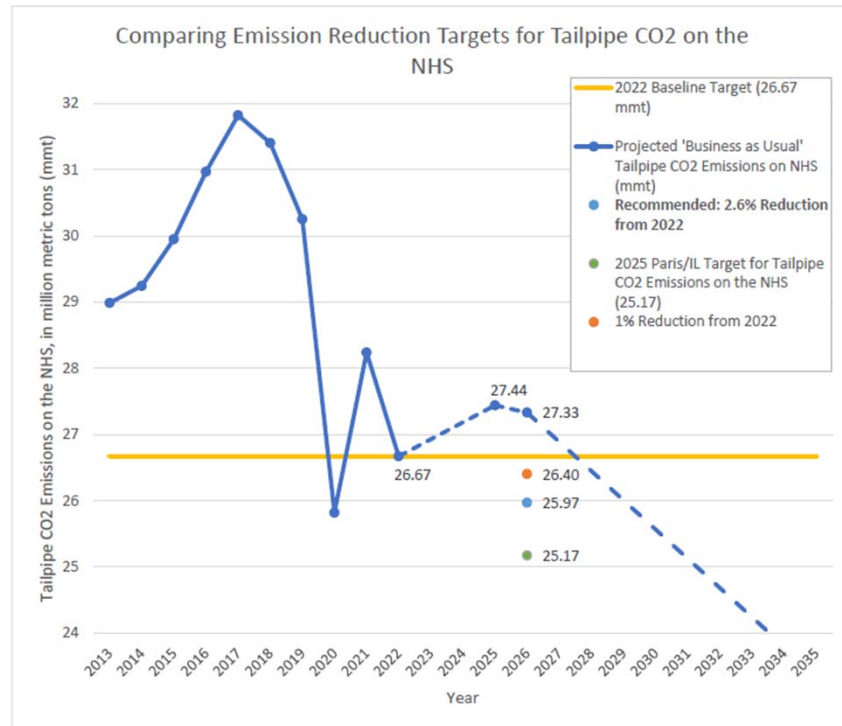
Paris Agreement (reduce GHG emissions by at least 26-28% below 2005 levels by 2025)

Illinois 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (Ceja)- target of 1 million electric vehicles on the road by 2030

# ILLINOIS

## Target Options

We present three potential emission reduction targets:



## SELECTED: 2.6% REDUCTION FROM 2022 TO 2026.

Illinois has committed to the Paris Agreement cross-sector target of reducing GHG emissions by at least 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025.6 Based on US Energy Information Administration data, a 27% reduction over 2005 levels by 2025 would be a statewide reduction from 244.4 mmt in 2005 to 178.4 mmt in 2025. In 2021, IL produced 184.2 mmt of CO2 across all sectors, which is on track to meet Paris Agreement targets.7

$$(Tailpipe\ CO_2\ Emissions\ on\ NHS)_{CY} = (\sum_{t=1}^T (Fuel\ Consumed)_t * (CO_2\ Factor)_t) * (\frac{NHS\ VMT}{Total\ VMT})$$

Where:

(Tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions on NHS)<sub>CY</sub> = Total tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on the NHS in a calendar year, expressed in million metric tons and rounded to the nearest hundredth;

T = the total number of on-road fuel types;

t = an on-road fuel type, which for the purposes of this calculation, FHWA categorizes as gasoline and gasohol, and special fuels;

(Fuel Consumed)<sub>t</sub> = the quantity of total annual fuel consumed for on-road fuel type "t" (rounded to the nearest thousand gallons, and expressed in thousand gallons), which is based on FHWA-published highway statistics produced from state reporting;

(CO<sub>2</sub> Factor)<sub>t</sub> = the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> released per unit of fuel consumed for on-road fuel type "t," which are published by the FHWA for base year 2022;

$\frac{NHS\ VMT}{Total\ VMT}$  = the proportion of vehicle-miles travelled on the National Highway System versus the total system in the calendar year. VMT data is pulled from FHWA-published highway statistics produced from state reporting.

For 2022, the equation is:

(Tailpipe CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions on NHS) <sub>2022</sub>	=	(Gasoline and Gasohol Volume	* Gasoline and Gasohol CO <sub>2</sub> Factor	+ Special Fuels Volume	* Special Fuels CO <sub>2</sub> Factor)	* $\frac{NHS\ VMT}{Total\ VMT}$
26.67	=	(3,892,024	* 0.00000810	+ 1,537,337	* 0.00001019)	* 58,635
						103,752
26.67	=			47.191		0.565



## Role of MPOs



MPOs (and State DOTs) are to establish a declining CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction target for 2025, relative to the reference year 2022, and report progress towards the targets





# MPO METRIC CALCULATION METHODS

180 Days after initial targets are set by DOTs-- September 25, 2024

Flexibility in how to calculate metric (total tailpipe CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions on the NHS)

- MPO share of the State's VMT
- VMT estimates with model emission factors from EPA's Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) model.
- FHWA's Energy and Emissions Reduction Policy Analysis (EERPAT) tool
- Other method with valid and useful results for CO<sub>2</sub> measurement

# MPO NEXT STEPS

- Receive and review MoDOT initial targets
- Determine Baseline
- Establish a methodology for determining a declining performance target (Percent change in tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions on the NHS compared to the reference year 2022)
  - Include a description of methodology chosen and projects/policies it supports
- Determine Scenarios (Business as usual, Recommended reduction, reduction from the last calendar year)
- Share established targets with both DOTs

