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# **NORTH AMERICA RAIL SUSTAINABILITY WEBINAR :** **best practices & upcoming challenges**



**29 September 2021**  
**ONLINE**



**Moderator:**  
**Lucie Anderton**  
Head of Sustainability  
**29 SEPTEMBER 2021**

# Agenda

**9.30 to 12.00 (US Central Time)**

- **Introduction and Welcome** - Marie Plaud-Lombard, Coordinator for NA region & Barbara Barr, Chair of the UIC North American Region
- **Keynote Speech** - Maryam Allahyar, Director of Research, Development & Technology, FRA
- **Global Vision for Rail** - Lucie Anderton, Head of Sustainability, UIC

*Coffee break*

- **Best Practice Roundtable**  
& interactive panel discussion and Q&A session
- **Feedback**
- **Closing remarks**

# Welcome



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*Director of UIC  
Communication  
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**Barbara Klein Barr**  
*Chair of the UIC NARA  
Director, International  
Programs at US  
Department of  
Transportation*

# Keynote speech



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**Maryam Allahyar,**  
*Director of Research, Development &  
Technology  
Federal Railroad Administration*





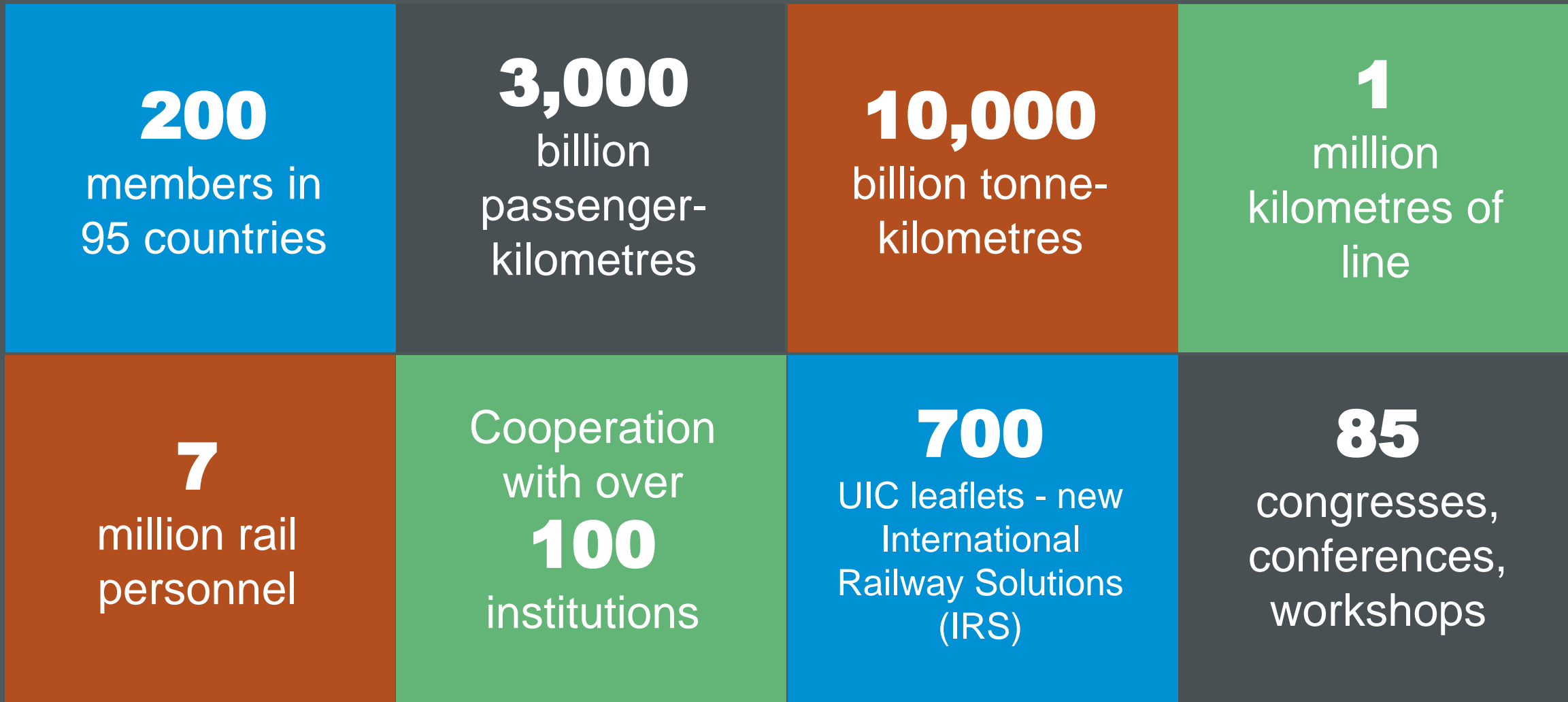


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# **GLOBAL VISION FOR RAIL**

**Lucie Anderton, Head of Sustainability, UIC**

# UIC: 100 years of serving member railways and facilitating international railway cooperation



# 6 UIC focus areas for global cooperation serving the entire railway community

 **Environment & Sustainable Development**

 **Safety & Security**

 **Freight/Intercontinental corridors**

 **Railway Signalling & Control Command**

 **Standardisation  
UIC leaflets, IRSs**

 **Research & Expertise Development**



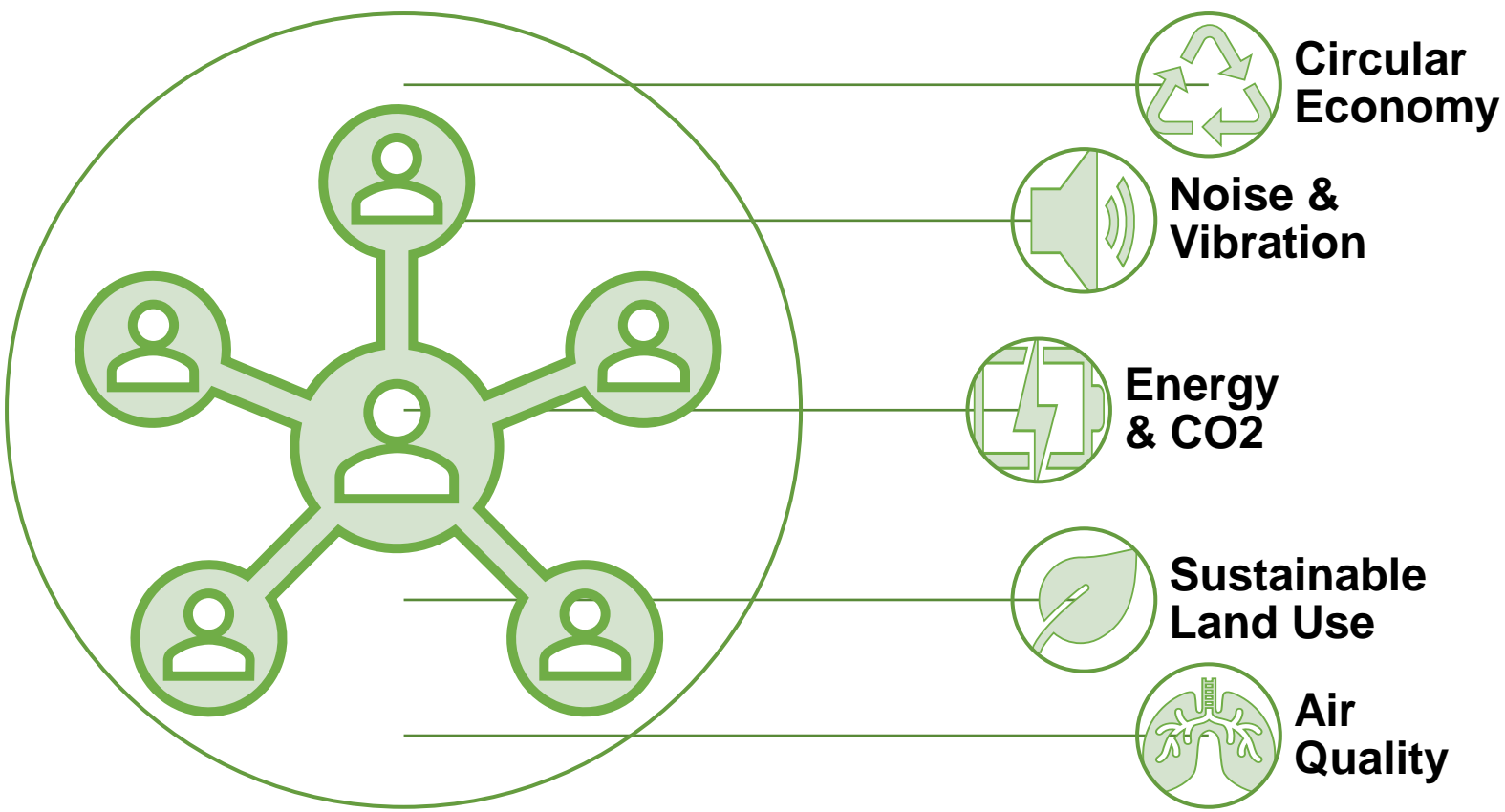


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## **SUSTAINABILITY @ UIC**

- Set the vision**
- Provide the tools**
- Convene the community**

# Our Community



- Sustainable Procurement
- Climate change Adaptation
- Inclusive stations
- Finance and carbon taxation
- Rail system (train-track interaction & track expert group)





# Our Tools

- [Eco Passenger](#)
- [EcoTransit](#)
- [SDG Rail Index](#)

**IRS** Traction Energy Settlement and Data Exchange  
**IRS 90930**

**IRS** Data Exchanges with Driver Advisory Systems: SFERA  
**IRS 90940**

**Sustainability Reporting**  
(Update of Leaflet 330)



At a glance Emission Calculator Methodology Business Solutions News Contact

## Emission calculator for greenhouse gases and exhaust emissions

You can get here an impression of how EcoTransIT World works. The [Business Solutions](#) offer the user significantly extended options for an accurate calculation of transport emissions.

### CALCULATION PARAMETERS

Input mode: Standard

Freight: Amount 100, Weight Bulk and Unit Load (Tonnes)

Origin: City district

Please press ENTER to confirm.

Choose transport modes: Multiple choice possible

- Truck
- Train
- Airplane
- Sea ship
- Barge

**eco passenger**

ABOUT METHODOLOGY CONTACT

Compare the energy consumption, the CO2 emissions and other environmental impacts for planes, cars and trains in passenger transport

CHOOSE YOUR ROUTE

From: [input]  
To: [input]

CHOOSE YOUR DATE AND TIME

Mo, 14.06.21 [Calendar]  
14:30 [Departure]

**START REQUEST**

“EcoPassenger raises awareness and knowledge about the environmental impacts of traveler behavior, by implementing a transparent, comprehensive and user friendly calculator.”

To calculate the environmental impact of your freight transport, visit: [www.ecotransit.org](http://www.ecotransit.org)



# Our Vision

A railway that supports a green recovery as the **backbone of sustainable mobility**. Connectivity that contributes to healthy and sustainable lifestyles and economies on every continent – that is zero emissions, a community hub, accessible for all, and is both biodiverse and a good neighbour.

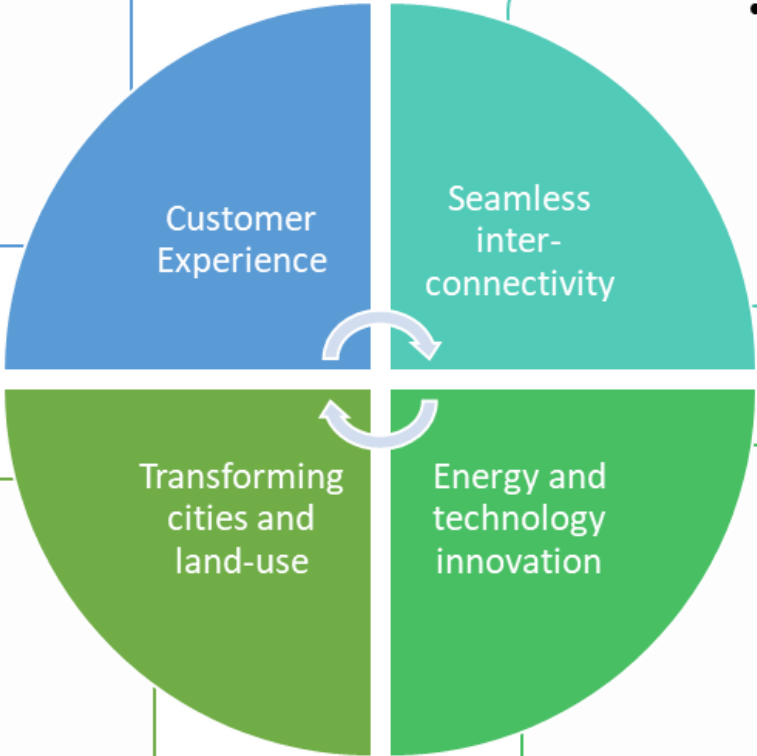
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# ON TRACK 2030 Vision of Rail



- Cultural transformation for rail towards a more customer-focused service for the changing needs and behaviours of freight and passengers



- Radical innovations in physical and digital connectivity with other modes for a DOOR-TO-DOOR service and greater system resilience

- Transport-oriented Development, lighter trains and green City Logistics, the role of rail in creating liveable cities and connected communities

- With a shortened cycle of innovation, Rail takes leading role in the race to zero carbon and in the renewables revolution





## By 2030

Following the Covid dip, rail passenger numbers have recovered and rail's market share has increased by 50% from pre-pandemic levels.

Highspeed rail traffic has doubled globally.

# Customer Experience

Rail operators adapted to the new travelling behaviours and became increasingly aware of customer needs, catering for new working patterns and the voices of a wider range of people.

Particularly vulnerable infrastructure owners have accessed the finance and technology they need for climate change adaptation and resilience-building.

All passengers will feel more secure and safe. These actions have been supported through a more diverse and better gender-balanced workforce in transport.





A photograph showing a red RAILION train in a green field. In the foreground, there are several rows of solar panels. The train has 'RAILION' written on its side. The background shows a green hillside under a clear sky.

# Energy and Technology Innovation

Dedicated renewable energy generation as well as energy storage on the railway estate including on buildings and on the lineside.

Automatic Train Operation, robotics, modern communication based on 5G and Artificial Intelligence is improving the efficiency of the railways.

Diesel trains are fast becoming a thing of the past, with a large-scale programme of electrification of main lines continuing and the use of bi-mode vehicles common.





# Interconnected and transforming cities, connecting communities

By connecting cities better and reducing car use, railway stations are the gateways to cities that are less congested and where people can breathe cleaner air.

Most passenger journeys will be made with multimodal e-tickets, passengers will be able to move seamlessly between different modes of transport.



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**COFFEE BREAK**



# ROUNDTABLE



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Mobility, ViaRail*



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**Baldomero Garza**  
*General Director  
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Railway  
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BNCF Railway*





# VIA Rail's sustainability plan and waste ambition

## An overview

Françoise Granda  
Senior Advisor, Sustainability and Corporate  
Social Responsibility

September 2021





## **Desired outcome**

Be recognized as an engaged corporate citizen and as a reference in sustainable development.



# Building our strategy

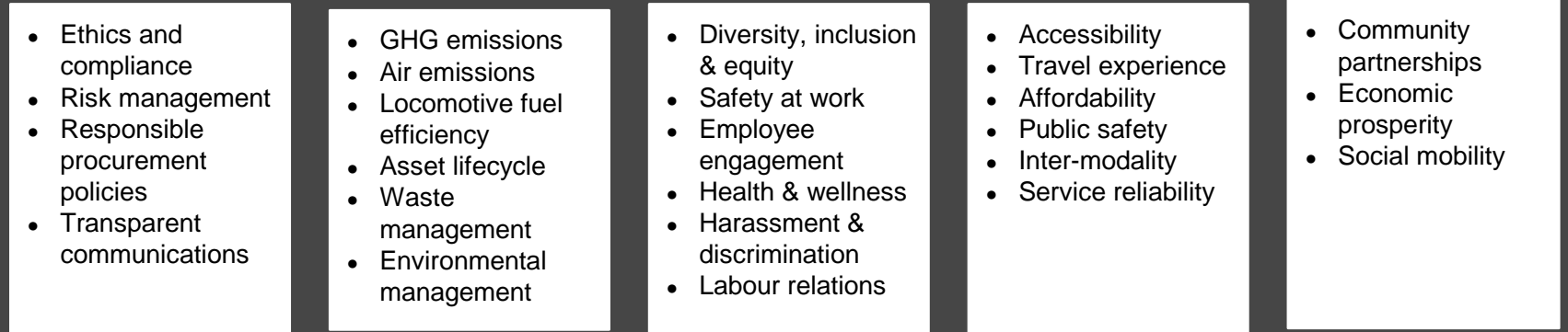
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Category



2

Most Common Topics Selected by Stakeholders and Executive & Board



3

Grouped topics



# Our priorities

## Environmental



## Social



## Governance



## Impact

- Customer choice
- Shareholder support
- Community awareness
- Employer brand



# Zero Waste ambition

## Our ambition

- Demonstrate VIA's sustainability excellence by offering zero waste trains to passengers.
- Improve environmental performance, reduce emissions and secure compliance to future regulations

## Current state

- Low level of waste valorization
- Majority of waste composed of organic or recyclable material



# Zero Waste ambition

Our plan: execute on three fronts and gradually



**1.**

Reduce packaging and materials sourced on board



**2.**

Improve waste sorting and collection on board



**3.**

Optimize waste collection in train stations



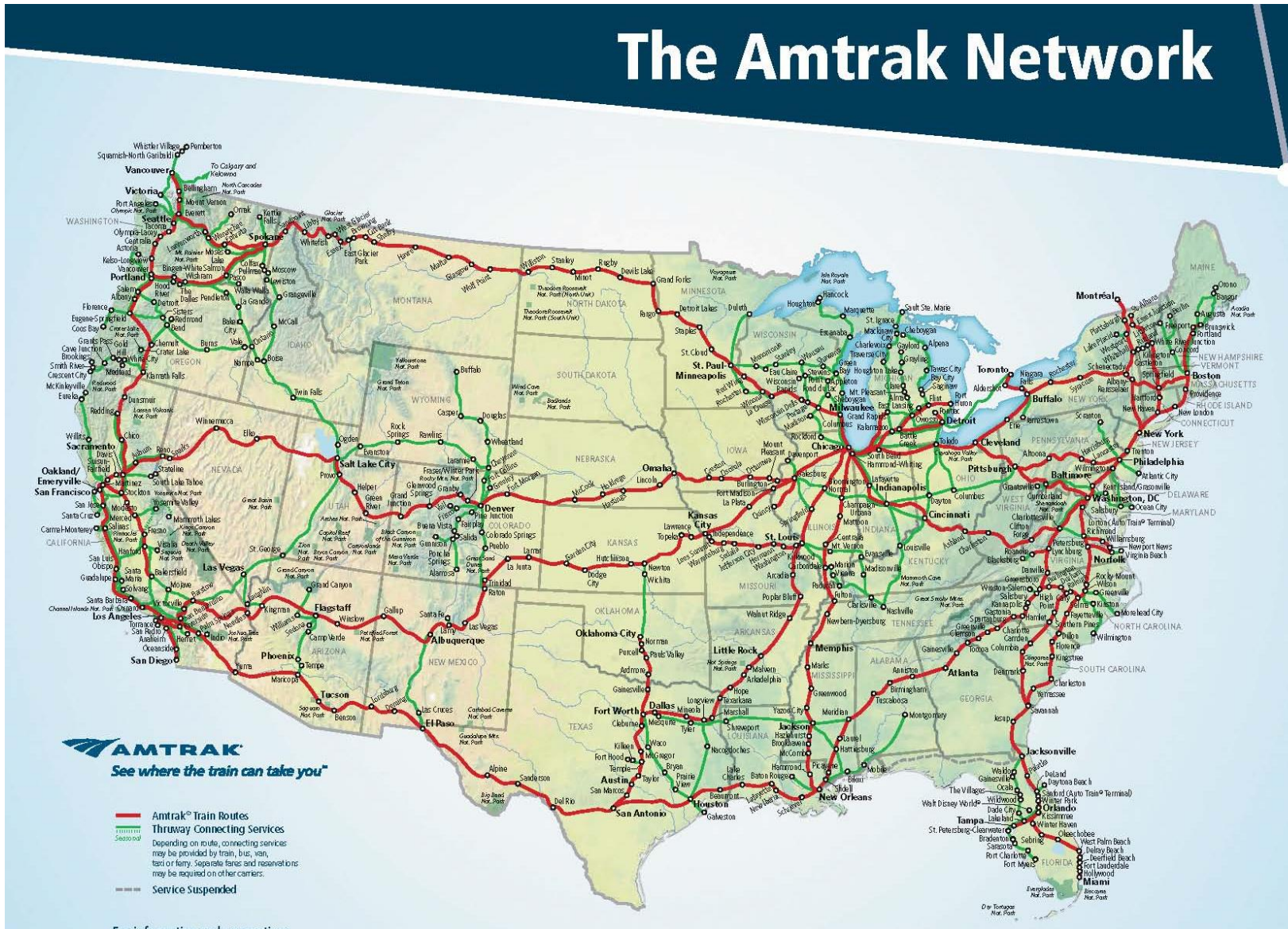
# Climate Resilience Planning

## The Future Rides with Us

UIC North America Rail Sustainability Webinar –  
Best practices and upcoming challenges  
9/29/21

Beth Termini, AVP Health, Environment &  
Sustainability

# The Amtrak Network



# AMTRAK'S CLIMATE JOURNEY AND FUTURE

GHG ACCOUNTING BEGINS  
20% reduction since 2010,  
with a goal of 40% by 2030.

2010



2015

## CLIMATE STUDIES

Since 2015, we completed three climate studies. We are now finalizing a resilience strategic plan and a NEC vulnerability assessment.



2035

## TARGETS

Pending regulation would require Amtrak to operate as a net zero carbon emissions company by 2035.



DAY 1  
The first Amtrak train rolls out of New York to Philadelphia.

1971



## QUANTIFYING CLIMATE IMPACTS

Named storms from 2006-2019 cost Amtrak \$127M in lost ridership and revenue, with estimations of \$220M by 2030.

2019



2021

## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Major shifts are taking place including changing customer priorities; the opening of Moynihan Train Hall - preparing for growth and increased train service; new train fleet (Acela and ICT); the launch of a new national Corridor Strategy Plan; and record investment from Congress.

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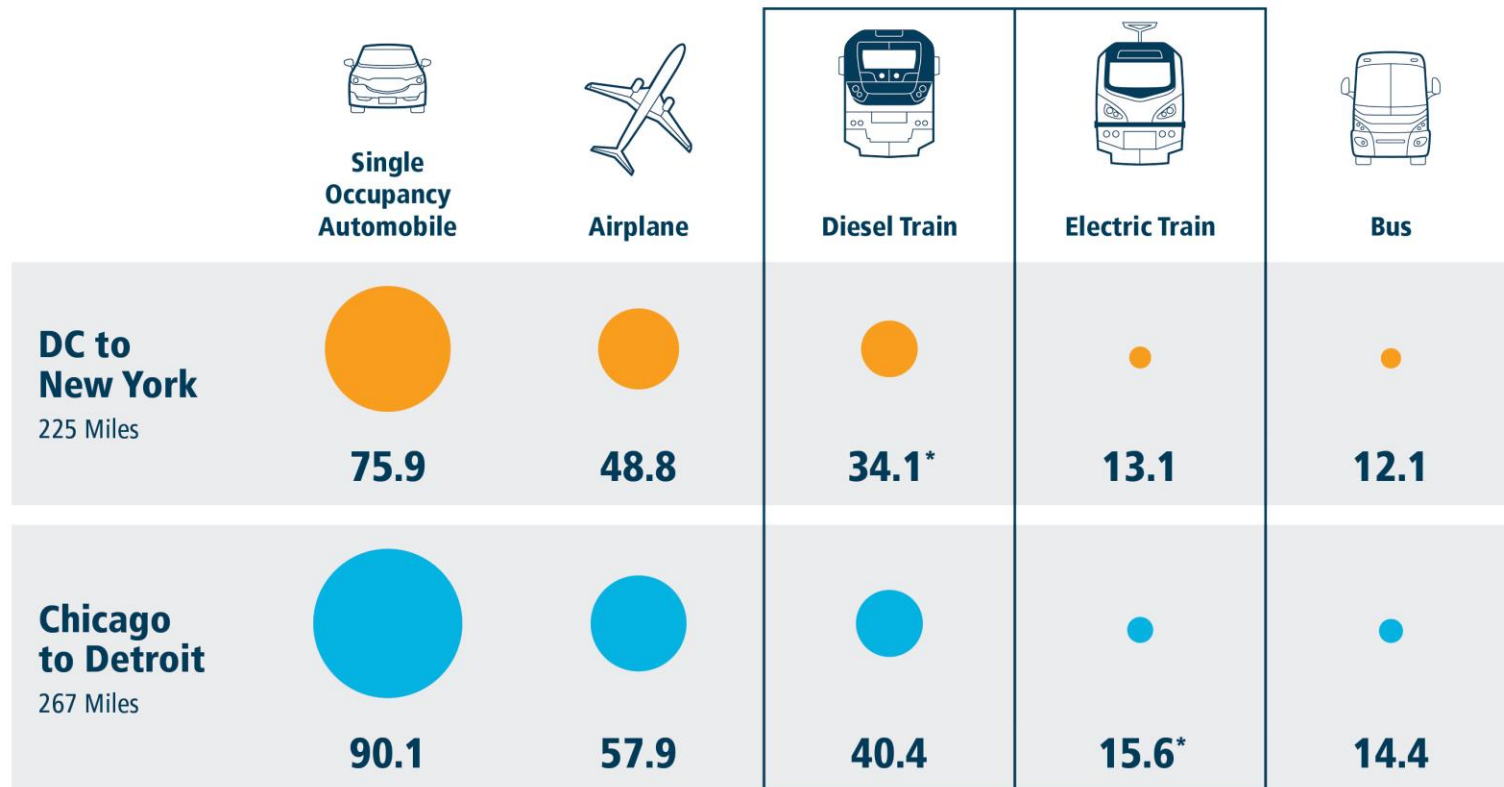


# Materials Management



## Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Passenger Transport

Total kg CO<sub>2</sub>e per Passenger by Mode

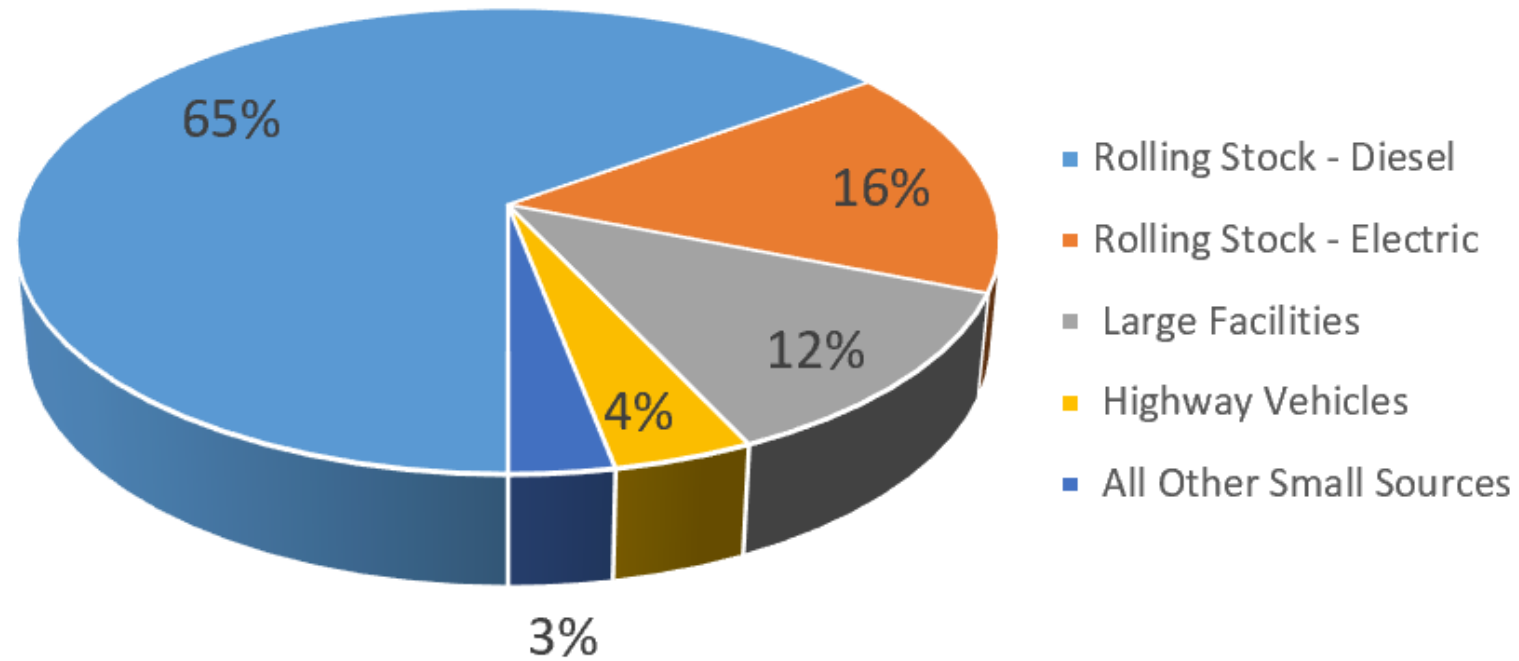


Calculations use EPA's Emission Factors for Greenhouse Gas Inventories [March 2020] and the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report's global warming potential values for CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O.

These figures are based on Amtrak's FY19 national network operations and are not route specific. By 2026, Amtrak will be operating Charger locomotives that are 10% more fuel efficient—further reducing Amtrak's GHG emissions.

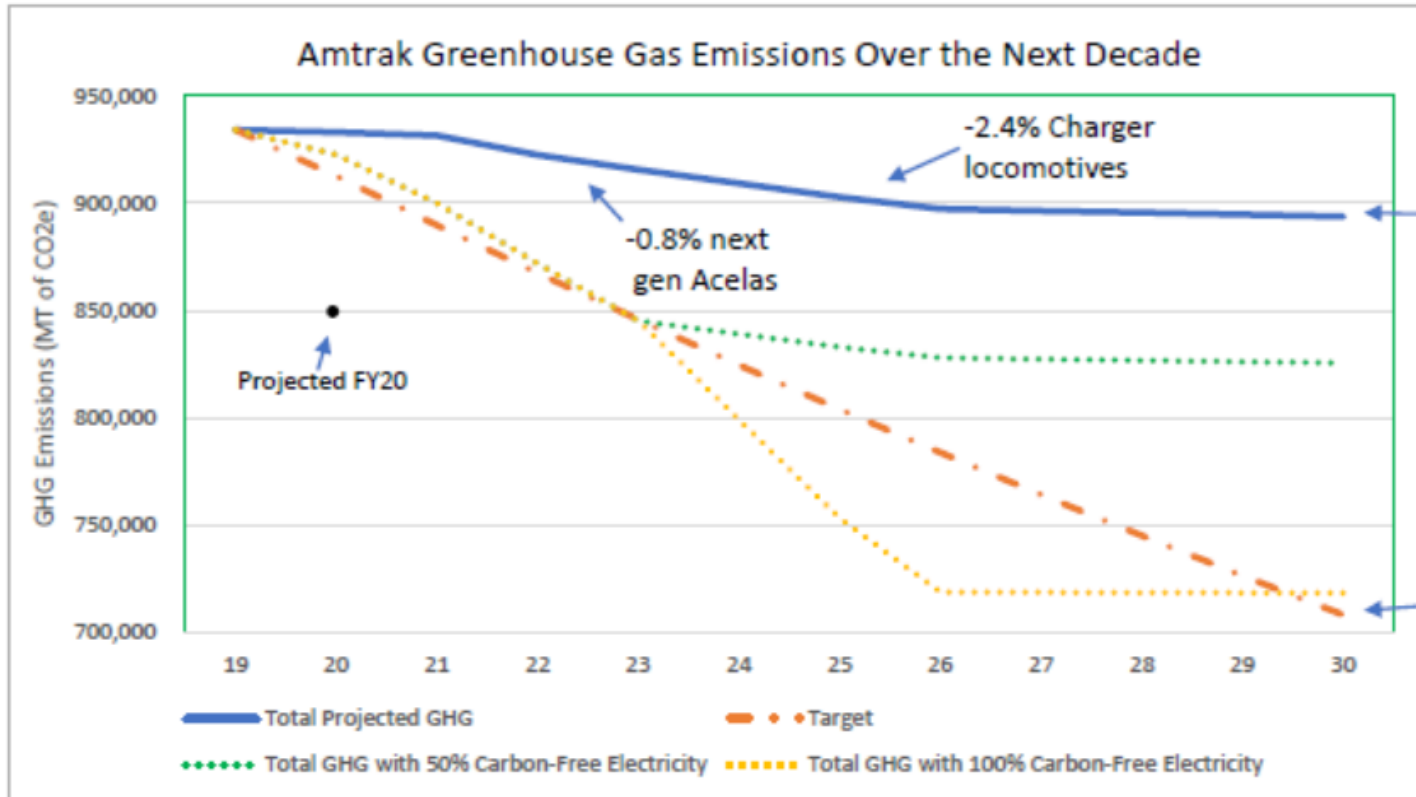
\*Not an option for this route; data only for comparison.

## Amtrak Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Source



**Amtrak Emissions by Facility Group**  
**FY19 emissions: 934,038 MT CO<sub>2</sub>e =**  
**201,793 passenger cars driven for 1 year**





- Projection is based on FY19 operations
- Acela 21 fully implemented by FY23, results in 0.8% reduction in TOTAL GHG emissions
- 100 Chargers into service by FY26 results in 2.4% reduction in TOTAL GHG
- Assumed continued YOY 1% reduction in facility electricity
- FY19 GHG emissions were 20% less than 2010 baseline

-24% compared to 2010 baseline

Target: -40% compared to 2010



**11% in flood zone**









-Landover Substation, September 1, 2020





# Amtrak Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

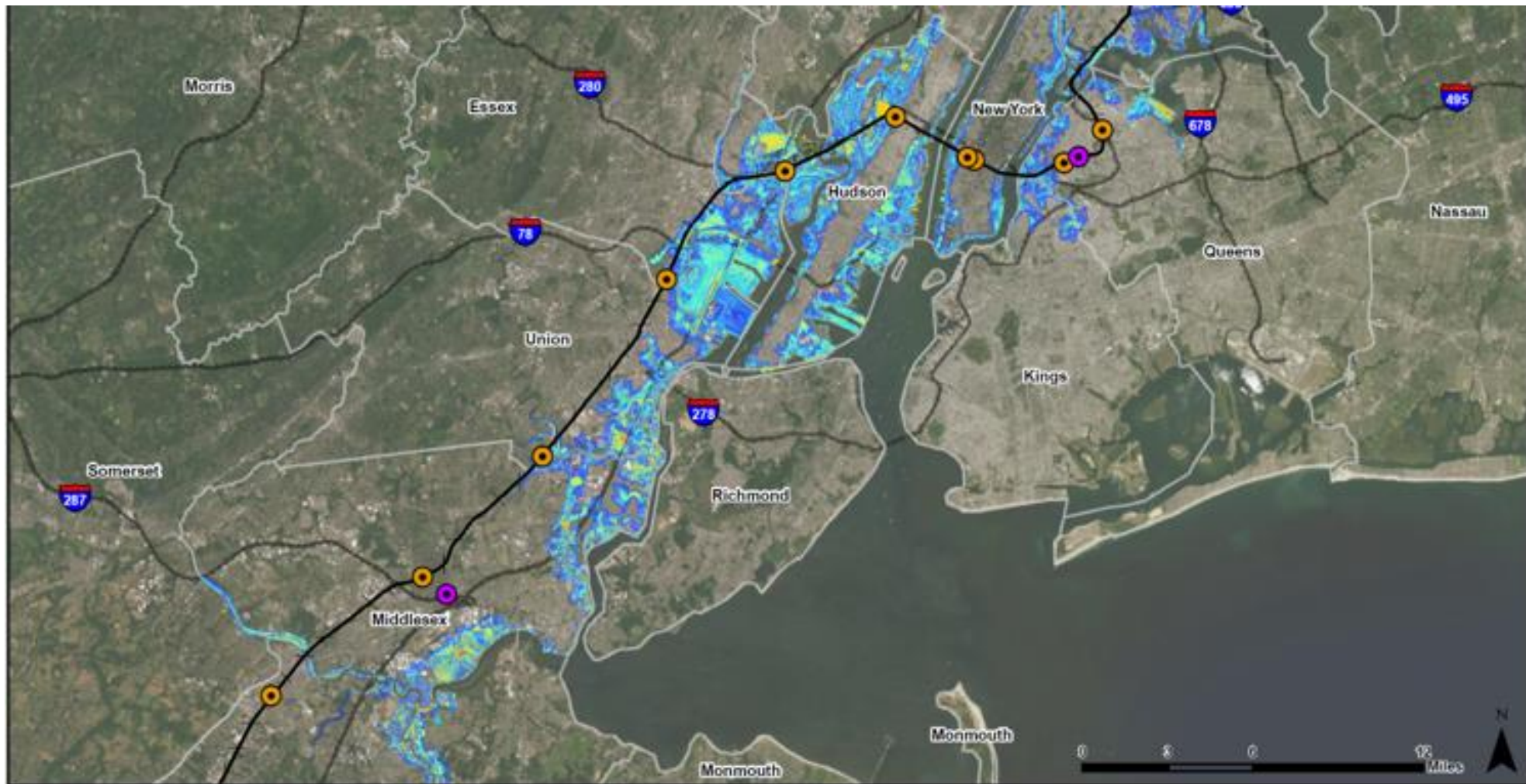
Northeast Corridor (NEC) Study  
 Extreme Precipitation Event  
 Year 2080



**Track**  
 — Vulnerability = 3  
 — Vulnerability = 4

**Maximum Precipitation**  
 12.2 inches  
 3.81 inches





## Amtrak Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

Northeast Corridor (NEC) Study  
 Projected Sea Level Rise with Surge (SWEL)  
 Year 2100

### Substations

- Vulnerability = 0
- Vulnerability = 1
- Vulnerability = 2

—+— Amtrak Line

### Sea Level Rise with Surge Depth







**– Identify vulnerable assets**

**– Embed resilience into capital funding**

**– Build resilience into design stds and  
PM**

–Landover Substation, September 1, 2020

## What could affect our path forward

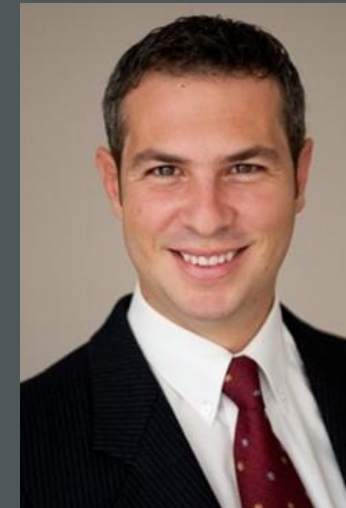
- Regulation and funding
- Our current workforce and pipeline of talent
- Technology
- Another pandemic



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# ARTF Strategies for Reduction of GreenHouse Gas Emissions

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Regulatory Agency for Rail Transport  
Ministry of Communications and Transportation



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September 29<sup>th</sup>

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2. Grand Vision of the Mexican Railway System
3. Carbon footprint of the Mexican Railway System
4. ARTF Strategies for sustainable transport
5. ARTF ongoing CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction projects

# Mexico's Regulatory Agency for Rail Transport (ARTF)



In 2016, the Regulatory Agency for Rail Transport (ARTF) was created as a decentralized administrative office of the Ministry of Communications and Transportation

## Objective:

**Regulate, promote, monitor and verify the construction, operation, exploitation, conservation, maintenance** of the railway infrastructure and the **provision of the public railway transport** and its auxiliary services.

The ARTF is needs to assure the **interconnection of the railways, promote multimodal operation,** as well as **impose sanctions** in case of faulty behavior of concessionaires.



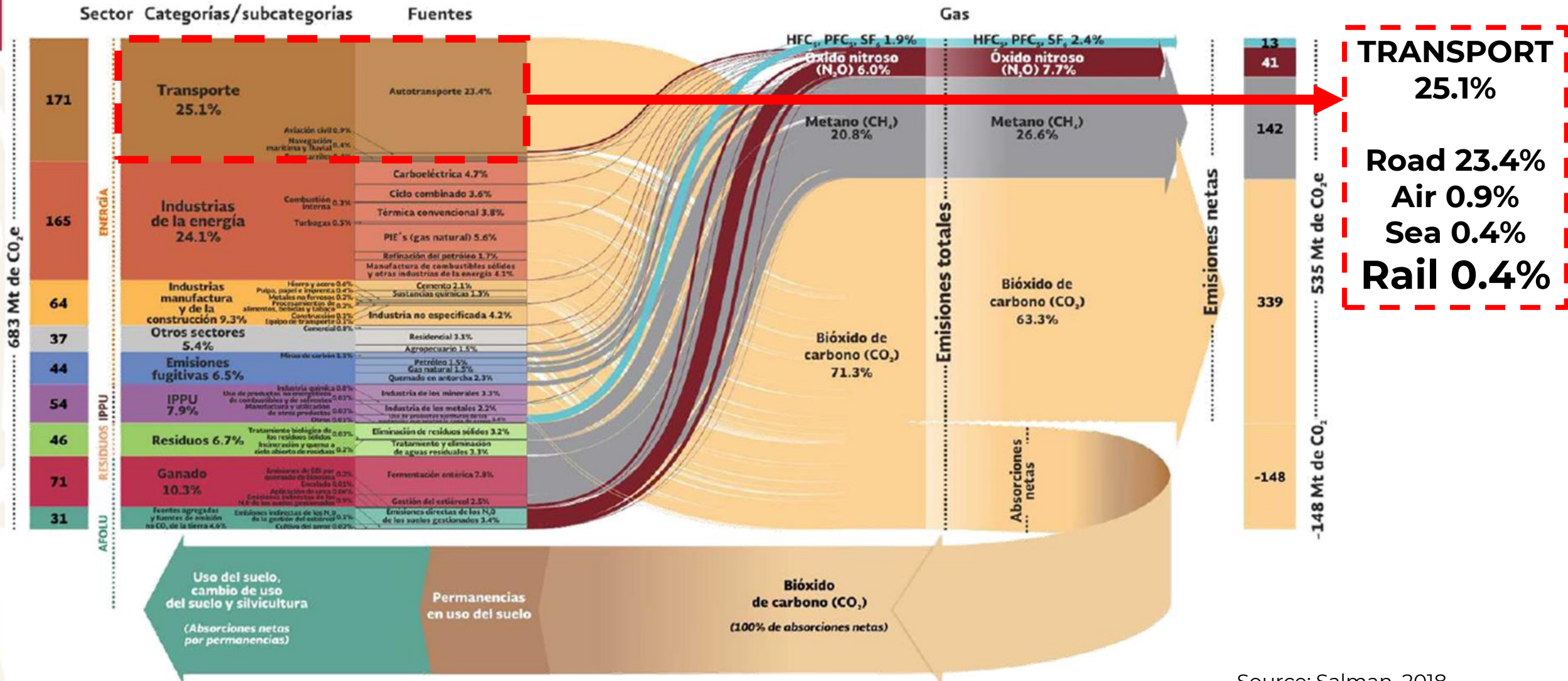
# ARTF

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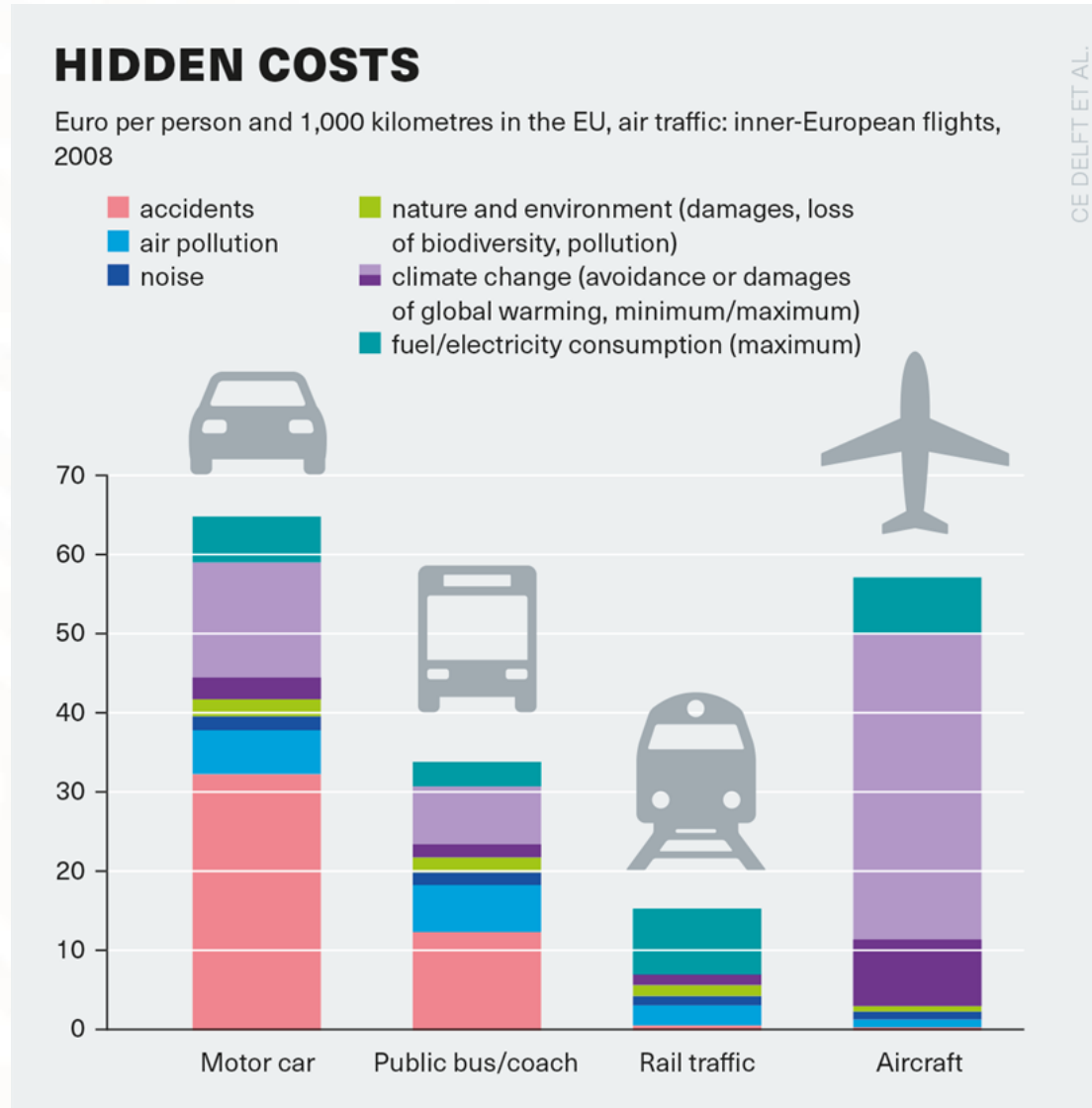
- Provide **safety and sustainability** of the Mexican Railway System (MRS).
- Promote the **optimal use and expansion** of the railway network (Freight & Passenger).
- Establish the **tariff regulatory basis**.
- Strengthen the **technical & legal framework** of the railway service.
- Perform **traffic railway studies** to evaluate the capacity & efficiency of the railway system, based on adequate railway operational concepts **to avoid overcosts and oversized projects**.
- **Verify and monitor** the fulfillment of concessionaires' obligations and services.
- Perform railway **studies & research**.
- Integrate the **Mexican Railway Registrar**.
- Issue, revalidate, suspend and cancel the **Federal Railway License**.

# Mexico's National CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



Source: Salman, 2018

# External transport costs



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Source: eu.boell.org



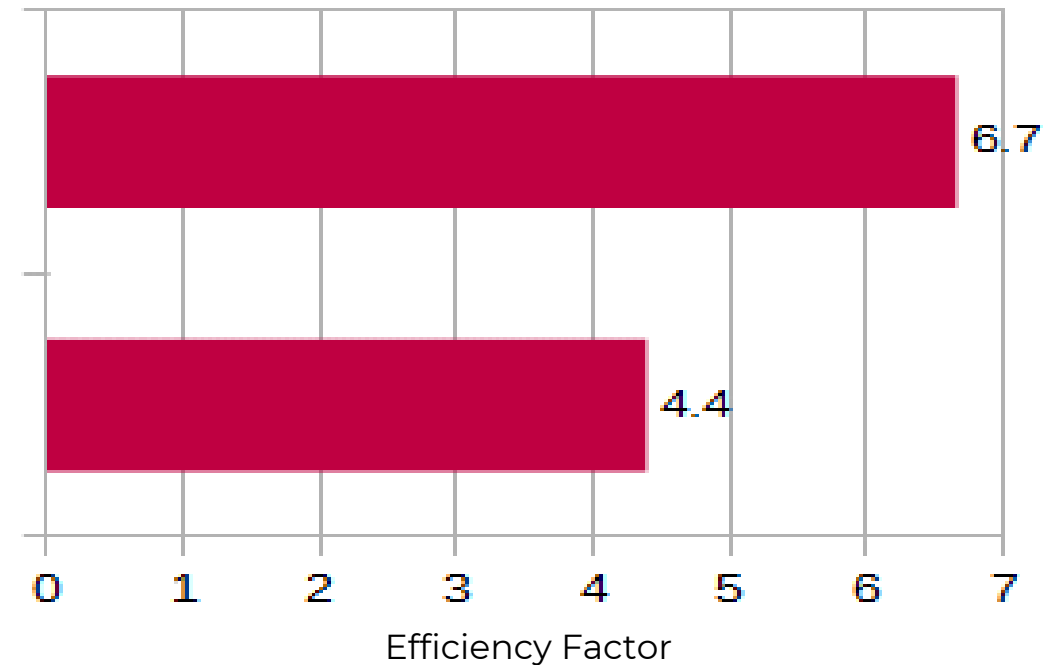
# Land Transport efficiency Railway vs Road Transport - Mexico



## Comparison of land transport efficiency in Mexico

Efficiency Railway vs Road transport per t-km

Efficiency Railway vs Road transport per ton

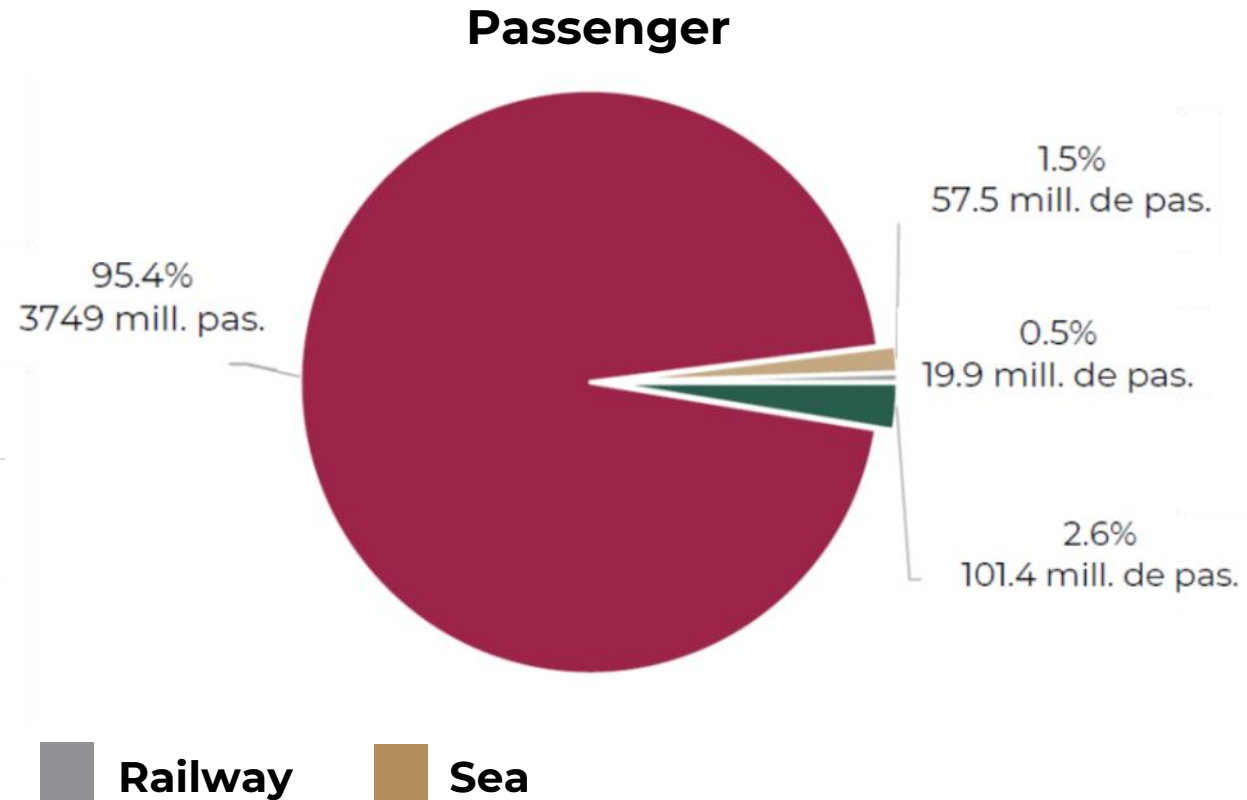
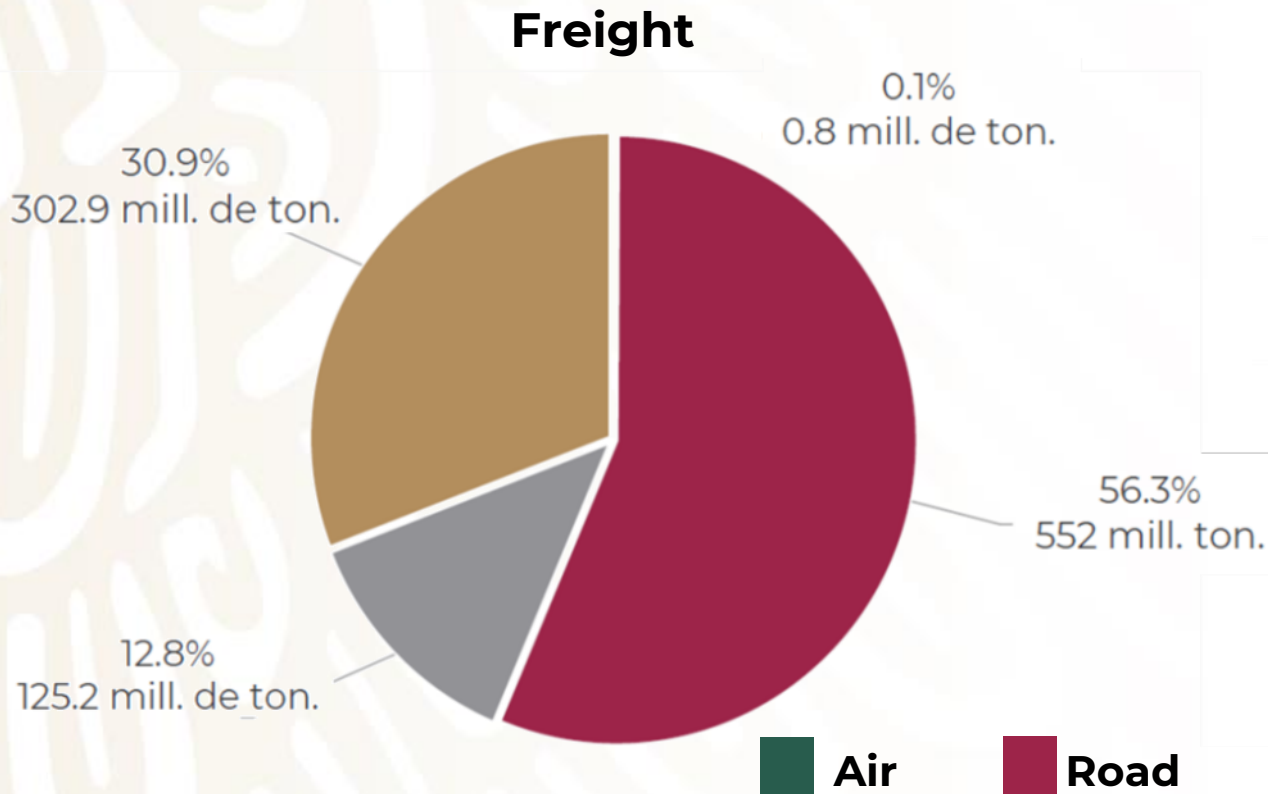


Source: Arredondo, with data of ARTF & SENER 2019

# Modal Split - Mexico



In 2019, the freight modal split of the Mexican Railway System was 12.8% and Passenger modal split was 1.5%



Source: ARTF, 2020

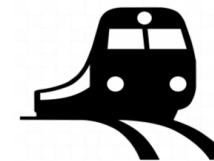
# CO<sub>2</sub> comparative emissions Intercity CDMX – Toluca



Source: SCT - DGDFM



CO<sub>2</sub>=664,708 Tons/Year



CO<sub>2</sub>=18,963 Tons/Year

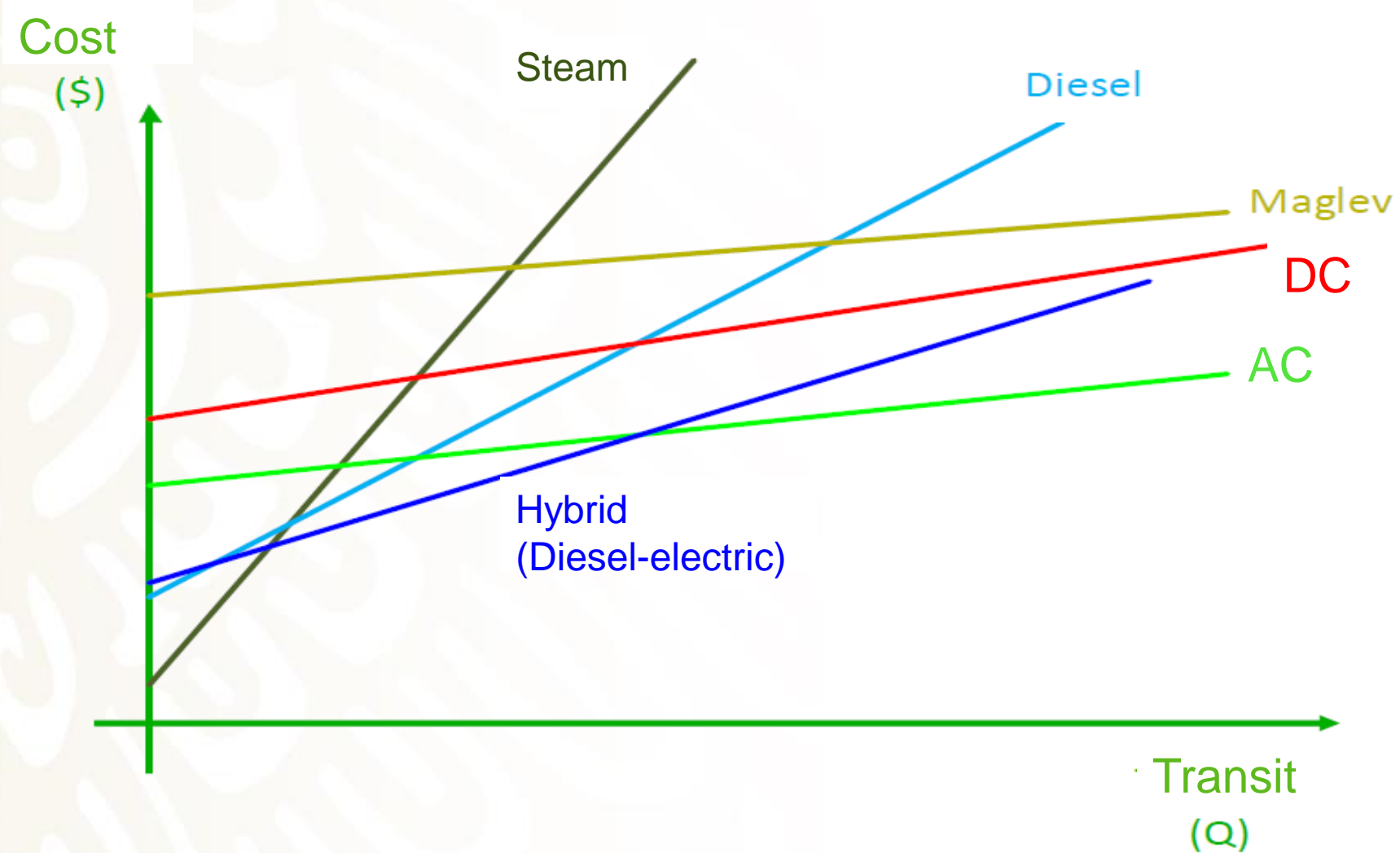


CO<sub>2</sub>=202,639 Tons/Year

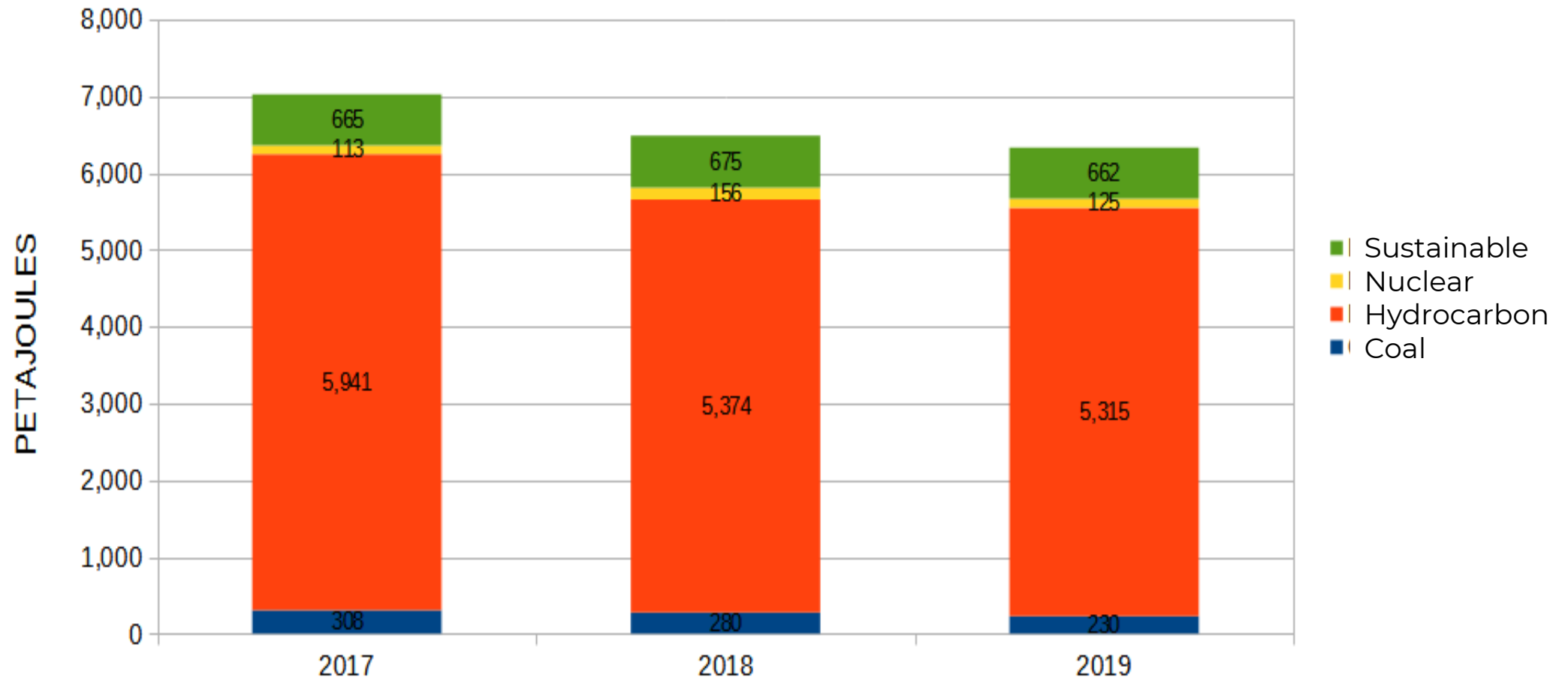
Source: Adapted from Arredondo y Frescas, 2011



# Technological threshold for tractive force



# Primary energy sources in Mexico



Source: Energetic Information System, SENER, 2021

# Railways Green House Gas Reduction opportunities



- Avoid - Shift - Improve
- Transit Oriented Development
- Efficiency increase through fuel management systems
- New railway technologies
- Digitalization of processes
- Lighter and stronger materials
- Aerodynamic performance
- Replacement of diesel for electric cranes on railway yards
- Carbon sequestration through filters and even tree planting



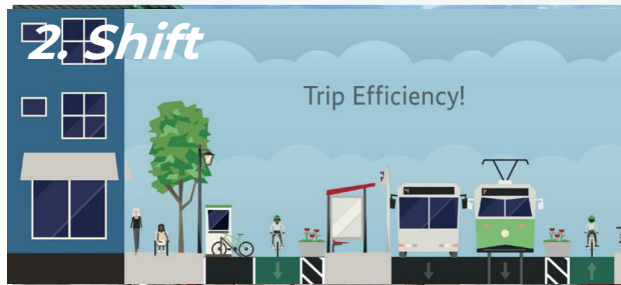
# Avoid – Shift - Improve



**AVOID:** Reduce the need for motorized travel and the trip length.

**SHIFT:** Change from the most energy consuming and polluting urban transport mode (i.e. cars) towards more environmentally friendly modes.

**IMPROVE:** Optimize the operational efficiency of public transport.



Source: From *Sustainable Urban Transport: Avoid-Shift-Improve*, TUMI & [www.raillynew.com](http://www.raillynew.com)

# Transit Oriented Development




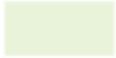


Global planning goal for the **construction and expansion of urban areas**, allowing the **national railway service** to become the **backbone of sustainable development** due to its potential to carry out mass movements of people and the most important freight movements, all this in an efficient way, at a low cost and with a focus on environmental sustainability.





- Integrated urban development and urban planning
- Integration of rail transport systems
- Compatibility, re-densification and land redevelopment
- Land development (housing and industrial) and rail demand generation
- Integration of other modes of transport
- Development of production clusters

# Transit Oriented Development

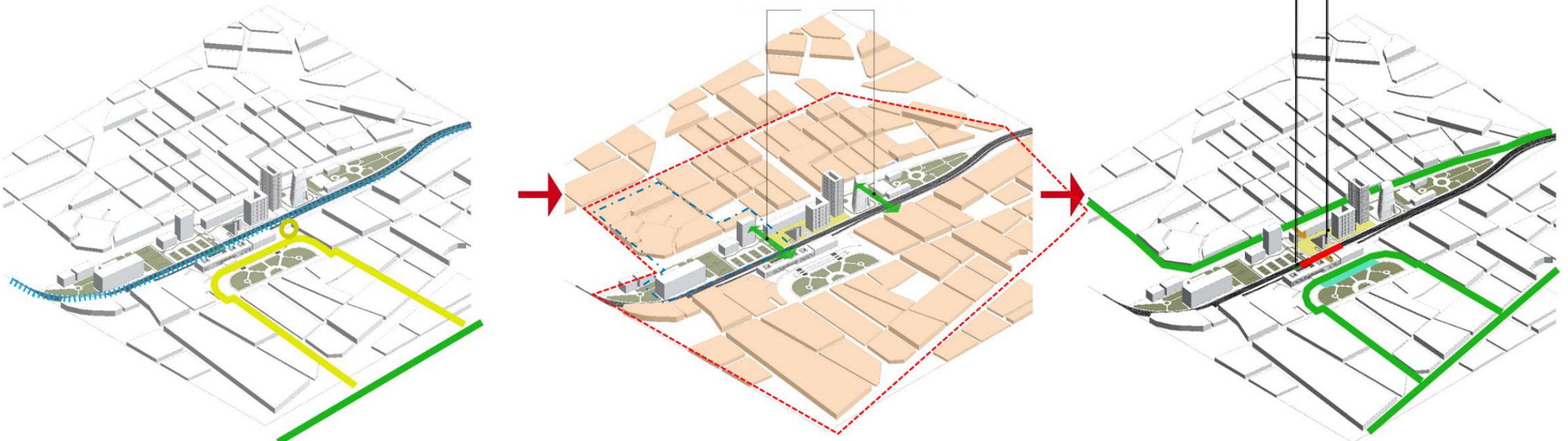


-  Pedestrian/Bike Path
-  Bike Parking
-  Bike Network Project
-  Rail

-  Pedestrian overcrossing
-  Urban renewal zone
-  Intervention area
-  University consolidation

-  Transit routes
-  Underground mode transfer Terminal
-  Rail Station
-  Transit stop

Zones communication



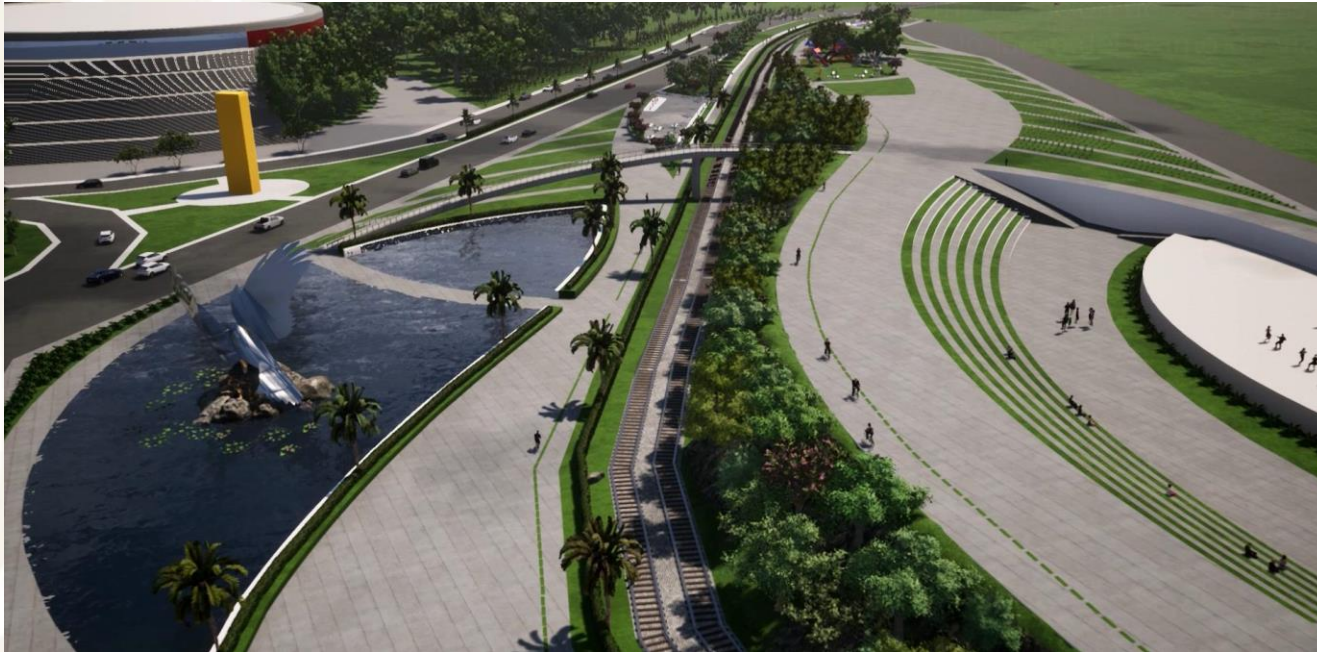
Source: Monterrey Commuter Train Project, 2021



# Transit Oriented Development



## Linear Park Concept for Xalapa Light Train Project



Source: Concept for Xalapa Light Train Project Contest



# ARTF Strategy for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction



1. Implementation projects on existing railway assets (e.g. existing rights of way)
2. Optimizing the use of available rolling stock and railway infrastructure (e.g. improving slopes and curvatures)
3. Implementing new railway systems (e.g. commuter and intercity services) based on current technologies (even used diesel / diesel electric vehicles), but replacing inefficient modes of transport (e.g. buses trucks / cars / airplanes)
4. Detailing processes to make operations more efficient (e.g. optimize scheduling even length of trains for certain routes)
5. Implementing signaling and control systems to optimize railway operations (e.g. PTC)
6. Creating efficiency indicators and measuring the performance of the MRS
7. Replacing old rolling stocks and locomotives, focusing on energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions – favoring contactless technology (e.g. batteries / hydrogen / etc. when they are already proven Technology at an accessible cost)
8. Promoting modal shift within the Secretariat
9. Actively coordinating land uses and urban / regional development with railway development with state and local authorities as well with other ministries in Mexico

# ARTF ongoing projects aiming at CO<sub>2</sub> reduction



1. Estimation external costs reduction (e.g. road maintenance / accidents / emissions) of road transport by migrating users to the railway service.
2. Mathematical modelling of more efficient modal split and its impact (using electronic waybills form all modes of transport in Mexico).
3. Georeferentiation of Mexican railway externalities and determination of mitigation measures.
4. Comparison of environmental costs of construction and maintenance of land transport infrastructure and its carbon footprint.
5. Development of a carbon footprint calculator for rail transport (and its comparison to other modes) and design of an interactive Web page to analyze the railway carbon footprint and the assessment of compensation mechanisms.
6. Estimation of the potential reduction of the carbon footprint by optimizing the current rail systems of freight and passenger transport.
7. Methodology to estimate environmental impact indicators of the Mexican Railway System.





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# *PEOPLE. GOODS. CANADA MOVES BY RAIL.*

Ben Chursinoff, Policy Analyst & Program Coordinator



## We're the voice of Canada's railway industry



Representing close to 60  
freight and passenger  
railways



With 60 industrial railways  
and rail supply company  
members



Over 100 Million  
passengers annually



\$320 billion worth of goods  
moved annually



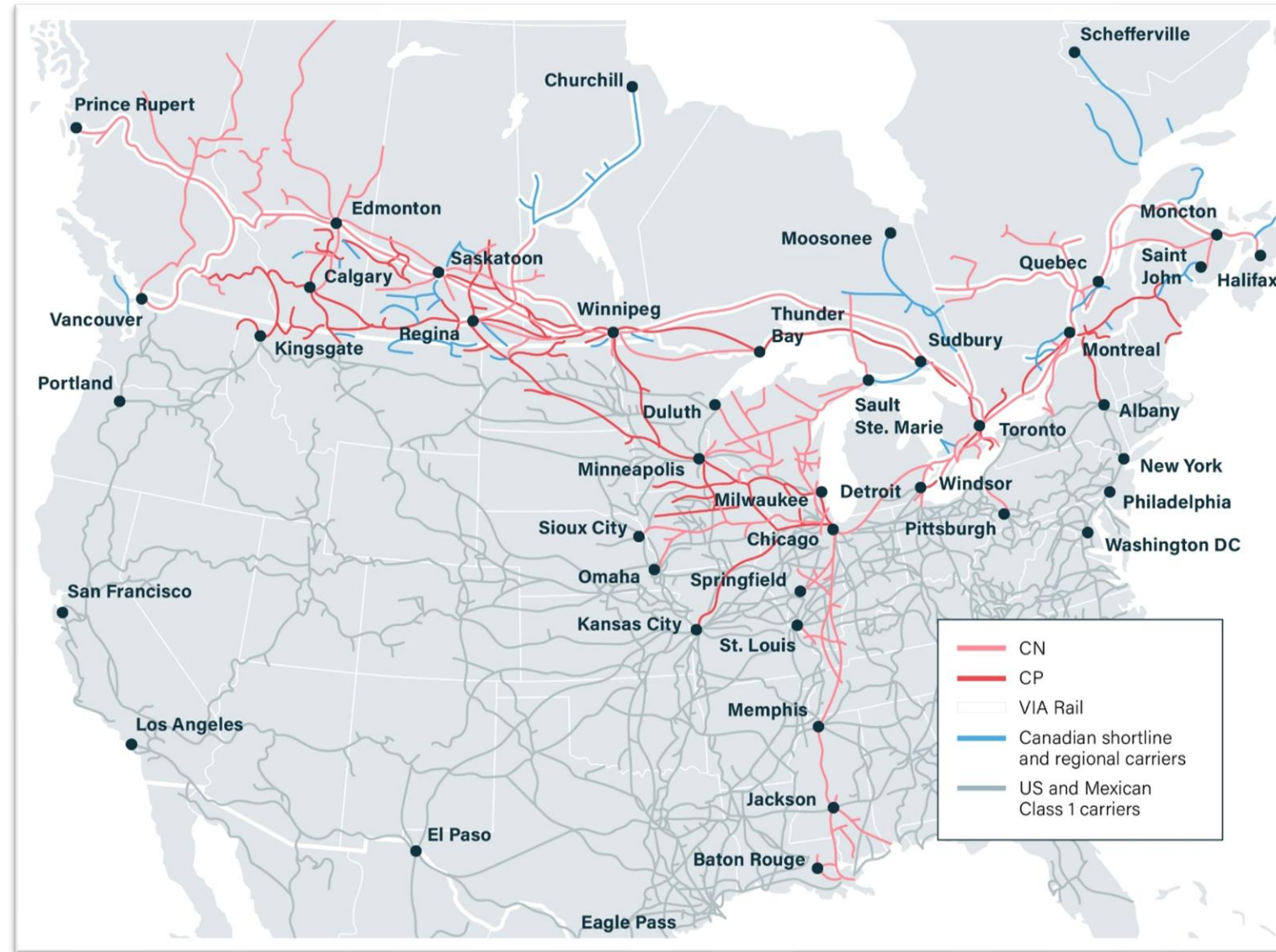


# Canada's Rail Network

5th largest network in the world

12% larger than highway system

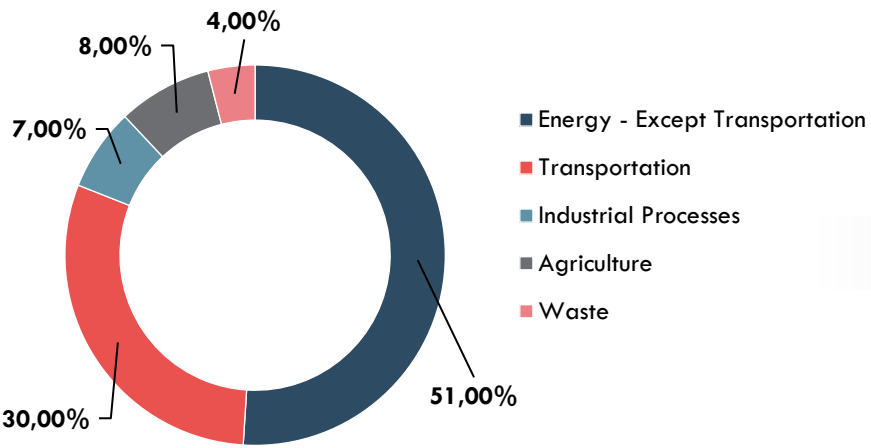
Both Class I railways operate large U.S. networks



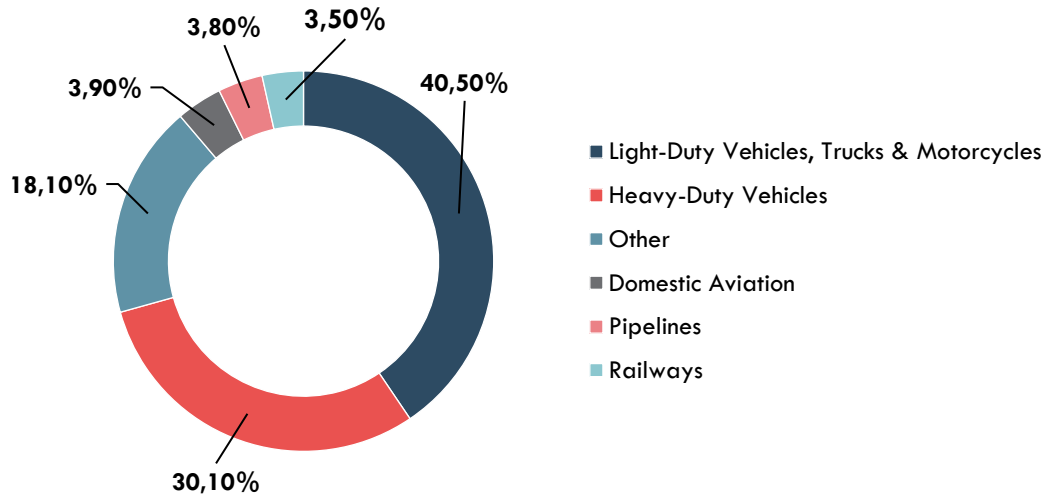
# GHG by IPCC sector

- In 2019, the transportation sector accounted for 217 Mt (29.7%) of Canada’s total 730 Mt of Co2e.
- Railways accounted for 7.7 Mt of Co2e – only 1 percent of Canada’s total emissions, and less than 4% of total transportation emissions.

Canada’s GHGs by Sector - 2019



Greenhouse Gas Emissions by IPCC Sectors - 2019

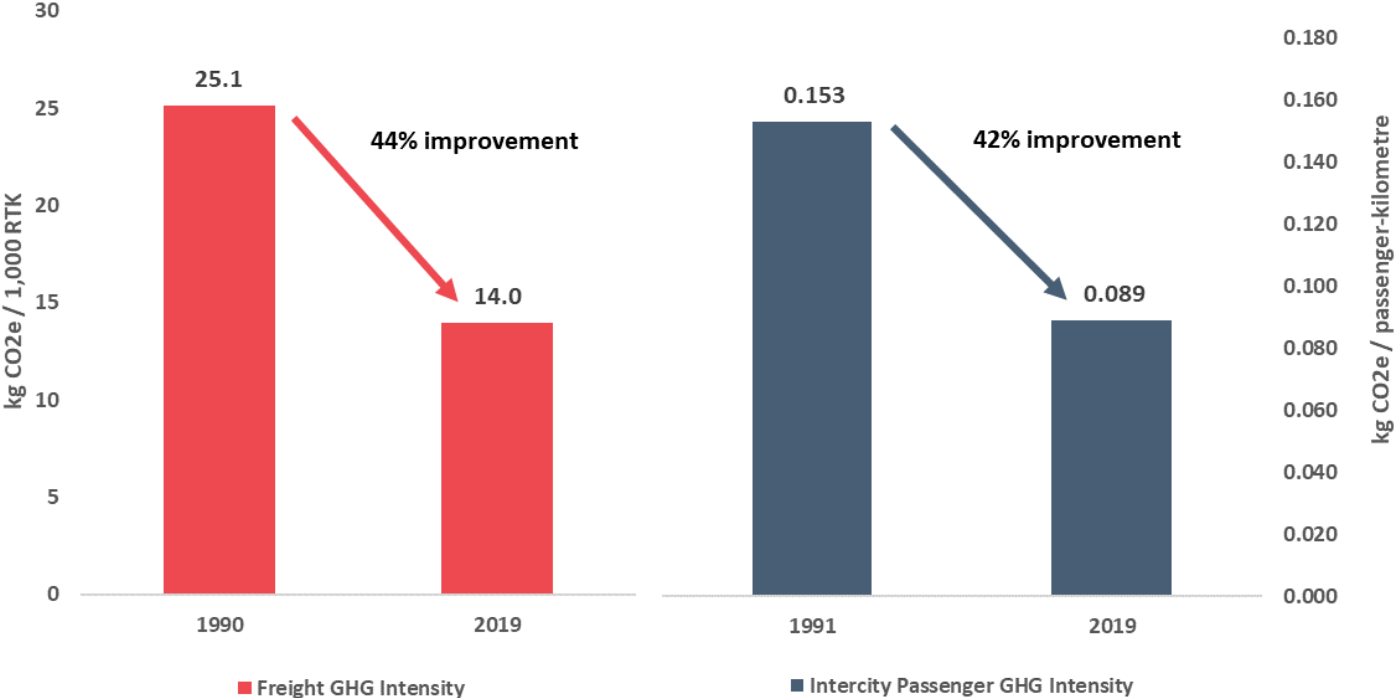


Note: Other includes propane & natural gas vehicles; off-road transportation; and marine.



# Locomotive Emissions Monitoring

Improvement in GHG emissions intensity



Since 1990/91, both freight and intercity passenger railways have improved their emissions intensities by over 40%.



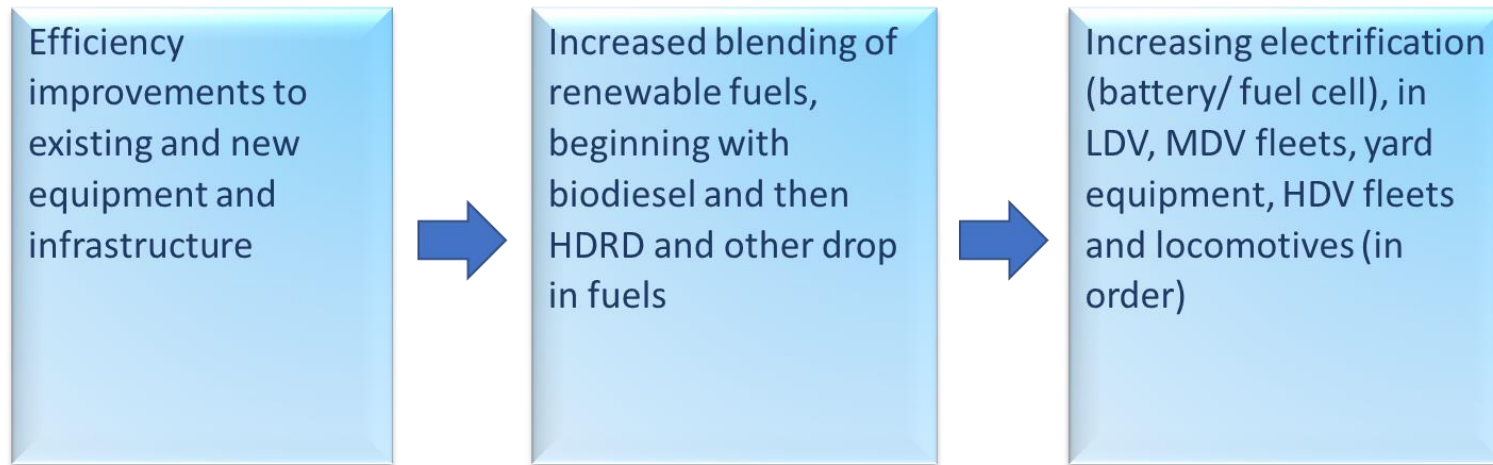


# Phase 1 – Landscape Document

- Partnership between RAC and its members, Transport Canada, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Natural Resources Canada to identify further opportunities for decarbonization
- Objectives:
  1. Develop a common understanding of the current state of rail sector decarbonization in Canada, which can be used as a tool for collaboration between industry and government;
  2. Create a repository of current federal, provincial and territorial GHG reduction legislative instruments and activities impacting the rail sector; and
  3. Contribute to next-phase work on a roadmap to achieving future GHG reductions in Canada's rail sector.
- Phase 1 report - [https://www.railcan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Rail-Pathways-Initiative-Landscape-Document\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.railcan.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Rail-Pathways-Initiative-Landscape-Document_FINAL.pdf)




## Rail decarbonization will look like...



## Phase 2 – Rail Decarbonization Roadmap

- Objectives:

1. Develop an analytical framework for assessing GHG reduction opportunities in Canada's rail sector.
2. Identify and assess potential GHG reduction measures.
3. Create a multi-stakeholder work plan for GHG reduction actions. 
4. Develop and initiate a Roadmap implementation strategy





# Analytical Assessment Framework



# CP Hydrogen Powered Locomotives

(Pilot Project) Launched in the Fall 2020, CP plans to develop North America's first freight-line hydrogen-powered locomotive.

- Program aims to retrofit a freight-line locomotive with hydrogen fuel cells and battery technology
- Builds on prior experience with low-emitting locomotive technologies, including biofuels, compressed natural gas and battery-powered solutions.
- Field testing commencing Q1 2022



## UBC Okanagan – SRY Switcher Locomotive

- Converting a switcher from diesel-electric to hydrogen-electric power
- Partnership between University of British Columbia Okanagan School of Engineering, Southern Railway of British Columbia Ltd., Loop Energy, and Hydrogen in Motion.
- Intended to demonstrate the viability of the technology, GHG reductions and impacts to community





# Hydrail Railway Transition in Canada: Technological, Operational, Economical, and Societal (TOES) Barriers and Opportunities

- Transport Canada engaged a firm to assess the implications of a conceptual transition from diesel to hydrogen as the primary fuel to power Canada's railway services, inclusive of freight and passenger modes
- hypothetical transition model was constructed, consisting of a period of initial prototyping and testing of hydrail systems from present day to 2030, followed by a period of aggressive deployment to 2050
- The cost of a full transition scenario is estimated at \$30 billion in locomotive and tender equipment and infrastructure
- The report suggests that a joint Canada-U.S. initiative involving government and industry would help advance commercialization, as the freight and passenger operations are continentally integrated.



Thank you - Merci



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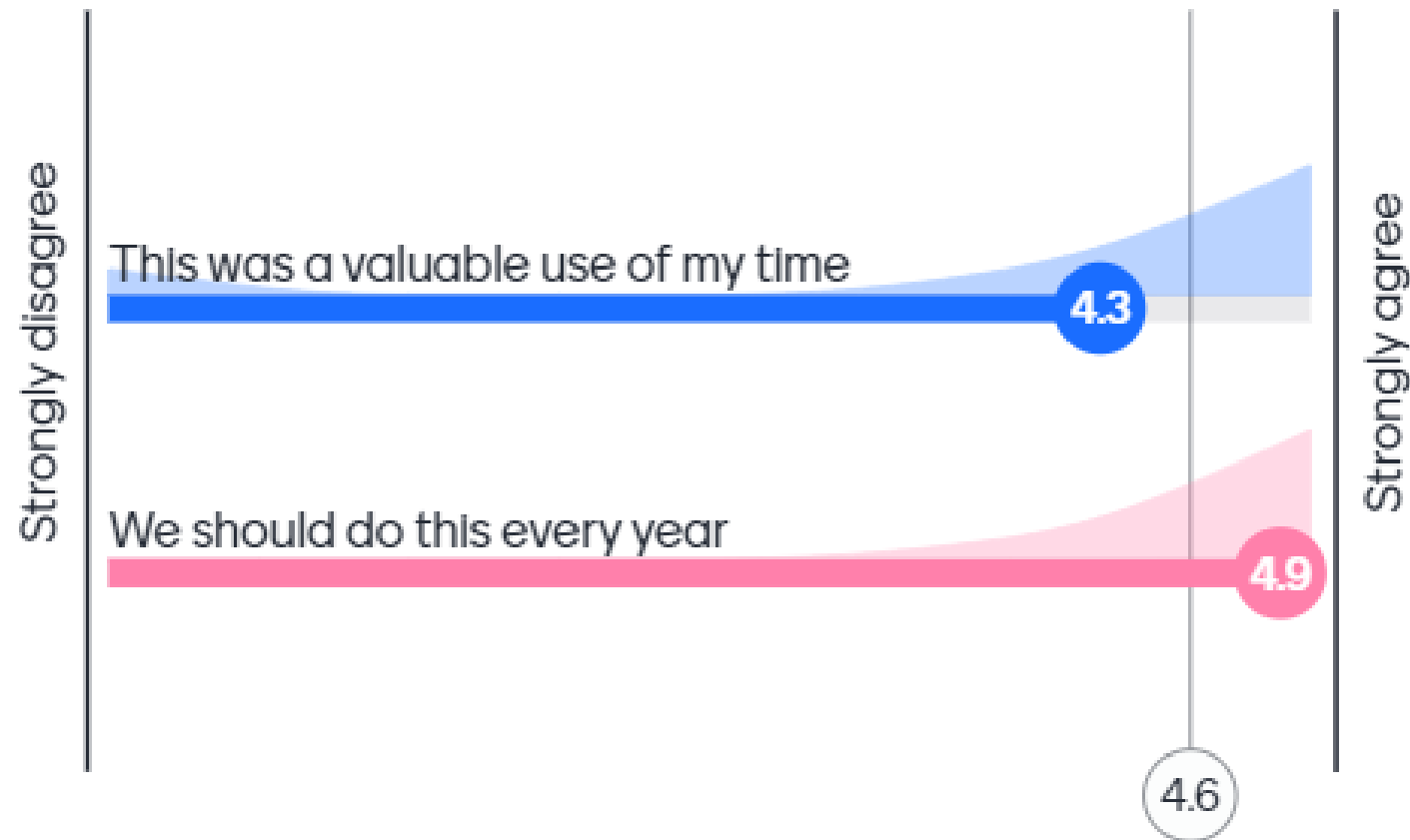
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