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**Subject:** Green-TEA. a legacy for the planet? (Linking climate change & transportation reform)

**Attachments:** Green-TEA (CCAP January 2007).pdf

## Green-TEA... a legacy for the planet?

Global climate change is underway. The stakes are high – what we do in the next 15 years will impact the fate of the planet for the next century. With intensified Congressional discussions, state and local actions, corporate commitments and media attention we are at a tipping point on national climate policy. However, climate policy discussions to date have ignored a key determinant of transportation sector emissions – the Federal surface transportation bill. Effective national climate policy will require changes in Federal transportation policy. A serious national commitment to reducing GHG emissions can inject new energy into smart growth and transportation policy reform discussions. The attached memo introduces climate change into transportation reauthorization discussions.

Many of us are already working together in various fora to craft and promote broader smart growth and transportation reform agendas.

As I have already discussed with several of you (e.g., STPP, SGA, King County, ACEEE, Brookings), we understand that climate change is but one of many issues to be better addressed in national transportation policy. But it is critical that national climate policy adequately address transportation policy. Therefore:

### CCAP is launching a workgroup on Travel Demand and Climate Change

CCAP will host conference calls every 1-2 months and periodic in-person meetings with participants from NGOs, state and local officials, and the private sector to:

- o Explore how to integrate climate and energy concerns into transportation reauthorization
- o Look for lessons from the failures of the SIP and conformity processes to address sprawl
- o Look for opportunities to target Federal infrastructure funding to support smart growth
- o Develop a concrete 'landing place' for national climate policy design to address VMT growth.

Our recommendations will feed into CCAP's national [Climate Policy Initiative](#) which includes high-level representatives from industry, environmental groups and state and local governments. We look forward to sharing our findings more broadly as our collective efforts will only be successful if we coordinate strategies, hone our messages, and leverage each other's efforts.

**Please let me know if:**

A. You are interested in participating in the workgroup.

**We are planning our first call for February 6, 7 or 8 from 2:30 - 4pm – which days are you available?**

B. You have recommendations for other constructive participants (especially private sector colleagues)

C. You have any input on the attached memo

D. You would like to be removed from this email list

I look forward to your input and engagement,  
Steve Winkelman

P.S. Kudos to Diane Turchetta for the name “Green-TEA”! Please note that she has absolutely no connection with or responsibility for the content of the attached memo.

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