

# MULTI-STATE MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE ACTION PLAN:

*A Policy Framework to  
Eliminate Harmful Truck and Bus Emissions*



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MULTI-STATE ZEV TASK FORCE

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# Presentation Outline

- Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management
- Key policy drivers of transportation electrification
- MHD vehicles and their impacts
- Positive MHD ZEV market developments
- Multi-State MHD ZEV initiative and *MHD ZEV Action Plan*
- *MHD ZEV Action Plan* development process
- *MHD ZEV Action Plan* policy recommendations
- Request for public input
- New York State's MHD vehicle electrification legislation, regulation, goals, and programs
- Questions and discussion

## KEY TERMS

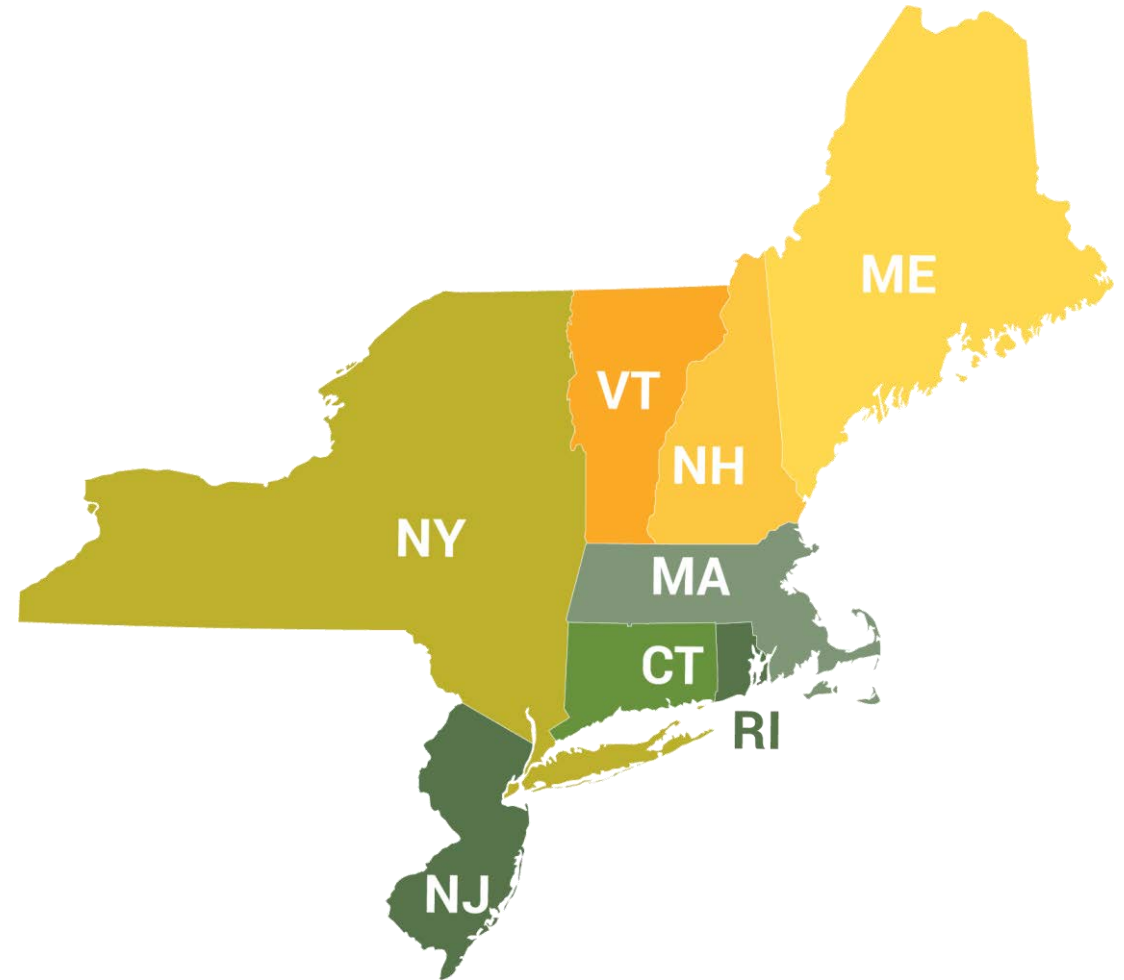
**Medium and heavy duty (MHD)** refers to vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) greater than or equal to 8,500 pounds (3,860 kilograms) regardless of how they are powered.

**Zero emission vehicles (ZEVs)** include:

- *Battery electric vehicles* (BEVs) powered solely by an electric motor and battery
- *Plug in hybrid electric vehicles* (PHEVs) powered by a combination of an electric motor and a fossil fueled internal combustion engine
- *Fuel cell electric vehicles* (FCEVs) powered by an electric motor fueled by hydrogen

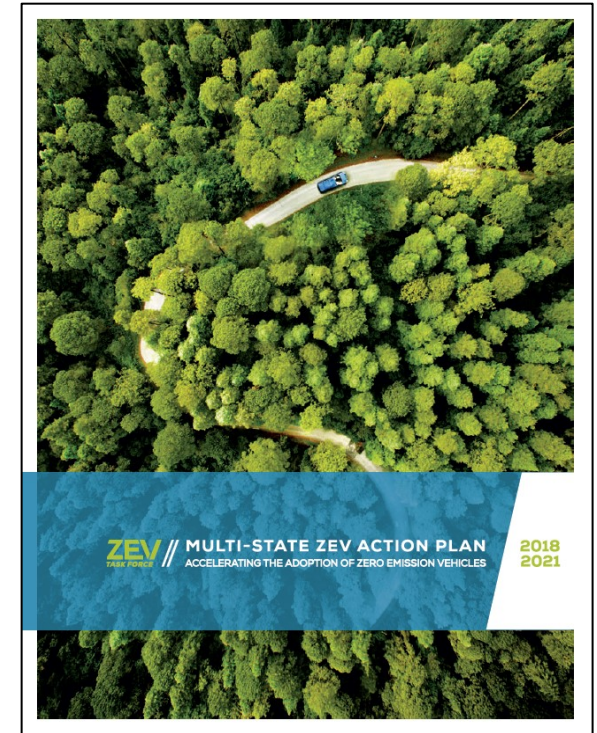
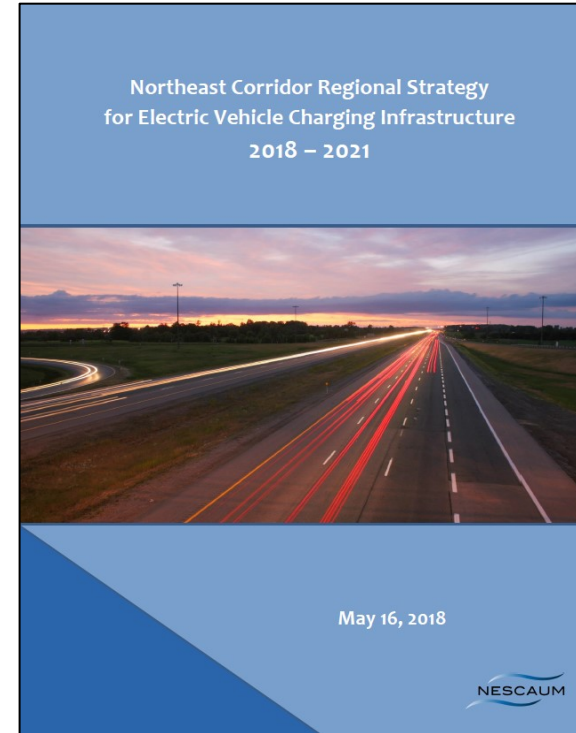
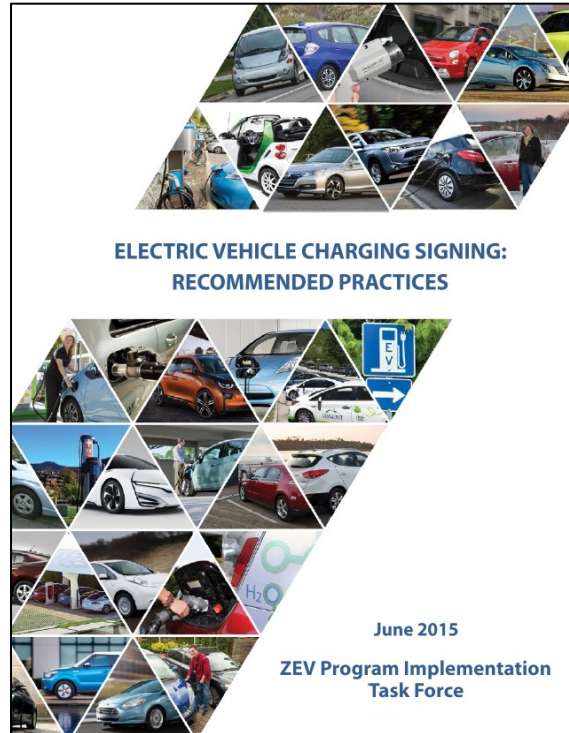
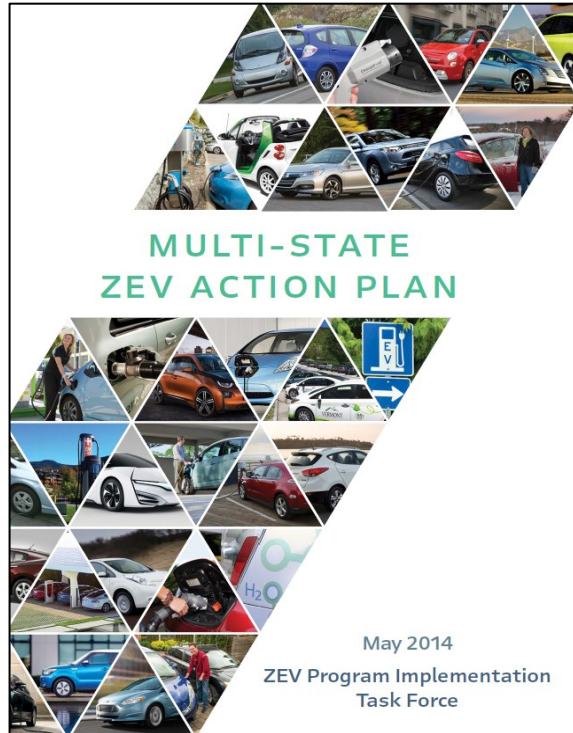
# Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM)

- Non-profit [regional association](#) of state air quality agencies in the Northeast U.S. (est. 1967)
- Provides scientific, technical, and policy support on wide range of air quality and climate issues
- Significant focus on [transportation electrification](#)
- Long history of collaborating with other states, federal agencies, and the automobile industry to promote low- and zero-emission vehicles
- Develops and leads multi-state initiatives, e.g.,
  - 2013 [Multi-State ZEV MOU](#)
  - Multi-State ZEV Task Force
  - The “Section 177 States”
  - 2020 [Multi-State MHD ZEV MOU](#)





# ZEV Task Force – Light-Duty Vehicles



**DRIVE CHANGE**  
DRIVE ELECTRIC

# Key Policy Drivers of Transportation Electrification

## Mitigate climate change

- Transportation is the largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the U.S.

## Improve air quality

- Major source of smog-forming pollutants, particulate matter, and hazardous air pollutants that harm public health

## Promote equity and justice

- Develop policies that address historical and current public health, economic, and social inequities

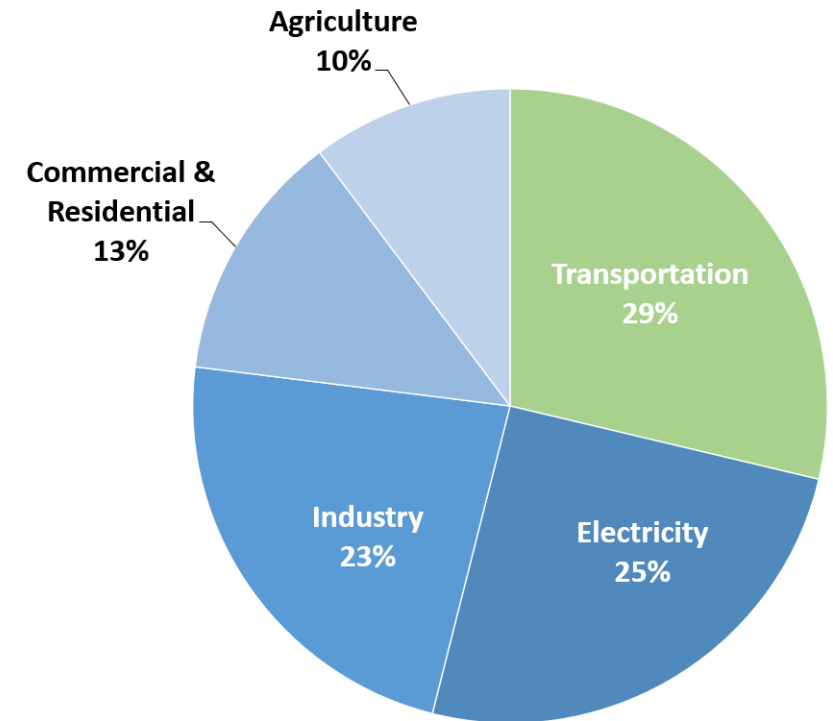
## Generate economic growth

- Policies that advance ZEV market development incentivize vehicle deployment, attract investments, and create jobs

## Enhance energy security and resilience

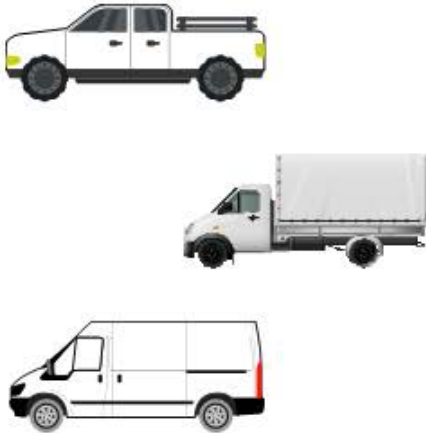
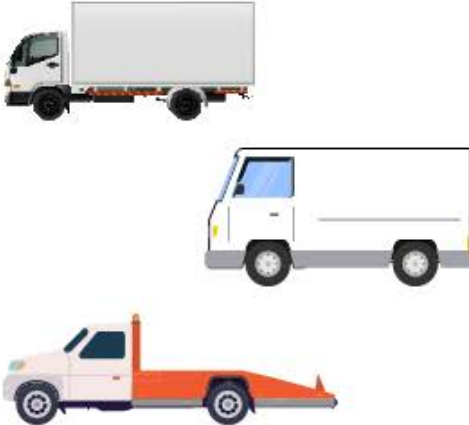
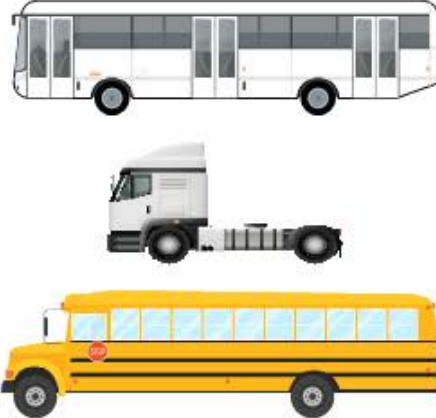

- Transitioning to ZEVs reduces reliance on foreign oil and insulates consumers from global market fluctuations

2019 U.S. GHG Emissions by Economic Sector



Source: U.S. EPA, Sources of Greenhouse Gas Emissions, <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/sources-greenhouse-gas-emissions#transportation>

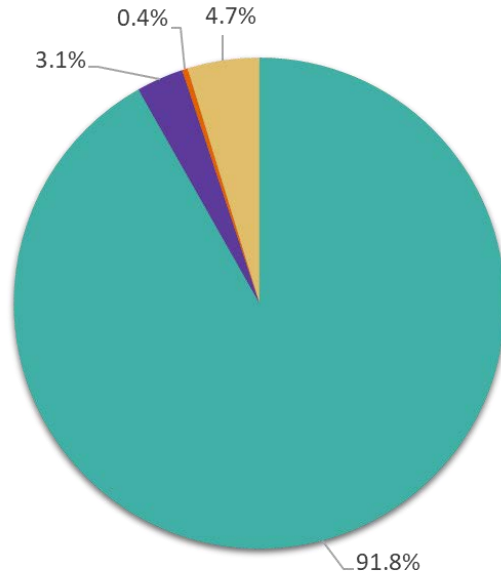
# Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles

Weight Class	Class 2b	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8
Example Vehicles							
GVWR	8,500 – 10,000 lb 3,856 – 4,536 kg	10,001 – 14,000 lb 4,536 – 6,350 kg	14,001 – 16,000 lb 6,351 – 7,257 kg	16,001 – 19,500 lb 7,258 – 8,845 kg	19,501 – 26,000 lb 8,846 – 11,793 kg	26,001 – 33,000 lb 11,794 – 14,969 kg	> 33,000 lb > 14,969 kg

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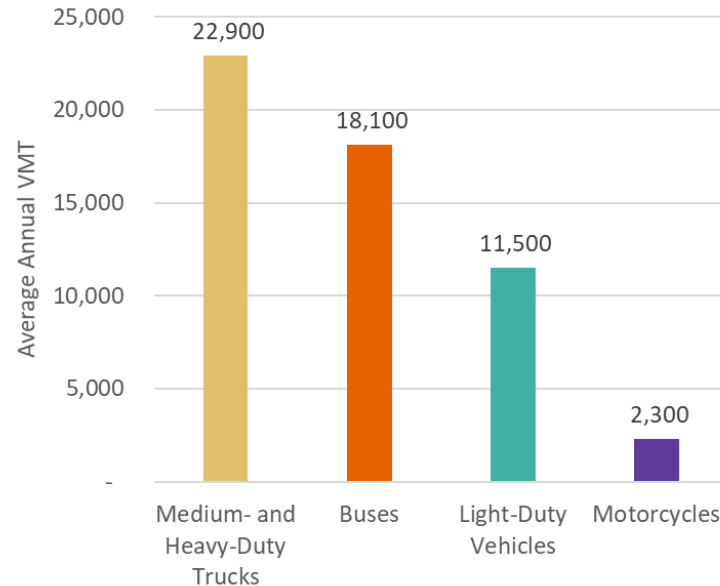
# MHD Vehicles – Vehicle Stocks, VMT, and GHG Emissions

2019 U.S. On-road Vehicle Stocks by Vehicle Type



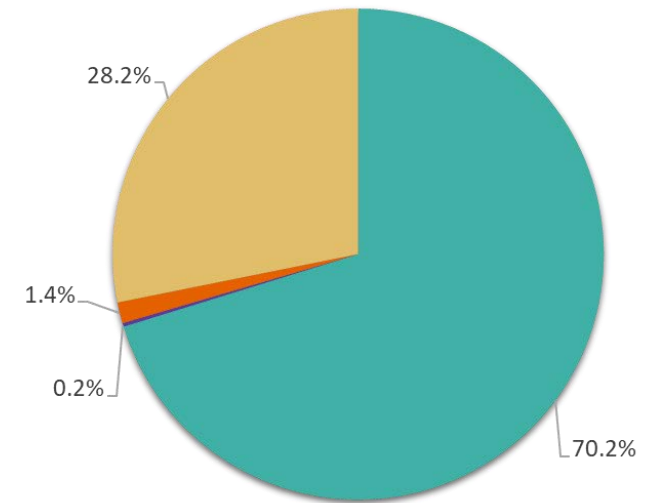
While MHD vehicles account for less than 5% of total on-road vehicles . . .

2019 U.S. Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled by Vehicle Type



Their annual vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is far greater than other classes

2019 U.S. On-road GHG Emissions by Vehicle Type

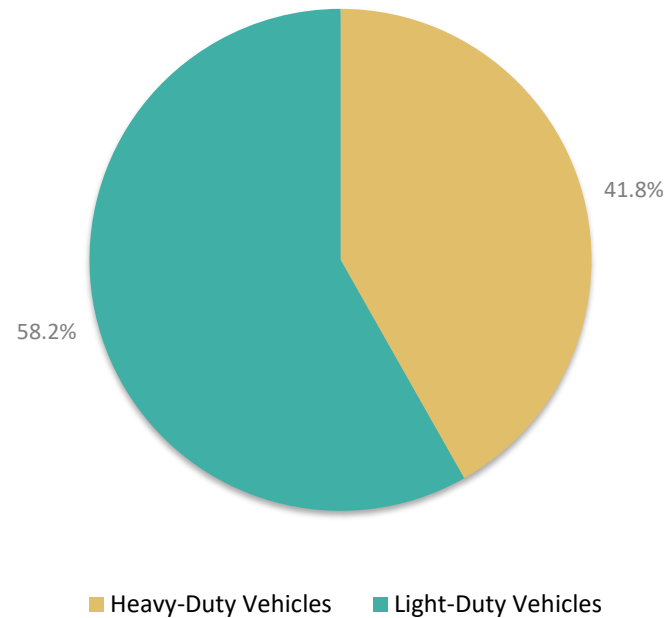


MHD vehicles account for 28% of GHGs from on-road transportation

Source: U.S. EPA, U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks 1990-2019 (Apr. 2021), <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/inventory-us-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-sinks-1990-2019>.

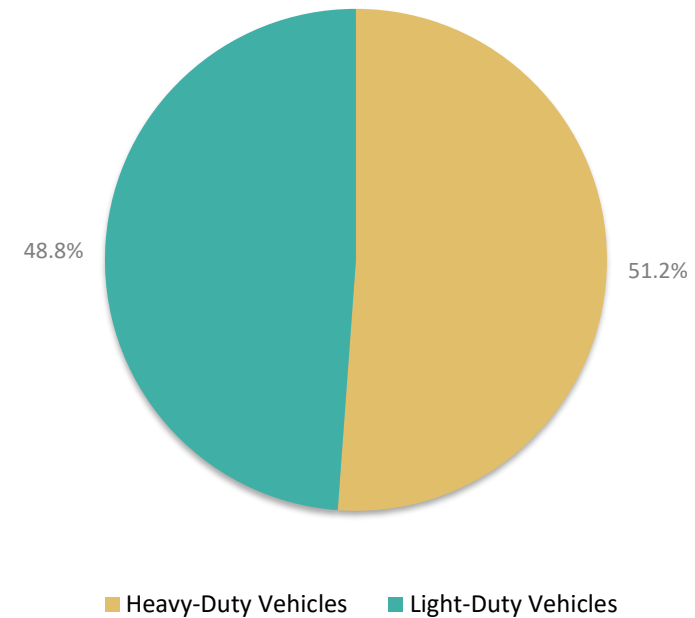
# MHD Vehicles – NO<sub>x</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions

2017 U.S On-Road NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions by Vehicle Type



42% of smog-forming NO<sub>x</sub> emissions  
(a precursor to ground-level ozone)

2017 U.S. On-Road PM<sub>2.5</sub> Emissions by Vehicle Type

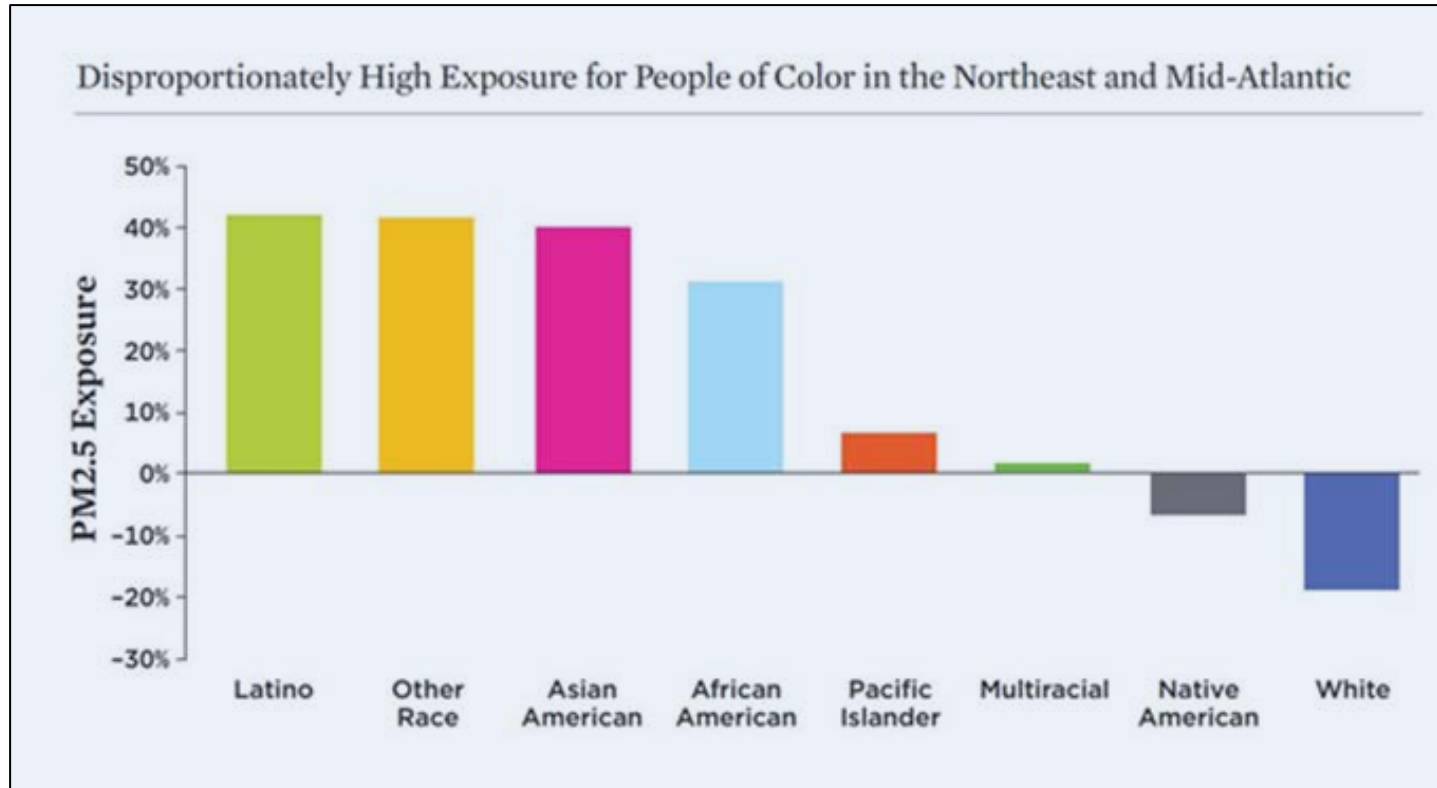


51% of PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions (particulate  
matter < 2.5 micrometers in diameter)

Source: U.S. EPA, 2017 National Emissions Inventory: January 2021 Updated Release, Technical Support Document (Jan. 2021), [https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/documents/nei2017\\_tsd\\_full\\_jan2021.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2021-02/documents/nei2017_tsd_full_jan2021.pdf)



# Disproportionate Impacts on Frontline and Overburdened Communities



Source: Union of Concerned Scientists, Inequitable Exposure to Air Pollution from Vehicles in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic: Who Bears the Burden? (June 2019), <https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2019/06/Inequitable-Exposure-to-Vehicle-Pollution-Northeast-Mid-Atlantic-Region.pdf>.

- Research shows a direct correlation between exposure to near-road air pollution and increased health risk
- Air pollution worsens asthma and other cardio-respiratory illnesses and increases risk of premature death
- Many low-income communities and communities of color are located near trucking corridors, ports, warehouses, and other emissions sources . . .
- And are directly and disproportionately exposed to harmful pollutants and more vulnerable to the effects of climate change

# Positive Market Developments

## State adoption of Advanced Clean Trucks regulation

- Sales requirements adopted in CA, MA, NJ, NY, OR, and WA
- Many states considering adoption
- Reduces emissions and provides market certainty needed to drive investment in zero-emission technologies and infrastructure

## Infusion of federal funding

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provides \$15 billion in funding for MHD vehicle electrification:
  - \$250 million for projects that reduce truck emissions at port facilities
  - \$5 billion for clean school bus purchases
  - \$10 billion for clean transit buses, refueling infrastructure, and bus facility upgrades





# Positive Market Developments

## Continuously improving economics

- Rapid advances in battery technologies are driving sharp cost reductions; forecasted through 2030
- Lifetime operation and maintenance cost savings
- Favorable total cost of ownership for applications in many classes by 2025 and all classes by 2030

## Growing model availability and vehicle deployments

- > 125 MHD ZEV models (Class 2b-8) currently available; > 240 models expected by 2023
- > 3,500 zero-emission buses and 1,700 electric school buses in operation or on order in the U.S.
- > 100,000 electric MHD vehicles pre-ordered by commercial fleets; deployments have begun



## Positive Market Developments

UPS invests in Arrival and orders 10,000 Generation 2 Electric Vehicles

**Amazon Will Buy 100,000 Rivian Electric Delivery Trucks**

Lion Electric Receives Conditional Purchase Order from Student Transportation of Canada for 1,000 Electric School Buses

**Maersk to add 300 electric trucks to North America network**

**Walmart orders 5,000 electric delivery vans from GM's BrightDrop**

Charging Ahead: FedEx Receives First All-Electric, Zero-Tailpipe Emissions Delivery Vehicles from BrightDrop

Pride Group Enterprises Orders 6,320 Workhorse C-Series Delivery EVs

Fluid Truck Orders 600 Lightning Electric Vehicles

**King County Metro to purchase up to 120 battery-electric buses from New Flyer of America, Inc.**





## **MULTI-STATE MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

WHEREAS, the Signatory States and the District of Columbia<sup>1</sup> recognize the importance of state leadership and coordinated state action to ensure national progress in the effort to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and stabilize global warming;

WHEREAS, the Signatory States have statutory obligations or otherwise seek to significantly reduce statewide GHG emissions by 2050, consistent with science-based targets;

WHEREAS, transportation is now the nation's largest source of GHG emissions, and, after light-duty vehicles, medium- and heavy-duty trucks are the next largest source of transportation sector GHG emissions;

WHEREAS, the Signatory States have a statutory obligation to provide their citizens with air quality that complies with national health-based air quality standards, which are required to be protective of health and the environment with an adequate margin of safety;

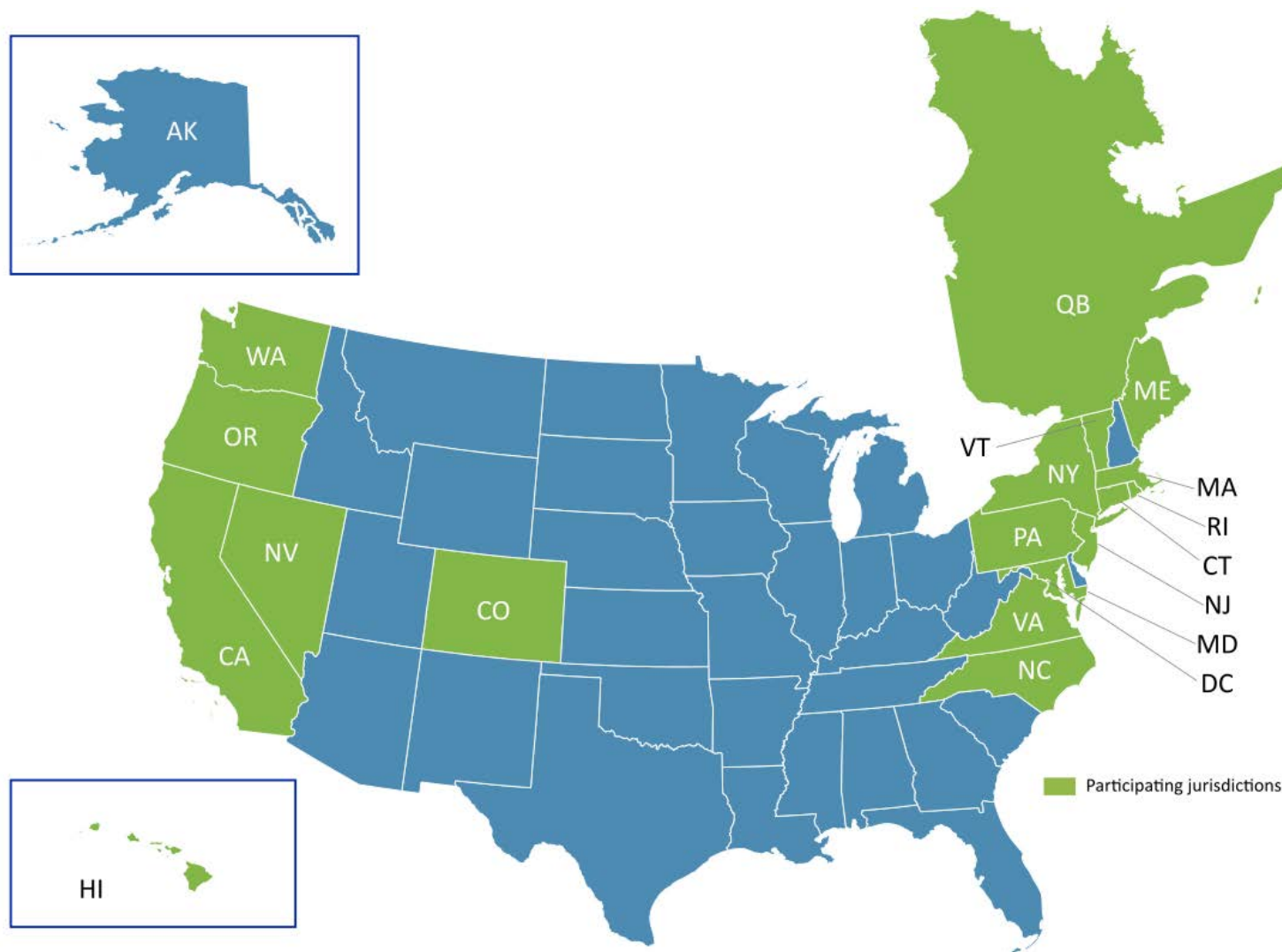
WHEREAS, fossil fuel related emissions from medium- and heavy-duty vehicles (MHDVs) are a major source of nitrogen oxides (NOx), particulate matter, and toxic air emissions, which are preventing many densely populated areas from achieving compliance with federal ambient air quality standards;

WHEREAS, emissions from MHDVs are a widely acknowledged, but unaddressed, environmental justice problem that directly and disproportionately impacts disadvantaged communities located near freight corridors, ports and distribution centers;

# **Multi-State Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Initiative**

- Governors' [Multi-State MHD ZEV Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU) announced in July 2020
- Commits 17 states, D.C., and Quebec to work to promote rapid and equitable electrification of trucks and buses
- Sets goal for at least 30% of new truck, van, and bus sales to be zero-emission by 2030, and 100% of sales by 2050
- Prioritizes deployment of electric trucks and buses in and near frontline and overburdened communities
- Directs ZEV Task Force to develop a *Multi-State MHD ZEV Action Plan* to identify barriers and recommend policies to support widespread MHD vehicle electrification

# MHD ZEV Initiative Participating Jurisdictions



- 43% of the U.S. population
- Nearly half of the U.S. economy
- Over 35% of Class 2b-8 vehicles
- Over 40% of goods (by value) moved by truck in the U.S.

\*Not including Quebec.

Census Bureau, *2020 Population and Housing State Data* (2020), <https://www.census.gov/library/visualizations/interactive/2020-population-and-housing-state-data.html>

Bureau of Economic Analysis, *GDP and Personal Income*, <https://apps.bea.gov/itable/iTable.cfm?ReqID=70&step=1#reqid=70&step=1&isuri=1> (2021 Real GDP)

Atlas Public Policy, *EV Hub* (2020) (IHS market data), <https://www.atlasevhub.com/materials/medium-and-heavy-duty-vehicle-registrations-dashboard/#06f2a5dfc39daf9cc>;

National Transportation Research Center, *Freight Analysis Framework 5* (2020), <https://faf.ornl.gov/faf5/SummaryTable.aspx>

## MULTI-STATE MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE ACTION PLAN

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## Multi-State Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Action Plan

- Identifies the environmental, economic, and social policy drivers of MHD vehicle electrification
- Offers principles to support a just and equitable transition to electric trucks and buses and emphasizes the need for a “whole-of-government” approach to equity
- Describes the state of the MHD ZEV market today
- Discusses the barriers and opportunities associated with widespread MHD vehicle electrification
- Includes [60+ recommendations](#) for state policymakers to promote rapid and equitable MHD ZEV deployment
- Features innovative MHD ZEV policies and programs
- Includes local and federal government recommendations





Source: California Department of Transportation

## Action Plan Development Process – Prioritizing Equity

- Goals: center equity, reflect frontline and overburdened community voices and expertise, and deliver direct benefits to communities and workers
- Prioritized engagement with national equity and environmental justice organizations to learn about issues facing communities and workers and their priorities
- Developed principles for the design and implementation of just and equitable state MHD ZEV programs and robust community engagement practices
- Collaborated on the development of equitable electrification strategies and received feedback on preliminary draft recommendations



# Action Plan Development Process – Informational Webinar Series

Date	Webinar
October 1, 2020	Regulatory Tools to Accelerate MHDV Adoption
<a href="#">October 29, 2020</a>	Understanding the Truck Market
<a href="#">November 24, 2020</a>	Early Experiences in Truck Electrification: A Panel Discussion with Commercial and Public Sector Fleets
<a href="#">December 17, 2020</a>	Transit and School Bus Electrification: Getting to Scale
<a href="#">January 7, 2021</a>	Role of Utilities in Accelerating Electrification of MHD Vehicles – Part 1 (overview)
<a href="#">January 21, 2021</a>	Role of Utilities in Accelerating Electrification of MHD Vehicles – Part 2 (utility panel)
<a href="#">April 1, 2021</a>	Innovative Financing to Accelerate Truck and Bus Electrification
<a href="#">December 9, 2021</a>	Prioritizing Transportation Policy for Health and Equity

See NESCAUM, Medium- and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicles: Action Plan Development Process, <https://www.nescaum.org/documents/medium-and-heavy-duty-zero-emission-vehicles-action-plan-development-process>.



# NY Outreach

- M/HD ZEV MOU - DEC Informational Meeting, October 21, 2020
- NYS Community Group Webinar, December 7, 2021
- M/HD ZEV Action Plan - April 11, 2022

# MHD ZEV Action Plan Recommendations

## ➤ Equity Principles

- Develop inclusive, accessible, and transparent community engagement processes
- Ensure that MHD ZEV programs deliver direct benefits and just and equitable outcomes for frontline and overburdened communities

## ➤ Vehicle Sales and Purchase Requirements (e.g., Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) + HD NOx, Advanced Clean Fleets, Innovative Clean Transit)

- Require manufacturers to sell and fleets to purchase MHD ZEVs
- Establish state fleet, school bus fleet, and public transit fleet electrification targets

## ➤ Vehicle and Infrastructure Purchase Incentives

- Establish incentive programs, e.g., point-of-sale (most effective), tax credits/waivers, toll exemptions, parking fees, registration fees
- Reserve funding to benefit frontline/overburdened communities and small/minority-owned fleets and independent owner/operators



Source: Lion Electric



Source: Volvo

# MHD ZEV Action Plan Recommendations

## ➤ Electric Utility and Utility Regulator Actions

- Adopt targets for infrastructure deployment that align with state air quality, climate, and transportation electrification goals
- Adopt rate structures, infrastructure incentives, and fleet support programs tailored to meet fleet planning and operational needs
- Prioritize utility investments in frontline/overburdened communities

## ➤ Mobilizing Private Capital to Finance Fleet Conversions

- Work with transit agencies, school districts, utilities, green banks, and others to explore and adopt policies and financing approaches to generate private investment in fleets and infrastructure

## ➤ Outreach and Education

- Work with utilities, manufacturers, charging/fueling providers, fleets, independent owner/operators, and other partners to develop outreach and education programs tailored for all fleet types



# MHD ZEV Action Plan Recommendations

## ➤ Economic Equity for Workers

- Adopt a “whole-of-government” approach and mobilize interagency coordination to address important labor issues
- Partner with workers, schools, industry, and others to develop training and apprenticeship programs for vehicles and infrastructure

## ➤ Community Air Monitoring

- Partner with communities and sensitive populations to design and deploy community air monitoring programs to identify “hot spots”
- Develop appropriate indicators and geographic mapping systems to define and identify frontline/overburdened communities

## ➤ Planning for and Deploying Public Charging and Fueling Infrastructure

- Coordinate with other agencies and partners to plan for highway and community public infrastructure, charging and parking needs
- Support development of a standardized, interoperable, reliable, and accessible fast-charging network for MHD ZEVs







Source: Lion Electric

# MHD ZEV Action Plan Recommendations

- **Ongoing Multi-State Research and Policy Evaluation**
  - Collect data to evaluate effectiveness of MHD ZEV policies
  - Support research to inform the development of sustainable battery manufacturing and supply chains and approaches to battery reuse
  - Evaluate potential state actions to support port electrification
- **Local Government Recommendations (Appendix A)**
  - Engage in planning for charging/fueling infrastructure deployment
  - Incentivize MHD ZEV adoption with monetary (e.g., tax credits) and non-monetary (e.g., zero-emission zones) approaches
  - Amend local codes/rules to minimize administrative burdens for infrastructure planning, permitting, and construction
- **Federal Government Recommendations (Appendix A)**
  - Adopt increasingly stringent emissions standards for MHD vehicles
  - Statutory and policy changes to allow ZEV charging/fueling along interstate rights-of-way and streamline federal funding processes



# Request for Public Input

NESCAUM and the participating jurisdictions have released a [draft MHD ZEV Action Plan](#) for public input. Comments can be submitted through NESCAUM's [Public Input Portal](#) by April 25, 2022. Previously submitted comments are available [here](#).



# NYS ZEV M/HD legislation, regulation, and goals

- ❑ Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act
  - 40% GHG reductions by 2030, 85% by 2050
  - 100% zero-carbon electricity by 2040
- ❑ 2020 SOTS – 5 transit bus authorities 25% ZEVs by 2025; 100% by 2035
- ❑ Chapter 423 of Laws of 2021 (A.4302/S.2758) requires:
  - 100% passenger ZEV sales by 2035
  - 100% truck/bus ZEV sales by 2045
  - 100% off-road ZEV by 2035



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# NYS ZEV M/HD legislation, regulation, and goals

- ❑ Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulation – December 2021
  - Increasing M/HD truck ZEV sales 2025-2035 and beyond
  - 2035%: Class 2b/3 (55%); Class 4-8 (75%); Class 7-8 tractors (40%)
- ❑ 2022 SOTS – Only new ZEV school bus purchases by 2027; 100% transition to ZEV by 2035



# New York State M/HD ZEV Programs

- ☐ **Clean Transportation NY**
  - \$70M in VW funds committed to date for zero emission M/HD projects (trucks, school buses, transit buses, cargo handling equipment, transit charging infrastructure)
- ☐ **New York Truck Voucher Incentive Program**  
VW and CMAQ
- ☐ **New York City Clean Trucks Program**  
M/HD Trucks in NYC EJ IBZs

# New York State M/HD ZEV Programs (continued)

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- **PSC Make Ready Order July 2020**
  - \$15M MHD Fleet Make Ready Pilot
  - \$10M Upstate Transit Authorities
  - Mid Point review Fall 2022
- **NYSERDA Clean Transportation Prize Competition**
  - \$85M for transportation electrification demonstrations in underserved communities, including \$24M specifically for Electric Truck & Bus Challenge
  - Phase 1 - Seventeen projects awarded grants to further develop project plans for Phase 2 competition.

