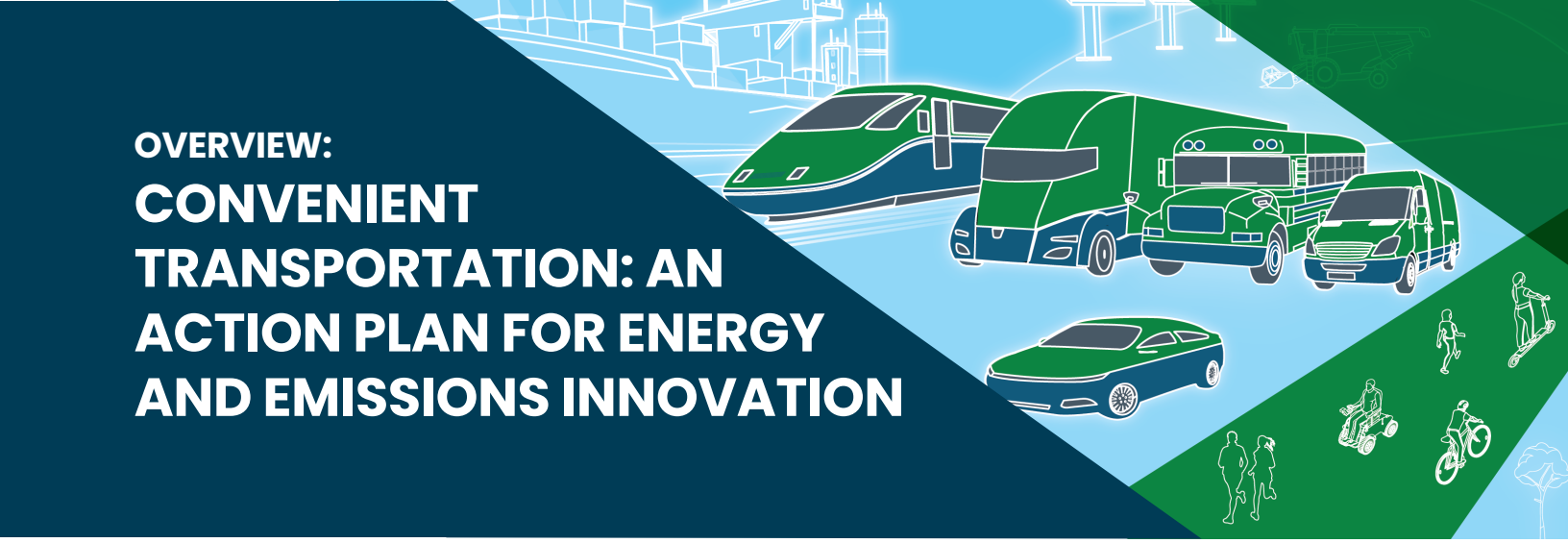

OVERVIEW: CONVENIENT TRANSPORTATION: AN ACTION PLAN FOR ENERGY AND EMISSIONS INNOVATION

The Convenient Transportation Action Plan builds on the U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization by identifying specific actions that all levels of government and the private sector can take to improve convenience by making it practical to take fewer and/or shorter trips. This means planning our land use and transportation systems so Americans have options to walk, bike, or take public transportation to where they need to go. Improving convenience is one of the three key strategies within the Blueprint, along with increasing efficiency and transitioning to clean vehicles and fuels. The convenience strategy catalyzes locally driven land use decisions that increase accessibility and affordability, and optimize the movement of people and goods.

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Active Transportation and Micromobility

- Infrastructure for walking, biking, rolling
- Shared and electric micromobility
- Incentives for active transportation

Land-Use Planning

- Transit-oriented development
- Zoning reform to enable compact, mixed-use development
- Coordinated planning across sectors and levels of government

Parking Demand Management

- Reduction of parking requirements
- Repurposing of curb space
- Unbundling of parking and housing costs

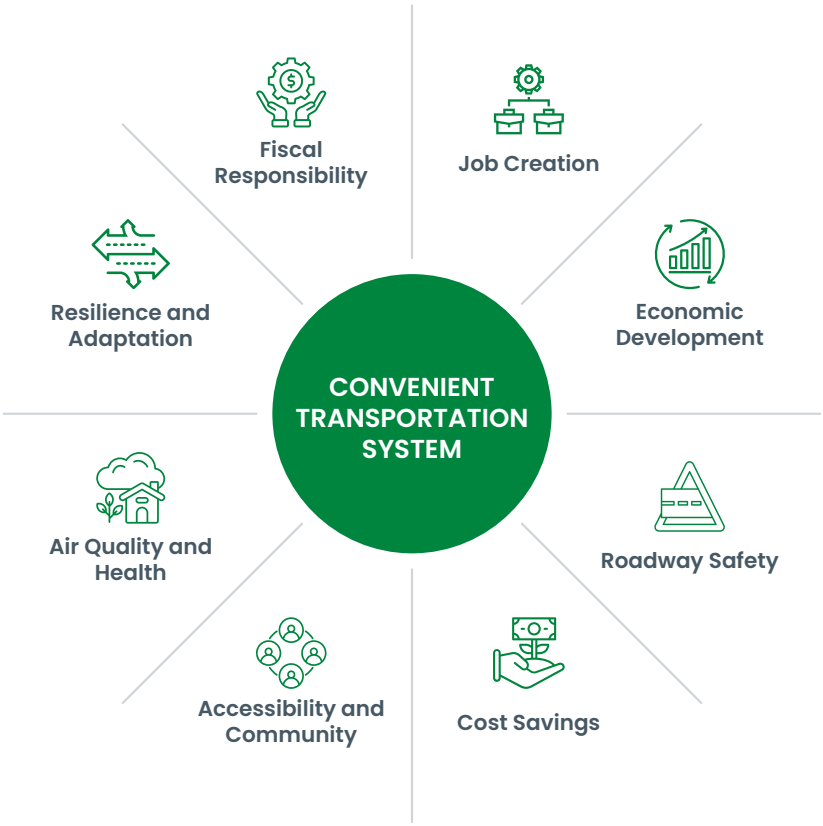
Goods Movement Management

- Warehouse and distribution center siting
- Last-mile delivery solutions
- Curb management

Fiscally Responsible Investments

- Prioritization of alternatives or maintenance over highway capacity expansion
- Reconnection of communities divided by highways
- Congestion pricing
- Convert fixed costs to variable costs to encourage more efficient choices

The benefits of convenient transportation include household budget savings, support for local economies, job creation, fiscal responsibility, roadway safety, accessibility, community vibrancy, air quality improvements, and better health outcomes.



Designing communities with pedestrians, transit riders, bicyclists, and other micromobility users in mind can reduce the incidence of collisions, injuries, and fatalities on shared roadways.

Both active and public transportation are linked to decreased loneliness, increased access to family and friends, and greater levels of socialization. Opportunities to walk, bike, or roll and the co-location of housing with key destinations create a stronger sense of place, which encourages community cohesion, trusting neighbors, and participation in civic life.

The Convenience Action Plan is part of a set of action plans that implement the U.S. National Blueprint for Transportation Decarbonization to realize a clean, safe, accessible, and affordable transportation system. Scan the QR code to learn about the other action plans.

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