



Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board

Agenda

Dec 14, 2009

- Welcome
Commissioner Katy Sorenson
- Land Use
Subrata Basu, Assistant Director, Planning and Zoning
- Transportation
Susanne Torriente, Director, Office of Sustainability
- Sustainability Assessment Report
- Planning for 2010





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Assessment Areas

1. Demographics & Economy
2. Climate Change
3. Energy
4. Environment
5. Government Operations
6. Health
7. Housing & Buildings
- 8. Land Use**
9. Local Industry & Business
10. Schools
11. Solid Waste
- 12. Transportation**
13. Water & Wastewater



Assessment

Land Use

Land Use: Key Challenges

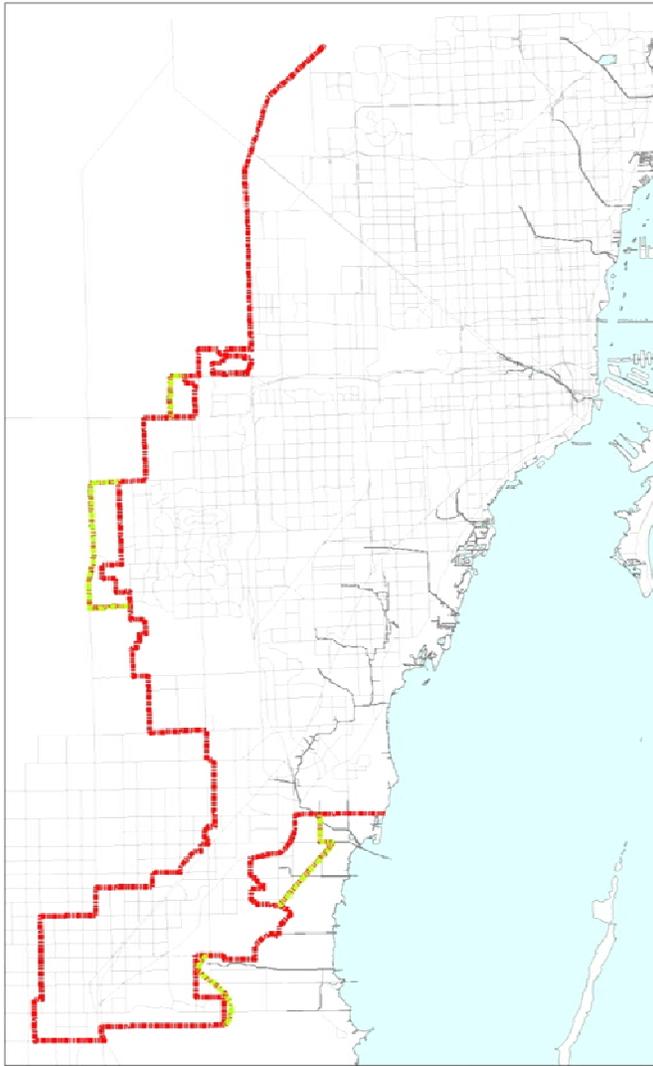
- 1. Need to develop a plan for the area outside of the UDB.**
- 2. Need adequate planning and prioritization of infrastructure consistent with the CDMP.**
- 3. Need to connect population and employment centers with effective transportation linkages.**
- 4. Conflicting interpretation of policies and the different levels of development review diminish the effectiveness and implementation of the same (adopted policies).**

5. **As the County becomes more urban, need to establish pedestrian-friendly, multi-modal roadway cross sections.**
6. **The Long Range Transportation Planning process needs to be more interactive and supportive of sustainability efforts.**
7. **Need to update the CDMP and zoning regulations to provide for sustainable, urban agricultural practices inside the UDB.**
8. **Need to increase tree canopy coverage.**

- **Density increase within the UDB. (Population per square mile).**
- **Number of urban centers completed and implemented.**
- **Building permits within the urban centers.**
- **VMT reduction.**
- **Percentage of tree canopy.**

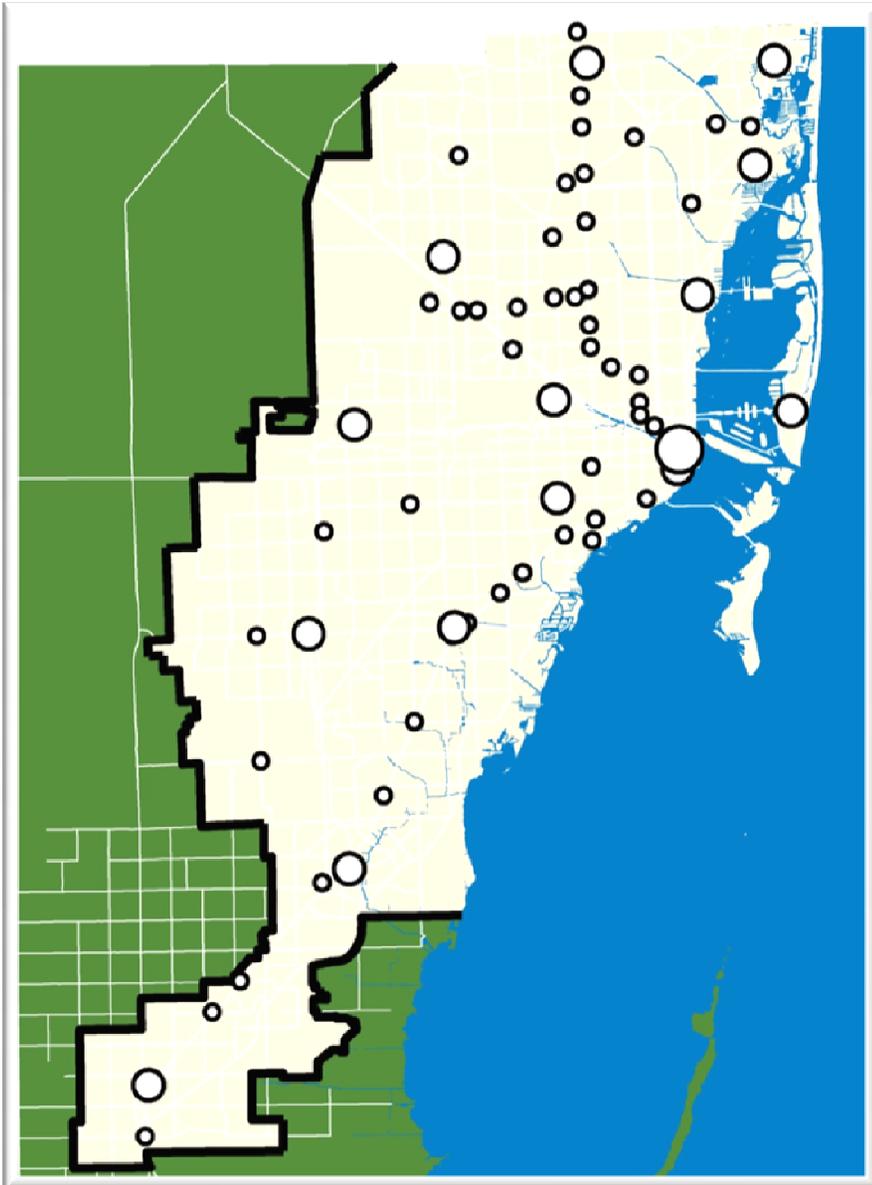
Controlling urban expansion

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Urban Centers utilize land more efficiently by allowing mixed uses, higher-density and more intense development around existing and future transit stations.

Urban Centers

Developing well designed mixed-use urban centers and corridors





Assessment

Transportation

Challenges related to Land Use

- 1. Conflicting policies, different levels of development review and lack of department processes impact the implementation of the transportation-related land use policies/vision established in several County Plans including the Comprehensive Development Master Plan, Open Space Mater Plan, and Aesthetics Plans.**
- 2. Roadway concurrency requirements create an unintended consequence of penalizing infill development and re-urbanization efforts.**

Challenges related to Highways

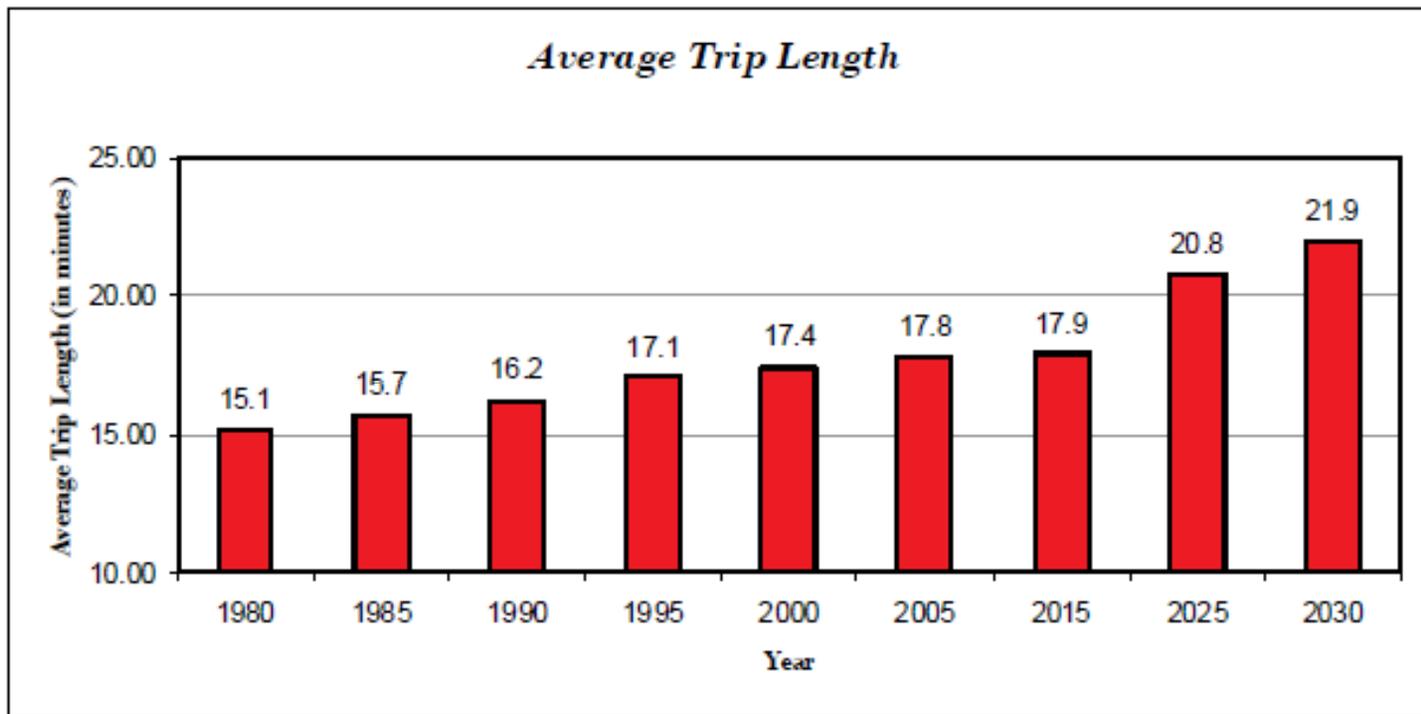
3. Establishing urban-style roadway cross sections as provided in several county plans. The County is moving from a sub-urban to an urban form. There is a challenge to providing for the different modes of transportation within the existing rights-of-way.
4. Establishing alternate ways to handle traffic congestion.

Challenges related to Transit & Alternate Modes

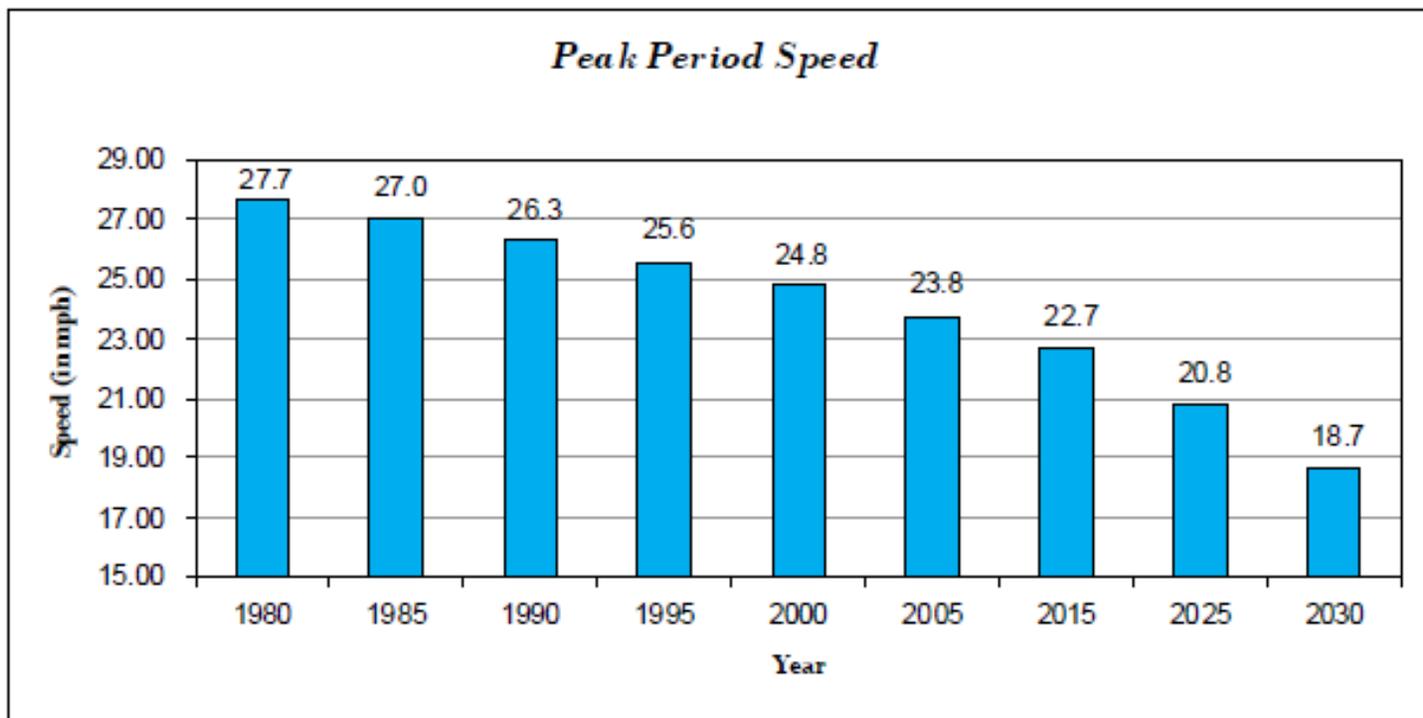
5. Effectively strengthening the County's policies regarding transit-supportive uses and design near transit stations and along transit corridors.
6. Policy language suggests that compared to automobile travel, transit and non-motorized modes are lower priorities (roadway concurrency requirements).

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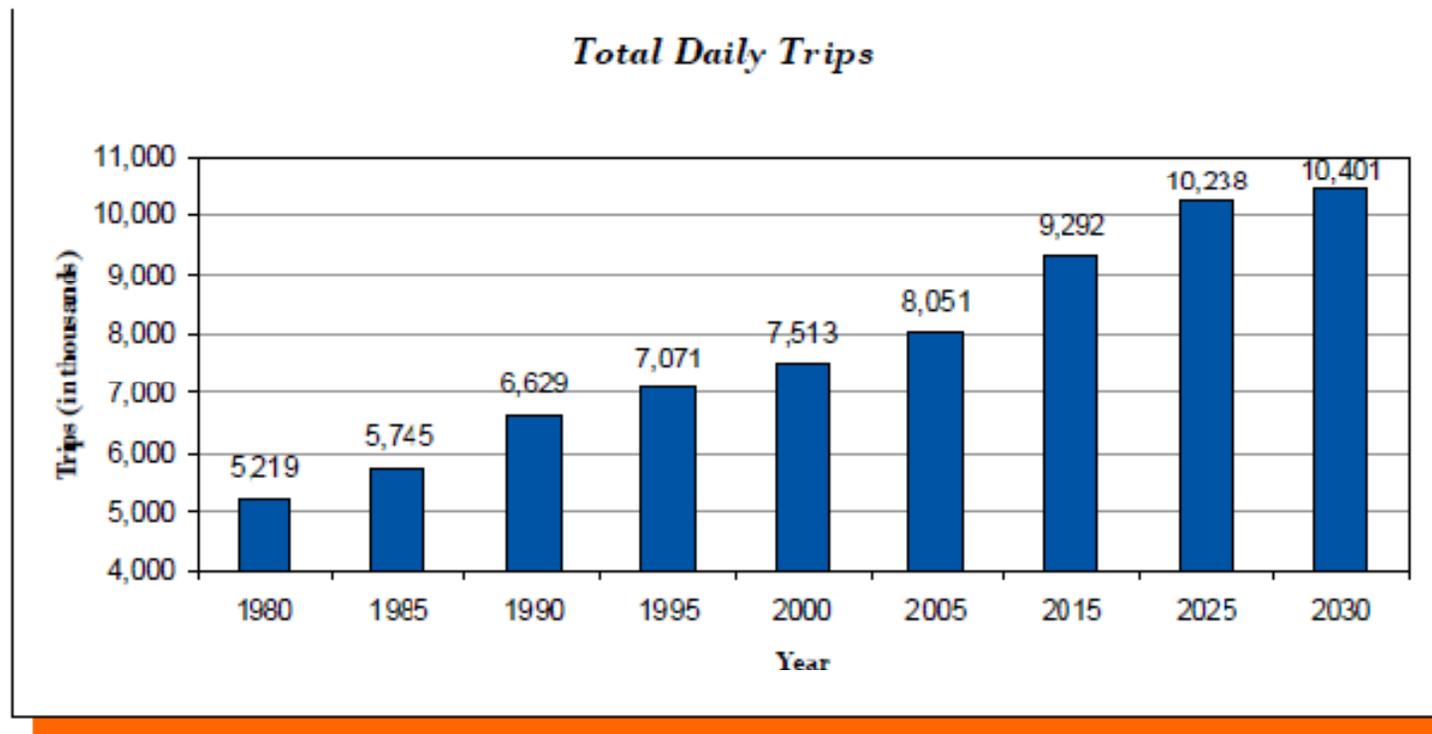
7. **Additional funding sources needed for transit-related capital improvement, operations and maintenance. Current federal transportation funding formulas favor road expansion and construction over transit support and expansion. Local transportation funding sources support mostly capital improvements (eg. impact fees).**



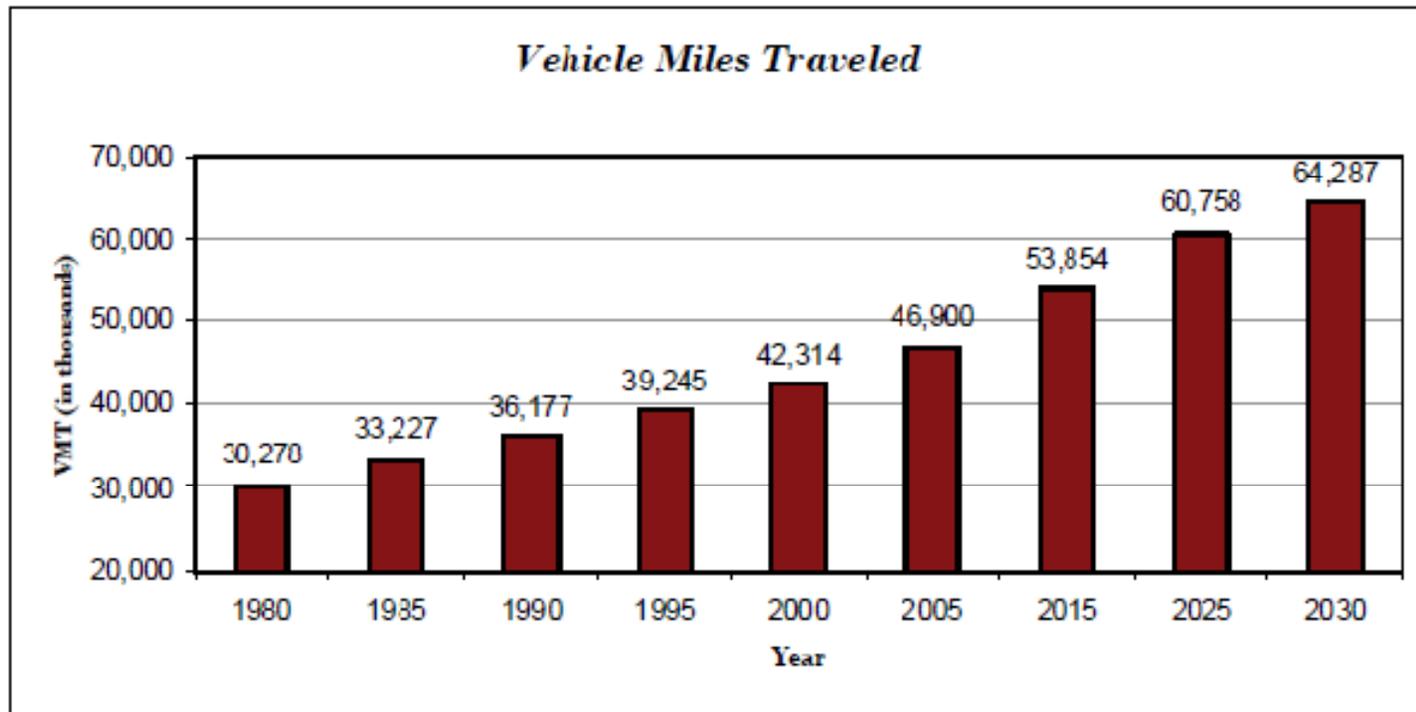
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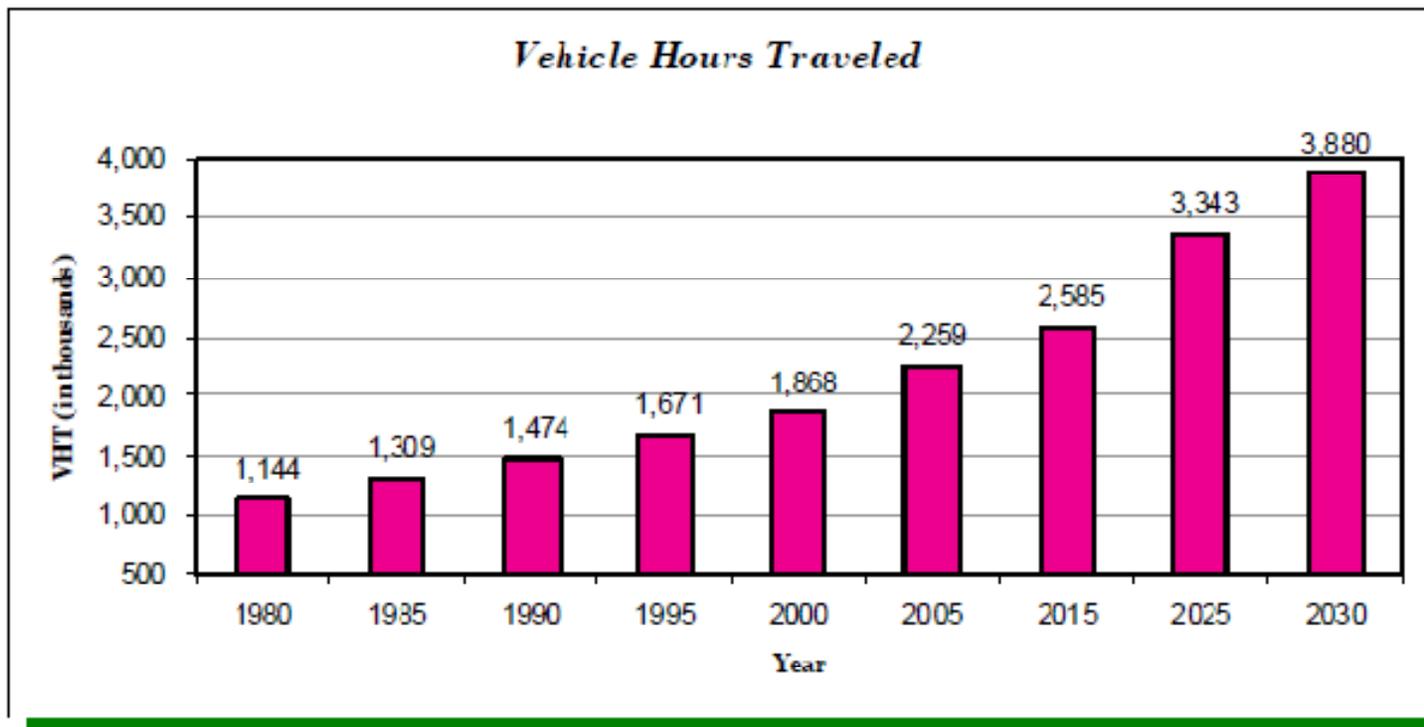
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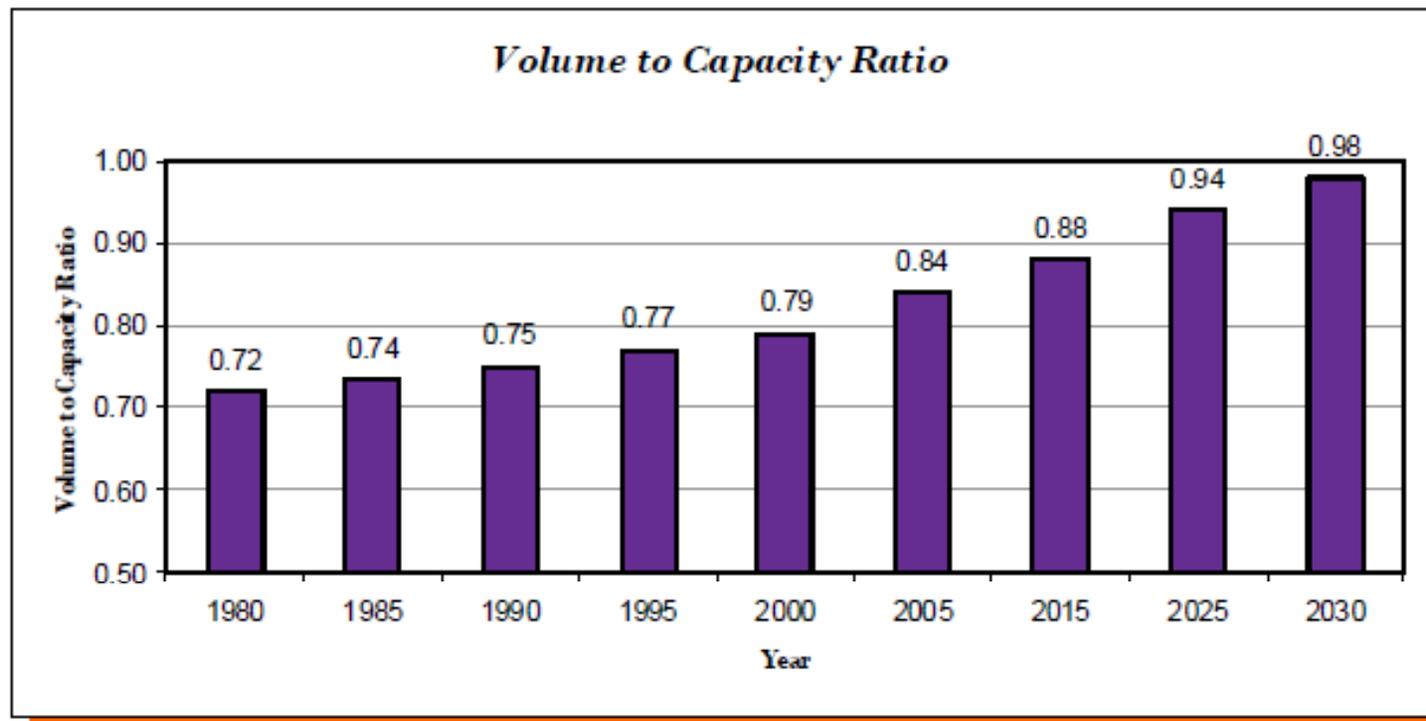
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Draft Goal Areas

- 1. Healthy Communities**
- 2. Vibrant Economy**
- 3. Efficient Resource Use & Conservation**
- 4. Responsible Land Use & Smart Transportation**
- 5. Effective Climate Change Strategies**
- 6. Strong Leadership, Connections & Commitment**

Next Meeting

January: Goals!
Thank you!