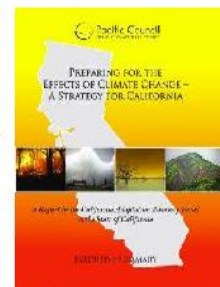
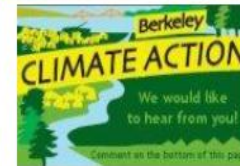


# Making Public Health an Important Part of Climate Action Plans



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## Climate Action Plan

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# Climate Action, Sustainability, and Adaptation Planning

- \* Local jurisdictions (cities and counties) are encouraged to develop GHG emissions inventories and reduction plans under AB 32 Scoping Plan, CEQA and Guidance from the AG's office
- \* Some communities are developing CAPS, broader sustainability plans or integrated Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plans
- \* Some examples of regional planning:
  - \* LA (LARC-LA Regional Action on Climate and Sustainability)
  - \* Bay Area (Bay Area Climate and Energy Resilience Project)

# Why include Public Health in a Climate Action Plan?

- **Climate change is a critical public health issue.**
- **Existing Public Health conditions intersect in important ways with climate mitigation efforts.**
- **Health is a strong motivator for action.**
- **Addressing health inequities is a key focus of Public Health agencies across the state, which intersects in critical ways with climate change impacts on .**
- **Including health issues in a CAP can promote greater efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and enhance the collaborative nature of local government.**

# Co-benefits: Transforming climate threat into opportunity for healthier communities

## **Health and Active Transportation**

- \* Increased Physical Activity
- \* Overweight and obesity

## **Land Use Planning/Sustainable Communities**

- \* Increased Physical Activity
- \* Connecting housing with amenities, safety

## **Local Access to Healthy Food**

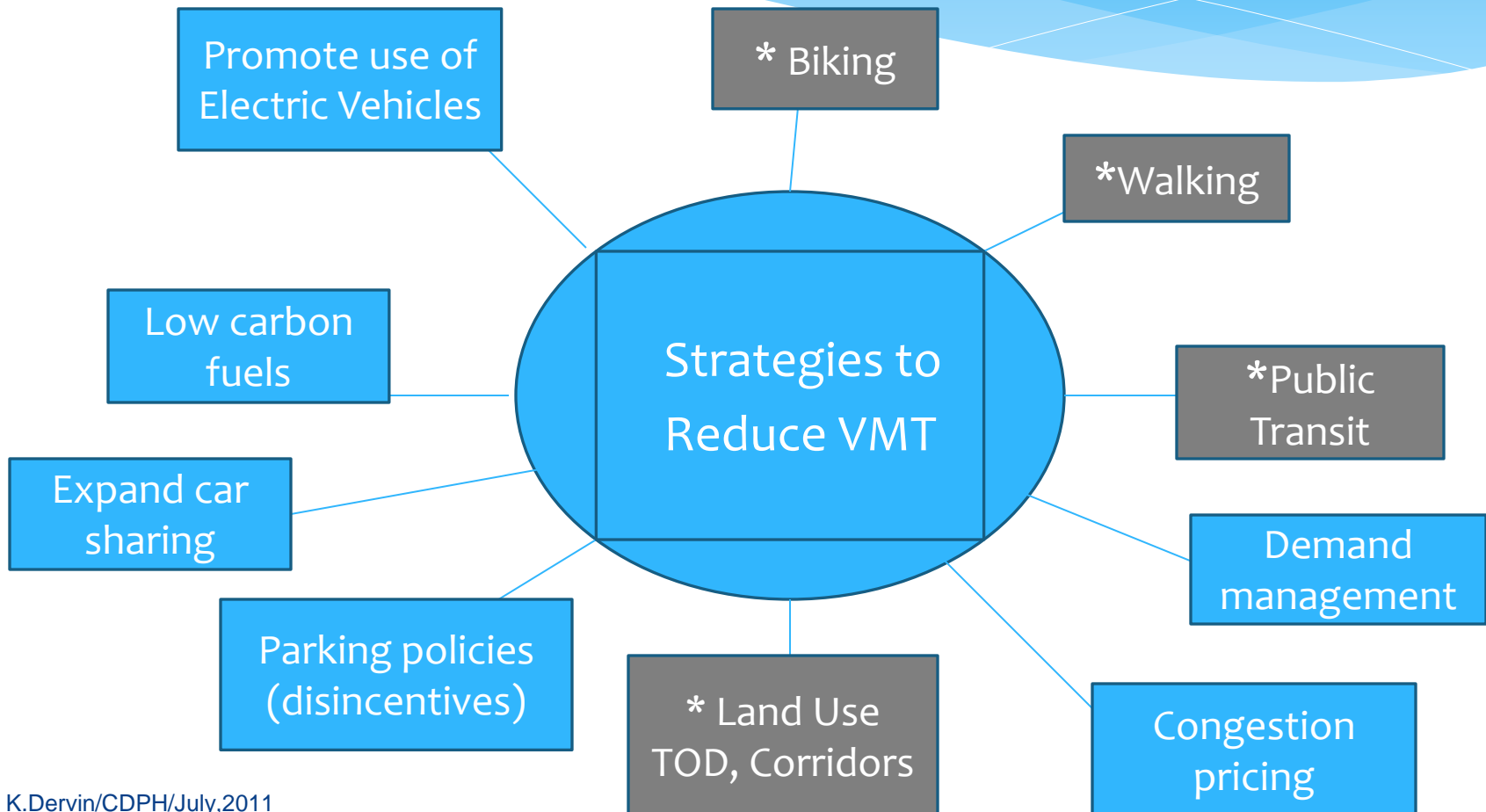
- \* Increased local food security

## **Parks, Urban Greening, and Places to be Active**

- \* Noise, heat, physical activity, safety, mental health

# Maximize Health Co-benefits

(Promote physical activity *while* reducing GHG emissions)



# Examples of CAPs with Health Content

- **San Diego Climate Protection Action Plan**
  - Develop and adopt an urban heat island mitigation plan
  - Link GHG reduction efforts with air quality goals
- **Sustainable Long Beach Action Plan**
  - Increase bike ridership 1% to 16% by 2016
  - Establish community gardens in every park over 5 acres by 2020
- **Green Fresno Plan**
  - Promote the public health/environmental benefits of supporting locally grown and organic foods.
- **Oakland Energy and Climate Action Plan**
  - Accelerate completion of bike/pedestrian plans
  - Develop urban forestry master plan
  - Remove barriers to renter-occupied energy retrofit programs

# Guidance For Making Public Health Part of a Climate Action Plan

- \* Voluntary guidance and sample language for local planners and public health staff and organizations
- \* Expand on health effects of climate change
- \* ID co-benefit areas and discuss how to make connections
- \* Provide health resources and data sources
- \* Provide examples from existing CAPs
- \* Encourage collaboration planning ↔ public health
- \* Available ~ Sept, 2011

# Resources

## Climate Action Planning:

- \* Cool California: [www.coolcalifornia.org](http://www.coolcalifornia.org)
- \* Institute for Local Government: [www.ilg.org](http://www.ilg.org)
- \* Local Government Commission: [www.lgc.org](http://www.lgc.org)
- \* ICLEI: [www.iclei.org](http://www.iclei.org)

## Adaptation Planning:

- \* Cal Adapt: [www.caladapt.org](http://www.caladapt.org)

