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“Driving Less: Reducing Vehicle-Miles Traveled in the Land of Freeways”

ABSTRACT: To meet California’s goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, reductions in driving will be necessary. But how will the state’s Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) meet their targets for reductions in vehicle-miles traveled (VMT)? This presentation looks at three of the many questions raised by this challenge: Will the recent downturn in VMT take care of the problem? If not, which of the possible strategies are likely to help the most? In particular, will the current bicycling craze make a difference? One thing that is certain is the need for a multi-faceted approach to reducing VMT.

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