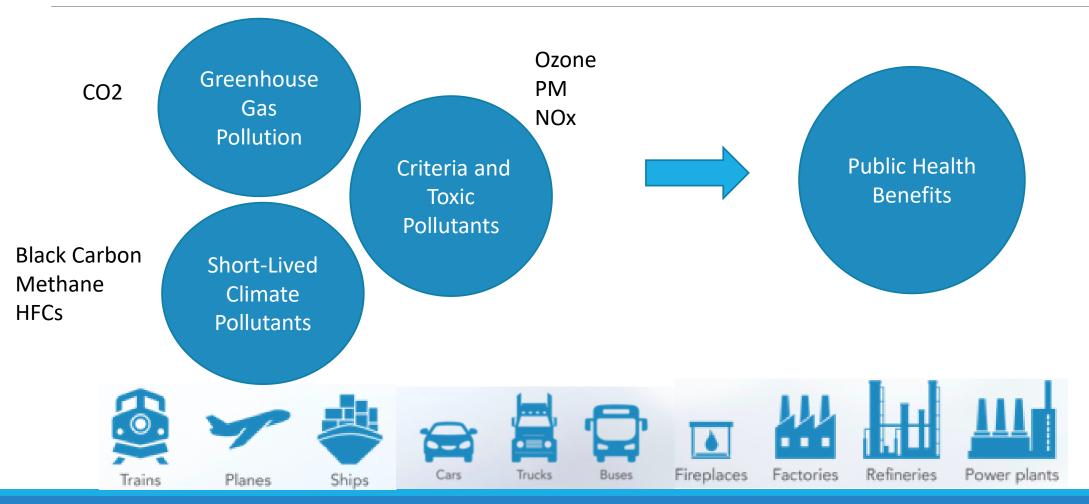
## Scoping Plan Public Health Workshop



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CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD

### Fossil Fuel Combustion Phase Down Can Reduce Both GHGs and Other Air Pollution



## California's Integrated Air Quality and Climate Programs



## Health Effects of Climate Change

Extreme weather, heat waves, drought, wildfires

Vector borne disease, increased allergens

Poor living conditions, social inequities, reduced food supply

Air and water pollution, degraded environment

## At-Risk Groups Suffer More Health Consequences

- Low-income; marginalized groups
- Race and Ethnicity
- Pre-existing diseases (cardiovascular disease and respiratory disease),
- Immigrant, refugee and tribal communities
- People with disabilities
- Older adults; Children
- Pregnant women

(U.S. EPA, 2019, p. 12-1; U.S. EPA, 2021; Governor's Office of Planning and Research, 2018, p. 25)





## **Defining Key Terms**

#### **Health Endpoints:**

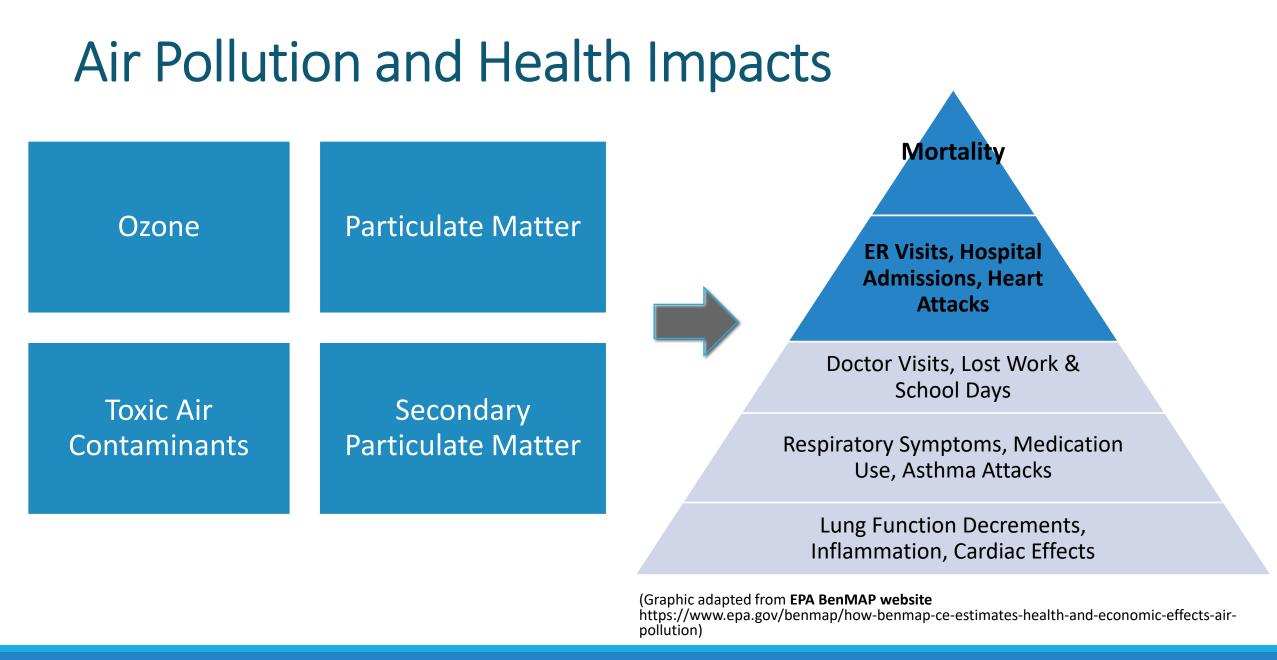
- Health outcomes used in health impact assessment (quantitative or qualitative)
- Outcomes that can be measured and improved Asthma attacks, Hospitalizations

#### **Climate Resilience:**

 Capacity of people and communities to prepare for disruptions, to recover from shocks and stresses, and to adapt and grow from a disruptive experience.

## Background on CARB's Health Analysis

- Health analysis informs the benefits of CARB regulations, plans, and programs
- Current approach quantifies small subset of full suite of benefits (PM2.5 only):
  - Cardiopulmonary mortality
  - Hospitalizations for heart and lung causes
  - Emergency room visits for asthma

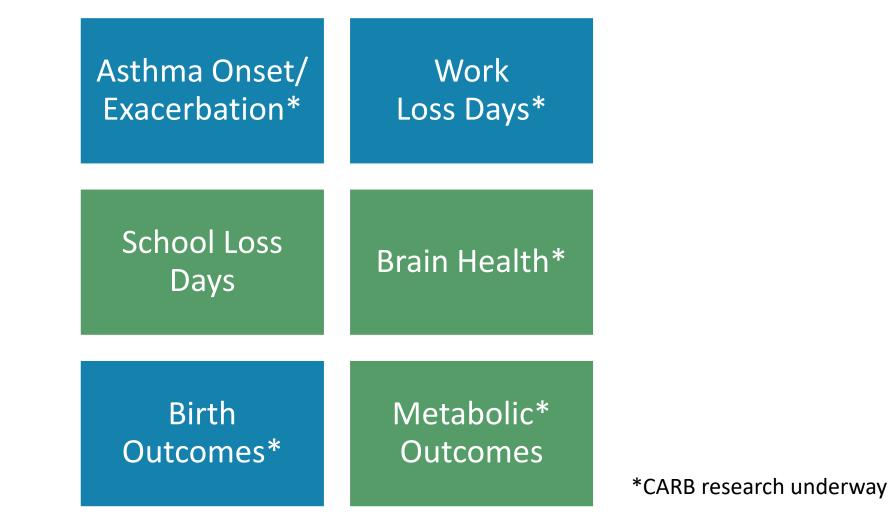


## Example: Advanced Clean Trucks

CARB health analysis of Advanced Clean Trucks estimates potential statewide health benefits of PM2.5 reductions between 2020 - 2040:

- ✓ 943 fewer premature deaths
- 453 fewer emergency room visits (respiratory)
- ✓ 325 fewer hospital admissions (respiratory and cardiovascular admissions)

### Strong Evidence for Broader Health Impacts



## Expanding Health Endpoints for Ongoing Analysis of Rules, Plans

Updated Endpoints	New Endpoints
Hospital Admissions, Cardiovascular Outcomes*	Emergency Department Visits, Cardiovascular
Hospital Admissions, Respiratory Outcomes*	Acute Myocardial Infarction, Nonfatal
Emergency Department Visits, Respiratory	Asthma Onset
	Asthma Symptoms / Exacerbation
	Work Loss Days
	Lung Cancer Incidence
	Alzheimer's Disease
	Parkinson's Disease

\*CARB will update the underlying study CARB is currently calculating ED visits for specifically asthma

# Health Analysis: Qualitative and Quantitative Outcomes

#### Quantitative

Reduced cases of mortality and morbidity

#### Qualitative

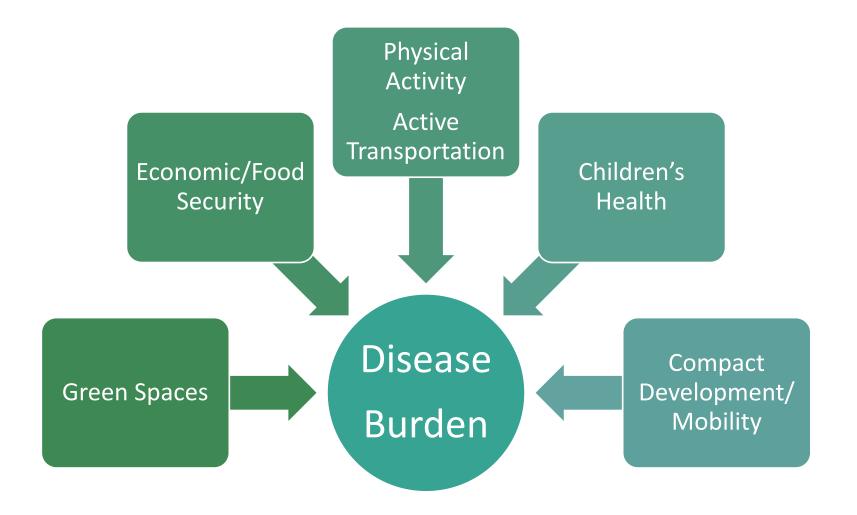
- Directional and scale of effects
- Broader set of health outcomes
- Health disparities



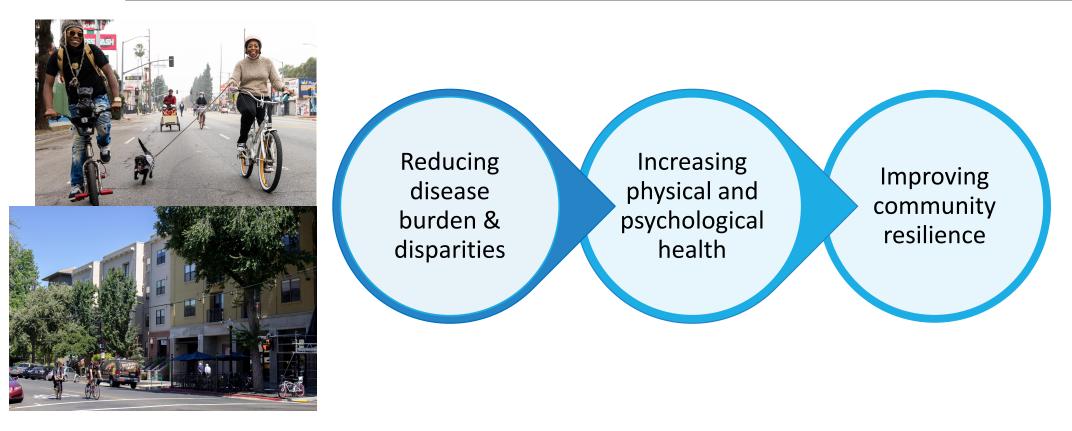
## Why Do a Qualitative Analysis?

Elements	Quantitative	Qualitative
Economic valuation	Х	
Disease burden from epidemiological studies	X	Х
Community impacts		Х
Statewide and regional analysis	Х	Х
Strength of evidence	Х	Х
Vulnerability and disparities		Х

### Key Areas of Focus Qualitative Analysis



## Health Benefits Support Community Resilience



(Watts N, Cambell-Lendrum D, Maiero M, et al., 2015. Strengthening health resilience to climate change: Technical briefing for the World Health Organization Conference on Health and Climate)

## **Quantitative and Directional Health Benefits**

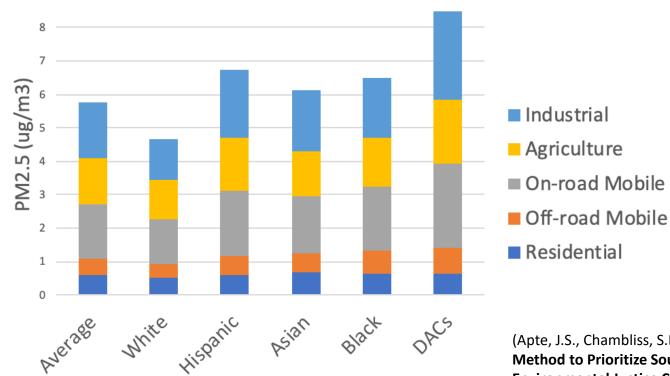
Decreased Air Pollution	Increased Green Space	Decreased Noise Pollution	Increased Physical Activity
<ul> <li>Asthma incidence, ED visits</li> <li>Asthma exacerbation</li> <li>All-cause mortality</li> <li>Preterm birth/low birth weight</li> <li>Diabetes incidence</li> <li>Respiratory mortality</li> <li>Lung cancer</li> <li>Cardiovascular mortality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cardiovascular mortality</li> <li>Diastolic blood pressure</li> <li>Preterm births</li> <li>Stress</li> <li>Diabetes incidence</li> <li>All-cause mortality</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hypertension</li> <li>Coronary heart disease</li> <li>Stroke</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Breast cancer</li> <li>Cardiovascular disease</li> <li>Dementia</li> <li>Colon cancer</li> <li>All-cause mortality</li> <li>Diabetes incidence</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Cardiovascular mortality</li> <li>COPD</li> </ul>			

(Note. Adapted from "Quantifying the Health Benefits of Urban Climate Mitigation Actions: Current State of the Epidemiological Evidence and Application in Health Impact Assessments" by Castillo et al., 2021, Frontiers in Sustainable Cities, V3, Table 1 (https://www.frontiersin.org/article/10.3389/frsc.2021.768227))

## Understanding Health and Exposure Disparities

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Top PM2.5 Concentration by Source



(Apte, J.S., Chambliss, S.E., Tessum, C.W., Marshall, J.D. (2019). A Method to Prioritize Sources for Reducing High PM2.5 Exposures in Environmental Justice Communities in California, Contract 17RD006)

## **Developing New Health Assessment Tools**

- Assess benefits of Natural and Working Lands management to reduce wildfire health risks
  - All-cause mortality, respiratory mortality
  - Hospitalizations for asthma and all-cause respiratory conditions
  - Emergency room visits for asthma
- Assess benefits of greenness on health
  - Mortality
  - Birth outcomes
  - Mental health improvements



## Assessing Children's Health Benefits Using Existing Literature

Health Endpoint	Effect Size		
Lung development	Living within 500 m of a freeway: showed a decrease in lung function growth		
Asthma symptoms and medication use	An increase of 72-119% for risk of wheezing and use of asthma medication was associated with increased exposure to NO2		
New-onset asthma	34% increase for risk of developing new-onset asthma was found with increased exposure to traffic pollution		

(Gauderman et al. 2007; Gauderman et al. 2005; McConnell 2010)

## **Overview: Key Health Analysis Elements**

Analysis Type	2017 SP	2022 SP
Quantitative Analysis	# cases and value statewide PM	# cases and value state and local PM and Ozone
Health Overview	Literature review	Literature review
Qualitative Analysis	Not included	Included
Health Endpoints	3	Proposing 11
Physical Activity – Chronic Illness and Mortality	# cases; 2030 estimate	# of cases; Date of estimate TBD
Wildfire Analysis	Not included	# cases and value for selected years
Heat Mortality Analysis	Not included	Under review

## Health Challenges and Mitigation Opportunities

- Fueling transition: Assessing impacts of transition from petroleum to renewable fuels and electrification
- Mobility transition: Assessing safety issues linked to vehicle traffic during transition to walkable, bike and transit friendly communities

## Longer Term Research and Analysis

- More detailed health analysis of specific regulations and policies implemented after SP adoption
- Identifying/tracking health indicators in impacted communities
- Ongoing look at new approaches to health analysis
- Evaluate ways to better understand, account for cumulative impacts in communities







## **Review and Conclusion**

- Overview/update of air pollution and climate change health effects
- Health benefits of decarbonization no later than 2045 vs.
   Status Quo
- Quantitative and qualitative approaches
- Use expanded health outcomes and tools
- Include information on climate and health disparities

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