

# The Sky is Not Falling

## California Transportation Agencies Adapt in the Complete Streets Era

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# San Diego



# San Diego



# Long Beach



# Fresno



# Modesto



# Sacramento Complete Streets Coalition

- Walk Sacramento
- Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates
- AARP
- SACOG (MPO)
- Breathe California
- Ubuntu Green (EJ)
- Regional Transit
- Air District



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# City of Sacramento

SMART  
VOLUME / SPEED DATA

**PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

#	Street on	Streets Between	Total Collisions			Pedestrian Collisions			Bicycle Collisions		
			Before	After	% diff	Before	After	% diff	Before	After	% diff
1	L Street	15th St / 20th St	42	35	-8.8%	1.5	4.0	166.7%	3.0	0.0	-100.0%
9	N Street	15th St / 20th St	45	18	-59.8%	3.0	0.0	-100.0%	1.5	2.0	33.3%
15	P Street	15th St / 20th St	50	29	-42.0%	2.0	0.0	-100.0%	0.5	2.0	300.0%
17	Q Street	15th St / 20th St	32	30	-7.8%	1.0	0.0	-100.0%	1.5	0.0	-100.0%
			169	115	-31.8%	7.50	4.00	-46.7%	6.50	4.00	-38.5%

Before = Annual average 7/1/2002 - 6/30/2004  
After = 7/1/2005 - 6/30/2009



Before: 3-lanes, one-way



After: 2-lanes, one-way, dual bike lanes

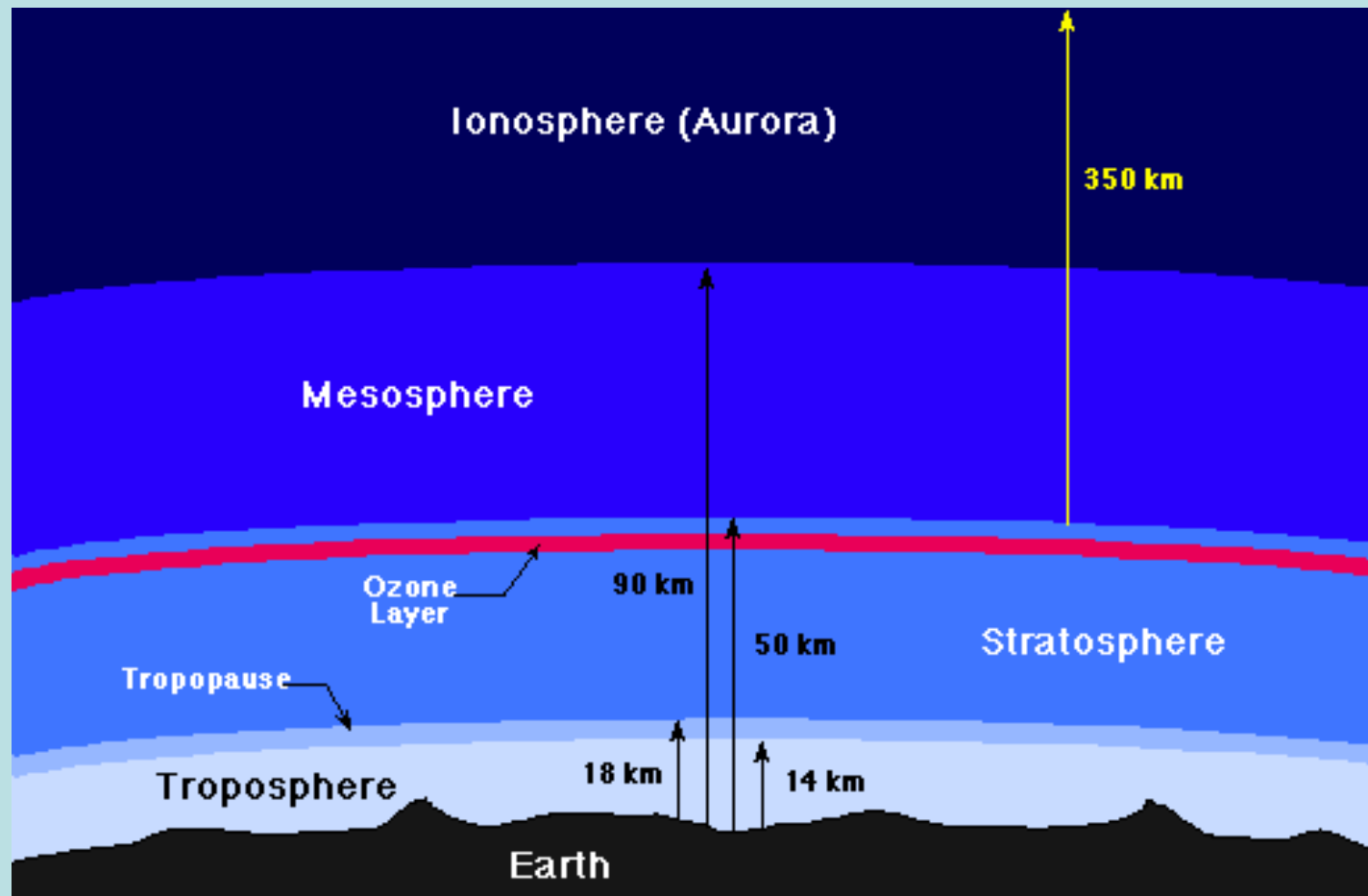
# Voter-approved Countywide Transportation Sales Tax Measures w/complete streets provisions

- Passed by 2/3  
Supermajorities
- Sacramento County
- San Diego County
- Marin County



# Air District?

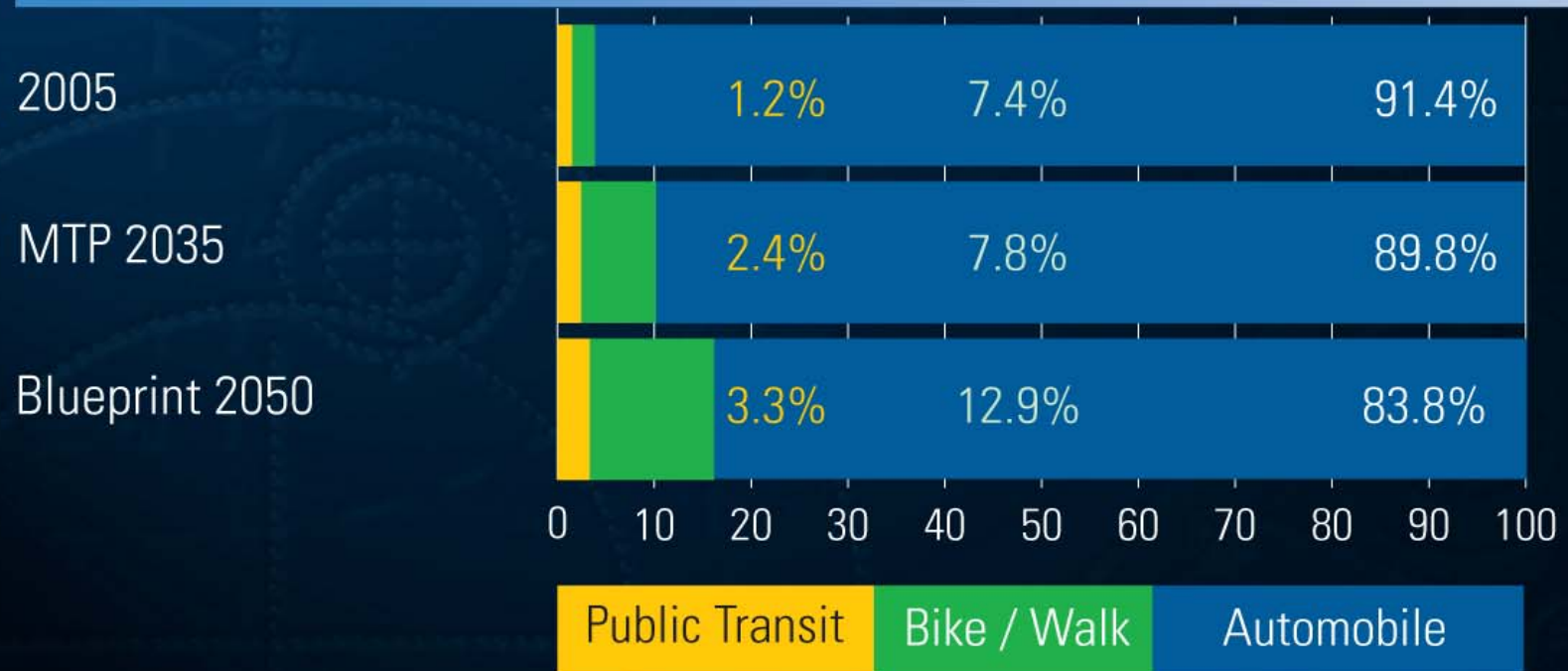
We live in the Troposphere!



# Sacramento Area Council of Governments -Blueprint-

## PERSON TRIPS BY MODE

*(in percent)*



# Sacramento Area Council of Governments

- OK'd Matsui legislation
- Project Selection Screening--  
Preferential funding treatment for  
complete streets projects



## State legislation

# CA Assembly Bill 1581 (2007)

-new or replaced traffic signals-

- Introduced by Republican legislator on behalf of motorcyclists
- Traffic signal detection of bicycles
- Sufficient timing for safe crossing
- CA Traffic Control Devices Cmte has issued formal guidance



# Progress at Caltrans

-Preamble to DD-64-R1, Complete Streets Policy -

- “[Caltrans] provides for the needs of travelers of all ages and abilities in all planning, programming, design, construction, operations and maintenance activities and products on the State highway system. The Department views all transportation improvements as opportunities to improve safety, access and mobility for all travelers in California and recognizes bicycle, pedestrian and transit modes as integral elements of the transportation system.”

# Progress at Caltrans

-Implementation Plan Released!-

- Executive Committee
- Broad-based Steering Committee
- Technical Advisory Committee
- District Participation

# Progress at Caltrans

## -73 implementation actions-

- Guidance, Manuals, Handbooks
- Policy and Plans
- Funding and Project Selection
- Raise Awareness
- Training
- Research

# National Implications

- Bicycle Transportation Planning
- Federal Complete Streets Policy

# National Implications

## -Bicycle Transportation Planning-

- California Enters the Complete Streets Era
- Agency-wide diffusion of concern, knowledge, commitment, responsibility
- RIP, Bikeway Planning Era (1974-2010)?
- Bikeway and VC advocates together forever?

# NACTO vs complete streets?



# National Implications

## -Federal Complete Streets Policy-

- Case Closed!
- Transportation agencies CAN thrive in the complete streets era
- It's about time!

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