

# **Transportation & Climate Initiative**

## **2019 Cap-and-Invest Modeling Results**

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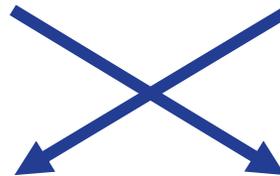
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# 2019 TCI Modeling & Analysis Overview

- Develop Reference Case assumptions
  - Public input following webinar
- Run Reference Case (what happens with no cap?)
  - Public input following webinar
- Revised Reference Case
- Run emissions cap scenarios (what happens with emissions caps?)
- Conduct macroeconomic & initial public health analysis
- Release modeling results and solicit stakeholder input on policy scenarios

How does the **CAP** affect the transportation sector (& others)?

How do the **INVESTMENTS** affect the transportation sector?



What are the impacts from the program?  
(economic effects, public health benefits)

How are the benefits and costs distributed?

# CAP

## TCI-NEMS

- Energy system model
- Effect of cap & other policies on transportation energy use & GHGs
- Interactions with other sectors (e.g. electricity)

OnLocation

Allowance  
Proceeds

Investment  
Impacts

# INVEST

## Investment Strategy Tool

- VMT changes due to certain low-carbon transportation investment strategies

Cambridge Systematics

Capital Costs,  
Fuel Savings,  
etc.

Co-Pollutant  
Emissions

Active  
Transportation

Other  
Costs

## REMI

- Net impacts on GDP, income, jobs

Cambridge Systematics

## Health Impacts Model

- Health co-benefits of air pollution reductions

Harvard C-CHANGE

## Incidence Model

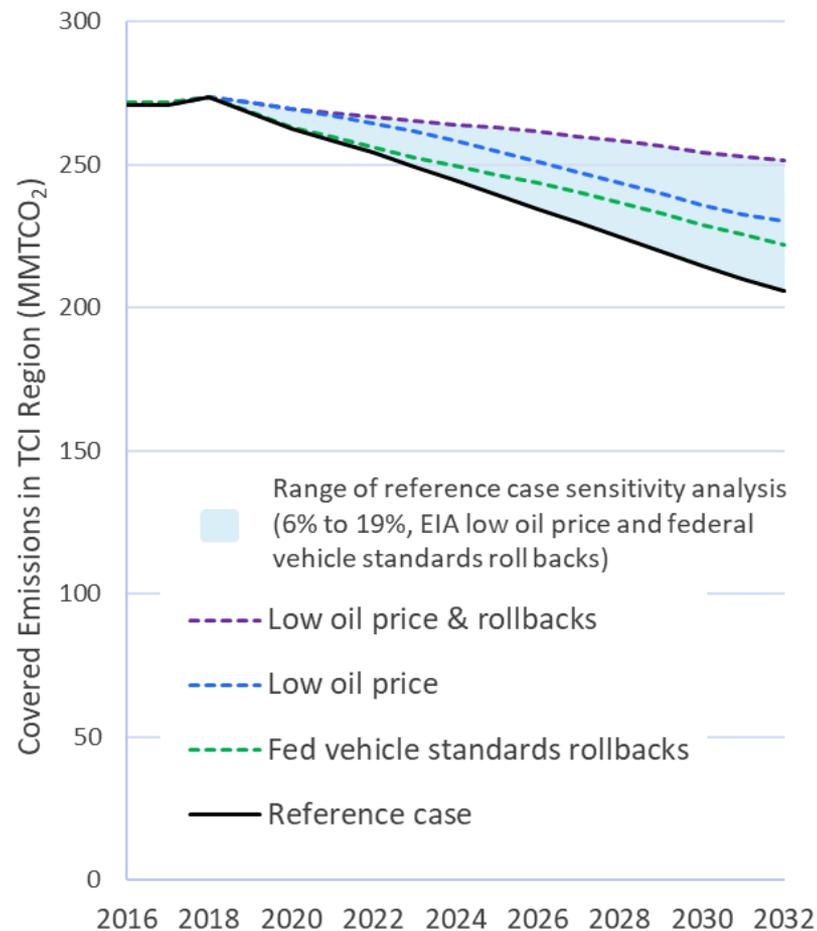
- Distribution of costs & benefits to different populations/ groups

Resources For the Future

Emissions, Economic & Public Health Impacts, and How Distributed

# TCI Reference Case & Reference Case Sensitivity Analyses

- Transportation emissions in the Reference Case are projected to decline by 19% from 2022 to 2032 in the TCI Region
- Sensitivity analyses included EIA Low Oil Price scenario and rollbacks of federal vehicle emissions and fuel economy standards
- Policy actions by states and cities could help lock in needed reductions.



# Modeling Runs Conducted

*All policy scenarios assume a regional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cap is applied to the fossil portion of motor gasoline and on-road diesel combusted in vehicles (e.g., light-duty cars and trucks, commercial light trucks, freight trucks, and buses).*

Model Run	Projected Emissions
Reference Case	19% CO <sub>2</sub> reductions from 2022 to 2032
Combined Sensitivity: Rollback of federal vehicle standards and low oil price	6% CO <sub>2</sub> reductions from 2022 to 2032
<i>Below are policy cases with the same investment portfolio but different cap levels</i>	
Policy: 20% Cap Reduction	20% CO <sub>2</sub> reductions from 2022 to 2032
Policy: 22% Cap Reduction	22% CO <sub>2</sub> reductions from 2022 to 2032
Policy: 25% Cap Reduction	25% CO <sub>2</sub> reductions from 2022 to 2032

# Modeled Clean Transportation Investment Scenario

For the purposes of modeling, an illustrative portfolio of clean transportation investments was developed. This includes a broad range of options, with a significant portion of proceeds focused on the most cost-effective emission reduction strategies.



**30%**

Electric cars, light trucks and vans



**23%**

Low & zero-emission buses and trucks



**18%**

Transit expansion and upkeep



**14%**

Pedestrian and bike safety, ride sharing



**8%**

System efficiency

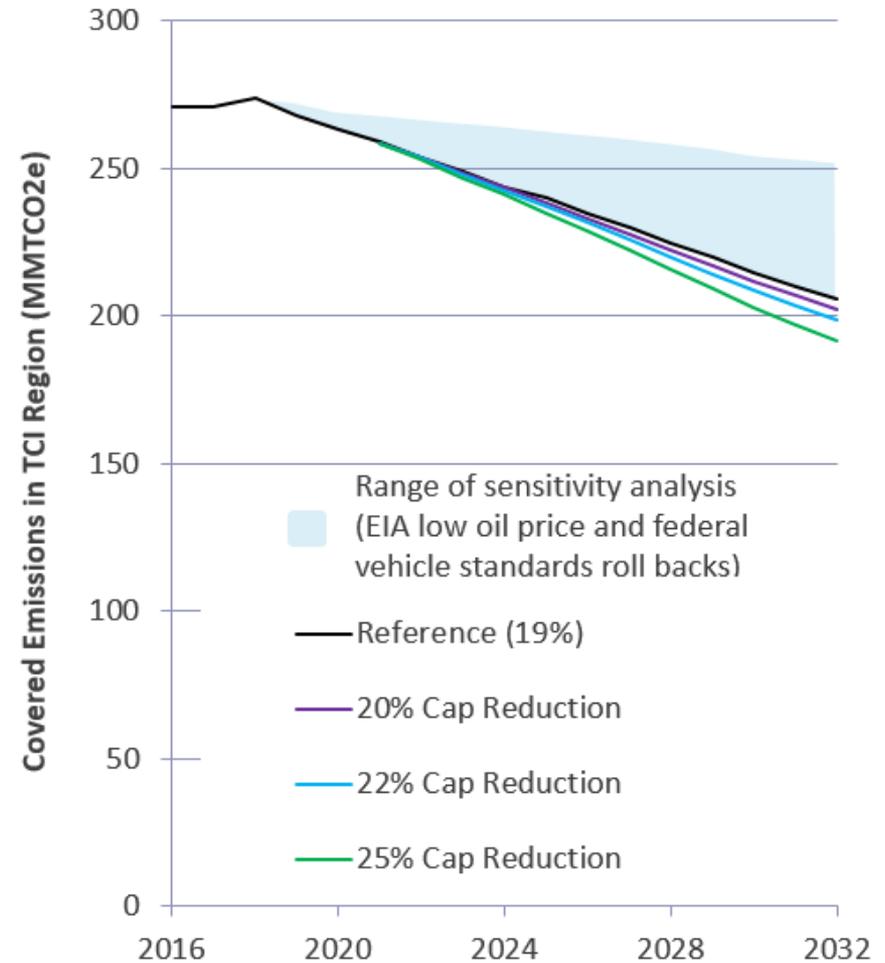


**8%**

Indirect/ Other

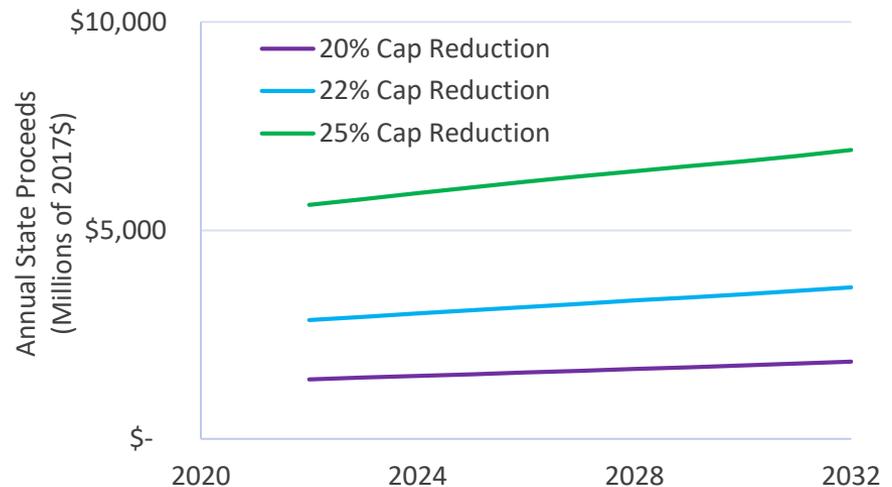
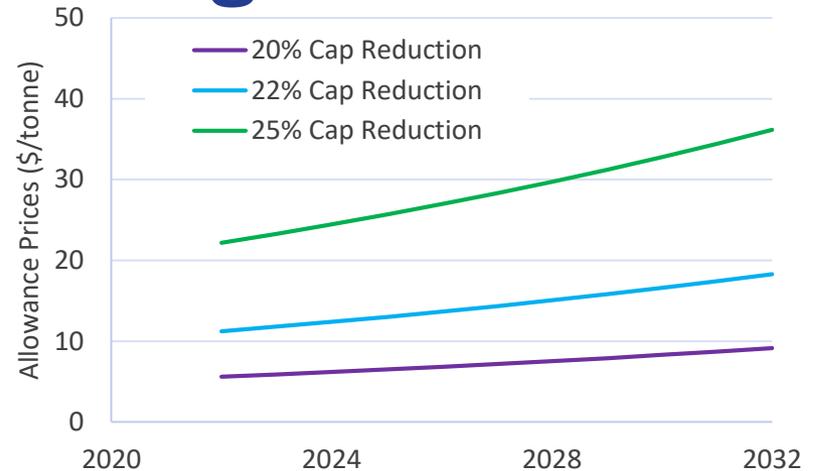
# Emissions Cap Scenarios Results: Projected Transportation CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

- A declining emissions cap could lock in decreases in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that are expected through 2032 and drive additional reductions.
- More stringent caps result in greater emissions cuts and more proceeds for investments.
- Initial annual proceeds range from \$1.4 billion at start in the 20% case up to \$5.6 billion in the 25% case.



# Emissions Cap Scenarios Results: CO<sub>2</sub> Allowance Prices & Program Proceeds

- Initial annual proceeds range from \$1.4 billion at start in the 20% case up to \$5.6 billion in the 25% case.
- Allowance prices reflect the combined effect of the cap and the investments
- More stringent caps result in greater proceeds for investments.

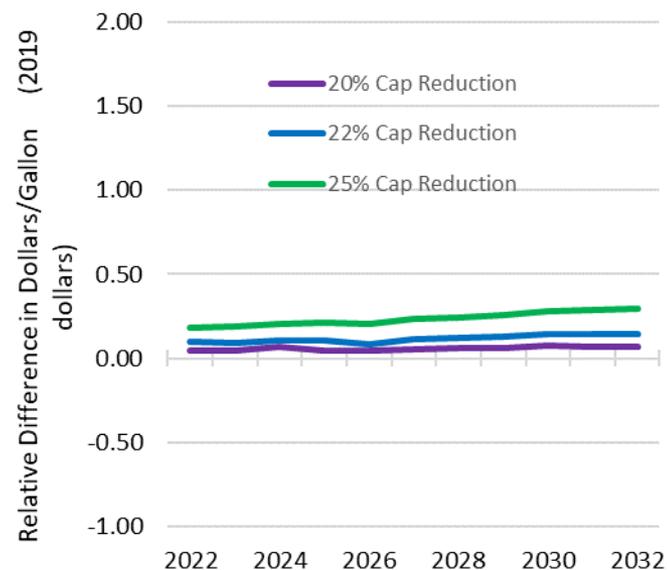


# Modeled Changes in Fuel Price in Policy Scenarios Compared with *historical variations*

Historical Variation in Gasoline Prices Relative to 2019 Price



Projected Change in Gasoline Prices Relative to Reference Case\*



\*If fuel companies decide to pass on allowance costs it could mean an incremental price increase in 2022 of \$0.05, \$0.09 or \$0.17 / gallon in the 20%, 22% and 25% Cap Reduction Scenarios, respectively. This is not a prediction of gasoline prices in the future. Several factors affect future gas prices, including policy and market forces.

# Range of Clean Transportation Investments in Modeled TCI Scenarios

- Modeled annual clean transportation investments by strategy in 2032
- Combined \$1.84 billion to \$6.92 billion in modeled scenarios



**\$554 million to \$2 billion**

Electric cars, light trucks and vans



**\$425 million to \$1.6 billion**

Low & zero-emission buses and trucks



**\$333 million to \$1.2 billion**

Transit expansion and upkeep



**\$259 million to \$970 million**

Pedestrian and bike safety, ride sharing



**\$148 million to \$554 million**

System efficiency



**\$148 million to \$554 million**

Indirect/ Other

# Clean Transportation Investments to Reduce Pollution in Modeled TCI Scenarios

- **Electric Transit Buses:**  
Up to 44,000 transit buses by 2032
- **Bus Service and Transit Improvements:**  
Up to \$1.1 billion annually
- **Electric School Buses:**  
Up to 42,000 by 2032
- **Electric Trucks:**  
Up to 84,000 by 2032
- **Bike Lanes and Sidewalks:**  
Up to \$5.6 billion region-wide through 2032



# Preliminary Public Health Benefits (in 2032)



- 1,300 Fewer asthma symptoms
- 1,000 Fewer premature deaths
- 1,700 Fewer traffic-related injuries
- Total estimated public health benefits:  
**\$3 billion to \$10 billion**

# Avoided Climate Impacts



\$249 million – \$892 million annually in avoided climate impacts

# Conclusions from Macroeconomic Modeling

- Program has a positive impact on the economy.
- GDP, income, and jobs are projected to be greater than business as usual in 2032 and substantially net positive over the 2022-2040 timeframe.
- Significant progress towards achieving climate goals by reducing GHG and other pollution from transportation at modest cost and net benefit to the economy.

Economic Indicators in 2032	20% Cap Reduction	22% Cap Reduction	25% Cap Reduction
Increase in GDP growth, from Reference Case	\$0.7B (0.01%)	\$1.4B (0.03%)	\$2.9B (0.05%)
Increase in DPI growth, from Reference Case	\$0.5B (0.01%)	\$0.9B (0.02%)	\$1.9B (0.04%)
Increase in Jobs, from Reference Case	1,900 (0.004%)	3,982 (0.01%)	8,900 (0.02%)

# Conclusions from Modeling

- A declining emissions cap could lock in decreases in carbon dioxide emissions that are expected through 2032 and drive additional reductions throughout the region.
- The modeled program would have a modest positive impact on GDP, income, and jobs, all of which would be greater than business as usual in 2032 and substantially net positive over the 2022-2040 timeframe.
- Significant region-wide benefits to public health would result from improvements to air quality, public safety, and greater access to active transportation options, including walking and cycling.

*We can make significant progress towards achieving climate goals by reducing GHG and other pollution from transportation at modest cost and net benefits to the economy*

# Next Steps

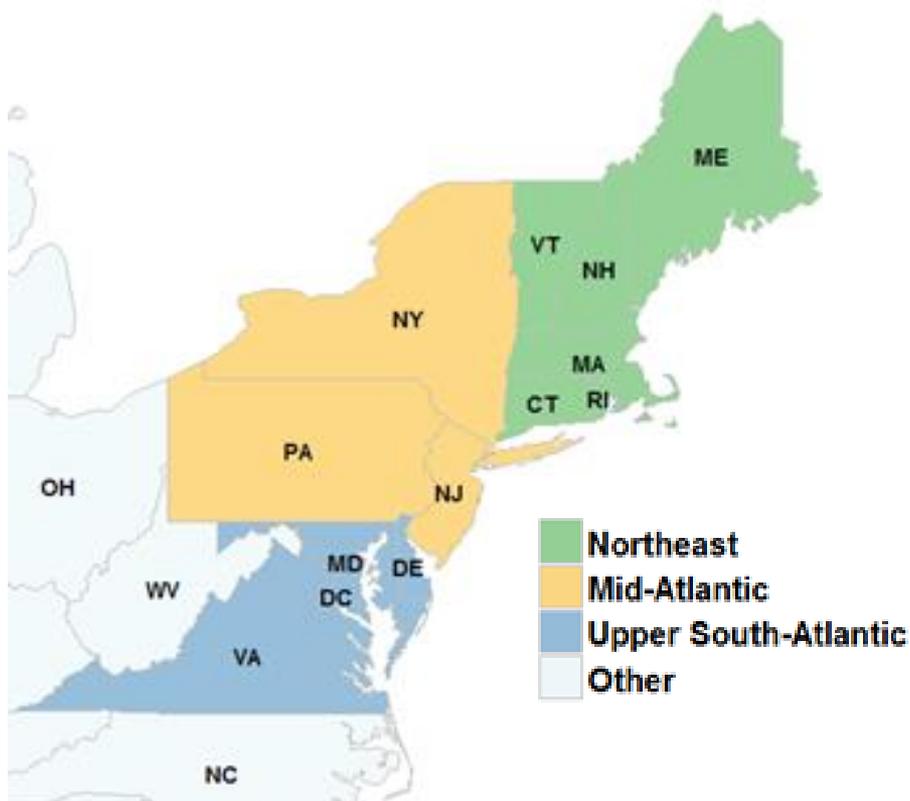
- Public input will continue to be welcome and encouraged through the TCI online portal. *Please provide input by Friday, February 28, 2020*

<https://www.transportationandclimate.org/main-menu/tci-regional-policy-design-stakeholder-input-form>

- Modeling
  - More sensitivity analysis, to reflect uncertainties and inform the design of stability mechanisms
  - More policy cases, based on sensitivity analysis
  - Detailed modeling on benefits for public health is underway by a multi-university team led by [Harvard C-CHANGE](#)
  - Incidence modeling to evaluate benefits and costs for households, led by Resources of for the Future
- Public engagement through webinars and in-person events

# Appendix

# “TCI-NEMS” Energy System Model



- In the TCI-NEMS model run to inform the TCI policy development process, the region is represented by three subregions:
  - Northeast,
  - Mid-Atlantic and
  - Upper South-Atlantic\*

*\* For this analysis, we have split the South Atlantic Census Division into 2 subregions and renamed the model TCI-NEMS*

# Key Assumptions in TCI Reference Case

- **Electricity Sector**

- National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) 2018 Annual Technology Baseline costs for wind, utility solar photovoltaics (PV), and residential solar PV
- Annual Energy Outlook (AEO\*) 2018 High Efficiency case for building energy demand
- Updated offshore wind and battery storage mandates
- Updated planned capacity additions and retirements in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) states

- **Electric Vehicles**

- Battery costs trajectories were revised downward based on Bloomberg New Energy Finance (BNEF) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) cost estimates
- Non-battery EV costs were revised downward, based on NYSERDA and International Council on Clean Transportation estimates
- Electric vehicle introduction years were accelerated for several light-duty vehicle (LDV) categories based on market analysis

- **Federal Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) / Vehicle Emissions Standards**

- Vehicle standards are based on current regulations and remain flat after 2025

- **Federal Electric Vehicle (EV) Tax Credit**

- Phase-out of the tax credit is based on OnLocation analysis and phases out somewhat more slowly than AEO 2018

- **Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)**

- Calibrated projected vehicle miles traveled (VMT) estimates to be consistent with TCI state estimates

- **State EV policies**

- Estimated regional impact of state policies on EV prices is incorporated into TCI Reference Case
- State zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) regulation is already accounted for in AEO 2018

- **Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)**

- New Jersey and Virginia are included as participants in the RGGI program

	No Cap No Investments		20% Cap Reduction with Investments		22% Cap Reduction with Investments		25% Cap Reduction with Investments	
	Reference Case		Policy Case		Policy Case		Policy Case	
	2022	2032	2022	2032	2022	2032	2022	2032
<b>Emissions</b> Total, million metric tons; and percent reduction from 2032 to 2022	254	206 <b>-19%*</b>	254	202 <b>-20.5%</b>	254	199 <b>-22%</b>	253	192 <b>-24%</b>
<b>Allowance Prices</b> per metric ton (2017\$)	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	\$6	\$9	\$11	\$18	\$22	\$36
<b>Total Proceeds</b> (Billion/ year)	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	\$1.4	\$1.8	\$2.8	\$3.6	\$5.6	\$6.9
<b>Public Health Benefits, Prelim.</b> (Billions of 2017\$)	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	-	\$3	-	\$6	-	\$10
<b>Avoided Climate Impacts</b> (Billions of 2017\$)	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>	-	\$0.25	-	\$0.46	-	\$0.89

\*Reference case projections represent TCI's best estimates. Sensitivity analysis assumptions—such as a roll back of federal vehicle standards and low oil prices—could lead to CO<sub>2</sub> emission reductions of as little as 6% from 2022 to 2032.

# Illustrative Clean Transportation Investment Scenario (B)

	<b>30%</b>	Electric cars, light trucks and vans	Consumer incentives to purchase full battery electric (EV) and plug-in hybrid electric (PHEV) light-duty vehicles
	<b>23%</b>	Low & zero-emission buses and trucks	Electric trucks MDT/urban, Electric school buses, Electric transit buses, CNG trucks, Passenger rail electrification, Hydrogen trucks - long-haul
	<b>18%</b>	Transit expansion and upkeep	Bus service efficiency, Bus service expansion, Bus rapid transit, Transit fare reduction, Urban rail, Commuter rail, Intercity rail, Bus maintain, Urban rail maintain, Commuter/intercity rail maintain
	<b>14%</b>	Pedestrian and bike safety, ride sharing	Strategies to reduce VMT: Bicycle investment, Pedestrian investment, Land use/smart growth, Shared ride incentives, Travel demand management
	<b>8%</b>	System efficiency	Highway preservation, System operations, Freight/intermodal
	<b>8%</b>	Indirect/ Other	Proceeds are invested in ways that do not directly reduce transportation GHG emissions (e.g., returned directly to consumers).

# Illustrative Portfolios of Clean Transportation Investments

	A	B* (introduced on slide 22)	C	
	5%	30%	54%	Electric cars, light trucks and vans
	21%	23%	27%	Low & zero-emission buses and trucks
	35%	18%	-	Transit expansion and upkeep
	16%	14%	10%	Pedestrian and bike safety, ride sharing
	7%	8%	8%	System efficiency
	17%	8%	-	Indirect/ Other

# Investment Scenarios Results: CO<sub>2</sub> Allowance Prices & Program Proceeds for 25% Cap Reduction Scenario

- Allowance prices reflect the combined effect of the 25% Cap Reduction scenario and the investments
  - Investments in more cost-effective solutions lower allowance prices.
- Higher allowance prices result in greater proceeds for investments.
- Initial annual proceeds range from \$4.4B during the first year with investment portfolio C and up to \$7B with investment Portfolio A.

