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From Don Steinke, Climate CAG

To CAG, EJC and Partner agencies, c/o Jenna Kay

Re: Goal #10 which says to *Reduce Vehicle Trips*

Hello everyone,

I just came across a [recent study conducted by RMI and UC Berkeley](#) which says:

- Urban sprawl is directly or indirectly responsible for a third of all greenhouse gas emissions. It leads to more miles travelled in singly-occupied vehicles, it leads to more emissions associated with the road and sewer building, it leads to more emissions from auto manufacturing, and it reduces carbon sinks, farmland and wildlife habitat.
- There's a very strong relationship between density and per capita emissions, and it's nearly universal. Density means less emissions on almost every level of analysis.
- The zoning reforms passed in Olympia in 2023-4, allow more density and affordability. (Middle Housing, ADUs, Co-housing, Reduced parking requirements, and Easier building codes for 3 and 4 story residential buildings)

**Question:** In light of the study by RMI and UC Berkeley, do you think the proposed policies under goal #10 are adequate?

The RMI Berkeley study advocates for reducing sprawl and increasing density. Our proposed policies don't.

Don Steinke