# Overview of the Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health Study in Boston, MA



Healthy Communities Task Force Meeting June 8, 2015 Allison P. Patton, Ph.D. Postdoctoral Fellow Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute Rutgers University Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health (CAFEH)

- 5 related community-based participatory research (CBPR) air pollution studies.
- Community partners participate in all aspects of the science.
- Combine community and academic resources.
- Inform policymakers about air pollution and help to identify ways to reduce exposure.









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# **CAFEH** Projects

- Original CAFEH Study
- Clean Air Project
- Boston Puerto Rican Health Study
- Improving the Health of Near Highway Communities
- Visualizing Air Pollution

# ORIGINAL CAFEH STUDY OF NEAR-HIGHWAY AIR POLLUTION

# Near-highway air pollution



Distance from Edge of Road (m)

# **Original CAFEH Study**

Aim: Assess the association between exposure to highway air pollutants and cardiac health in communities near highways.



# **Mobile Monitoring**



- Near I-93: 150,000 vehicles per day.
- 2-6 hour shifts
- 35-47 days per area
- Focus on particle number concentration (PNC)



Elevated PNC but not PM<sub>2.5</sub> near I-93



Patton et al., Atmos Environ, 2014

# Modeled Annual Average Ambient PNC

- Models included meteorological, traffic, and spatial parameters.
- Both space and time were important.
- PNC was generally
  - High in Somerville and Chinatown.
  - Intermediate in Dorchester.
  - Low in Malden.

Patton et al. Environ Sci Technol, 2015



## Relationship of LN hsCRP and PNC



#### RAA-PNC

(particles/cm<sup>3</sup>)

\*Models adjusted for age, gender, smoking status and BMI. Lane et al, *Journal Of Exposure Science And Environmental Epidemiology*, 2015

# Summary

- Measured PNC and other traffic-related pollutants in near-highway neighborhoods.
- Developed ambient PNC models.
- Adjusted ambient PNC for time-activity.
- Measured association with CRP.

## **INTERVENTION STUDIES**

# **CAFEH Intervention Studies**

- Clean Air Project
  - Public Housing in Somerville, MA
  - Recruited specifically for this study
- Boston Puerto Rican Health Study
  - Puerto Ricans in Boston and Chelsea, MA
  - Selected from cohort who had already been followed for 5 years

# Intervention Study Design





HEPA filter decreased particle numbers in some but not all homes.

Brugge et al, Progress in Community Health Partnerships, 2013

# IMPROVING HEALTH IN COMMUNITIES NEAR HIGHWAYS

# **Project Goal**

- "enact positive changes at the community level and disseminate research results regionally, starting with the CAFEH study areas of Boston's Chinatown and communities in the City of Somerville."
  - Improving Health in Communities Near Highways:
     Design Solutions from a Charrette

## General Methods to Reduce Exposure

- Generate less traffic-related air pollution.
- Move the pollution away from the people.
- Prevent the pollution from getting where people are.

• We evaluated 11 specific proposed tactics.

## Air Pollution Exposure Interventions

	Effectiveness			
Location	Good (>40%)		Moderate (0-40%)	Inconclusive
On-Site	Filtration	•	Healthy placement of	Healthy
	• Air intake		buildings and parking	vegetables
	location		structures	
	<ul> <li>Sound proofing</li> </ul>	•	Trees and Plantings	
Off-Site	Park locations	•	Built or vegetative	
	• Land use buffers		barriers	
		•	Active travel locations	
		•	Decking over highways	

Brugge et al. Environmental Justice, in press.

# **Design Charette**

- Introduced research results to the local design community
- Participants developed design solutions for two case study sites.
- ~35 attendees
  - Included designer, school headmaster
- Held on May 9-10, 2014.

#### Improving Health in Communities Near Highways

Design Solutions from a Charrette



## **Case Study Sites**



# Example Somerville Design #1

### Solid Band-Shell Sheltering Park



Credit: Giamportone Design.

# Example Somerville Design #2



Figure 45: This drawing shows how different tactics could work together to reduce exposure to near highway pollutants.

Multi-story parking garage as barrier toward highway (with exterior green wall)

Credit: Giamportone Design, Linnean Solutions.

# Example Chinatown Design



## **COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS**

# Visualizing Air Pollution to Promote Health Literacy

### **Best Case**



### **Worst Case**



## **Research Group Website**



WELCOME - PUBLICATIONS - NEWS MEDIA - LINKS -

#### Welcome to CAFEH!

CAFEH, the Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health Study, serves as the larger umbrella for 5 related community-based participatory research (CBPR) air pollution studies. These projects have full participation of the community partners in all aspects of the science including: developing the proposal, leading the study, and collecting, analyzing and interpreting the data.



The CAFEH partnership combines community and academic resources to advance scientific understanding of the health risks of highway pollution. We hope our findings will inform

policymakers about the risks of siting new housing, schools or playgrounds next to highways and help to identify measures to reduce exposures. **Please click on the links below to learn more about our constituent research projects:** 

Original CAFEH Study Boston Puerto Rican Health Study

**Clean Air** 

Project

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Visualizing Air Pollution

### sites.tufts.edu/cafeh

# Publications

### **Journal Articles**



### Health Studies

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Corlin L, Woodin M, Thanikachalam M, Lowe L, Brugge D. **Evidence of the healthy immigrant** effect in older Chinese immigrants: a cross-sectional study. *BioMed Central Public* 

# Conclusions

- Showed association between highway pollution and cardiovascular disease risk
- Ongoing intervention studies using HEPA filtration
- Working with community and designers to improve the health of near-highway communities
- Communicating results through classes and the project web site

## Freight as a Good Neighbor – Air Quality Improvement



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### Who We Are – Our Brands



























### **Corporate Headquarters**



### Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania

### **Fast Facts**

### Founded 1938

### 2014 Stats

• Revenue

\$501 Million

- Loads Handled
- Tractors Operated

3,000

956,000

- Employees & Independent Contractors
- Operating Locations

4,250

170



### Where We Operate


## International Supply Chain Overview (Imports)





## What is Drayage?

#### **OCEAN CONTAINER**



#### **CHASSIS**



#### **DIESEL TRACTOR**



#### MARINE PORT OPERATIONS



## **Port of Philadelphia**

- Jobs (Direct & Indirect) 12,000
- Business Activity \$2.7 billion
- Tax Revenue \$290 million

Source: Philadelphia Regional Port Authority and South Jersey Port Corporation

## We Support and Participate in:

- Regional Organizations
- National Committees & Work Groups
- Public Events
- Public Testimony

### **Working With Ports** – Examples of Public-Private Partnerships

Diesel Emission Retrofits Drayage Truck Replacements

- Baltimore, MD
- Charleston, SC
- Jacksonville, FL
- New York/New Jersey
- Norfolk, VA
- Philadelphia, PA
- Savannah, GA
- Wilmington, DE
- Wilmington, NC







# So, why be a good neighbor?



Evans Corporate Environmental Policy "Our policy is to conduct business in socially responsible manner that protects the environment and the safety and health of our employees, customers, independent

health of our employees, customers, independent contractors and the community at large"

We advocate for voluntary programs to address the environmental needs of the community.

"If you are not at the table, you may be on the menu".





#### Hypothetical Marine Terminal 800,000 Container Transactions

CO<sub>2</sub> Carbon Dioxide (Tons) - From Truck Idling



Source Publication: EPA420-F-08-025 Idling Vehicle Emissions (Heavy Duty Diesel Trucks) Grams Per Hour (g/hr) Converted to Tons

#### Hypothetical Marine Terminal 800,000 Container Transactions

Particulate Matter—PM<sub>2.5</sub> From Truck Idling



#### TURN-TIME (INCLUDING THE QUEUE)

Source Publication: EPA420-F-08-025 Idling Vehicle Emissions (Heavy Duty Diesel Trucks) Grams Per Hour (g/hr) Converted to Pounds

## Each Additional Hour of Idling Equals:

Pounds	<b>Regulated Pollutant</b>
17,760,000	CO <sub>2</sub> Carbon Dioxide
46,822	CO Carbon Monoxide
63,066	NO <sub>X</sub> Nitrogen Oxides
1,887	PM <sub>2.5</sub> Fine Particulate Matter

Hypothetical Marine Terminal - 800,000 Container Transactions

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## Potential Improvements and Investments

- Stakeholder Involvement
- Technology & Automation
- Process Improvements
- Facility & Equipment Upgrades
- Measurement & Reporting

"If you don't measure it, you can't improve it"

- Peter Drucker

## Final Thoughts

#### **USAF Colonel Martha McSally**



The first American woman to fly in combat

The first woman to command a USAF fighter squadron

## **Questions?**

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## A Clean Air Strategy for the Port of New York and New Jersey

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Health Communities Task Force June 8, 2015 William A. Nurthen

## Port of New York and New Jersey



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## Port of New York and New Jersey

- Third largest Port in US 5.8 million TEU in 2014
- Economic engine:
  - 296,060 jobs
  - \$18.3B in wages
  - \$6.1B in taxes

- Definition of Success = Sustainable Port =
  - Regional Prosperity +
  - Financial Return +
  - Environment & Security

## How to accommodate cargo growth –

with all the economic benefits that it brings

 while protecting and improving the environment, specifically air quality

#### Response: Develop A Clean Air Strategy for the Port of New York and New Jersey





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City of New York

Identify Emission Reduction Actions - All port sources

Incorporate feedback from:

- Port stakeholders
- Environment and Community Groups

Track Progress:

• Measurement, Verification and Reporting

## **Clean Air Strategy Purpose and Goals**

#### Purpose:

- Reduce air pollutant impacts on human health and environment
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in advance of regulation
- Help bring region into attainment of air quality standards

<u>Goals</u>:

- Overall decrease in emissions despite any Port Growth
  - Annual 3 percent net decrease in criteria air pollutants
  - Annual 5 percent net decrease in greenhouse
    - Agency wide goal to reduce 2006 GHG emissions level by 80% by 2050

## Highlights from the 2013 Clean Air Strategy Implementation Report

- CAS implementation (Oct 2009 Nov 2013):
  - Eighty percent (27 of 34) of near-term/committed actions completed or underway
  - 12 actions led by Port Authority with 4 Strategy Group partners and one community partner leading the remainder
- Based on the latest Emissions Inventory at the time (2010):
  - Average 17% decrease across criteria air pollutants associated with port operations, despite a 4.6% increase in cargo volume
  - All maritime-related criteria air pollutants decreased at a rate greater than or equal to the 3% annual average reduction goal
  - Annual 5% net decrease goal for GHGs was not met

## Highlights of Major Actions Implemented To-Date in Each Sector

- Ocean-Going Vessels (OGV)
  - LSD Fuel Incentive Program
    - Provided incentives to 701 qualifying vessels (2010-2012)
  - Clean Vessel Incentive Program
    - Provided \$2.25M to 1192 qualifying vessel calls
  - Installing Shore Power at Brooklyn Cruise Terminal
  - Trucks (HHDV)
    - Truck Replacement Programs
      - Two programs: \$28M & \$6.2M; 429 old trucks replaced
      - Annual emissions reductions: 70% for NOx, 64% for PM
    - Truck Phase Out Program
      - January 1, 2011 access denied to trucks with 1993 or older engines
      - January 1, 2017 must have 2007 or newer engine to gain access
    - Truck Loan and Retrofit Program
      - Retrofitted 31 trucks with DPF and refinanced at 0% interest





## Highlights of Major Actions Implemented To-Date in Each Sector

- Cargo Handling Equipment (CHE)
  - Fleet modernization
    - Replaced 46 pieces CHE with new units meeting latest engine standards
- Rail
  - Engine retrofits
    - 4 switching locomotives retrofitted to GenSet configuration
    - 3 included additional retrofits achieving reductions >99% for PM and >88% for NOx compared to pre-retrofit engines
- Harbor Craft (HC)
  - Engine retrofits and upgrades
    - 10 engines on BillyBey, Waterway, and Seastreak/Wall Street ferries and 16 engines on 6 private harbor craft upgraded from Tier 0 to Tier 2
    - Diesel oxidation catalysts (DOCs) installed on over 31 boats



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## 2012 Emissions Inventory Key Findings – Across All Sectors

#### Percent change from 2006 to 2012 - tons/year

	NOx	PM10	PM2.5	VOC	CO	SO2	CO2 Eq
2006-12	-22%	-34%	-33%	-7%	-13%	-56%	-11%

#### Percent change from 2006 to 2012 – tons/million TEU

	NOx	PM10	PM2.5	VOC	CO	SO2	CO2 Eq
2006-12	-28%	-39%	-38%	-14%	-20%	-60%	-18%

#### Average annual rate of decrease from 2006 to 2012 – tons/year

	NOx	PM10	PM2.5	VOC	CO	SO2	CO2 Eq
2006-12	-3.7%	-5.7%	-5.5%	-1.2%	-2.2%	-9.3%	-1.8%

## Key Findings – Ocean-Going Vessels (OGV)

#### **Vessel Calls:**

• 2012 Container Ships: 2,033; 2010 Container Ships: 1,986

#### Percent change from 2006 to 2012 – tons/million TEU

	NOx	PM10	PM2.5	VOC	СО	SO2	CO2 Eq
2006-12	-44%	-41%	-41%	-28%	-34%	-56%	-40%





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## Key Findings – Cargo Handling Equipment (CHE)

#### **Total Units:**

- 2012:1 ,189; 2010: 1,052
- Terminal Tractors and Straddle Carriers: 63% of CHE and 69% of Emissions

#### Percent change from 2006 to 2012 - tons/million TEU

	NOx	PM10	PM2.5	VOC	CO	SO2	CO2 Eq
2006-12	-23%	-30%	-22%	-31%	-25%	-100%	-20%





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## Key Findings- Trucks (HDDV)

#### Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and Idling Hours

		VMT	Idling Hrs
	2012	4,696,337	1,970,936
On Terminal	2010	4,025,715	3,483,603
		VMT	
	2012	124,718,000	
	2010	115,005,411	



#### Percent change from 2006 to 2012 - tons/million TEU

	NOx	PM10	PM2.5	VOC	СО	SO2	CO2 Eq
2006-12	-7%	-47%	-42%	23%	-14%	-92%	-3%

## Key Findings- Trucks (HDDV)



#### Trucks Crtiteria Air Pollutant Emissions, 2006-2012

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## Key Findings – Rail

#### **Containers Moved By Rail**

• **2012:** 433,000 ; **2010**: 377,000

	NOx	PM10	PM2.5	VOC	СО	SO2	CO2 Eq
2006-12	-21%	-19%	-16%	-16%	-5%	-97%	6%







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## Key Findings – Harbor Craft (HC)

#### **Tug Assists**

2012: Total 11,448; 2010: Total 10,498 ۲

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2006



	NOx	PM10	PM2.5	VOC	СО	SO2	CO2 Eq
2006-12	-26%	-25%	-22%	-22%	-4%	-97%	-24%

2008



2010

2012

-SO2

## 2014 Update Process

Round of stakeholder meetings in December 2012 to provide input on status and feasibility of outstanding committed and future 2009 CAS Actions

Strategy Group Meetings in Spring and Summer 2014

- Determined objectives, goals, scope, and process; reviewed 2009 outstanding actions and stakeholder input; reviewed draft 2012 Emissions Inventory findings; developed initial draft list of sector-based actions
- Round of stakeholder meetings August/September to discuss initial draft action list and gather input for additional actions
- Strategy Group meeting in September to discuss stakeholder input and develop final draft list of actions
- Public meeting in December to present/discuss final draft Strategy
  - Followed by Strategy Group meeting to finalize Strategy based on input received
- Published 2014 Clean Air Strategy Update in March 2015


## Questions

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## CAS 2014 Update Draft Actions: Ocean-Going Vessels (OGV)

- 1. Implement a follow-on program to the Clean Vessel Incentive Program, which ends in 2015.
- 2. Research opportunities for reducing barriers to expansion of coldironing. If barriers can be overcome, create the infrastructure to support the use of cold ironing.
- 3. Implement pilot projects for promising new technologies, such as diesel particulate filters (DPFs), selective catalytic reduction (SCR), and scrubbers.
- 4. Examine the feasibility of and demand for a CNG/LNG refueling station for OGV and implement if feasible.



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# CAS 2014 Update Draft Actions: Cargo Handling Equipment (CHE)

- 1. Develop a new CHE program, prioritizing yard tractors and straddle carriers, to incentivize faster than end-of-cycle turnover of equipment to the best-available technology (currently Tier 4).
- 2. Replace X% of the CHE fleet at all Port Authority leased terminals with alternative-powered (e.g., CNG, electric) equipment meeting the best available technology standards.
- 3. Support changing business practices and operating systems that will increase efficiency, such as use of rail-mounted gantry cranes and Truck Actions #1 and 2.
- 4. Install new engines with diesel particulate filters (DPFs) on remaining five operating diesel wharf cranes. These cranes may be retained for emergency purposes in the event of lost power.
- 5. Conduct a demonstration project, such as bringing alternative power to a terminal (i.e., a mobile fueling station), which will help overcome fueling issues and increase demand.



### CAS 2014 Update Draft Actions: Trucks

- 1. Support implementation of the Port Performance Task Force recommendation for a Chassis Management Improvement System.
- 2. Support the development of a Truck Management System recommended by the Port Performance Task Force for trucks serving the terminals in order to decrease truck congestion and peaking at terminal gates, as well as reducing truck on-terminal or turn time.
- 3. Develop strategies, including providing financial incentives to purchase alternative fuel vehicles, to replace the number of trucks necessary to comply with the 2017 phase out plan.
- 4. Examine the feasibility of and demand for a CNG/LNG refueling station for trucks and implement if feasible.
- 5. Conduct an on-terminal idling study that looks at a representative sample over the course of a year (accounting for seasonality, high/low cargo, etc.). Based on the results, develop and implement an idle reduction strategy and/or an incentive program for the use of on-board automatic shutdown devices.



### CAS 2014 Update Draft Actions: Rail

- 1. Upgrade to the best available technology an additional [#] switching locomotive engines that regularly service the port.
- 2. Support building line-haul trains directly on-port to decrease the use of switching locomotives (number or operating hours).
- 3. Pilot a compressed natural gas (CNG) mother-slug set.
- 4. Evaluate and implement using alternative powered lifting equipment at Kearney, CSX, and Norfolk Southern intermodal yards.
- 5. Support implementation of long-term operational changes to increase the amount of cargo leaving the port on rail versus truck, including Express rail expansion and increasing short-haul rail capabilities (e.g., development of an inland port).



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#### CAS 2014 Update Draft Actions: Harbor Craft

- 1. Develop dockside electrification for harbor craft at Brooklyn Army Terminal Pier 4, Atlantic Basin (Brooklyn), and Homeport (Staten Island).
- 2. Repower/upgrade an additional [#] engines on private ferries, tugs, and other harbor craft, as an effort separate from the Harbor Deepening Project Air Offset Program.
- 3. Investigate and test post-combustion controls (diesel oxidation catalysts) and after-treatment technologies for tugs.
- 4. Implement a hybrid harbor craft pilot program.



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