

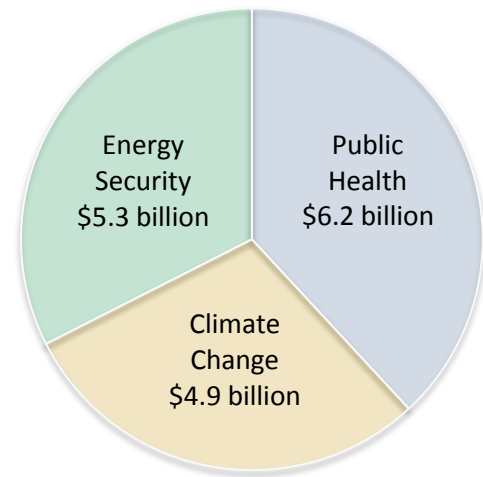
## Growing Healthy in Southern California: Quick Statistics

Smart growth refers to building more compact communities with housing near jobs, services and schools and easy access to transportation alternatives like transit, bicycling and walking. This approach improves air quality, supports healthier lifestyles, assists local economies and protects the environment. The American Lung Association in California's latest analysis of the benefits of smart growth focuses on Southern California. This new data quantifies the public health, environmental and petroleum reduction benefits possible in this region through a 20 percent reduction in vehicle miles traveled and advanced vehicle standards by 2035.

### Health and Societal Costs Avoided

A reasonable and achievable smart growth strategy could avoid over \$16 billion in health and societal costs between 2010 and 2035 (see chart) from reduced vehicle trips, and almost \$1 billion in 2035 alone in the SCAG region.

If the effects of advanced clean car standards are added, total savings over the next 25 years increase to over \$100 billion.



### Petroleum Consumption Avoided

By 2035, a 20 percent reduction in VMT by Southern Californians could reduce petroleum consumption by 11.3 billion gallons, amounting to an additional \$44 billion in avoided consumer costs at the pump by 2035 (at current gas prices).

#### Cumulative Health Impacts Avoided by 2035

	-20% VMT	Clean Cars	Total
• Asthma Attacks & Other Lower Respiratory Symptoms	16,377	127,186	143,564
• Premature Deaths	683	4,906	5,589
• Heart Attacks	599	4,647	5,246
• Hospitalizations/ER visits	414	3,128	3,542
• Work Days Lost	53,303	413,778	467,081
• School Days Lost	10,484	65,078	75,562
• Chronic and Acute Bronchitis	999	7,759	8,758
• Other Respiratory Symptoms	320,800	2,490,385	2,811,185

#### Annual Health Impacts Avoided in 2035

	-20% VMT	Clean Cars	Total
• Asthma Attacks & Other Lower Respiratory Symptoms	621	10,599	11,220
• Premature Deaths	73	409	481
• Heart Attacks	23	387	410
• Hospitalizations/ER visits	16	261	277
• Work Days Lost	2,021	34,481	36,502
• School Days Lost	479	5,423	5,903
• Chronic and Acute Bronchitis	38	647	684
• Other Respiratory Symptoms	12,161	207,532	219,693