## Thinking Outside the Bus:

## New Approaches to Commuter Transportation



Advanced Transportation
Technologies
Clean Transportation
Solutions *


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## CALSTART Focus Areas (current programs)

## Vehicles and Technologies

National Fuel Cell Bus Tech Initiative
LNG and Hybrid Electric
Yard Hostlers

Bus Rapid Transit First Mile Clean Mobility Centers MyGo-Pasadena Bikestation Seattle

## Consulting Services

Fleet AFV Choices Strategic Partnering Market Analysis

5-Year Goal: To Develop Vehicles, Fuels and Systems that Can Reduce

Petroleum Use 20\%
by 2020

Technical Advisory Committee

Participant Program
Conferences Publications

## Industry <br> Support

## New Fuels

CA E85 Network
Biomethane Task Force
Hydrogen Biofuels


## First Mile Solutions




Bay Area Station Car Program


Long Beach Electric Bike Sharing Program


## Urban Clean Fuel Car Sharing program 2002

## The Transit Access Problem

- Most people don't live within easy walking distance of transit
- Collector transit can involve large time penalty
- Most convenient and flexible option is to drive to transit
- Owning a car can make transit
 less attractive

How can we provide door-to-door mobility without dependence on the private automobile?

## Benefits of 2-Wheel Transit-Linked Mobility

## CALSTART

- Reduces demand for parking spaces
- Allows higher density TOD
- Makes carsharing a more viable option
- Reduces user transportation costs
- Encourages cleaner and more sustainable transportation
- Can provide flexibility for trip
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## New Forms of 2-Wheel Mobility

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- Bike commuting limited to small segment of commuting population
- Rapidly broadening array of 2wheel mobility devices
- Motorized or pedal assist technologies attract a new segment
- Strong growth in motor scooter sales (up 180\% since 1999)


Long Beach Clean Mobility Center - 2002


- Bikestation Long Beach modified to become a Clean Mobility Center
- Offers four different types of clean mobility - electric cars, electric scooters, electric and conventional bikes
- Valet and unattended bike storage
- Site adjacent to Metrorail station and Long Beach Transit stops
- Partnership between CALSTART, Bikestation Coalition, Flexcar



## What Did We Learn?

- Intensive marketing required to change transportation behavior
- Smart access and communications technologies can facilitate unattended facilities
- EV range, charging time not well suited to rental applications
- Strong interest in scooters
- Network effects critical to enhancing value proposition



## Seattle Clean Mobility Center

## (B) bikestation

- Attended facility providing multiple mobility options
- Located adjacent to a bus transit center, near Amtrak, Ferry Terminal, sports arenas
- Builds and improves upon Long Beach CMC



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MyGo-Pasadena 2006 Electric Bike Subsidy Program


Department of Transportation
 drive a 2-wheel EV (vs. a single occupancy vehicle) to one of three stations. Sierra Madre Villa, Memorial Park or Del Mar will be the "origin" stations, while Union Station in downtown LA will be the most common "destination" station for participant commuters.


## The MyGo-Getters!



## Local-Use EV Compendium 2005

A 2005 publication that lists all available local-use EV's in an effort to integrate a new class of vehicles with public transit, including:
-Low and high-powered e-scooters
-E-Bikes
-EPAMDs (Segways)

- Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV's)
-EV Storage Devices

Currently available on the CALSTART website www.calstart.org


## Compendium of Sustainable Community Transportation Strategies - 2009

- Toolkit of innovative mobility technologies and strategies that can help California communities meet requirements of SB375.
- Includes summaries of strengths \& weaknesses of each approach and examples of showcase communities.
- Contains select metrics
- VMT reduction potential
- Cost savings to community \& user
- GHG / criteria emission reductions



## About the Compendium

Compendium consists of ten strategies/actions:

1. First Mile/Last Mile Connectors
2. Streetcar
3. Car Sharing and Vanpooling
4. Car-free Days (Ciclovía)
5. Bikesharing
6. Personal Rapid Transit
7. Real-Time Urban Traveler Information Systems
8. Congestion Pricing
9. Smart Parking Systems
10. Financial Incentives

## FIRST MILE / LAST MILE CONNECTORS

## Packaging Ideas:

- Strengths: insurance did not play a large role in their failures or success, which is quite different from car sharing programs, where it did.
- Weaknesses: Demo programs = Highly dependent on funding and unsustainable on subscriber-based fees alone.
- What it works well with: Station car programs are particularly popular with people who place a high value on their presumed social and environmental benefits.


## Barriers to implementation:

- For station cars: No economies of scale which would dramatically reduce costs and increase the affordability of the services.
- For bike transit connections: program fund reallocation. Breaking from "business as usual" method of transit agencies building new parking capacity at far higher costs instead of lowering demand of vehicle parking.


## Southern California Association of Governments

## Maximizing Mobility Options in Los Angeles: First/Last Mile Strategies

December 2009


## SCAG Report - 2009 Elements

Mobility Strategies found to have the greatest applicability in Los Angeles:

## 1. Casual Carpooling

2. Taxis
3. Car-sharing
4. Short-term Car Rental
5. Folding Bikes on Transit
6. Bicycle Sharing Programs

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