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- 690,000 More Homes
- 673,000 More Jobs
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Only 3% of the region’s transportation dollars will be used to build new roads.

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**RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED**

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2. Two people
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Eligible Clean Air Vehicles

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- 16% MODERNIZE TRANSIT & ROADSIDES
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Total investment by function $237 billion (YOE$)

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