Overview of policies related to low carbon transportation in China

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Overview of policies in China

- National carbon intensity reduction goal
- Fuel consumption standards for new vehicle fleet
 - Passenger cars
 - Light commercial vehicles
 - Progress of for Heavy duty vehicles standard
- Vehicle fuel consumption labeling
- Vehicle fiscal policies
- New energy vehicle plan and incentives
- Local measures





National carbon intensity reduction goal

- China has committed to reduce 40-45% carbon intensity (CO₂ emissions per GDP) by 2020 from the 2005 baseline at the Copenhagen climate summit.
- Phase in schedule:
 - 2006-2010: 19% (achieved)
 - 2011-2015: 17% (planned in the 12th Five Year Plan)
- However, this target breaks down by regions instead of sectors.
- Enforcement agency: NDRC





China's auto industry and energy consumption

- China became the largest auto producer and market since 2009.
 - Both production and sale volume exceeded 18 millions in 2010.
- Fuel consumption by vehicles has been putting increasing pressure on China's energy security and conservation.
 - Increasing dependence on imported oil (crude oil imports exceeding 50% in early 2010)
 - Motor vehicles consume 80% of petrol and 42% of diesel in 2009, and are seeing rapid growth in the future
- Enforcement agency of new vehicle fuel consumption standards: MIIT





Timeline of fuel consumption standards for new vehicle fleets



New passenger car fuel consumption standards



New passenger car fuel consumption standards



Relative stringency of Chinese passenger car standard



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New light commercial vehicle standard

- Per-vehicle fuel consumption limits based on category (N or M), fuel type (petrol or diesel) and combined attributes(GVW + engine displacement)
- Example: limits for N1 petrol vehicles

Mass kg	Displacement L	Phase 1 L/100km	Phase 2 L/100km
M≤2000	all	8	7.8
2000 <m≤2500< td=""><td>V≤1.5</td><td>9</td><td>8.1</td></m≤2500<>	V≤1.5	9	8.1
	1.5 <v≤2.0< td=""><td>10</td><td>9</td></v≤2.0<>	10	9
	2.0 <v≤2.5< td=""><td>11.5</td><td>10.4</td></v≤2.5<>	11.5	10.4
	V>2.5	13.5	12.5
2500 <m≤3000< td=""><td>V≤2.0</td><td>10</td><td>9</td></m≤3000<>	V≤2.0	10	9
	2.0 <v≤2.5< td=""><td>12</td><td>10.8</td></v≤2.5<>	12	10.8
	V>2.5	14	12.6
M>3000	V≤2.5	12.5	11.3
	2.5 <v≤3.0< td=""><td>14</td><td>12.6</td></v≤3.0<>	14	12.6
	V>3.0	15.5	14





Progress of new heavy-duty vehicle fuel consumption standard development

Rulemaking process

- China Automotive Technology and Research Center (CATARC) develops test procedure (3 drafts before finalized by Ministry)
- Test procedure implemented voluntarily for collecting baseline fuel consumption data while standards are developed
- Standard expected to be adopted in 2012 and implemented in 2015 at the earliest
- Proposed test procedure released in 2010, formally adopted in 2011
 - Base models required to be tested using chassis dyno, variant models fuel consumption can be estimated using simulation model
 - Simulation model developed by CATARC





Light duty vehicle labeling



Fuel consumption: urban, extra urban, and combined

Applicable Phase II fuel consumption standard limit



Vehicle Fiscal Policies

- Three major vehicle taxes and fees are not linked to engine size instead of fuel consumption or CO₂ emissions.
- Temporary tax relief for small vehicles (under 1.6L) in 2009-2010.
- One-time purchase subsidy (3,000 yuan) for energy-saving and small vehicles.
 - Engine size must be less than or equal to 1.6L
 - Must achieve the specific fuel consumption limit in the proposed Phase III standard
 - Eligible vehicles will be given a special sticker





New Energy Vehicle (NEV) Policies

- Baseline: total sales of new energy vehicles (PHEV, BEV, FC) in 2010 was only 12 k, *less than 1%* of the total market of 18 million.
- New Energy Vehicle Industry Development Plan to be released in 2011
 - Over 100 billion *yuan* government investment in core technology development,
 - Targets 5 million cumulative sales of new energy vehicles by 2020
- "Ten city thousand NEVs" expanded to 25 pilot cities for publicly used NEV subsidy in 2010
- Five pilot cities for private NEV subsidy in 2010





Subsidies for public service NEVs

Light duty vehicles

Туре	Gas Saving	Electricity as % of overall power			
		BSG	10%-20%	20%-30%	30%-100%
HEV/PHEV	5-10%	4			
	10-20%	4	28	32	
	20-30%		32	36	42
	30-40%			42	45
	>40%				50
BEV	100%				60
Fuel Cell	100%				250

In thousand RMB

Buses

Туре	Gas Saving	Lead-Acid	NiMH/LiB/Super Capacitor Electricity as % of overall power 20-50% >50%	
HEV/PHEV	10-20%	50	200	
	20-30%	70	250	300
	30-40%	80	300	360
	>40%		350	420
BEV	100%			500
Fuel Cell	100%			600
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In thousand RMB



Subsidies for private NEVs and HEVs

PHEV/BEV

- Apply to 5 pilot cities that promote private PHEV/BEV
- Determined by battery capacity

Туре	Subsidy	Сар
PHEV (>10kWh)	3 per kWh	50
BEV (>15kWh)	3 per kWh	60
Fuel Cell	No mention	
In thousand RMB		

HEV

- As part of a temporary preferential policy for energy-saving product, applied nationwide
- RMB3,000 (US\$450)
- <1.6L engine and >20% gas saving compared with conventional models of the same size





Local Programs

- Low carbon development path pilot program
 - Launched by NDRC in August 2010
 - Pilot cities/provinces to develop low carbon development plans, accelerate development of low carbon industry and promote low carbon lifestyles and consumption
 - Pilot cities/provinces to include the local carbon development plan in respective 12th Five Year Plan
 - 5 pilot provinces (Guangdong, Liaoning, Hubei, Shaanxi, and Yunnan) and 8 pilot cities (Tianjin, Chongqing, Xiamen, Hangzhou, Nanchang, Guiyan, Baoding)





Conclusion

- Efforts to decarbonize road transport driven initially by energy security concerns, but more recently linked to climate change
- Combination of regulatory and technology push, and market pull
- New energy vehicle incentive policies did not account for upstream emissions.





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