Comments from the HEI Review Committee

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World's population is increasingly living in urban areas

- Globally, 54% of the population lives in urban areas
  - Expected to be nearly 70% by 2050

- ~7% in megacities (>10 million people) in 2014

- 10 megacities in 1990 → 28 megacities in 2014

UN 2014: http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/news/population/world-urbanization-prospects-2014.html

Megacities

1. Tokyo (38 million)
2. Delhi (25 million)
3. Shanghai (23 million)
4. Mexico City (21 million)
5. Mumbai (21 million)
6. Sao Paulo (21 million)
7. Osaka (20 million)
8. Beijing (20 million)
9. New York-Newark (18.5 million)
10. Cairo (18.5 million)

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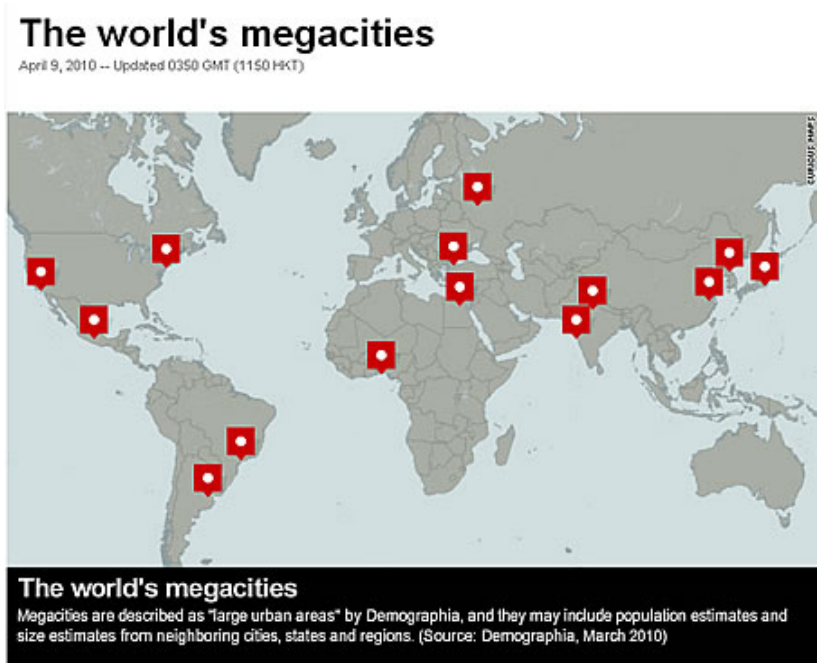

Air pollution models

- Previous air pollution exposure models have been largely two dimensional
- Air pollution operates in three dimensions
- Population mobility

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- RFA 13-1: Improving Assessment of Near-Road Exposure to Traffic Related Pollution
- Reviewed draft of final report (February 2017)
- Comments to investigators (March 2017)
- Revised report expected (June 2017)

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- Impressive amount of work and data
- Several challenges in process
  - Resourceful workarounds
- Responsive to Committee suggestions

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- Important lessons learned
- Number of measurements and degree of precision necessary
- How to evaluate / compare exposure models that have different and important limitations
    - Is complex necessarily better?
- How to evaluate impact on epidemiologic results
    - How do we define “better” or “stronger”?
- Generalizability of approach and results

Questions?