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## **Introduction to Sustainable Supply Chains**

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# Introduction to Sustainable Supply Chains

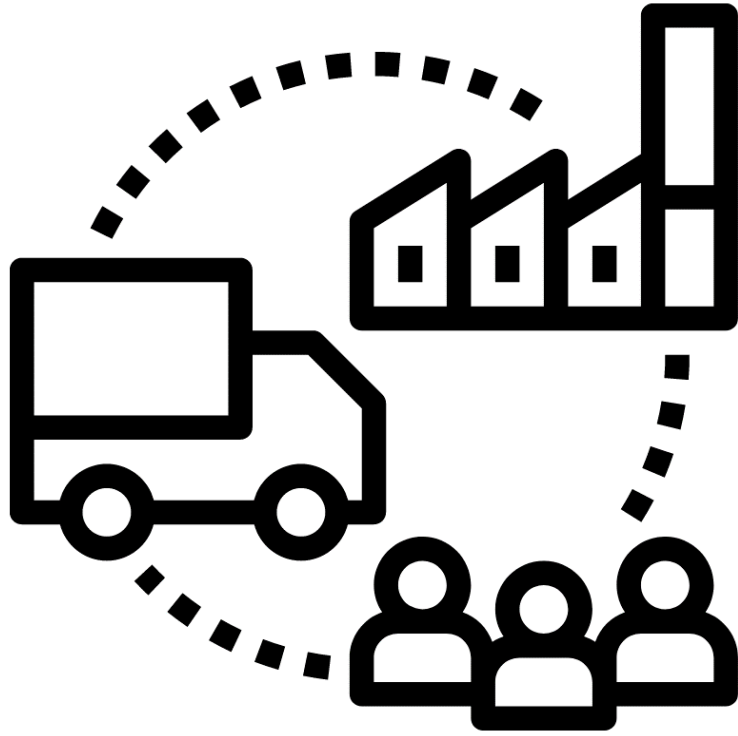





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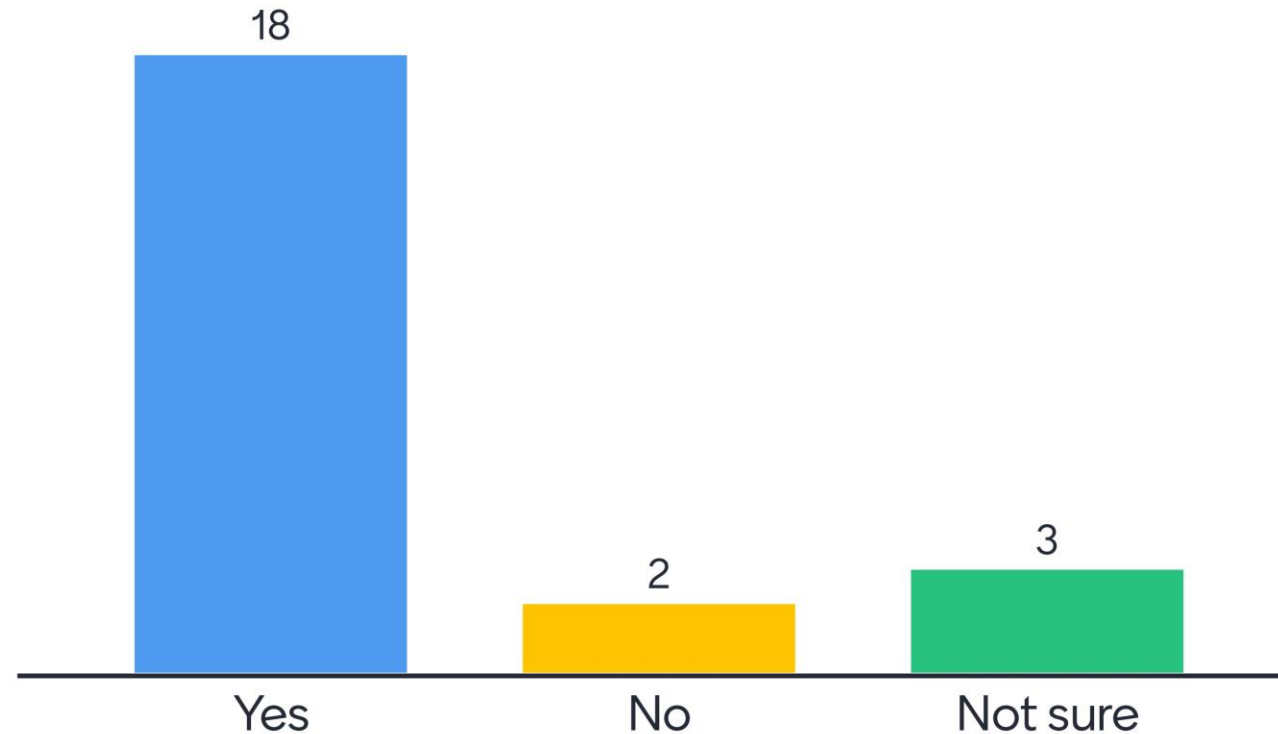
# Supply Chain Management, where dreams com true...



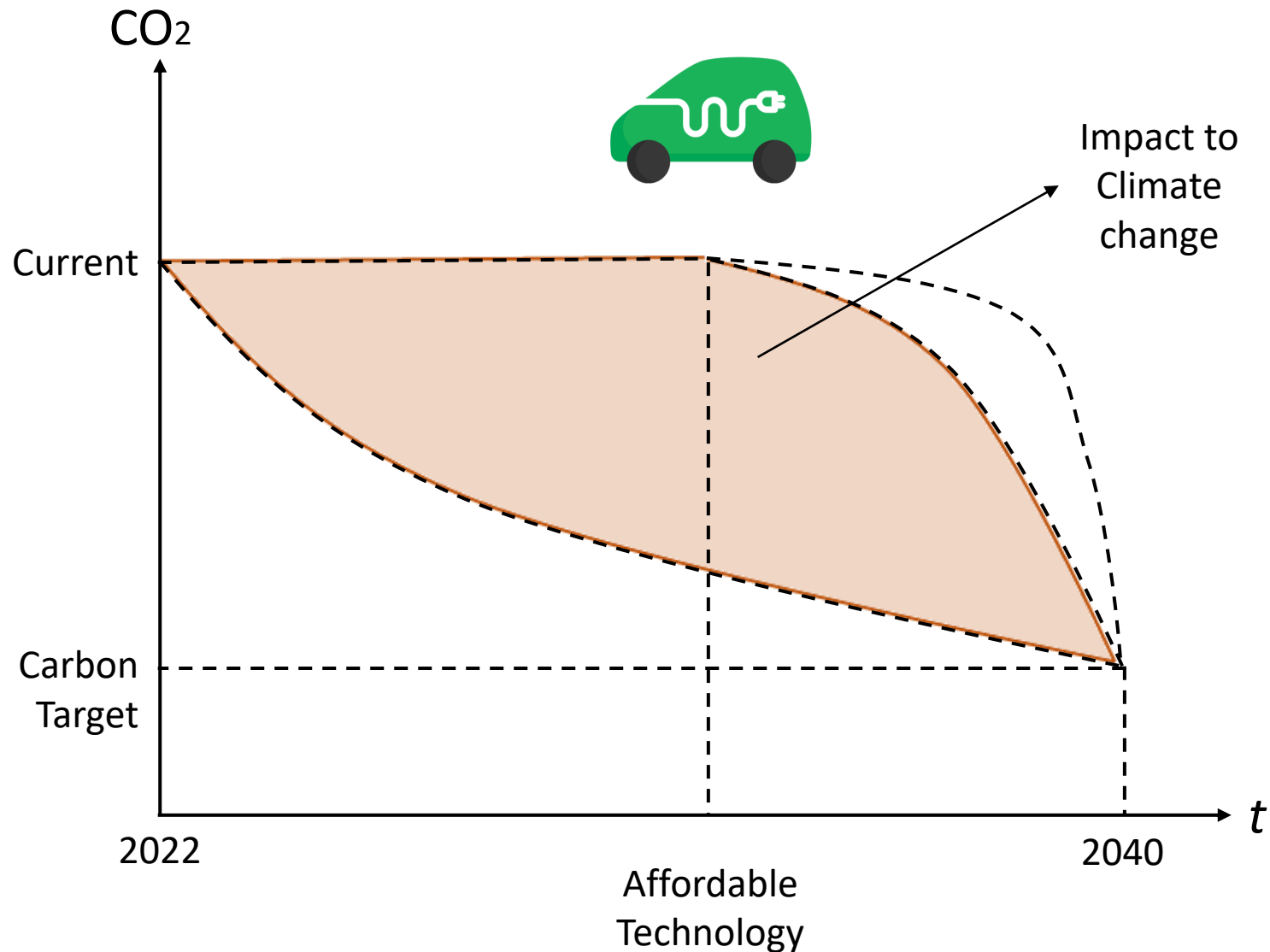
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Does your company (or key customers) have established clear carbon reduction targets for the next 10, 20 or 30 years?

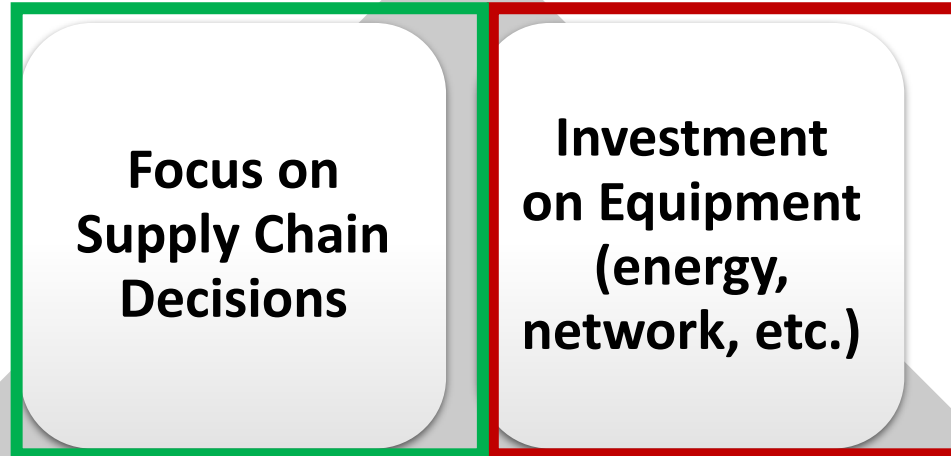


# “The path is more important than the goal”





**Impact**



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time

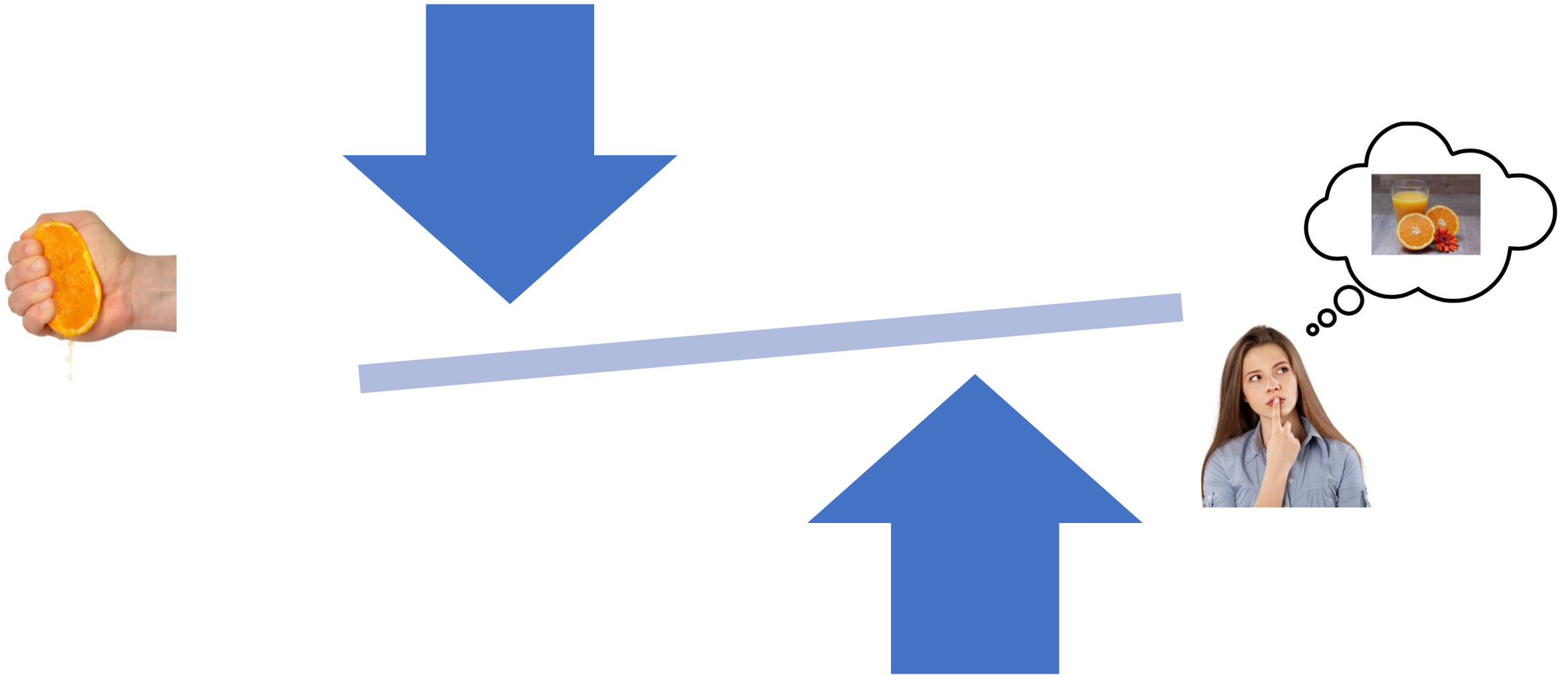
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**Effort**



# The How

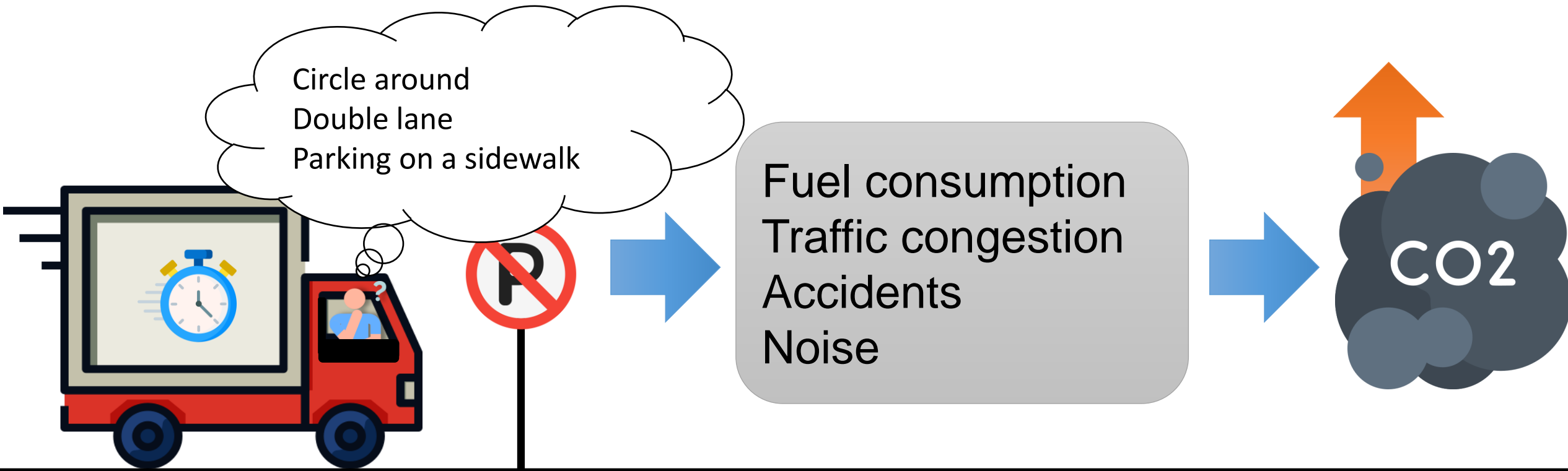


# Focusing on operations & current decisions - *Example*



# Lack of dedicated unloading areas for freight vehicles

- The UN projects that close to **7 billion** people will live in **urban areas** by 2050
- In emerging markets **urbanization** is accompanied by a **high fragmentation**
- The number of freight vehicles performing **last-mile deliveries** is rising



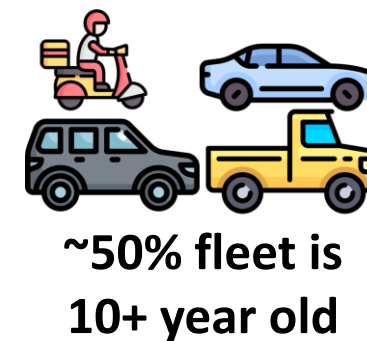
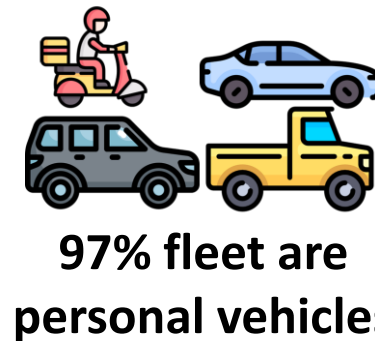
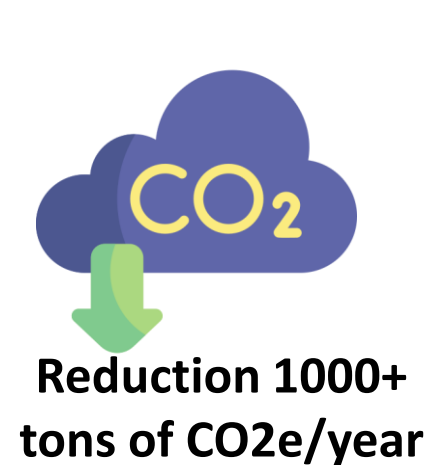
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# EZ Parking – decarbonizing urban logistics

- **RQ.** What are the social, environmental, and economic benefits of creating dedicated loading-unloading areas for freight vehicles in emerging economies?



EZ Parking (2022) EZ Parking - Logística Eficiente y Sustentable de Última Milla - Ext. Sub. YouTube  
<https://youtu.be/FcuqZQ3IX7I>



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# Involve Consumers - *Example*

← **Select Shipping Options**

Shipment 1 of 2

- Logitech M705 Wireless Marathon Mouse

Choose your Prime delivery option:

☒ **FREE Two-Day Shipping** — get it  
Monday, Feb. 19

☐ **FREE No-Rush Shipping** — get it  
Tuesday, Feb. 27  
Get a \$6 reward for Prime Pantry.

Continue

or

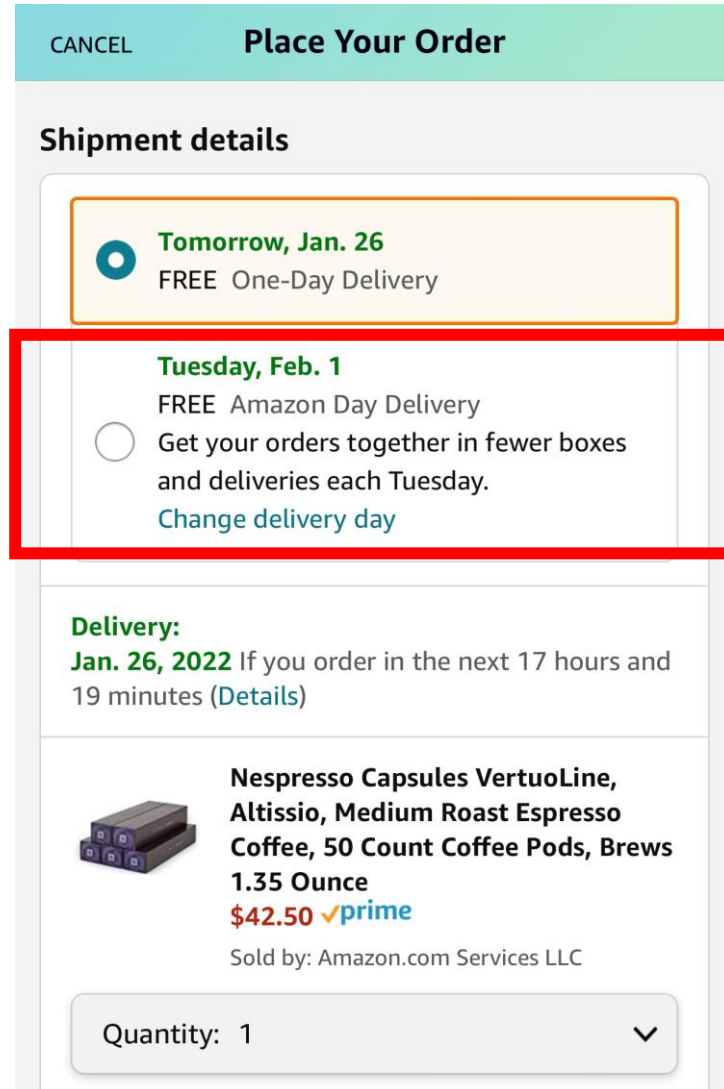
[Cancel and continue shopping](#)



“No-Rush” shipping  
(~8 days more)  
for an economical incentive

***Are customers only sensitive  
to economic incentives?***

# What are companies currently doing?



“No-Rush” shipping  
(~6 days more)  
for “fewer boxes”

***What drives consumer  
willingness to wait?***

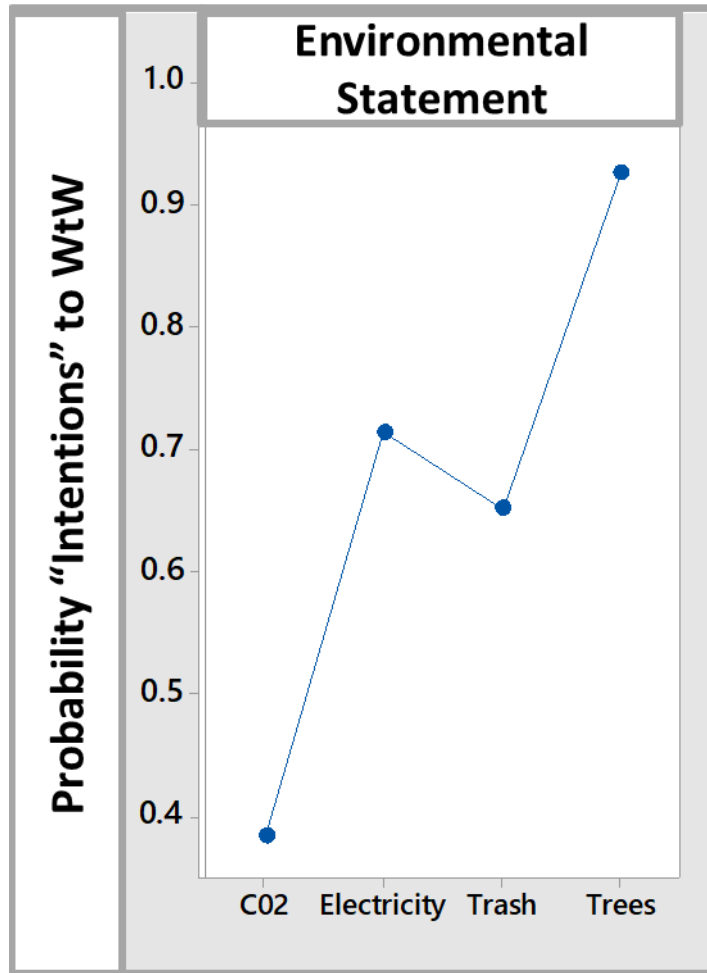
# Example in ecommerce fast shipping



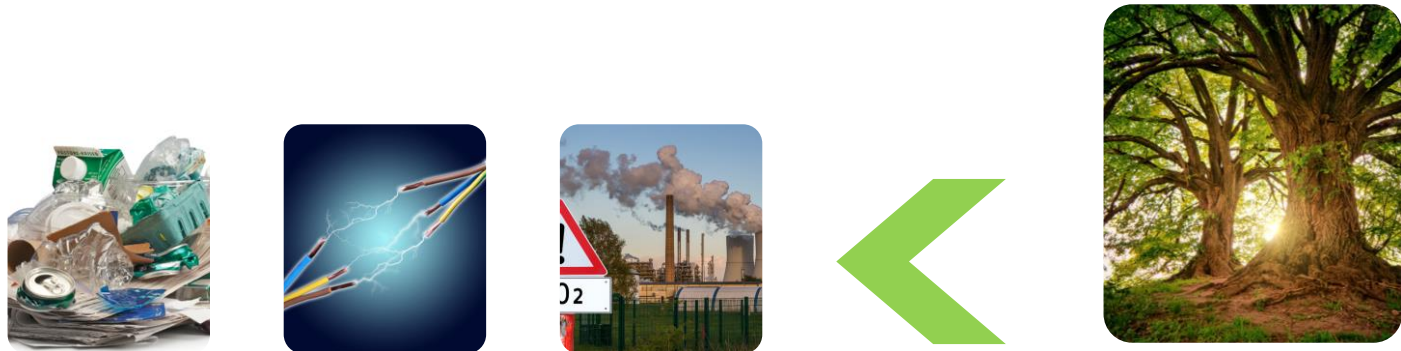


# Binary Logistic Regression Model Results

The odds ratio shows that the intention of willingness to wait is larger when we use trees as an environmental incentive

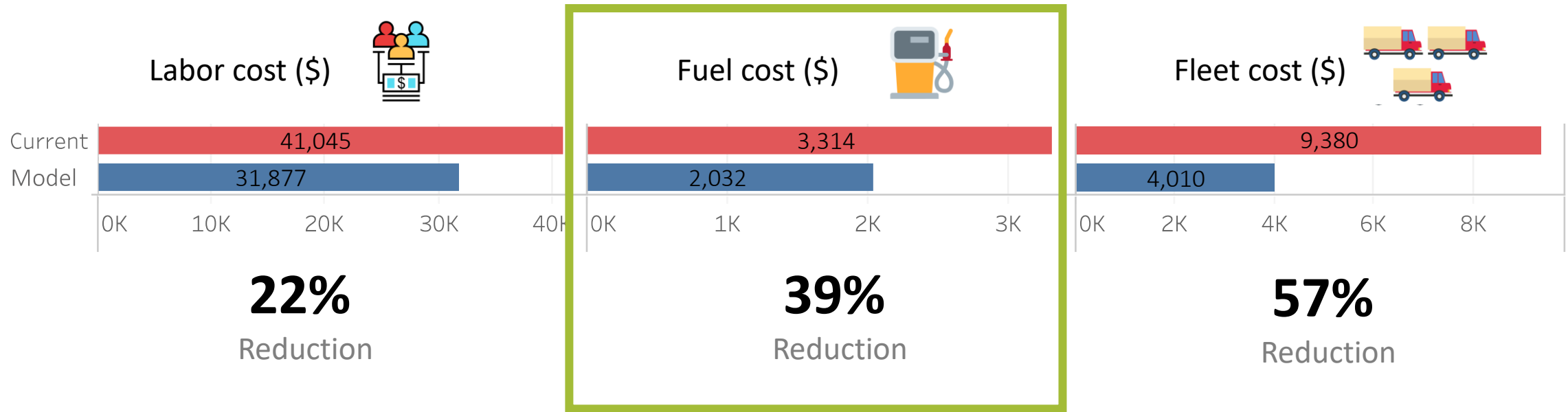


*The main effects plots for the Intention of WtW*





# How much can we gain by having more days to deliver?



# Key learnings - Where to put the incentives?

- Focus on incentivizing companies to conduct a comprehensive supply chain carbon footprint estimation – key foundation.
- Incentivize supply chain transparency – disclosure to both governments and consumers.
- Focus on creating consumer awareness (it matters how we communicate environmental impacts of the supply chain), and involve them into the sustainability strategies
- Focus not only on the carbon target, but on the path. Continue incentivizing technology development and early adoption to mitigate the impact of climate change

# Thanks!



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