



CITY OF TACOMA

SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION

HYBRID MEETING

DRAFT AGENDA
THURSDAY, APRIL 20TH, 2023
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

This meeting will be held both virtually and in-person. In person location is the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St, room 248.

Meeting phone line: (253) 215-8782

Meeting hyperlink: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84328083947?pwd=YXo2N1dURXJhRkxpSHNMMnZhRTIGQT09>

Meeting ID: 843-2808-3947

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Microphones will be muted and cameras turned off for all meeting participants, except for the Commissioners and staff presenters. Public comments will be accepted in meeting during the time set aside by the agenda. In addition, the Commission encourages community members to submit written comments prior to the meeting by 4:00 p.m. on April 20th. Please e-mail your comments to klynett@cityoftacoma.org, put in the subject line "STC Meeting 4/20/2023", and clearly indicate which agenda item(s), if any, you are addressing.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & EXTENDED ROLL CALL**
- II. APPROVE APRIL 20TH AGENDA AND MARCH 16 MINUTES**
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- IV. STAFF UPDATES**
- V. CAP PROGRESS REPORT DISCUSSION**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- VII. OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT MEETING**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**



**City of Tacoma
Sustainable Tacoma Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 16, 2023

Commission Members Present:

Matthew Benedict, Lexi Brewer, Evlondo Cooper (Co-Chair), Tony Ivey, Casey McManus, Margaret Schwertner (Co-Chair), Laura Svancarek

Commission Members Excused: Adam Reichenberger,

Commission Members Absent: Kendra Stauffer

Others Present:

City of Tacoma Commission Support Staff: LaKecia Farmer and Kristin Lynett (Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability),

Other Presenters:

Pat Beard (Office of Economic Development), Ryan Donahue (Green Economy Consultant), Leah Michaelson (Environmental Services Department)

Members of the Public: present

Call to Order & Roll Call

This meeting was called to order by Commission Co-Chairperson Evlondo Cooper, including an acknowledgement of the traditional indigenous lands this Commission conducts its business on. The Chair welcomed Commissioners, staff, and members of the public. Then, Evlondo administered an extended roll call discussion, where Commissioners acknowledged their attendance.

Unanimous Approval of March 16, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Unanimous Approval of February 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public Comment

No public comments were delivered verbally during this agenda item or in writing prior to the meeting.

Staff Updates

OEPS Staff, LaKecia Farmer, gave updates on:

- Welcoming commission in new role as Senior Sustainability Analyst

ESD Staff, Leah Michaelson, gave updates on:

- Small Grant Program and it's re-launch. There was discussion on when to start advertising and when to close the application period for this session with pros and cons for an earlier and later start date. Staff will get back to the Commissions on recommendations by the April meeting.

OEPS Staff, Kristi Lynett, gave updates on:

- STC new commissioner process and timeline
 - Only 4 applicants applied, therefore DM Walker is extending open application deadline to March 23, 2023
 - Encouraged commissioners to send application to their lists and add personal notes
- Important Dates:
 - March 22, IPS
 - Home in Tacoma
 - April 18
 - City Council Study Session CAP 2022 Progress Report
 - April 26
 - IPS STC Interviews

Commission Business Items

Green Economy Strategy Update– Pat Beard of Office of Economic Development presented and introduced Ryan Donahue, the Green Economy Consultant. Ryan presented on the top strategies most relevant for Tacoma and our social and business climate. These include: creation of a Green Economy Hub that would coordinate and initiative strategies around a) evolving existing business and industries through innovation and retooling, b) developing green economy skills for workers through upskilling and networking, and c) creating new green business and industries through deploying testbeds and attracting circular economy businesses.

Sustainability Expo and Earth Month– Leah Michaelson of the Environmental Services Department presented on the sustainability Expo held on Earth Day (April 22, 2023). She encouraged commissioners to attend and also sign up for tabling shifts.

CAP Progress Report draft, including STC Letter- LaKecia Farmer and Kristin Lynett of OEPS presented on the 2022 Climate Action Plan Progress Report. LaKecia summarized the Mayor's Letter in the CAP Report draft. Kristin went over the high-level details of the progress report because the final report was not published yet. She went over significant and initial progress on the 10 jumpstart actions for 2022 and looked ahead to the 2023-2024 outlook. LaKecia presented draft ideas for STC to consider putting in their letter for the CAP Progress Report update. Commissioners added their comments to consider in the letter that LaKecia would then draft and send the following week for individual commissioner feedback.

Public Comment

There was one comment by a community member interested in learning about the commission.

Objectives for the Next Meeting (April 20, 2023)

- CAP Progress Report 2022
- Recognize departing Commissioners
- Home in Tacoma- tentative
- Right of Way Tree Codes - tentative

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Commission unanimous approved an adjourned at 6:55.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be held hybrid on Thursday, April 20 2023, at 5:00pm, on zoom and at Tacoma Municipal Building, room 248

Evlondo Cooper and Margaret Schwertner, Co-Chairs

LaKecia Farmer, Staff / Note Taker

DRAFT

Sustainable Tacoma Commission (STC)

4/20/2023 Hybrid Public Meeting

Welcome

Commissioners

Members of the public

Presenters and staff support:

Kristin Lynett

City of Tacoma, Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability



Office of
Environmental Policy
and Sustainability

Call to Order



Land Acknowledgment

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We gratefully honor and acknowledge that we rest on the traditional lands of the Puyallup People. The Puyallup people have lived on this land since the beginning of time. They are still here today. They live, work, raise their children, take care of their community, practice their traditional ways and speak the Twulshootseed language – just as their ancestors did.



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Roll Call

Commission Members

Matthew Benedict

Lexi Brewer

Evlondo Cooper (Co-Chair)

Tony Ivey

Casey McManus

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(Motion)



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3/16/2023 Meeting Minutes Approval

(Motion)



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Public Comments



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Staff Updates

- Kendra's last meeting... thank you!
- Climate Data and Grant Analyst – starting June 1 (tent)
- New Commissioners start next month... need mentors!
- New members coming in May... mentors needed!



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Important Dates

- Sustainability Expo; this Saturday!
- STC commissioner interviews on April 26 in IPS



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Other Business Items

1. CAP Progress Report
 - Presentation



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CAP Progress Report– Presentation

Presenters

Kristin Lynett

Office of Environmental Policy & Sustainability



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Public Comments



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Objectives for Next Meeting (May 18)

Meeting items:

- Welcome new members / extended roll call (networking)
- Annual Council Recommendations – finalize
- Home in Tacoma Phase 2
- ROW Tree Codes



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Adjournment

(Motion)



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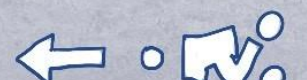


TACOMA 2030 CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

2022
PROGRESS
REPORT

AGENDA

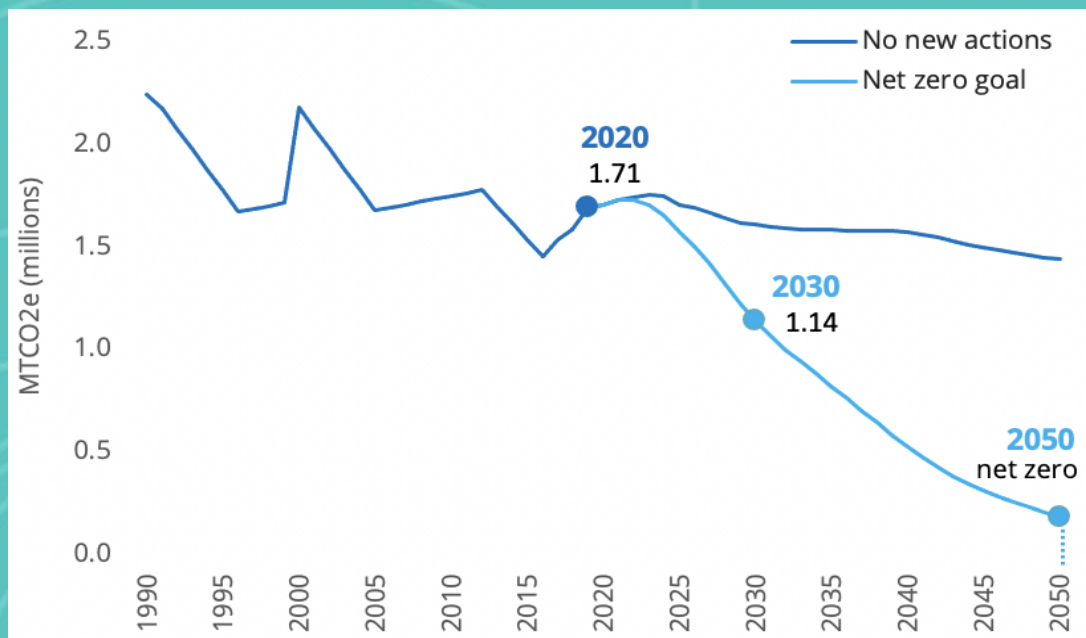
- Background
- Climate Goals
- 2030 Indicators
- 2022 Jump Start Actions
- Success Stories
- Next Steps



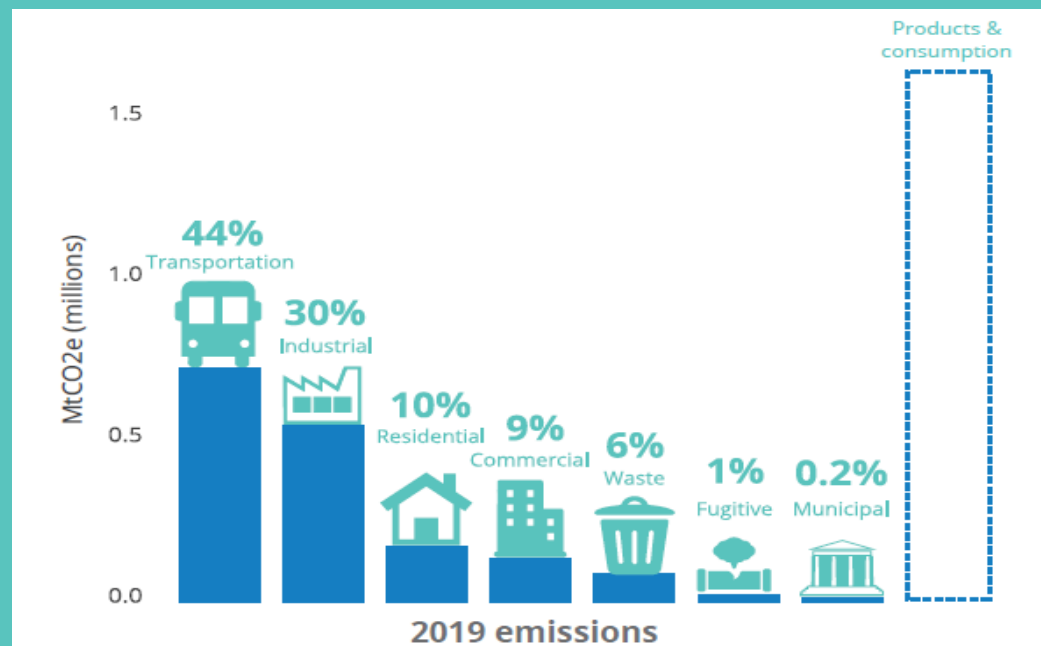
BACKGROUND



Tacoma Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Tacoma Greenhouse Gas Emission Sources



2030 CLIMATE MILESTONES



- ✓ 100% of new builds meet net zero carbon
- ✓ 12% of existing commercial buildings are retrofit to net zero carbon
- ✓ 7% of existing industrial buildings are retrofit to net zero carbon



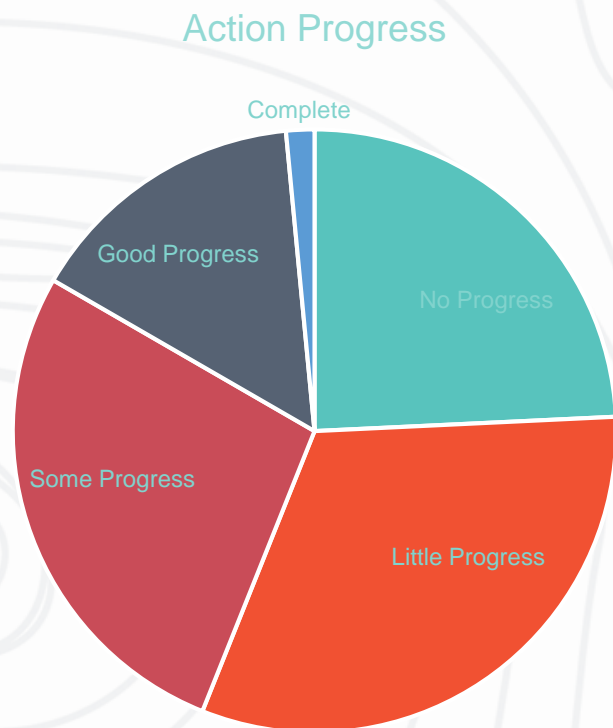
- ✓ 100% new passenger vehicle sales are EV
- ✓ 30% of buses zero emission
- ✓ Ferries electrified
- ✓ Almost twice as many people take transit and shift to bicycling and walking



- ✓ Per person waste reduced by 18%
- ✓ 25,000 trees planted
- ✓ Everyone has access to safe air

2030 CAP OVERVIEW

- Adopted November 2021
 - 2022-2024 Actions
 - 2030 Indicator Targets



Actions for a Better & More Just Tacoma

- Health
- Equity
- Emergency Preparedness
- Jobs
- Housing
- Transportation
- Safety



MOBILITY & LAND USE

2030 INDICATORS



Increase compact, complete, walkable neighborhoods

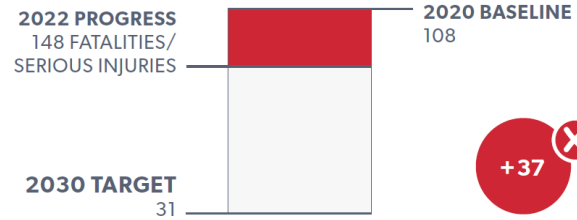
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Eliminate fatalities and serious injuries from collisions by 2035 to achieve Vision Zero

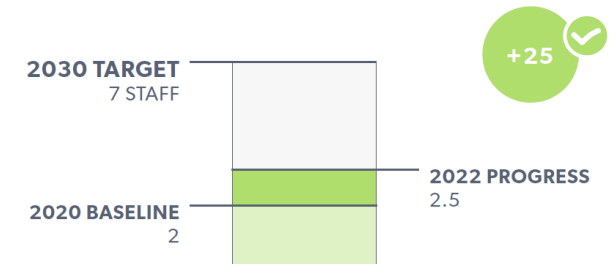
- Note: The baseline data was updated since the publication of the 2030 Climate Action Plan.

Sector: Mobility & Land Use



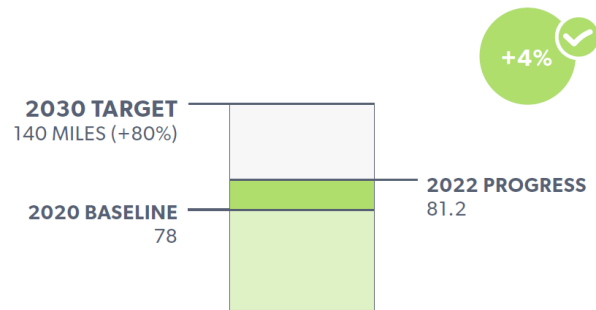
Increase active transportation and transit staffing to reach League of American Bicyclists gold-level staffing

Sector: Mobility & Land Use



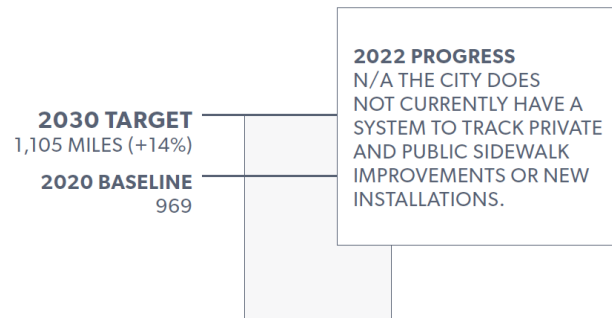
Increase bicycle infrastructure miles

Sector: Mobility & Land Use



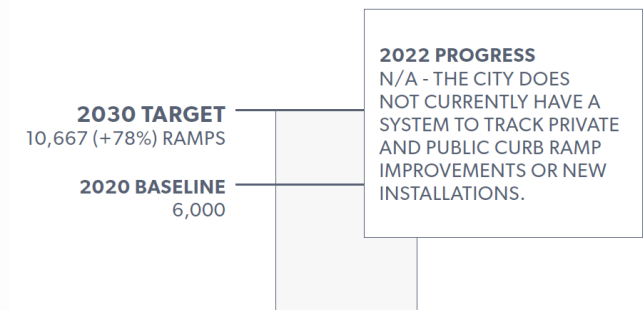
Increase miles of sidewalks

Sector: Mobility & Land Use



Increase number of ADA-compliant curb ramps

Sector: Mobility & Land Use



MOBILITY & LAND USE



Increase public electric vehicle charging locations, especially in low and very low opportunity equity neighborhoods

Sector: [Mobility & Land Use](#)

2030 TARGET
200 (+400%) CITY-WIDE LOCATIONS

2022 PROGRESS
55

2020 BASELINE
40

38%

2030 TARGET
125 (+443%) LOW AND VERY LOW OPPORTUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD LOCATIONS

2022 PROGRESS
30

2020 BASELINE
23

30%






MOBILITY & LAND USE

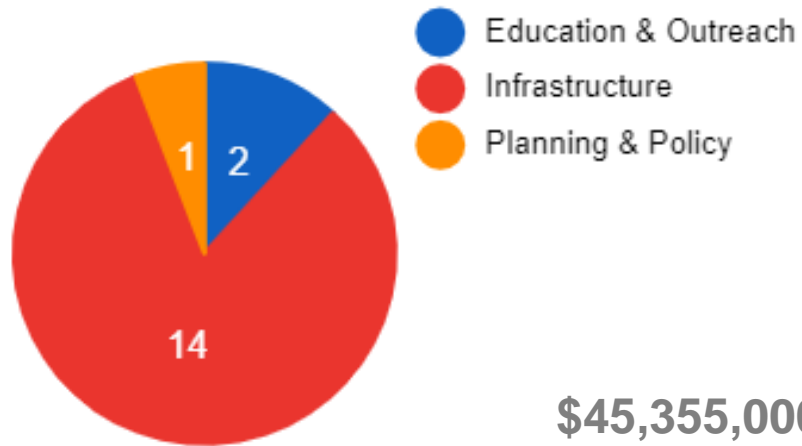
#	THEME	ACTION SUMMARY	2022 PROGRESS	PROGRESS
#9	BETTER LIVING	JUMP START ACTION Build a complete, citywide network of sidewalks, safe and ADA-accessible intersections, bike connections and Safe Routes to School Improvements by 2050.		In 2022, the Active Transportation Coordinator presented high level data showing the amount of funding needed to meet our CAP goal to City Council. While the City will need hundreds of millions of dollars to complete the network, we received \$45 million in grants in 2022, of which \$15 million is designated for Schuster Parkway to improve the system.
#10	BETTER LIVING	Increase staff capacity to collaborate on low carbon transit projects.		Planning and Development Services hired a Senior Planner to lead the Pacific Avenue Subarea Plan. Public Works was not able to hire a Transit Planner.
#11	BETTER LIVING	Increase partnerships and funding for active transportation and public transit programs and events that reduce barriers to using these modes and encourage their use.		Public Works (PW) hired an Intern in 2022 to assist with Active Transportation Programming and will add an Active Transportation Planner in 2023.
#12	BETTER LIVING	Update street design guidelines and processes to make walking, biking, rolling, and riding transit easy and safe.		The Vision Zero Action Plan, developed in 2022, includes a toolbox of design standards and practices for implementation. Staff began work with internal staff to update the Complete Streets policy and checklist, which is anticipated to be completed in 2023.
#17	BETTER LIVING	JUMP START ACTION Incentivize green buildings, land use density, and mixed-use development with affordable housing near transit.		Through Home in Tacoma, the City is encouraging more missing middle housing near centers and transit. A review of the zoning bonus systems for green buildings has not been identified as a high priority item in the planning work program. Planning and Development Services expects an expansion of bonus programs that support affordable housing to be part of the Home in Tacoma project in 2023.
#19	BETTER BREATHING	Support Pierce Transit in developing a zero emission public transit plan.		Assisting Pierce Transit as they develop their zero emission bus plan for 2023.

MOBILITY & LAND USE

#	THEME	ACTION SUMMARY	2022 PROGRESS	PROGRESS
#22	BETTER BREATHING	Partner to support zero emission innovation in marine, rail, and truck transportation.		Tacoma Power is participating in a demonstration project with OCOchem, a startup granted \$1.5M from the Clean Energy Fund to build a portable power generator fueled with a safe liquid hydrogen carrier for a variety of novel applications. Additionally, Tacoma Rail to design charging infrastructure to support two new electric locomotives.
#41	BETTER PREPARED	Establish cooling/warming/clean air shelters in every neighborhood.		Several sites around the City were open for relief during extreme heat and smoke days, including Lighthouse Center, Beacon Senior Center, Brotherhood RISE, and libraries. Expansion of hours and neighborhood locations planned for 2023.
#45	BETTER BREATHING	Study flooding impacts and improve services, codes, and planning efforts.		Stormwater Comprehensive Plan is included in the 23-24 Biennium Budget and will include Flood Vulnerability study to begin in late 2023.
#20	BETTER BREATHING	Incentivize active transportation, transit, car sharing, and electric vehicles, and reduce parking minimums in new developments.		Staff worked on updating the Complete Streets policy, but it is still in draft form.
#21	BETTER BREATHING	Fund electric vehicle and bicycle programs.		Tacoma Power awarded \$1MM federal funds for public and Multifamily Electric Vehicle Charging. Low income car share program state grants of \$1.2MM awarded to partnering nonprofits.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL SOLUTIONS

Grants Awarded 2022 - 2023



STATE LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Statewide GHG limits
- ✓ Clean Building Act
- ✓ Energy Code
- ✓ Climate Commitment Act^{\$}
- ✓ Clean Fuel Standard^{\$}
- ✓ Clean Energy Transformation Act

FEDERAL LEADERSHIP

- ✓ \$369 Billion investment in a green & just economy thru 2029

NEXT STEPS

- Hire key staff
- Ramp up programs and engagement
- Implement Green Economy workplan & Building Decarbonization Strategies
- Increase resiliency measures



The New York Times

Earth is likely to cross a critical global warming threshold within the next decade unless drastic changes are made, a major U.N. report said.

Monday, March 20, 2023 9:04 AM ET

