

Revisions in Response to Public Comments

Steering Committee, December 3, 2020

Summary of Revisions

The following revisions were made in response to public comments to the September 2020 public review draft of the *Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan*. For detailed changes, see the attached redline version.

- **Chapter 1 – Introduction**
 - o Minor text edits
- **Chapter 2 – Vision, Goals, and Guiding Principles**
 - o Added discussion of carbon neutrality as a potential future or “stretch” target in the plan, while emphasizing that targets can be updated over time to reflect the science.
 - o Added new “Equity and Climate Action” section
- **Chapter 3 – Background**
 - o Updated Greenhouse Gas estimates for greater consistency with TCAT’s 2018 emissions inventory. The consultant team previously included a category of “Other” sources, including emissions from refrigerants and land clearing. These and other sources are not included in the main inventory totals reported by TCAT, either because local actions are unlikely to impact the emission source or because of a lack of confidence in the measurements. These categories have also been removed from the totals in the scenario analysis (Appendix 10.5).
 - o Added earlier distinction between emissions measured through the inventory and those not considered (consumption-based emissions).
- **Chapter 4 – Plan Development**
 - o Added information about the public review period to the Community Engagement section.
 - o Updated carbon wedge figures, based on updates to the scenario analysis.
- **Chapter 5 – Strategies and Actions**
 - o Action B6.4 – Revised, changing natural gas ban to natural gas transition.
 - o Action T2.2 - Renamed “transportation efficiency” to better reflect intent of action.
 - o Action T3.10 - Clarify that transit is included in governmental fleets that should develop an electrification transition plan.
 - o Action T4.1 – Added language to clarify that expansion of transit service should include an analysis of climate impacts to ensure it does not result in increased greenhouse gas emissions.
 - o Action T4.3 – Renamed “transit connections” and description revised to better clarify intent of action. Added language to clarify that expansion of transit service should include an analysis of climate impacts to ensure it does not result in increased greenhouse gas emissions.
 - o Added supplemental indicator to Transportation and Land Use sector to track percent of development occurring outside Urban Growth Areas.
 - o Revised target for Agriculture and Forests to better reflect results of scenario analysis and not lump tree preservation and afforestation.
 - o Action G4.2 – Clarified action description.

- **Chapter 6 – Implementation Strategy**
 - o Added new section describing the different levers and mechanisms and showing that actions assessed for the plan employ a variety of levers, including both voluntary and regulatory approaches.
 - o Added sections on funding and timeline of implementation.
- **Chapter 7 – Next Steps**
 - o Minor text edits
- **Chapter 8 – Glossary**
 - o Minor text edits
- **Appendices – only the following appendices have substantial updates**
 - o **Appendix 10.5 - Scenario Analysis**
 - Corrected 2050 sequestration estimates
 - Removed “Other” category of emissions for greater consistency with Greenhouse Gas Inventory
 - Included additional documentation on sequestration estimates
 - Added description of actions that do not add substantially to emission reductions
 - Added narrative on potential role for existing trees, prairie ecosystems, and other sources of carbon sequestration in future analysis
 - o **Appendix 10.8 – Public Engagement Summary**
 - Public feedback from the fall 2020 review period added to appendix.

Attachments

- Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan, Redline Revisions in Response to Public Comment, November 2020