

Environment and Climate Committee
Transportation Working Group Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Update Workshop
August 8, 2024

The meeting of the Transportation Working Group for the Environment and Climate Committee was called to order at 11:03 a.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2024, in Council Chambers, 710 NW Wall Street, and online.

1. **Roll Call:** Neil Baunsgard and Rory Isbell. Smita Mehta and Mark Buckley were excused.
2. **Presentation of Statewide Policies, Data, and existing CCAP actions (15 minutes)**

Senior Management Analyst Cassie Lacy gave the presentation for items 2-7 concurrently. Transportation Planner Susanna Julber provided additional information.

Slides included:

- Environment & Climate Committee Transportation CCAP Update Workshop
- Transportation Policies and Funding Sources
- Policy / Funding Opportunities
- Transportation Data
- Bend's 2021 Local GHG Emissions and Local + Imported GHG Emissions (Chart)
- Transportation: Green House Gas Emissions (Graph)
- Transportation: EV and PHEV Registrations (Graph)
- Transportation: Fuel Sales (Graph)
- Local CHC emissions by vehicle type (Chart)

3. **New actions generation (15 minutes)**

Committee members submitted new CCAP action items in advance of the meeting and had time to review and add to this list. The proposed list of new actions included:

- T3 - Increase transit ridership
 - New Action: Collaborate actively with Cascades East Transit to promote transit use
 - New Action: Expand use of transit to the ski resort and other destinations up the Cascade Lakes Highway
- T4 – Promote ride-sharing
 - New Action: Encourage carpooling to City-events
 - New Action: Support the development of tools that encourage ride-sharing to other community events
- New Strategy: – Use land use policy and transportation planning to encourage alternative transportation
 - New Action: Make other land use changes to promote walking, biking, and transit use

- New Action: Increase land use density along high-capacity transit corridors
- New Action: Implement the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities rules and plan for more than 30% of new housing capacity within Climate Friendly Areas
- New Action: Amend Transportation System Plan to prioritize projects that reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and only fund projects that reduce VMT
- New Strategy: - Establish financial incentives to drive behavior change in transportation
 - New Action: Establish congestion pricing, including paid parking
 - New Action: Employer incentives for biking, walking and transit use
 - New Action: Adopt a city gas tax

4. Discuss and refine new actions (45 minutes)

Committee members discussed the proposed list of actions and made refinements to each action. The refined list of actions after discussion included:

- T1 – Encourage community-wide electric vehicle adoption
 - T1A – Expand access to communitywide public charging
 - T1B – Expand access to charging for people who live in multifamily developments
 - T1C – Expand workforce charging
 - T1D – Conduct outreach and education about electric vehicles
- T2 – Encourage bike and pedestrian travel
 - T2A - Prioritize Bend’s Bike, Pedestrian, and Complete Streets policies in the Transportation system Plan. These policies include expanding bike and pedestrian infrastructure, especially in historically underserved neighborhoods
 - T2B – Prioritize TSP projects and programs that develop safe alternative transportation routes to schools
 - T2C – Improve safety based on crash analysis data by implementing projects and programs in the Transportation Safety Action Plan
 - T2D – Expand bicycle parking including mobility points and bike parking at key destinations
- T3 – Increase transit ridership
 - T3A - Work with partners to create a Mobility Hub program to improve access to a wide range of travel options and support multimodal lifestyles. These hubs combine multiple modes of transportation together in one physical location, often clustered around high-frequency public transit stops. Typical components include carshare stations, bike parking, and wayfinding elements
 - T3B – Develop high capacity transit corridors, such as through designating specific corridors and rezoning for higher land use density along them
 - T3C – Support the expansion of transit coverage consistent with the regional transit master plan
 - T3D – Collaborate actively with Cascades East Transit to promote transit use such as by providing new infrastructure to support transit stops, promoting transit use through City channels, and aligning City planning and CET planning
 - T3E – Support use of transit to recreational destinations, including to the ski resort
- T4 – Promote the use of carpooling and vanpooling

- T4A – Encourage carpooling to City and community events
- T4B – Partner with large employers to promote carpooling and vanpooling for daily commutes
- T5 – Lead by example by converting fleet vehicles to electric and alternative fuel vehicles
 - T5A – Convert City fleet to electric and alternative fuels when there is a technically feasible alternative
- T6 – Use land use policy and transportation planning to encourage VMT reduction
 - T6A – Increase land use density along high capacity transit corridors
 - T6B – Make land use changes to promote walking, biking, and transit use
 - T6C – Implement additional recommendations from the Climate Friendly Area study
 - T6D – Amend the Transportation System Plan to prioritize projects that reduce VMT and do not fund projects that increase VMT
- T7 – Establish financial incentives to drive behavior change in transportation
 - T7A – Establish congestion pricing, including paid parking
 - T7B – Expand the use of TDM programs for large employers through incentives or new requirements
 - T7C – Adopt a city gas tax

5. Prioritization exercise (15 minutes)

This agenda item was skipped due to lack of time

6. Review and discuss results of prioritization exercise (15 minutes)

This agenda item was skipped due to lack of time

7. Discuss and vote on recommended new CCAP actions (15 minutes)

This agenda item was skipped due to lack of time

8. Adjourned at 1:02 p.m.