

Summary of key updates to Joint Commitments

The Joint Commitments are refreshed to reflect changed state laws, updated science, GHG inventories, and membership. Pathways are updated to reflect new emission reduction targets and to chart policies and investments to meet these goals.

Preamble

- Updated scientific reference to recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- Added recent state climate legislation.
- Changed “city” to “partner” where appropriate to reflect current membership.

Principles for Collaboration

- Moved principle #11 – acknowledgement that each partner will pursue strategies where action will have most influence – up to #4 to emphasize this collaboration principle.
- Strengthened commitment to climate equity and just transition.
- Incorporated language to seek solutions in concert with highly impacted populations.
- Adjusted language to more active voice in several places, particularly in role to influence state and federal policies.
- Increased goal to convene elected officials twice yearly, and opens options for more active involvement. Commits staff to meet regularly to share tools and best practices.

Shared Commitments

I. Shared Goals

- a. Updated to call out the Growth Management Planning Council’s GHG emission reduction goals (50% by 2030, 80% by 2050). Additional language added that highlights that in addition to direct emissions reductions we can also further reduce climate change through carbon sequestration and reducing consumption based GHG emissions.
- b. Adds policy for partners to adopt their own GHG reduction targets that are consistent with GMPC goals, but allows for flexibility.

II. Climate Policy

- a. Only minor changes here to add “renewable energy” and “carbon neutral development” to efforts that could be supported by reinvestment of carbon tax proceeds.

III. Transportation and Land Use

- a. Pathway reflects updated analysis for reductions needed in this sector to meet overall GHG goals. Acknowledges that some partners and areas are not currently well served by transit.
- b. Language in this section strengthened and expanded to include reference to regional growth strategies (Vision 2050) and link between land use and access to transit and other non – single-occupancy-vehicle means of travel.

IV. Clean Fuels and Electric Vehicles

- a. This is a new section reflecting the rapid shift in technology and customer adoption of EVs.
- b. Pathways reflect targets for clean fuels and EVs in recent analysis.

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- c. Policy commitments reflect role of local governments to enact building codes, and to convene and advance adoption in partnership with other stakeholders.
- V. Energy Supply
- a. Pathway updated to reflect the passage of the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
 - b. Policy updated to include CETA (in addition to Renewable Portfolio Standard) and to include additional ways for meeting future energy needs, including peak demand management, and renewable generation.
 - c. Project added to participate in utility regulatory forums.
- VI. Green Building and Energy Efficiency
- a. Pathways updated to reflect passage of law in 2019 to mandate natural gas conservation efforts, and to reflect additional action to reduce fossil fuel use in the built environment.
 - b. Policy commitment adds provision for water conservation, use of low carbon building materials, and efforts to influence state and federal policy.
 - c. Language added to commit to conversion to clean fuel sources in collaboration with labor, utilities and other stakeholders.
- VII. Consumption and Materials Management
- a. Language updated slightly to reflect 70% recycling rate, and Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan.
- VIII. Forests and Farming
- a. Language updated to reflect new initiatives, the Local Foods Initiative and Land Conservation Initiative.
 - b. Language added to development of goals for urban tree health informed by the Land Conservation Initiative and the countywide forest health plan that will be done in 2020.
- IX. Operations
- a. New commitment that K4C partners to “walk the talk” to set targets to and implement actions that reduce operational GHG emissions.
 - b. Added statement to electrify municipal vehicles.
- X. Climate Preparedness
- a. This is a new section reflecting increased importance and visibility in preparing for climate change caused events.
 - b. Language reflects role of K4C and local governments to work together to identify and prioritize climate preparedness work.
- XI. Collaboration
- a. No changes in this section.