

**CITY OF ALBANY  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: July 7, 2008  
Reviewed by: BP

**SUBJECT:** Green Corridor Partnership

**REPORT BY:** Judy Lieberman, Assistant City Administrator

---

**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

That the City explore joining the Green Corridor Partnership.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Ask the City's Economic Development consultant to review and advise.

**BACKGROUND**

In December of 2007, the cities of Emeryville, Berkeley, Richmond and Oakland, along with UC-Berkeley and the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, formed a "Green Corridor Partnership." The Partnership is a collaboration to support emerging green technologies, industry and businesses in the East Bay. The Green Corridor Statement of Principles is attached.

**DISCUSSION**

The Sustainability Committee sent a letter to Council in March and June, 2008 recommending that the City explore the opportunity to join the Green Corridor Partnership, and requesting that it come before the Council. The City recently engaged Economic Development consultants to assist in a variety of economic activities, including the potential to bring green businesses to Albany. Their expertise and background would allow them to prepare an initial exploration of the possibilities for Albany, including contacting the appropriate staff at the City and University level. Following this initial phase, the item could then be brought to Council for discussion of any necessary actions.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Financial impact would be time spent by the City's consultant, within the current contract amount, since their initial scope of work already included this item.

**Attachments:**

1. Green Corridor Statement of Principles
2. Letter from Thomas Cooper, Chair, Sustainability Committee, June 20, 2008.