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Hello Council members and staff-

Carbon Neutral Albany (COA) appreciates the strategic vision scorecard update included in the agenda for your meeting tomorrow night. The inclusion of scores is particularly welcome as this step was never taken with the scorecard from the previous strategic vision.

The scorecard lists progress on five of seven metrics regarding climate action, which is fantastic. In addition, while no progress is listed on the two metrics regarding the active transportation plan, there has been progress. The Washington cycling route east of San Pablo has recently been painted, most of the remaining cycling routes are to be painted over the next six months, and five projects were submitted for inclusion in the County's funding plan. COA thanks staff and the involved city bodies.

There is a critical update missing from Metric 1-3a regards greenhouse pollution goal updates. Under this metric, the scorecard presents a proposed 2035 goal, but it does not provide an update on the 2020 goal.

The Sustainability Committee has reviewed the latest data regarding Albany's pollution output. Based on these the Committee projects the pollution reduction in 2020 will be only 22.9% to 14.8% relative to 2004. These projections span the range of reasonable assumptions.

Consequently Albany is on track to miss the 2020 pollution reduction goal it set by 8% to 41% of the 25% total reduction. This is a shortfall of 1,400 to 6,800 tonnes of CO2 equivalent.

Carbon Neutral Albany asks you to lead Albany to achieve the 2020 greenhouse pollution reduction goal. In the coming year, please focus on implementing the measures in the Climate Action Plan that provide the largest pollution reductions.

Thank you.

Preston Jordan
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